GOLDEN WILDCAT 1953



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THE 1953

Golden Wildcat

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

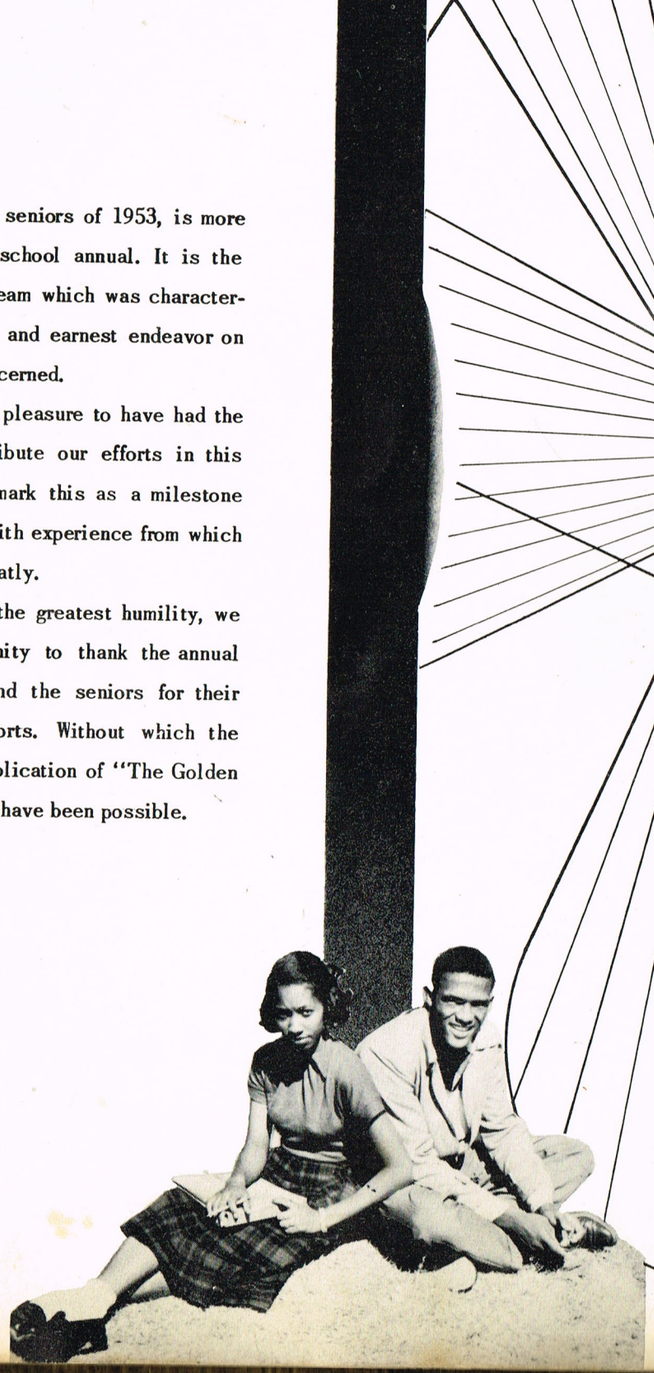
Memphis, Tennessee

FOREWORD

This book, to the seniors of 1953, is more than just another school annual. It is the realization of a dream which was characterized by hard work and earnest endeavor on the part of all concerned.

It affords us great pleasure to have had the privilege to contribute our efforts in this behalf. We shall mark this as a milestone in our lives, rich with experience from which we shall profit greatly.

Further, and with the greatest humility, we take this opportunity to thank the annual staff, advisors, and the seniors for their whole-hearted efforts. Without which the compilation and publication of "The Golden Wildcat" would not have been possible.



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Dedication

FOR THEIR WISE GUIDANCE, TENDER DEVOTION
AND UNSELFISH SACRIFICE IN MAKING A
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR US

WE

THE SENIOR CLASS OF MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL
WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

DEDICATE

THE 1953 GOLDEN WILDCAT

TO

OUR PARENTS, GUARDIANS
AND
TEACHERS



Congratulations!
"May success ever be yours."
F. M. Campbell — 1953

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS



Mrs. Bodden
Home Economics



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Home Economics



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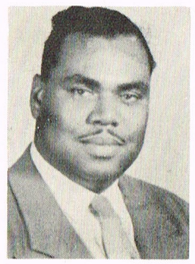
Mr. Conley
Biology



Miss Cummings
History, English



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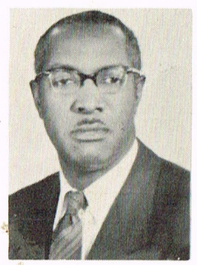
History, English



