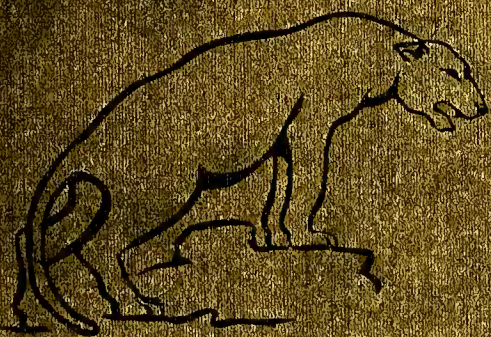


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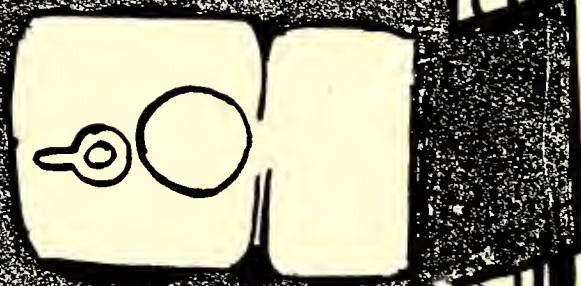








# Diary



The Senior Class Presents  
The 1956 Panther



## Foreword



Look not into the past ... it  
comes not again ... Wisely  
improve the present ... Go  
forth to meet the future  
without fear.



## Editor's Message

You're typical teens . . . making fun out of work . . . sharing interests . . . you like jeans but can change when it fits the occasion.

Yes, you're typical teens . . . go steady . . . about five months . . . dress up . . . heels for her . . . tie for him . . . you know how to drive . . . rely on the family car . . . get it . . . say twice a week.

You're a typical high school student . . . you go out for sports . . . one hundred per cent . . . you hold down a job . . . baby sit . . . sometimes into the early hours of morning . . . you do your daily chores . . . up late . . . little spare time.

Your daily schedule is a familiar pattern of high school life . . . get up at 6:00 . . . maybe 7:00 . . . sometimes oversleep . . . go at break-neck speed to class . . . you snack . . . watch the television while pretending to do home work . . . you enjoy school but hate to admit it . . . study some . . . three hours a night . . . no a week . . . average "A" . . . well "C" . . . anyway you make the grade . . . just . . . but you're satisfied because you are a teenager.

Well, here is your book, "The Panther," which brings out our School Spirit . . . a record of our school life . . . in classrooms . . . athletics . . . music . . . whatever it may be . . . wherever you may go . . . you always find it.

We of the annual staff hope you enjoy our interpretation of School Spirit.

PANTHER'S STAFF

*Ruby Fields*

Ruby Fields, Editor







## *Principal's Message*

A school annual represents current events in your school life. You, as moderns, know little of local life in years past. Your range of vision has been widened by accumulated knowledge. Now, the 20th century is beating down the barriers to an even broader view. Your century is thrusting upon our attention situations as far reaching as our wide view of human existence. Among these issues is one so widespread in its effects, so crucial in consequences, so fundamental to our happiness and prosperity that it includes all others. I refer, more specifically, to a broader life that is being transmitted by your Fathers and Mothers to you, the fathers and mothers of tomorrow. This, to my thinking, presents the paramount problem for you to handle alone. Upon your action depends the welfare, the destiny of unborn millions. Are you living for your day alone? Or, shall your vision penetrate the future and your work make possible that more abundant life with health, happiness and promise for generations yet to come? If I have any message, it is to all of our students.



## *Dedication*

*To the*

*Faculty*

## *In Appreciation*

They have understood our problems, assisted us with patience of steel, listened to our complaints with an admirable smile, inspired us with confidence, encouraged us when we were disheartened, and enhanced our chance for success.

Their determined effort to make us satisfied and happy shall always be remembered as one of our most precious high school memories. Words can't express our appreciation for their various contributions, but to show how much we love, honor, and respect them, the 1956 Panther Staff dedicates the '56 Panther to the faculty.



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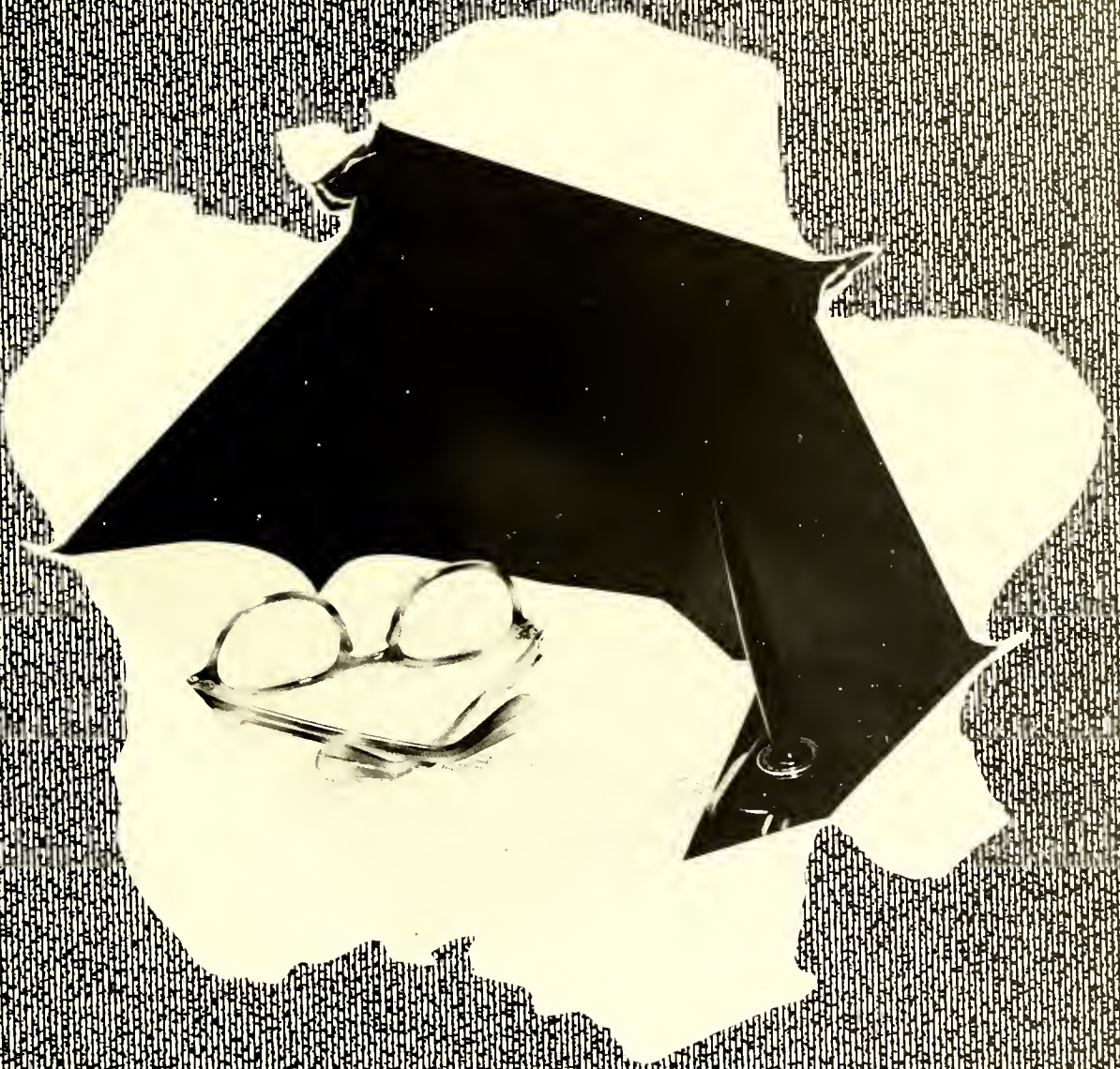
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MISS B. W. ALSTON  
Home Economics  
Cheering Squad

MRS. M. M. AVENT  
Biology, Geography,  
Girls' Counselor

MR. C. W. BROWN  
Mathematics, Science

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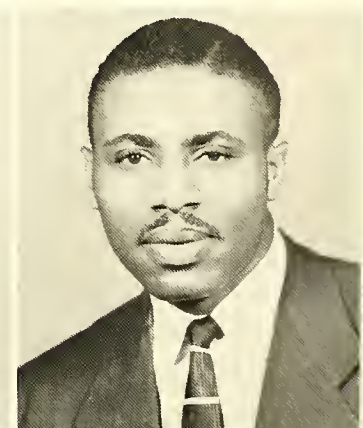
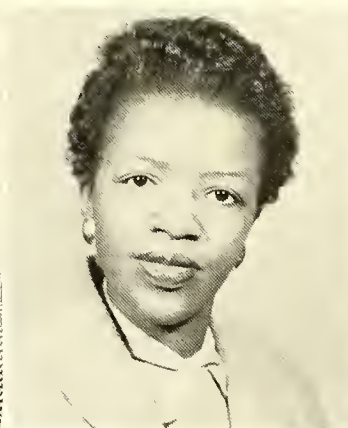
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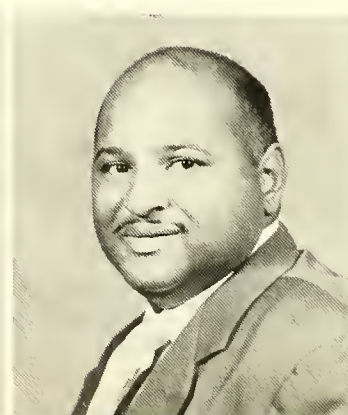
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MRS. M. S. BULLOCK  
English, French,  
Drama

MISS D. BURWELL  
School Clerk, Commer-  
cial Education

MR. C. E. CAMPBELL  
English, Journalism



MISS T. V. COWAN  
Seventh Grade

MR. H. L. CUSHENBERRY  
Eighth Grade,  
Assistant Coach

MRS. E. B. ENGRAM  
Seventh Grade



MR. R. FORD  
Industrial Arts

MISS E. M. GREEN  
Commercial Education  
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MR. W. E. JONES  
Chemistry, Science,  
Geometry, School  
Treasurer



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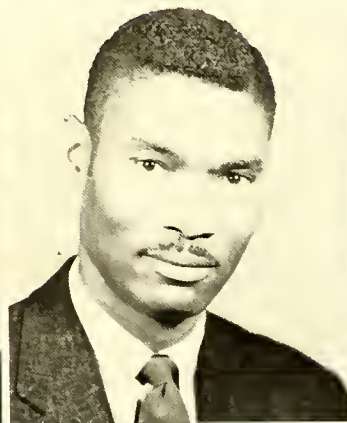
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### *Teachers Help Students Get Ahead*

