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# GENERAL NEWS

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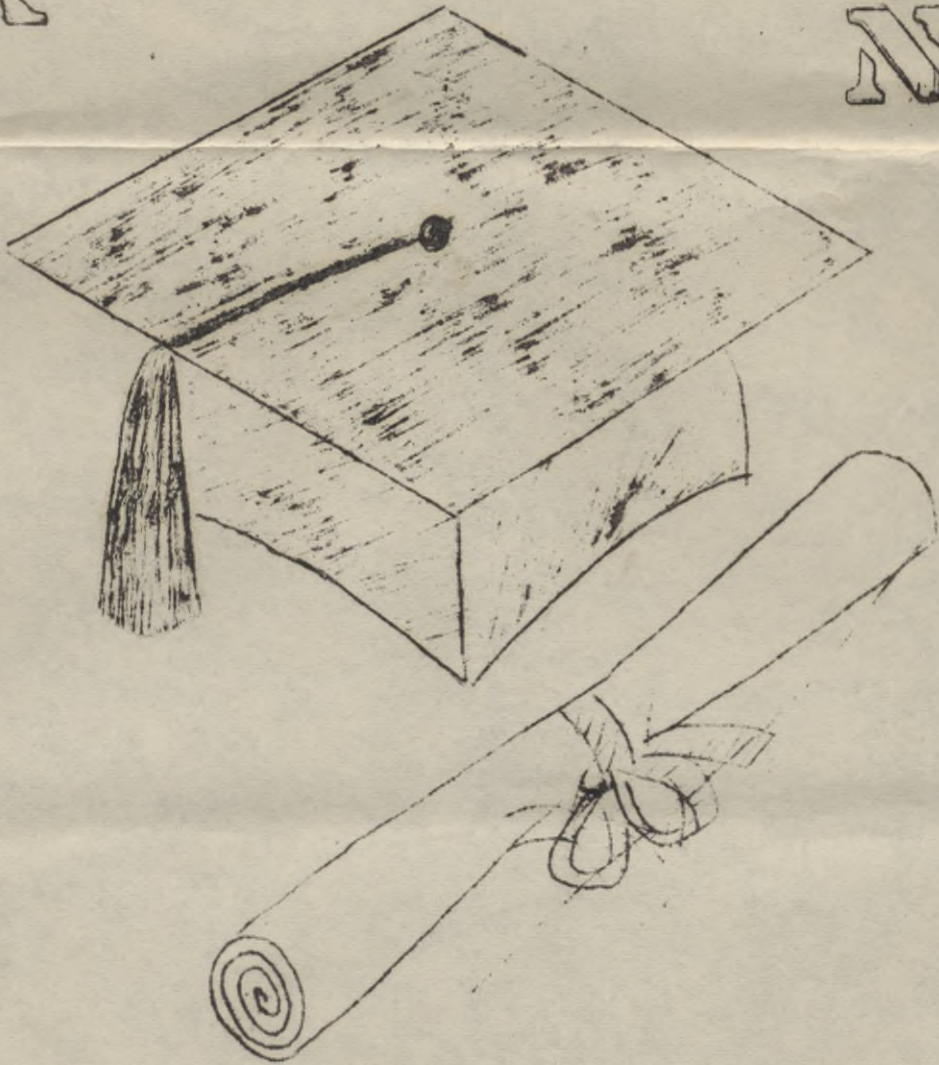
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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As the close of the school term approaches it should be helpful for both students and teachers to review the high points of the year's accomplishment and at the same time to cast a glance into the future pertaining to the possibilities for the progress, growth, and expansion of our high school.

While the work of the school was greatly handicapped by the lack of a trained teacher in home economics during the first semester, this handicap has been remedied by the employment of Miss Mynes. She is a thoroughly trained teacher in the home economics field. As a result for the first time we will have a vocational home economics department. As a result of this progressive step the school, through the work of Miss Mynes, will extend help to the homes of the high school attendance area in such matters as interior decorating, home economy, canning, and general home improvement.

