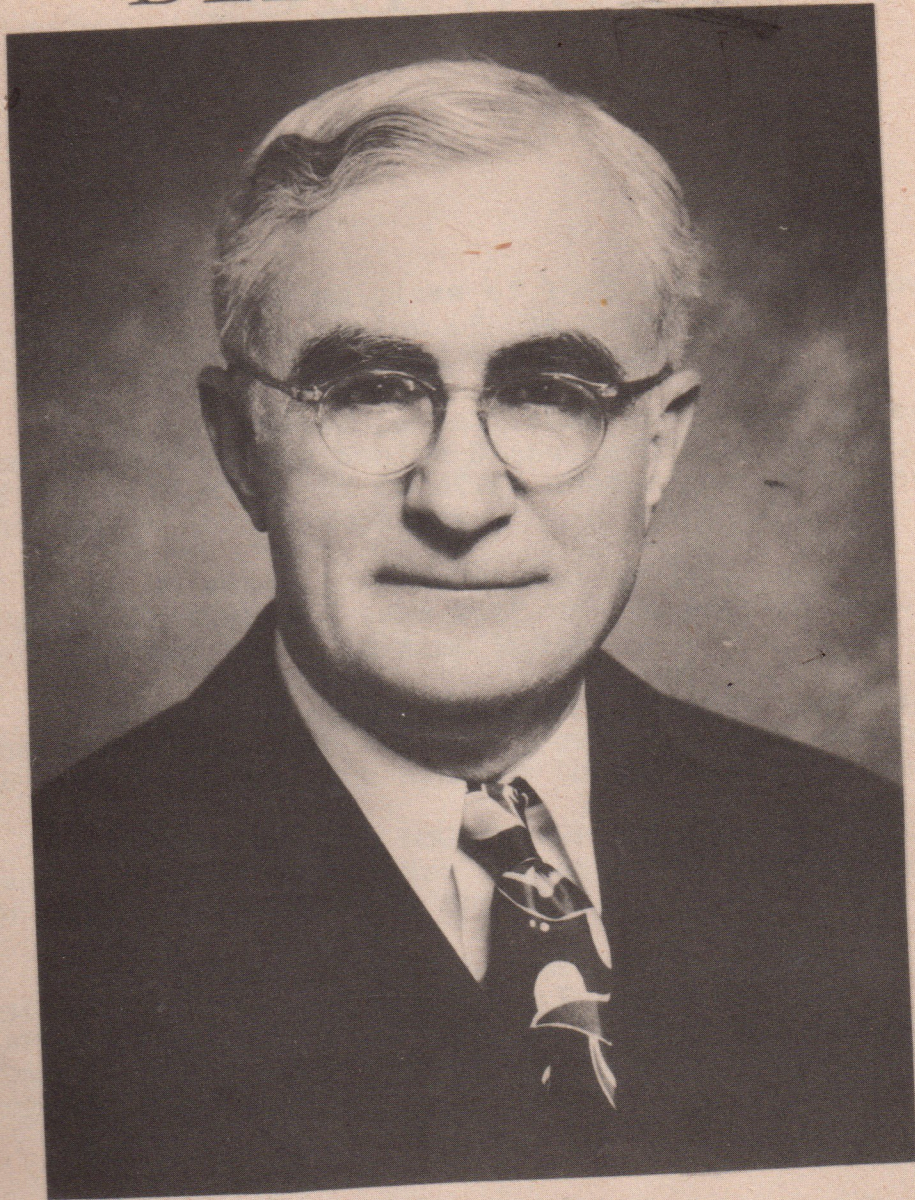


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MELROSETTE

DEDICATION



The graduating class of Melrose High School
deems it a pleasure to dedicate its Annual to
Mr. Watkins Overton, former Mayor of the city,
now president of the Board of Education.

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FOREWORD

The graduating class of 1948 takes the utmost pride in the publication of the third Annual of Melrose under a new name, the Melrosette.

The Melrosette is published to give honor to the members of the Senior Class, exhibit the progress of the students, and to offer encouragement to those who follow in our footsteps.

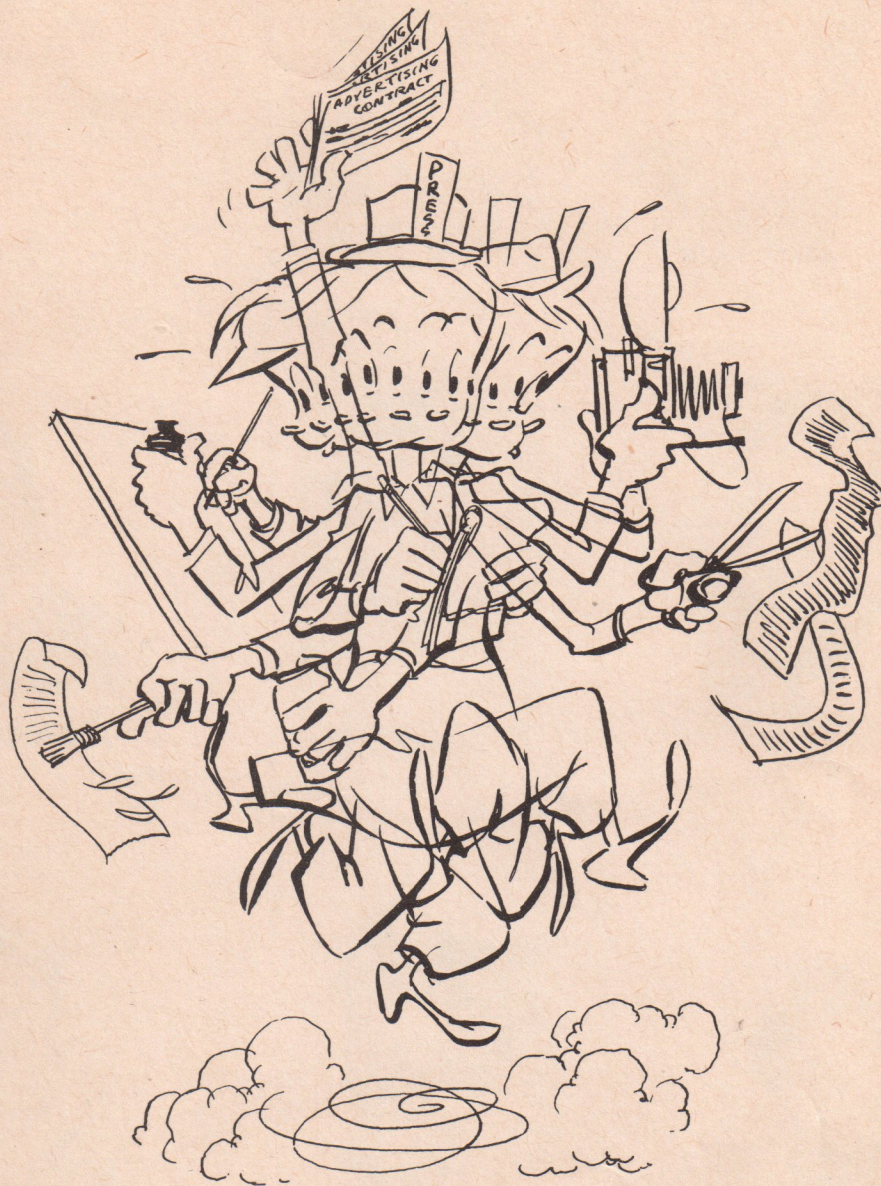
As we enter the new phases of life, may we forever cherish and take with us the eternal memories of our dear old Alma Mater.

To our principal, teachers, parents and friends who are responsible for our growth and development we wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

To Miss Francee McGuire we extend our heartiest appreciation for her patience and efficiency in helping to make this annual.

Our special thanks to our advisors, Miss Lytia Yarbrough and Mr. Cecil D. Goodlow, who were tireless in their efforts to make our senior year at Melrose the happiest, the most successful year of our lives.

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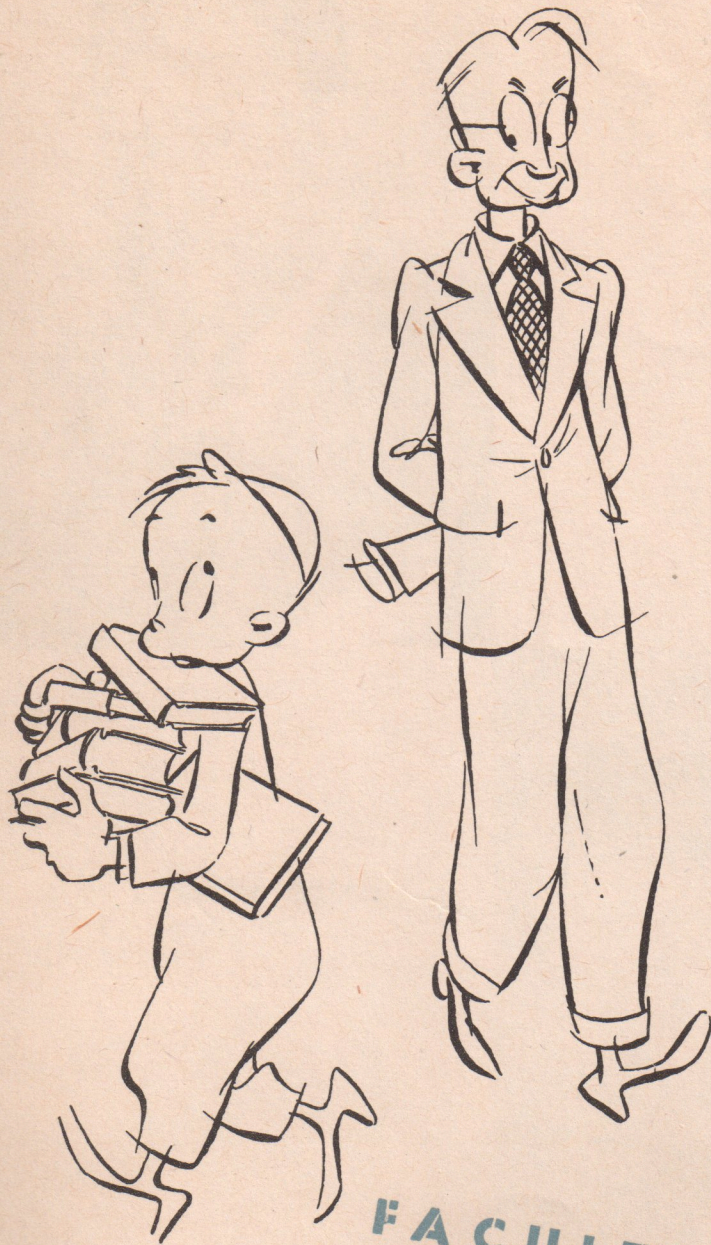
M. EDWARDS

