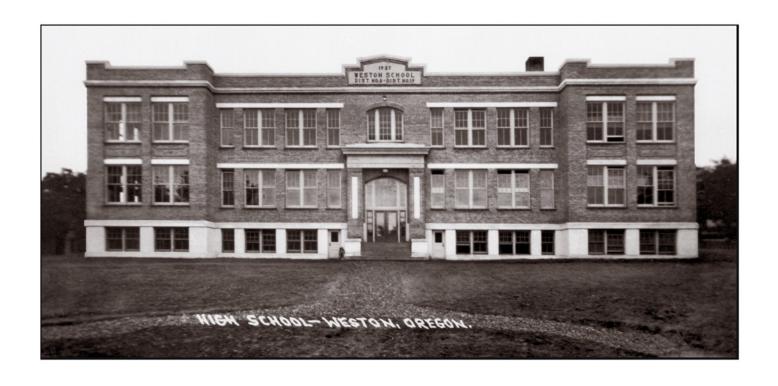
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Marilyn Jensen

In Memory

This album is a fulfillment of Marilyn Jensen's dream to compile the Weston Union High School graduation classes from the period 1926 through 1973 in a form not only to be shared with classmates, but also for long-term preservation. On August 10, 2005, her dream to preserve the images in printed form was suddenly cut short by her tragic death caused by injuries received from a bicycle/automobile accident while biking along the Tollgate Mountain Road.

Marilyn was born on July 20, 1939, in Pendleton to William and Violet Syfford. She gre up in Weston, graduating in 1957, from Weston High School and later from Walla Walla Beauty College.

On November 9, 1958, she and Gary Jensen married in Weston. Thereafter, she worked at a variety of jobs including at the tele4phone office in Athena, the Corner Market in Weston, and the Bank of Commerce, which later became the Baker-Boyer Bank, from which she retired in 1999.

Her life centered around her passion for bike riding and skiing, as well as doing for others within her family, church, and the community. She was a member of Friends of the Weston Library, so it is only fitting that this album and restored class images are archived and displayed here at the Weston Library for patrons to view, and classmates to recall fond memories while in attendance at the Weston High School



Weston-Union School District History

The original school district, which included the town of Weston, was known as the Rawhide District.

Around 1866, local settlers supported construction of a school house on the homestead property of Aaron Kees, with Hugh McArthur being hired as the first teacher.

Then, around 1869, there was a division of the district resulting in the school house being moved about a half-mile south to the Henry Pinkerton homestead property which became known as District No. 19, with a school being maintained on Weston's Main Street. Among the early-day teachers were Mr. Watson who conducted the school as well as operating his store in an adjoining building. Classes later were held in a dance hall over a warehouse on a site where the residence of W.S. Price was located, with Miss Purinton being the first teach at that location, followed by John M. Pruitt.

In the early 1870s a frame building was constructed on South Water Street to house the local school. Notable among the teachers at that time was former Governor Walter M. Pierce, who served as principal for seven years. There were two grade teachers for the younger students, while Mr. Pierce handled high school instruction and related duties. From his principal position, he was elected to be the Umatilla County School Superintendent, which launched his long political career.

The most notable event in the early days of local school history was the construction of the brick school building on South Water Street, a structure that disappeared many years back. There were eight rooms in the building and the faculty was increased to six teachers for instruction in the high school as well as in the lower grades.

When the Eastern Oregon Normal School was established in Weston in the year 1885, it assumed control of the public school for training new teachers. After a year or two, this system proved highly unsatisfactory, so the Normal School established a training school of its won with about 25 pupils, and the District resumed control of the public school.

In 1909, when the Normal School operations were discontinued for lack of state support, the public schools were

moved to occupy the abandoned building which stood on the site of the present-day brick structure. Meanwhile, a movement was under foot to organize a Union High School District.

In 1924, a reorganization plan was put into place with an election being held for local voters, resulting favorably to establish the Union District consisting of School Districts 11, 19, 20, 49, 50, 53, 55, 90, 95, and 103, making eleven elementary districts in wall with an assessed valuation of nearly three million dollars. The old Normal School building housed the classes until spring of 1926 when the structure was condemned as unsafe by state authority, with the land being deeded to the District that same year.

After the condemnation, a mass meeting of local citizens of the Union High and Weston School Districts was held with the outcome being agreement to rebuilding on the old school building site. The boards accordingly proceeded to call an election at which time they were directed to issue bonds in the sum of \$80,000 for constructing and furnishing a new structure to be used by Union High School District 8 and Weston District 19.

Students of the region attended the new school until 1974 when the Weston and Athena School Districts merged, causing another shifting of instruction. Grades 6 through 8 remain in Weston, but lower classes now attend the elementary school in Athena, and grades 9 through 12 are instructed in the Weston-McEwen High School in Athena.

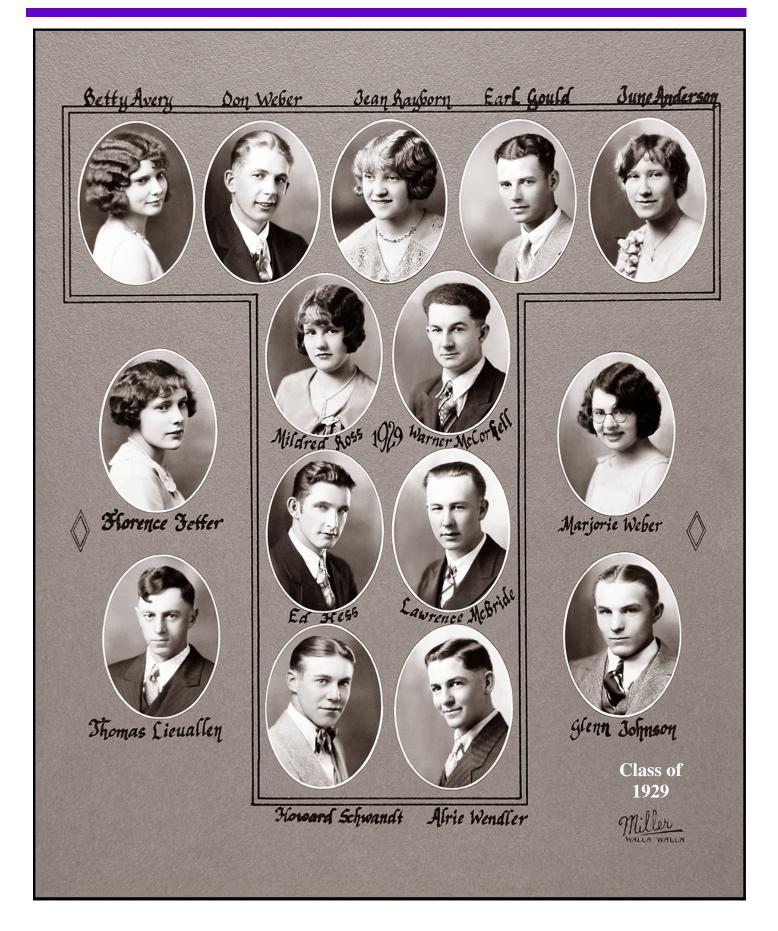
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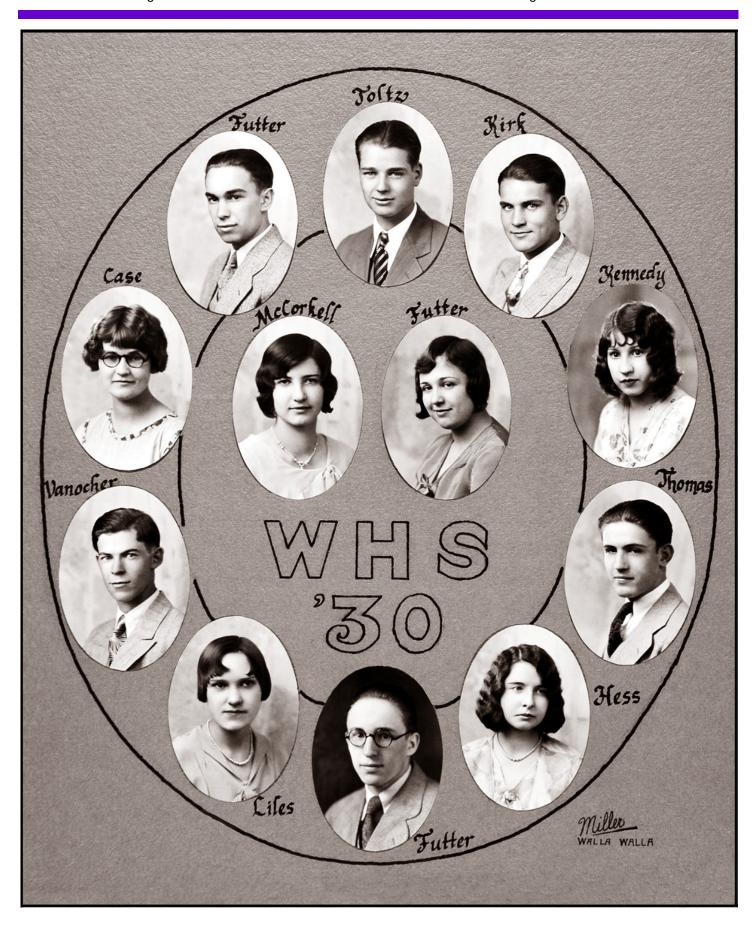
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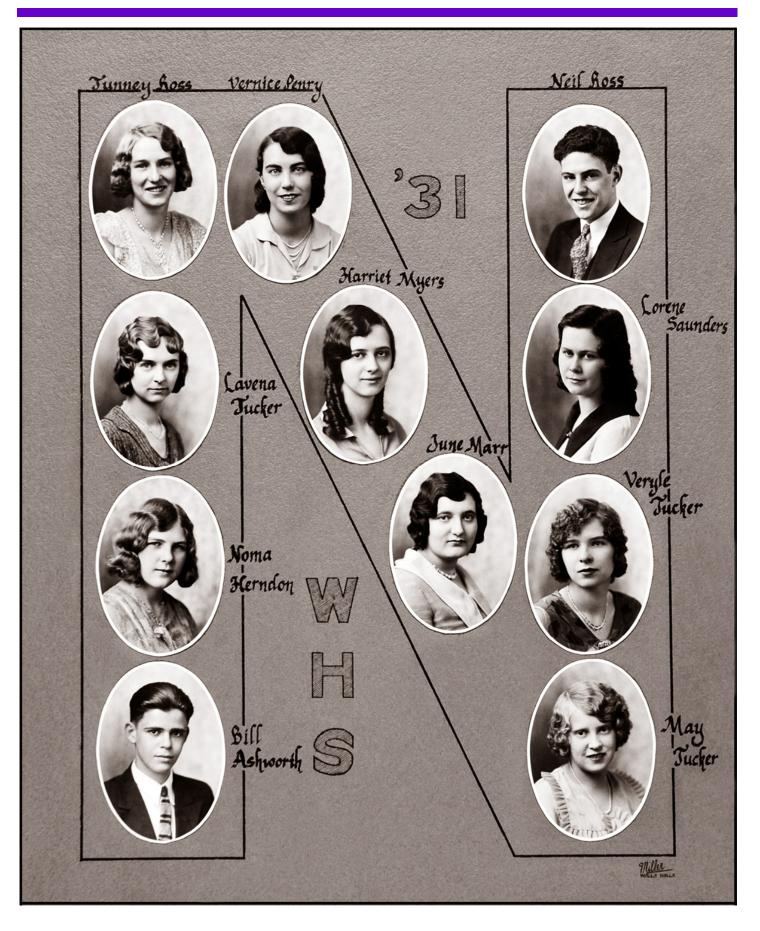