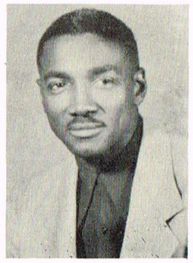
Mr. Fletcher
Mathematics, Latin



Miss Flowers
Music



Mr. Goodlow
Mathematics, Civics



Mr. Green
Instruments, Music



Mrs. McCleave
Spanish, English



Miss McDowell
Commerce



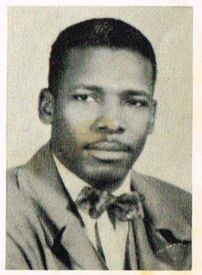
Mrs. McKinney
English



Mrs. Reid
English



Mrs. Sharp
Mathematics



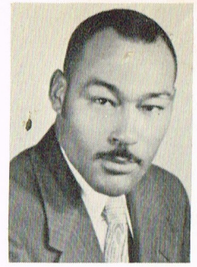
Mr. Sweet
Physical Education
Boys



Miss Thomas
Physical Education
Girls



Mr. West
Mechanical Drawing
Woodwork



Mr. Westbrook
Science, Coach

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS



Miss Adams
First



Mrs. Armfield
Second



Miss Black
Third



Miss Boswell
Third



Mrs. Bowden
Fourth



Miss Bradford
Fourth



Miss Brazziel
Sixth



Miss Campbell
English



Miss Campbell
Sixth



Mrs. Carver
Sixth



Miss Carvin
Second



Miss Clanton
Physical Education
Spelling



Miss Davis
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Second



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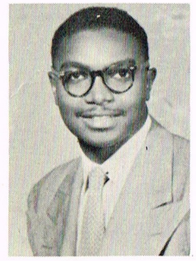
Third



Mrs. Goodlow
Second



Mr. Goodrich
Music



Miss Gray
Fifth



Miss Halliburton
First



Mrs. Handy
Fourth



Mrs. Hawkins
Arithmetic



Mrs. Henry
Fifth



Mrs. Hines
First



Mrs. Holley
Arithmetic



Miss Humphrey
Fifth



Miss Jackson
Fourth



Mrs. Johnson
First



Mrs. Johnson
Fifth



Mrs. Jordan
First



Mrs. King
Geography



Mrs. Lewis
Sixth



Mrs. Mebane
History



Mrs. Morris
Sixth



Miss Pickett
First



Mrs. Polk
First



Mrs. Rawlings
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Mr. Robinson
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Miss Sylvers
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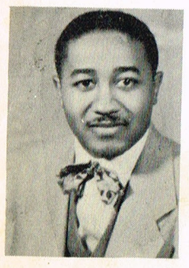
Mrs. Taylor
Fifth



Miss Thomas
Fourth



Mrs. Thompson
Third



Mr. Westley
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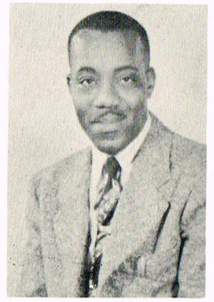

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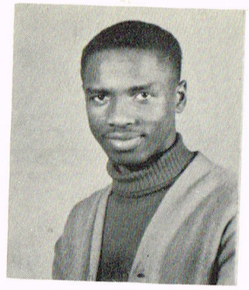

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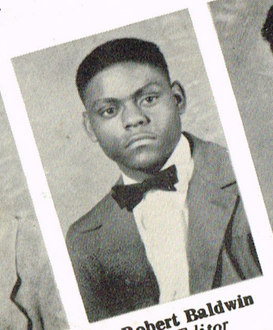

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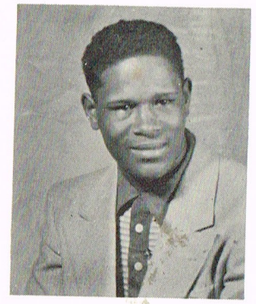

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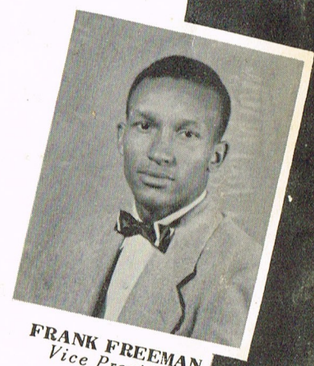

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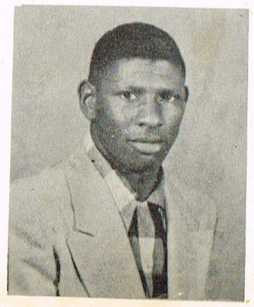

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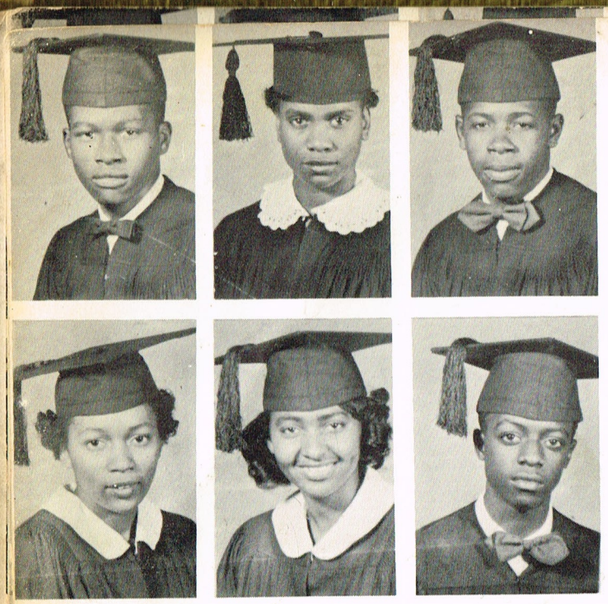

WIRT, EL VERNON — Hi-Y, Photo Art Club, Track Team, Boxing Team, Commerce Club.
WILSON, BERTHA — Commerce Club, Phys. Ed. Club.
WOODS, WILLIE — Hi-Y, Photo Art Club, Hi-Y Basketball Team.

