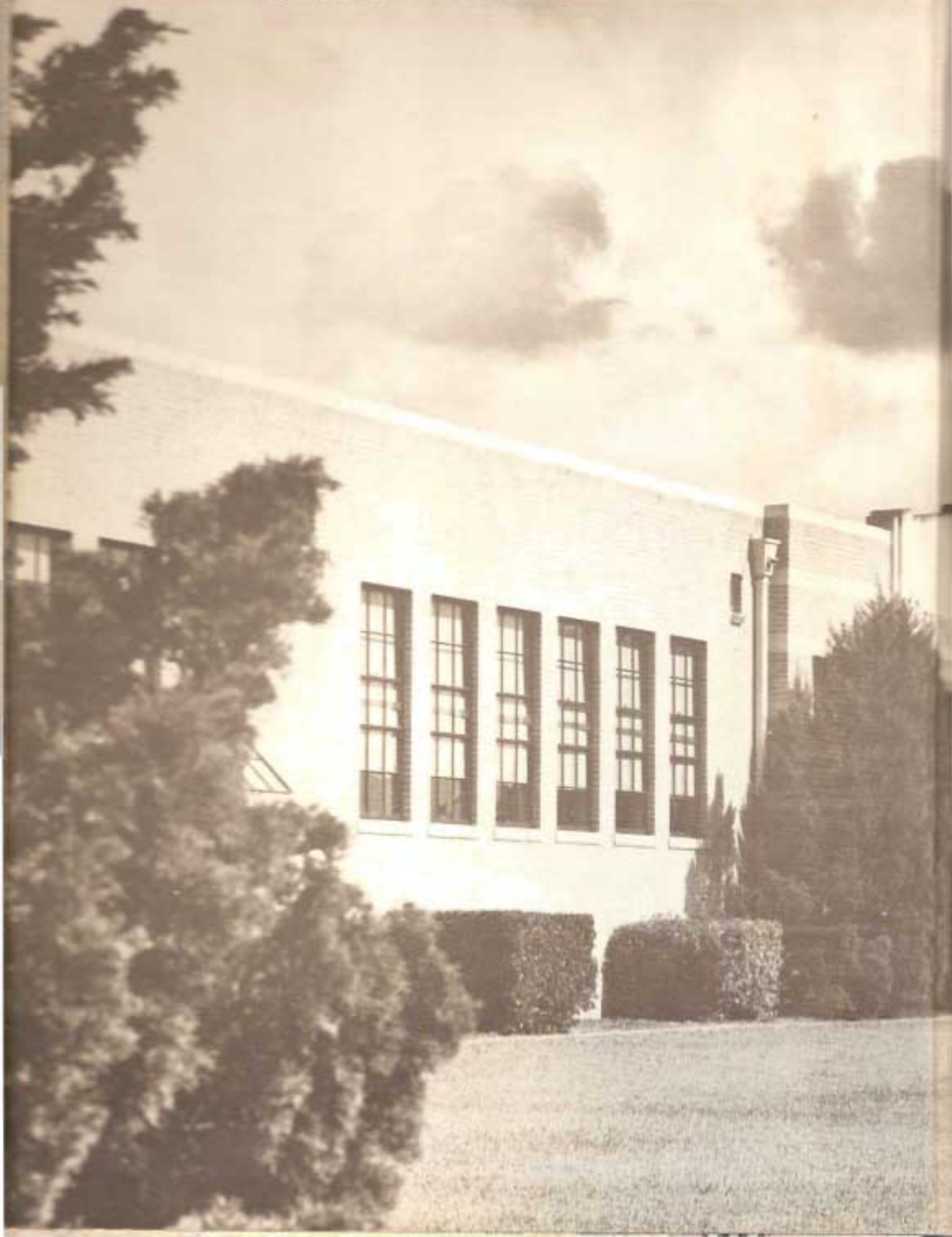




THE GATOR 1955





The joy in  
sweated and  
the world's hand  
may God bless  
the world's hand  
and you will  
be with it again  
I pray  
for you





# GATOR



THE JOURNALISM CLASS PRESENTS  
THE YEARBOOK OF DICKINSON HIGH  
SCHOOL FOR 1955



IT IS AN ABIDING PLEASURE to work with the citizens of Dickinson to ensure for our children a future of success and happiness.