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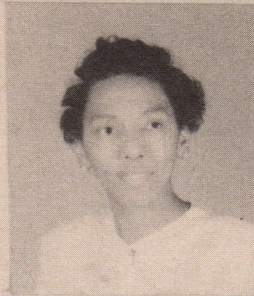


Mr. J. D. Springer
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M. A. Columbia
Principal

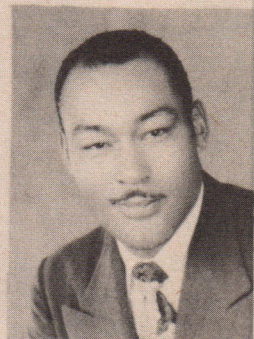
Miss Arnette Smith
B. A. LeMoyne
Secretary



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Miss Yarbrough
B.A. LeMoyne
M.A. Columbia
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Senior Advisor
Sponsor 12th
Grade



Mr. Westbrook
B.S. LeMoyne
Coach
Science
Sponsor 11-A

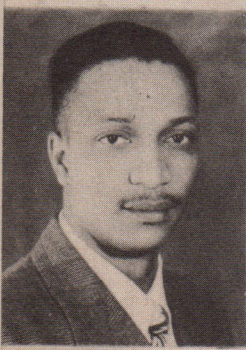


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B.S. LeMoyne
Northwestern
Advisor,
Y-Teens
Sponsor 11-2

Mr. Goodlow
B.A. LeMoyne
Hi-Y
Safety Council
Science
Mathematics
Asst. Coach
Senior Advisor
Sponsor 9-2



Mr. McClellan
Music (Band)
B.A. LeMoyne



Mr. West
B.S. Tenn. State
Industrial Arts



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Miss McGuire
 B.S. Tenn. State
 Library
 English
 Girl Scouts
 Literary Club
 Sponsor 10-2



Mrs. Graham
 English
 Civics
 B.A. Lane
 Girl Scouts
 Sponsor 10-3



Miss Cummings
 B.A. LeMoyne
 English
 History
 Girl Scouts
 Student Gov't.
 Sponsor 10-A



Miss Flowers
 B.A. Lane
 Music
 Glee Club
 Senior Red Cross
 Chairman, City
 Music Teachers
 Association
 Sponsor 9-A



Mrs. Frazier
 B.S. Tenn.
 Home Economics
 Sponsor 9-3

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Mrs. Rogers
7-2 Grade

Mrs. Morris
6-A Grade

Miss Humphrey
5-A Grade



Mrs. Bowden
4-2 Grade

Mrs. Reid
8-3 Grade

Mrs. Pruitt
4-3 Grade



Mrs. Hawkins
8-2 Grade

Mrs. Campbell
6-2 Grade

Mrs. Jordan
3-4 Grade



Miss Carvin
2-3 Grade

Mrs. Thomas
6-3 Grade

Mrs. Armfield
2-3 Grade

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Mrs. Snow
3- A Grade

Miss Sylvers
3-3 Grade

Mrs. Taylor
5-3 Grade



Miss W. Smith
5-4 Grade

Mrs. Gibson
1-2 Grade

Mrs. Thompson
3-2 Grade



Mrs. Lewis
5-2 Grade

Mrs. Goodlow
2-4 Grade

Miss Clanton
7-3 Grade

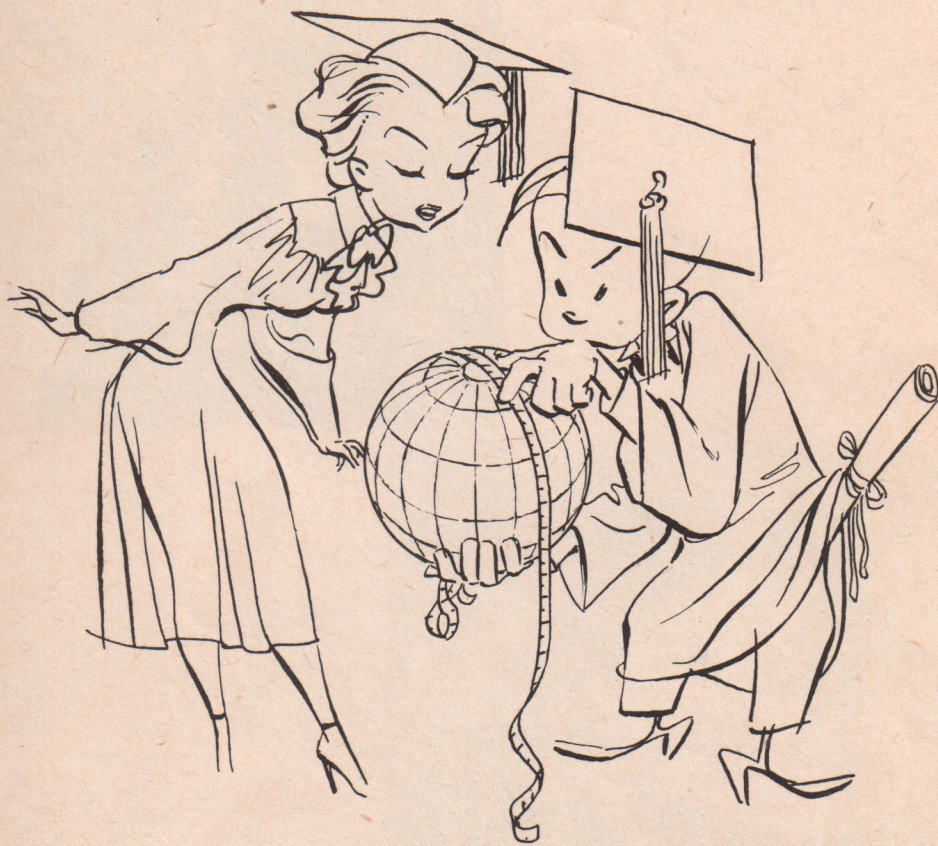


Mrs. King
7-A Grade

Mrs. Stiles
1-A Grade

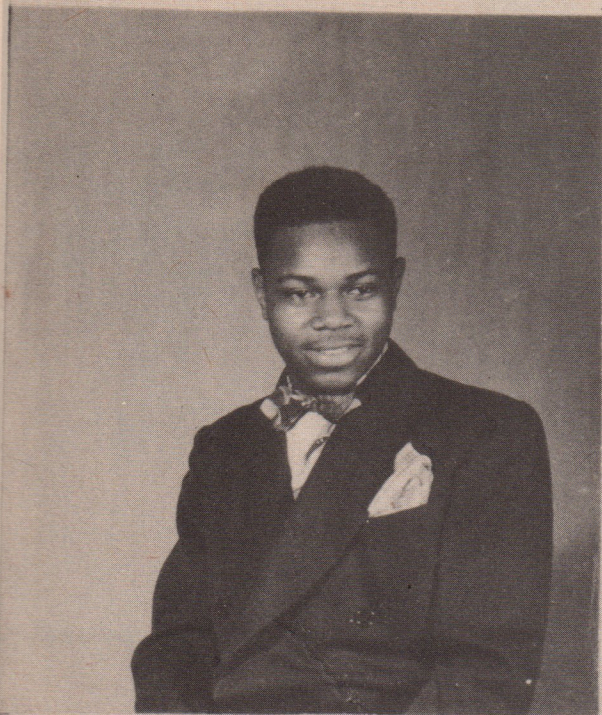
Miss Gardner
2-A Grade

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SENIORS

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Ernest Jackson
"Hank"
President,
Senior Class
Les Amis
Buzzer Staff
Hi-Y
Athletic Manager
Camera Club
Club



Elizabeth Chandler
"Sang"
Secretary,
Senior Class
Camera Club
Buzzer Staff

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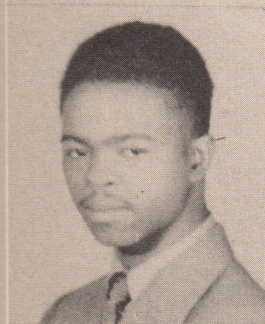
Willie Jackson
 Band '45
 Mixed Chorus
 Treasurer
 Senior Scouts



Jean Johnson
 "Penny"
 Annual Staff
 Y-Teens
 A Capella Choir
 Mixed Chorus
 Literary Club
 Les Amis Club



Leontyne Keys
 Y-Teens
 Annual Staff



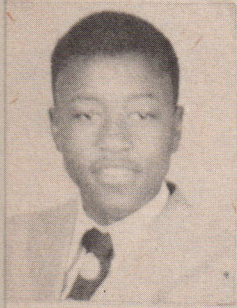
Clinton Davis
 Band
 Orchestra
 Hi-Y

Herbert Davis



Mable Matthews
 Y-Teens
 Class Prophet

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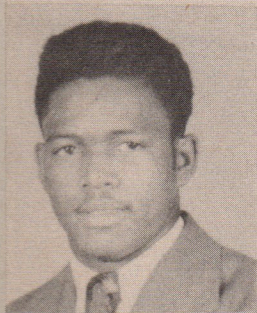
Merril Black
 "Gus"
 Les Amis
 Hi-Y
 Camera Club
 Boys' Glee Club
 Mixed Chorus