MRS. K. L. KECK  
English

MR. C. V. KNIGHT  
History  
Boys' Counselor

MRS. H. C. KNIGHT  
Office Assistant  
English



MRS. M. B. KNIGHT  
Eighth Grade

MR. W. H. LEWIS  
Social Studies  
English

MISS D. L. MALONE  
Music, Choral







MR. E.R. MANNING  
Seventh Grade, Art

MR. J.H. McDOUGLE  
Mathematics, Coach

MR. J.P. McLAUGHLIN  
Science, Music, Band

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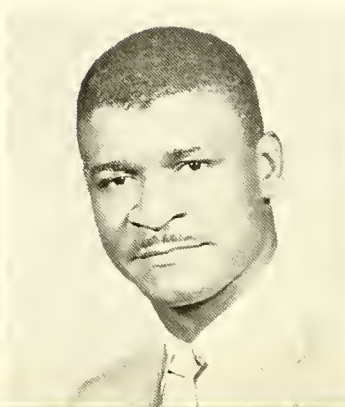
*From Their Knowledge We Learn*



MR. J.X. MILLER  
Physical Education  
Coach

MRS. L.A. PARHAM  
Seventh Grade

MRS. B.H. REID  
Eighth Grade



MISS F.L. RHODES  
Mathematics, Science

MR. M.S. SANDERS  
Vocational Agriculture

MISS L.B. TAYLOR  
Library



MISS E. THOMAS  
Religious Education.  
Director of C.E. -U.  
P.C.  
MRS. G. C. TURNER  
English



MISS N. A. VALENTINE  
Physical Education  
Coach  
Majorettes

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*From Their Experiences We Profit*

MRS. E. B. WHITTED  
Vocational Home Econ-  
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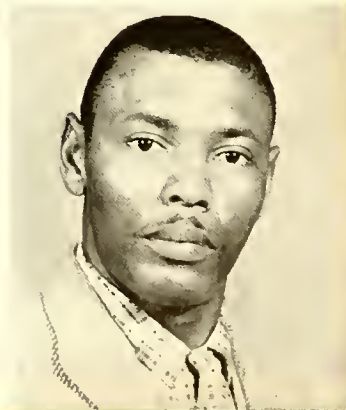
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Veterans



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Veterans







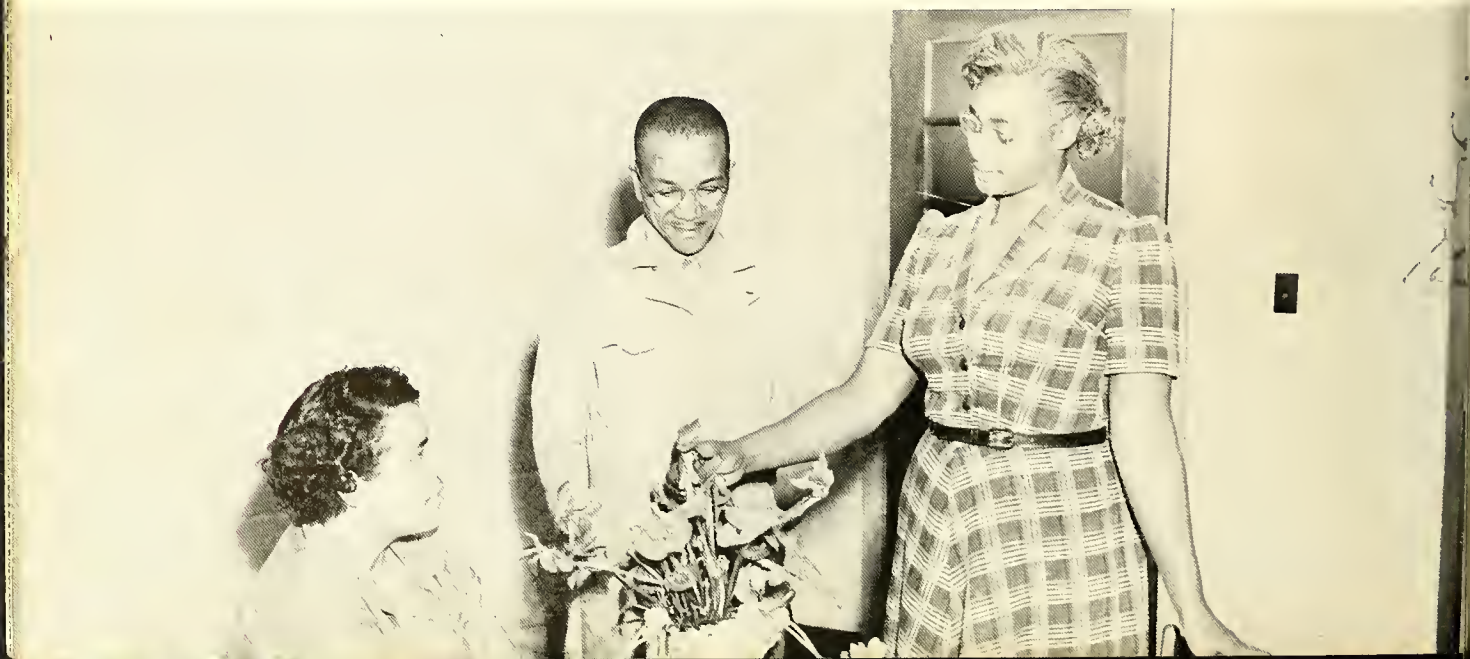
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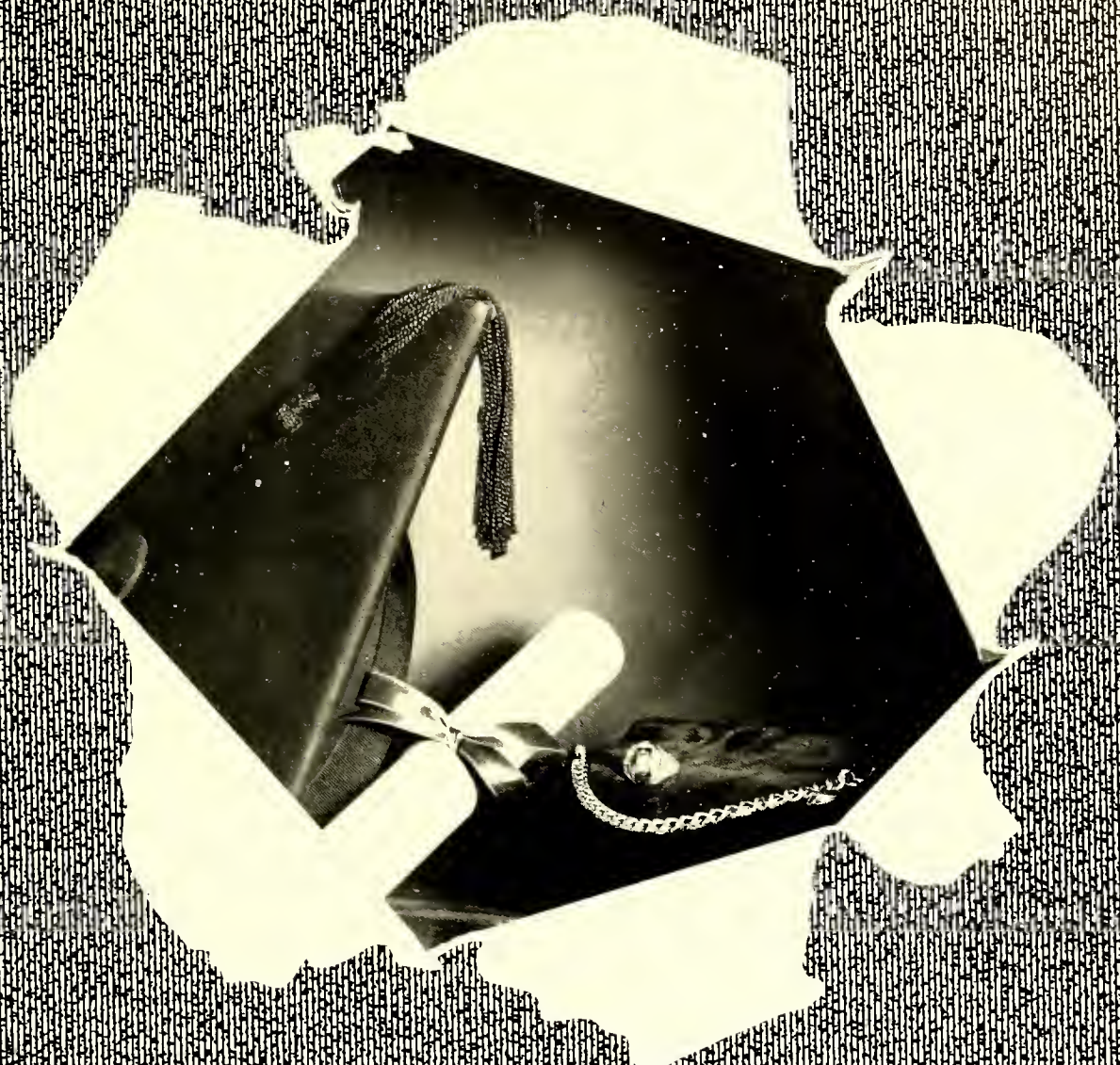
*From Their Services We Benefit*

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JANITORIAL STAFF: Mrs. J. Alston, Mr. J. Alston, Mrs. A. Davis







Seniors



## *Seniors Present Their Story*



### *Senior Class Officers*

John Knott, President; Kimp Talley, First Vice President; Henry Burwell, Second Vice President; Loretta Clements, Recording Secretary; Rebecca Cooke, Assistant Recording Secretary; Katie Dickens, Corresponding Secretary; Annie Bullock, Assistant Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Hodge, Recording Treasurer; Shirley Ward, Financial Treasurer; Randolph Taylor, Sergeant-at-Arms; Helen Terry, Chaplain; James Venable, Parliamentarian; Gussie Brame, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

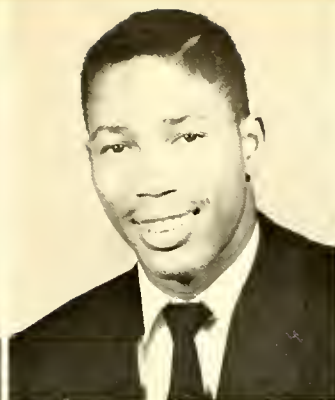
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MARY ALEXANDER

"Jo"

Clubs: Cheerleader, Crown and Scepter, NHA, Paper Staff, Annual, Phi Kappa.



WILLIAM ALEXANDER

"Spivey"

Clubs: Bible, NFA, "H" Club, Football.