WRIGHT, LENA E. — Natl. Honor Society, Pres. Phys. Ed. Club, Pres. Jr. Class 51—52, Choral Group, Girls Octette, Literary Club, Science Club, Charmettes, Asst. Ed. Annual Staff, Los Pocos Sombreros.
WRIGHT, PEARLINE — Captain Pep Squad, Pres. Poetry Club, Literary Club, Choral Group, Girls Octette, Pres. Charmette, Science Club, Treas. Y-teen, Commerce Club, Phys. Ed. Club.
YARBROUGH, CLARENCE — Commerce Club, Hi-Y, Los Pocos Sombreros.

CLASS SONG

Dear Melrose, we love you
With all of our hearts,
And we're truly sorry
That now we must part.

Dear Melrose, we'll Miss You
Yes, when we are gone,
But we'll always remember you
As part of our home.

Now that we are leaving,
It's necessary to go
Although we'll be grieving
It's for the best we all know.

Dear Melrose, we love you
With all of our hearts,
And we're truly sorry,
That now we must part.

CLASS HISTORY

On September 5, in the year of our Lord 1949, the present senior class of Melrose High School entered into the high school department with an enrollment of 118 students.

Although we were known as "Green Freshmen", we were ambitious, filled with anxiety and willing to fall in line with our upperclassmen.

We mourned with them over the leaving of our former principal, Mr. Jesse D. Springer, while we rejoiced over the new one, Mr. Floyd M. Campbell. Mrs. Dorothy Graham, Mrs. Doris Bodden and Mrs. Florence Bolden were our home room teachers, who faithfully helped us to be on our way.

We rejoiced when we were joined by Frank Freeman, who came from Drake High School in Chicago, Illinois, Leahmon Reed, from Merry High School in Jackson, Tennessee, Wesley Pointer and Jean Mull, from White Station Jr. High School, Narvene Washington, from Carnes School and Willie Woods from B. T. Washington.

Gradually we won membership in many of the clubs and activities found on the campus.

As we approached the latter part of the school year, we found that we had reached the standard of any high school freshman. We were not satisfied yet but inspired to strive harder.

We were glad to discard the name of "Green Freshmen" and pick up the title of Sophomores. We were beginning to realize that we had a very cooperative class and students who showed possibilities of becoming leaders and athletes.

Mrs. McCleave, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Flowers were our home room teachers. We had with us a new classmate, Barbara Scott, from Collierville Jr. High School.

Lila Smith won $50.00 in an essay contest competing with students in Memphis and Shelby County. She was also selected as a representative to the Y-Teen Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Many of our boys entered the athletic field in the tenth grade. Jesse Rivers, Joseph Murray, Walter Lyles and Willie Diltz went out for football. Malchi Brent and Willie Diltz represented our class in track. Even though we participated in extra curricular activities, we managed to keep our scholastic rating high throughout the tenth grade.

We entered our Junior year with much enthusiasm, for this was the time we began to assume leadership roles in outstanding clubs and organizations on the campus.

During our Junior year we were glad to have join with us Ivie Jean Mosley who came from Warrior Jr. High School, Thyatiria, Miss,. Phyllis Scott from Collierville Jr. High School and Geraldine Jefferies from Fayette County Training School.

For the first time during our years of high school we organized all divisions as one class. The following officers were elected: President, Lena Wright; Vice President, George Cox; Secretary, Mary Bates; Asst. Secretary, Lila Smith; Treasurer, Pearline Wright and Business Manager, Vernon McGhee.

Mr. Westbrook, Mrs. Reid and Miss Cummings were our home room teachers. Mrs. McKinney was our advisor.

Many of our classmates received high scholastic honors. One of the greatest of these was bestowed upon George Cox, Robert Baldwin, Irma Tate, Dorothy Tolliver, and Lila Smith, who became members of the National Honor Society.

Around the campus it was obvious that the Junior Class was making history for itself and for the school, for we members were taking part in many civic affairs of the community, city and abroad. Many honorable mentions and awards were received by the members of our class. Among these were Robert Baldwin, who won first place for his excellent poster in the city beautiful contest. Rosa Alexander, Willie Meacham, Pauletta Johnson, Carolyn Isabel and Frank Freeman were awarded certificates by the National Association of Poetry Clubs of America for their best composed poems. George Cox, Irma Tate won awards for their essays on"How Advertisements Help". Honorable mentions were awarded to Lila Smith, Dorothy Tolliver and Robert Baldwin.

Many of our classmates took part in public discussions in the school, on the radio, in churches and other civic programs. They were; Robert Baldwin, Ruth Clower, Barbara Scott, Narvene Washington, Lila Smith and George Cox.