In the boys and girls of our District year after year I sense strongly the dignity, the undying hope, and the boundless human ingenuity that is the true greatness of America. Not in terms of money can the real wealth of a nation be measured but only in terms of the ideals of its people.

Many of the democratic experiences which promote these American ideals of freedom, dignity, and self-enterprise have been captured in this yearbook; and I know in years to come it will be a source of fond memories and will bring many moments of nostalgic pleasure.

O. J. Baker  
*Superintendent*





MY BEST WISHES to the faculty and students of Dickinson High School.  
my congratulations to the *Gator* staff.

The school year (1954-55) has been a happy one for all of us.

I hope that in the years to come you will discover, again and again, the  
many treasures you have stored between the covers of this annual.

R. D. McAdams  
*Principal*



BEULAH COERS  
*Secretary*



JO ANN PHILLIPS  
*Secretary*



BETTY JANE NOWLIN  
*Secretary*



SAM VITANZA  
*Head of Maintenance*

**CAFETERIA STAFF**

Stafford  
Schmidt

Juanita  
Kelley

Victoria  
Ropke

Norma  
Diehl



**MAINTENANCE STAFF**

Stafford  
Schmidt

Frank  
Napoli

Sam  
Vitanza





ACULTY



WILBURN HOFHEINZ  
*English and Journalism*



DOROTHY HILL  
*Library*

VERNON COERS  
*Band*



NELL McADAMS  
*Commercial*



EDWIN PLUMMER  
*Senior High  
Math*

*E. Plummer*

DANA SMITH  
*Junior High  
English*

MARY ADAMS  
*Home Economics*



RAY McLERRAN  
*Shop*

LIONELLE McLEAN  
*Girls' Physical Education*



MARY COONEY  
*Junior High Math and Science*



GUY NUNNELLY  
*Boys' Physical Education*



W. G. POLKE  
*Social Studies*



Best wishes  
for a wonderful  
future &  
McCooney





DON BAYLOR  
Senior High  
*Science*



JESSIE MOORE  
*School Nurse*



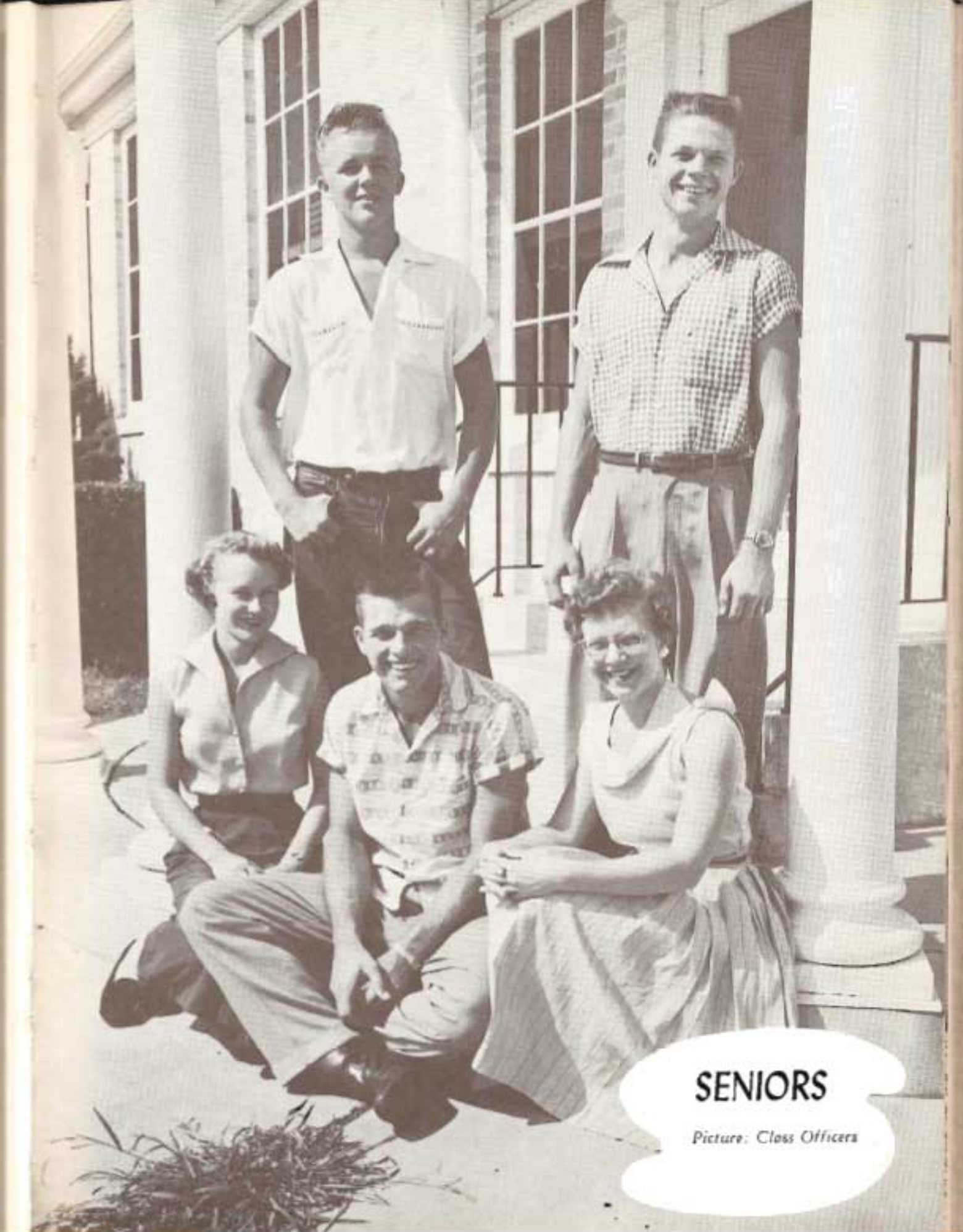
HARRY LOTHROP  
Junior High  
*English and Social Studies  
and Art*