I am encouraged by the general improvement of the school attitude of the students. A noticeable improvement in this respect has been evident since the beginning of the second semester. If this marked improvement in attitude continues to grow and increase Winfield High School can soon become one of the better small high schools in West Virginia.

In the field of athletics our record was very satisfactory during the year. Only the loss to Wahama by the close score of 7 to 6 deprived our football team of being in the playoff for the State B Championship. Sometime in the near future we are hoping to get into the State B Playoff game and win the championship. With the change in classification of football teams this is a distinct possibility for us. Coaches Anderson and Hensley are to be congratulated on the fine work they have done with the boys, not only in winning games, but contributing greatly to improved attitude of the entire student body.

The school yearbook, the General, has just arrived for sale and distribution. It is vastly improved over former yearbooks and all of us are proud of it. Mr. McGinnis and the yearbook staff have done an excellent piece of work which adds materially to the improvement of the school this year.

Our band received a No. 1 rating in the recent band festival. We are very proud of our band. Mr. Ellert, as all new band directors do, worked under several handicaps this year. However, I believe these have largely been overcome and the future outlook for the band is bright.

According to reports from people in other communities outside our school the Putnam County Junior High School Tournament and the Region XII Band Festival were administered in a high satisfactory manner in every respect. The entire faculty as well as the student body deserves credit for the excellent showing made on those two occasions.

One of the outstanding events of the school year was the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom. Most of the people who attended this social event praised it in the highest terms. Mrs. Fleshman and the Junior Class deserve a vote of thanks for putting on and carrying out this fine school social activity.

The work of the F. F. A. Club has greatly improved this year. Mr. Shafer and the officers of the club are due credit for this accomplishment.

A vote of thanks is due Miss Anderson and Mrs. Fleshman for coaching and putting on the Senior and Junior plays respectively. No school activity requires more work than coaching a class play.

The work of Mrs. Justice in the girls' physical education program has been outstanding. This is one of the marked improvements in our school program this year.

These, according to my judgment, are a few of the major accomplishments of the school year. If our school is to become a progressive and outstanding school the following things will have to be done:

1. Become a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (Poca and Hurricane are members of this organization).
2. Improve our scholastic standards.
3. Construct a paved driveway around the school building.
4. Construct an adequate parking lot.



5. Build a sidewalk from the school to the sidewalk in town.
6. Materially increase the equipment and teaching aids of the school.
7. Show a steady increase in school morale and improved school attitude.
8. Continued improvement of our school paper.
9. The continued improvement in the selection of teaching and other school personnel. The overwhelming approval of the Special School Levy on May 10 makes this both possible and mandatory.

The outlook for educational progress in Putnam County is very encouraging. Both teachers and students can interpret the approval of the Special School Levy as a vote of confidence in the schools of the county. All of us engaged in public education should become more enthusiastic in our work. I confidently predict that Winfield High School will keep in step with educational progress

As a final word, I should like to say good bye to the members of the senior class. I am sure all members of the faculty will join with me in extending to each of them our best wishes for happiness and success in life.

Very sincerely yours,

*Guy H. Biggs*  
Guy H. Biggs, Principal



THE GENERAL NEWS STAFF

Editor.....Patty Watson  
Assist. Ed.....Barbara Robertson  
Art.....Beverly Brumfield  
and Carolyn Duke  
Secretary.....Kay Farrell  
Treasurer.....Jo Ann Harris  
Sports.....Bernard Windon  
and Earl Burks, Jr.  
Sponsor T. J. McGinnis, Jr.

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GRADUATION '55

Sunday evening, May 15, beginning at 8:00, Winfield High School will hold its annual Baccalaureate Service in the Gymnasium.

The invocation will be by the Rev. Robert E. Burnett of the Winfield Presbyterian Church and there will be a Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. Paul H. Brake of the Methodist Church in Winfield. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph L. Emery of the First Baptist Church, St. Albans, W. Va. and the benediction will be by Mr. Paul N. Shafer. Music will be furnished by the Winfield High School Glee Club.

