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Miss Emma
Mrs. Ethel Boyd Taylor

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melrose high school ● memphis, tennessee

Prof. Floyd M. Campbell
PRINCIPAL

Foreword

THIS annual is published to acquaint you with the various activities carried on at Melrose High School.

Many Worthwhile organizations have been initiated here to improve the status of Melrose students. Melrose is one of four institutions which play an important part in the training of youth in the city of Memphis, and serves as a hub of activity in a rapidly growing community.

Some of these activities and organizations are: the Student Council, which prepares the student for leadership; literary, Spanish, and dramatic clubs which enable us to appreciate and enjoy the better types of literature, the romance languages, and various stage productions.

Some athletic activities include football, basketball, track, and boxing teams. These are physical succors to the body. Always present is the Pep Squad which serves as a triangular design: first, it gives the members excercise; second, it urges the teams to victory; and third, it puts vivacious pep into the spectators.

The Senior Service Scouts, Brownies and Intermediate Scouts, Y-Teens, Hi-Y, and Gray-Y organizations familiarize us with the social side of life. We look to these for leadership in the job of character building.

The Junior and Senior Choral Groups, Girls' Octet, Boys' Glee Club, and the Band are the musical units which broaden our understanding and appreciation of the finest arts, music.

The Camera Club contributes much to campus life by helping students to preserve, through snapshots, a panorama of these most precious days of their lives, and to weld in an unbreakable chain, a record of events to pass on to posterity.

The Buzzer, the T.O.M., and the Golden Wildcat pave the way for experimental journalism, and at the same time serve as an outlet for news which is peculiarly the students' own.

To the Safety Council boys is entrusted the most hazardous job of guiding the mass of students across streets in the mornings and afternoons, and of escorting them to affairs taking place off the campus.

Living is more than watching and listening. It is doing. An individual derives great satisfaction from conquering the unconquerable. Being able to display our creative ability through both our subject matter and other activities, we understand the value of a wide range of interests.

Man's creative ability distinguishes him from the beast. Our creative expression has been a ray of sunshine breaking through the sometimes monotonous clouds of everyday classroom routine. Thus we are bringing to you photographs and symbols which depict many channels through which we have passed.

May you enjoy the contents of the Golden Wildcat as much as we have enjoyed the participation.

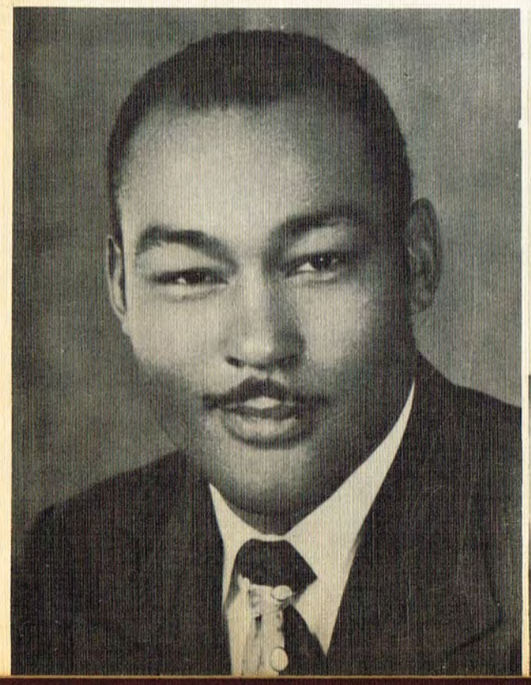
Hooks Bros
"50"

DEDICATION

● To our parents and the patrons of our community, whose perseverance has been portrayed through their loyalty and devotion to us in our numerous efforts, the 1950 issue of this yearbook, The Golden Wildcat, is dedicated.

MRS. CAWTHON – Secretary

MR. WESTBROOK – Advisor



MISS CUMMINGS – Advisor

JUNIOR HIGH

Mrs. M. E. Rawlings
Mrs. O. P. Hawkins
Mrs. M. V. Reid
Mrs. D. M. Haynes
Mr. A. J. Becton
Mr. L. H. Griffin
Miss E. L. Clanton
Mrs. L. King

HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. D. Bodden
Mrs. F. Bolden
Mrs. D. T. Graham
Mrs. F. M. Richards
Mr. J. W. Westbrook
Miss V. T. Cumming
Mrs. L. McKinney
Mrs. G. V. Sharp
Mr. C. D. Goodlow
Mrs. M. McCleave
Miss V. P. Flowers
Mr. T. L. McClellan
Mr. D. West

INTERMEDIATE

Mrs. M. J. Handy
Mrs. J. Q. Pruitt
Mrs. P. W. Bowden
Mrs. E. Taylor
Mrs. H. O. Lewis
Miss C. Humphrey
Mrs. M. Thomas
Mrs. A. L. Williams
Mrs. L. Campbell
Mrs. I. M. Morris
Mrs. W. S. Horne
Mrs. M. E. Collier

PRIMARY

Miss F. M. Davis
Mrs. J. G. Johnson
Miss J. C. Adams
Mrs. M. Jordan
Mrs. E. D. Stiles
Mrs. L. Armfield
Miss G. B. Carvin
Miss C. Gardner
Mrs. M. M. Goodlow
Mrs. M. V. Gibson
Miss G. R. Sylvers
Mrs. D. S. Thompson
Miss O. Boswell

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Leander Spight
Vice-President ..... John E. Williams
Secretary ..... Shirley Harden
Assistant Secretary ... Geraldine Anderson
Treasurer ..... Lynn Flynn

Student Council Officers

Left to right, front row:

Barbara Tinnon (Chaplain)
Florence Bryant (Ass't. Secretary)
Emma Taylor (Corresponding Sec.)
Barbara Crawford (Secretary)

Back row:

Louis Hicks (Vice President)
William Pernell (President)
John Williams (Treasurer)

Geraldine Anderson

Mary Arnett

Lucille Baird

Bruce Bates

Gloria Brannon

Odell Bridges

Hattie Brittenum

Maxine Brown

James Bryant

Theodore Bryant

Southern Campbell

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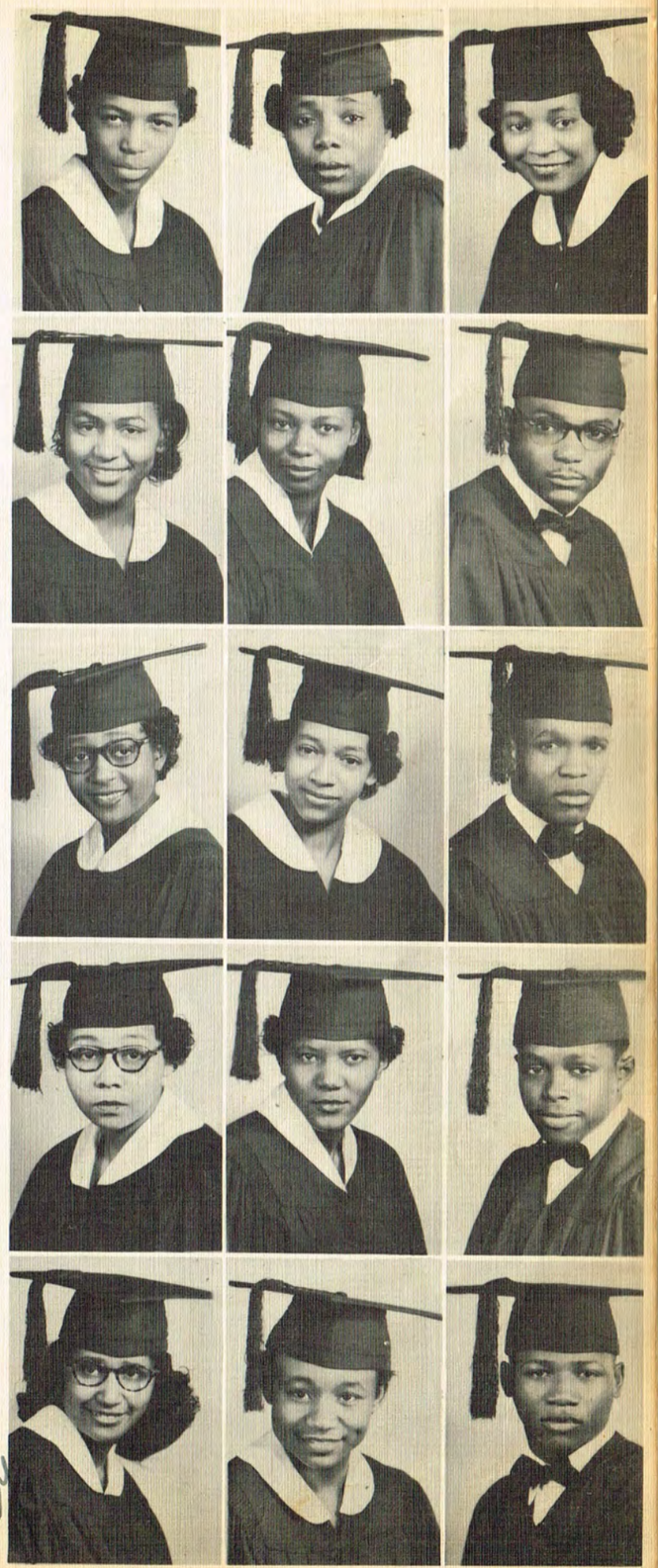
Ernest Cunningham

Julia Danner

Gertrude Davis



Jewel Dorsey

Dorothy Easley

Lucille Edmondson

Calvin Edwards

Doretha Edwards

Josiah Elmore

Lynn Flynn, Jr.