Ruth Griffin
 Student Gov't.
 Y-Teens
 Les Amis
 Mixed Chorus
 A Capella Choir

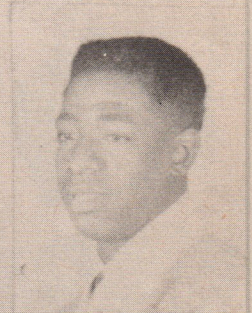


Otha Brown
 President,
 Student Gov't.
 President
 Veterans
 Club
 Hi-Y
 Football '45



William Brown
 "Blink"
 Hi-Y
 Veterans Club
 Les Amis
 Camera Club

Bernice Jackson
 "Bunny"
 Y-Teens



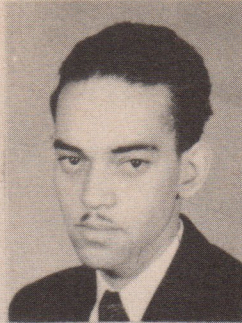
Edward Butler
 Les Amis Club
 Boys' Glee Club



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Pinkie Byas
Y-Teens
Literary Club



James Allen
Hi-Y
Camera Club
Les Amis



Cleo Cox
Literary Club
Y-Teens
Camera Club

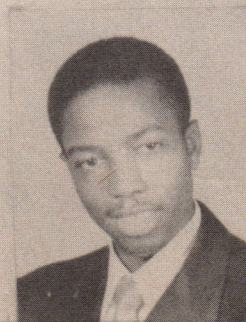


Rovella Cox
Mixed Chorus
Senior Scouts
Les Amis Club

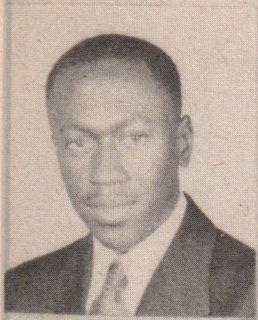
James Bivens
President,
Hi-Y
Buzzer Staff
Annual Staff



Bernice Gatewood
Y-Teens
A Capella Choir
Mixed Chorus
Secretary Class,
'45, '46, '47,
Les Amis Club



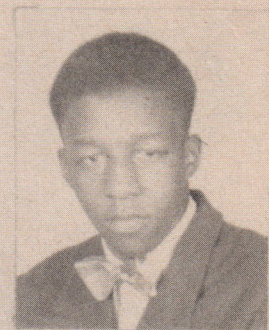
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Andrew Gray
"V-8"
Hi-Y Club



Ella B. McGowan
"Bee"
Y-Teens
Class Historian

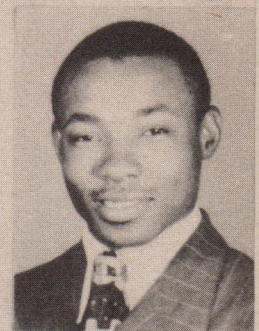


Clarence Glover
Hi-Y
Band
Vice-President
Senior Class
Camera Club



Robert Douglass
Class Poet
Buzzer Staff
Annual Staff
Boys' Glee Club
Hi-Y
Student Gov't. '47
Basketball

Jacqueline McMillian
Pres. Literary Club
Y-Teens
A Capella Choir
Mixed Chorus
Pep Squad



Monroe Edwards
Business Mgr.
Annual
Football '43
Secretary
Veterans Club



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Alphonso



Alfonza Guy
Band
Orchestra
A Capella Choir
Boys' Glee Club
Hi-Y



Mae Ruth Morris
Pep Squad
Y-Teens
Actors Guild
Literary Club
ACapella Choir
Mixed Chorus
Annual Staff



Florence Moore
Y-Teens
Literary Club
Band
Les Amis
Annual Staff

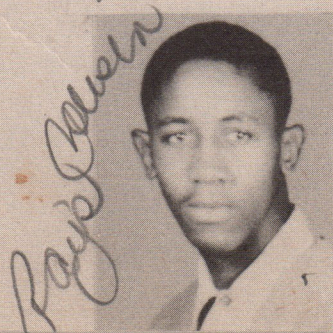


Henriene Neal
Pep Squad
Student Gov't.
Y-Teens
A Capella Choir
Mixed Chorus

Leo Harris
Les Amis
Mixed Chorus
Boys' Glee Club
Hi-Y

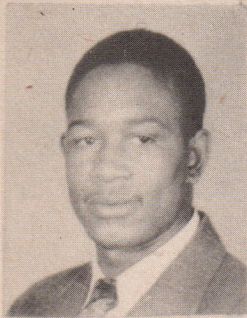


Willie M. Nickens
"Billy"
Y-Teens

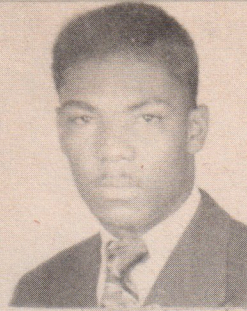


Ray's Bowen

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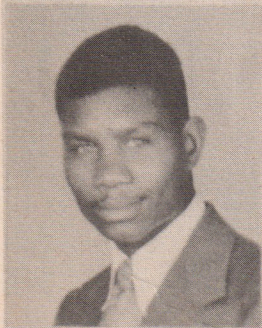
James Holman
Boys' Glee Club
Les Amis
Boxing
A Capella Choir



George Hurt
A Capella Choir
President
Boys' Glee Club
Captain
Football Team
Editor, Buzzer
Cartoonist
Annual Staff
Hi-Y, Band
All-Star,
Football Team
Actors Guild

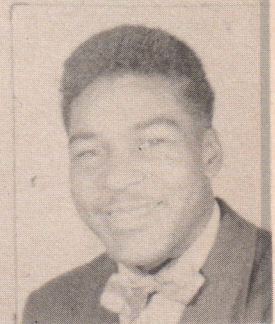


Christine Pointer
A Capella Choir
Mixed Chorus



James H. Jackson
Boys' Glee Club

Bernice Rowlett
Secretary,
Student Gov't.
Y-Teens
Literary Club
A Capella Choir
Annual Staff



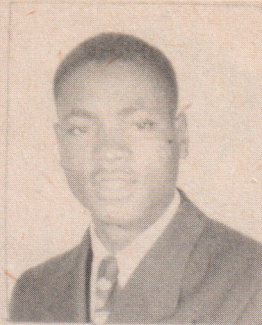
Andrew McCoy
"Preacherman",
Football Team
All-Star Team
Hi-Y



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Bessie Shields
 Pres. Y-Teens
 Literary Club
 Actors Guild
 ACapella Choir
 Asst. Sec. of
 Senior Class



Harold O'Bannon
 Basketball
 (All Memphis '48)
 Football
 Les Amis
 Annual Staff
 Veterans Club
 Boxing '45

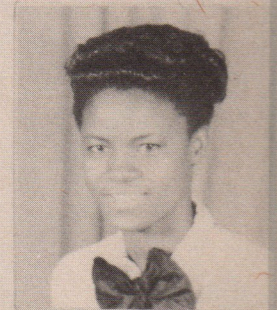


Fay Rowlett
 Camera Club
 Les Amis Club

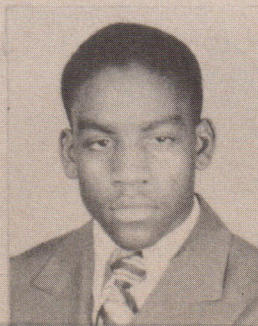


Jeweline Rowlett
 Y-Teens
 ACapella Choir
 Mixed Chorus
 Band

Arthur Mitchell
 Editor-in-Chief
 Annual Staff
 Student Gov't.



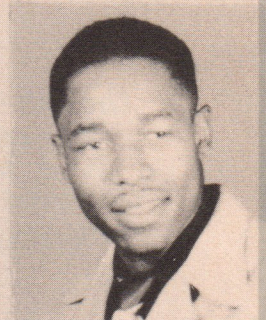
Elizabeth Webb
 "Lizabet"
 Y-Teens



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Christine Williams
"Chris"
Les Amis
Y-Teens



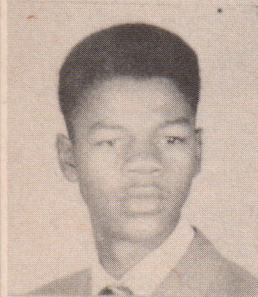
Alvin Taylor
"Nig"
Hi-Y, Track
Football
All Star Team
Annual Staff
Basketball
Buzzer Staff
Boxing



Aline Williams
Treasurer
Y-Teens
Class Reporter
Annual Staff
A Capella Choir
Mixed Chorus



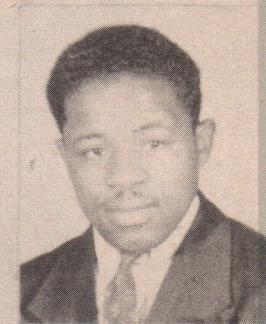
Sarah Wright



Elijah Storey
Les Amis
Annual Staff
Hi-Y
Boys' Glee Club
Basketball



Louise Wilson
Y-Teens
Literary Club
Secretary of
Class '45-'47



Herman Simmons
Treasurer,
Senior Class
Football
Boxing

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and democracy*

We, the graduates of Melrose High School consider this one of the happiest moments of our lives. We recollect that four years have run their circuit since 81 starry eyed bewildered students entered the high school department as Freshmen.

With the urge to go forward we advanced to the position of Sophomores, 72 in number. With the number seeming to be on the decline, we discovered that there were 47 Juniors. By an act of Providence fate increased the number by 4, making this third graduating class of Melrose 51 strong.

We are proud to say that throughout our high school career we have endeavored to properly fit ourselves for a life of success.