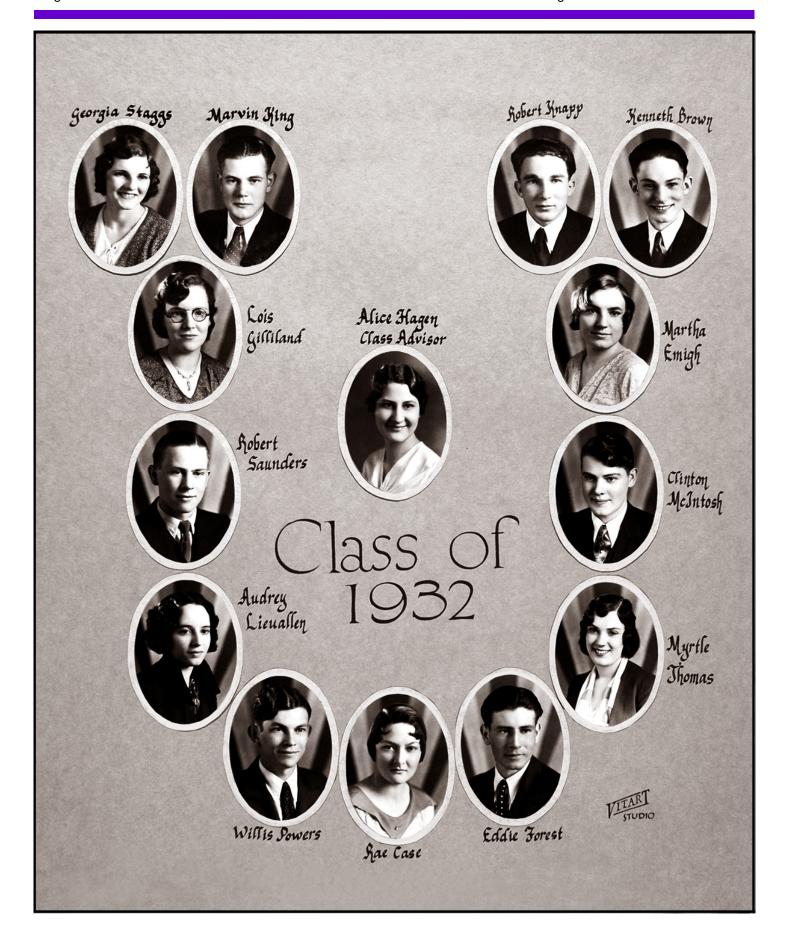


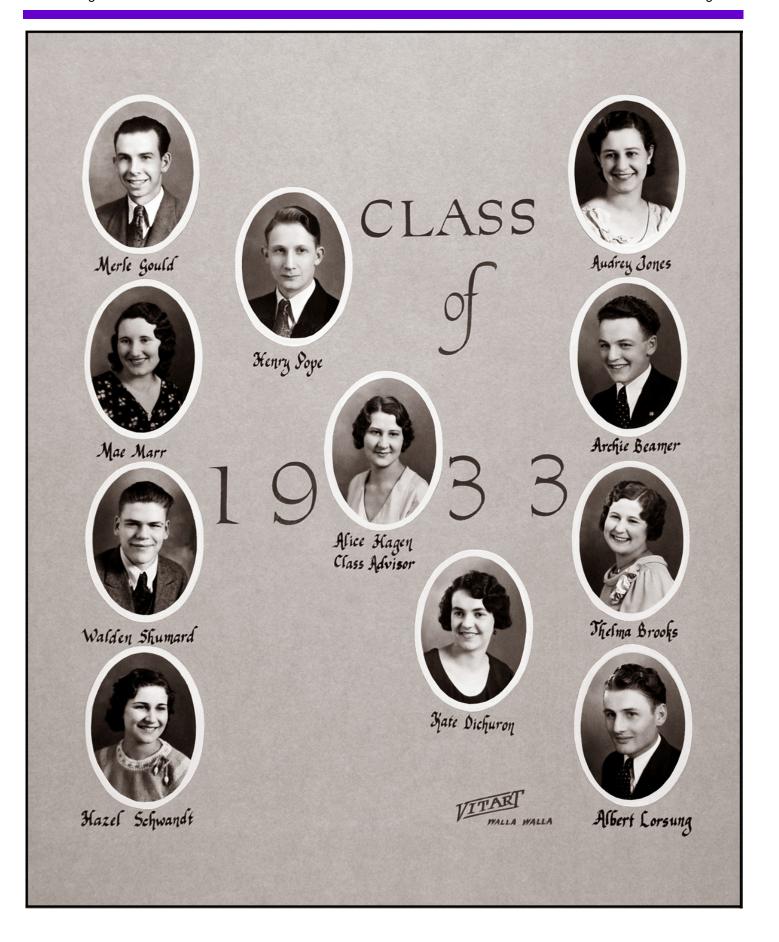


















John Davidson



Lois Tucker



Richard Browne Ronan St. Dennis



WESTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL



Irene Payne



Ilene Anderson

CLASS 1934



Stanley Burts



Emory Purcell



Hugh Gilliland

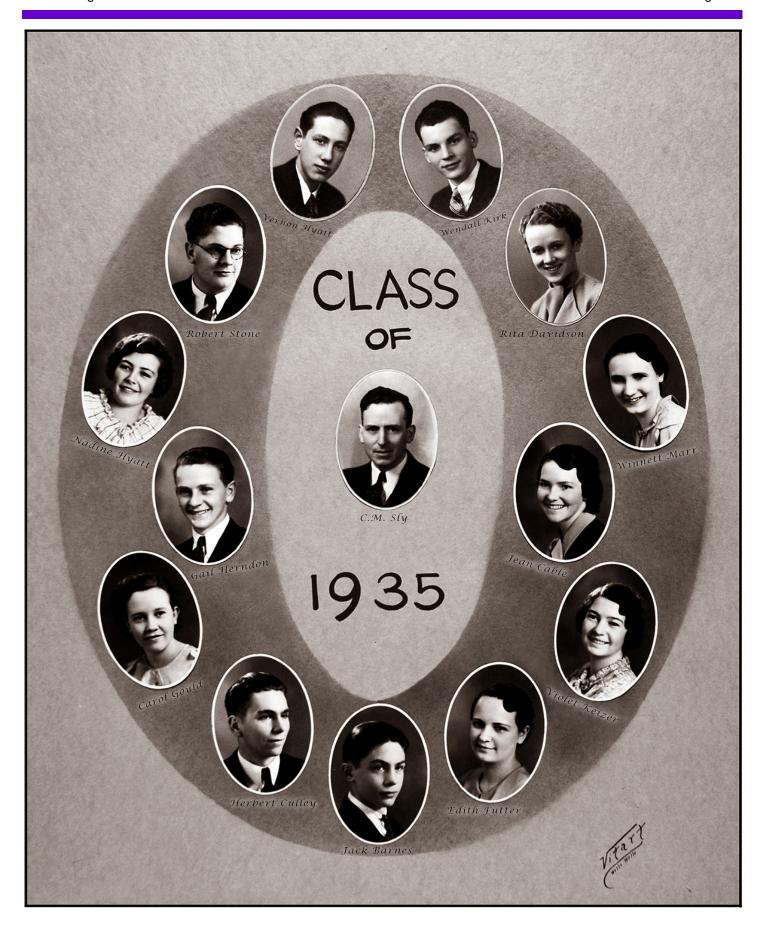