In our class there were eight charming young ladies who were candidates and attendants in such contests as the Bronze Queen, the Nursery Bowl Queen, and the Queen of our school. These were; Doris Hull, Narvene Washington, Phyllis Scott, Williedna Meacham, Juanita Shields, Barbara Davis, Jean Mull and Verna Wallace.

George Cox, a member of our class, represented the school at the National Association of Student Council Convention in Evanston, Illinois, July, 1952. He was the only public high school student from Memphis to attend the convention.

As the Spring of the year came, we were excited and thrilled at the thought of attending the Junior-Senior Prom. We were delighted in helping the seniors prepare for their leaving.

Having completed our Junior year we looked back on our years in school with much satisfaction and determination for our last year in high school.

Mr. Goodlow and Mrs. Sharp were our home room teachers and Miss Cummings was chosen as one of the senior advisors.

Senior Class officers were: President, Robert Williams; Vice President, Frank Freeman; Secretary, Mary Bates; Asst. Secretary, Lois Hicks; Treasurer, Joseph Murray and Chaplain, Ruth Clower. With these students as our leaders it was our hope to set an example for all the students to follow in the years to come and to make the class of 1952-53 the best in the history of Melrose.

We had six classmates to be inducted into the National Honor Society, They were: Mary Bates, Pauletta Johnson, Rosa Alexander, Frank Hurt, James Stewart and Lena Wright. The members of the society were given the honor of operating the Universal Life Insurance Company for the first time. This was a great experience for the seniors.

In the athletic field we were well represented. Willie Diltz, captain, and Louis Hicks, co-captain, led the football team to an undefeated year for thr first time in the history of Melrose. The classmates on the team were, Joseph Murray, Cloyd Scales, Walter Lyles, Jesse Rivers, and Malchi Brent, manager. Diltz was also elected as Gridiron Great. Narvene Washington was the 1952-53 football queen.

At the end of the first semester we were sad to lose Floyd and Cloyd Scales who entered the armed service for their country. Nevertheless, we were joined by Art Lee Miller, from Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, California, Raymond Johnson, from Gaylor High School and Loueva Watkins from Fayette County Training School.

We journeyed on through the year. At last the day we had dreamed about had come, graduation day. All our happy moments were soon turned to sorrow because we were leaving the beloved halls of Dear Ole Melrose High School which will be forever remembered in our lives.



CLASS PROPHECY

Because of the unrest, constant changes in business society, and human relations, we hesitate to predict what the future of the members of this class might be. However . . . . . .

As I bade farewell to America and sat gazing at the beautiful blue waters from the luxurious U. S. Constellation to Paris, France I began to get home sick. But to my surprise, I saw the lovely stewardess, Phyllis Scott.

While conversing, our minds began to wander back to our good ole school days and to the accomplishments our classmates have achieved.

She showed me around the ship, where we met Greenie Walls, a traveling salesman, who lived in Paris. He invited me out that night to the Place deL' Opera where Irma Tate, the Opera Star was singing. I accepted his invitation forgetting that my wardrobe wouldn't arrive in time. The Stewardess immediately helped me out of distress and told me to go to the Galeries La Fayette, one of the best known department stores where Louis Hicks is proprietor and Willie Meacham is model.

She was modeling a beautiful gown designed by world-famous designer, Emily Anderson. I was astonished by the graceful modeling and beautiful clothes, but not as much as I was when I entered the office and saw the lovely pvt. sect., Pearline Wright.

It was during her lunch time when she got permission to have the day off to take me sight seeing. I was swept off my feet when she took me to the quiet and lovely Club de Luxe, owned by James Ward. His charming manager is Odie Hoskins and her asst. is Bertha Wilson. He invited me back that night for the floor show featuring the the dance team, Narvene Washington, Elvernon Wirt, and Eleanor Braden. The singing of Willie Diltz accompanied by Julius Drake and his orchestra with G. B. Holman saxaphonist is superb. He told me the Comedy Act of Westly Pointer and Willie Woods wasn't to be compared to the Movie Produced by Nathan Taylor.

We started our tour by going to the University of Paris where George Cox is Dean and Cora Owens, Sec. While there, she took me to see the history teacher, Eunice Dillard, where she and the English teacher, Mary Bates and the Math. teacher, Lila Smith were conversing. While talking with them, I saw the Chemist, Frank Hurt and the Coach, Joe Murray.

On my way to the Louvre Art Gallery, (largest in the world) owned by Robert Baldwin, we passed the Wright's Clinic where Lena Wright is head doctor, assisted by Saphronia Smith and Barbara Scott. Rose Alexander and George Baines are dieticians.

After leaving there we passed Dorothy Tolliver's Orphanage. We went in to see her and to our surprise, we saw conversing with her, the interior decorator Doris Hull, artist, Paulette Johnson, and Jean Mull, Geneologist. Moving along we saw Savage's Beauty Salon, owned by Earlene Savage. Her Operators are Ollie Prince and Elizabeth Parish. The Manicurist is Carolyn Isabel.