Commencement Exercises will be held Tuesday, May 17, at 8:00 P.M. also in the gymnasium.

The program will be as follows:  
Processional, Winfield High School Band, Invocation, Landon Saunders, Salutatory, Curtis Terry, Hymn, "You'll Never Walk Alone", High School Glee Club, Address, Dr. Arthur E. Beckett, Hymn, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You", Glee Club, Valedictory, Landon Saunders, Pre-

sentation of Awards, Presentation of Class, Dr. Guy H. Biggs, Acceptance of Class, O. O. White, County Superintendent, Awarding of diplomas, Kay W. Leadmon, Member Board of Education, Recessional, Winfield High School Band.

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VALEDICTORIAN

LONDON SAUNDERS

Landon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Saunders, Scott Depot, West Virginia.

He has been president of his class during his junior and senior years. He is editor of the annual, "The General", and a member of the Library Club. During his junior year, Landon won a public speaking award and a shorthand certificate in the National Shorthand Contest sponsored by the Esterbrook Pen Company. He has participated in the Junior Town Meetings for 3 years and has had a part in the class plays in his junior and senior years in high school.

Landon's future plans are to attend Florida Christian College and become a minister.

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SALUTATORIAN

CURTIS TERRY

Curtis is the son of Mrs. Ruby Terry of Bills Creek, West Virginia. He is a member of the Library Club and was a member of the Future Farmers of America during his junior (continued)



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND PROM  
SUCCESS

The Winfield Junior-Senior banquet and prom was held April 30 in the Winfield High School Gym.

The banquet started at seven o'clock in the evening. Those attending the banquet as guests other than the faculty were: Mr. O. O. White, Mr. and Mrs. George Cargill, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Erwin, Mrs. Naomi Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mr. Carl Miller, Mr. Bill Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fleshman.

A dinner of orange juice, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, olives, stuffed celery, iced tea, lemonade, cake and ice cream, was served by boys and girls of the sophomore and freshman classes, and eaten by candlelight.

The treasure at the end of the rainbow was used as a theme for decoration. A huge rainbow was erected in the gymnasium and surrounded by flowers. A wishing well filled one corner of the gym. In the middle of the banquet floor there was a swimming pool with gold fish surrounded by green ivy and pink geraniums.

Entertainment during the dinner was provided by The Three Notes,

Ann Morrison, Kay Perry, and Mary Seager, accompanied by Janet Conner and Charlotte Leslie. Janet Conner played the dinner music.

The prom opened at nine o'clock with a coronation of kings and queens from the senior class who reigned over the prom. Dr. Guy H. Biggs was made an honorary student of Winfield High School with the appropriate ceremony. After the coronation everyone danced.

The behavior of the students was excellent and the banquet and prom was a big success. The Junior class would like to thank those who assisted in any way and Mrs. Marion Fleshman, the Junior Class sponsor.

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CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The student chosen for the citizen of the month of May is a member of the Senior Class. She is eighteen years old, 5' 6" in height, has brown hair, and brown eyes. She is a member of the Beta Club, the F.B.L.A., and the Library Club. Her favorite subject in school is Typing

Her future plans are to become a registered nurse. This student citizen is Dorothy Glenn.

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If Seniors are so happy  
Will someone tell me why;  
On graduation night,  
All they do is cry?



# MEET THE SENIORS!



## "BOOGIE" BURGESS

Likes: girls  
Dislikes: sheriffs  
Ambition: to be a hot-rod driver

## HAROLD RACER

Likes: Martha  
Dislikes: kraut  
Ambition: to be a lawyer

## "PUNCHY" LUSHER

Likes: food and certain girls  
Dislikes: strong cigars, jails, grade cards, and flat tires  
Ambition: to get some tubeless tires for the Packard

## JOE TERRY

Likes: girls  
Dislikes: school  
Ambition: to own a Cadillac

## LANDON SAUNDERS

Likes: fried chicken  
Dislikes: snobs  
Ambition: to be a minister

## KEITH TERRY

Likes: girls  
Dislikes: brush hogs  
Ambition:

## JIM THORNTON

Likes: sports  
Dislikes: bashful girls  
Ambition: to be a coach

## RAY FEWELL

Likes: hot rods  
Dislikes: selfish people  
Ambition: to work

## FRANK NEARY

Likes: good-looking women  
Dislikes: a teacher  
Ambition: to be a cop

## KEITH BALL

Likes: bikini bathing suits  
Dislikes: certain girls  
Ambition: to be an engineer

## CHARLES CLARK

Likes: food  
Dislikes: nothing  
Ambition: to get a job

## KENT NOWLIN

Likes: Dolly  
Dislikes: potted ham  
Ambition: to get \$2,000,000.

## CURTIS TERRY

Likes: fried chicken  
Dislikes: spaghetti  
Ambition: to be a "wheel"

## LARRY SPENCE

Likes: money  
Dislikes: gossipy people  
Ambition: to be a multi-millionaire

## ROBERT ROBERTSON

Likes: money  
Dislikes: loud-mouthed girls  
Ambition: to catch a fish four feet long

## ROSS BURKS

Ross is a member of the senior class but has not been in school the last semester. We suppose he likes Courtney Ann and his ambition was to get married. For his dislikes you will have to ask him.

## RAY TURLEY

Likes: side-burns  
Dislikes: hitch-hiking  
Ambition: to be a husband

## CLIFFORD THEVENIN

Clifford also left school last semester. He is in the Air Force stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. As for his likes, ambition, and dislikes, you will have to ask him.

## KENNETH ANDERSON

Likes: food  
Dislikes: breaking rifles  
Ambition: to own a car

## SANDY ESTES

Likes: her husband  
Dislikes: school  
Ambition: to be a mother of four

## JACK DENT

Likes: Phyllis  
Dislikes: chemistry  
Ambition: to be a coach

## JO ANN HARRIS

Likes: Kip  
Dislikes: nousey people  
Ambition: to be a wife

## GEORGE GOFF

Likes: girls  
Dislikes: girls that gossip  
Ambition: to be a chemical engineer

## DOROTHY GLENN

Likes: red Mercurys  
Dislikes: green ice cream  
Ambition: to be a registered nurse

## JIM CRAWFORD

Likes: Women  
Dislikes: getting married  
Ambition: football coach

## CHARLOTTE THORNTON

Likes: Jack  
Dislikes: Larry  
Ambition: to go to college

## KIP PAYNE

Likes: Jo Ann  
Dislikes: nousey girls  
Ambition: to be a husband



MEET THE SENIORS (continued)

DOROTHY HAZELWOOD

Likes: Leo  
Dislikes: nothing  
Ambition: to be a wife

KAY FARRELL

Likes: Pink cars  
Dislikes: bookkeeping  
Ambition: to become a private secretary

WANDA MITCHELL

Likes: Marines  
Dislikes: people  
Ambition: to own a Cadillac

PATTY WATSON

Likes: Jim Crowder  
Dislikes: nosey people  
Ambition: to be a wife

SUE CARGILL

Likes: Jim F.  
Dislikes: gossip people  
Ambition: to be a wife

BARBARA MOORE

Likes: money  
Dislikes: the song "Let Me Go, Skeeter"  
Ambition: to be a secretary

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class, of the city of Winfield, County of Putnam, and State of West Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament hereby revoking any will or wills theretofore made by us.

I, Patty Watson, hereby will my chicken teeth to anyone who wants them.

I, Dorothy Glenn, hereby will my ability to lose things to anyone that is unfortunate.

I, Charlotte Thornton, hereby will my overstuffed pocketbook to Janet Harrison.

I, Mae Lee Wymer, hereby will my quiet ways to my sister, Norma.

I, Kay Farrell, hereby will my ability to boat ride to Barbara

Robertson.

I, Sue Cargill, hereby will my ability to go steady to Mary Brown.