OTTO HILL  
Junior High  
*Social Studies and English*



JOSEPH FISHER  
*English and Foreign Language*





## SENIORS

*Picture: Class Officers*





ESTHER HUGHES  
"LITTLE ONE"

*"Do not say anything at any time that you would not say at all times."*

F. T. A., Basketball.

H. E. JACKSON  
"ELMER"

*"A friend is never known till a man has need for a friend."*

Treasurer, Drifters—President, Football, Basketball, Choral, F. T. A.—President.



JERRY MITCHINER  
"ANT"

*"If you think life is tough: try dying."*

Football, Choral, F. T. A., Basketball, Track, Baseball.



LEON THOMAS  
"SPEEDY"

*"It is not whether you have won or lost, it is how you played the game."*

Football, Basketball, Tennis, Choral.

JOYCE ANDERS  
"MONKEY"

*"Observe the opportunity."*

Anchor Club—Senior Board Director, Cheerleader, F. T. A., Basketball.





BARBARA CHURCHILL  
"BABS"

*"To do a great right: do little wrong."*

F. T. A.

BEN HENRY MORRIS  
"BENNY"

*"Always happy, never sad,  
always mischievous, never bad."*



CLINT WOLSTON  
"MURLY"

*"He that dies pays all debts."*

Basketball, Choral, Baseball,  
Drifters, F. T. A.



ALBERT PITTMAN  
"LEO"

*"The peace that lies in little things is great."*

Football, Basketball, Baseball,  
F. T. A.

ARLENE KAY KOEPPE  
"LOVER"

*"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."*

2nd Vice-President, F. N. A.,  
Anchor Club—President, Honor  
Society, Basketball, Band —  
Drum Major.







BILL MEITZEN  
"COOTER"

*"Every man for himself, and  
God for us all."*

Football. Choral. Track.



MARCIA OGDEN  
"MARSH"

*"Refuse to accept failure; and  
somewhere you will find suc-  
cess."*

Choral. F. T. A.—Reporter.  
Basketball. Gator Staff.  
Bayou-Star Staff.

BOB KING  
"YOUNG 'UN"

*"A soft answer turneth away  
wrath: but grievous words stir  
up anger."*

President, Football, Track,  
Baseball.



ROBIN REMINGTON  
"YANKEE"

*"The truth shall make you  
free."*

F. T. A., F. H. A., Gator Staff,  
Bayou-Star Staff.

WINSTON HOLT  
"SPIDER"

*"Beauty without grace is  
hook without bait."*

Science Club.





