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EASTERN DIVISION STAFF SCHOOLS

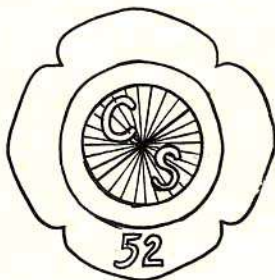
CARIPITO

QUIRIQUIRE

JUSEPIN

CLASS MOTTO - LABORE ET HONORE

CLASS COLORS - BLUE AND GOLD



WE ARE PROUD TO DEDICATE THIS YEARBOOK

TO OUR SEVEN GRADUATES

BARBARA DUCE	- CARIPITO
HOUSTON FLOYD	- CARIPITO
TED LA TOUR	- CARIPITO
SHIRLEY STOCKDALE	- QUIRIQUIRE
CONSUELO BORGES	- JUSEPIN
GORDON DAVISON	- JUSEPIN
MARY VIRGINIA McCLAREN	- JUSEPIN

MY SCHOOL DAYS IN VENEZUELA

by

Shirley Jean Stockdale

I have lived in Venezuela for eleven years so this country and the Creole Oil Camps seem like home to me. During my stay here I have lived in four Eastern Division camps and have always attended Creole Schools.

Living in a foreign country has provided me with interesting experiences. One of the most important to me is the opportunity that I have had to learn Spanish both through my contact with Spanish speaking people and my study of it in school. In addition to this, I am proud to have had the chance to spend time with the people of one of our "Good Neighbor" countries and have learned a great deal about their habits and customs.

While here I have had many travel advantages. For example, on our trips back and forth between Venezuela and the United States we have stopped at such places as Trinidad, Curacao, British Guiana, and others. While at these places I have been able to learn more about them than I could have through reading. Also, I have traveled to many places within the State of Monagas.

Although I have liked living in Venezuela very much, I am now anxious to learn more about my own country. Creole has provided us with good schools, but I am looking forward to attending a larger school, where I will be able to associate with more students of my own age. I am sure I will also find a larger variety of activities both in school and out, such as winter and summer sports, music, dramatics, and organizations of various kinds.

As long as my parents are here, I will be able to return every other summer vacation, and I hope that I will be able to see more places in Venezuela and on the trips back and forth.

I have enjoyed living in Creole camps and attending the schools that Creole has provided us with, but on the other hand I am looking forward to new and different experiences; so it is with mixed feelings that I leave Venezuela.

A FAREWELL SPEECH
THOUGHTS UPON GRADUATING FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

by

Brita Duce

Tonight we, the graduates of the Creole Staff Schools, are celebrating a supreme moment in our lives. We are about to receive that all important document, the diploma, which will announce to the world that we have satisfactorily completed our course of studies consisting of eight years of hard work.

It is difficult to find words to express to you how we feel tonight because our thoughts and feelings are so complex and varied. Of course, we are joyous and happy to think that this occasion to which we have looked forward so long has at last come. However, we feel sad and gloomy when we realize that we shall soon have to part from our friends and families, and from all those who have helped to make our lives comfortable, happy, and interesting. But above all are we proud tonight - very proud in the thought that we have successfully concluded our first long training period in life.

The diploma of graduation with which we shall be honored tonight has real meaning for us for it is a symbol of successful accomplishment in elementary school - the strong foundation on which we are to build that sturdy house in which we hope to live happily in the future.

Now, as never before, do we feel the importance of education and learning. To gain knowledge no longer seems to be a simple daily routine in our lives as it appeared to be in the past, just as much as eating, sleeping, and playing, for example. It has taken on a new meaning for us. We can see clearly now that without a certain amount of knowledge and skills we could not get along in this complex world of ours. Knowledge surely means power.

Once, long ago, about 500 A.D., as a matter of fact, an ancient scribe wrote an interesting verse in the oldest of all known languages, Sanskrit. This verse, even though written long ago, has survived through the centuries because, strangely enough, it expresses thoughts that are just as wise and true today as they were long ago. The poet simply states:

Learning is superior to beauty;
Learning is better than hidden treasure;
Learning is a companion on a journey to a strange country;
Learning is strength inexhaustible.
A man in this world without learning is as a beast of the
field.

How very true are each and all of these beautiful thoughts. We, who are about to graduate, are anxiously looking forward to new courses of learning in high school and later perhaps in college, where we shall continue to add to our fund of knowledge.

And now in closing I should like to express our deep gratitude to our parents, teachers, and friends who have worked hard and unselfishly to make that foundation on which we are about to build our future strong and long-lasting.