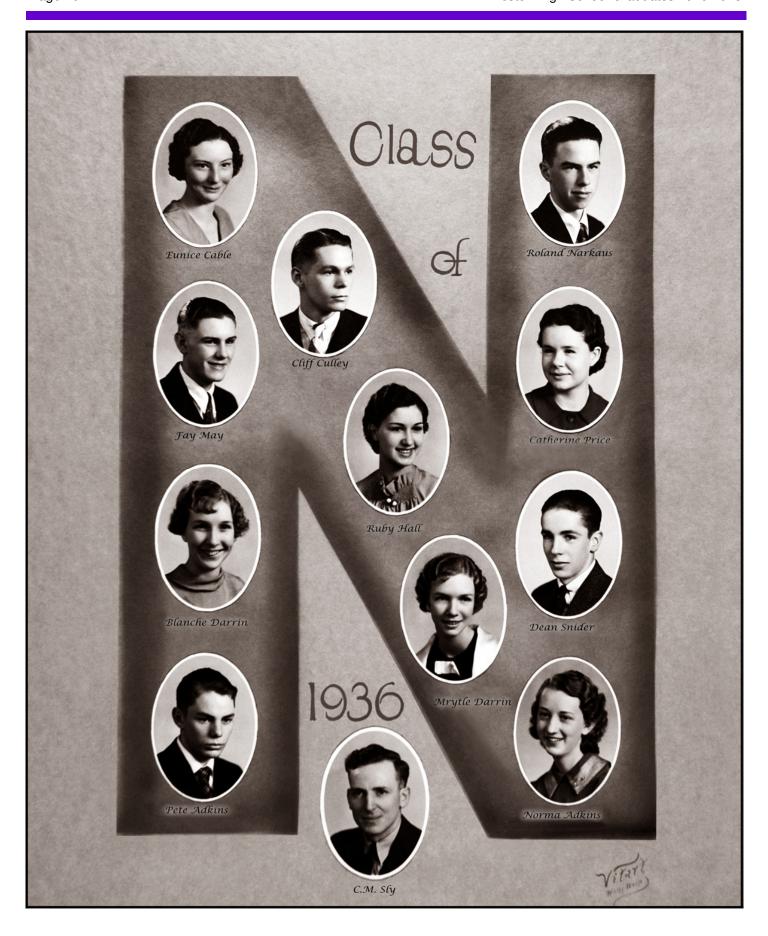
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Bud Hodgson

MILLER WALLA







Wilbur Mcntosh



Gayl Mclean



Dayl Mc Lean



Vern Cable

WESTON



Virgil Grover



C.M.Sly

Class of

1937





Haidee Pierrol



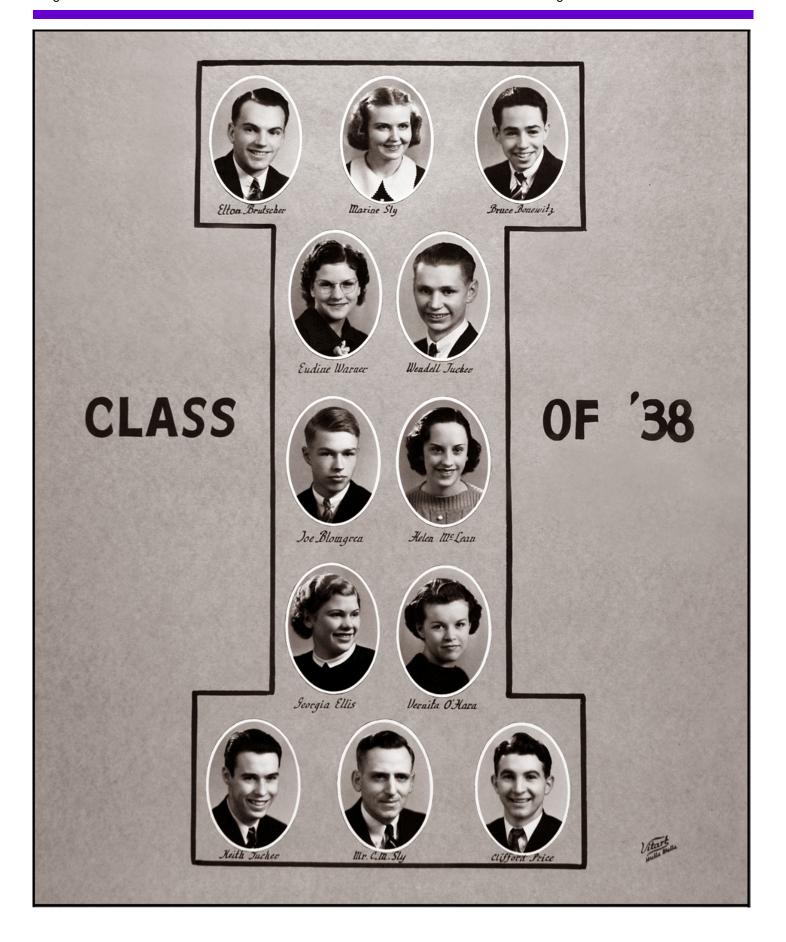
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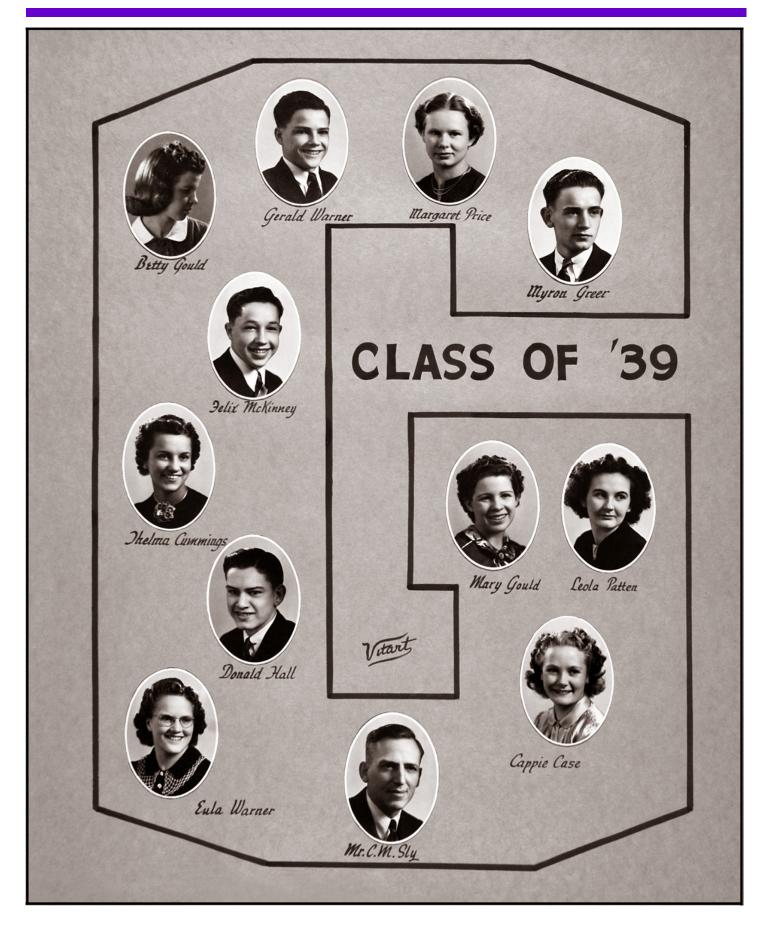


