

THE HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1962

At the beginning of the 1950-51 school year a group of thirty-seven intelligent, eager to learn students entered Mrs. Jewett's and Mrs. McNary's first grade classrooms for the first time. We are sure they will never forget the amazing sight of the shining faces of their anxious pupils as they paraded into the room. There were David Hurley, Danny Brown, David Parker, Roxanne Hunt, Joan Pence, Ronnie Rust, Adrian King, Linda Payton, Lee Ann Wetz, Nancy Brubaker, Rodger Scott, Fred Painter, Norma Bradway, Don Currey, Jeff Fenwick, Andrea Gill, David Glaze, Terry Granger, Dale Hough, Randy Jones, Donna Kiefer, Sandy Moore, Virginia Peckinpaugh, Betty Richman, Judy Schlegal, Ed Swift, Rita Wende, Mary Wheeler, Marjorie Gable, Pam Frank, Leland Moore, Gene Bessor, Ronnie Lee, Vaughn Townson, Jack Hancock, Ronnie Houston, and last but not least Jean Williams.

Boy, was this ever an exciting year, of course, not a one of us became hard to handle or caused any trouble. We just paraded out at the end of this school year the same way we came in.

Well, we now find ourselves in the second grade. It didn't take us long to see that we had acquired nine new members to our bubbling class, they were Becky Yost, Diana Shores, Wade Hoy, Steve Perkins, Jim Spangler, Peggy Burlason, Dan Wilson, Rex Wright, and Jim Olinger. The only one to leave us was Gene Bessor.

Mrs. McNary and Mrs. Conrad just didn't know what they were in for! Although they soon found out, the year still passed quickly for all of us.

As we enter the third grade, there were so many of us that they decided to divide us into two different rooms again. Or it could have been because one teacher had a terrible time staying in good health trying to control us and teach us what we should know at the same time.

Part of us were in Mrs. Newberry's class and the rest of us were downstairs with Mrs. Mc Nary, where we shared our classroom with the fourth grade.

This year we gained five new students to our clan. They were Johnny Hough, Diana Young, Gene White, Elgin Henson, and Shirley Musick. But, we lost Becky Yost and Jim Spangler.

It took some doing, but we finally made it through this year and was pushed on to Mrs. Carmichael for a year of fourth grade "studying."

Well, it was now Mrs. Carmichael's turn to put up with us for a while. We only gained two new students this year Joyce Thompson and Martha Kieth. That is until the second semester and then who else but Phyllis Watson arrived to join our growing class. Marjorie Gable was the only one to leave us.

This year was interesting for most of us. There is nothing like having spelling bees, siphering matches, and a few invitations to stand out in the hall.

In the fifth grade, we were placed in Mrs. Thornburg's room. This year we found that we had received five new members to our group Alma Finney, Joe Hadin, Brenda Pitts, Sue Rhodes, and Jon Brinker. Jim Spangler and Becky Yost just couldn't stand being without us, so they came back again. We did have a few who did not return the following year and they were Diana Young, Peggy Burlison, Charlie Hargrader, Leland Moore, Ronnie Lee, Vaughn Townson, and Jack Hancock.

After ruining Mrs. Thornburg's nervous system she sent us on to the sixth grade.

When we entered the sixth grade they decided to separate us again. Some of us were in Mr. Scott's class and the rest of us were in Mr. Drake's room which we shared with part of the fifth grade class. The new arrivals to our class this year were Sue Jolliff, Phyllis Marlowe, Bobby Niles, Douglas Reed, Frank Ebner, Mike Ford, Richard Beabout, and Edna Steed. We also had several that left after the finish of this year. They were Joyce Thompson, David Hurley, Roxanne Hunt, Joan Pence, Ronnie Rust, Becky Yost, Martha Kieth, Johnny Hough, Alma Finney, Joe Hadin, Elgin Henson, and Brenda Pitts. This was a year of fun and excitement, but we did try to learn a few things too.