WILLIAM SLAGER  
"IGGY"

*"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."*

Tennis, Gator Staff, Bayou-Star Staff.

JAMES COCKRELL  
"COCKROACH"

*"Life is a gamble: bet wisely."*

Football, F. T. A., Choral, Track, Gator Staff, Bayou-Star Staff.



ANN STEWART  
"STU"

*"Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone."*

F. T. A.—Secretary, F. H. A.—Treasurer, F. N. A.—President, Band, Anchor Club—Reporter, Basketball, Swing Band.



JO ANN COKER  
"DOBRA"

*"Whatever you do, do with all your might."*

F. T. A.—Treasurer, F. N. A.—Secretary, F. H. S.—President, Band, Basketball, Swing Band.

BILL CURTIS  
"FOX"

*"The main enemy of the best is not the worst, but the good enough."*

Student Council, Drifters, Baseball, Basketball.







MARCELLA PAISLEY  
"TWEETIE PIE"

*"To err is human. to forgive divine."*

F. T. A., F. N. A., F. H. A.,  
Band, Basketball, Gator Staff,  
Bayou-Star Staff.

JOHNNIE LEE HIGH  
"OKIE"

*"There never was a good war  
or a bad peace."*

1st Vice - President. Football.  
Basketball. Track.



KENNETH HEIMAN  
"KENNY"

*"Pretend you're happy and  
you will be."*

F. T. A., Honor Society, Gator  
Staff, Bayou-Star Staff.

MARY AGNES DUES  
"TOOTSIE"

*"What is well done is done  
soon enough."*

F. T. A.—Historian, F. N. A.,  
—Treasurer, Band, F. H. A.,  
Basketball.



WAYNE WILLIAMS  
"WILLY"

*"The reward of a thing well  
done is to have done it."*

Football, Basketball, Tennis,  
Track, Student Council—Presi-  
dent.





SUE NEAL  
"BLONDIE"

*"The laws of nature are unchangeable."*

Band, F. T. A., Gator Staff,  
Bayou-Star Staff.

BOBBY DIEHL  
"DIESEL"

*"A hard beginning makes a good ending."*

Football—Co-Captain. Track.



JIMMY LAUGHLIN  
"DARLIE"

*"Not everyone can do great things, but everyone can do small things in a great way."*

Band, Stage Band, Drifters, Gator Staff, Bayou-Star Staff.



JIMMY TOWNSEND  
"TUBBY"

*"God helps those who help themselves."*

Baseball, Drifters.

PATSY CLARK  
"PATTY"

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

F. T. A., Basketball, Band, Gator Staff, Bayou-Star Staff.







MANUEL MARTINEZ  
"MAMMAL"

*"They do not love that do not show their love."*

Football, Basketball, Baseball.



CLARA FLEENER  
"SPOOKS"

*"Condemn the fault, and not the actor of it."*

Basketball, Volleyball.

GEORGE FLEENER  
"FELNER"

*"Little things affect little minds."*

Football, Basketball, Baseball.



BETTY JO CHOLLETT  
"Jo"

*"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."*

Volleyball, Basketball, F. T. A., Tennis, Anchor Club—Treasurer, Student Secretary.

ALLEN NEILL  
"ACE"

*"Keep what you have until you get what you want."*

Football, Basketball, Track, F. T. A., Track, Choral Club.





LA DORA COLLEY

"LASS"

*"Saddle your dreams before  
you ride 'em."*

THOMAS EDGE

"SPUD"

*"There is a time for play and  
a time for work."*



JOHNNY RAY TIDWELL

"LITTLE TANK"

*"Ability proves itself by  
deeds."*

Football, Basketball, Track.



MARY LOU OVERSTREET

"LU LU"

*"Be faithful until death."*

Cheerleader, Anchor Club,  
Choral, Basketball, Student  
Council — Secretary, Student  
Secretary.

LEE ROSSON

"HOT ROD"

*"I don't want to be a million-  
aire. I just want to live like one."*

Drifters—Vice-President, Ten-  
nis, Basketball, Gator Staff,  
Bayou-Star Staff.