DELORES ALLEN

"Duck"

Clubs: Dramatic, Bible, Library.



GUSSIE BRAME

"Sis"

Clubs: Business, NHA, Monitorial, Guidance, Crown and Scepter.

BRONETTA BRANCH

"Brant"

Clubs: Monitorial, Choral.

FRANCES BRODIE

"Fran"

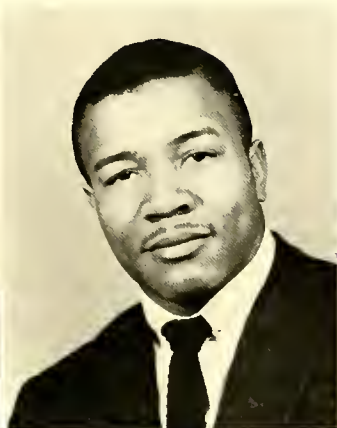
Clubs: Monitorial, NHA, Dramatic.

## *as They Fondly Reminisce*

IDA BROWN

"Ida"

Clubs: Monitorial, Bible, Library.



RALPH BRYANT

"Crip"

Clubs: Band, Annual, Track Team.

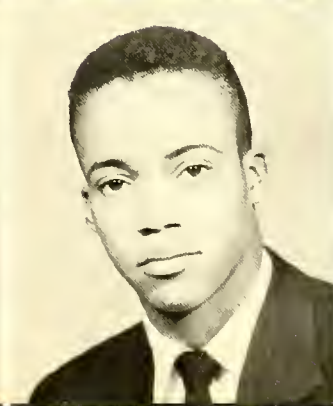
ANNIE BULLOCK

"Rose"

Clubs: Majorette, Crown and Scepter, NHA, Business, Guidance, Annual Staff.

BARBARA BULLOCK

Clubs: Dramatic, Phi Kappa, Bible.



LUCILLE BULLOCK

"Cille"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter, Majorette, NHA, Business, Guidance.

HENRY BURWELL

"Pete"

Clubs: Bus Drivers, NFA, Bible, Track.



SHIRLEY BURWELL  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Bible, Dramatic.

MARGARET CARROL  
Clubs: Library, Bible.

DOROTHY CHAVIS  
"Dottie"  
Clubs: Basketball, NHA, Dra-  
matic, Phi Kappa, Bible,  
Choral.

ALICE CHEATHAM  
"Phil"  
Clubs: Bible, NHA, Bus Drivers.

LORETTA CLEMENTS  
"Lo"  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter, Cho-  
ral, Phi Kappa, NHA.

MYRNA CLEMENTS  
"Toots"  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Choral, Phi Kappa, NHA.



## *Stag Parties, Dances, Games,*

REBECCA COOKE  
"Pig"

Clubs: Dramatic, Band, Crown  
and Scepter, NHA, Annual  
Staff.

MARY COOPER  
"Tootsy"

Clubs: Annual Staff, Crown and  
Scepter, "H."

LOCKSLEY CROSSON  
"Ann"

Clubs: Dramatic, NHA, Crown  
and Scepter, Phi Kappa.

LUCILLE DAVIS  
"Cille"

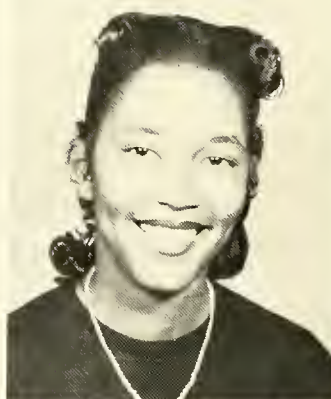
Clubs: Dramatic, Phi Kappa,  
Cheering Squad, Crown and  
Scepter, NHA.

KATIE DICKENS  
"KT"

Clubs: Phi Kappa, NHA, Cheer-  
ing Squad, Bible.

EDDIE DOWNEY  
"Teddy Bear"

Clubs: Majorette, NHA, Crown  
and Scepter.





WILBUR DURHAM

"Slim"

Clubs: Bible, Bus Drivers.



GERALDINE ELEBY

"Gerry"

Clubs: Choral, NHA, Monitorial.



RUTH EVANS

"Sis"

Clubs: Dramatic, NHA, Crown and Scepter, Annual Staff.

RUBY FIELDS

"Pig"

Clubs: Paper Staff, Annual Staff, NHA, Majorette, Business, Dramatic.



CATHERINE FLOYD

"Cat"

Clubs: Dramatic, Crown and Scepter.

FANNIE GRAY

"Shane"

Clubs: Dramatic.

## *Steadies, Homecoming, Plays*



ANNIE GREEN

"Gerald"

Clubs: Business, Monitorial, Guidance.

ANN HARGROVE

"Beth"

Clubs: Business, Bible, Guidance, Monitorial.

DOROTHY HARRIS

"Alice"

Clubs: Monitorial, Library, Annual Staff, Guidance.

BARBARA HAWKINS

"Barin"

Clubs: Dramatic, Library, Monitorial.

MARY HAWKINS

"Tus"

Clubs: Choral, Cheerleader, Business.

ERNESTINE HAYES

"Tine"

Clubs: Library, NHA, Bible.





LILLIAN HAYES

"Lil"

Clubs: Phi Kappa, Crown and  
Scepter, Bible, Monitorial,  
Band.

ALMA HENDERSON

"Chear"

Clubs: NHA.

ANNIE HICKS

"Bay"

Clubs: Business, Phi Kappa,  
Monitorial, Dramatic.

SUSIE HICKS

"Bay"

Clubs: Business, NHA, Guidance,  
Monitorial.

WILLIAM HICKS

"W.C."

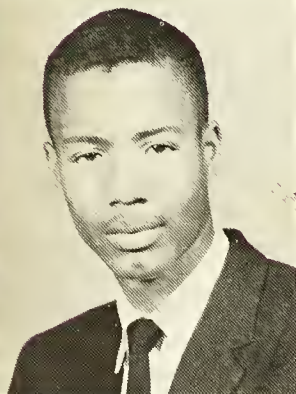
Clubs: Bus Drivers, Veterans,  
Business.

MARGARET HODGE

Clubs: Monitorial, Bible, Band.



## *and Never-to-Be*



JOHNNIE HODGE

"J.B."

Clubs: Monitorial, Phi Kappa,  
Band, Bible.

JOSEPHINE JACKSON

"Lois"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Monitorial, Band, NHA, Bible.

SARA JACKSON

"Teann"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter, Cho-  
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JOSELINE JOHNSON

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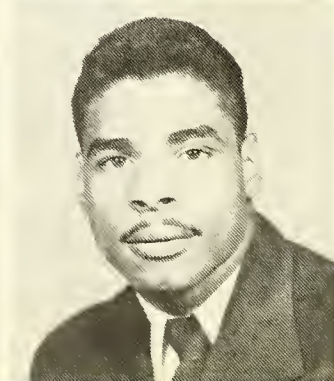
PHILLIP JOHNSON

Clubs: Bus Drivers, Bible.

ELSIE JONES

"Billie"

Clubs: Dramatic, NHA, Crown  
and Scepter, Phi Kappa.





JAMES JONES, JR.  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter, NFA.

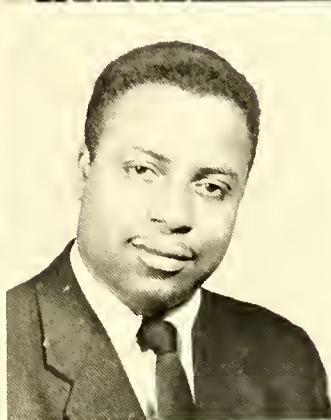
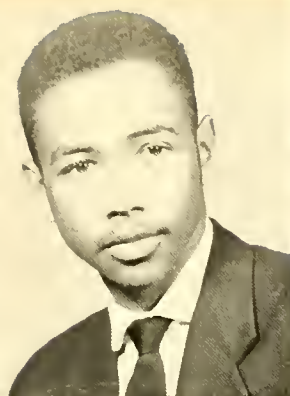
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Clubs: Monitorial, NHA, Bible.

LOURINE KEARNEY  
"Tene"  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Guidance, Phi Kappa, Basket-  
ball, NHA, Monitorial.

MARY KECK  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Choral, Phi Kappa.

JOHN E. KNOTT  
Clubs: Veterans.

MAGNORA LEMAY  
"Mag"  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Bible.



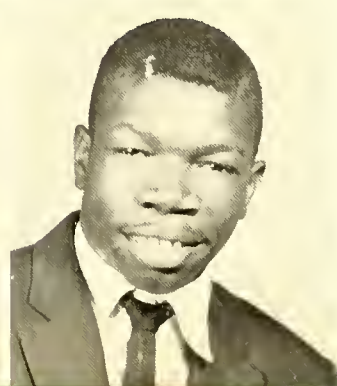
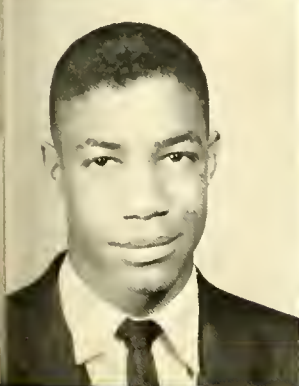
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ARLENE LEWIS  
"Lene"  
Clubs: Monitorial, Business,  
Bible.

VIRGINIA MACON  
"Gin"  
Clubs: Crown and Scepter, Bible,  
Guidance, Annual Staff.

BENJAMIN MARABLE  
"OB"  
Clubs: Bible.



GEORGE MARROW, JR.  
"Ben"  
Clubs: Monitorial, NFA, Phi  
Kappa, Bible.

BERNICE MASSENBURG  
Clubs: Library, Phi Kappa,  
Monitorial.

GILBERT MCKNIGHT  
"Gil"  
Clubs: Band, Track, NFA.



GRACIE McKNIGHT

"Gray"

Clubs: Monitorial, Band, Annual Staff, Crown and Scepter, 4-H.



SUSIE MAYFIELD

"Sue"

Clubs: Basketball, Library, Business, Bible, NHA.



ELNORA PERRY

"Baba"

Clubs: Monitorial, Library, Bible.

AGNES PERSON

"Ness"

Clubs: Guidance, Annual Staff, Crown and Scepter, Business.

