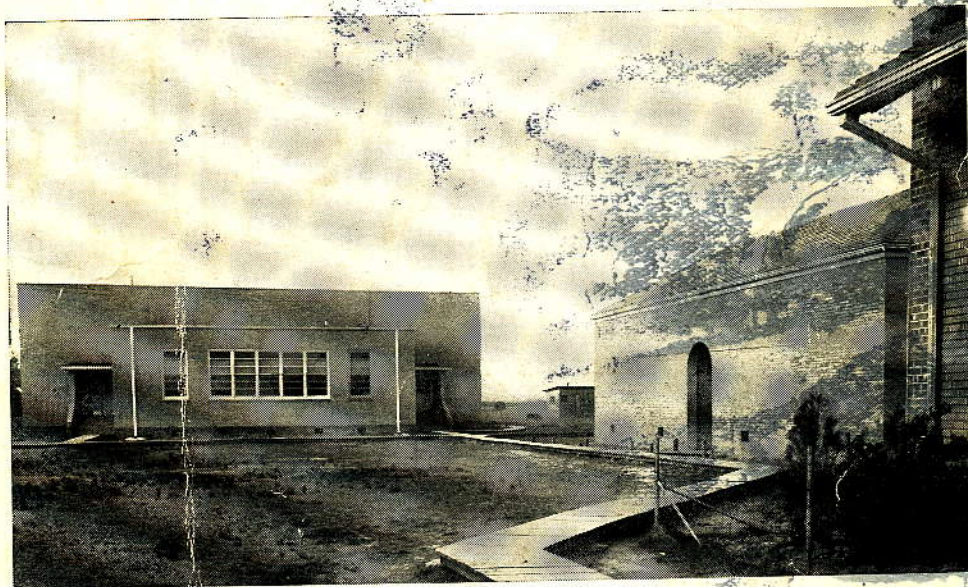
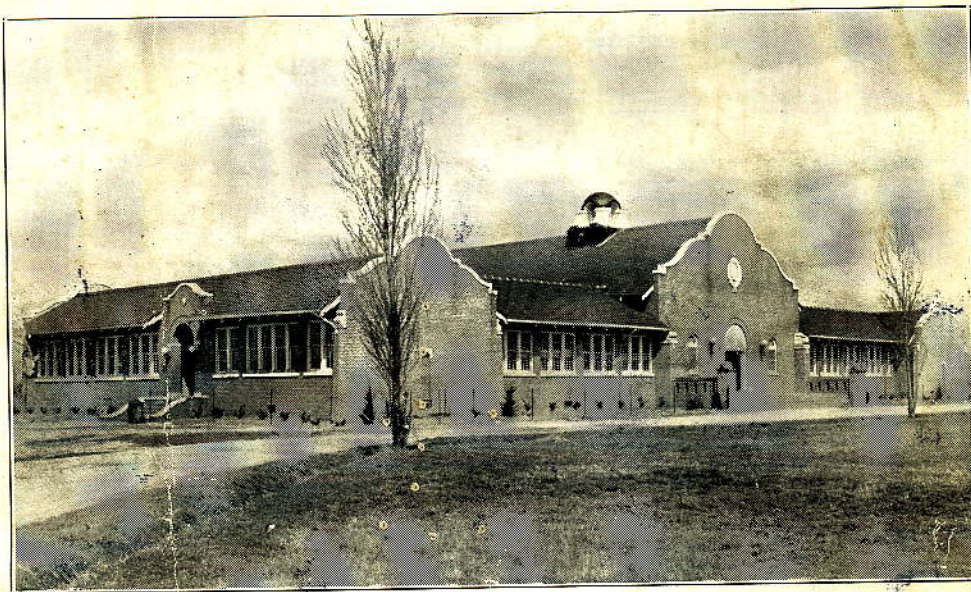


