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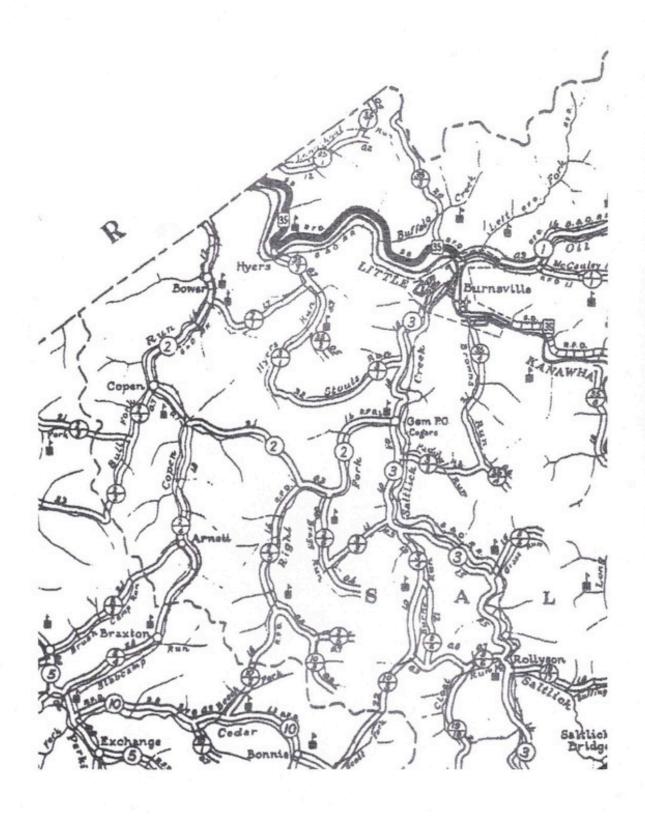
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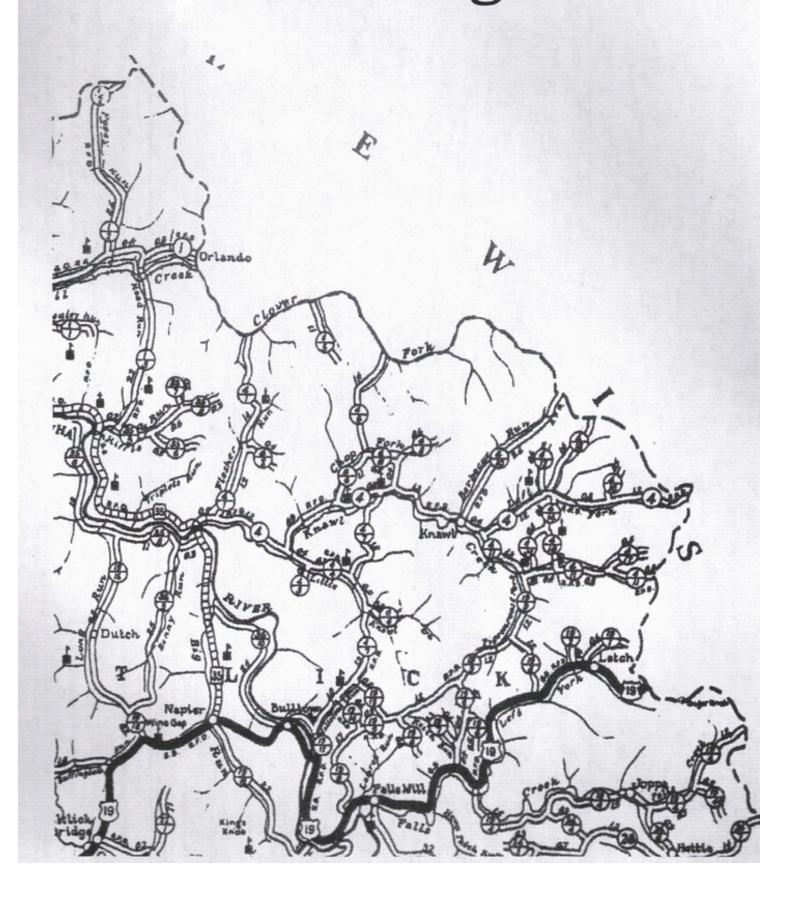
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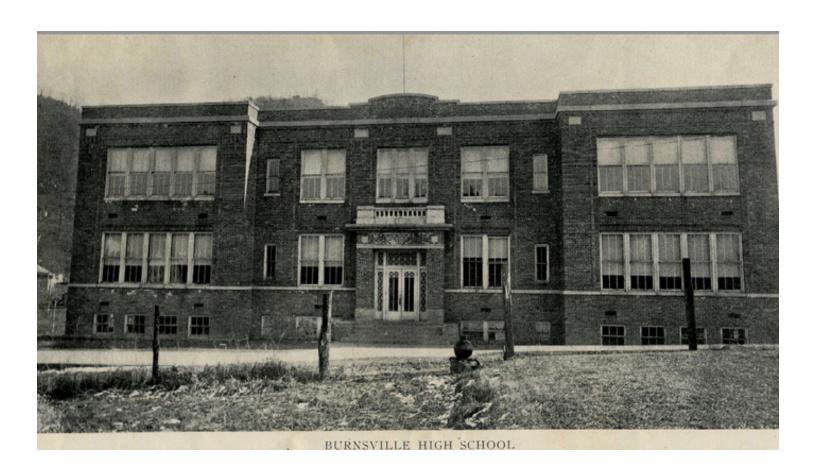
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### School Area of



## **Burnsville High School**





Burnsville High School

## The Greatest Generation



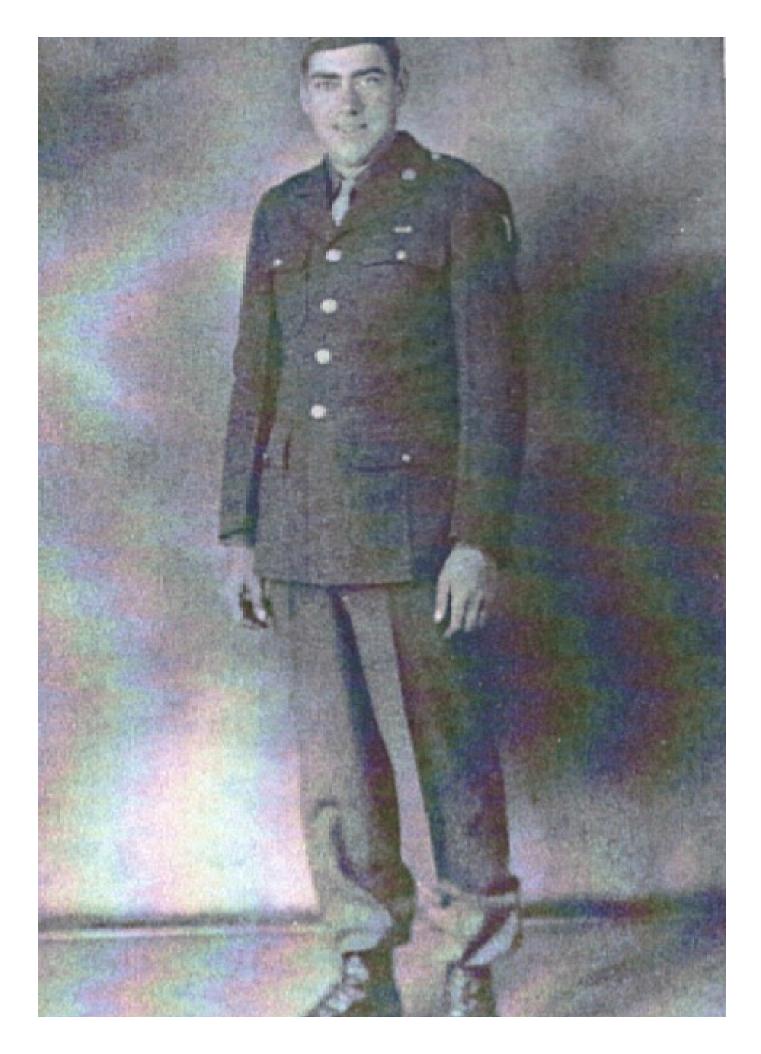
On page 47 is a listing of Eighth Graders who participated in the Burnsville Eighth Grade Commencement in 1932. Two of those eighth graders, **Tommy Zinn** and **Willie Burton Gregory**, were killed in action during World War II, This yearbook is dedicated to their memory.