RUBY PETTAWAY

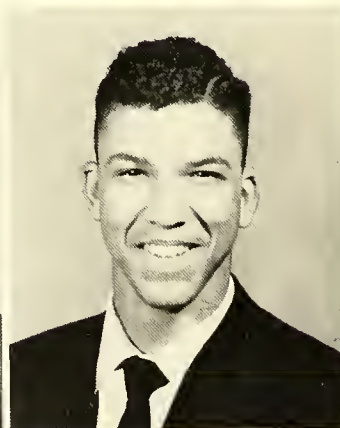
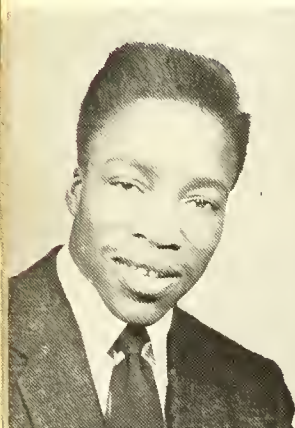
Clubs: Band.

ROBENA PLUMMER

"Gal"

Clubs: Monitorial, Bible, Business.

*They Spent Their Last Year in the Best Way Possible*



JAMES RAGLAND

"Ragmop"

Clubs: Veterans, NFA, Bible.

QUEEN ROGERS

"Queenie"

Clubs: Business, Crown and Scepter, Guidance.

SAMUEL SANDERS

Clubs: Basketball, Football, "H" Club, Crown and Scepter.

O'KELLON SMITH

"Bootlum"

Clubs: Monitorial, Crown and Scepter, NHA, Annual Staff, Band, Paper Staff, 4-H.

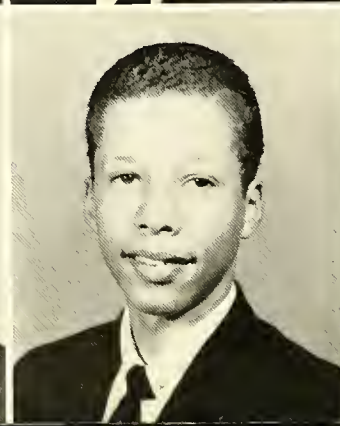
FURBIE SNEED

Clubs: Bible.

KIMP TALLEY

"Peter"

Clubs: Baseball, Band, Crown and Scepter, NFA.





ANNIE TAYLOR

"Mae"

Clubs: Business, Annual Staff,  
Bible.



MARIE TAYLOR

"Shorty"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Guidance, Business, Annual  
Staff.



RANDOLPH TAYLOR

Clubs: Library, Bus Drivers,  
Dramatic, Choral.



HELEN TERRY

Clubs: Choral, Bible.



GERTRUDE VAUGHAN

"Sweetie"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter, Dra-  
matic, Choral, NHA, Phi Kappa,  
4-H.



ESTELLE VENABLE

Clubs: Library.

## *Their First Prom*



JAMES VENABLE

"Lee"

Clubs: Bible, Bus Drivers, NFA.



SHIRLEY WARD

"Rea"

Clubs: Crown and Scepter,  
Business, NHA, Paper, Annual  
Staff.



MAGGIE WATKINS

"Bay"

Clubs: Monitorial, Annual Staff,  
Bible, Business.



NAOMI WILKINS

Clubs: Library.



BERNICE WILLIAMS

"Niece"

Clubs: Monitorial, Bible.



CATHERINE WILLIAMS

"Cat"

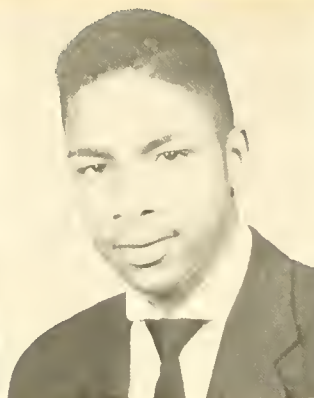
Clubs: Business, NHA.



JULIETTE WILLIAMS

"Shortie"

Clubs: Dramatic, NHA,  
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MELVIN WILLIAMS

"Bro"

Clubs: Monitorial, Band, NFA.

MAMIE WILLIAMS

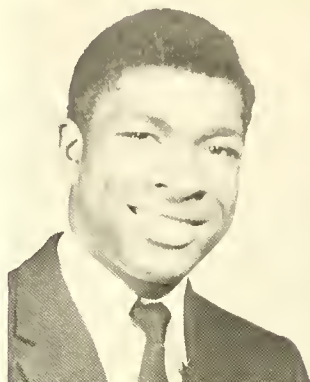
"Red"

Clubs: Bible.

ROBERT WILLIAMS

"Billy"

Clubs: Football, Bible.



NAOMI WIMBUSH

"Nava"

Clubs: Monitorial, Business,  
Bible.

JUANITA YANCEY

"Nita"

Clubs: Business, NHA, Crown  
and Scepter, Phi Kappa, Dra-  
matic.

## *and Finally Graduation*



NELLIE YARBOROUGH

Clubs: Monitorial.



SUSIE YARBOROUGH

"Six"

Clubs: Business, Bible.





## *Seniors*

Alexander, Mary  
Alexander, William  
Allen, Deloris  
Brame, Gussie  
Branch, Bronnetta  
Brodie, Frances

Brown, Ida  
Bryant, Ralph  
Bullock, Annie  
Bullock, Barbara  
Bullock, Lucille  
Burwell, Henry  
Burwell, Shirley  
Carroll, Margaret  
Chavis, Dorothy  
Cheatham, Alice  
Clements, Loretta  
Cooke, Rebecca  
Clements, Myrna  
Cooper, Mary  
Crosson, Locksley  
Davis, Lucille  
Dickens, Katie  
Downey, Eddye  
Durham, Wilbur  
Eleby, Geraldine  
Evans, Ruth

Fields, Ruby  
Floyd, Catherine  
Gray, Fannie  
Green, Annie  
Hargrove, Ann  
Harris, Dorothy  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Hawkins, Mary A.  
Hayes, Ernestine  
Hayes, Lillian  
Henderson, Alma  
Hicks, Annie M.  
Hicks, Susie M.  
Hicks, William  
Hodge, Johnny  
Hodge, Margaret  
Jackson, Josephine

Jackson, Sara

## *Sponsors*

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bullock  
Mrs. A. Alexander  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris  
Mr. C.M. Hicks  
Mrs. G. Mylon  
Miss M.E. Taylor  
Mr. E.R. Manning  
Mr. W. Brown  
Miss T.V. Cowan  
Mr. and Mrs. M. Bullock  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Powell  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Bullock  
Mrs. L. L. Burwell  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen  
Mr. G. Carroll  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson  
Mr. W. Clements  
Rev. S.P. Cooke  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Clements  
Mr. L. Cooper  
Mrs. E. Crosson  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis  
Miss R. Baker  
Mrs. E. Heggs

Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Bullock  
Mrs. V.B. Evans  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Fields  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Floyd  
Mrs. E. Brame  
Mrs. M.J. Green  
Mr. C. Hargrove, Jr.  
Mr. C. Hicks  
Mrs. M. Hawkins  
Mr. C. C. Pashall  
Mr. and Mrs. V. Blackman  
Mr. J. Johnson  
Miss A.L. Henderson  
Mr. E. Kearney  
Mr. W.H. Hicks  
Mrs. S.A. Hicks  
Mrs. M. Williams  
Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Hodge  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchell  
Mrs. U. Burroughs  
Mr. J.L. Williamson



## *Seniors*

Johnson, Joseline  
Johnson, Phillip  
Jones, Elsie

Jones, James  
Jordon, Grace  
Kearney, Lourine  
Keck, Mary  
Knott, John  
Lemay, Magnora  
Lewis, Arlene  
Macon, Virginia  
Marable, Benjamin  
Marrow, George  
Massenburg, Bernice  
McKnight, Gilbert

McKnight, Gracie  
Mayfield, Susie  
Perry, Elnora  
Person, Agnes  
Pettaway, Ruby  
Plummer, Robena  
Ragland, James  
Rogers, Queen  
Sanders, Samuel  
Smith, O'kellon  
Sneed, Furbie  
Talley, Kimp  
Taylor, Annie  
Taylor, Marie  
Taylor, Randolph  
Vaughans, Gertrude  
Venable, Estelle  
Venable, James  
Ward, Shirley

Watkins, Maggie  
Wilkins, Naomi  
Williams, Bernice  
Williams, Catherine  
Williams, Juliette

Williams, Mamie  
Williams, Melvin  
Williams, Robert  
Wimbush, Naomi  
Yancey, Juanita  
Yarborough, Nellie  
Yarborough, Susie

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*Seniors*



## *Three Down and One to Go*



### *Junior Executive Committee*

Left to right: Robert Bogan, Laura Vaughans, Robbie Williamson, Percy Lewis, Lassiter Baskett, Shirley Bryant, Shirley Allen, Myrtle Davis. Missing: James Judkins. Center: Sponsors: Mrs. K.L. Keck, Mr. R. Ford, Miss D.L. Malone.





*Juniors' Highlights Include  
Junior and Senior Prom  
as They Look Forward  
to Being Seniors.*



*Juniors' Autographs*





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TENTH GRADE  
SECTION A and B