In a conversation with James Christopher, Owner of Station WXAB, we saw the disc jockey, John Flynn, who was interviewing the world famous Olympics Star, Malchi Brent. Waiting to be interviewed were Jesse Rivers, Business Man, Catherine Edwards, his sect., Annie Farris, social worker, and Leahmon Reid, head clerk

of the Court House, and also the first Negro Woman commentator, Gussie Hayes. Leavthere we went to James Stewart's Bowling Palace where Raymond Johnson is a star along with Lucinda Lee and Lois Hicks. Continuing the tour we went to the surburbs to a tourist camp owned by Walter Lyles. His business partner is Floyd Scales. Elizabeth Guin, head librarian of the National Library, and Lou Eva Watkins, assistant librarian, Ruth Clower and Johnnie Jordan, owner of the Hotel Dieu where I am residing, are also vacationing there.

As we walked passed Cloyd Scale's sidewalk restaurant we spied the figure skating star, Juanita Shields, sipping a coke and chatting with the swimming champion, Clarence Yarbrough. We decided to stop to get a coke and the famous genealogist, Barbara Davis was there. And to our surprise we found Dr. Verna Wallace, who has found cure for Polio, and Louise Hines the psychaitrist, conversing with Geraldine Jefferies Juanita Jones and Ivy Mosley, who are actresses. After flagging a Metro Cab owned by T.W. Williams, I picked up a book that had been left behind. Looking through it, I saw where Frank Freeman had just received the academy award for his brilliant acting.

By that time I had arrived at my hotel suite, so I planned to read the book while lounging.

Completely relaxed, I had just opened the book when I received a cablegram from Dorothy Griffin, a lawyer, to return immediately to the United States. I was to return to see Robert Williams receive the Nobel Prize award for finding a cure for Heart Disease.

On my return voyage, I met Vernon McGhee, a now successful banker, and Art Lee Miller, an asst. owner, on their way back to the States.

The trip was most enjoyable and when I reached home, I put my memories away to cherish for a lifetime.

"CLASS WILL"

We, the seniors of '52 and '53, being of sound mind and body, do will the following characteristics to the coming seniors that will take our places. Further, we charge them with the task of using these possessions wisely, or else finding them unusable, we ask that they be passed on to someone who is worthy of them.

Executed at Melrose High School
June 1953

Testator	Inheritance	Heir
Juanita Shields	Sweet Personality	Bobbie Holman
Lena Wright	Black Hair	Dimple Burkens
Jean Mull	Smile	Barbara Smith
Barbara Scott	Walk	Shirley Duckett
Juanita Jones	Typing Ability	Dorothy Harvey
Eunice Dillard	Pin Curl Hair Style	Hattie Dewitt
Cora Owens	Fast Walk	Dorothy McDaniel
Lois Hicks	Quietness	Jean Jones
Eleanor Braden	Short Nose	Monice Williams
Ollie Mae Prince	Legs	Ora Lee Bland
Saphronia Smith	Blue Bops	Annette Thomas
Phyllis Scott	Height	Margie Jones
Williedna Meacham	Majorette Ability	Amy Wadlington
Catherine Edwards	White Loafers	Amanda Battle
Lucinda Lee	Walk	Mary Jones
Carolyn Isabel	Eyes	Dorothy Gray
Louise Hines	Talking Ability	Bertha Ford
Emily Anderson	Position in Band	Ora Lee Bland
Doris Hull	Gray Hair	Dorothy Truitt
Pearline Wright	Dimples	Lucille Ryan
Lou Eva Watkins	Legs	Annette Thomas
Annie Mae Farris	Neatness	Edwina Mobley

Testator	Inheritance	Heir
Odie Mae Hoskins	Hair Fix	Dorothy Gray
Mary Bates	Secretarial Ability	Lucy Cursey
Ida Ruth Clower	Fast Walk	Mildred Patrick
Rosie Alexander	Pleasing Personality	Mary Nelson
Elizabeth Gwinn	Shortness	Wilma Mosely
Georgia Baines	Friendliness	Cora Phinnessee
Bertha Wilson	Maroon Coat	Dimple Burkens
Geraldine Jefferies	Quietness	Christian Robinson
Verna Wallace	Long Fingernails	Annette Thomas
Elizabeth Parrish	Eyes	Thelma Doxey
Dorothy Griffin	Legs	Ameda Todd
Pauletta Johnson	Personality	Hattie Dewitt
Gussie Lee Hayes	Black Hair	Norma Jean Black
Dorothy Tolliver	Honor Roll Ability	Rosetta Pernell
Lila Bell Smith	N.H. Presidency	Shirley Bodden
Barbara Jean Davis	Hips	Lucy Cursey
Narvene Washington	Position in Band	Bertha Ford
Ivy Jean Mosley	Fingernails	Bobbie Carpenter
Irma Jean Tate	Musical Ability	Shirley Duckett
Earlene Savage	P.H.D. Filibustering	Jean Jones
Malchi Brent	Track Ability	Sammie Hathaway
James Ward	Shortness	Bobby Mitchell
Frank Hurt	Quietness	Earl Stewart
Joe Murray	Cool Ways	Esker Harris
Willie Diltz	Football Ability	Joe Fields
George Cox	Good Sportsmanship	Willie Jamerson
Cloyd Scales	Handsome Look	Sylvester Rogers