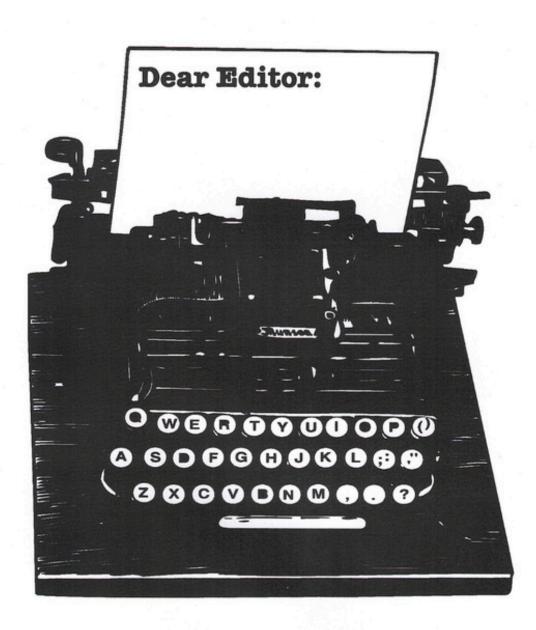


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# Editorials



#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

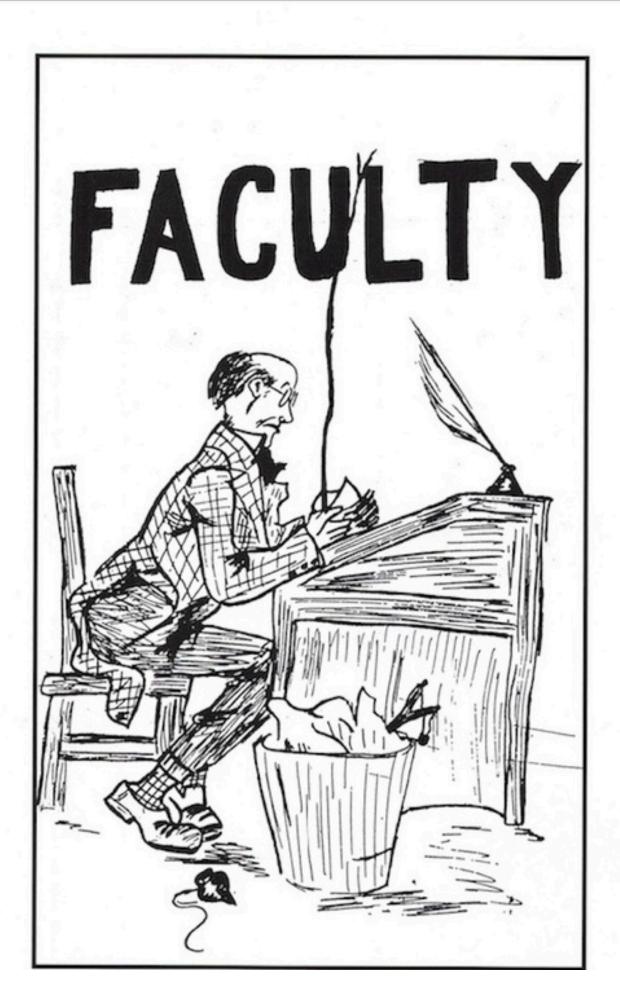
It has been ninety-two years since the seniors of the class of 1932 received their diplomas. Needless to say, all the seniors of 1932 are now deceased. But, during high school the seniors accomplished many worthwhile achievements. **The Reed** student newspaper took a backseat to no other high school newspaper in West Virginia. Academics at Burnsville High School (officially known as Salt Lick District High School) was also on par with the best. Literary teams locked horns with other literary teams in central West Virginia and found not to be lacking. Thespians kept the auditorium busy throughout the school year, entertaining the student body and the community. All these activities served the student body well, rounding them into well-educated adults, ready for the challenges of life.

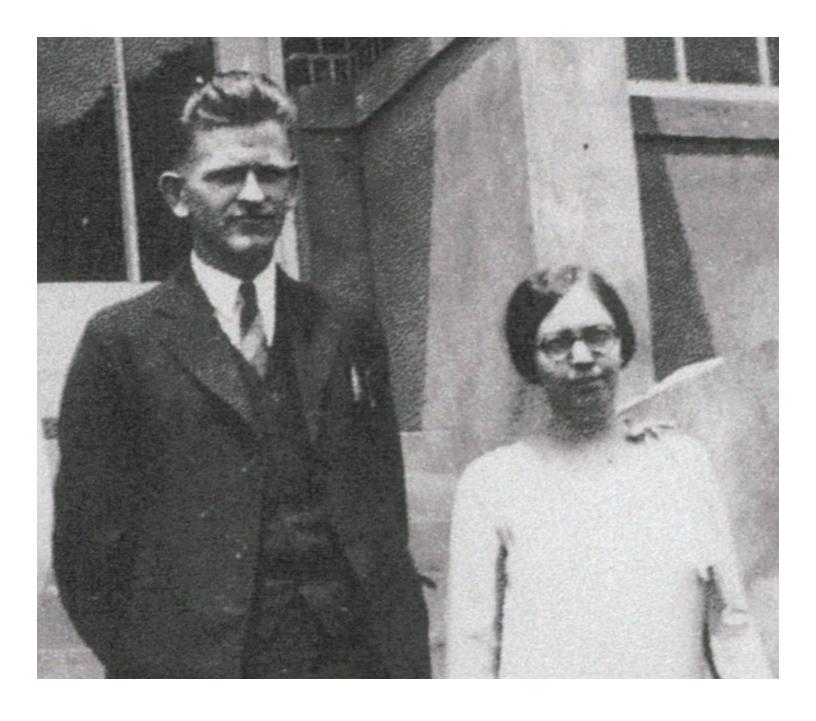
It is with great pleasure that the Editor presents this yearbook on behalf of the seniors of the class of 1932.

David Parmer, Editor, Class of 1959



The Bruin





Gilbert Reed, Principal, and Mary Tucker

Roy Nutter and Virgil O. Dolly

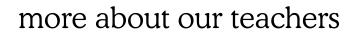




Miss Frances Hinkle









**Principal Gilbert Reed** was a native of Gilmer County and came to Burnsville as principal in 1927. He was a graduate of Davis & Elkins College and taught Economic, Sociology U. S. History and Business Law.

Mr. **V. O Dolly**, a native of Flintstone, Maryland, was a graduate of the University of Maryland. Mr. Dolly taught Vo-Ag, Chemistry, and Biology.

**Miss Mildred Faith** was a native of St. Louis and was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan College. She was the teacher of Public Speaking, Social Science and Music.

**Mr. Roy S. Nutter** was a native of Akron, Ohio and was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. He taught math and was athletic coach.

**Miss Mary E. Tucker** was a native of Morgantown and was a graduate of West Virginia University. She was a teacher of English.

**Miss Kathryn Hinkle** of Weston was a graduate of West Virginia University. She taught Latin, freshman English, and girls' physical education.

Grade schoolteachers were Lucille Cunningham, Thelma Hawkins, Mabel Chrisman, Charlotte Hefner, Hazel Bosley, Ernestine Hyre, C. E. Whytsell, and Lafayette Mick.





Seniors of the Class of 1932



Mildred Faith, Sponsor, Burr Queen, Lela Upton



Virginia Prince, Denward Jamison, Bessie Whytsell



Dale Ball, Catherine Tibbetts, James Mick



Flora Berry, Arthur Franklin, Elizabeth Marple



Stanton Trimble, Rosalie Marple, O. Earl Dorsey, Jr.