*Two Down and Two to Go*



TENTH GRADE  
SECTION C, D, E, F

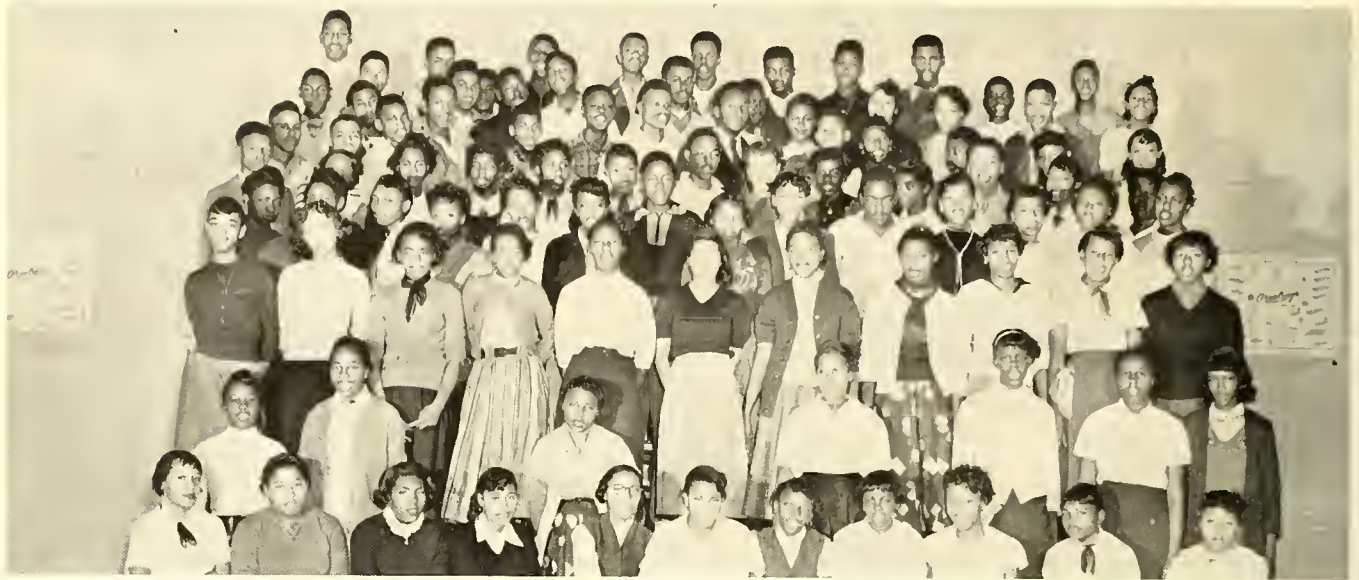




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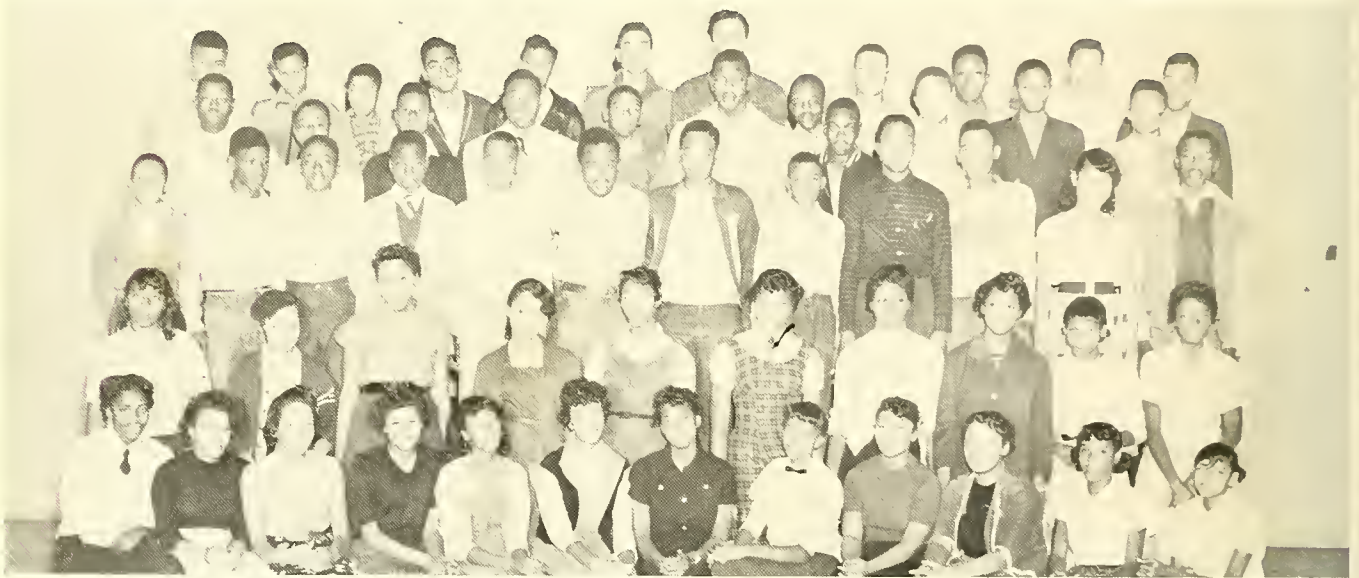
# *One Down and Three to Go*



SECTION A and B  
ABOVE

FRESHMAN CLASS

SECTION C and D  
CENTER



SECTION E, F, G  
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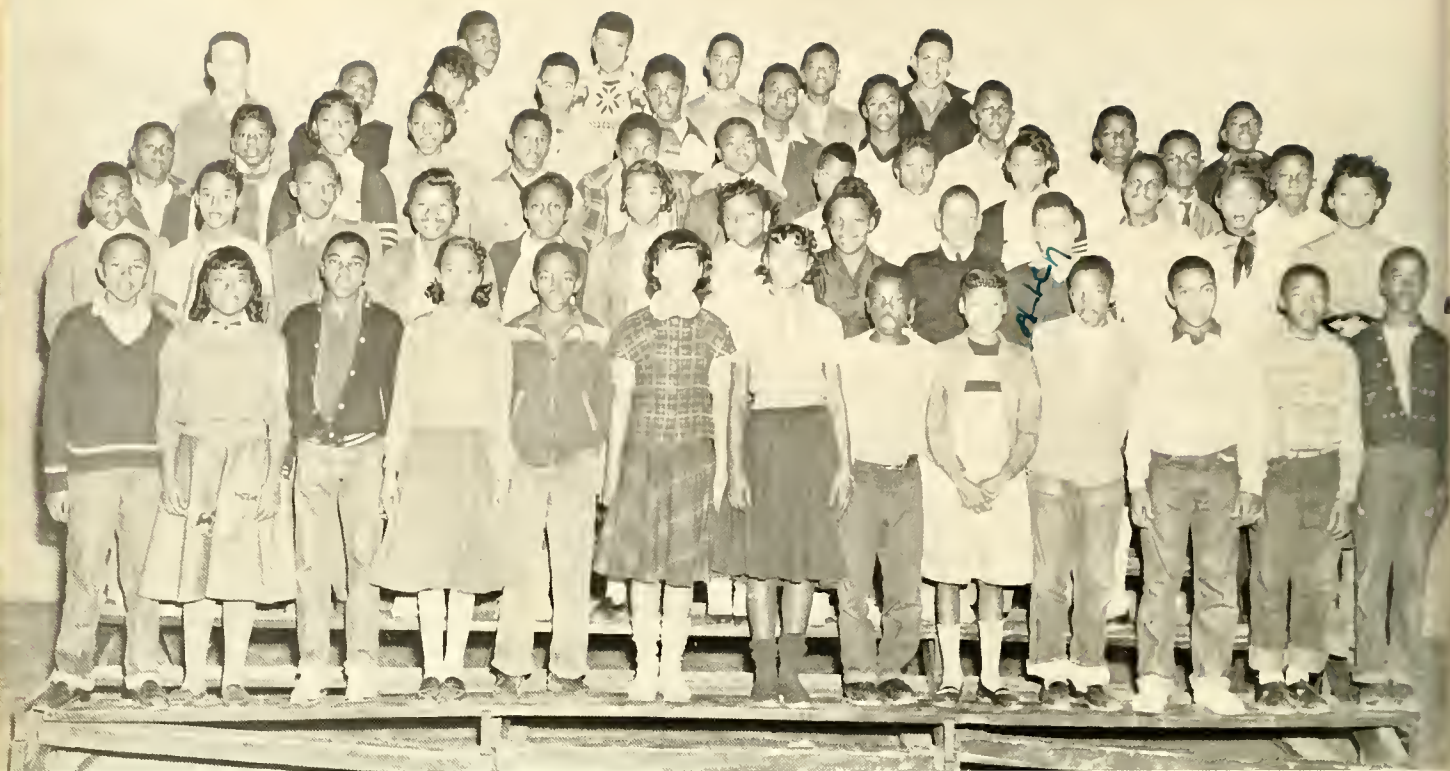






Commentary





EIGHTH GRADE - SECTION A, and PART of C and B

*A Best for Work and Fun*



EIGHTH GRADE - SECTIONS B, C





SEVENTH GRADE - SECTIONS A and B

*Characterizes These Underclassmen*



SEVENTH GRADE - SECTIONS C and D



# *Autographs*





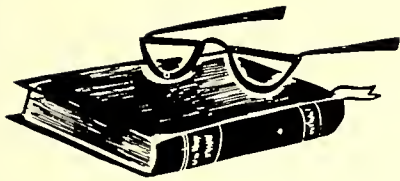
7 Favorites





*On This Page Select Your Choice of  
Who's Who. On the Next Three Pages  
We Have Selected Our Choice.*





*Most Likely to Succeed*

GERTRUDE VAUGHAN  
JOHN KNOTT



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LOURINE KEARNEY  
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*Most Scholastic*

RUBY FIELDS  
KIMP TALLEY





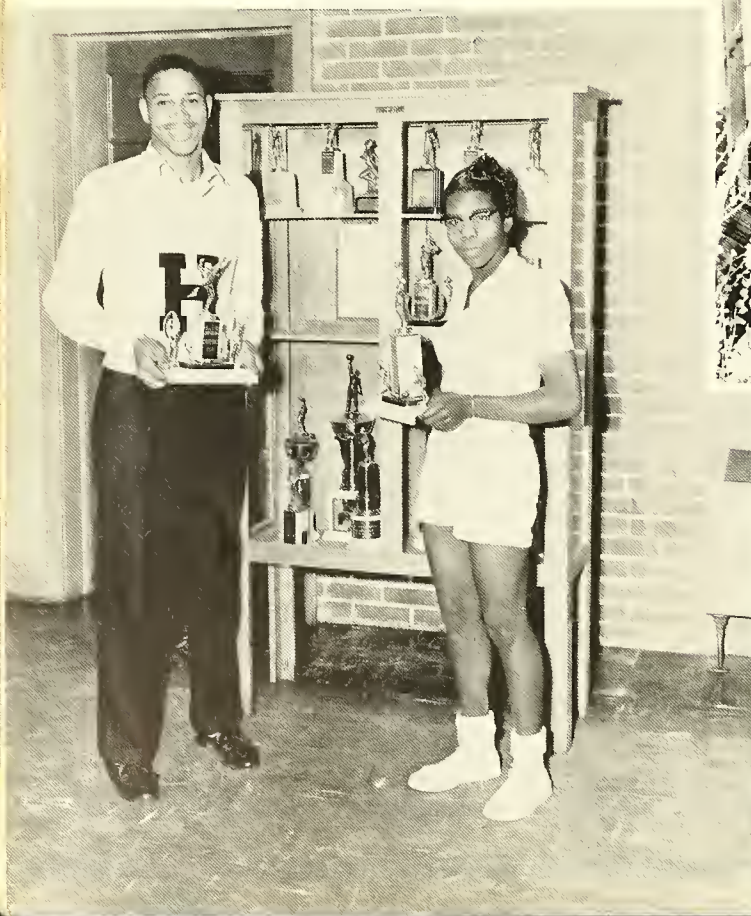


*Friendliest*  
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JAMES VENABLE