Brita Duce was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but has lived in Venezuela all her life, attending the Caripito Staff School for the past eight years.

She is a member of the Girl Scouts and the Journalism Club. She loves sports: swimming, golf, tennis, and bowling. One of her hobbies is collecting dolls of all nations. She is fond of art and handcrafts and intends to develop her interests in this field later on in life. Brita will attend Wayland Academy at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in the fall.



Houston Floyd was born near Lexington, Texas, and later his family moved to California, then to Arizona. He has been in Caripito, Venezuela for the past two and one-half years.

Houston likes sports, particularly baseball, football, swimming, golf, bowling, and archery. He is a pretty good artist but must be inspired to produce. He is a member of the Boy Scouts and Journalism Club.

In the fall, Houston will probably attend Allen Military Academy in Bryan, Texas. His ambition in life is to become a Petroleum Engineer someday.



Ted La Tour was born in El Centro, Colombia, and the family moved to Venezuela when he was still small. He has had practically all of his education in Venezuela; in the Quiriquire School through the fifth grade and in Caripito from the sixth through the eighth grades. Ted has lived in the Jusepin, Quiriquire, and Caripito Camps of the Creole Petroleum Corporation.

He is a member of the Boy Scouts and the Journalism Club. His favorite sport is swimming, but he prefers ocean swimming to the pool. Ted is fond of Spanish-American music and has an interesting record collection. He is particularly interested in science and electricity. He likes art and sketching when he is in the mood for it. Ted will probably attend high school in British Columbia, Canada in the fall.



Shirley Jean Stockdale was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania August 5, 1938. When she was three years old she made her first trip to South America going to La Salina, Venezuela and later to Manaus, Brazil where she lived for a year. Shirley was six years old when she came to Quiriquire and began grade school. During her eight years of elementary school, she has also lived in Jusepin, Temblador, and Pedernales and last year returned to Quiriquire.

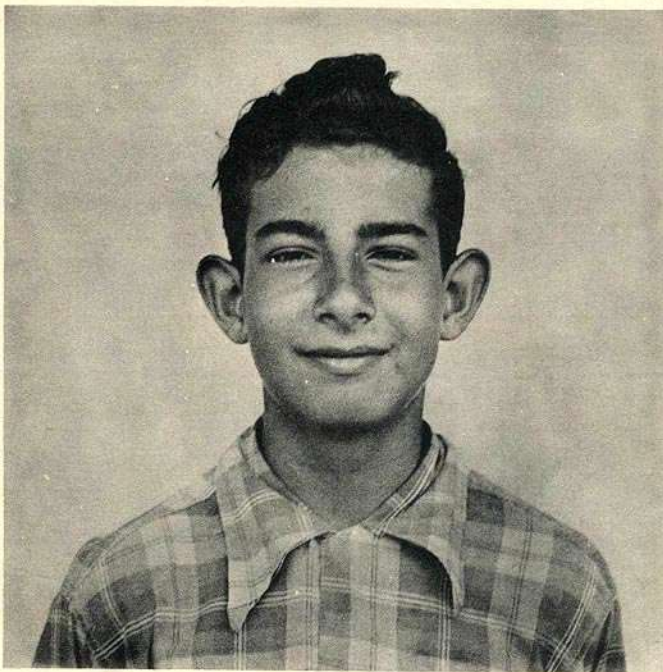
Shirley enjoys sports, particularly swimming, and has several hobbies including collecting pictures of movie stars and reading mystery stories. She is a very active member of the Girl Scouts and at present is vice-president. Her favorite subjects are literature, English, and spelling. She has always liked school and has been a very good student. She is the only eighth grader in Quiriquire and although she will be missed next year by all her schoolmates, she leaves with the best wishes of them all for a happy and successful four years in high school at Painted Post, New York.



Consuelo Carmen Borges was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad. She has been to two schools in Venezuela, completing the first six grades in Caripito and the last two grades in Jusepin.

Her hobby is sewing, and her favorite sport is swimming. Consuelo likes to read and her favorite subject in school is English.

Consuelo's ambition is to become an airline stewardess. Next year she will go to the José María Vargas School in Jusepin. She hopes to go to the United States someday to visit her sister Rose in New Jersey.



Gordon Leslie Davison was born in Managua, Nicaragua. He has gone to two schools; one in Panama, where he learned English, and then Jusepin, Venezuela, where he has lived for the past five years.

Gordon's favorite sport is tennis, and his ambition is to become a professional player. He is learning to play golf now, too.

After his graduation he wants to go to San Marcos Military Academy in Texas next fall.