We have had a well rounded class in all the many different school activities of which we are proud. We are very grateful to Miss Lytia Yarbrough and Mr. Cecil D. Goodlow, our advisors, for their superior guidance and helpful inspiration.

As we enter into life may our future bring the realization of our past dreams and present hopes.

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CLASS COLORS: Black and White

CLASS MOTTO: "We Finish To Begin"

CLASS POEM:

THE LIFE OF MY LIFE

By

Robert L. Douglass

To feel as flowers, the sun and dew,
The one true life its own renew,
In work I work, in prayers I pray,
The Life of my life lives today.

If I reach not the golden strand
To join that enumerable caravan,
'Tis my fault, not the other man's
Because the Life of my life still lives.

As I enter into the community
Let me join in harmony and unity.
Should I forget where my goal should be
set
'Tis one thing I should never forget,
That the Life of my life still lives.

The bird with the broken opinion
Never soars as high again,
The opportunity that's passed on
Never returns to the face of man.
But the Life of my life still lives.

As I leave the Melrose High School,
Carrying with me the golden rule,
I shall work to live, serve, and give,
Because the Life of my life still lives.

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CLASS PROPHECY

After flying through space for four years, the wheel of my Aerial Shell touched "Terra Firma" and I was informed by my good pilot, Alvin Taylor, that I had reached Venus. I was surprised to find Venus inhabited by a group of people of advanced culture. Among them were many of my classmates.

I found Leo Harris to be the Editor of the "Venus Courier" Magazine. Edward Butler was the circulating manager. The magazine was doing very well for itself. When I entered the office of Clarence Glover, a dentist, Christine Pointer was the receptionist. And Louise Wilson was his private secretary.

Imagine my surprise on entering a laboratory to hear a nice young gentleman say, "I am Ernest Jackson, plastic surgeon". Jean Johnson was the laboratory technician. Arthur Mitchell was studying optometry. Florence Moore and Andrew Gray were there studying psychiatry. Pinkie Byas was operating the Venus Memorial School of Nursing. Elizabeth Webb and Fay Rowlett were employed there as trained nurses. Willie Mae Jackson and Elizabeth Chandler were the dieticians.

I shall never forget my trip to Venus.

I then began making scheduled stops in the United States. My first stop was New York. I made inquiries about a beauty shoppe, and was directed to the Cox Establishment, efficiently operated by Cleo Cox. Bernice Jackson was a cosmetologist and was working on the face of Geraldine Rowlett, a vocalist. It was here I learned that James Holman was exploring the

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wilds of Africa, and had discovered some gold there.

My next stop was Chicago. I met Jacqueline McMillan, a trained nurse, and we strolled down Grand Boulevard. A beautiful building attracted our attention. It was a music conservatory established by Alfonza Guy and supervised by Bessie Shields, an accomplished musician. Sarah Wright was the featured vocalist and Clinton Davis was the band instructor. This building was constructed by three well known architects, Otha Brown, George Hurt and Elijah Storey.

I attended commencement service at the Morris Secretarial College, operated by Mae Ruth Morris. Robert Douglass, now the Rev. Douglass, delivered the sermon, after which Bernice Rowlett, Rovella Cox, Aline Williams, Ella B. McGowan and Christine Williams received their degrees.

The Metropolitan Hospital was constructed under the directions of Herman Simmons, a skilled brick mason. Interior decoration was done by James Henry Jackson and engineering by Merrill Black. James Bivens and Andrew McCoy were the pharmacists.

Harold O'Bannon has won fame with his humorous poetry. Leontyne Keys is now a famous detective. Henriene Neal and William Brown are well known lawyers. Monroe Edwards is the owner of a large funeral home. Bernice Gatewood is his confidential secretary. This property was purchased from James Allen, a wealthy real estate dealer.

Herbert Davis is the manager of the Davis Taxi Cab Company. Willie Mae Nickens is his corresponding secretary. They have a thriving business. Ruth Griffin is now making a tour of the United States. My job is librarian in the Cossitt Library.

This is the end of my dream in which I saw each one of my classmates. I hope my dream will come true! And now I wish my classmates all the luck and happiness and a very successful career to all.

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CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Melrose High School, county of Shelby, State of Tennessee, do publish and declare this to be our last will and testament on this 6th day of June, 1948.

Leontyne Keys wills her disposition to Alberta Wilson. Jeweline Rowlett wills her tenor voice to Lorece Gatewood. Jean Johnson wills her personality to Perrine Cox. Faye Rowlett wills her walk to Doris Jean Williams. Florence Moore wills her carefree attitude to Catherine Grayer.

Cleo Cox wills her shortness to Helen Wright. Elizabeth Webb wills her sewing skill to Lillian Davis. Jacqueline McMillan wills her one dimple and broad smile to Thelma Dillard. Mae Ruth Morris wills her demureness to Bernice Massey. Bernice Rowlett wills her mathematical ability to Ophelia Dillard.

Bessie Shields wills her musical ability to Louise Easley. Aline Williams wills her worn out saddle oxfords to Pauline Roberts. Ella B. McGowan wills her physics notebook to Delores Bradley. Willie Mae Jackson wills her glamorous look to Bernice Washington. Willie Mae Nickens wills her fine physique to Zorine Duckett.

Christine Williams wills her ability to make friends to Minnie Mae Nelson. Henriene Neal wills her position in the student council to Pearl Mae Woods. Rovella Cox wills her shyness to Lillian Davis. Ruth Griffin wills her stubbornness to Robbie Mae Holmes. Pinkie Byas wills her coiffure to Marie West.

Elizabeth Chandler wills her demureness to Ernestine Bridgeforth. Bernice Gatewood wills her secretarial ability to Laurine Hollowell. Bernice Jackson wills her fine stroll to Lillian Grant. Sarah

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Class Will cont'd.....

Wright wills her oratorical ability to Verla Mae Kountz. Christine Pointer wills her collection of ribbons and flowers to Mavis Patten.

Mable Matthews wills her mental ability to Celia Ann Davis. Louise Wilson wills her reversible raincoat that's too long for short and too short for long. Ernest Jackson wills his office as class president to Thomas Mills. William Brown wills his loudness to David Gentry. Andrew McCoy wills his mad stroll to Clem Lewis.

Monroe Edwards wills his business ability to Bradford Holmes. Clinton Davis wills his re-bopping to Leroy Wilson. Clarence Glover wills his generosity to Cenner Pointer. James Henry Jackson wills his frantic way of wearing his hat to George Kirby.

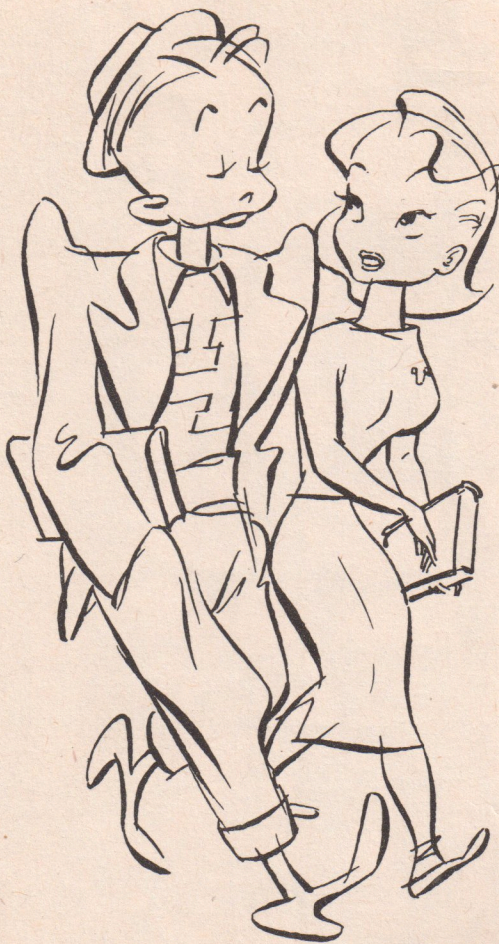
Harold O'Bannon wills his lankiness to Johnnie LaGrone. James Holman wills his dancing ability to Alphonza Nickens. James Allen wills his friendly ways of approaching people to Alonza Johnson. Edward Butler wills his dreamy eyes to Cortrell Jones. Alphonza Guy wills his be-bop glasses to Charles Rivers. Herbert Davis wills his unconcerned ways to John Arnett.

Robert Douglass wills his cooperative spirit to Robert Irving. Otha Brown wills his presidency of the student council to John Ed Chandler. James Bivens wills his collection of bow ties to George Holcomb. Herman Simmons wills his position as treasurer of the senior class to York Martin.

Leo Harris wills his neatness to Milton Johnson. Elijah Storey wills his artistic ability to Robert Williams. George Hurt wills his position as captain of the football team to Garnet McClellan. Merrill Black wills his humorousness to Oliver Jackson.

Arthur Mitchell wills his dignity to Joe Garrison. Andrew Gray wills his intelligence to C. L. Wright. Alvin Taylor wills his kicking ability to Alvin Smith.

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11-2 CLASS

We are anxiously awaiting the time when we shall become Seniors, so as to prove our merit and take the places that are being vacated by the graduates.

Already the Juniors of '48 have begun to make Melrose a larger and better school.

We had the honor of having "Miss Melrose" elected from our group. This is indeed a great honor for the Junior class.

The Juniors this year have taken a part in most of the organizations of our school such as the Student Government, Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, Y-Teens, Hi-Y, and many more; each is striving to make the part he is playing the best.

The officers of 11-2 are: President, John Arnet; Vice-President, George Kirby; Secretary, Zorine Duckett; Assistant Secretary, Bernice Washington; Treasurer, York Martin.

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JUNIORS

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11-A CLASS

We, the Juniors of the 11-A division have decided: That he who quits has a brain and hand as good as the rest, but he lacks the sand that would make him stick with courage stout to whatever he tackles, and fight it out. For the one who sticks has sense to see he can make himself what he wants to be. If we are fortunate enough to become Seniors next year, we want to accomplish things for the better development of our school.