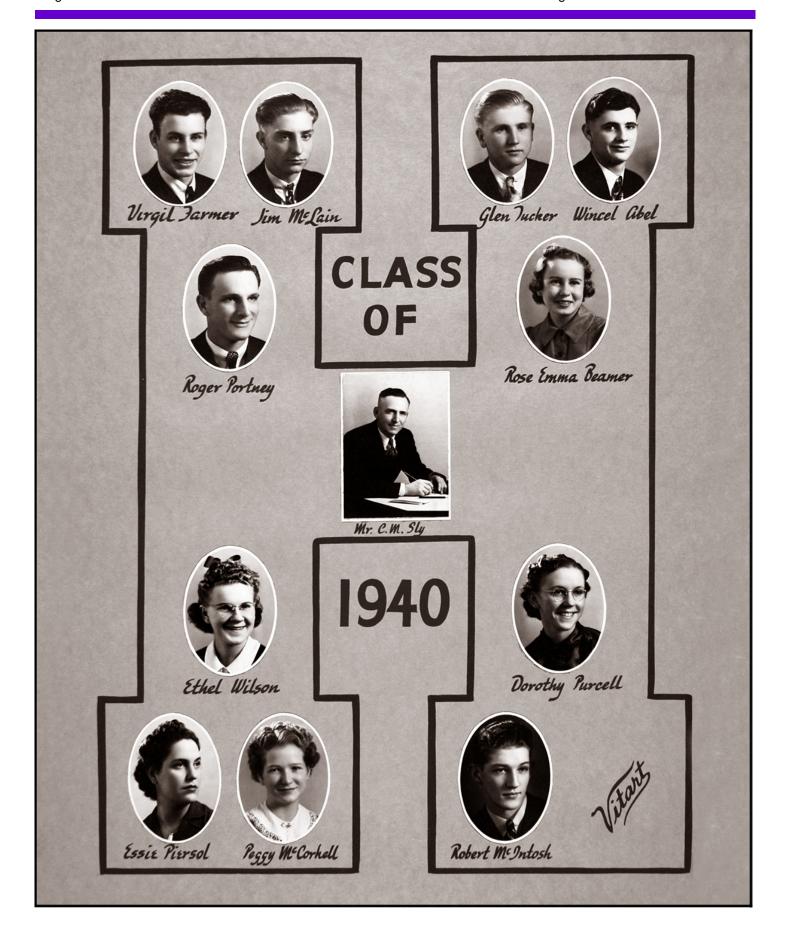
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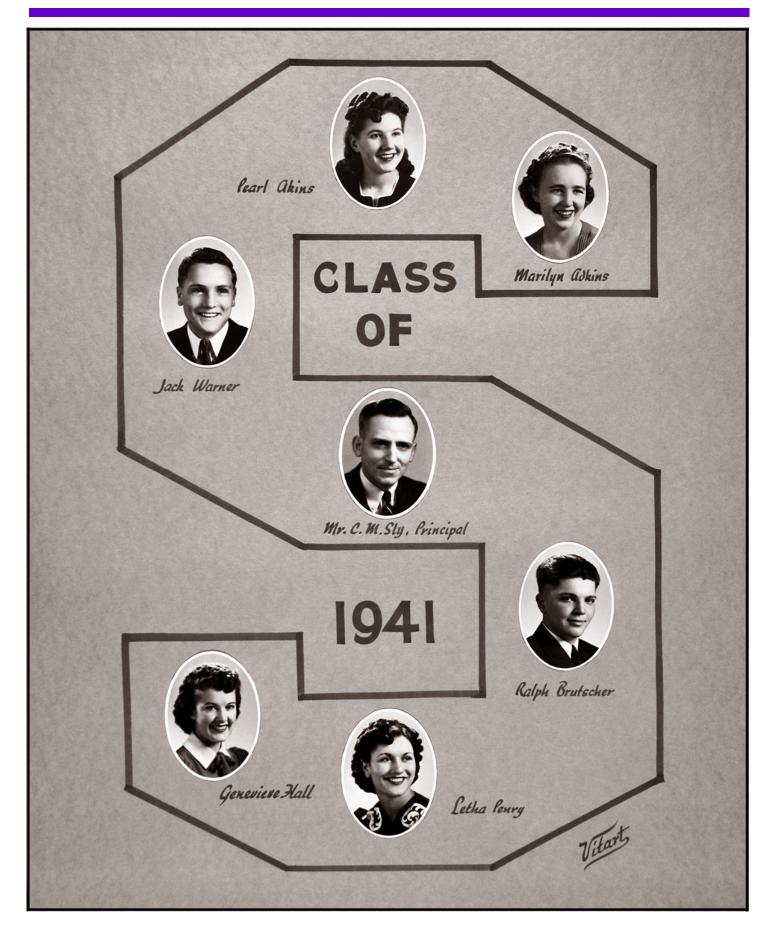


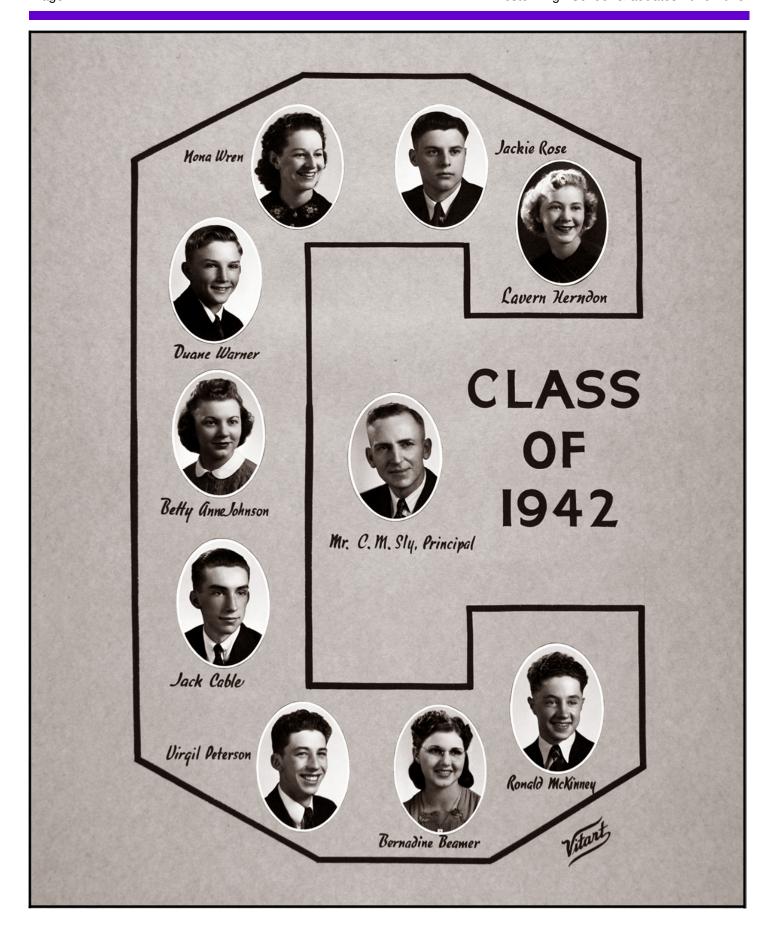
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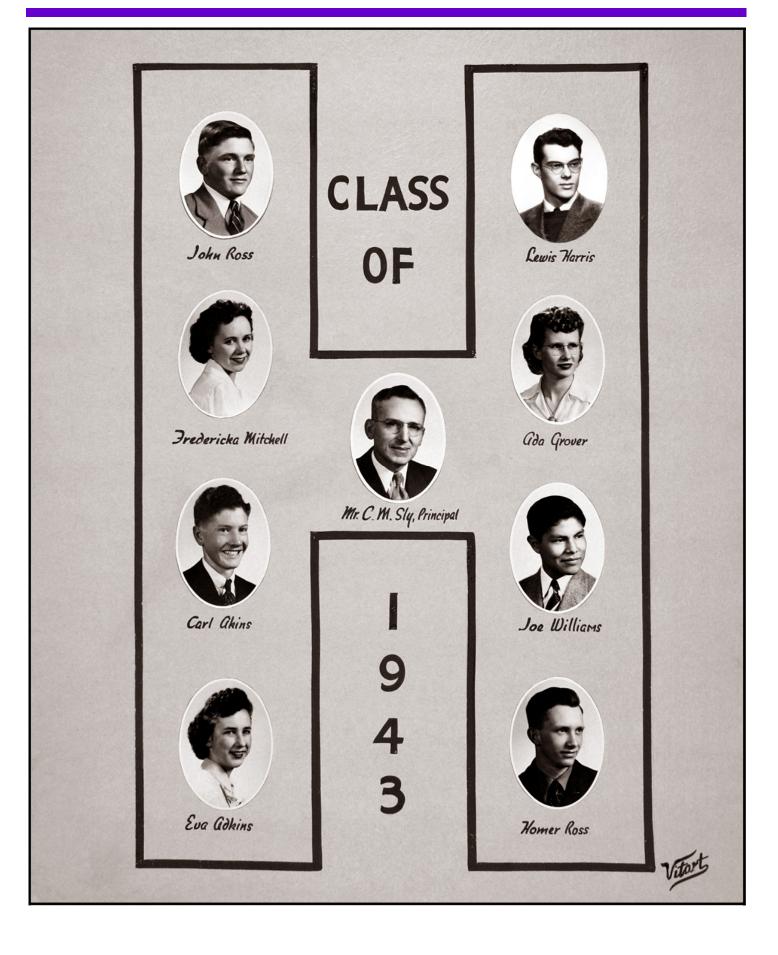