I, Jo Ann Harris, hereby will my quietness to Freda Owsley.

I, Wanda Mitchell, hereby will my pocket book to anyone who can fill it as I did.

I, Barbara Moore, hereby will my long hair to anyone who can be patient with it.

I, Sandra Estes, hereby will my wedding band to any girl who can find a husband.

I, Dorothy Hazelwood, hereby will my singing ability to Coach "Bob" Anderson.

I, Jim Crewford, hereby will my football pants to my everlasting brother, "Moe".

I, Curtis Terry, hereby will my wavy hair to Larry Edens.

I, Larry Lusher, hereby will not a diddle dad burn thing. I need it all.

I, Kenneth Anderson, hereby will my ability to get along with Mrs. Fleshman to Larry Edens.

I, Kip Payne, hereby will my curly hair to Osa King.

I, Joe Terry, hereby will my Typing work to Kenneth Baldwin.

I, Jim Thornton, hereby will my ability to stay out of trouble to John Watson.

I, Keith Terry, hereby will my shortness to John Watson.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT (cont.)

I, Ray Turley, hereby will my ability to get along with the teachers to Bill Pettit.

I, Frank Neary, hereby will my poor English grades to Delmar McCallister.

I, Boogie Burgess, hereby will my transmission to John Watson.

I, Harold Racer, hereby will my taped notebook to Ira Burchett.

I, Robert Robertson, hereby will all of Mr. Shafer's tools in my locker to Delmar McCallister.

I, Charlie Clark, hereby will by one-arm driving to Mr. McGinnis.

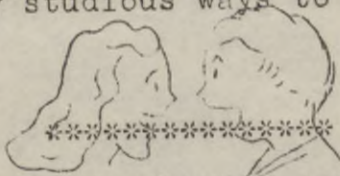
I, George Goff, hereby will my curly hair to Johnny Leslie.

I, Kent Nowlin, hereby will my front seat in Coach Anderson's class to John Watson.

I, Larry Spence, hereby will my ability to get along with Mrs. Freshman to Bill Pettit.

I, Jack Dent, hereby will my beautiful black hair to Coach Hensley.

I, Landon Saunders, hereby will my studious ways to John Leslie.



STUDENTS ATTEND UHSP CONFERENCE

The United High School Press Conference was held April 29-30 at Marshall College in Huntington. The three delegates chosen by the Press Club from our school were Beverly Brumfield, Carolyn Duke,

and Bernard Windon. Mr. McGinnis attended the conference as advisor.

The regular meetings began Saturday at 9:45 A.M. in the Science Hall Auditorium with greetings from Prof. W. Page Pitt, head of the journalism department at Marshall; Yvonne Watson, president of UHSP; and Bill Cheddock, editor-in-chief of Marshall's newspaper, The Parthenon. Jack Hardin, a reporter for the Huntington Advertiser and winner of the \$500. Big Story Award, discussed his experience in apprehending a dangerous criminal.

A luncheon was held at 1:00 P. M. and at 6:45 the Annual UHSP Banquet was held. Immediately following the banquet a dance was held at the Student Union. Ideas for improvement were brought back and problems solved for our school newspaper.

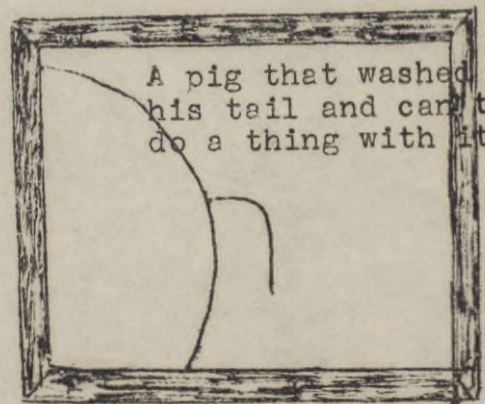
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SALUTATORIAN (continued)

year.

Curtis' main interest is mechanics, but he is undecided about his future.

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A pig that washed his tail and can't do a thing with it.