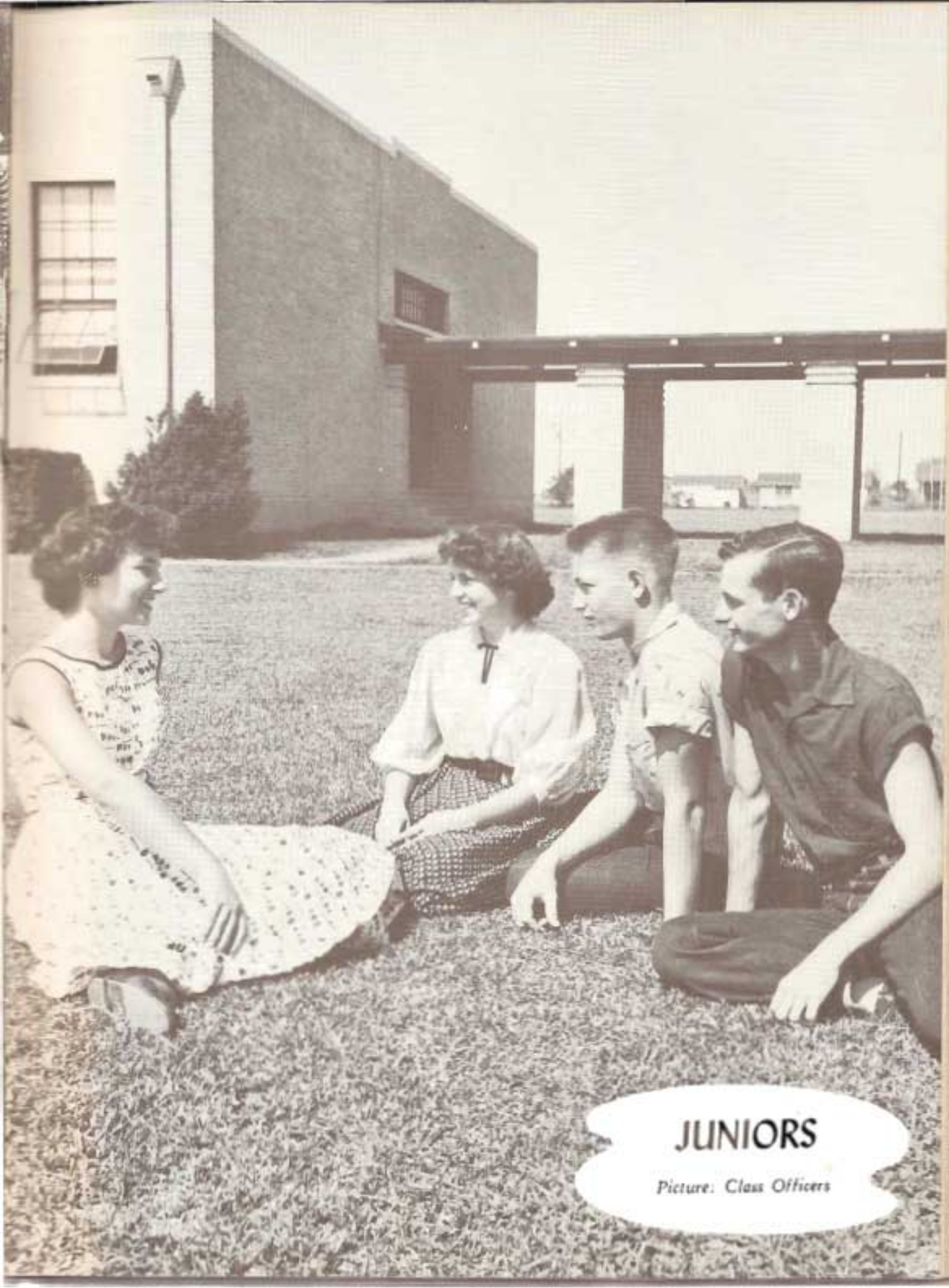
THE  
SENIOR  
CLASS



The skeleton of the Class of '55 has been revived! As sophisticated and adult as these glamorous and handsome Seniors now appear, back in the class closet lay these relics of the past.

This is the Class of '55 back when? From top to bottom the Seniors are shown in their 6th, 4th, and 3rd grade class pictures.