All of a sudden we find ourselves as seventh graders in the high school building. This was the year Mrs. Duncan was assigned as our sponsor. Of course, she was really happy about this idea. We received several new students this year. It seems that there just wasn't enough room for all these people in Muncie, so they sent them to "good ole Daleville." We also had some new additions that were from other places too. There were Shirley Adams, Mike Barnett, Hazel Chandler, Elaine Griffie, Bobby Hagin, Nancy Holloway, Patty Myers, Mary Howard, Rusty Huxhold, Connie Howard, David Ritchie, Richard Showalter, Dwight Stahl, Nancy Turner, John Windsor, Sandra Yoder, Delmar Coffman, Bob Garrett, Tom Hardin, Ann Dorsey, Glenda Willis, and Nellie Corn. We naturally had a few not to join us the next fall. Adrian King, Sue Jolliff, Phyllis Marlowe, Bobby Niles, Douglas Reed, Frank Ebner were the ones to leave our little group.

This was also our first year to be changing classes every time a bell rang. This was new and different. It took a few times of getting in the wrong room or just plain getting completely lost before we got use to the idea of running from one end of the hall to the other just to change books and spend an hour with a different teacher. Finally, we memorized the whole routine and soon reached the old familiar rut.

Now we are in the eighth grade and this year we have a new gang of people from Chesterfield plus a few others who joined our class. They were Margaret Bender, Ann Burke, Bill Drennon, Carolyn Staggs, Pam Frank, Helen Morris, Cheryl Horn, Carol Matthews, Roxie Pickel, Sylvia Rinker, David Smith, Gaylon Gill, James Marvell, Kenny McNew, Lee Miller, Tamera Noble, and Mike LaPota. The ones that didn't return were Danny Brown, Ronnie Houston, Bobby Hagin, and Patty Myers, along with all the people from Muncie except Mary Howard and Rusty Huxhold and they left us after the next year. This was also the last year for Mrs. Duncan. We heard she moved to Florida for a rest.

Well, we are freshmen now. We have at least reached high school. We only added five to our exciting class this year Richard Pelleteir, Gary Lancaster, Sue Wiseman, Ray Wools, and Walter Robbins, but eighteen left at the end of our freshman year. They were Tom Hardin, Delmar Coffman, Ann Burke, Bill Drennon, Carolyn Staggs, Gaylon Gill, James Marvell, Kenny McNew, Lee Miller, Tamera Noble, Mike LaPota, Ann Dorsey, Dave Smith, Cheryl Horn, Pam Frank, Carol Matthews, Sue Jolliff, and Roxie Pickel. Since our sponsor was gone they gave us a new one, Mr. Osburn. Of course, he was overjoyed to know that he had been selected to spend a few years with us. The only trouble with this was that he already knew us pretty well. We got our class jackets this year. At the time, we thought this was something special.

As sophomores Sharon Lawrence and Terry Sisson joined us and Richard Peleteir left. This was a special year too. We received our class rings. Although not many of us had them for long, it was a thrill to get a glimpse of them anyway.

Being juniors and having only one more year of high school made this a very interesting year for all of us. Gary Greene was the only new student we obtained during this year except for the return of Roxie Pickel. She liked us too well, too. Several members of our class did not return though. They were Sharon Lawrence, Terry Sisson, Helen Morris, Sue Rhodes, Linda Payton, Gene White, Bob Garrett, Gary Lancaster, and Diana Shores.

Well, we finally made it. We now see ourselves as seniors. We have always been an ornery class, but this year was an exception, we even surprised ourselves in being more mischeivious than ever before.

This has been the most exciting year of all. We have all experienced many interesting things both good and bad. Now as we leave all of you we wish to express our thanks to the many people who have contributed to our education here at Daleville.

We the class of 1962 are proud to have been a part of the increasing educational system here at Daleville High.

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