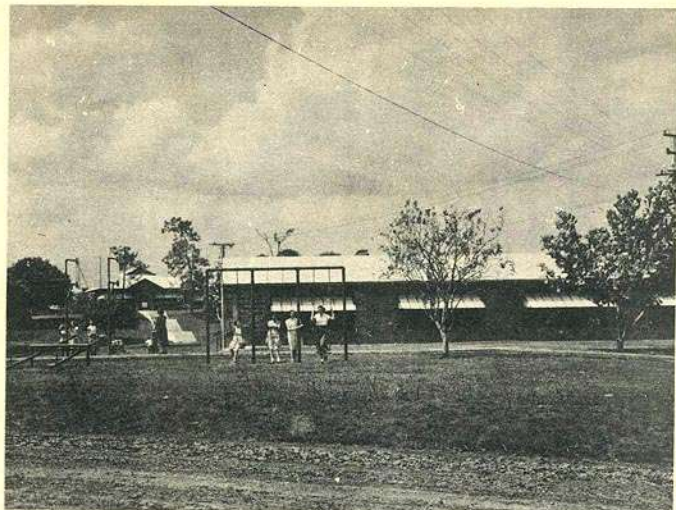


Mary Virginia McClaren was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She attended schools in Ohio, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania before coming to Venezuela. For the last four years she has gone to school in Caripito and Jusepfn.

Mary Virginia likes sports, her favorite being swimming and tennis. She is learning to play golf and bridge. Her special interests are clothes, handwork, and reading. She has taught herself to play the piano fairly well and also to type. Planning to earn one hundred dollars she has gone into the popcorn business and baby-sitting. She says she is of Scottish stock so not a philanthropist.

She is a good student and has no favorite subjects but sometimes does not like science. She intends to go to high school at Binghamton, New York where she will be living with her aunt. She also wants to go to college and intends to have a man's profession but hasn't decided which one.

CARIPITO



CARIPITO
SCHOOL



THE
FACULTY



KINDERGARTEN



KINDERGARTEN

RHYTHM BAND



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH AND
FIFTH GRADES



SIXTH, SEVENTH,
AND EIGHTH
GRADES



OUTDOORS



PUPPET SHOW
6th, 7th, 8th
GRADES

RAPUNZEL



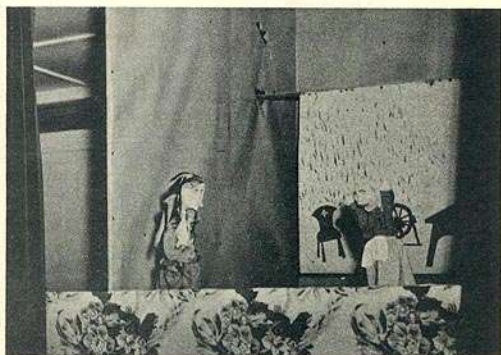


BEAUTY AND
THE BEAST





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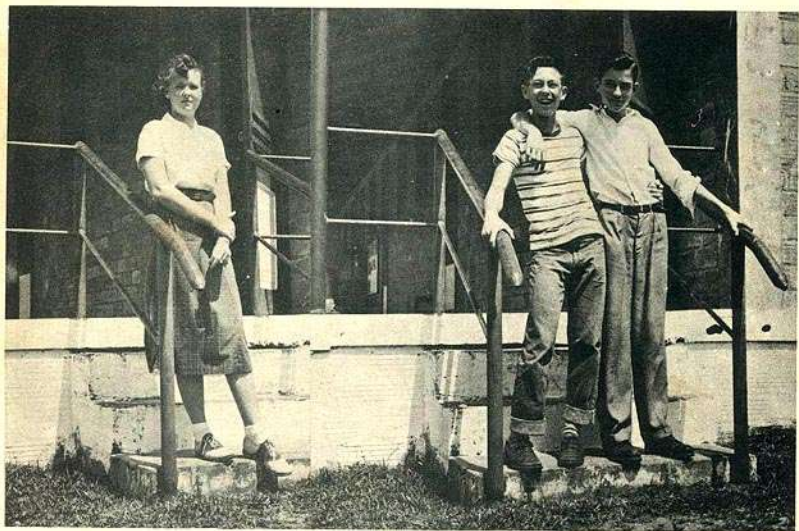