Fred Hopkins, Juanita Heater, Freda Minigh



Vada Taylor, Paul Singleton, Virginia Marshall



Charles Talbott, , Ruth Peck (partial photo behind is Gilbert Reed)



Wendell McNemar, Fraulein Mahone



Freda Mick, Ray Sands, Ethel Duffield



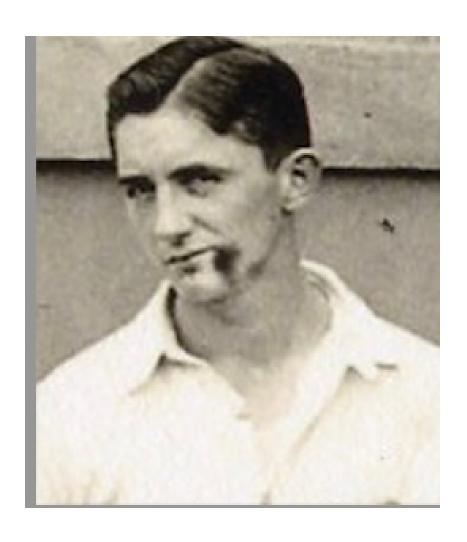
## Virginia Allen, Myda Bosley, Sherwood Hawkins



Mildred Linger, Edith Bowyer, Paul Goodrich



Nellie Knight



## **Keath Bennett**

#### NICKNAMES OF SENIORS

Virginia Allen "Peanut" Dale Ball "Curly"

Keath Bennett "K. B." Myda Bosely."Husky"

Edith Bowyer "Ede" Fonda Davis "Funny"

Earl Dorsey Jr. "Bug" Arthur Franklin "Abe"

Paul Goodrich "George" Sherwood Hawkins "Ike"

Juanita Heater "Nete" Fred Hopkins "Sid"

Denward Jamison "Buck" Nellie Knight "Nell"

Mildrred Linger "Midge" Elizabeth Marple "Betts"

Rosalie Marple "Roe" Virginia Marshall "Gin"

Freda Mick "Micky" James Mick "Jimmie"

Paul Singleton "Dick" Stanton Trimble "Fat"

Charles Talbott "Tob" Catherine Tibbetts "Katy"

Lela Upton "Wheeler" Bessie Whytsell "Bess"

## The Seniors as Juniors



When the Seniors Were Juniors, this is What They Said They Wanted To Be

(Of Course, Tongue in Cheek)

Virginia Allen Hoover's Chaperone

Dale Ball Runabout

Keath Bennett Good Soldier

Flora Berry Detective

Myda Bosley Rich Man's Wife

Edith Bowyer Engaged

Fonda Davís Author

Earl Dorsey Senator

Ethel Duffield Social Worker

Arthur Franklin Orator

Paul Goodrich Noticed

Sherwood Hawkins 6 Feet Tall

Edna Haymond Lawyer

Fred Hopkins Banker

Denward Jamison Reporter

Nellie Knight Phys. Ed. Worker

Mildred Linger Nurse

Mabel Losh Tom Boy

Juanita Heater Teacher

Fraulein Mahone In Love

Elizabeth Marple In Keath's Kitchen

Rosalie Marple Wayne's Secretary

Virginia Marshall Liked

Alfred McCauley Debater

Wendell McNemar Noah Webster II

Freda Mick Happy

James Mick Farmer

Freda Minigh Home Ec Teacher

Ruth Peck Musician

Virginia Prince Teacher

Burr Queen Prize Fighter

Ray Sands A Husband

Paul Singleton Barber

Charles Talbott Traveling Salesman

Vada Taylor Stenographer

Catherine Tibbets Doctor

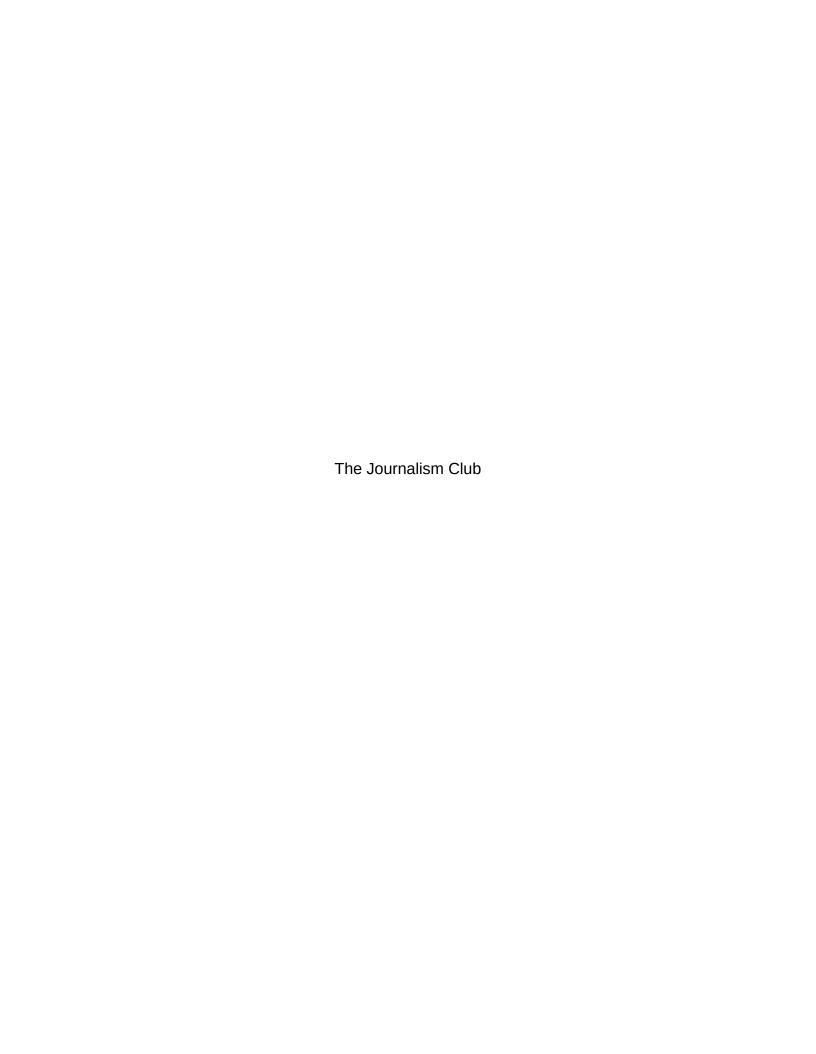
Stanton Trimble Hobo

Lela Upton A Wife

Bessie Whytsell History Teacher

NOTE; Thanks to The Reed, BHS Newspaper, May 20, 1931







CLUB-1932

First Row (left to right)—Wanda Exline, ass't. editor; Alfred McCauley, editor; Ethel Duffield, ass't. editor; Staunton Trimble, business mgr.; Fonda Davis, ass't. editor.

Second Row-Myda Bosely, exchange editor; Louise Fletcher, report.; Miss Tucker, advisor; Denzil McNemar, feature ed.; Rosaiie Marple, ass't sports ed.; Allegra Wiant, report.; Catherine Tibbetts, report.

Third Row-Hilbert Rader, typist; Juanita Heater, report.; Eatl Dorsey, Jr., sports ed.; Mr. Reed; Fred Hopkins, typist; Vada Taylor, cir. mgr.; Thomas Skinner, ass't cir. mgr.

JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET

MAY 17, 1932

7;00 O'CLOCK

## AT THE BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## **GYMNASIUM**

## **PROGRAM**

Welcome	Ralph Queen
Reply	Stanton Trimble

Music	Orchestra
Hall Memories	Ethel Duffield
Advice to Juniors	Alfred McCauley
Our Sheiks and our Shebas	Wandah Exline
Mouth Organ Sets	Charles Talbott
Success	Miss Tucker
Confessions of a Senior	Myda Bosley
The Senior Athlete	Billy Cunningham
A Promise to the Senior Class	Zella Franklin
Have We Finished	Mr. Reed

We wish everyone a good time.

Good luck to the seniors!!