The election of our class officers was important because we felt that it was necessary to choose good leaders in order to succeed. Our officers are: President, Mavia Patten; Vice-President, Delores Del Bradley; Secretary, Robbie Holmes; Treasurer, Lorece Gatewood; Advisor, Mr. J. W. Westbrook. With these leaders we have succeeded wonderfully.

In this class are quite a number of talented students, and we hope that they will continue to use their talents and achieve more in the field of entertainment for others. So that is why we are going to work hard.

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10-A CLASS

The 10-A Class has the distinction of being one of the largest classes in the high school this year. That in itself should be an inspiration to us to keep our work up to the highest standards. In this way we can do our part toward building up the tradition of scholarship and character which are the cornerstones of our school life.

Our class has not been found wanting in the school activities. We have four members on the football squad along with two trainers. We also have a large number of boys and girls in the Junior Choral Group. We are well represented in various clubs such as the Pep Squad, Hi-Y, and the Band. Some of the members of our class have had the honor of being elected as Student Councilmen.

We have enjoyed being under the supervision of Miss Vera Cummings this year. We wish to thank her for her patience, kindness and consideration in making our class what it is today.

10-3 CLASS

The 10-3 Class in its effort to go forward has elected the following officers; President, Alberta Richmond; Vice-Pres., Eloise Horton; Secy., Nettie Savage; Asst. Secy., Rubie Benson; Treas., Norma Jean Hill; Chaplain, Doris Thomas.

The Class Motto is: "Knowledge Comes But Wisdom Lingers."

We have had quite a few students on the honor roll in the past six weeks. Among those were Jonnie Mae Mann and Corrinne Johnson. We hope to have more in the future.

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10-2 CLASS

The 10-2 Class is composed of 15 boys and 27 girls. It has been one of the most outstanding classes at Melrose this year. Its members are represented in the leading campus organizations and activities, such as the football team, music groups, honor roll, Student Council, Camera Club and other organizations.

The officers of the class are as follows: President, Emma Jean Taylor; Vice-President, John Williams; Secretary, Shirley Harden; Treasurer, William Pernell.

We had as stars on the 1947 football team the following boys: M. D. Young, Leander Spight. These boys also were stars on the basketball team.

Members of the Choral Group are Danner, Harden, Harrison, Arnett, Brown, Turner, Hilson, Woodard, Easley, Martin, Tuggle, Williams, Murcherson, Spight, Pernell, Young and Harris.

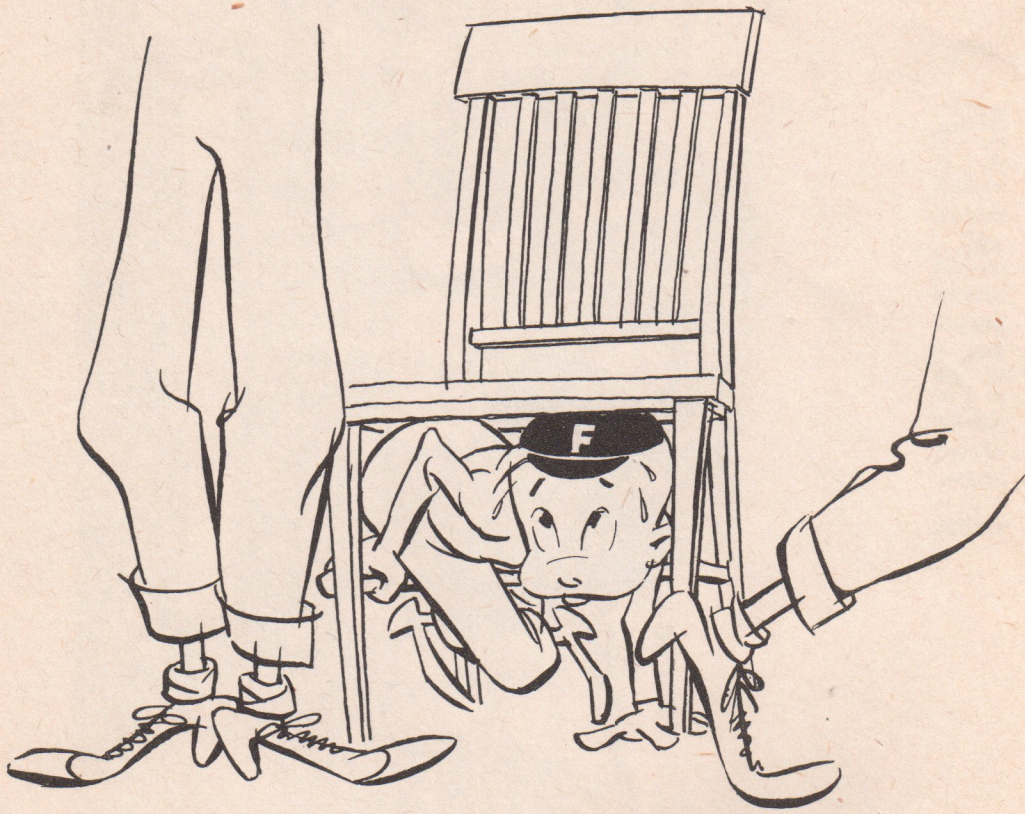
On the Student Council we have William Pernell and Leander Spight. The class is represented on the Honor Roll by its president, Emma Jean Taylor. Members of the Boxing Team are Washington and Pernell. In the band we have Alma Martin and Mildred Yarbrough. The Camera Club has on its roll Katie Walker, Theresa Woodard, Evely Meacham. In the oratorical contest our representative was Thelma Hilson.

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9-A CLASS

The 9-A Class is really living up to its motto, "We lead and others follow." We have been 100% in participating in all the activities of the school. Let us always try to live by this verse:

As on life's road we trod,
Keep your heads up and look to God.
Doing your best in whatever you can,
That, yes, that's what makes a man!

9-3 CLASS

School days are the most enjoyable days of a person's life and high school days are the brightest of all. We, the 9-3 Class of Melrose High School have taken full advantage of the opportunity to fill our lives with both enjoyment and education.

At the beginning of the school year, our class was made up of 29 boys and 30 girls. Some few have dropped out, but most of our number still remain.

We are prominent in all school activities, both scholastic and entertaining. Our class is represented in the Senior Band by Catherine Jordan, Mary E. Newton, Charles Rivers, Lorine Evans and Aaron James.

On the scholastic side we have Cecil Sanderson and Florine Ransom who have been on the honor roll for most of the year. We realize that no class is any better than the leadership it receives, so at the beginning of the year we chose our efficient officers who have served us well. They are: President, Catherine Jordan; Vice-Pres., Percy Saulsberry; Secy., Mary Newton; Asst. Secy., Hazel Gaither; Treas., Fannie Banks; Editor, Martha Harris; Mrs. Florence Frazier, Home Economics teacher is our advisor.

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FRESHMAN

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9-2 CLASS

The 9-2 Class, under the supervision of Mr. Goodlow, is one of the best.

This being our first year in the high school department, we were very excited and confused. After becoming accustomed to the high school rules and regulations we have settled down. We are very proud to say that those students who put their work first had the pleasure of appearing on the Honor Roll.

Our class has contributed liberally to the various campaigns that we were asked to support. For example, we gave to the Red Cross, March of Dimes, and the Infantile Paralysis Drive.

We were reluctant about joining some of the clubs, at first, but we can say now with pleasure that we have students in most of the clubs in the High School.

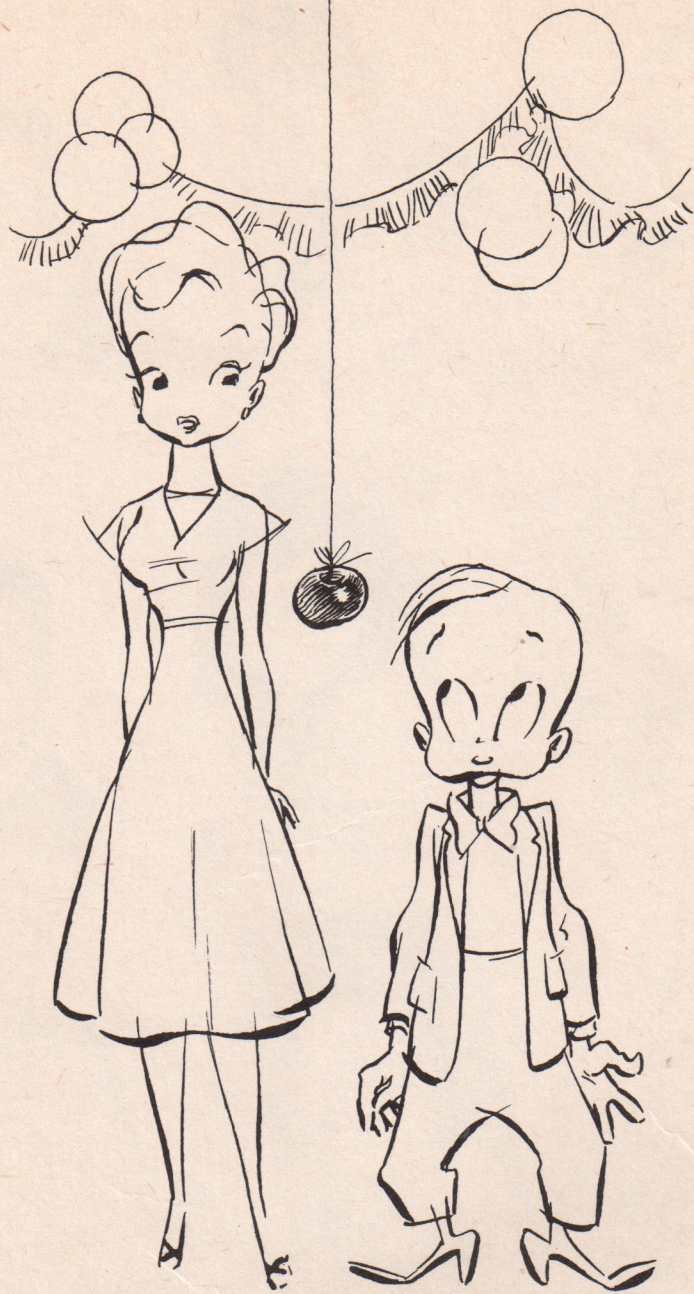
We are looking forward to being Sophomores next year and are very happy our pictures will appear in the Melrosette this year.