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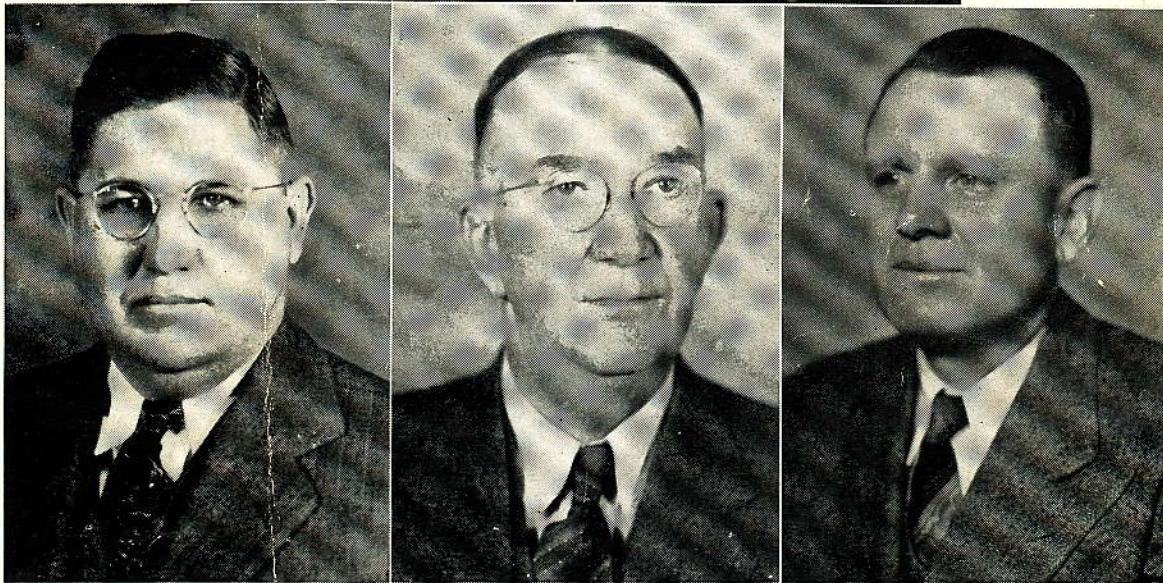
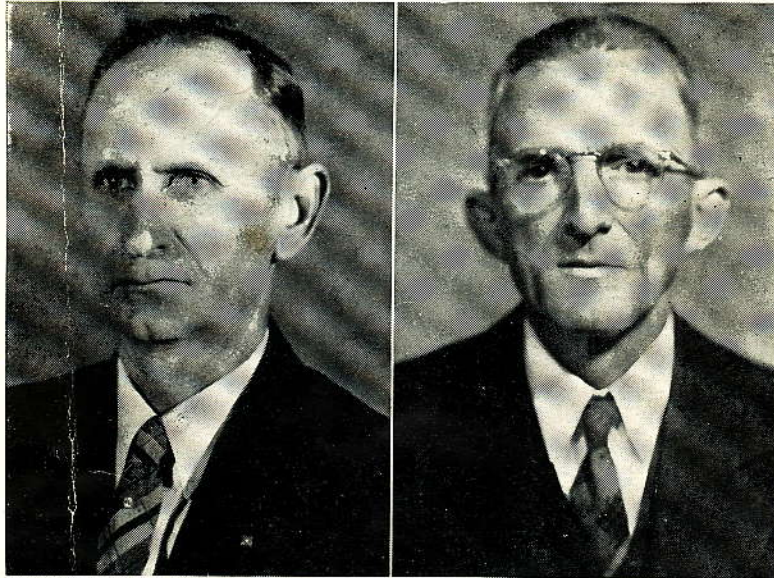


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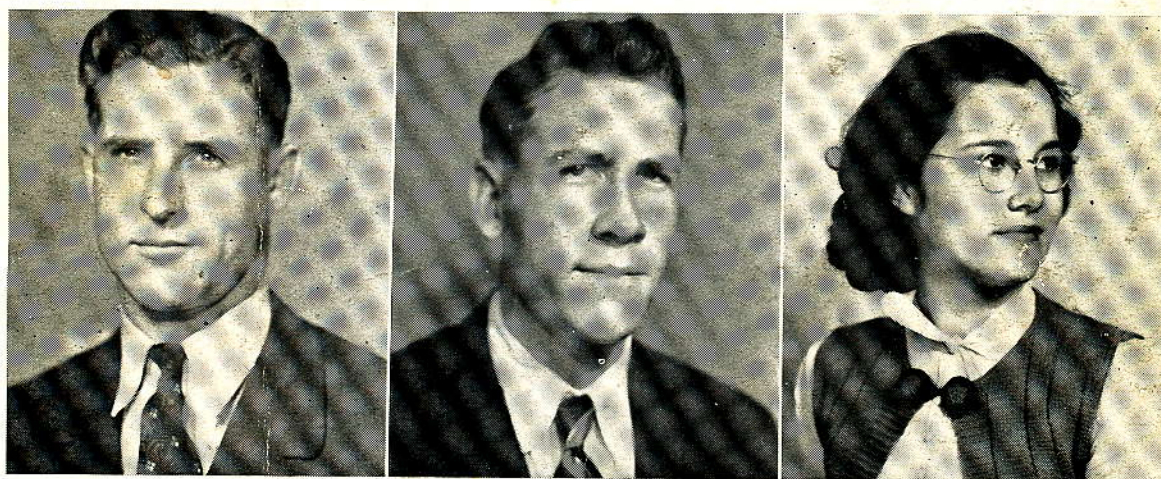
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COLORS: *Blue and Silver*