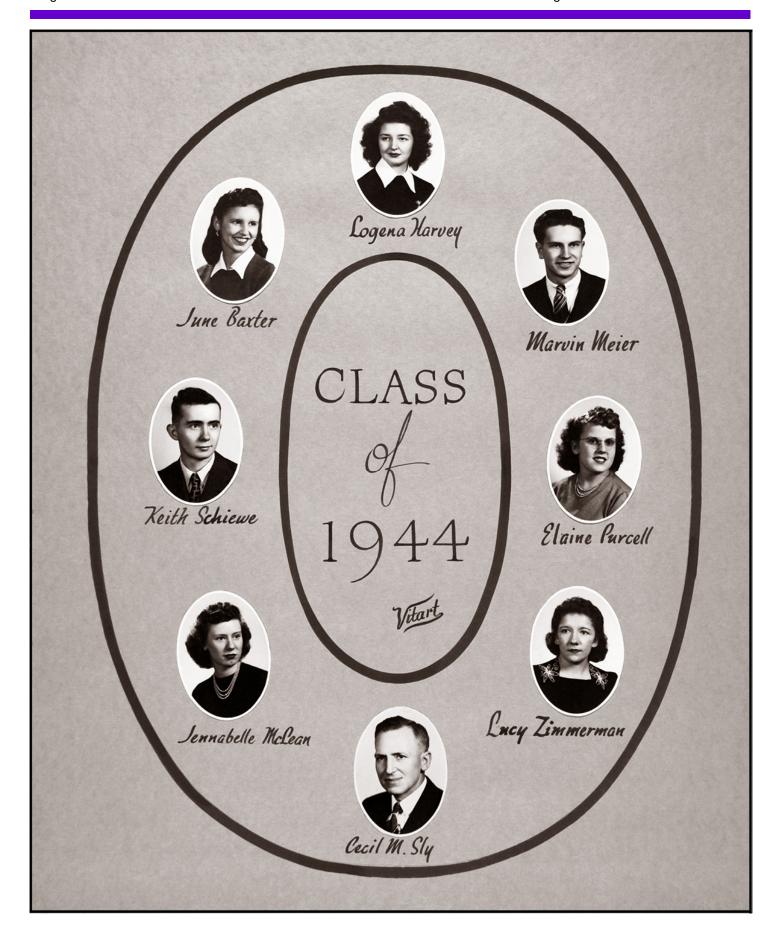


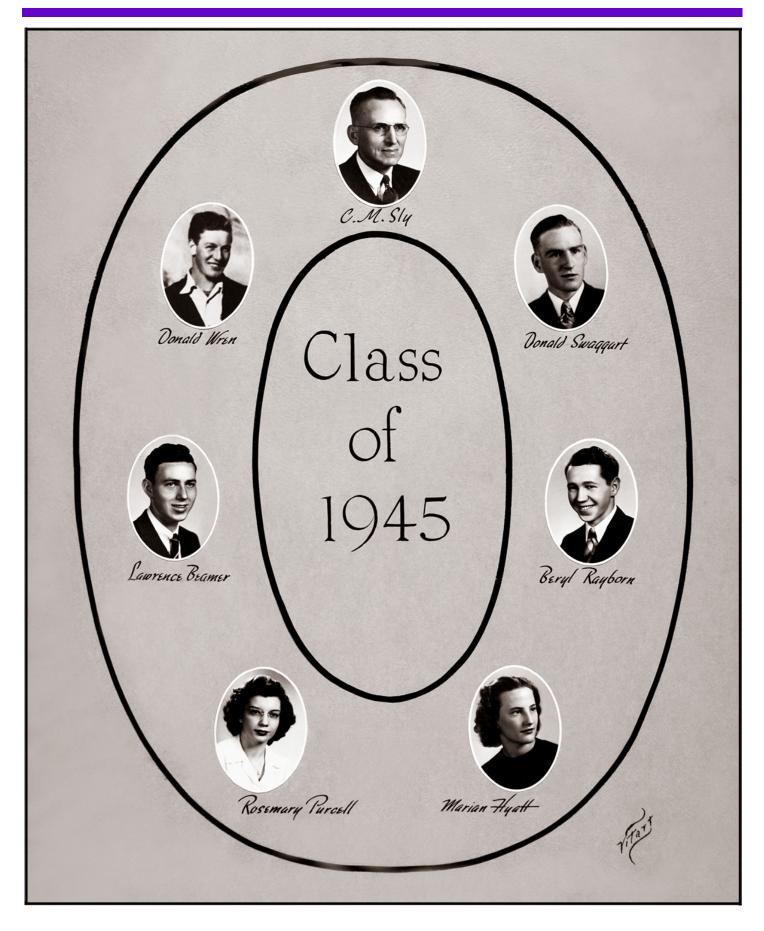


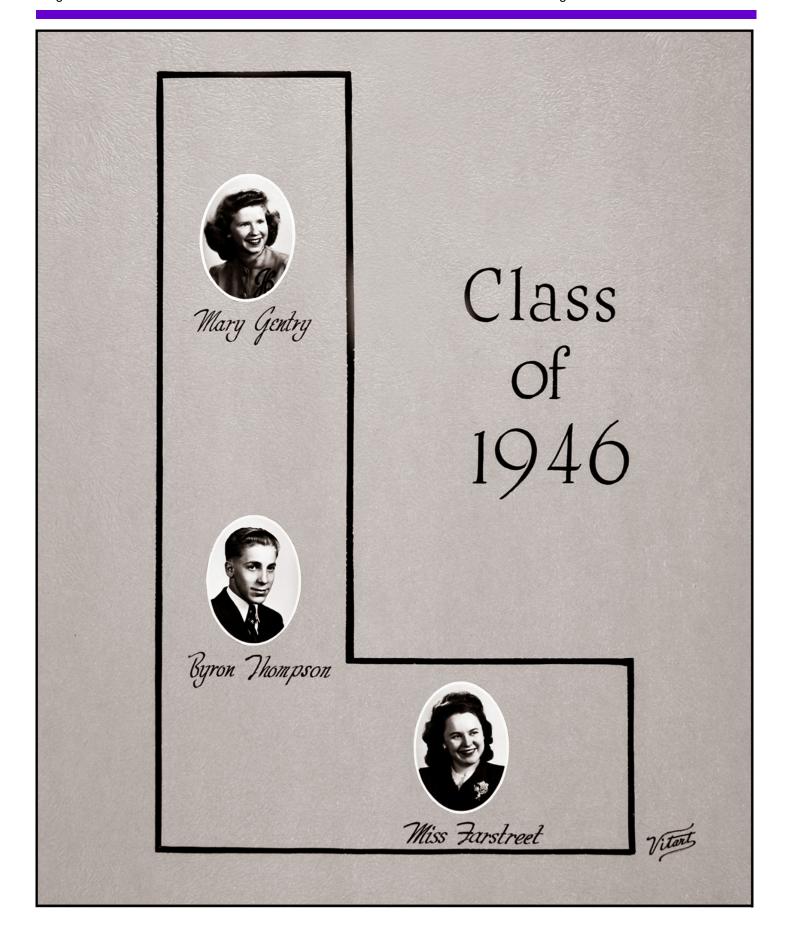


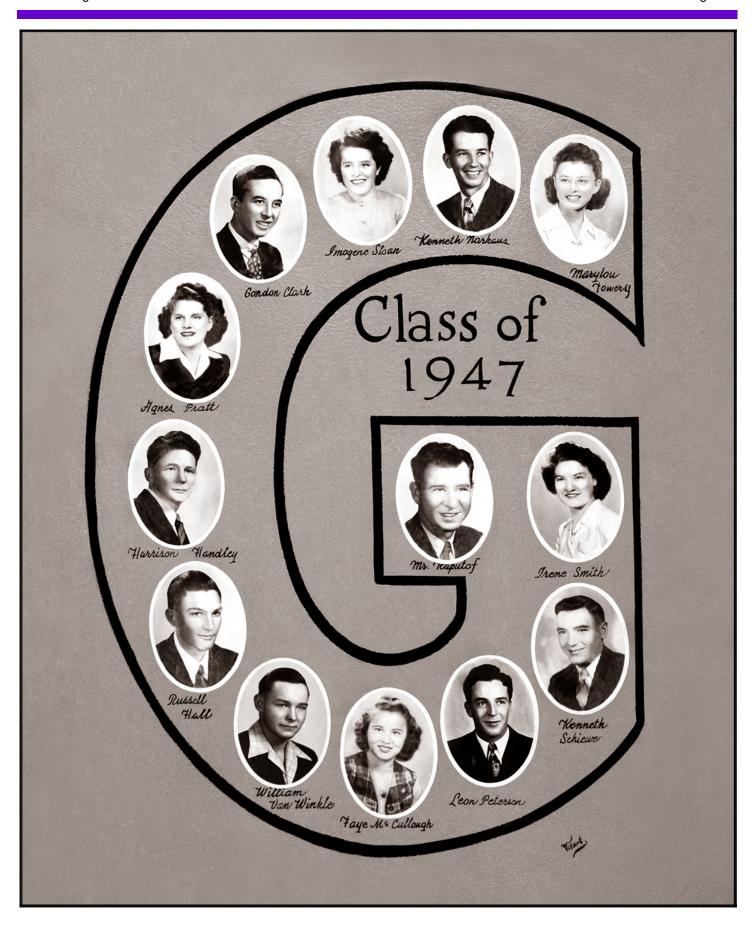


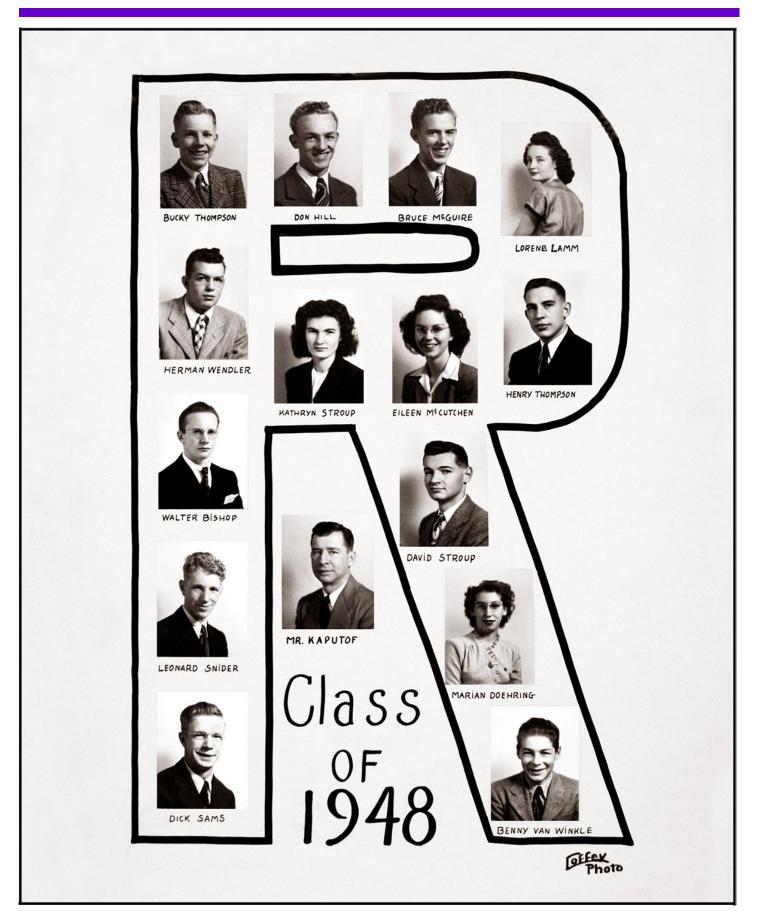


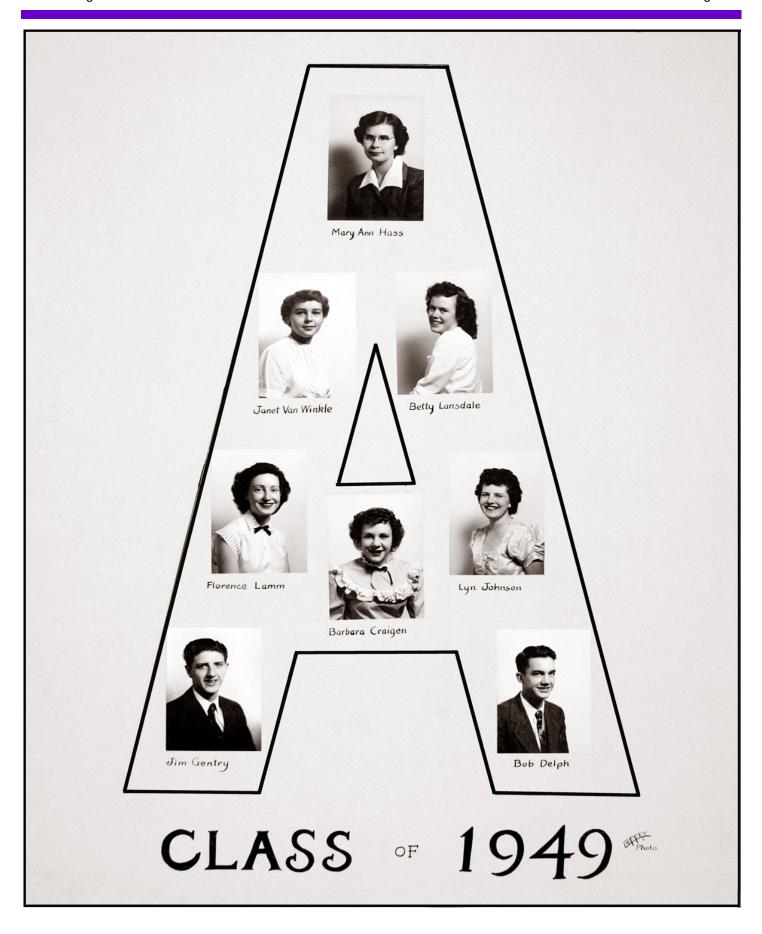














Georgia Handley



Jim Johnson



Margery Moutry



LeRoy Jewell



Dorothy Lamm