*Most Attractive*

HENRY BURWELL  
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MARY COOPER  
WILLIAM ALEXANDER





*Most Popular*

SHIRLEY WARD  
GILBERT McKNIGHT



*Tallest*

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SAMUEL SANDERS



*Shortest*

EDDIE DOWNEY  
RALPH BRYANT





*Homecoming Queen*

RUBY FIELDS

*Attendants*

O'KELLON SMITH

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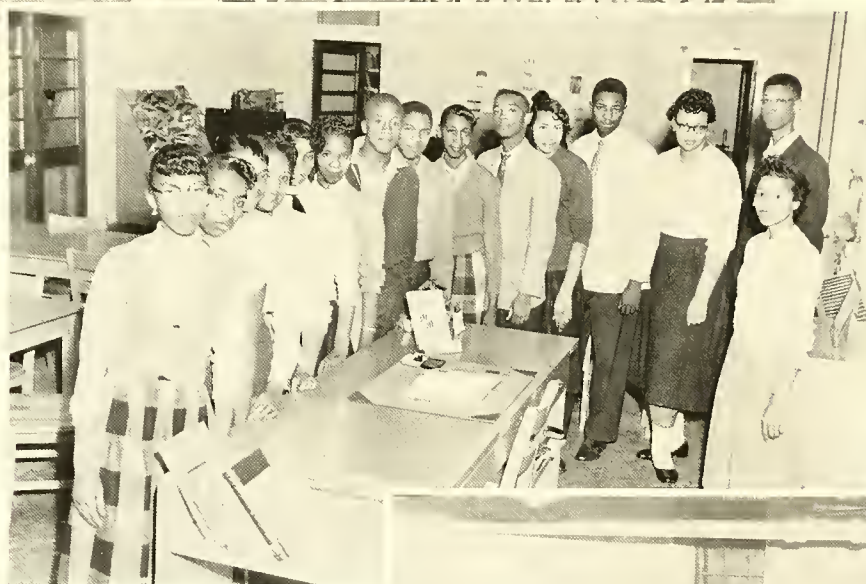
# Organizations





## *Learning to Train for Business and to Develop Accuracy*

Many activities go on in the Business Department under the leadership of Miss Green, Mrs. Keck, Miss Burwell, and Mr. Brown, which prepares students for business leaders and rendering services - Mr. Brown is coaching some students on their math problems.



## *to Prepare for Leisure Time*

The Library is a place for reference work or leisure reading. Miss L.B. Taylor is the Librarian.

## *to Strive for Better Living*

Projects are in process in Mr. Ford's Industrial Arts class.







### *to Seek Counsel*

Lourine Kearney at the typewriter and Shirley Ward are Secretaries for our guidance directors, Mr. Knight and Mrs. M.M. Avent.



### *to Understand World Affairs*

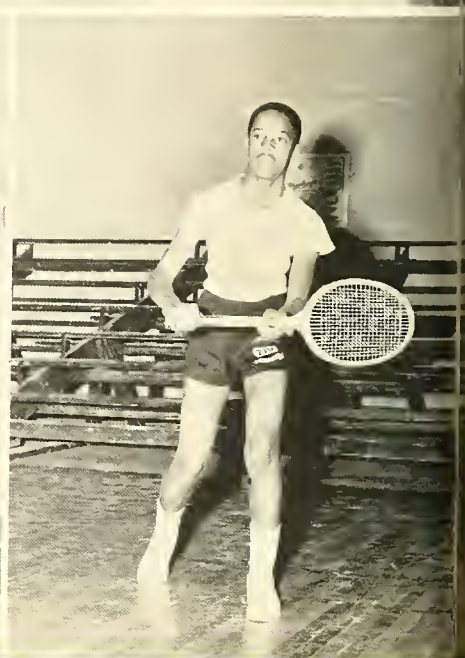
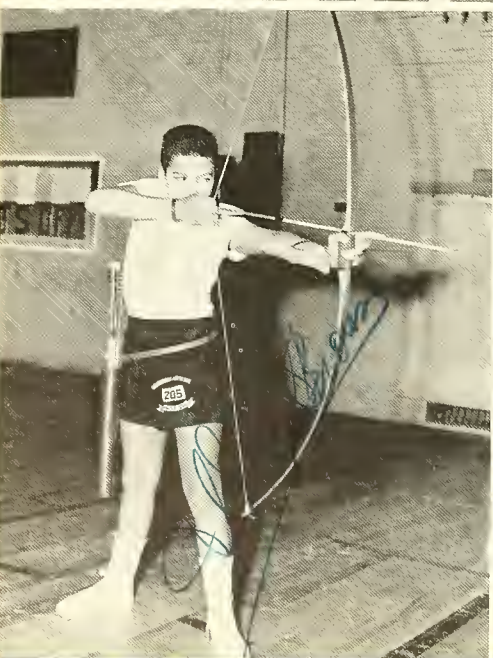
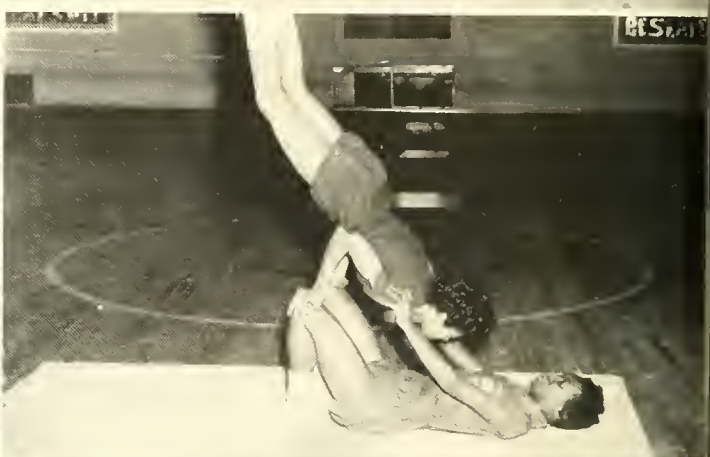
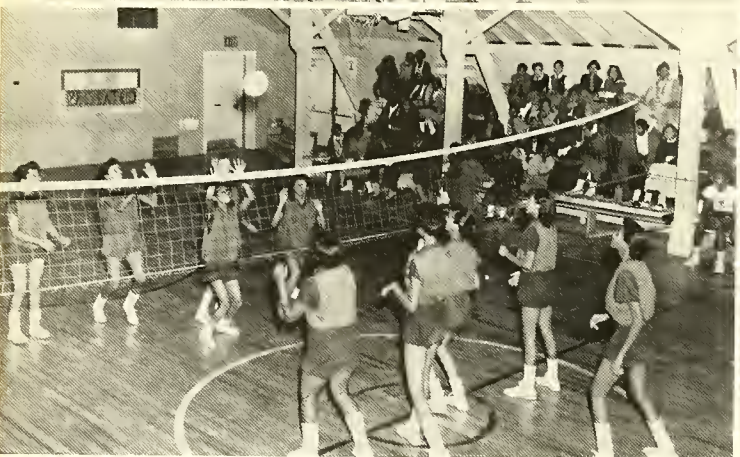
Students receive knowledge from Miss Thomas, Mr. Knight and Mr. Lewis.

### *The Language Arts Department*

The Language Arts Department seeks to develop in students an international appreciation for good literature, drama, music, and fine arts as well as the practicality of improvement in oral and written composition.