Virginia Flynn

Mary Fowler

Elias Gatewood

Ernestine Glover

Willie Godwin

Elton Grandberry

Clematee Graves

Charlie Mae Grey

Mary Griffin

Shirley Harden

Cleo Harris

James Harris

Evelyn Harrison

Thelma Harr

Alice Harvey

Jean Herron

Richard Hol

Coretha Holt

Raymond Hurt

Dorothy Jenn

Corinne Johnson

Edith Johnson

Willie B. Joh

Mary Jones

Julius Knight

Alcine Kountz

Katherine Kyle

Nellie B. Lee

Clem Lewis

Johnnie Mann

Alma Lee Martin

ernice Massey

James McKenzie

Mattie Mullins

annon Murcherson

Walter Nickens

William Pernell

nestine Ransom

Sammie Redmond

Mary Dean Sanders

Sarah Sander

Nettie Savage

Myrtle Seals

Minnie Sharp

Curtis Spillers

Ira Spillers

Leander Spig

Emma Jean Taylor

William Taylor

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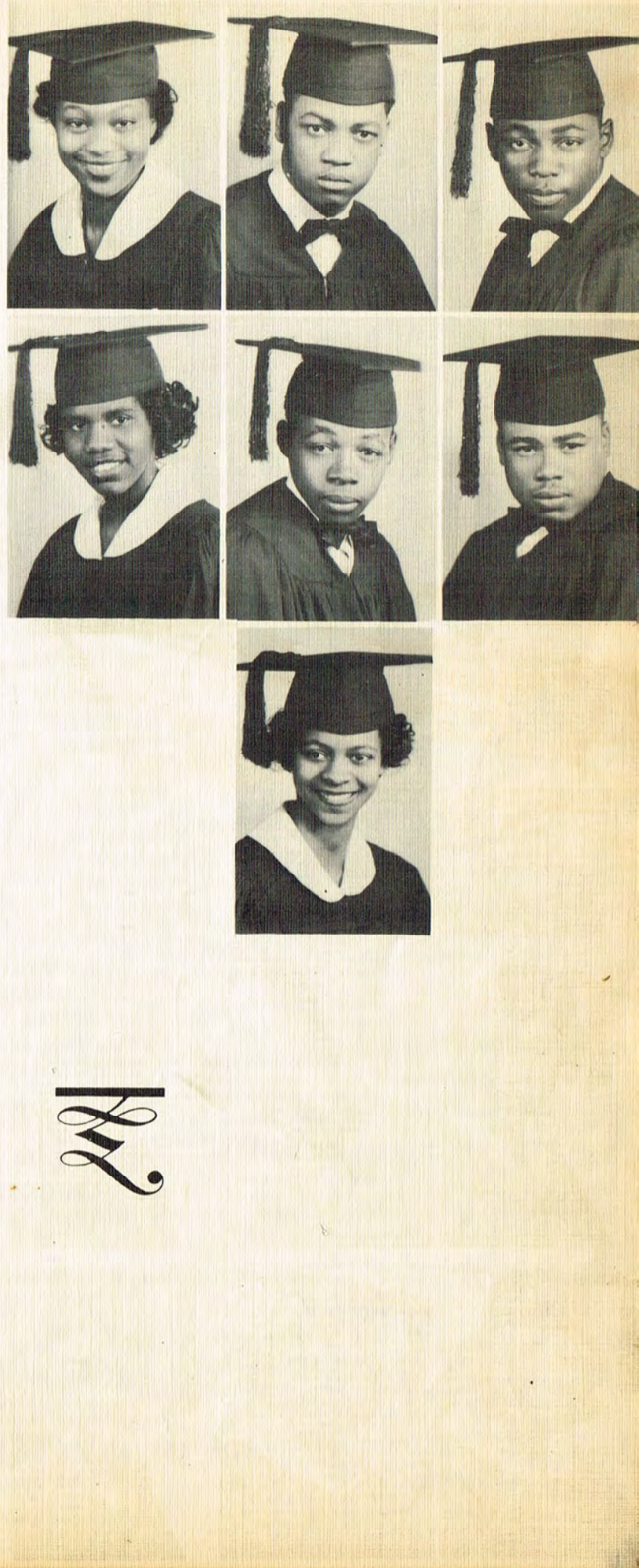
Theresa Woodard