Earl Ferguson



Louis Exum



Irene Craigen



Pat Van Winkle



LeRoy Franklin



Bertha Stroup

WESTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1950

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Marion Crowl



Cleama Hill



Vern Kraft



Wanda Bishop



Arlene Ericksen



Frank Welch



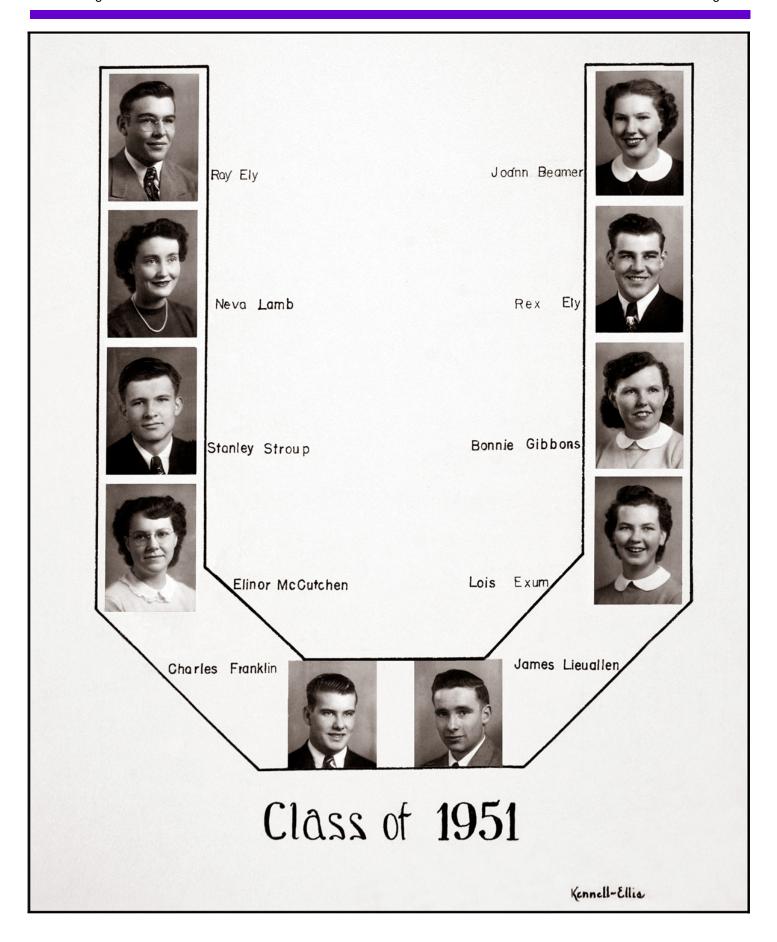