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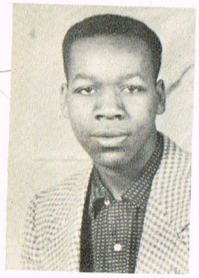
Greenie Walls	Height	William Carter
James Wilburn	Head	James Ryan
Vernon McGhee	Briefcase	William Ross
Johnnie Jordan	Handsomeness	Sylvester Henry
Jessie Rivers	All his money	Richard Echols
Julius Lartique	Eyes	Joe Fields
Leahmon Reid	Cool Personality	Jimmy Scales
Clarence Yarbrough	Girl Friend	Esker Harris
Floyd Scales	Cool Walk	Norris Beasley
Robert Baldwin	Artistic Ability	Robert Crawford
James Stewart	Mustache	Earl Stewart
James Christopher	Dignified Manners	Morton Webb
Walter Lyles	Broad Shoulders	John Rucker
Robert Williams	Collection of girls	Roman Bates
El Vernon Wirt	Neatness	Morton Taylor
Frank Freeman	Poetic ability	Emma Brown
Wesley Pointer	Height	William Carter
Nathan Taylor	Base Drum	Jimmy Scales
G. B. Holman	Gold tooth	Richard Echols
Raymond Johnson	Roller Skates	Noris Beasley
Robert Pernell	Cool Ways	Richard Echols
John Flynn	Mustache	Harper Brewer
Willie Woods	Talking ability	Sam Walker

Juniors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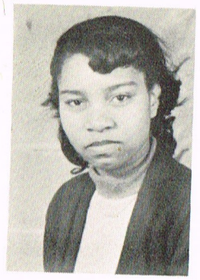
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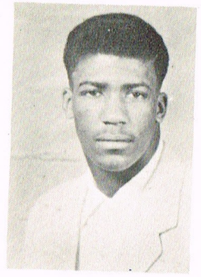
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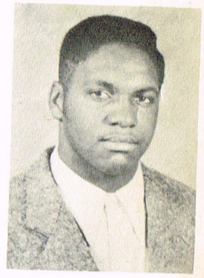
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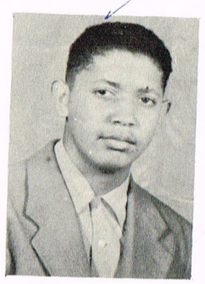
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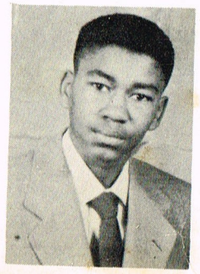
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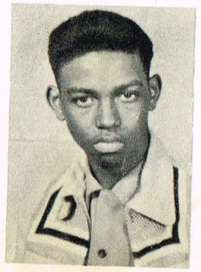
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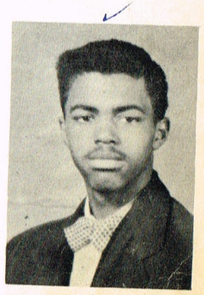
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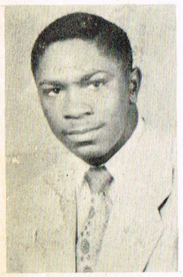

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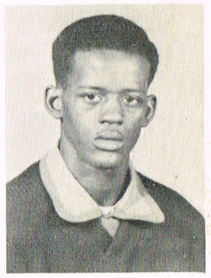

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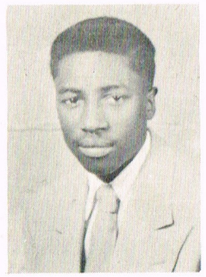

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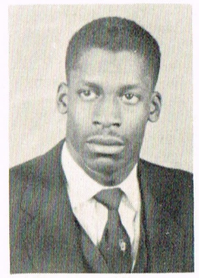

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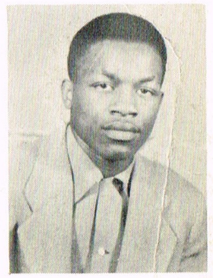

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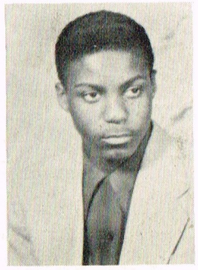

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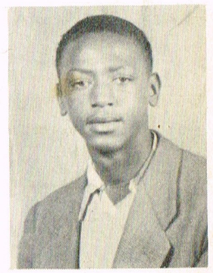

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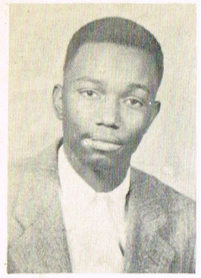

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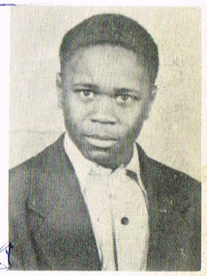

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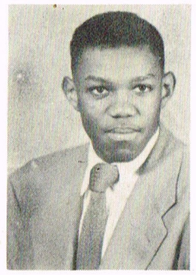

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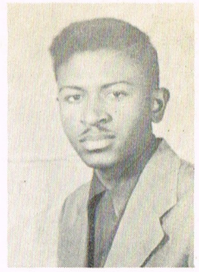