Mildred Yarbrough

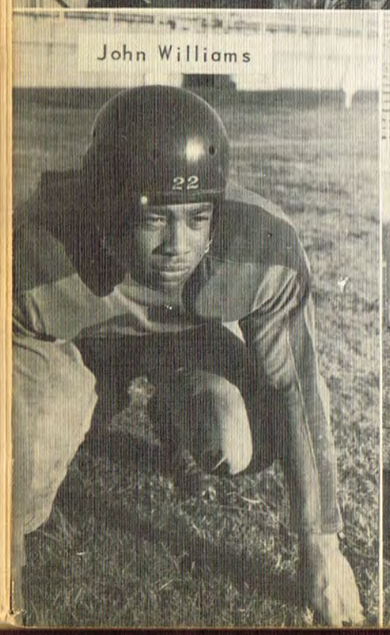


Senior Glee Club

Boy's Glee Club

SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

SENIOR LITERARY MEMBERS



John Williams

Football Managers

William Pernell

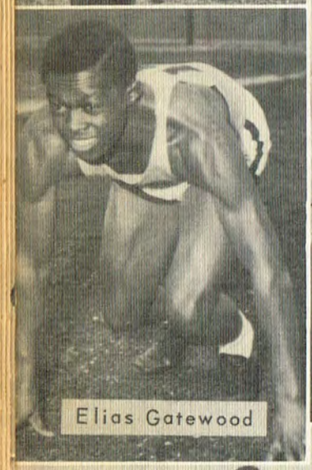
Ira Spillers

Elton Grandberry

James Wallace

Melvin Churchville

SENIOR PEP SQUAD



Elias Gatewood

SENIOR BUZZER STAFF

Mildred Yarbrough

SENIOR OCTETTE

Hooks Bros. 50

James McKenzie

ON TELEVISION

Originators of Starlet Revue

SENIOR TWILERS

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SENIOR BAND MEMBERS

Leander Spight

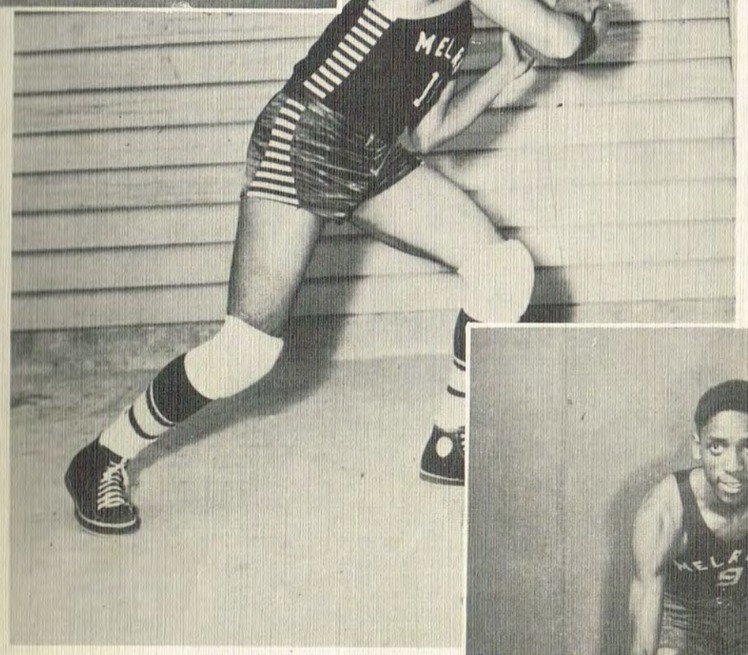
Calvin Edwards

Raymond Hurt

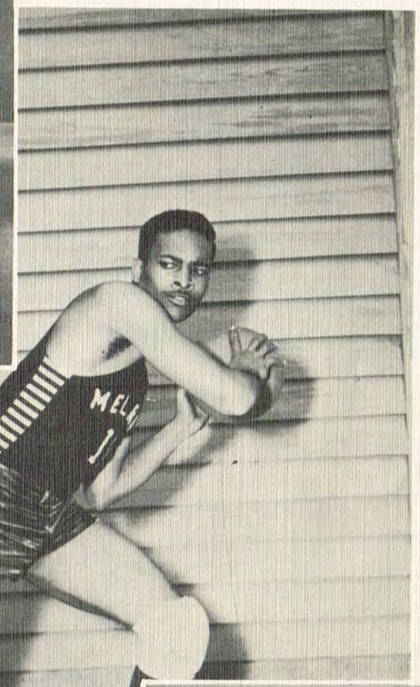
James Wallace

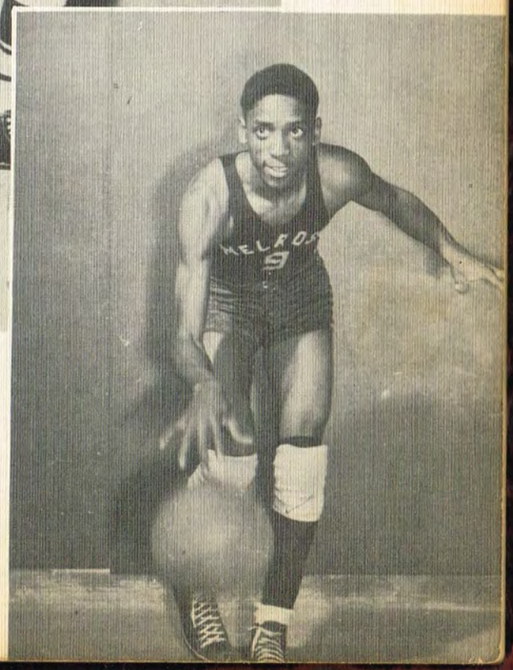
Axon Thomas

Curtis Spillers



Leander Spight





James Harris

SENIOR SPANISH CLUB

SENIOR Y-TEENS

Louise Allen

Iziah Applewhite

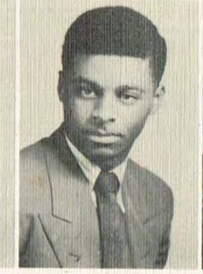
Mary E. Atkins

Dorothy Bailey

Fannie Banks

Mary Bradley

Minnette Bridgeforth



Thomas Brown

Juanita Burton

Charles Campbell

Claressa Castle

Cora Chandler

Nina Clower

Gwendolyn Crawford

Jean Danner

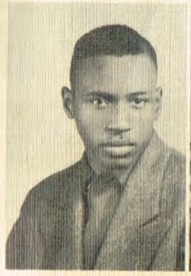
Lula Dotson

Bertha Douglas

William L. Douglass

Rosia Faulkner

Barbara Fells



Freddie Gardner

Gloria Grant

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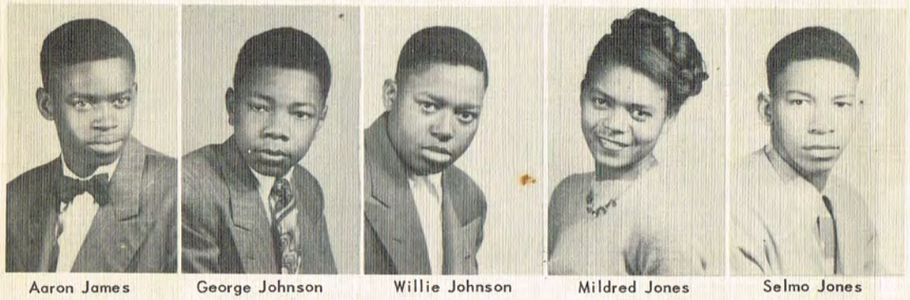

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Catherine Jordan | Earl Ingram | James Isabel | Lucille LaGrone | Cleo Maxwell

Curtis McCullough | Gene Miller | Susie Nickens | Onnie Norfleet | Barbara Nelson

Mary E. Newton | Robert O'Neal | Dorothy Pernell | Addie Powell | Theautry Randolph

Florine Ransom | Emmett Rice | Willis R. Rice | Earnestine Rivers | Leonard Ross | Cecil Sanderson

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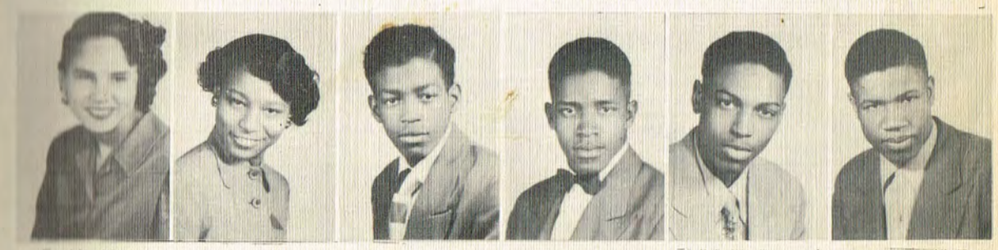


Freddie Warren | Racine Walker | Greenie Walls | Willie Ware | Percy Washington | Raymond Westbrook

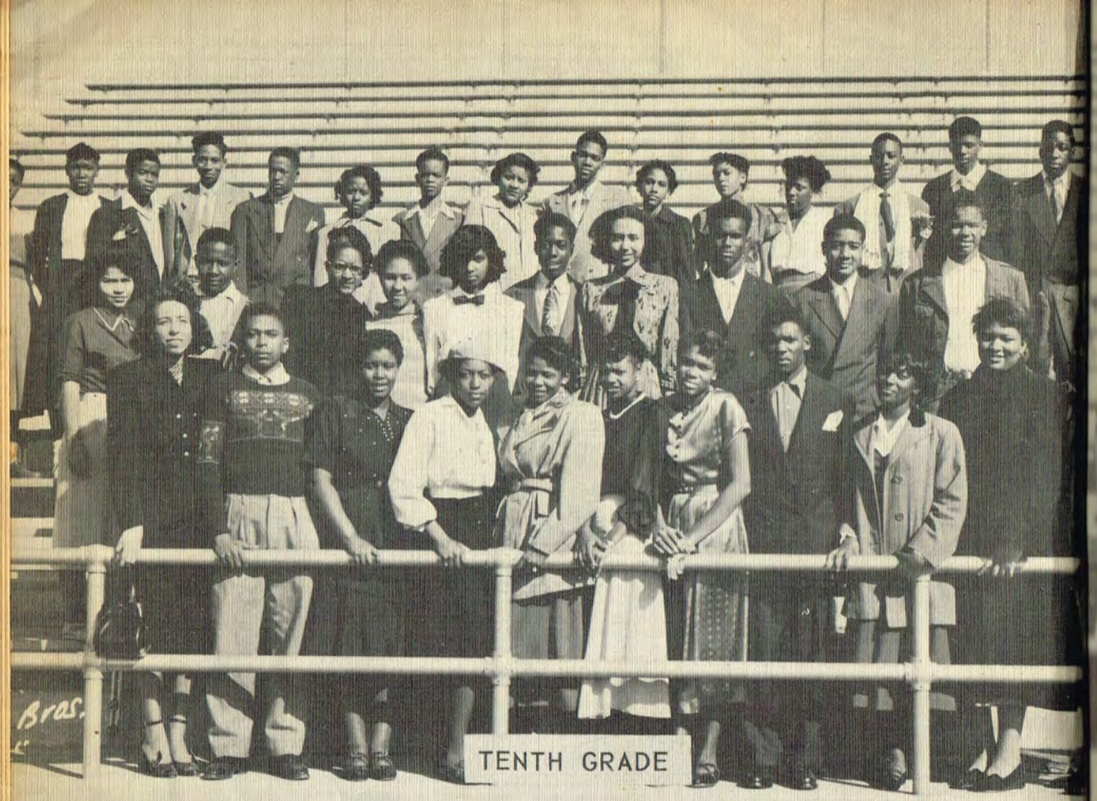
Harrison Whitfield | Doris Williams | Mae F. Williams | Thomas Williams | Willie Williams | Robert Wilson

Junior Teachers

Miss Cummings

Mr. Goodlow

Mrs. McKinney



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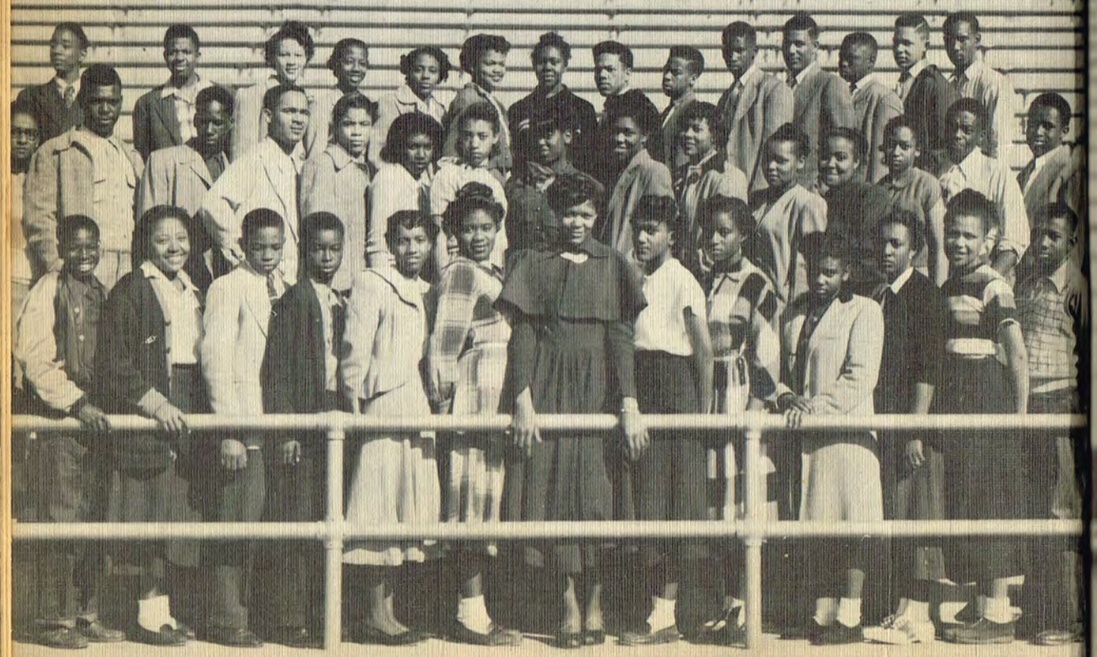

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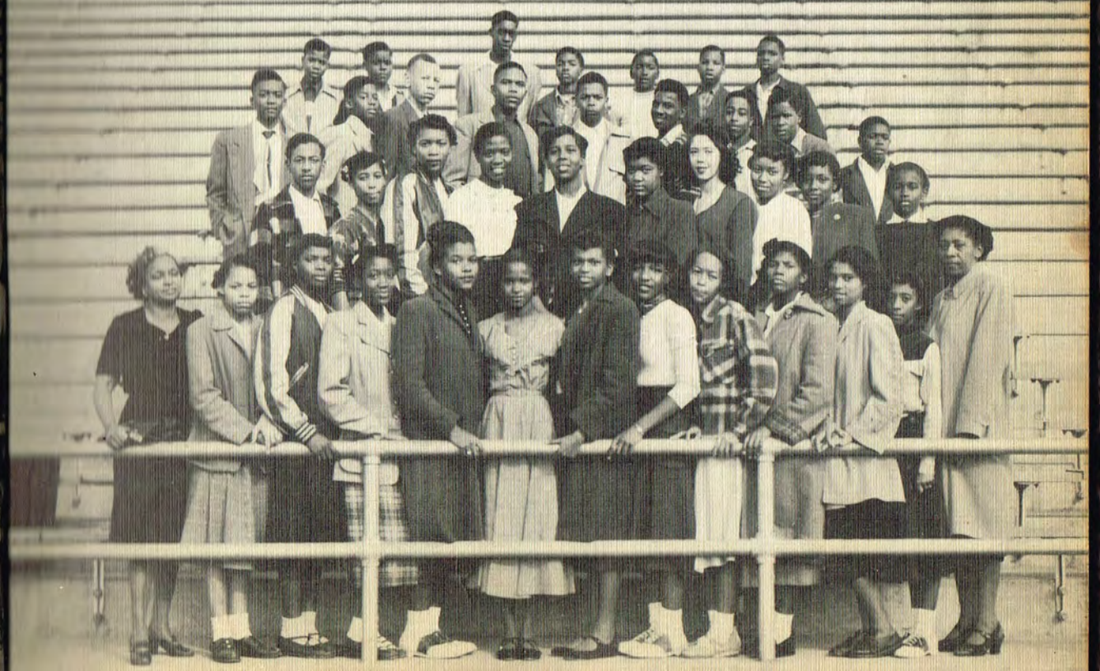