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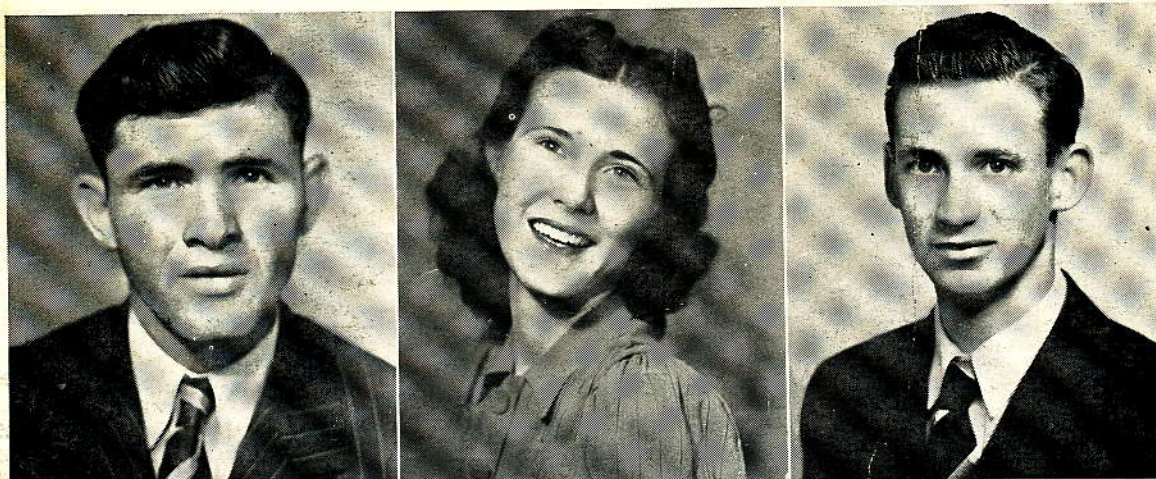
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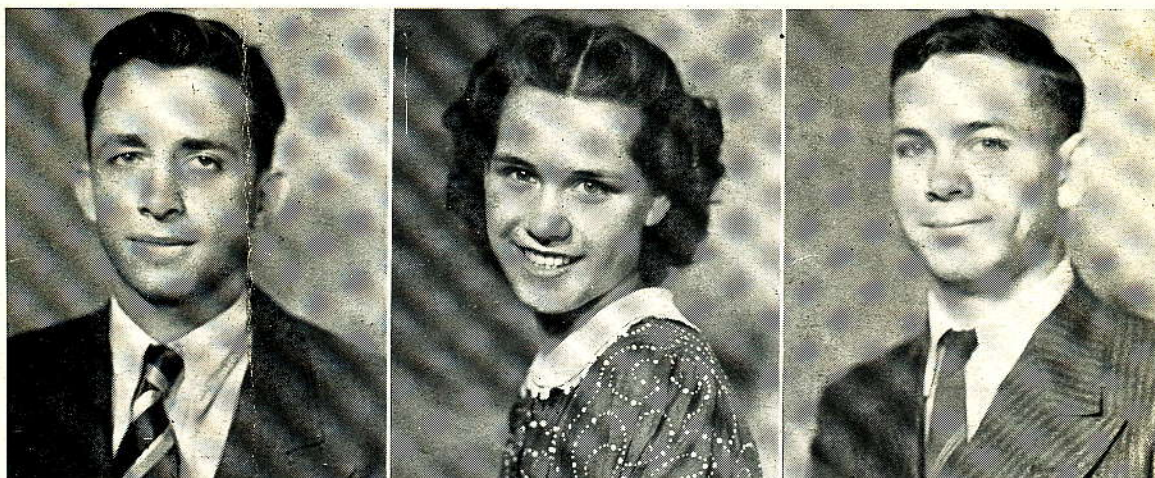
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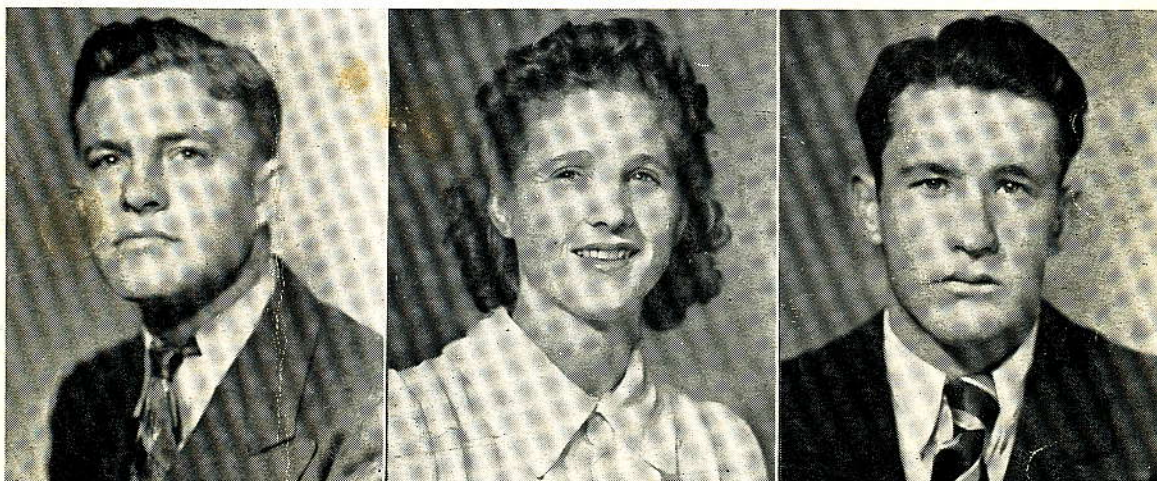