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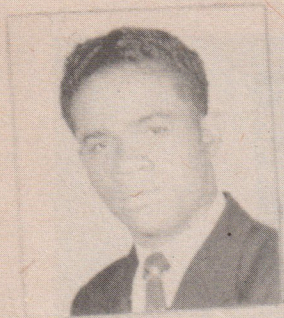
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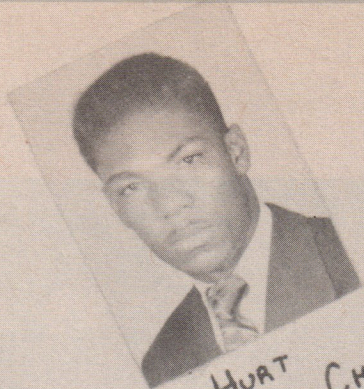


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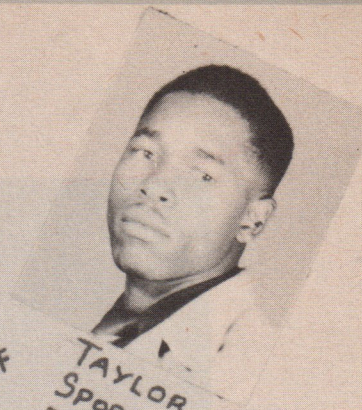
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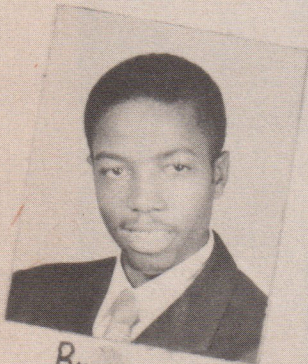
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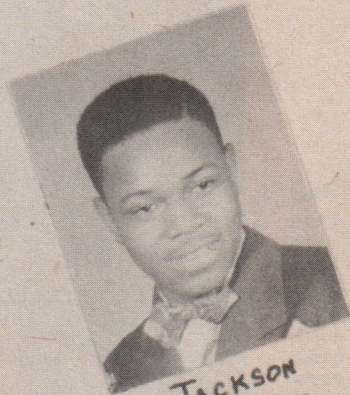
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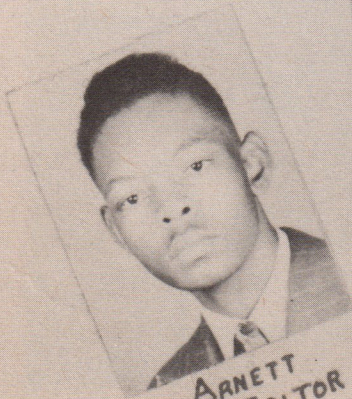
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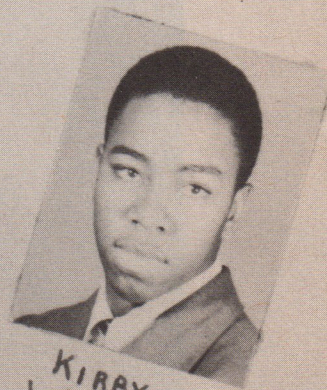
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MELROSE LIBRARY

The Melrose Library tries at all times to live up to the motto of the American Library Association, "The Right Book for the Right Child." We must be a service agency in order to maintain our rightful place as the hub of the scholastic program.

Our library is adequately stocked to meet the needs of the present student body, and new titles are constantly being added to keep pace with the rapid growth in our enrollment.

Through bulletin board exhibits we keep the students informed of national observances, holidays, and the birthdays of notables.

The best sellers in fiction and non fiction which are suitable for high schools are included in our collection. The library also subscribes to newspapers and to 17 magazines which treat of most of the fields in which the students are interested. There are magazines of fashions, homemaking, mechanics, travel, radio, teen-age magazines, national and international events, history, fiction, science, and many other topics.

In the library students are provided with a quiet place in which to prepare their lessons. We give help in finding information, making bibliographies, and book lists, and in helping students select books for recreational reading, if they ask for such help.

Student librarians assist in circulating books, cataloging, making and filing catalog cards, straightening shelves and returning books to the shelves. These assistants are Nina Clower, Lillian Hayes, and Florine Ransom, all members of the Ninth Grade Classes.

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SAFETY COUNCIL

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SAFETY COUNCIL

"Loyalty Through Safety"

The Safety Council of Melrose High School is composed of boys and girls in Grades Six through Eight. These boys have as their objective, "The protection of the welfare of others, at home, school, church, and community."

Under the supervision of Mrs. Ophelia Hawkins and Mr. Cecil D. Goodlow, these boys and girls have been efficient patrolmen in directing traffic to and from school and curbing disturbances among students.

THE BAND

The well trained band of Melrose High School, under the leadership of Mr. T. L. McClellan, has worked hard during the year to entertain the school and public. We feel that we have accomplished much in the field of music. We appreciate the patience, and spirit of cooperation Miss Sylvers has shown us.

We were proud of our school and community for their representation at the musical concert which was held on the campus of the school Easter Sunday. With the cooperation of the community we strive for success.

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JUNIOR CHORAL GROUP

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THE JUNIOR CHORAL GROUP

The Junior Choral Group, under the leadership of Miss Viola P. Flowers, was organized October 1, 1947. The following members were elected to offices: Hattie Brittenum, President; Sammie Redmond, Vice-President; Geraldine Anderson, Secretary; Gloria Brannon, Assistant Secretary; William Pernel, Treasurer; Jonnie Mae Mann, Chaplain.

This group is composed of members of the three Tenth Grade divisions. We have mastered some very difficult selections and have appeared on many programs to the delight of those who heard us. We hope to continue to improve our performances each time we have the opportunity to appear on a program.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Melrose has seen its third Student Government and from the beginning of its organization until now it has helped throughout the school.

During the year the Student Government has assisted the teachers in keeping order throughout the building.

There are several committees functioning efficiently. These have assisted the principal in details and various programs.

The officers are: President, Otha Brown; Vice-President, George Kirby; Secretary, Bernice Rowlett; Corresponding Secretary, Robbie Mae Holmes; Assistant Secretary, Geraldine Anderson. The advisors of the Student Government are Miss Vera Cummings and Miss Lytia Yarbrough.

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Janie's Sister →

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HOME ECONOMICS

THE HOME MAKERS DEPARTMENT

The need for a knowledge of the principles of Homemaking is expedient in these days of inflated prices, inferior products and scarcity of choice of commodities.

The Home Makers Department realizes this need in planning its program to give some basic training in the several divisions of foods and clothing. This is required for Freshmen and Sophomore girls. Members of this department take an active part in other phases of the school program and hold membership in the leading campus organizations.

In addition to its school program, the department carries on an adult program for the women of the community. During the summer a six weeks course is held at the school. In this course the adults are instructed in food preservation, preparation of balanced diets and home management.

The Home Makers Department is proud to be engaged in the task of training individuals for more gracious living.

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THE CAFETERIA

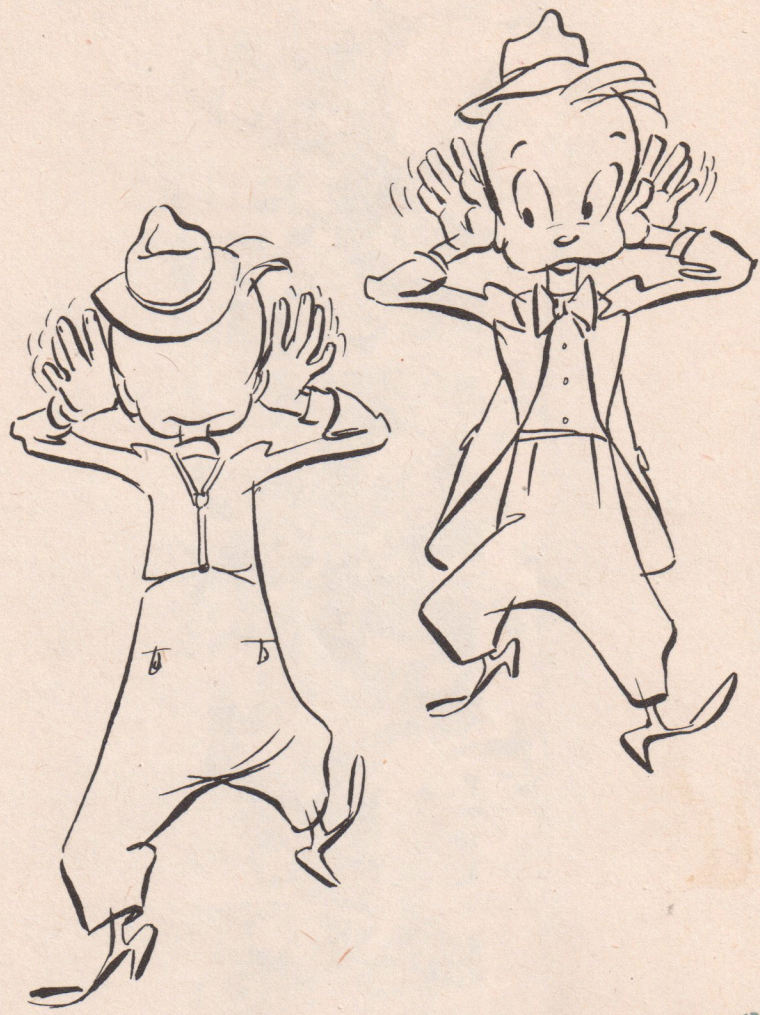
The school cafeteria is operated by the Board of Education for the benefit of the Melrose Student Body. Each day a well balanced meal is served to between 300 and 525 students of grades 1-12, and the faculty members as well. The cost of the meal is well below the prevailing city price.