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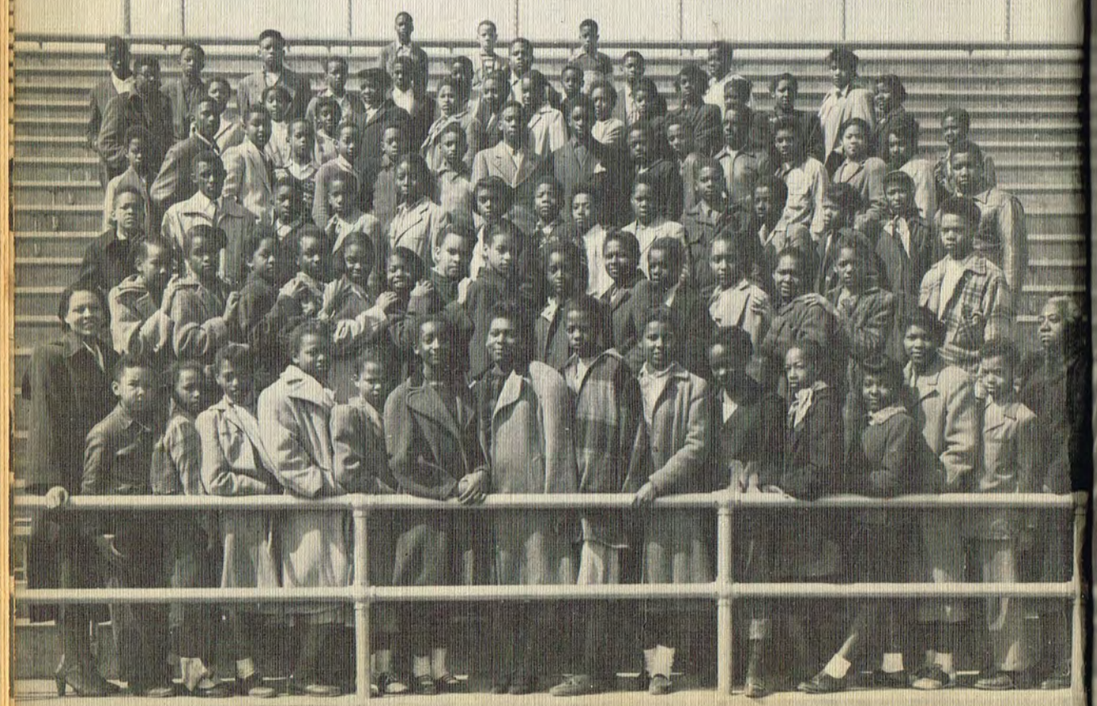

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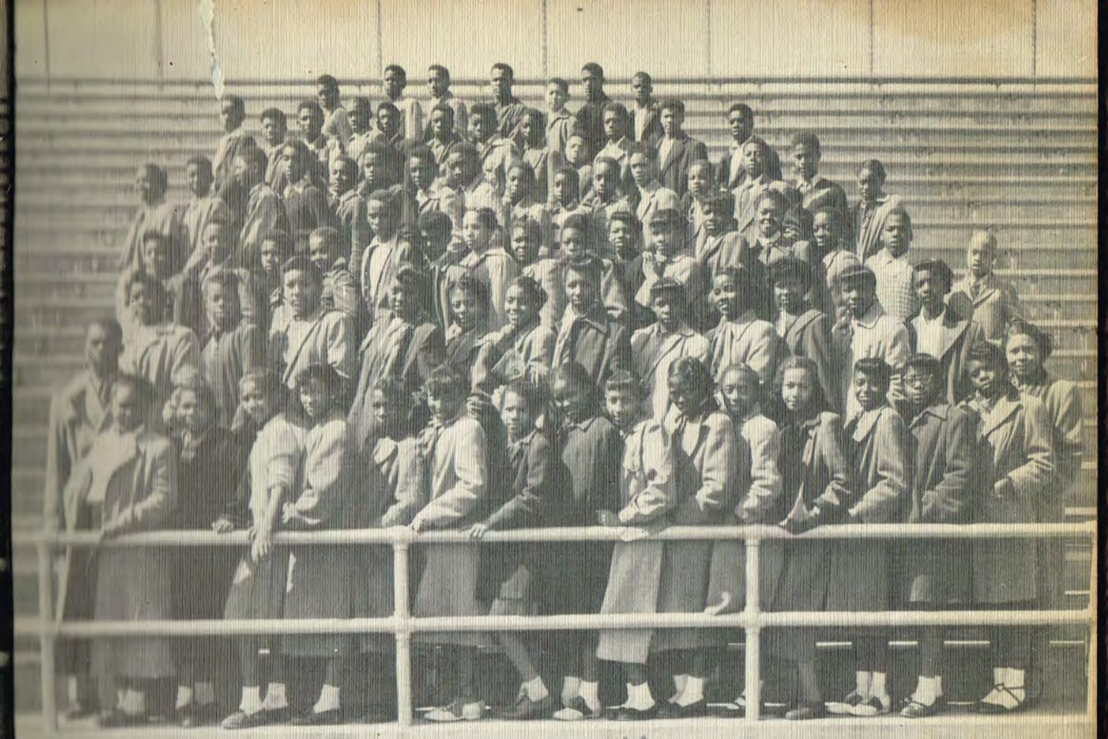

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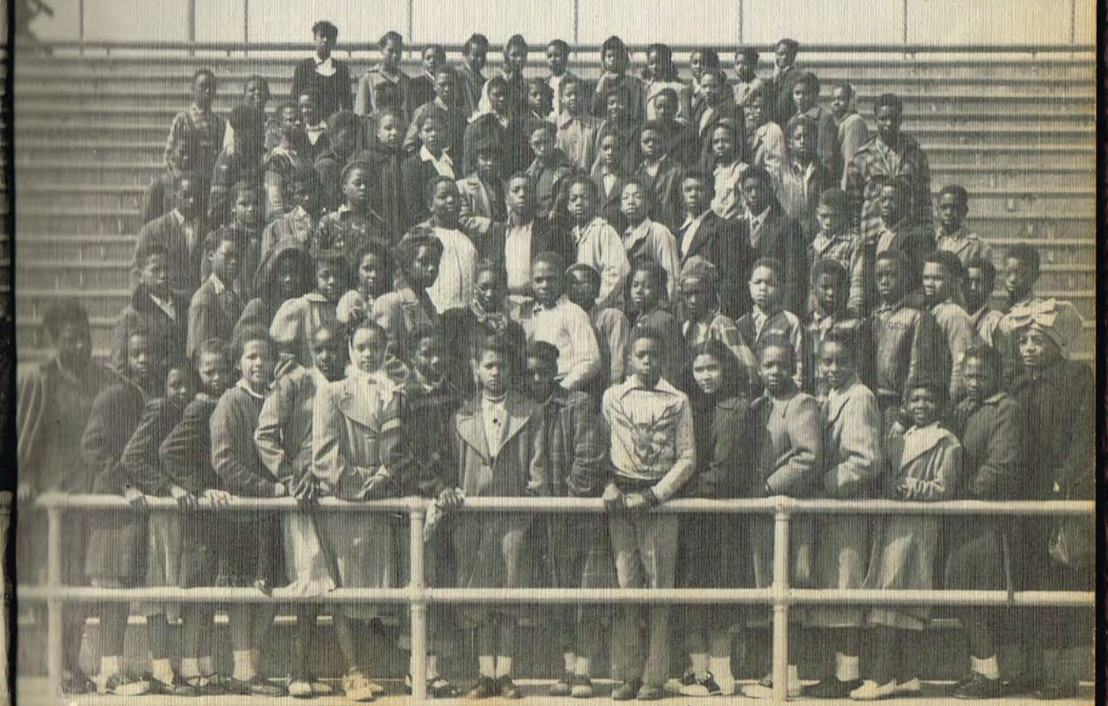