## **MENU**

## FRUIT COCKTAIL

#### CREAMED CHICKEN ON BISCUIT

BUTTERED PEAS

ESCALLOPED POTATOES

BUTTER

JELLY

BANANA SALAD

 $ICE\ CREAM$ 

CAKE

CANDY

#### NUTS

## THANKS TO MISS REED AND MISS GWENDOLYN MARTIN

#### FOR FOOD PREPARATION.

THANKS TO MR. NUTTER, CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM, MISS

OLIVE HENLINE, DECORATING, LOUISE FLETCHER,

PROPERTY AND FRANK HEATER, RECONSTRUCTION

# Commencement



Salt Lick District Faith Class

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Niednesday evening. May Kwanty Kith

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Burnsville

The Mildred Faith
Class

Liak Sahaal May Kwanty Kith

Burnsville



#### ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

SALT LICK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

BURNSVILLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1932

EIGHT O'CLOCK

## THE MILDRED FAITH CLASS



President Staunton Trimble Vice-President Rosalie Marple Elizabeth Marple Secretary Treasurer O. Earl Dorsey, Jr. Class Advisors Miss Mildred A. Faith Miss Mary E. Tucker Class Flower Class Colors Green and White Class Motto "Always Stay Green."

O. Earl Dorsey has been awarded a Scholarship for the coming year by West Virginia Wesleyan College.

## PROGRAM

Processional Played by Miss Mildred A. Faith
Invocation Rev. E. C. Zinn
"Melody of Love" Engelmann Elizabeth Marple, Ethel Duffield, Lela Upton, Dale Ball, Paul Singleton, Sherwood Hawkins, Wendell McNemar, Flora Berry, Mildred Linger, Rosalie Marple, Virginia Marshall, Ruth Peck, Keath Bennett, Staunton Trimble and Paul Goodrich.
Valedictory Fonda Davis
"Sea Gardens" Cooke Soprano Alto Virginia Marshall Ruth Peck Elizabeth Marple Flora Berry Lela Upton Rosalie Marple
Annual Address Dr. Richard Aspinall Field Agent West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.
Presenting Good Citizenship Medal Alfred McCauley
Presenting Scholastic Letters —
Presentation of Graduating Class Miss Mildred Faith
Presentation of Diplomas E. B. Duffield President Board of Education
"Alma Mater" Bischoff Sung by Graduates
Benediction Rev. E. C. Zinn

## MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS

Dale Ball Virginia Allen Flora Berry Keath Bennett Myda Bosely O. Earl Dorsey, Jr., Edith Bowyer Arthur Franklin Fonda Davis Paul Goodrich Ethel Duffield Sherwood Howkins Juanita Heater Fred Hopkins x Denward Jamieson Nellie Knight Alfred McCauley Mildred Linger Wendell McNemar Fraulein Mahone x James Mick Elizabeth Marple Rosalie Marple Burr Queen Virginia Marshall Ray Sands Freeda Mick Paul Singleton Charles Talbott Freda Minigh Staunton Trimble Ruth Peck

Work is not complete for those with an x.

Virginia Prince Catherine Tibbetts Vada Taylor

Lela Upton Bessie Whytsell

## ANNUAL

SENIOR - BURNSVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET

WEDNESDAY

MAY25, 1932

## AT THE HORNOR HOTEL

## IN HONOR OF THE SENIOR CLASS

A dance will follow in the High school gymnasium after Commencement.

EIGHTH GRADE

COMMENCEMENT



An important aspect of the educational mission of Burnsville High School was to welcome eighth grade graduates to the halls of their new school. Since most of the students who graduated annually from Salt Lick District High School received their first eight years of education from country schools it was doubly important that those students feel genuinely welcome to their new school many miles away from their homes in northern Braxton County. A perusal of the school area maps on pages 2 and 3 of this yearbook provides a sense of struggles that country students could encounter in attending school without the benefit of school buses and paved roads.

It was an annual tradition at Salt Lick District High School to have a special day to formalize the next step in the education of eighth grade students in the Salt Lick District High School school area. The Eighth Grade Commencement program was a day most eighth graders would never forget, which in many cases would be the eighth graders first look at his or her school home for the next four years.

## EIGGTG GRADE COMMENCEMENT

OF SALT LICK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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BHRNSHILLE

MAY 20, 1928

## EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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## PROGRAM

Welcome to the Eighth Grade Graduates Principal Gilbert Reed

Tour of Classrooms for Graduates High School Faculty

Musical Interlude Miss Mildred Faith

Address John Ruskin Hall

Supt. Weston Public Schools

Announcement of Names of Graduates	Principal Gilbert Reed
Presentation of Diplomas	Supt. W. B. Golden
Social Hour	

## CLASS ROLL

B. W. Peck, Jr.	Worthy Bowyer	Randall Mick
Mary Gillespie	Glennís Harper	Mabel Gillespie
W. E. Marple, Jr.	Laura Belle Crutchfield	Víctor Hyer, Jr.
Della Collins	Sterling Moran	Arawanna Tyo
Herminie Leigh Davis	John M. Moran	Helen McCoy
Eva Amos	Opal Brailey	Estalyn Sizemore
Grace Louise Hyre Wooddell	Thomas Zínn	Wanda
Roscoe Skinner	Hollis Henline	Kathleen fox
Mae Blake Henline	Lillie Keller	Leo Fred
Ocíe Flint	William Foley	Víctor Foley
Irene Layfield	Earl Nicholson	Paul Posey
Olive Vankirk	Edward Ocheltree	Earl Brown
Forrest Ríffle	Basíl Ocheltree	Reva Pritt
Audra Stout	Margaret Snyder	Lee Nichols
Randall McConkey	Rachel Herndon	Jesse Síngleton
Zeta Mae Cutlip	Audrey Brown	Voneta Burns
Ernest Lewis	Katherine Justice	Myrtle Kelley
Joel T. Berry	William Burton Gregory	Naomí Coger
Zella Madeline Knicely Singleton	Nina Lee Gibson	Virginia
Mabel Grace Deon	Sarah Jane Blake	Hubert Lake
David Persinger	Zola Brown	Donald Lloyd
William Stalnaker	Gracíe Bowyer	Hubert Myers

Ella L. Williams		Grace Marple	Janet Fleming
Eleanor Cunningh	iam	Edith Campbell	Edna Campbell
Glen Taylor		D. L. Losh	Bernice Riffle
Haddie Ilet Losh McCauley		Vera Ruth Mullens	Veda
Ruth Dennison			

NOTE: Two of the eighth graders listed above, Thomas Zinn and William Burton Gregory, were killed in action during World War II.

## HARD TIMES

It was common knowledge in 1932 that the Braxton County Board of Education was broke.

Paychecks issued to teachers could not be cashed because there was no money in the accounts to cover the checks. In the January 22, 1932 issue of the school newspaper, **The Reed**, was an article

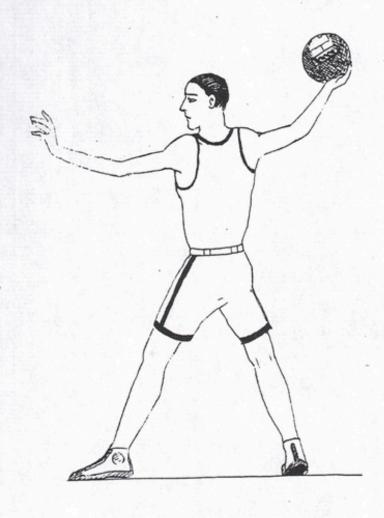
titled, "If Winter Comes." This Editor has lifted three paragraphs of the article for inclusion as follows in this yearbook.

The winter of 1932has been anticipated with apprehension. If these fears have foundation, they will dictate that those more fortunate must share with those less so. The latter group by and large would not have it so but they have no alternative. If the former group will meet the situation not as charity but as man's humanity to man, they will be the better for it. While to them it will mean a more sacrificial winter, it will likewise mean a brighter and happier spring.

School budgets are under stress and strain as are other governmental expenditures. These governmental agencies may well share with the schools by preserving budgets at the expense of their own. School progress should not be hindered. No one would have their efficiency impaired. Government will be the better for this investment, likewise the schools. It is the one way to avoid the frigidity of educational collapse and hastens the spring of educational progress.

A large number of families will be depressed---many financially. The children in those homes will be under the spell of that influence and it will have its effect. The schools will share their burden. They are already cognizant of the situation and will meet it with a greater pupil sympathy, a keener personal interest in the impressionable lives of the children sand a greater consideration for their families. This attitude may remove many of the chills of winter and will render more bright the sunshine of the spring. Winter will seem less long and the spring will hasten in.