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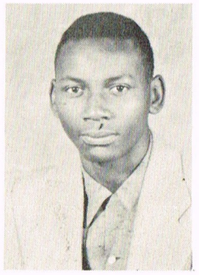

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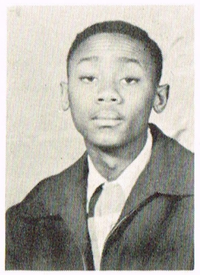

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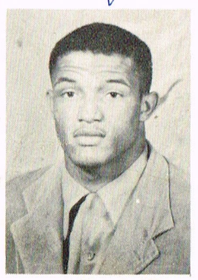

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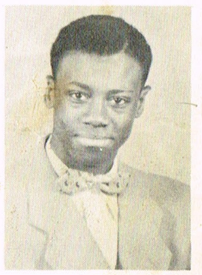

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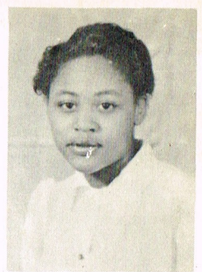

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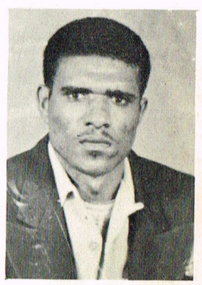

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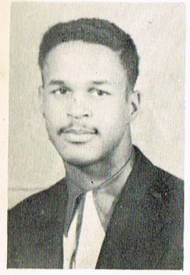

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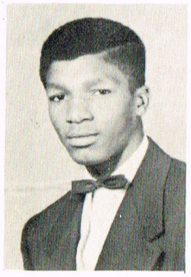

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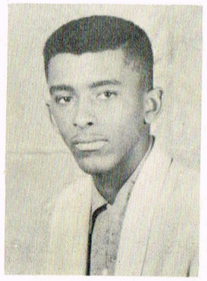

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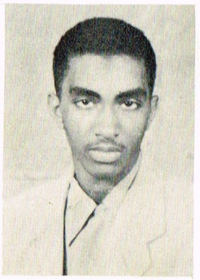

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Inst. Mr. Floyd Cawthon, Jr.



COMMERCIAL CLASS
Inst. Miss Maggie McDowell



MECHANICAL DRAWING
Inst. Mr. Dorsey West



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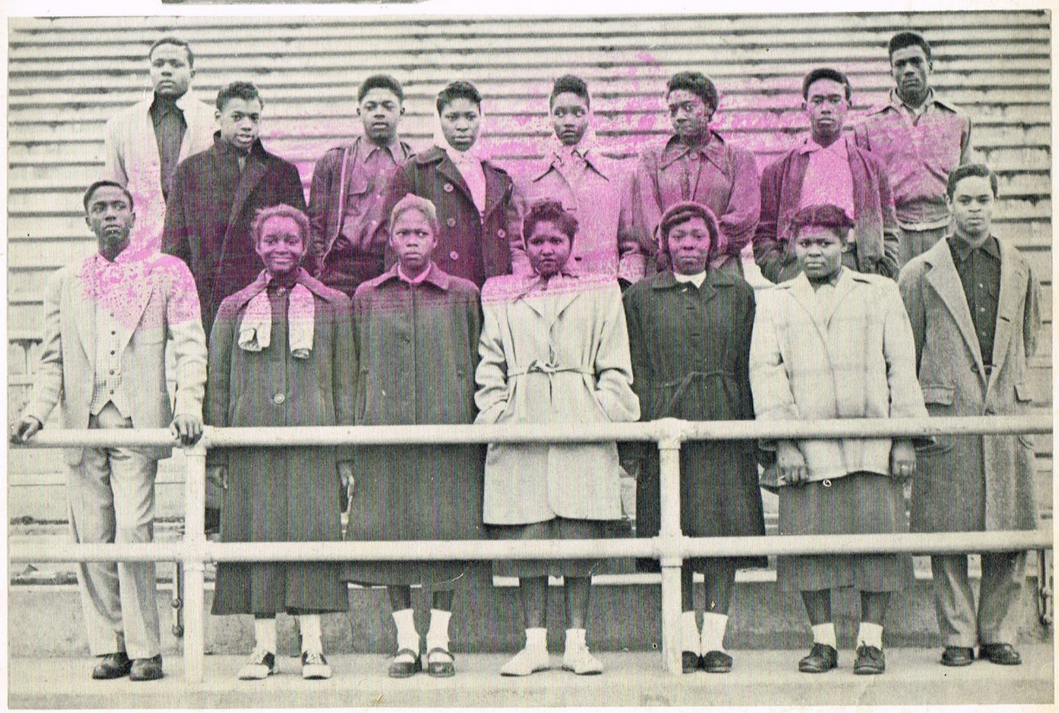
Inst. Mrs. Doris Bodden