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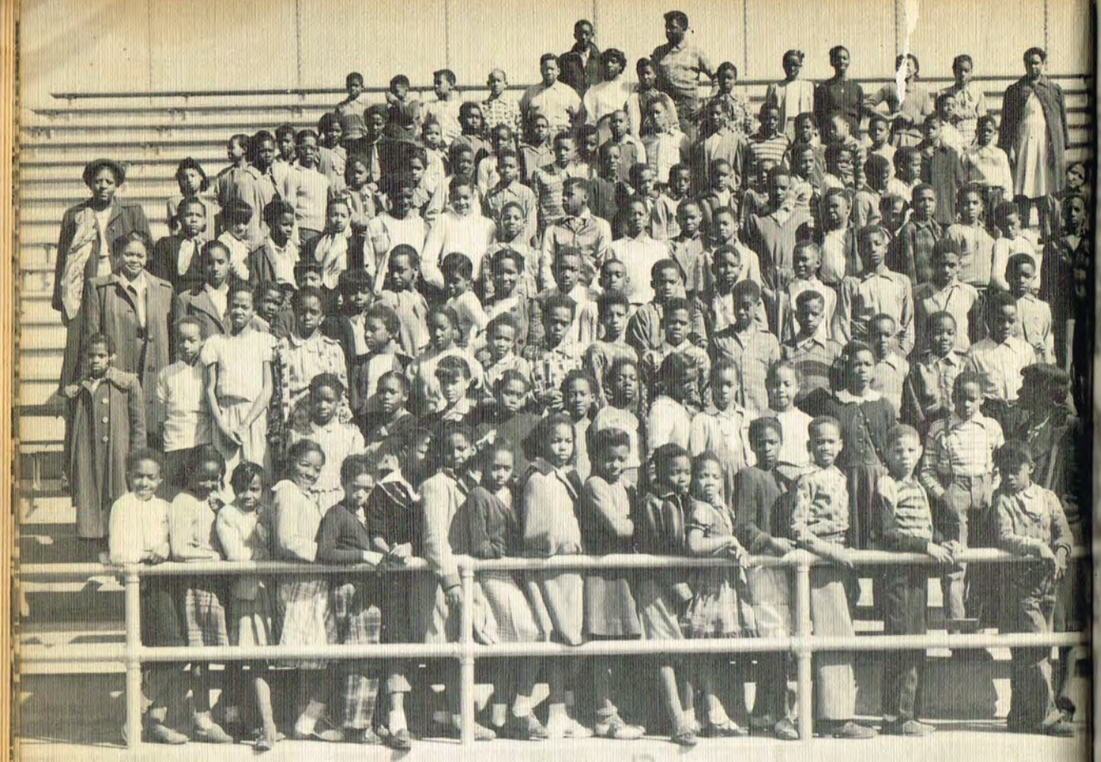

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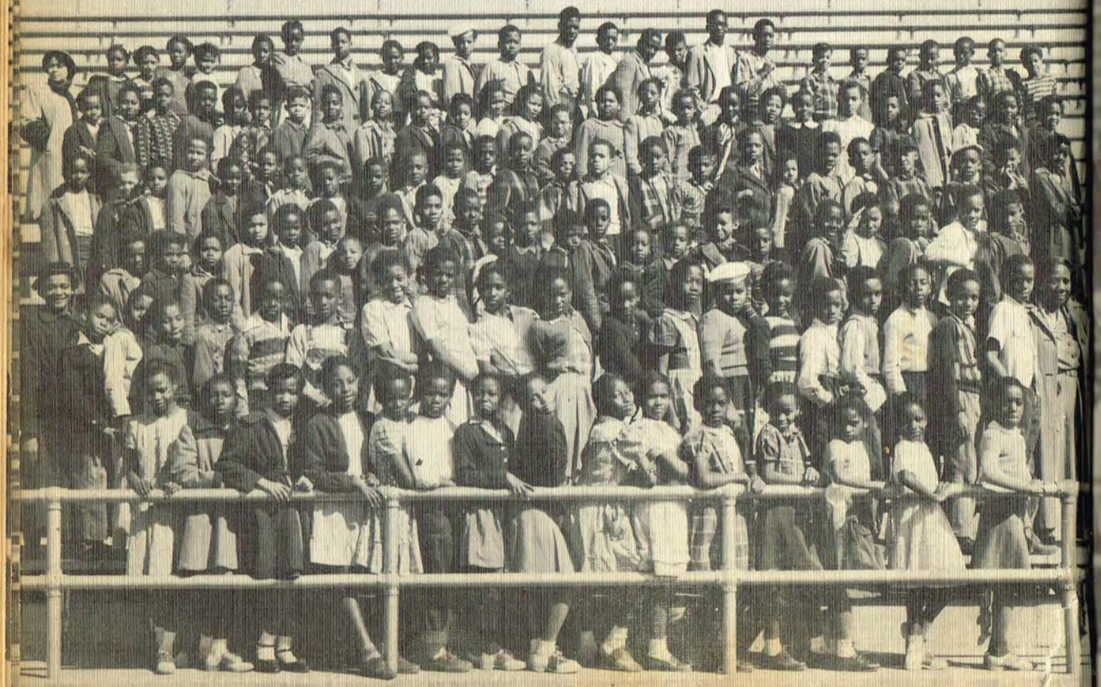

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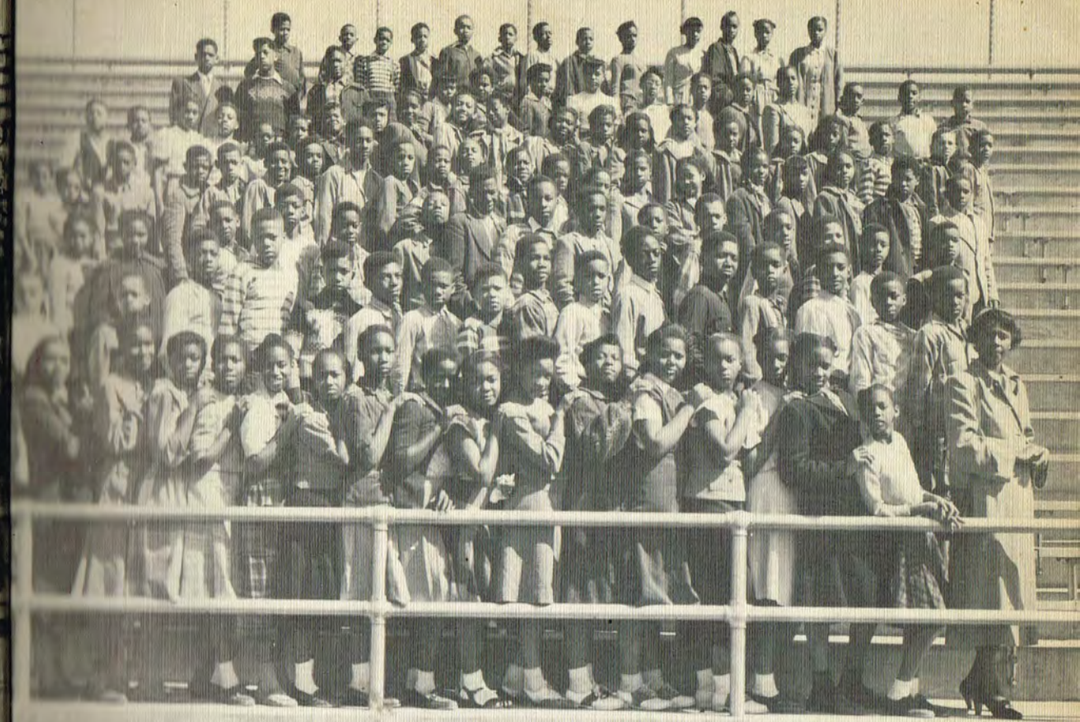

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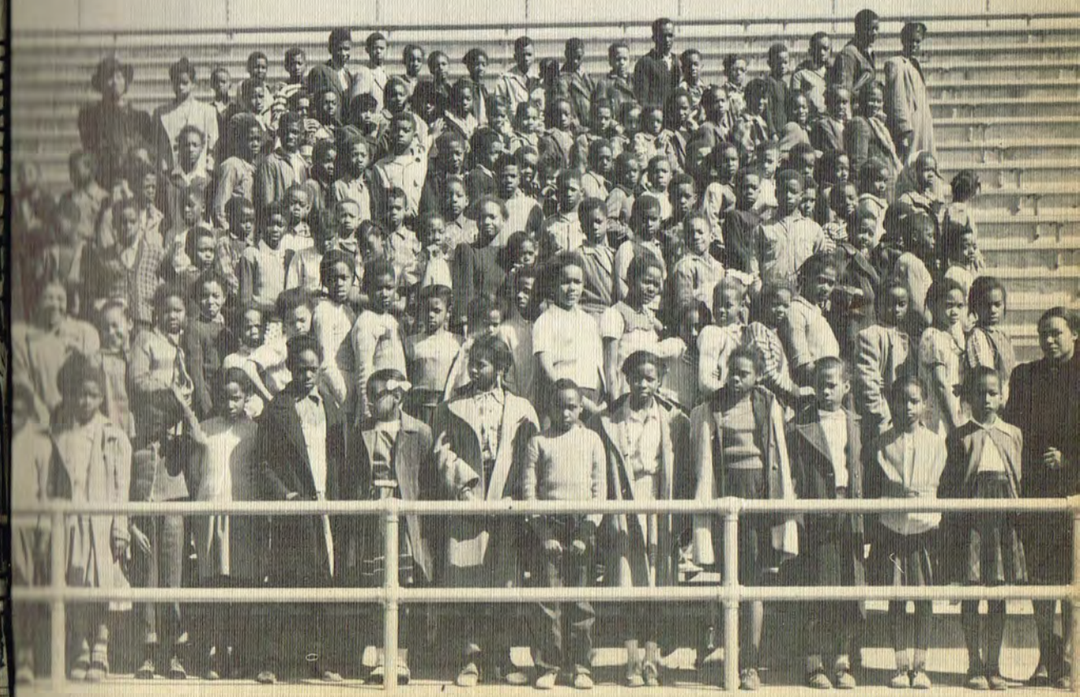