# ATHLETICS





From left: Stanton Trimble, manager, Keath Bennett, Bill Beall, Homer Icard, Wendell McNemar, Billy Cunningham, Bob Collins, Don McCartney, Dale Ball, Paul Burns, Coach Roy Nutter

## Basketball Schedule

## Home

Dec.17.	Sutton	W
Jan. 15.	Webster Springs	W
Feb. 2	Sand Fork	L
Feb. 6	Gassaway	W
Feb. 20	Walkersville	W

## Abroad

Jan. 9

Sand Fork

L

Jan. 29

Gassaway

L

Jan. 30

Sutton

L

Feb. 12

Richwood

L

Feb. 13

Webster Springs

W

Feb. 27

Walkersville

W

Mar. 4-5

Clarksburg Tournament

## B. H. S. HOOP ARTISTS DEFEAT SUTTON AND GASSAWAY, TRADITIONAL RIVALS

## Collins Plays Great Game, Ably Supported By Teammates

The hoop artists of B. H. S., displaying the best form shown by the locals this year, buried Sutton under a storm of field goals, 35-20, here, Feb. 2. From the first it was apparent that the Nutter men were too much for the county seat boys.

Collins was the star of the game, shooting baskets from almost every angle and making many almost impossible shots that would result in field goals. He also played a great floor game. Collins, with seven field goals, was ably supported by the rest of his team-mates.

B. H. S. led all the way, the score at the half being 21-10. Late in the (Continued on page 2)

### W. McNemar Leads Locals to Win Over Maroon Team

On the home court, the Burnsville cagers sent the Marcon team from Gassaway down to defeat 28-20, Feb. 6. A large crowd was present and cheered the boys on to victory. This evened the series of games with Gassaway this year to one all.

Wendell McNemar, who has developed into an excellent center and who is one of the greatest assets to the team, turned in the best performance of the evening, making six field goals. However, all players performed their parts well, both offensively and defensively.

The score at the end of the half was 16-10 in favor of Burnsville. Burnsville led the way all of the (Continued on page 2)

Not listed as a regular game was the first game of the season against the Burnsville High School Alumni. The high school team prevailed, beating the alumni by the score of 18-15.

The lineups for the game was: Alumni: Brosius, Bankhead, Hicks, Hyre and Loudin. The high school lineup was: Jamison, Beall, Wendell McNemar, Bennett and Goodrich.

A recap of the scoring for the year is as follows: Wendell McNemar, 96 points, Jamison, 53 points, Bennett, 44 points, Collins, 40 points, Burns, 8 points, Beall, 6 points, Icard, 5 points, Cunningham, 2 points, Denzil McNemar, 2 points, McCartney, 2 points, Thompson, 2 points, Goodrich 1 point, Ball, 1 point.

**FOOTBALL** 

Football during the 1931-1932 season was not a successful mission. Six games were played, two of

them against Glenville and two against Sutton, with single games against Gassaway and Clay. The

Bruins won one of the games against Sutton, tied the game with Clay and lost the other four games.

Regrettably no photograph of the 1931-1932 Bruins could be located. Instead, a photo of the 1930-

1931 football team is shown below. Most of the players on this team were juniors who returned to play

for the 1931-1932 team.

The usual lineup for the football team for the 1930-1931 team was:

Ends: Bob Collins, Ralph Queen and Burr Queen

Tackles: Roy Sholes, Paul Goodrich, and Ralph Queen

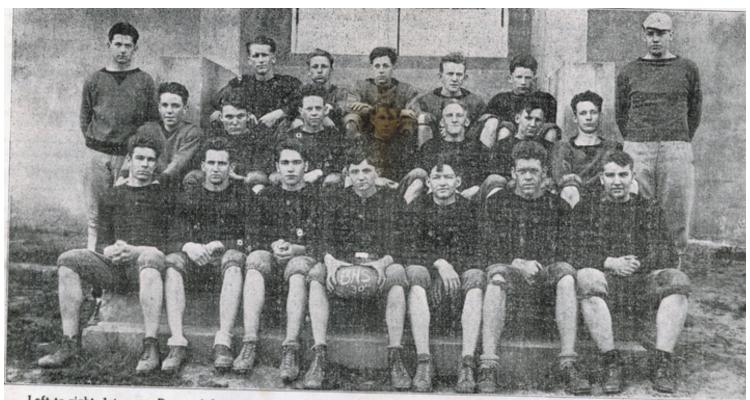
Guards: Charles Talbott and Sam Wiant

Center: Earl Dorsey and Paul Singleton

Halfbacks: Ray Sands and Denward Jamison

Quarterback: Keath Bennett

Fullback: Wayne Hicks

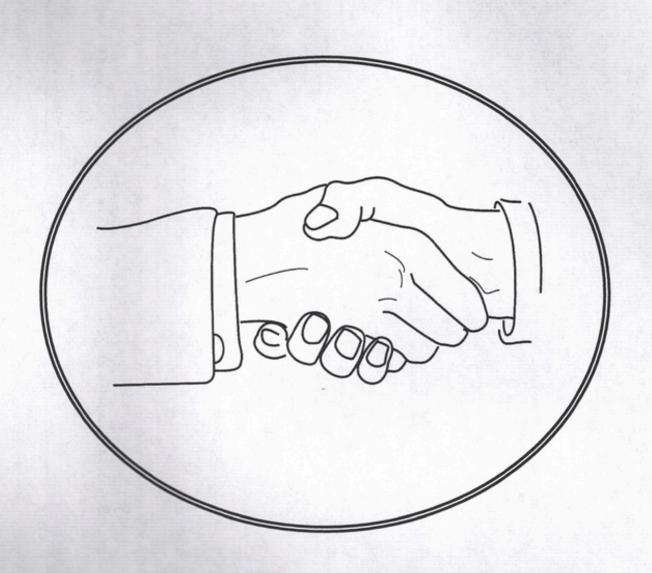


Left to right, 1st. row—Denward Jamieson, Wayne Hicks, Paul Goodrich, Keath Bennett, Dale Ball, Roy Sholes, Paul Singleton. 2nd. row—Staunton Trimble, Junior Dorsey, Charles Talbott, Ray Sands, Fred Fletcher, Burr Queen, Samuel Wiant, Robert Col-

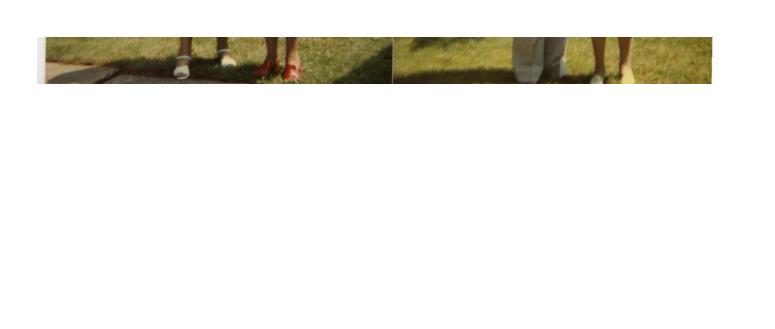
lins, Roy Nutter, coach.

3rd. row—Ralph Queen, Don McCartney, Arthur Frankli
Jason Hyre, and Vernon McCoy.