## JUNIORS

*Picture: Class Officers*





CHARLOTTE KELLEY



BOB CRAIG



JERRY ATKINS



MARIE JACKSON



MARGARET BULLARD



LLOYD HUGHES



LARRY JONES



RUBY MAE CARR



DOROTHY MOORE



EDMUND McCOOL



JOE MENOTTI



JUNE CARDEN





YVETTE ANDERSON



J. D. ETIE



GEORGE EDGE



GLEND A THOMAS



BONNIE WENNBERG



NICKIE MATHISON



ELMO HUNTER



*Jo Ann*

JO ANN SMITH



JANIE NAVARRO



HERSHEL HUGHES



TOMMIE JACKSON



CYNTHIA SMOLLEN





EDWARD TINNIN

MARY DIBELLO



JIMMY YATES



NORMA FULTON

BEN WOFFORD



PAT WATSON

RAY ELLEN GILLIS





RANDLE GARESS



KATHLEEN MACKENNA



WAYNE HALL



MARY KATHERINE  
MENOTTI



JAKE BATTISTONI



MELVIN CAVALLIN



DIANE KRETZSCHMAR





LEWIS RILEY

SUZANNE ISOME



DARWIN RYMAN

SHIRLEY OSWALT



JACKIE STEWART



GLENN SWINDELL



BETTY  
MIDDLEBROOKS



KENNETH SMITH

LAVERNE GREEN



VINCENT BLEDSOE

CAROLYN HOUSE



JIMMY ZLOMKE



JOHN YOUNG

JOE ANN HARGER







ALTON NOWLIN



ELIZABETH ALLSPACH



TOMMY HOULGRAVE



Juniors in Class Meeting



## SOPHOMORES

*Picture: Class Officers*





JEAN MORRIS



OLIVIA FARINA



LARRY NOLEN



PHILLIP NIEMEYER



ROBERT BEEKMAN

KEENAN WOEHST



SHARYLL BENTLEY



SANDRA IRVIN





CAROLYN HAMRICK



LINDA RAGUZIN



IRVIN HARDWICK



JOHN MITCHINER



FRANCES RODRIGUEZ



ROBERT STROM



JERRY RUDLOFF



STEWART OVERTON





WALTER GRIGG



JACKIE TARPLEY



GLADYS TRAHAN



JANICE TIMMONS

DELORES SCOTT



ANN RYMAN

GENE McCOSLIN



KAREN DEATS





PAT HOCKENJOS



LYNES CAVALLIN



JACK NEAL



JOSEPH LINKEY

MAXINE ANDERSON



SANDRA MURREY

FREEMAN MOORE



LINDA SCHAPER





PHILLIS OTTWORK



DAVID BROWN



JACK DERBY



MAXINE RACKLEY



BILLY RILEY

JOYCE PATE



CAMILLA BENESTANTE



APOLONIA RIOS







BENNY DAWSON



MAXINE GALLAWAY



SANDRA MCGINNIS



CAROL FREDERICKSEN

HAROLD CONNETT



McHENRY GRIFFIN

SONYA WEDDLE



DAVID YATES