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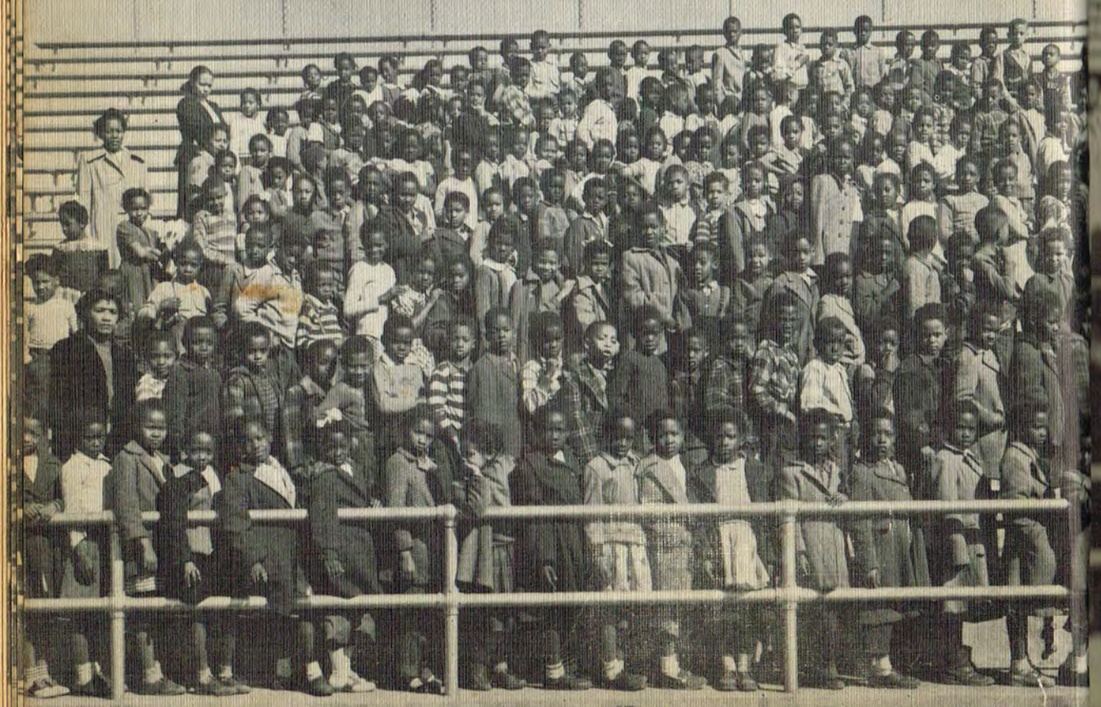

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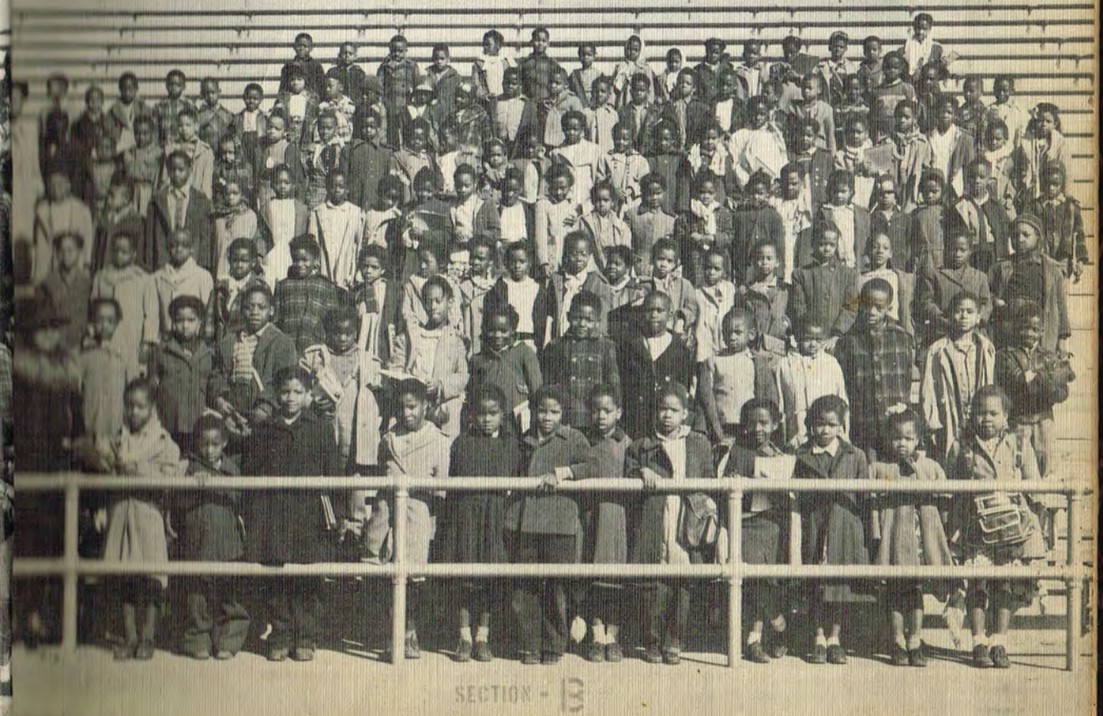


THE STUDENT COUNCIL

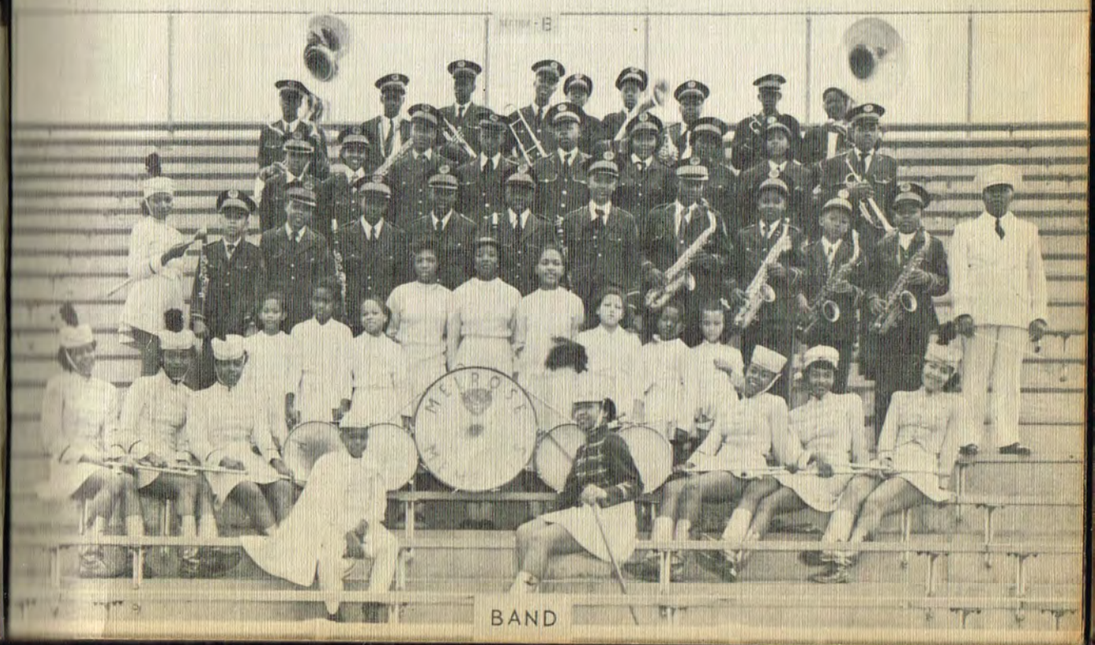
THE STUDENT COUNCIL elected its officers in November, 1949. After getting organized we joined the National Association of Student Councils, being the first Negro school in Memphis to affiliate with this organization.

Our inaugural ceremony was held at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. The guest speaker was Chaplain Robinson from Kennedy General Hospital. Selections were given by visitors from other city high schools.

One of the highest honors given to the Student Council was the election of seniors as substitute teachers in the high school and elementary school when P. T. A. meetings were in session. We have chosen pupils to work in the cafeteria to assist in keeping order, and they are doing a splendid job.

Under the leadership of our president and advisors, the Student Council published the T.O.M., which is the Teller of Melrose. This paper was the most popular paper on the campus. The profits from the sale will aid in sending a representative to Denver, Colorado, to the meeting of the National Association of Student Councils.

JUNIOR CHORAL GROUP



BAND

CHEMISTRY CLASS

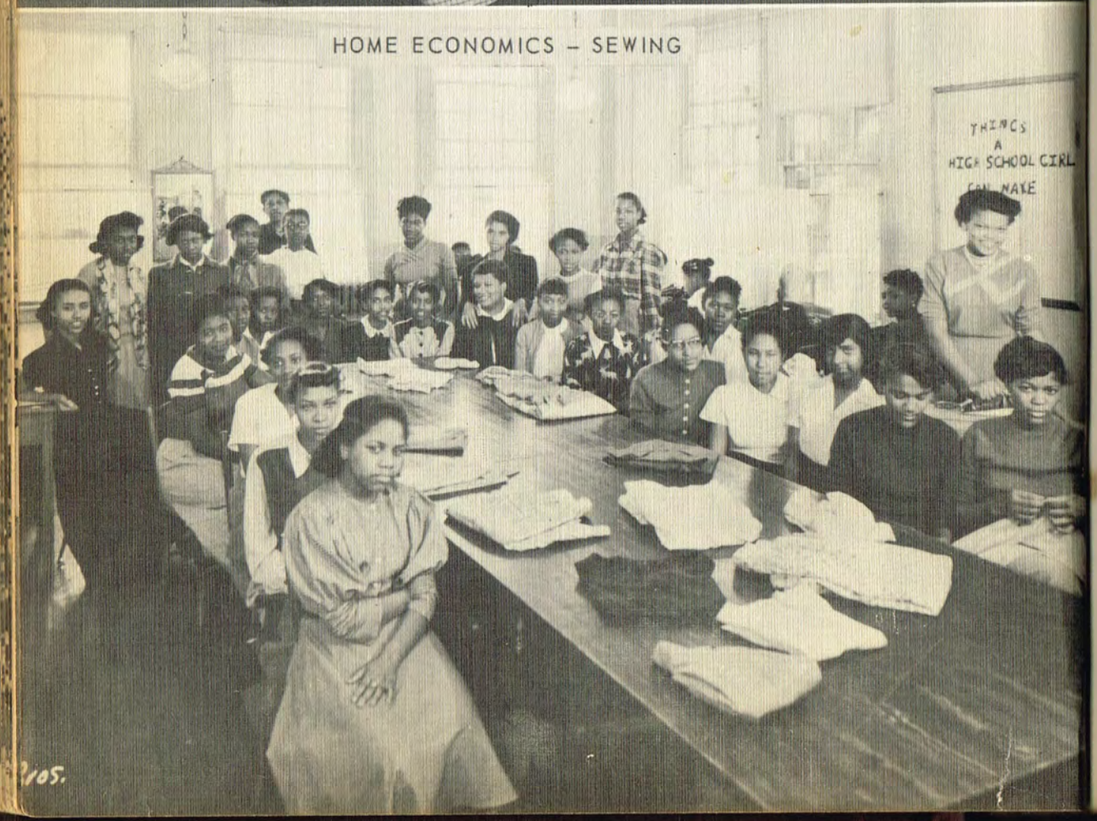
HOME ECONOMICS – COOKING

SHOP

CAFETERIA

HOME NURSING

HOME ECONOMICS – SEWING



FAIR EXHIBIT

T.O.M. STAFF

Editor ..... Brannon Murcherson
Assistant Editor ..... Owens Tuggle
Society Editor ..... Ullilah Elmore
Assistant Society Editors .. Dorothy Bailey
Florence Bryant
Eunice Dilliard
Circulation Manager ..... Ira Spillers
Business Manager ..... Willie Ware
General Manager ..... Theodore Bryant