## Reunions











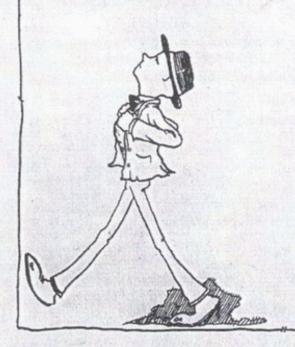
## Identification of Alumni Above

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Photo 4:	Alfred McCauley
Photo 5:	Mildred Linger Singleton on right and unknown
Photo 6:	Mildred Faith on right and inknown
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Photo 10: Mildred Faith on right and unknown

Photo 11: Edith Bowyer Mayse on right and unknown

## JUNIORS



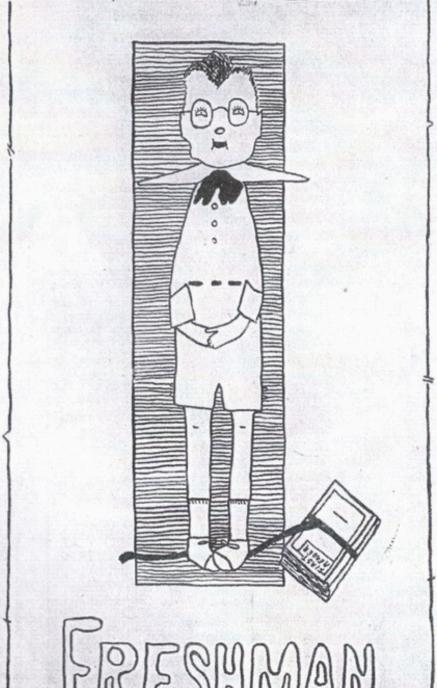




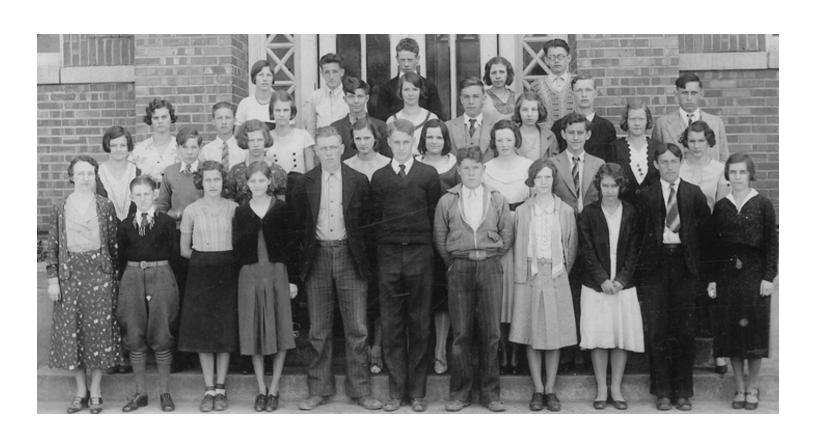
Left to right, 1st. row—Ruby Thompson, Lambert Beckner, Dora Moody, Ira McCoy, Francis Knight, Lynn McCauley, Exic Conrad, Denzil McNeamer, Ruth Berry, Glen Been, Mattie Hyre. 2nd. row—Miss Dorr, Victor Lunchford, Ida Moyers, Eugene Riffle, Mildred White, Randall Rucks, Thelma Skinner, Eugene

Crutchfield, Evelyn Oldaker, Vernon McCoy, Mr. Dolly.

3rd. row—Junior Edwards, Bulah Rittle, Homer Icard, Helen
Hall, Paul Knight, June Amos, Robert Collins, Wanda Groves, Blair
Hardesty, Rettie McCray, Ivan Blake, Mildred Queen, Hilbert
Raider, Bulah Riffle, and Gerald Caplinger.



FRESHMAN





On September 25th, Professor Sanford of the University of Illinois gave a lecture on vocational training.

On October 28, Rev. E. C. Zinn gave a lecture to the high school student body about the two B's in Character Building: Brains and Bible.

On November 19, the Burnsville Clodhoppers provided musical entertainment to the PTA. The Clodhopers cast was Billy Bankhead, Leonard Brosius, Walter Hibbs, Henry Hibbs, and Sadie Martin. The music included string music of "old time music," and impersonations of radio music performers.

On November 25, Miss Hinkle spoke to the student body on the relationship of Latin to English.

On December 2, Mr. Nutter described his summer trip to Yellowstone National Park.

In December 1931, to a capacity audience in the high school auditorium, the faculty presented a play, "Mary's Castles in the Air," to the school and community. The cast was Charlotte Hefner, Kathryn Hinkle, Roy Nutter, V. O. Dolly, Mildred Faith, Lafayete Mick, Mabel Chrisman, Gilbert Reed, Frances Reed, C. E. Whytsell and Lucille Cunningham. Miss Mary Tucker was the director.

On December 21st, the fourth and fifth grades gave a Christmas Program for the PTA. The "Faith Players," assisted by the Schubert Glee Club also gave a program, "Whee Lies the Child?"

On December 11, the junior class gave a party in the school gymnasium. The party was well attended.

The clubs of the school have been organized: The officers and advisors are as follows:

### **Excelsior Literary Society**

Advisors: Miss Tucker and Miss Reed. President Alfred McCauley,, Vice President Rosalie Marple, Secretary Mildred Linger.

#### **Acme Literary Society**

Advisors: Miss Faith and Miss Hinkle. President Ethel Duffield, Vice President Wendell McNemar, Secretary Fonda Davis

**Dramatic Club** 

Advisor Miss Faith, President Virginia Marshall, Vice President Stanton Trimble, Secretary and Treasurer Alice Snyder

**Future Farmers of America** 

Advisor Mr. Dolly, President James Mick, Vice President Sherwood Hawkins, Secretary Marvin Burns, , Treasurer Junior McCoy, Reporter Carol Greathouse

Athletics Club

Advisor Mr. Nutter, President Ralph Queen, Bouncer Jackson Hibbs

On January 29, a sketch was given to entertain the PTA by the first grade, directed by Lucille Cunningham. A special musical number was given by Miss Autumn Amos, Miss Ada Bovey, Mrs. Charles Whytsell, Mrs. Jewell Bush, Miss Allie Brosius, and Mrs. Orva Haymond. Students from the girls' physical education class gave a demonstration of their curriculum. The "Harmony Players," consisting of Glen Brown, Marvin Burns, and Gerald Caplinger also provided special music.

On February 24, the Faith Players gave a one-act play entitled, "The Trysting Place."

The cast included Gladys Tyo, Dale Ball, Reva Steele, Freeda Mick, Stanton Trimble Denward Jamison, and Arthur Monroe. Directors were Miss Faith and Olive Henline.

In March, the faculty gave another play entitled, "His Best Investment," with the cast of Charlotte Hefner, Mabel Chrisman, Mildred Faith, Kathryn Hinkle, Thelma Hawkins, Virgil Dolly, Hazel Bosley, Gilbert Reed, Frances Reed, Lucille Cunningham, Roy Nutter, Charles Whytsell, Ernestine Hyre, and Lafayette Mick.

On March 11, the PTA was entertained by the faculty with sketches by Miss Hinkle, Miss Reed, Miss Cunningham, Miss Chrisman, and Miss Faith.

On April 7, the Dramatics Club presented to the PTA a play, "Jealous, Certainly Not."

The boys' physical education class gave a demonstration and musical entertainment was given by the Schubert Glee Club and Joan Feeney.

On April 8, the Home economics Club gave a tea for the mothers and friends of the Home Economics Club.

On April 9, the Burnsville Alumni presented a program ,"The Cannibal Love Affair," . Those taking part were Mrs. Lawrence Dyer, Mr. Charles Whytsell, Misses Beulah and Mabel Sands, Mrs. Bernice Kidd, Mr. William Ptomey, and Mr. Raymond Hall. Miss Joanne Feeney aged four, played the role of the child. Music was provided by the Kanawha Shawnees composed of Sadie Martin, Willard Bankhead, Leonard Brosius, Henry Hibbs, and Walter Hibbs. The Alumni also presented a one-act play, "Who's to Win Him." The cast included Charles E. Whytsell, Thelma Hawkins, Elizabeth Knight, Eva S. Worrell, Irma Wade, Barbara Wright,

On April 27, the Burnsville Grade School presented the operetta "The Blue Belt." The cast included Opal Bailey, B. W. Peck, Marie Ball, Eloise McNemar, Bernice Ann Kidd, Waldron Haymond, Junior Glover, Junior Crutchfield, Ed Marple, Jr., Junior Worrell, Herminie Davis, Closs Stalnaker, Rosemary Bradley, and Lemoyne Heater. Sadie Martin provided the music.

On May 7, the junior class presented a three-act pay, "A Little Clodhopper." Miss Hinkle and Mr. Nutter directed the cast of William Beall, Edward Crutchfield, Billy Cunningham, Wandah Exline, Gladys Tyo, Zella Franklin, , and Louise Fletcher,

On May 24, the senior class presented the play "My Irish rose." The cast included Alfred McCauley, Stanton Trimble, Dale Ball, Sherwood Hawkins, Paul Goodrich, Charles Talbott, Mildred Linger, Catherine Tibbetts, Flora Berry, Elizabeth Marple, Virginia Marshall, and Ethel Duffield.