LOUIS CASTRO



JOHN WILSON



JOHN THAMAN



CAROL REED



MYRTLE LILES

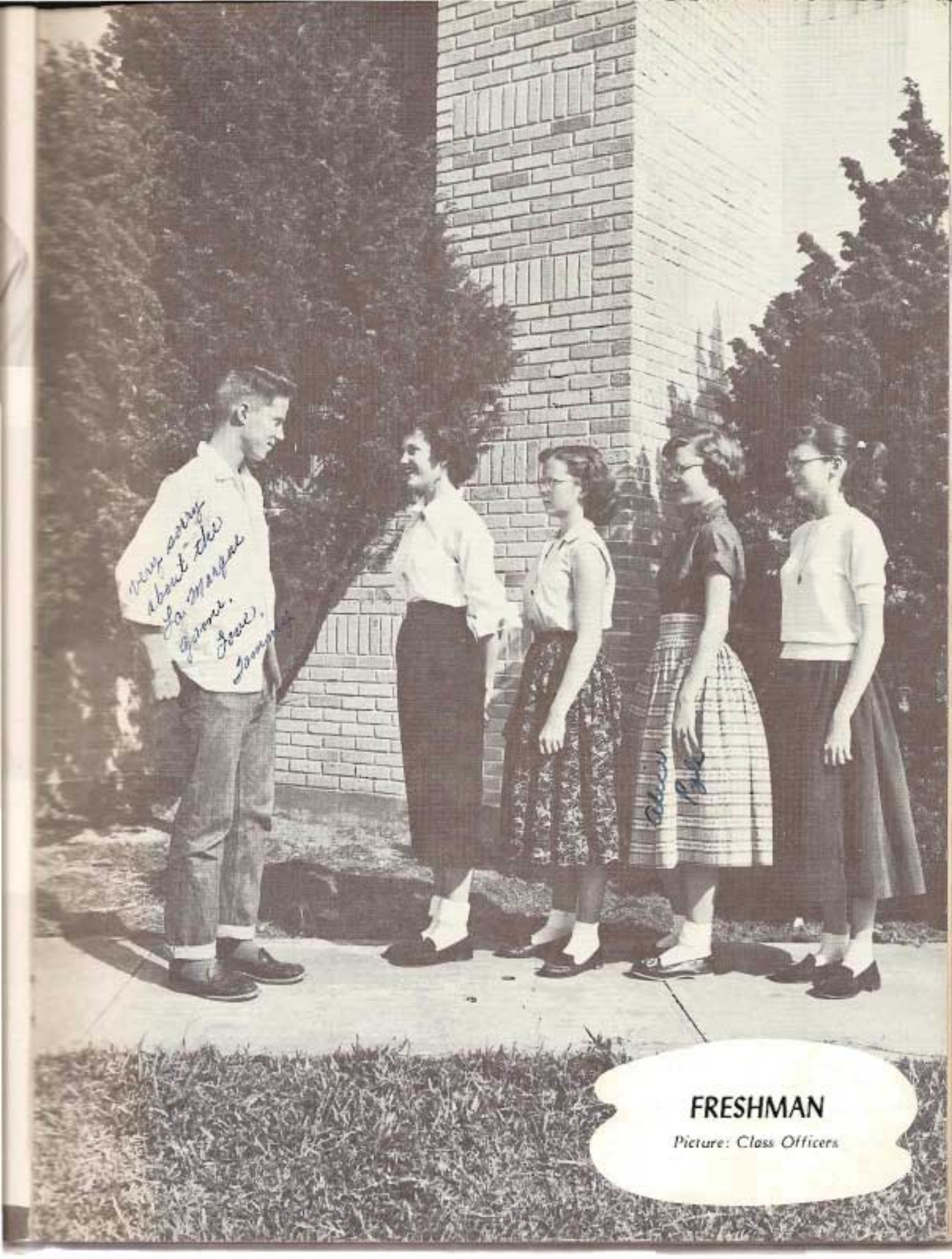
LOUIS HILLMAN



DAVID OGDEN







Very sorry  
about the  
La. Marquis  
Game.  
Love,  
Lorraine

Edna

Bill

Bill

## FRESHMAN

Picture: Class Officers



Shirley Simpson



Joe Fisher



Della Castro



Clyde Vawters



Edith Trahan



Allan Koeppe

Ruby McCool

Ronald Steinbach

Barbara Melton

Johnnie Morse







Esteban Fernandez



Mary Navarro



Jimmy Lloyd



Ruby Worden



Donald Gallaway



Jane Jolly

Sheila Thomas

Jerry Dawson

Gwen Murray

Jasper Mancuso







Carolyn Porter



Jimmy Powell



Cathy Slager



Freddie Belcher



Rosalie Emmite



Norman Theriot

Betty Shannon

Jerry Travis

Alice Pyle

Homer Clark





Jean Topfer



Jerry Tucker



Judy Dedde



Felton Bishop

*Lead judge  
to one of  
my favorite  
"ya"  
always  
Judy*



Lou Ann Jones

*Lots of thanks  
always. wish I saw  
you soon*



Jerry Cotter

Elizabeth Connell

Tilmon Hodges

Jean Battistoni

Tony Appel



*Hot Lead  
Always"  
Jean*





Doris Ann Deats



Van Huckaby



Pam Ruffner



Glynn Theriot



Bob Jones



Lora Lee Walker

Judith Winfrey



Billy Fleener



Janis Mackey



Larry Neblett







Sylvia Damon



Alvis Bowles



Frances Jean Ellis



Donald Kelley



James McDougle



Joyce Garner

Zella Mae Wofford



Michael Dunlop



Joyce Alexander



James Bucher





Tommy Stewart



Bill Wolston



Jacquelyn Curtis



Loretta Hoke



Carl Carden



Ernest Deats



**EIGHTH GRADE**

*Picture: Class Officers*





Billy Diehl



Annette Weddle



Bobby Anderson



Neil Frank



Rickie Brewer



Pat Richards



Esther Moffett



Bonnie Sue Devall



John Holasek



Mabel Downs

Ronnie Clark



Calvin Padgett



Donald Walding





Jean  
Thompson



Bonnie  
Reid



Truman  
Hall



Claudine  
Hoke



Frances  
Strickland



Mark  
Harrison



Louise  