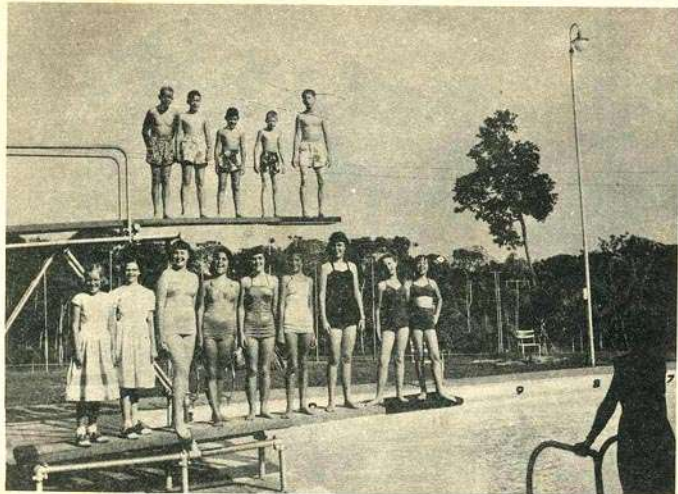


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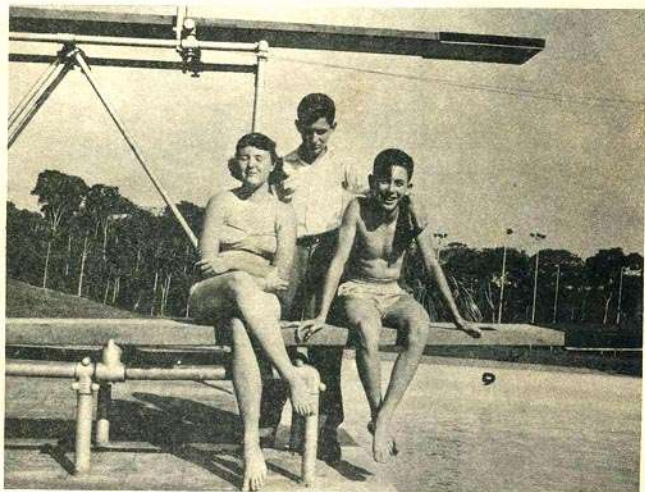


THREE GRADUATES





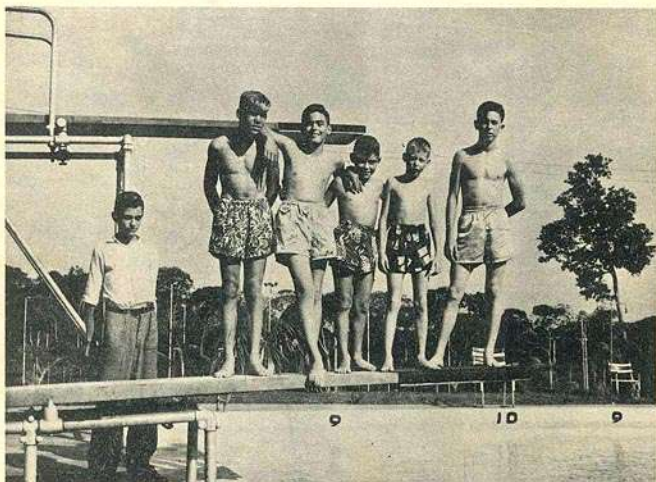
AT THE POOL



THOSE
GRADUATES



THE GIRLS



THE BOYS

OUR



PETS

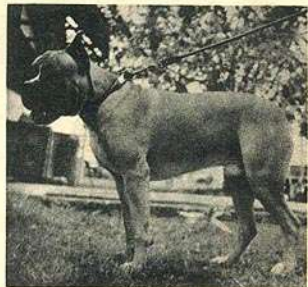
BUTCH



THUMPER
and
PEPPER



BAGATELLE
and
family



BARON



NIPPY



CHEEWEE



TYPPY

MORE PETS



MOLLIE



**DUFFY
and
CINDER - FELIA**



THUMPER



ROVER

QUIRIQUIRE



QUIRIQUIRE
SENIOR STAFF
SCHOOL



THE
FACULTY



FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

Left to right: Dicky Harrison, Virginia Vail, Johnny Stockdale,
Larry Harriman, Billy Harriman, Marilynne Wepsala, Denallen
Sweeney.



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

Left to right: Patty Wilson, Billy Harrison, Judy Montgomery,
Johnny Dinda, Andrew Prada, Georgina Lander, Linda Montgomery,
Johnny Yarbro.



FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH GRADES

Left row: Madelyn Sweeney, Gloria Hemby, Joyce Stockdale, Shirley Stockdale, Eva Dinda.

Right row: Judy Yarbrow, Sonny Fisher, Jerry Wanner, Katherine Scott.

Standing: Miss Iverson.



SPANISH CLASS

MISS COVA

LONE STAR
GIRL SCOUT TROUP



JUSEPIN