By Walter Ben Hare
PRESENTED BY THE SENIOR CLASS
SALT LICK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
BURNSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1932
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Colum McCormack, A Prosperous Irish Farmer of County Kildare---Alfred McCauley Maurice Fitzgerald, A Rich Young Dublin Artist --- Staunton Trimble Terry Creigan, McCormack's Nephew, a Young Irish Patriot in Exile-Dale Ball Mr. Archibald Pennywitt, A Wealthy English Tourist ----Sherwood Hawkins Mr. Michael Pepperdine, An Eminent Dublin Barrister----Paul Goodrich Shawn McGilly, The Laziest Man in County Kildare -- Charles Talbett Ann Mary McCormack, Colum's Sister, with a True Irish Heart--Mildred Linger The Widow Hannigan, With Money in the Bank and and Eye on Colum-Catherine Tibbetts Eileen Fitzgerald, A Dublin Heiress-----Flora Berry Lady Agnes Barricklow, Who Hesitates at Nothing ---Elizabeth Maryle Pageen Burke, A Servant on the Cormack Form Virginia Marshall Rose Creigan, A Wild Irish Rose -----Ethel Duffield Virginia Allen, Keath Bennett, Nellie Knight, Freda Mick, James Mick, and Bessie Whytsell. TIMD: ----The Present. ELACE: ---- County Kildare, and Dublin, Ireland. SYMOPSIS .. ACT I -----Colum McCormack's farm yard on the outskirts of a village in County Kildare, Ireland. "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning." ACTII-----Same as ACT I, a few hours later. ACT III ---- Scene 1; The Library of Fitzgerald's house in Dublin, a year later. "The Last Rose of Summer." Scene 2; Same as Scene 1, Your hours later. "Mavoureen." Note: The curtain closes for a few seconds between Scenes 1 and 2 in aCT III to indicate a lapse of four hours. Proceeding the play a group of popular songs will be sung by-Elizabeth Marple, Lelah Upton, Reath Bennett, and Wendell McMemar. accompanied by Ruth Peck. Between Acts I and II Myda Bosely and Fonda Davis will administer "THE CLASS MICCKER." Between Acts II and III Jaunita Heater and Lelah Upton will release "THE CLASS PROPHECY"

### When the Seniors Were Freshmen

Way back in 1929 when our seniors were freshmen, the Freshmen English Class was asked to bring into class antiques or relics of interest. Among those items was a three- cent piece minted in 1865 owned by Dale Ball, a butter bowl and spoon owned by Edith Lemon, a wooden potato masher which was fifty-five years old, and a tobacco bowl with three English coins on the cover owned by Catherine Tibbetts, a petrified pony's foot found and owned by Fred Lemon's father, a date and account book dated 1841, and a candle mold one hundred ten years old owned by Fred Hopkins, a powder horn brought from Ireland eighty-nine years ago owned by Sherwood Hawkins, a small sledge hammer over one hundred years old owned by Mildred Linger, an earthenware bowl brought here in 1846 owned by Virginia Prince, a silver spoon over one hundred years old owned by Ada Groves, and a quilt owned by Freda Mick. The quilt had a pine tree design and worked in green, white and red, all work done by hand.

### When the Seniors Were Juniors

On March 14, 1931, the junior class presented a three-act play, "The Colonel's Maid." The play cast included Dale Ball, Stanton Trimble, Mildred Linger, Sherwood Hawkins, Ethel Duffield, James Mick, Alfred McCauley, Wendell McNemar, and Rosalie Marple. Sherwood Hawkins, who played a Chinese cook, was the laugh of the evening.

## W. Alfred McCauley

## A Biography

There were several very successful men and women of the class of 1932. To this writer, none is more deserving accolades than W. Alfred McCauley. "Al," as he wished to be called, was the oldest son of John F. McCauley and Margaret J. McCauley of Burnsville. His younger siblings were Lynn, Gladine, Leland, Pauline and Lorene.

Al was the editor of **The Reed**, the Burnsville High School newspaper. and a consistent fixture on the school honor roll. He later graduated from Glenville State College and began the career of a teacher. He earned a Master's Degree from West Virginia University and became the first director of a two year program in rehabilitation counseling at West Virginia University. Later he served as regional representative in rehabilitation for the Federal government in five states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He died at the age of 98. His career in rehabilitation can be described as outstanding.

Another aspect of Al's life accomplishments was his prolific writing of the lore of Burnsville. He was a steady contributor to the **Braxton County Historical Journal** with stories about the "old days" in Burnsville. Readers looked forward to Al's stories in the **Journal** about his hometown and were sorry

that with advancing age his stories ended. This writer had the occasion to speak many times with Al, usually bearing a compliment about his stories.

The following is a story that Al wrote for the **Braxton County Historical Journal** in June 1997 about a bear handler who visited Burnsville around 1918 with his trained bear. This writer also wrote about the visit to Orlando of a bear handler around 1914. Whether the same bear handler was the same person is unknown.

### The Peddler and His Bear

### By W. Alfred McCauley

I'll never forget that pleasant summer day when I was four (Al was born in 1914 so the date of this encounter would have been 1918.) when my mother and three of us children were visiting my Aunt Gernie, wife of William (Bill) Coberly and nephew Lee Coberly in the Coberly Addition of the Burnsville area. Her home was just beyond Lee's home and on the dead-end dirt road along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The sound of excited voices of some children coming along the street sparked our attention. When we looked for the source of the sounds, we too, became excited. Here came a man with a large pack on his back, leading a small, muzzled, black bear. He wore a black suit and a red tam; the bear's leash attached to a red collar.

The peddler stopped at Aunt Gernie's gate and called out in a voice of foreign accent, "Cume een?"

Aunt Gernie looked at my mother and then back at the man and nodded her head favorably. Some of the children following the two were jabbering excitedly and stroking the bear's rump, seemingly without disturbing the bear or the man. I think the scene gave my Aunt confidence to allow the two to come in. The man turned to the children and said something like, "Be off, go away off."

He opened the gate and came along side of the porch instead of up on the steps. Standing on the ground and turning his back, he let the pack slide off his back and onto the floor. The bear reared up

and placed his forepaws on the edge of the porch, causing the children to back away. The man gave us reassuring words that the bear was a pet and harmless.

"Poleece maka me moozle the bear."

When he loosened a belt tying the pack, he opened it and unfolded it in three or four directions, revealing a wide array of household items neatly placed in pockets and boxes. There spread out on the floor were scissors needles, thread, buckles, buttons lace and sequins. Another part held forks, knives, spoons, ladles, both of silver and wood finish – also paring knives.

Mother pointed then out as she and Aunt Gernie examined the contents of the pack. There were a few small toys – some little animals and people figurines that the man wound up and set down on the floor to dance or bounce and twirl about.

During much of the time we children had our eyes on the bear which appeared to be begging for food. The peddler reached into his coat pocket and brought out a handful of peanuts in the shell. Putting them down on the floor, he pointed to my brother and me and said "Hole peenit so Bear no bite." He demonstrated by holding the peanut in his fingers and pointing to the muzzle. The bear's gray tongue came out and took the peanut which it chewed, spitting out some of the shell. 'Timidly, I slid to the peanuts and stuck one into the muzzle as the peddler had done. The bear took it with his tongue, chewed it, and stuck his chin out for more. Lynn, braver now, took one and fed it also.

While all this was going on, my mother and Aunt had examined the items in the pack and selected some spools of thread, some buttons, tatted lace edging and a paring knife or two. When asked the cost, the man put his chin in his hand and his elbow on the porch and looked as if he was counting the amount in his head.

"Feetty fife sens a you and tirty fife sens a you," pointing to my mother.

Auntie went into the house to get her money as my mother called out, "Will you have enough to pay for mine? I'll repay you later."