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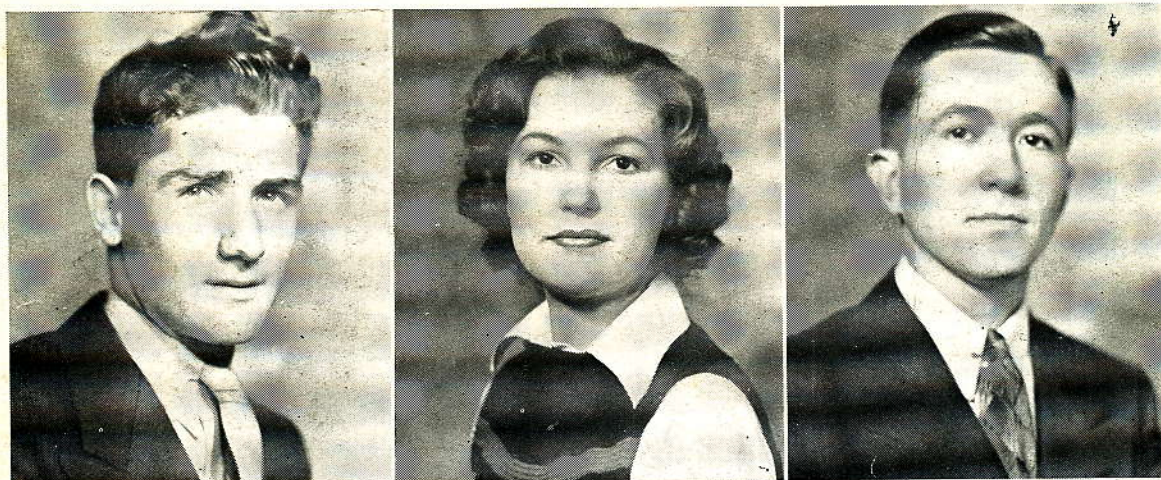
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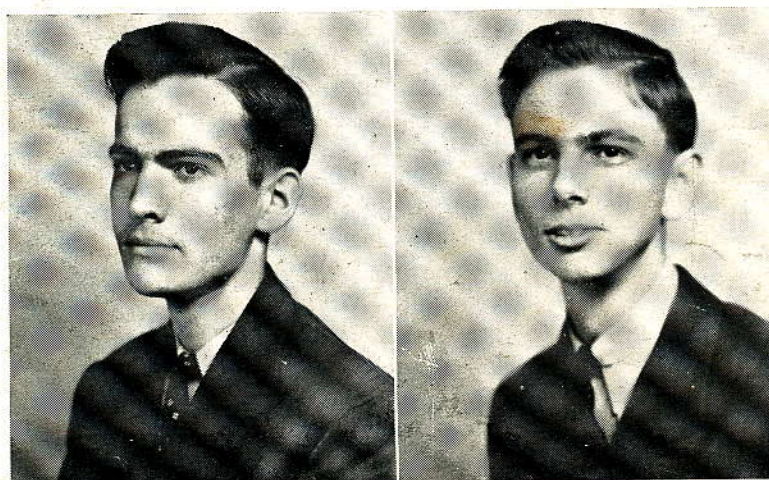
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# CLASS of 1940 -- Then or Now