BUZZER STAFF

Editor ..... Brannon Murcherson
Assistant Editor ..... John E. Williams
Society Editor ..... Barbara Tinnon
Literary Editor ..... Corinne Johnson
Sports Editor ..... Raymond Hurt
Circulation Manager ..... Geraldine Anderson

SPEAKERS AND WRITERS CLUB

DRAMATIC CLUB

LITERARY CLUB

GIRL SCOUTS

HI-Y

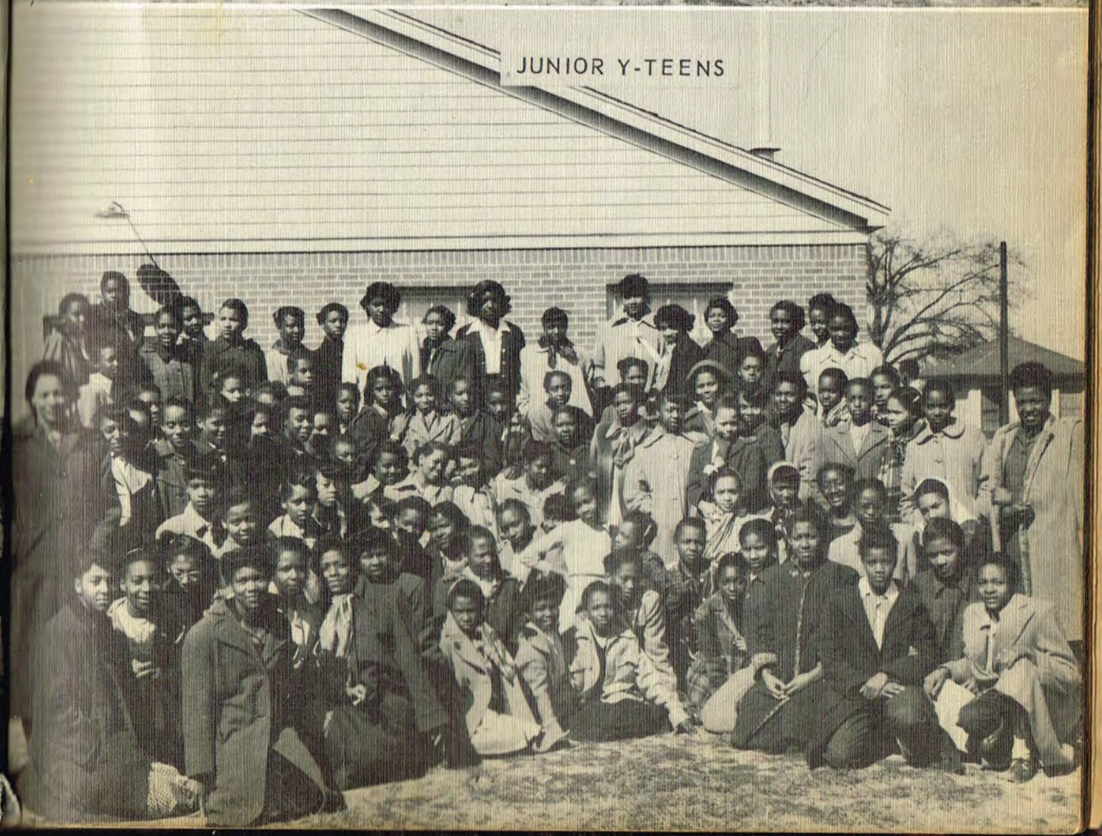
SAFETY COUNCIL

INTERMEDIATE SCOUTS

BROWNIES

Y-TEENS

JUNIOR Y-TEENS

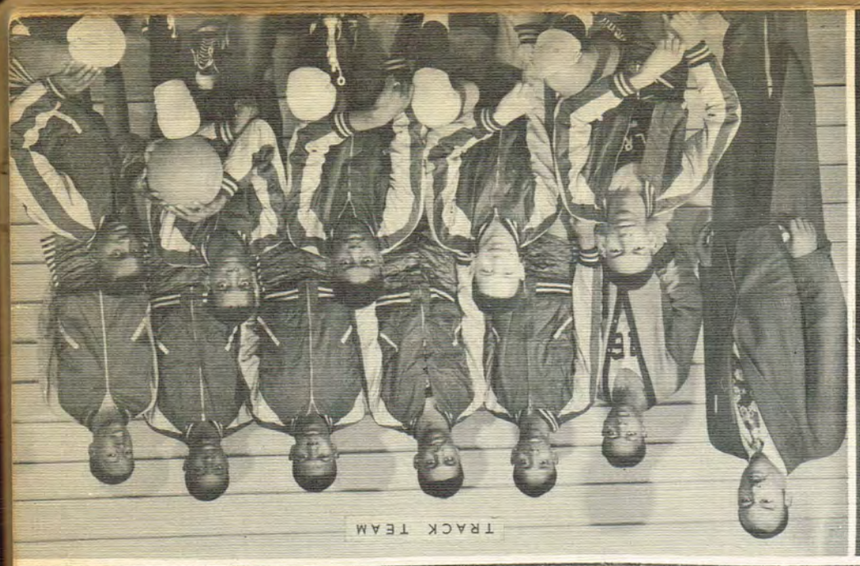


SPANISH CLUB

POETRY CLUB

GRAY-Y

CAMERA CLUB



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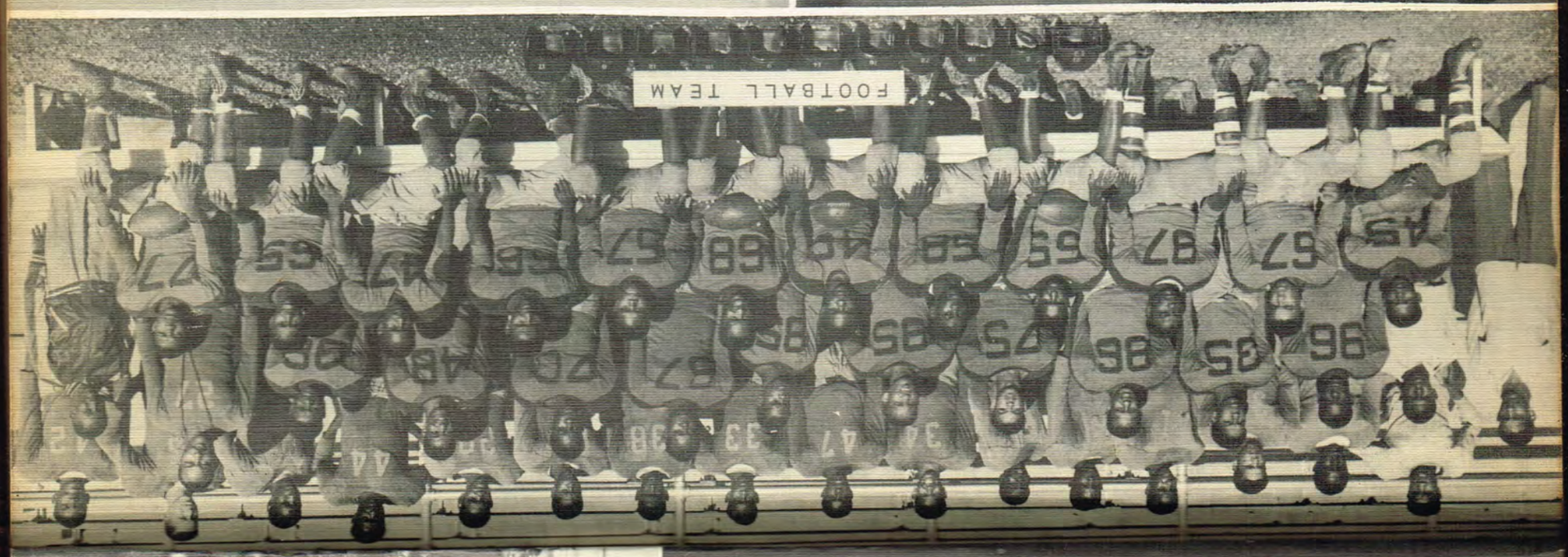
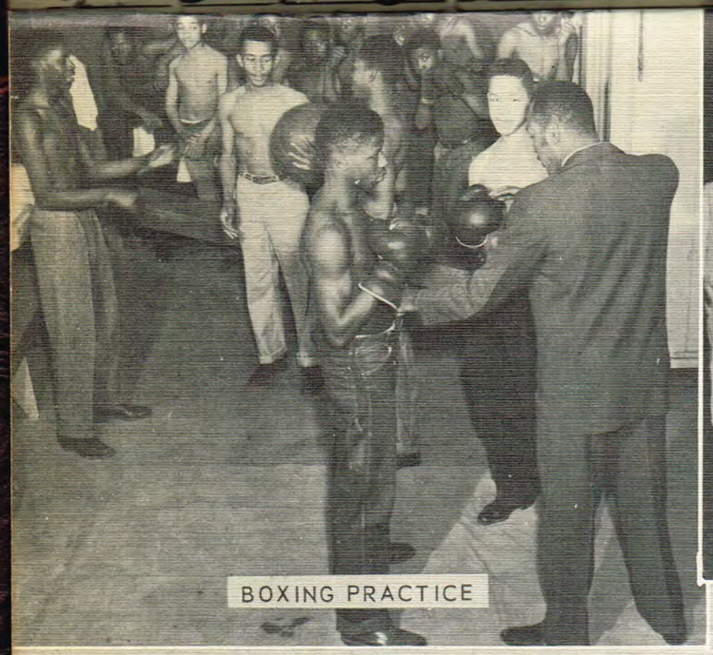