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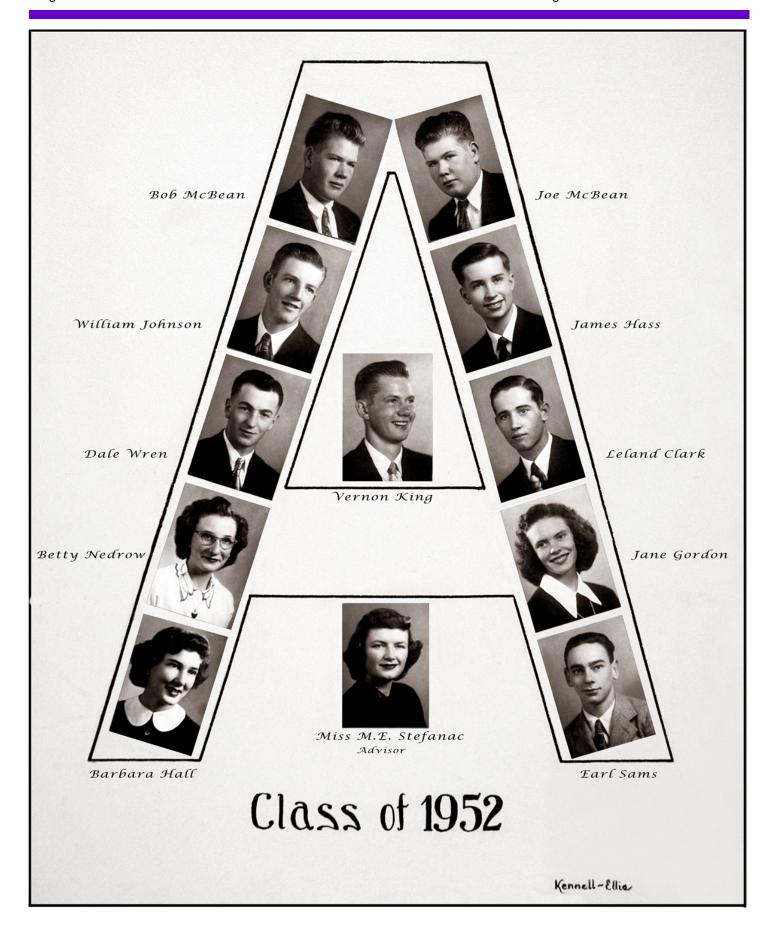


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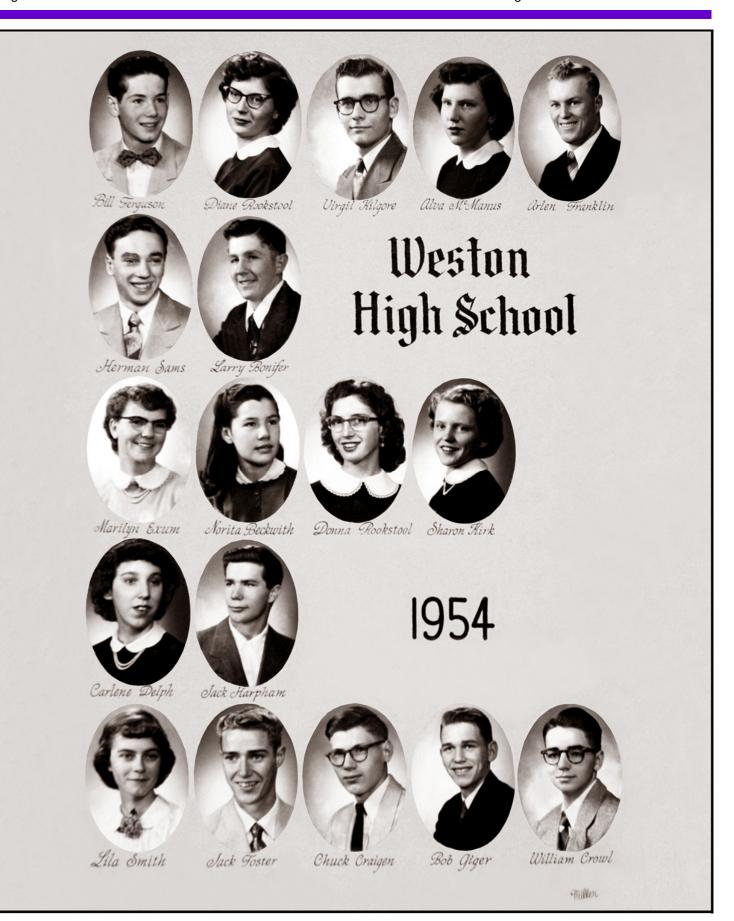


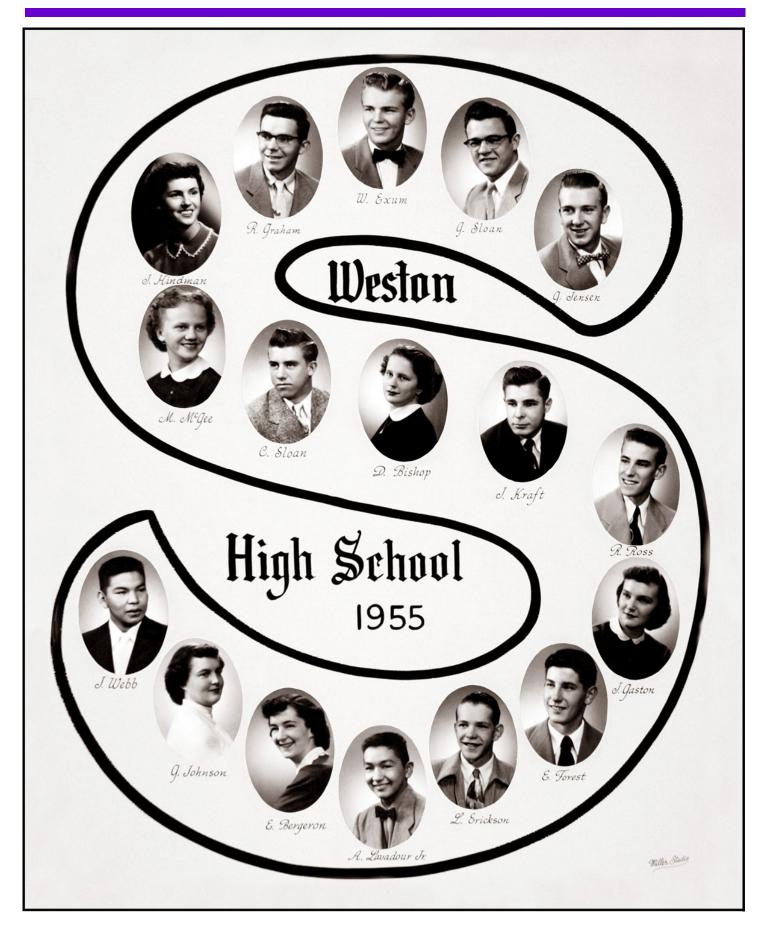
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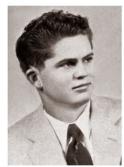