Each day's meal contains all 7 of the basic foods needed for good health. If the basic food is not available, an approved substitute is served. The menus are worked out by trained nutritionists employed by the Board of Education. A typical day's menu consists of the following: String beans, creamed potatoes, roast beef, fruit salad, bread and milk.

The members of the cafeteria staff make the building attractive by placing pictures and displays on the walls, planting flowers in window boxes, and by keeping the floors and tables clean. Faculty members assist them in helping the students serve themselves quietly and orderly.

The cafeteria has a staff of 8 members. Mrs. Viola Thompson is manager, and Mrs. E. M. Hines is her assistant. Other members are: Mrs. Beatrice Hawkins, Mrs. Rosa Garrett, Mrs. Ruby Taylor, Mrs. Gillie Van Pelt, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas and Mrs. Alzey Noble.

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SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

As we, the Senior Girl Scouts of Melrose, look back, we realize how popular this organization is. The progress we have made causes us to feel very proud. Our reliable instructors, Miss Vera Cummings and Miss Lytia Yarbrough, have striven very hard to make this an outstanding organization.

The Senior Scouts, as teen-agers, have found this organization very entertaining. In December 1947, we entertained the members of the football squad with a party at the home of Miss Frances McGuire. This being our first entertainment, we could hardly imagine having a more enjoyable one. We entertained a group of Boy Scouts on December 31, 1947 at the Foote Homes Auditorium. As we move on, things became more exciting such as the Pre-Valentine Dance we participated in at the Y. W. C. A. along with the other Girl Scouts of the city. This is only some of our social plans. We are planning to do more things that are entertaining and interesting.

Turning to the serious side, representatives from every troop in the city meet at the Girl Scout Branch Office. This is for two reasons. First, to plan various forms of entertainment for the Scouts, and second, to get acquainted with one another as teen-agers of our organization.

At this time I must mention that we Senior Scouts of Melrose are looking forward to one of our most thrilling moments. We are scheduled to receive our caps March 14, 1948, in return for the work we have done and are planning to do.

All Girl Scouts will remember when they see or hear the word S-C-O-U-T that it stands for Honesty and Service both to God and to Man.

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INTERMEDIATE SCOUTS

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INTERMEDIATE SCOUTS

Troop 205, under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Graham and Mrs. Mattye Saines Snow, holds its meetings weekly during the school year.

The intermediate scouts desire to earn proficiency badges and keep troop interest at a very high peak.

Hikes, movies, musical concerts, radio programs, creative art, educational trips and the Court of Awards are the activities engaged in and listened to during the year.

Registered scouts for this year are: Monice Williams, Ora Lee Bland, Lucille Rhine, Caroline Scott, Dorothy Truitt, Juanita Shields, Barbara Davis, Gussie Haynes, Lillian Smith, Florence Bryant, Maxine Miller, Ruthie Williams, Julia Harden.

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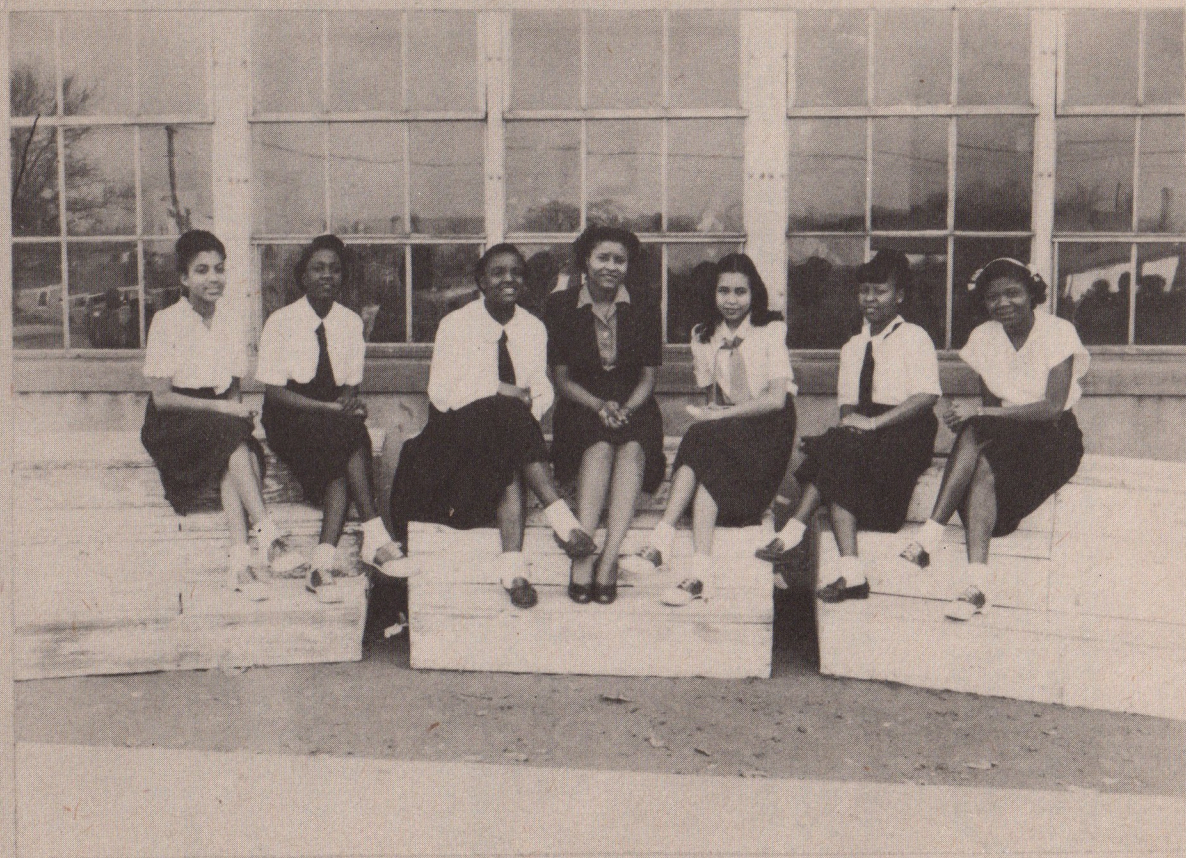
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LITERARY CLUB

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PEP SQUAD

The colorful performances rendered by the Pep Squad at the games won the praise of the entire city. Students forming these squads received special training in rhythmic coordination. We feel that the purpose of our organization is to lend motivation through inspiration.

The members of the Senior Squad are: Mae Ruth Morris, Jacqueline McMillan, Henriene Neal, Helen Wright, Barbara Taylor, Celestine Hancock, Curtisline Porter, Barbara Tinnon, Gloria Grant, Jimmie Wilson.

LITERARY CLUB

The Literary Club was organized for the purpose of spreading the love for good books throughout the school. Its membership is limited to Juniors and Seniors of exceptional scholastic ability who have reading for a hobby.

The club carries on various activities other than the perusal of literature. Recently the members sponsored a Student Who's Who Contest. Officers for this year are: President, Jacqueline McMillan; Vice-President, Mae Ruth Morris; Secretary, Jean Johnson; Assistant Secretary, Bernice Rowlett; Treasurer, Bessie Shields.

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CHEER LEADERS

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Y-TEENS

Y-TEENS

The Y-Teens are growing by leaps and bounds. The membership is the greatest in the history of the club. The activities are as interesting as ever. The Christian Endeavors are as ardent or perhaps more ardent since world brotherhood seems to be the goal of all thinking groups.

We shall miss our graduates; many of them hold offices in which they have functioned with sincerity and efficiency. We wish them all the GOOD LUCK that a Y-Teen deserves. We hope they too will continue their services as some of the graduates of previous classes have done.

Thanks to Mrs. Sharp for her ceaseless patience and guidance. Give us a few years and we shall be back in Melrose to help carry on.

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BOYS' GLEE CLUB

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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The boys are very proud to be the first male Glee Club organized at Melrose High School.

They have rendered music on several occasions to the delight of all who heard them. They are planning to have a larger and a better group for the coming year.

Our Pledge: "We pledge co-operation with each other, our president and our director. We co-operate fully only when every member stands for a spirit of concentration and teamwork at all times. We pledge our complete loyalty to the Boys' Glee Club of our school. We will always try to speak the truth. We are a group chosen from four hundred boys and will act accordingly!"

Miss Viola P. Flowers,
Advisor

Junior Octet

We, the members of the Junior Octet of Melrose High School, organized in September 1947.