FOOTBALL TEAM



BOXING PRACTICE

HOMECOMING QUEEN

PEP SQUAD

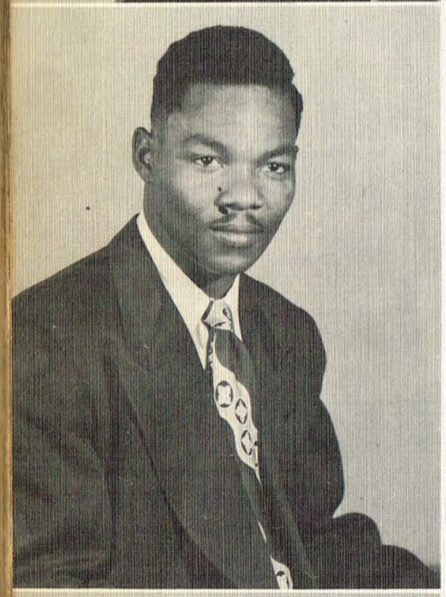
HOMECOMING QUEEN

TEACHER POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS -- Miss Vera T. Cummings, Most Beautiful; Mr. Floyd Campbell, Most Handsome; Mr. Alfred J. Becton, Most Popular and Most Talented; Mrs. Minnie V. Reid, Best Dressed; Mrs. Marie Rawlings, Meanest Teacher and Most Helpful; Miss Georgia R. Sylvers, Best Physique; Mr. Joseph W. Westbrook, Best Physique; Mrs. Gladys Sharp, Most Brainy RUNNERS-UP: Best Dressed, Miss Erma Clanton; Meanest Teacher, Mrs. Mary Collier;Most Talented, Miss Viola P. Flowers; Most Helpful, Mrs. Dorothy T. Graham; Best Physique, Mrs. Lytia McKinney.

STUDENT POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS -- (L to R) William Pernell, Most Popular; James A. Wallace, Best Athlete; Raymond Hurt, Most Studious; Theodore Bryant, Most Dignified; Cleo Harris, Best Dancer.

STUDENT POPULARITY CONTEST WINNERS -- (L to R) Willie B. Johnson, Best Dressed;Doris Thomas, Biggest Flirt; Axon Thomas, Most Handsome; Gertrude Davis, Most Popular; Mary Alice Webb, Best Physique.

(Below) Calvin Edwards, Biggest Flirt; Gloria Brannon, Most Talented; Earlie Grey, Most Beautiful and Friendliest; Alcine Kountz, Most Studious; Ira Spillers, Friendliest; Dorothy Pernell, Most Dignified.



Melrose HALL OF FAME

HATTIE LEE BRITTENUM (upper left)

EXCELLANCE IN MUSIC

Band, Junior Choral Group, Girl's Octet, Literary Club, Girl Scouts, Spanish Club, Second Most Talented Girl.

EMMA JEAN TAYLOR (upper right)

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

Choral Group, Spanish Club, Literary Club, President Y-Teens, Sec. Student Govt., Perfect Attendance, Valedictorian 1950.

WILLIAM PERNELL (at the left)

EXCELLENCE in ATHLETICS and LEADERSHIP ABILITY

Choral Group, Boy's Glee Club, President Student Council, Hi-Y, Most Popular Boy, Quarterback, Co-Captain Team.

GLORIA BRANNON (lower left)

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

Band, Junior Choral Group, Girl's Octet, Literary Club, Spanish Club, Girl Scouts, Nursery Bowl Queen, Most Talented Girl.

CHARLES RAYMOND HURT (lower right)

EXCELLENCE IN MANUAL ARTS

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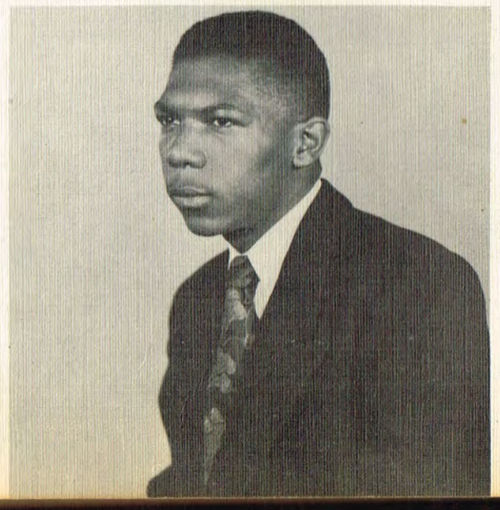

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Smith, Lila Belle – 698 Boston
Smith, Sophronia – 2451 Zanone
Tate, Irma Jean – 841 Haynes
Wright, Lena – 2667 Spottswood
Baldwin, Robert – 2393 Douglass
Brent, Malchi – 1623 Eldridge
Brown, William – 854 Dallas
Cox, George C. – 2719 Supreme
Diltz, Willie L. – 2281 Zanone
Lyles, Walter J. – 2695 Enterprise
Scales, Cloyd – 1531 Hamilton
Scales, Floyd – 1531 Hamilton
Stewart, James – 940 Boston
Williams, Robert – 3832 Fizer

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Allen, Samuel – 2430 Zanone
Barksdale, James – 2473 Carnes
Crawford, Robert – 675 Marechal Neil
Dixon, Willie – 772 Pendleton
Gardner, Maurice – 2232 Zanone
Holmes, Gerald – 2530 Park Avenue
Jones, Lonnie – 2076 Wabash
Lane, Edward – 2760 Deaderick

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London, John – 2452 Deaderick
McKinney, Wiley – 764 Laurel
Morton, Roy – 960 Ethel
O'Neil, Herman – 1109 Tunstall
Parker, Ernest – 1289 Hamilton
Patten, Warren – 694 Marianna
Polk, James – 769 Bey
Rice, David – 1420 Breedlove
Richmond, Charles – 2237 Kerr
Riester, George – 1545 Cella
Webb, Morton – 1988 Dianne
Woods, Willie – 2039 Carnes
Young, Charles – 741 Cella
Sykes, A. C. – 756 David
Barber, Louvenia – 537 Boston
Brown, Kamilla – 790 Cella
Currin, Christine – 1330 Philadelphia
Gray, Dorothy – 496 Hollywood
Hughes, Ethel – 2728 Select
Jones, Mary – 2866 Douglass
King, Shirley – 2471 Brooklyn
Nelson, Mary – 696 Hamilton
Patrick, Mildred – 805 Hilton
Pernell, Rosetta – 2740 Enterprise
Pope, Flora – 986 Seattle
Ryan, Lucille – 830 Hilton
Sharpe, Bessie – 855 Haynes
Sherrod, Evelyn – 2398 Park
Thomas, Annette – 506 Belt Line
Todd, Armidia – 1614 Castalia
Tunstall, Emma – 1530 Castalia
White, Virginia – 786 Baltimore
Witherspoon, Maxine – 2449 Cable

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Battle, Amanda – 2346 Saratoga
Shipp, Mable – 959 Boston
Norton, Leroy – 2727 Supreme
Sharp, Joe Lacy – 895 Pendleton

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Allen, Cornelia – 2360 Park Avenue
Allen, Mary – 2347 Douglass
Bryant, Elmer – 762 Hamilton
Clark, Lorine – 2082 Wabash
Clower, Virginia – 2769 Enterprise
Cox, Kathryne – 2719 Supreme
Cox, Velma – 2707 Supreme
Crutcher, Mae Eunice – 761 Tanglewood
Dickerson, Bettye L. – 2443 Waverly
Falls, Olivia – 1200 Raymond
Fields, Yvonne – 755 Pendleton
Ford, Doris – 771 Josephine
Jackson, Mable – 873 Haynes
Johnson, Juanita – 750 Hanley
Mitchell, Reta – 2375 Douglass
Moore, Bonnie – 646 Boston
Rivers, Virginia – 2765 Enterprise
Sample, Rosetta – 2347 Progress
Seats, Hildred – 1318 Sample
Shields, Loretta – 2414 Cable
Small, Harriett – 2471 Saratoga
Smith, Rose Marie – V2451) Zanone
Steens, Bennie – 748 Hanley
Taylor, Mildred – 748 Hanley
Truitt, Mary – 674 West Street
Turner, Jennie – 2428 Douglass
Betts, Carl – 756 Baltimore
Bonner, Willie – 2032 Saulsberry
Buckner, John – 1069 Ethel
Garrison, Thomas – 2368 Douglass
Harris, George – 811 Hamilton
Jones, Leonard – 1984 N. Dianne Cr.
McCaskill, Odis – 274 Hollywood
Mull, Timothy – 3070 McAeoo Avenue
Newton, Alfred – 2598 Carnes
Rivers, George – 2839 Douglass
Sample, Jimmy – 2347 Progress
Spencer, Alfred – 1060 Marechal Neil
Sullivan, Tobbie – 408 Boston
Tate, Don – 841 Haynes
Warford, Arbis – 1331 Bruce
Williams, John – 504 Boston

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Parker, Emma Jean – 830 Dallas
Gwinn, Lillian J. – 954 Seattle
Bell, Peona – 2571 Select