



EARLY ONE BRIGHT, SUNNY MORNING IN AUGUST 1943, 44 EAGER, BRIGHT FACED BOYS AND GIRLS CAME INTO MISS BLACKWELLS NINTH GRADE ROOM. THEY WERE ESPECIALLY HAPPY BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR VERY FIRST DAY IN HIGH SCHOOL. THEY WERE HAPPY FOR ANOTHER REASON--IN FOUR YEARS THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST AS A GROUP TO COMPLETE TWELVE YEARS OF STUDY AT CLIFFSIDE-HI. MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THAT YEAR OF FORTY-THREE, EVEN THOUGH WE LOST THREE OF OUR CLASSMATES. WE ELECTED CLASS OFFICERS AND HELPED WITH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL. MANY CAREERS WERE PLANNED AND THOSE PLANS WERE STARTED TO BECOME A REALITY.

DURING THE EARLY PART OF OUR SOPHOMORE YEAR TWO STUDENTS LEFT SCHOOL AND ONE ENTERED OUR CLASS. THAT SAME YEAR WE HELPED ORGANIZE THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB, THE NEWS-PAPER CLUB, THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB, THE SCIENCE CLUB AND THE DRAMATICS CLUB. WE GAVE PROGRAMS IN CHAPEL AND CONTINUED WORKING ON THE PLANS FOR OUR CAREERS. AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE WERE ENTERTAINED AT A PARTY AT THE HOME OF OUR GRADE MOTHER.

AT THE FIRST OF OUR JUNIOR YEAR WE ELECTED THE FOLLOWING CLASS OFFICERS: PRESIDENT--BUD CROWE; VICE PRESIDENT--LYNELL JONAS; SECRETARY--MARGIE LEE PACKARD; TREASURER--BOBO BOSTIC; AFTER A FEW WEEKS FOUR STUDENTS DECIDED TO LEAVE SCHOOL. WE CONTINUED THE WORK OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR IN OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZED NEW ONES. THIS YEAR HELPED WITH THE CAREERS THAT WERE ALREADY STARTED AND HELPED OTHERS FIND THEIR FIELD OF WORK.

THE SENIOR YEAR CAME QUICKLY, THESE OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: PRESIDENT--GERALDINE WALL; VICE PRESIDENT--DETTY ERSKINE; SECRETARY--BARBARA CAMPBELL; TREASURER--BOBBY DILLINGHAM. WE SELECTED THE WHITE CARNATION AS THE CLASS FLOWER, BLUE AND WHITE AS THE CLASS COLORS, AND "WE FINISH TO BEGIN," AS THE CLASS MOTTO. WE HAD FUN PRESENTING THE CLASS PLAY, "GRANDAD STEPS OUT," AND WE LEARNED MANY INTERESTING THINGS WHILE PUBLISHING THE ANNUAL. THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET IS SOMETHING THAT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY ALL OF US. THE NEXT GREATEST THRILL OF OUR ENTIRE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WAS THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON AND GRADUATION. THIS MEANT SOME OF OUR PLANS WERE COMPLETED AND OTHERS WERE READY TO GO ON TO SOME PLACES OF HIGHER LEARNING.

WE THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1947 OWE MUCH TO OUR TEACHERS, AND TO THEM WE GIVE OUR THANKS AND DEEPEST GRATITUDE.