Aunt Gernie came back with her coin purse, the kind that opens with a twist of little knobs, and took the money out to pay the peddler. During the time she was away, the peddler put items back in proper

places in the pack. When everything was neatly in place, he folded it and pulled it tightly together with the belt and buckle. After taking the money, bowing and thanking Auntie, he turned his back to us, put his arms in straps and hunched the pack up into his shoulders, bouncing it up and down a few times to get it comfortably in place, he turned to the bear and said, 'Lessa go."

We children had been so intrigued with the bear that we didn't even examine the toys or press Mother to get one for us. I walked down the steps to get a better look at the bear as they moved to the gate.

The bear turned its head and took a step toward me. I scampered back up the steps.

"Cume pet," the man invited.

With my heart pounding I eased down and came closer. The man was patting the bear's side and speaking to it in low tones, "Heesa fren."

Seeing how he petted the bear gave me confidence, so I stroked its fur coat. It felt coarse and greasy. Bits of dirt and straw clung to it. The man gave a command and the bear laid down and rolled over. At another command, it sat up, holding out its paws as if begging. The man gave it a peanut and moved to the gate.

The pair went to the next house, where neighbors were already on the porch, having heard the children's commotion and seeing the man at my aunt's house. Children followed and waited at the yard fences along the street as the peddler stopped at the remaining houses. The two then went to the railroad track on the other side of the street and disappeared from view.

After they had left, I asked my mother about them...

"The peddler might be Italian. He probably uses the bear for company and to get the attention of the people, just as he did with us."

"Why did they go up the railroad track? A train might come," I said.

"They probably follow the track because it goes through all important villages. If he took the bear along the road, the horses would probably bolt at seeing a bear. Cars would be dangerous to them walking along the roadside through the country, don't you think?"

That sounded right to me. I'll never forget the peddler and his bear.

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As stated above, this Editor wrote a similar story published in **Reminisce** magazine about a visit of a peddler, or bear handler, with two bears to Orlando in 1914. Below is a photograph of that visit.



The master and two trained bears walking the railroad track visit Orlando in 1914.

Dick Skinner's wagon restaurant and Charlie Knight's store in the background.

Individuals from left; Clarence Scarff, Billy Skinner (the barber), a drummer or salesman in bowler hat, two boys, one named Dyer, the other unknown, Mike Thomas, Frank Henline, Cal Skinner, Pid Henline,

Heaterhuck Henline. On the porch: Bill Foster, Nathan Parmer, Ed Bennett

# SENIOR CLASS PHOTO ALBUM



Charles Talbott

Sherwood Hawkins (Below)

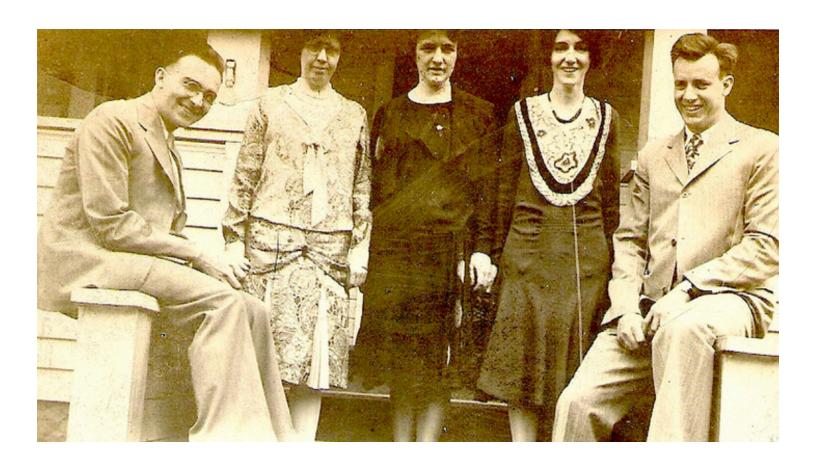


O. E, Dorsey, Jr. , BHS 1932 and brother Brooke, BHS 1935  $\,$ 



### Principal Gilbert Reed





Teachers 1930-1931: Gail Auldridge, Mary Tucker, Agnes Calvin, Mildred Faith and Roy Nutter, all of whom boarded at the William Kidd Residence on Main Street.

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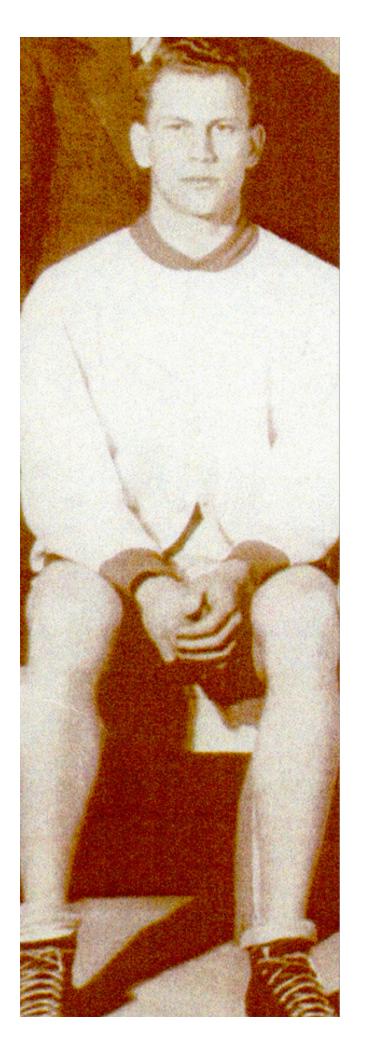
H. B. and Matilda Marshall family, Helen and Virginia (BHS 1932)	





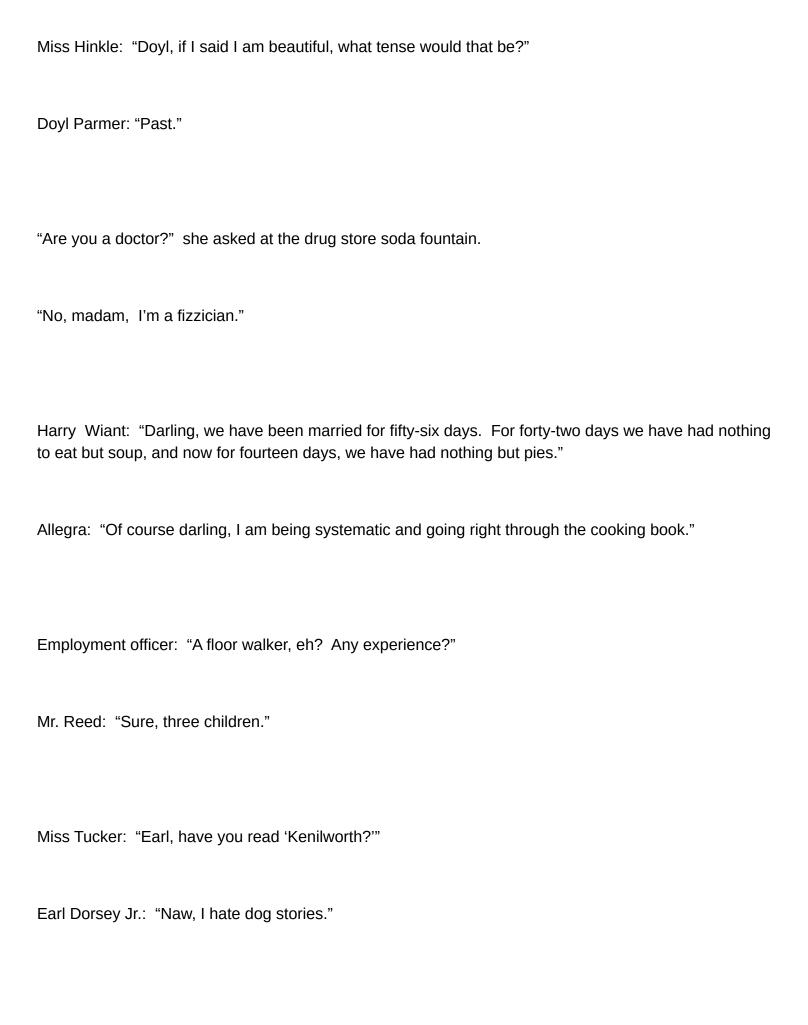
Ruth Peck

Below is Wendell McNemar, Burnsville Independent Nighthawks













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