## BRIEFS *from* A SENIOR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER---

We were called from our beds at the unearthly hour of 7 o'clock to dress for school; but somehow we didn't mind at all because we were going to school as SENIORS for the first time.

Class rings and two crosses were ordered. Gee! It's beginning to seem like we *are* really Seniors.

I hear that football practice is well under way. I hope we are going to have some interesting games this year.

We are certainly missing some of our last year's Seniors. I hear several are planning to get married.

### OCTOBER---

Witches and Black Cats! My but these new autumn romances are springing up around here. I wish I could catch Cupid. I'd give him a piece of my mind. I'd like to have a dashing Romeo, too.

The Glee Club's Hallowe'en party in the Park certainly was swell, and boys, that new commercial teacher was a knockout. She showed that she knows how to have a good time as well as to make us work.

Wildcats, just forget about that football game with Shelby, but promise to win the rest of them.

### NOVEMBER---

Two Thanksgivings! I wonder if Prof will be generous enough to celebrate both of them. No, we only got to celebrate one, but that's O.K.; we got a half-holiday on the other one.

We have received our rings, and you should see these handy fingers popping up around here, trying to show them off. I know.

### DECEMBER---

Oh! Jolly Santa Claus. What's that? No Seniors got married Christmas! Well, isn't that just fine! I knew we would lose one or two. I guess maybe Dan Cupid forgot his mission and enjoyed Christmas also.

### JANUARY---

Gee! Those dreadful exams are on us. I sincerely hope some of these Seniors (like me) will burn some midnight oil, because we would certainly hate to be minus some Seniors graduation night. Rabbit foot, please help us Seniors pass our exams.

### FEBRUARY---

These basketball games certainly are thrilling—both boys' and girls'—especially the boys' game with Sunflower. Our new gymnasium is quite handy, especially a certain right-hand corner designated FOR LOVERS ONLY.

We have received our report cards. Some of them were fair, but some look mighty queer to me. Maybe my eyesight is getting bad.

### MARCH---

Calling all Field Day Students: Be sure to win a place for Merigold at the Literary Field Meet in Clarksdale. I know someone who will be awfully disappointed if you don't.

Love-lighted eyes are shining around here everywhere. Is it this spring weather? My, they look sickening to me, or maybe it's because I'm not in the mood.

### APRIL---

Wow! Merigold did win her old third place in the State. Nice going, I'll say. It makes us feel big—eh, Cleveland. Seniors counted 12 of our 22 points.

Yes, and about these caps and gowns. We are going to graduate in them. No, don't get frightened, we are only breaking a custom. But always remember that the 1940 Seniors graduated in CAPS AND GOWNS.

### MAY---

I guess this pen of mine will have to cease as it's time for the Seniors to bid goodbye to their Alma Mater and seek the world beyond. *Au Revoir* and best wishes to you all.

SENIORS '40