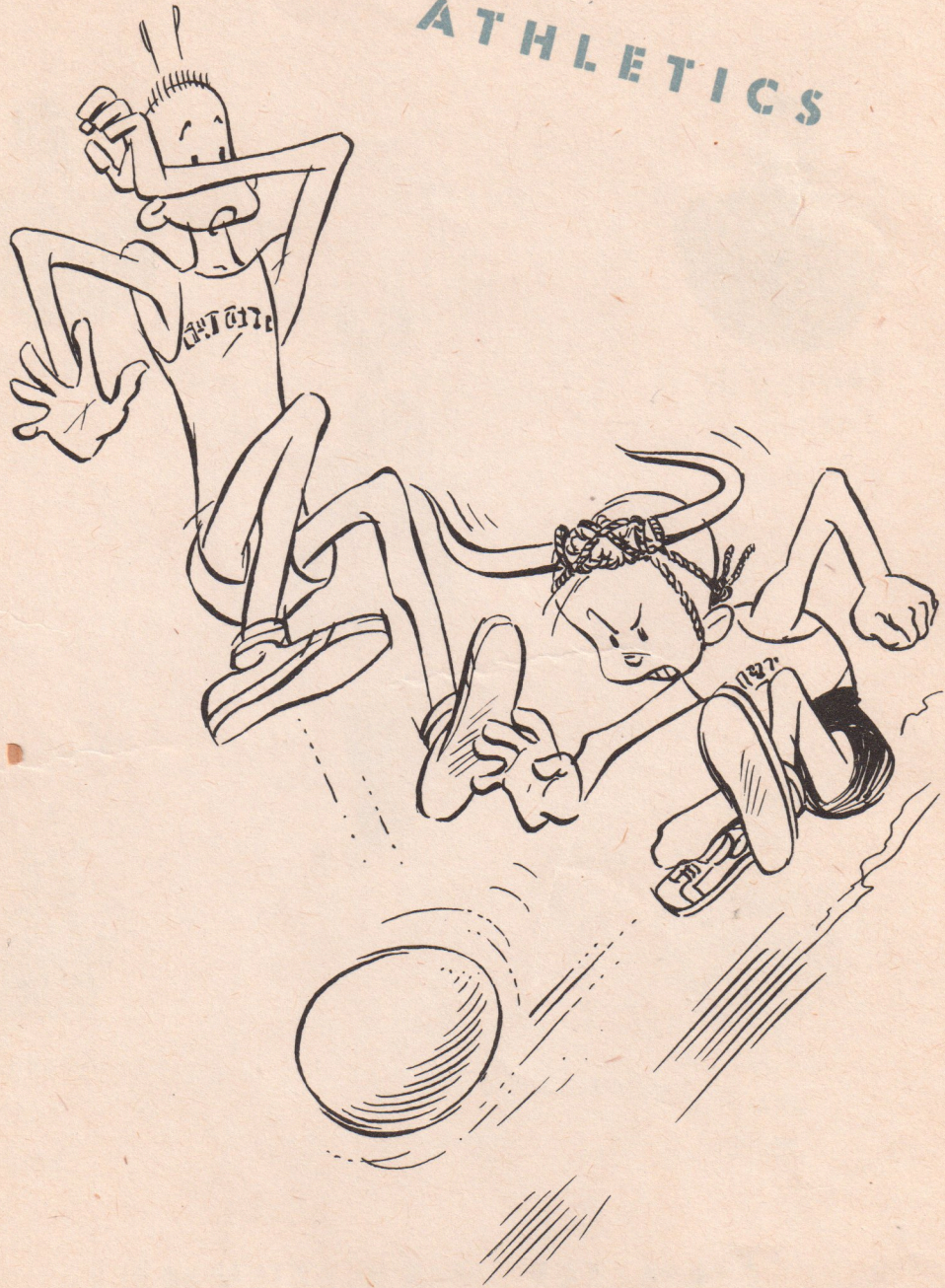
Since that time we have rendered several selections for the general public. We sang for the employees of Union Protective Assurance Company and also for the Christmas program at Centenary Methodist Church.

On Thanksgiving Day we sang at the Mount Olive Methodist Church. We also visit the sick rooms of our friends and neighbors with songs of cheer.

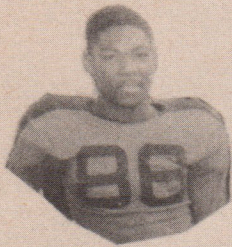
We are very proud of our work and hope to continue under the very fine leadership of our music teacher, Miss Viola P. Flowers.

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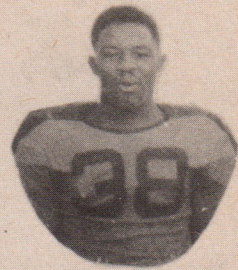
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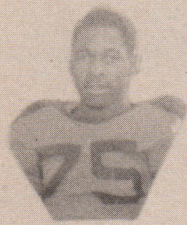
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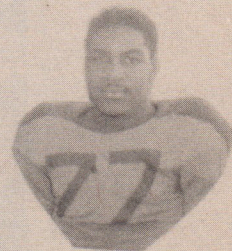
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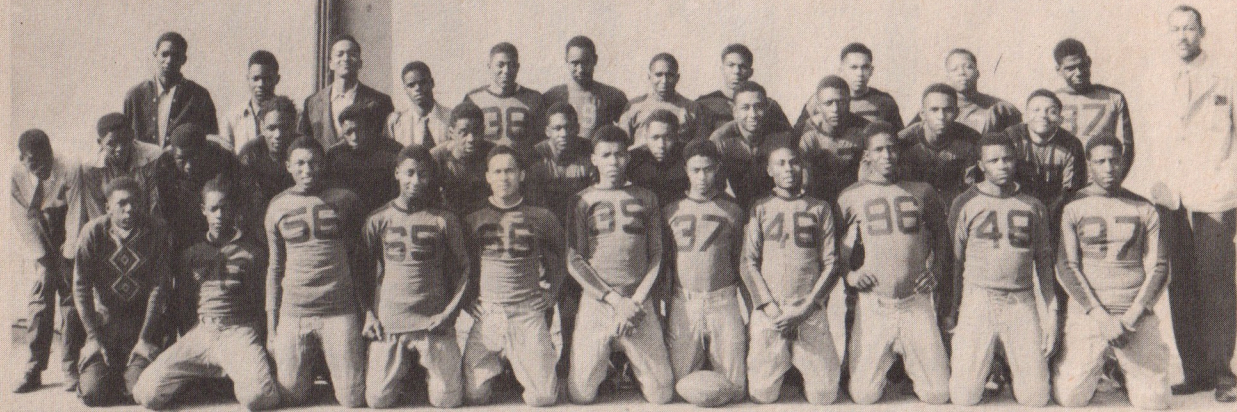
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FOOTBALL TEAM

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BASKETBALL TEAM

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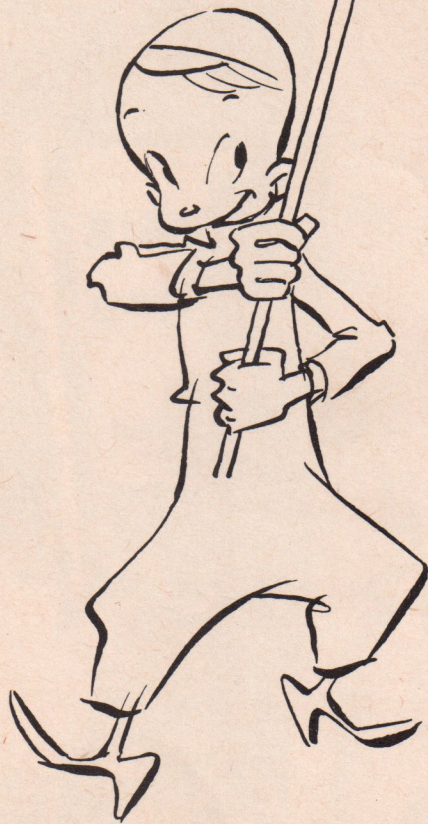


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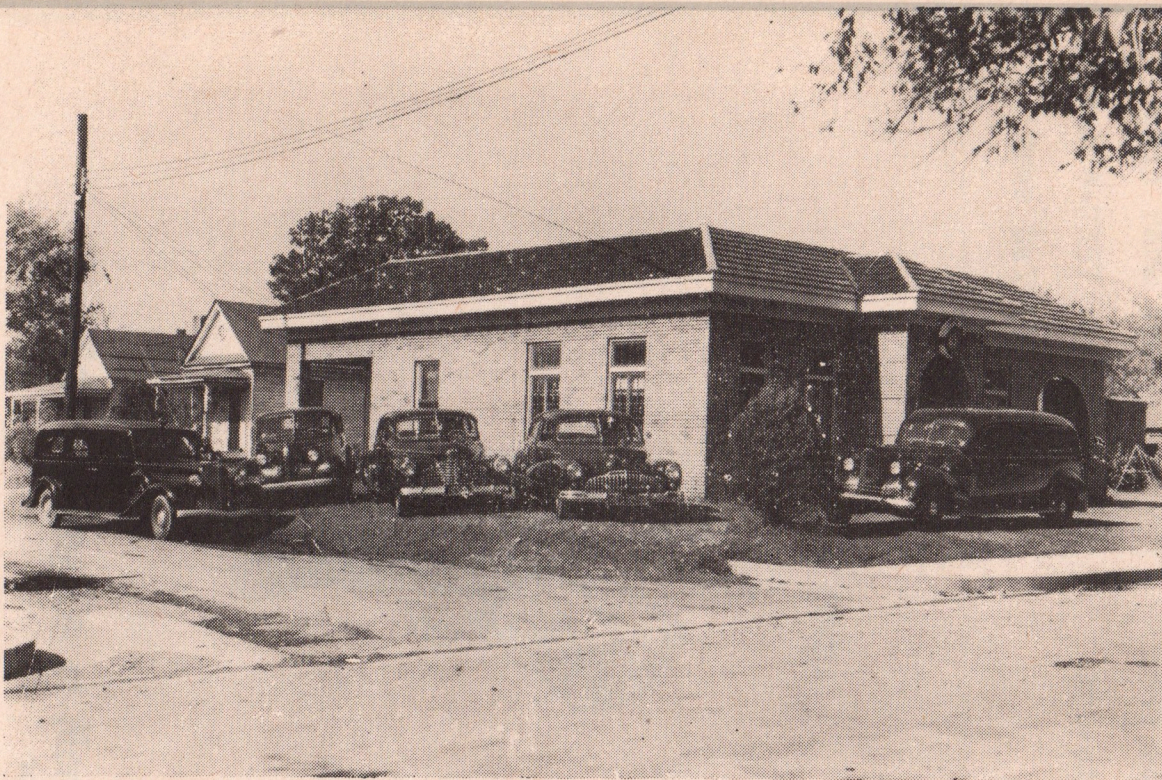
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