Yvonne Bannister



Воб Conner



Beverly Exum



Marianne Johnson



Jack King



Jo Ann Kirk



Don Martin



Della McBean



Mary Lou Pavelcik



Bob Robertson



Patsy Webb



Jo Ann Winkle



Mr. Winegar - advisor

WESTOR HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1956











Sharon Graham Tessa Thompson

Wilma Stroup

Peyton Lieuallen Yavonne Lalone











Fred Boyer

Sharon Bishop Emmett Williams Verna Nicely

Eddie Clark











Eugene McCutchen Charlene Lalone

Roger Sloan

Marilyn Syfford

Cecil Bonifer







Marilyn Lamm



Carol Exum



Lola Lee Wren



Iva Lavadour

WESTON H.S. 5



Nancy Sly



Bruce Ross



Judy Thompson



Richard Conner



Douglas Mitchell



Sharon Clark



Lee Dayla



Marlene Morgan



Tarry Clifton



Robert Culloy



Silene Ray







Scott Bannister Edith Lieuallen



Darold Good





Jean Fillmore Harvey Gillum



Lula Boyer





Sally Oelrichs David Cummings Sharon Exum



Luke Conley



Charles Leonard



Velda Clark



Roger Clifton



Sandra Price









Dan Picard Charlene Hayworth John Ponti Helen Crowl Class of 1959

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL









Delores Conley Nelson Shippentoner Ann Lieuallen Carol Overstreet







Mary Emma Sams Anna Leonard





Richard Owens



Alice Ball



Bonnie Tucker



Coleen Culley



Bill Bartell

CLASS of 1960...







Mary Sams



Mike Erickson Zella Bould



Kenneth Harris







Roger Lawrence Almyn Lievallen Jan Lee Minor





Gerald Mitchell





Curtis Good Eugene Bruno Billy Watkins John Sutherland







David Gould



Caryl Clifton Daryl Clifton Sheldon Kirk





.CLASS of 1961.



CLASS of 1963



Norman Lieuallen



Vaughn Darrow



Arthur McDowell



Gary Meier



Jerry Sloan



Lynn Greer



Carl Stacklie



Dean Rencken



James Hutchinson



Susan Gordon



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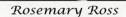


Daran Dauble



Eudora Wilson







Verlin Darrow



Linda Gilliland



Diana Ely



Judy Hackler



Karen Kirk



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Charles Price



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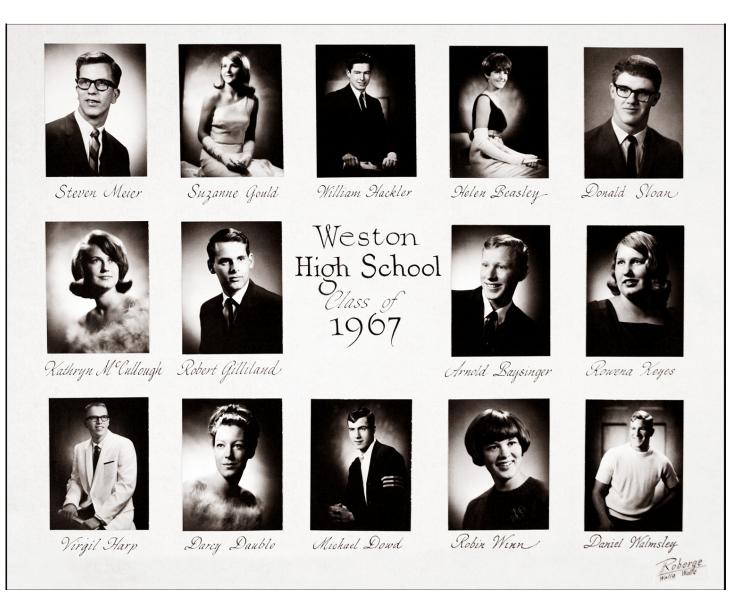
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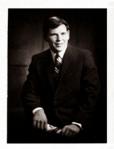
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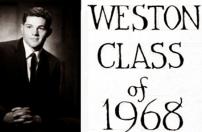
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STEVE LAMB



BILL HADLEY





STANLEY FAIRCLOTH



GLENDA CUMMINGS



MIKE EVANS



JOHN SAMS



SUSAN WAMSLEY



NORMAN CUMMINGS



CHRISTY WILLIAMSON



MARTY BARRICK



TOM LAWRENCE



DUSTY HEARN



WAYNE LYONS



ORVILLE DURROW



CONNIE MCCULLOUGH



LINDA PHILLIPS



MELVIN BARNETT



MARLENE BARNETT



JANNE HARP



SHELDON DELPH



KAREN THOMPSON



RITA ELY



SAM TUCKER



LISLE MCCULLOUGH



KATHY MOORE



KATHY REEDY



JIM TOWNE



BRENDA KIRK



CLIFF CULLEY



GRANELLA KEY



WILMA (HUNTER) HOLMES

CLASS of 1969



CHRIS WINN



DEBRA RATLIFF







RODNEY BONIFER



GLORIA BRUNO

PAT RATLIFF



DAWN DAUBLE



DUANE ERICHSON



Russ Evans



JOHN GIPSON



LINDA HANDLEY

NEIL MCLEAN



RUSSELL KEYES

SHERI MEIER

WESTON HIGH CLASS of

19^{°f}



JUDY SURFACE



LARRY TURNER



SUSAN MCCORKELL



BILL MYKENNA



ELAYNE WARREN

No Pic Available

SHIRLEY MOORE

JACK BALLEY

JOSEPH POR



Carol Barnett



Jim McCorkell



Duane Delph



Carl Gallaway



Dave Kosey



Rosalie Hearn



Vic Whitmore



Margaret Sams





Jack Sams



Henry Baysinger



Jill Kirk



Kathy Smith



Mike Knight

Marilyn Merlin, Darrow



Karen Sloan



Alice Haworth



Paul Crowl



Jennifer Gould



Paul Gilliland



Randy Bonifer Student Body Pres.



Lynn Giger



Jeanie Mc Collister



Teresa Williamson



Dave Sams



Mike Warner



Cindy Newbold



Carrie McCullough



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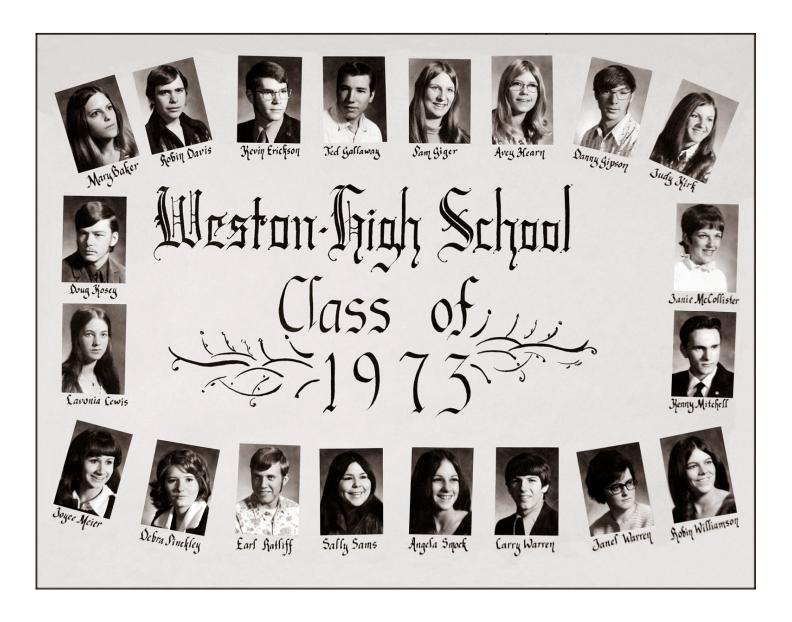


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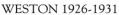


Weston Union High School Graduates -- 1926-1973





UNION 1932-1936



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SCHOOL 1941-1946

HIGH 1937-1940



GRADUATES 1947 - 1955







1970-1973