*to Acquire Coordination*

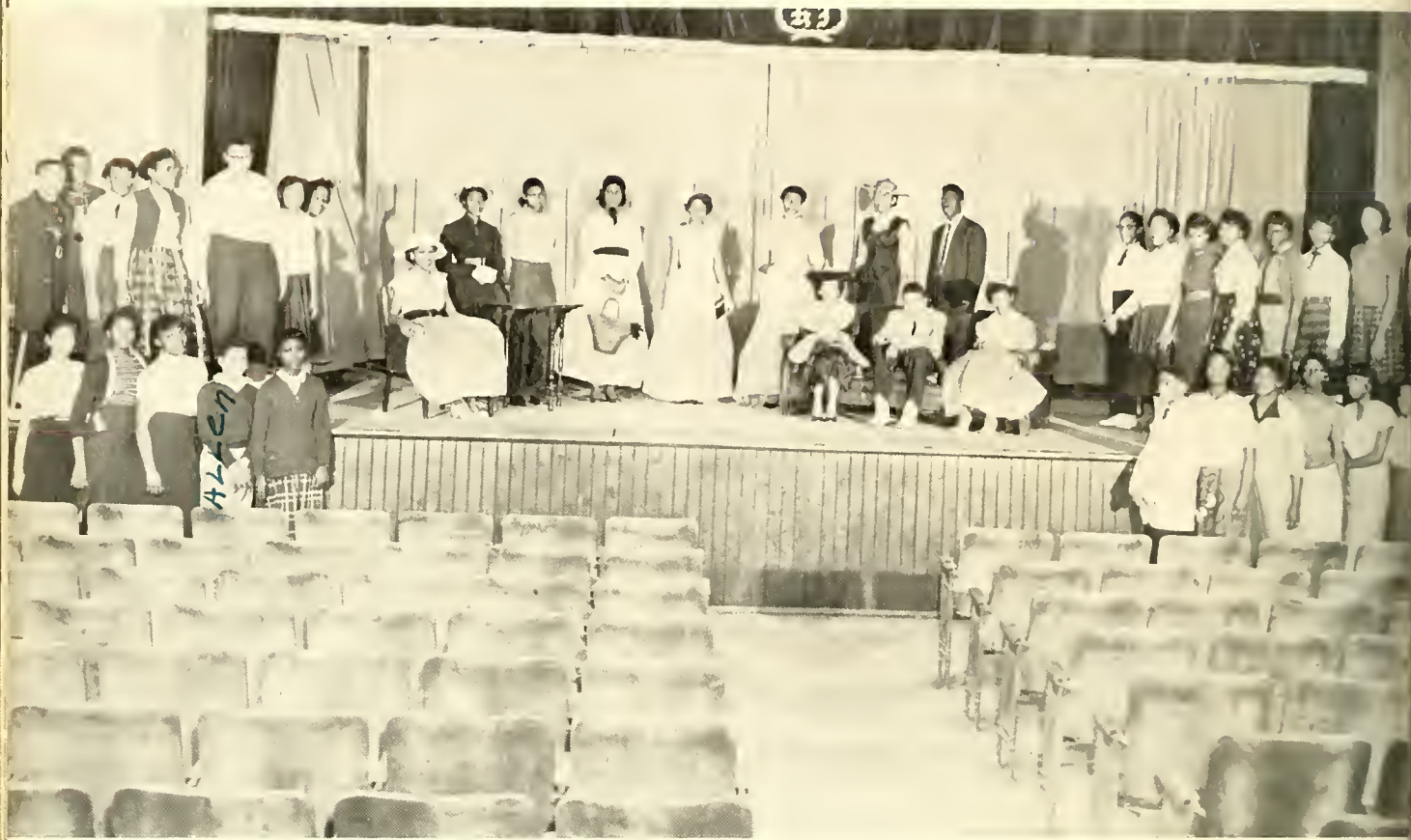


*to Explore the Field of Science*





## *Ambitions Come True as the Curtain Goes Up*



### "DORA DEAN"

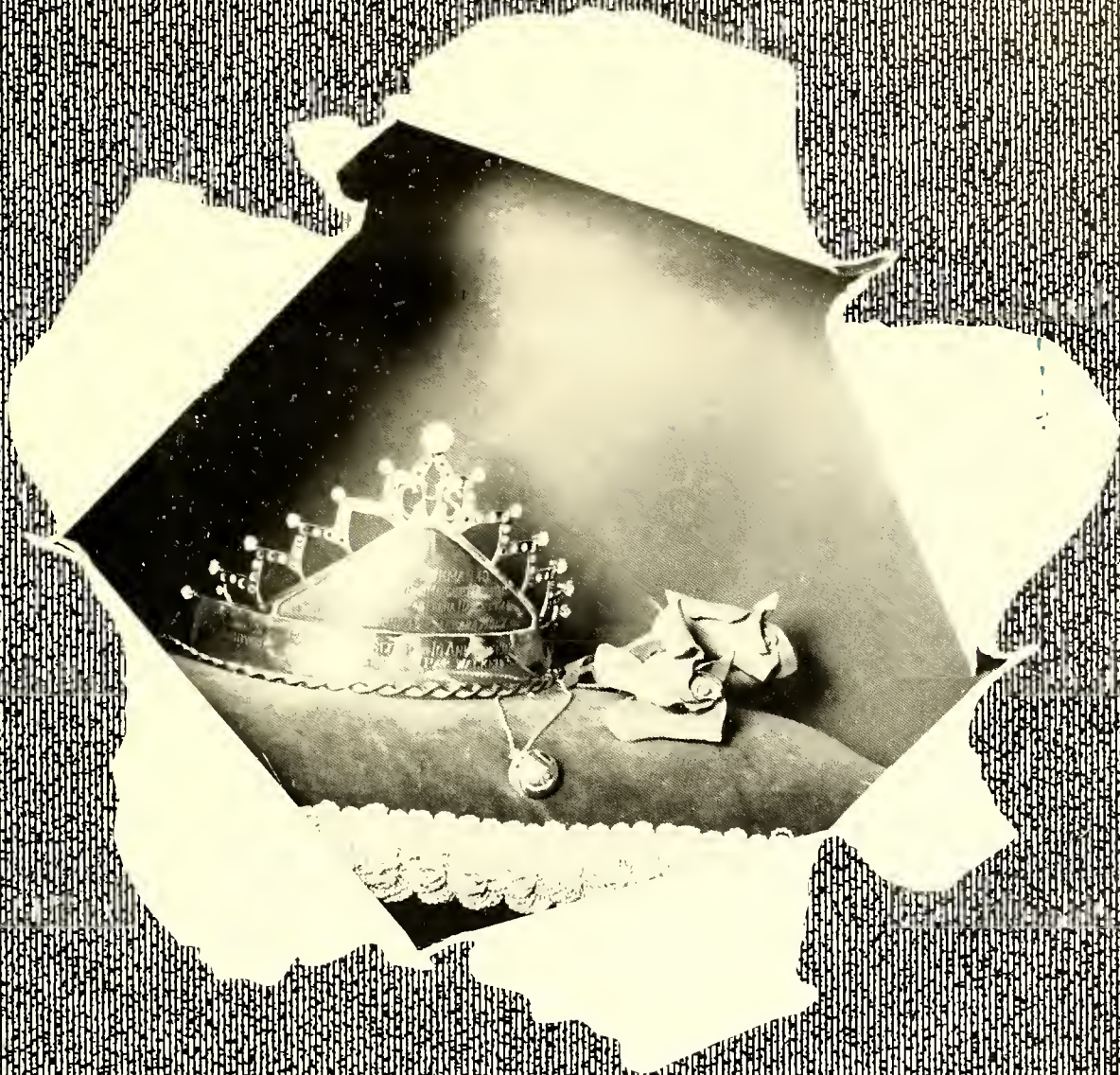
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Juliette Williams - - - - -	Bridget
Robert Stitt - - - - -	-Joey
Billie Harroll - - - - -	Alice Dean
Joyce Terry - - - - -	Dora Dean
Robbie Williamson - - - - -	Eugenia Dean
Locksley Crosson - - - - -	-Mrs. Leah
Robert Taylor - - - - -	Uncle Nat Dean
Gertrude Vaughans - - - - -	-Ella Grey Hastings
Jesse Adams - - - - -	-Stephen Grey
Fannie Grey - - - - -	-Mrs. Elliot
George Hargrove - - - - -	Howard Hastings

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# Activities



# *Leadership*      *Scholarship*      *Character*      *Service*

The Crown and Scepter Club is a North Carolina High School Honorary Club, confined to 11th and 12th grade high school students. To be eligible for membership in the club a student must have a good character, and an average grade of "80" or above for the first and second years of high school work and demonstrate a willingness to serve in all and every useful way around the school and in the community.

The Henderson branch was organized in 1945, and has proven a valuable asset to the school. For several years it has sponsored a County Wide Oratorical Contest among students of the county. This contest has greatly stimulated interest in public speaking among the students of the county. The club also renders service by assisting needy and sick persons of the community in every way possible.

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should be given and that should be appreciated. These are not gifts bought because "I must get Mary a present, she gave me one last year." Let's remember, we can't buy Christmas spirit.

Happy people pulling bright ribbons from packages add the finishing touch to the picture. Why can't we have a real Christmas like this. Christmas is real when we can say it's like this. Mary Alexander

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

By Shirley

To most of us Christmas is another holiday to of the party give



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The of pro which have a your fa action. I be enjoye are guar while read special plan place your t they almost your eyes.

What's your matic Club? If you will be thri tion of your favor Dean," right before you are especially ing squad. They al and make them more. If this is true, you are als favored with great entertainment through reading this 1956 Panther.

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## PORTRAIT OF A REAL CHRISTMAS

There are many of us who know and experience the wonderful spirit of the Christmas season. We paint the picture of the huge cedar tree placed in as imposing position before a window of the many sparkling and tinkling ornaments which lead its limbs and of the bright lights crisscrossed about the tree.

The picture would not be complete with out stacks of presents piled about the base of the tree. The gifts are simple ones that

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

The wise men brought gifts to Mary and Joseph for their son, that's why we give our gifts at Christmas, so when you give your gifts this Christmas, let it be from the heart, not to receive because you have given.

May this be a brighter and happier Christmas and a prosperous New Year to each of you.

## HOW Y's ARE YOU

1. If we ask Junior whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas, he would probably say.....
2. "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the.....not a creature was stirring - not even a.....  
B. O Holy.....the.....are brightly.....It is the night of the dear Savior's.....  
C. Jingle....., jingle....., jin-

## WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Jesse Adams      8-B Homeroom

Christmas, to me is a day of celebration. The celebration of the birth of Christ. As we know Christ was born on Christmas morning and was found lying in a manger by the Wise Men. That goes to show you that you don't have to be born in a mansion to celebrate Christmas as it should be.....and you don't have to.....honest and kind. sharing. Probably ate than you will some unselfish had with them. higher positions r class people we spend our t. It will not r two to the l or to any-

giving. I. y should kful for

What T BE

have heard people say "I'd rather receive a small gift from someone who loved me and really meant for me to have it than to receive a large one without the spirit of the given." Yes, they say it but at all times they don't mean it. When they say it and don't mean it they are not telling the ordinary fib but cheating themselves out of the real Christmas spirit and meaning.

To me the giving and receiving of gifts is one of the warmest ways of showing our love and affection for others. As Christ was given to the world on Christmas it is a time for us to see what we can give to others.

We shouldn't just show our love for our fellowman on Christmas but in our own way all the year.

- gle all the.....  
D. Sweet little ..... born long time ago.  
Sweet little ..... and they didn't know who He was.  
3. A young lady (to brother) "John, what do you think the answer would be if I should ask the Lord when I am going to marry?"  
John: "Oh, He'd probably say. 'God only knows.'"

By Sara Jackson



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The New Homemakers of America is the National Organization of Negro pupils studying Homemaking in Junior and Senior high schools in the states having separate schools for Negroes.

The New Homemakers of America is a non-profit corporation which has for its purpose the development of social qualities, the provision for wholesome recreational activities and the promotion of better home life for its members and their families.

## *New Homemakers of America*

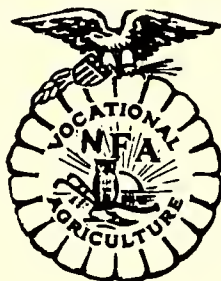




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# V e t e r a n s

# C l u b



The Veterans' Club was organized in September, 1955 by Mr. J. X. Miller who serves as advisor.

The purpose of the club is to unite the veterans with the school and its program, so that the veterans will be a credit to the school and community.

The veterans have sponsored one social thus far, and are planning on a campus clean up day in which every one will pitch in and clean up in general on our campus. The campus clean-up day will be in the spring.

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•• Substitute



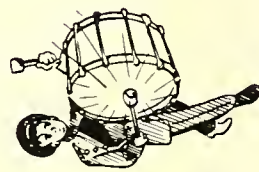
# *Long and Diligent Practices Produce Superb Performances*



The Henderson Institute Band, under the baton of J. P. McLaughlin, is an organization actively engaged in all types of campus activities. The band gives concerts on campus and marches throughout the year.

## OFFICERS

Josephine Jackson	-----	President
Joyce Satterwhite	-----	Vice President
Shirley Allen	-----	Secretary
Edith Brodie	-----	Assistant Secretary
Dorothy Young	-----	Treasurer
James Robinson	-----	Junior Band Director





# Concerts and Clinics Keep Choristers Hef



"Achievement" was the sixty-four dollar word spurring the choir on to new and better goals this year. Music is Big! This fact was proven by the choir under the direction of Miss D.L. Malone.

## OFFICERS

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Vice President - - - - -	Harry Meadows
Secretary - - - - -	Ruth Evans
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## *Precision Marchers*



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*Cheering Squad*



*Junior and Senior Cheerleaders*





# Fighting Panthers



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*Practice! Hard Work! Victory!*



Left to right: G. Lane, R. Edwards, V. Peace, B. Durham, M. Mitchell, R. Burwell, S. Bryant, A. Williams, D. Chavis, H. Hicks, M. Cooper, L. Kearney, J. Allen, F. Bryant, R. Haywood, I. Lyons, S. Mayfield, J. Parrish, F. Brodie, J. Glover. Coach Valentine, Manager M. Davis, Coach Miller.