Donald



Charles  
Hundley



Charles  
Kay



George  
Deats

Eddie  
Weaver



Linda  
Carlisle



Queva  
Palmo





Gary  
Atkins



Nancy  
Holstead



Jesse  
Navarro



Rene  
Mathison



Joe  
Robinson



Betty  
Frye



Joan  
Ogden



Dorothy  
Gares



Dale  
Sharp



John  
Cheshire



David  
Bond



Sandra  
Newberry

David  
Reasoner







Jimmy  
Hughes



Patsy  
Hillman



Jerry  
Schaper



Norma  
Smith



Edna  
Giamfortone



Jackie  
Sturtz



Peggy  
Botkin



Robert  
Searcy



Rebecca  
Wennberg



Marvin  
Hunter

Donald  
Brantley



Patsy  
Hobbs



Peggy  
Lee





Jeri  
Haynes



Judith  
Allspach



Dave  
Gates



Joe  
Rodriguez



Robert  
Clark



Margo  
Garrett



Cherry  
Edens



Rosy  
Navarro



Theo  
Grigg



Roy  
Culver



Paul  
Hathorn



Judy  
Alexander

Donald  
Coers





Tommy  
Derby



Pat  
Lackland



John  
Hollingsworth



Harold  
Balthrop



Fidel  
Garza



Mary Ann  
Laney



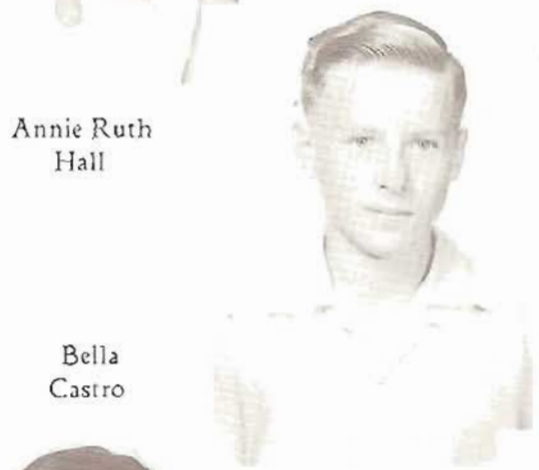
Annie Ruth  
Hall



Carolyn  
Chason.



Byron  
Carr



Bella  
Castro



Billy  
Pierce



Johnny  
Scarbrough



John  
Heiman







Johnnie Mackey



Lucy McInnis



Charles Caron



JoAnn Emmitt



Emily Hoffman



L. W. Merchant



Gloria Vargas



Lloyd Whirfield



Cecile Boles



Rosie Mary  
Benestante



Carl Harper

*Carl will always be remembered by his friends and classmates for his friendliness, his cheerful smile, and his interest and ability in football.*



Donald Childers



## SPORTS

*Picture: Cheerleaders*





GATOR  
FOOTBALL TEAM



GO  
GATORS!



The pictures on this page show the Gator's offensive formations with the players in the different positions they played on the team.







He floats through the air.  
In the ole breadbasket.  
Men from Mars.  
Ooph!  
Farewell, Seniors.



**JUNIOR HIGH  
FOOTBALL TEAM**



Coach  
Mick

Dennis Clark

DHS

1954  
1955  
1956