## *Senior Pantherettes*



Left to right: S. Mayfield, F. Brodie, M. Cooper, L. Kearney, D. Chavis.



## Our Speedy Cindermen



First row: G. McKnight, L. Vann, W. Epps, L. Davis, H. Hawkins, E. Nicholson, F. Person, J.X. Miller, Coach.

Second row: W. Alexander, R. Williams, S. Sanders, S. Davis, R. Davis, W. Sanders, Manager, R. Bryant.

TRACK, Spring weather's stepchild, has its share of glory and pomp at Henderson Institute, under the able guidance of coach J.X. Miller, the tracksters keep the black and gold banners waving victoriously.

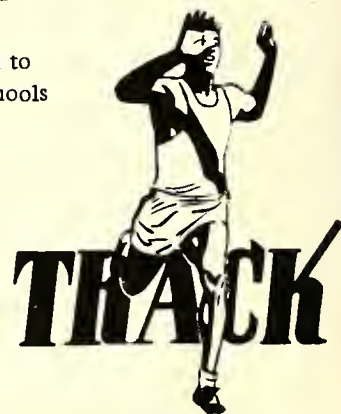
The tracksters are always enjoying competition to test the distance runners of the other high schools for the coming spring track season.

### Henderson Institute Has Intra-Squad Meet

Mile run: 1. James Venable,  
2. Lee Vann. 4:50.0.  
440-yard relay: Hollaway, Epps,  
Bryant, McKnight. 51.0.  
880-yard relay: Davis, Bryant,  
Hawkins, Bryant. 1:35.0.

### Hillside Runners Cop 4-Team Meet

Henderson Institute was  
second with 33½ points. Washing-  
ton third with 17 and Wilmington  
fourth with 10½ points.





# A n n u a l S t a f f



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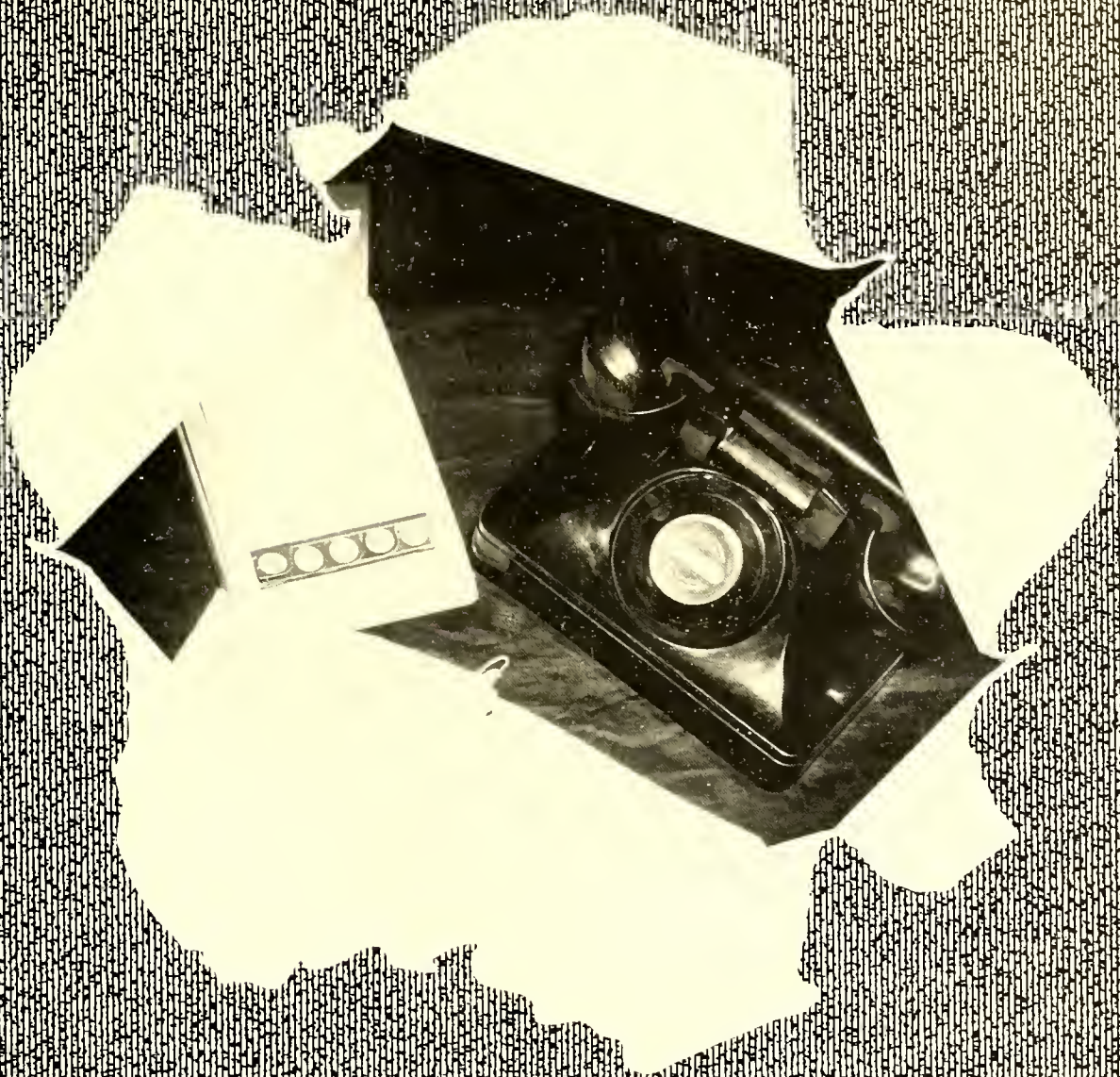


Now that we have reached the end of this, our attempt at summarizing this one year in our Long Long Trail of education, we wish to thank our very loyal and helpful advisors, Miss E.M. Green, Miss N.A. Valentine and Mr. C.E. Campbell, who have given tirelessly of their time and efforts to help make this annual a success. We also offer our gratitude to Mr. Sherard, our photographer, who has helped us immensely and has been very generous in the giving of his time and knowledge to further the success of this annual. We want to express thanks to all of the people who contributed to the publication of this annual, and we thank you, the student body of Henderson Institute, for the support and co-operation you have so willingly given us.

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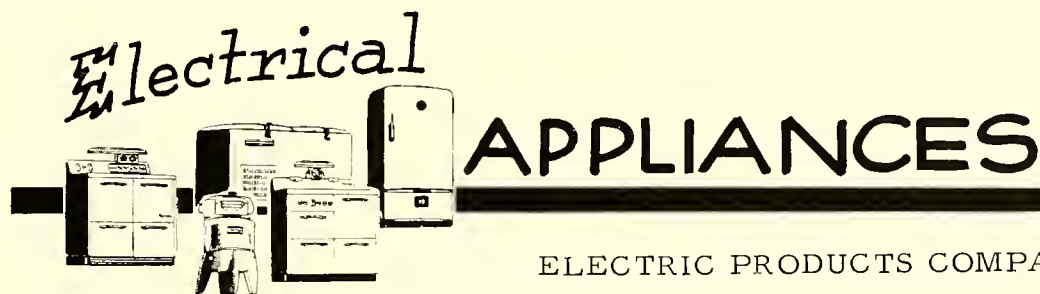
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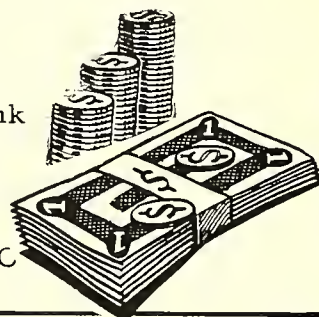
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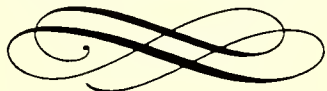


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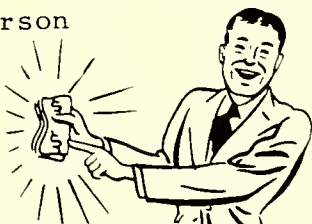
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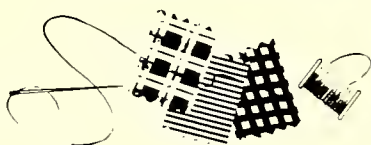
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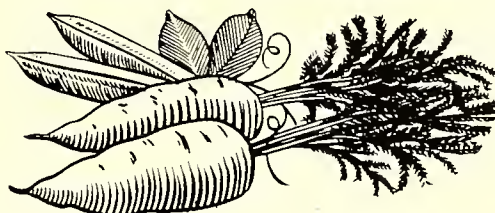


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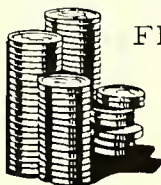
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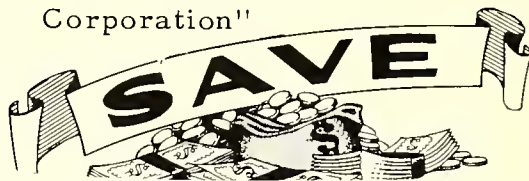


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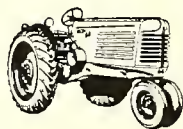
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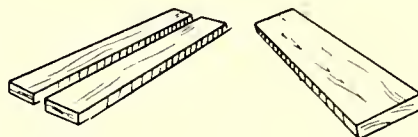
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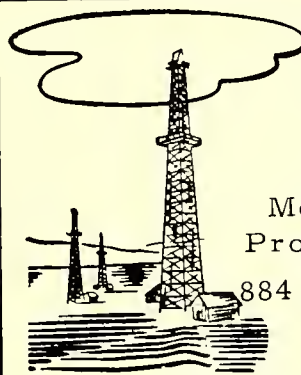


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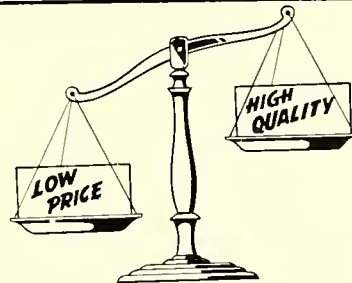
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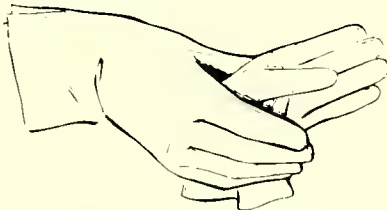
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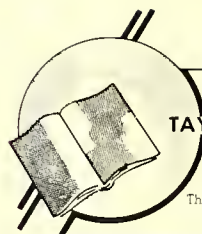


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