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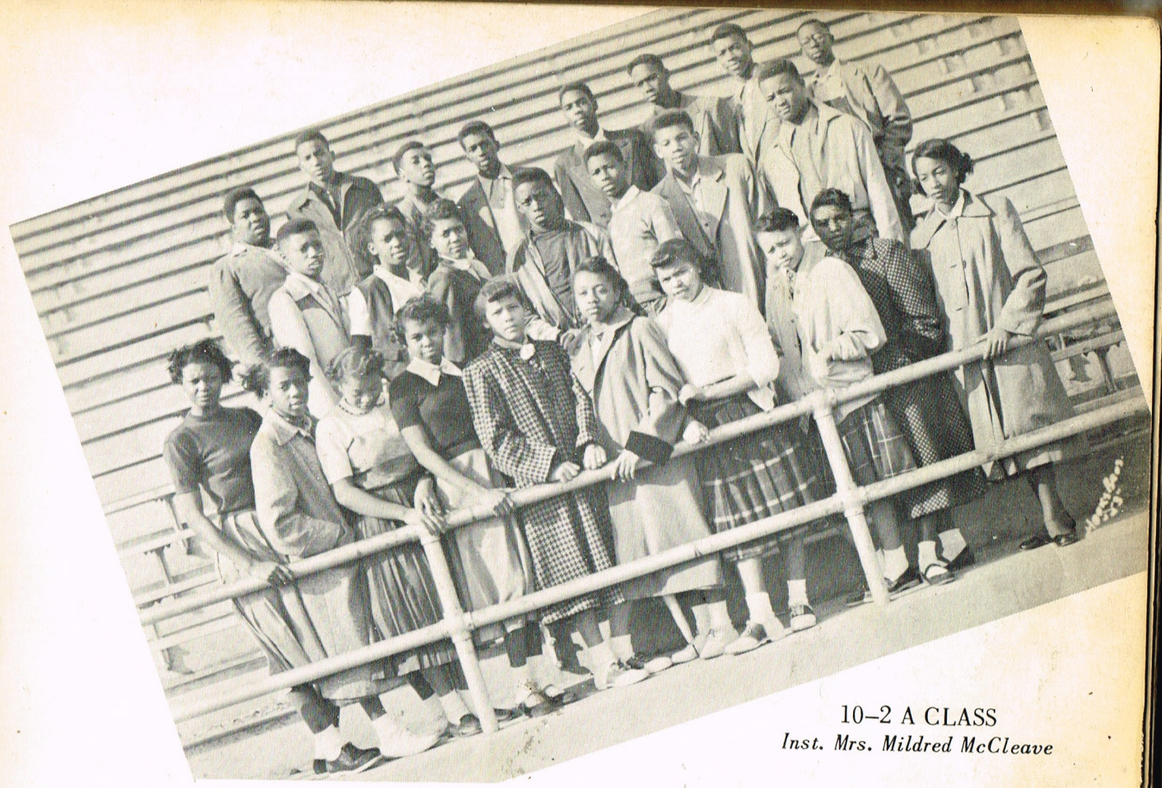

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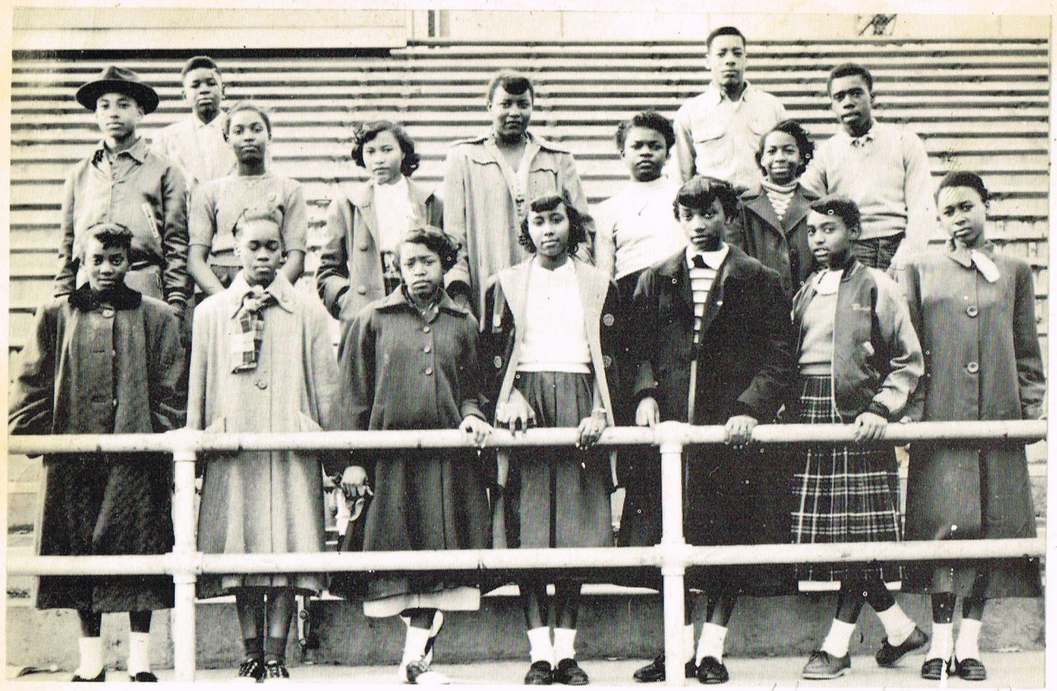

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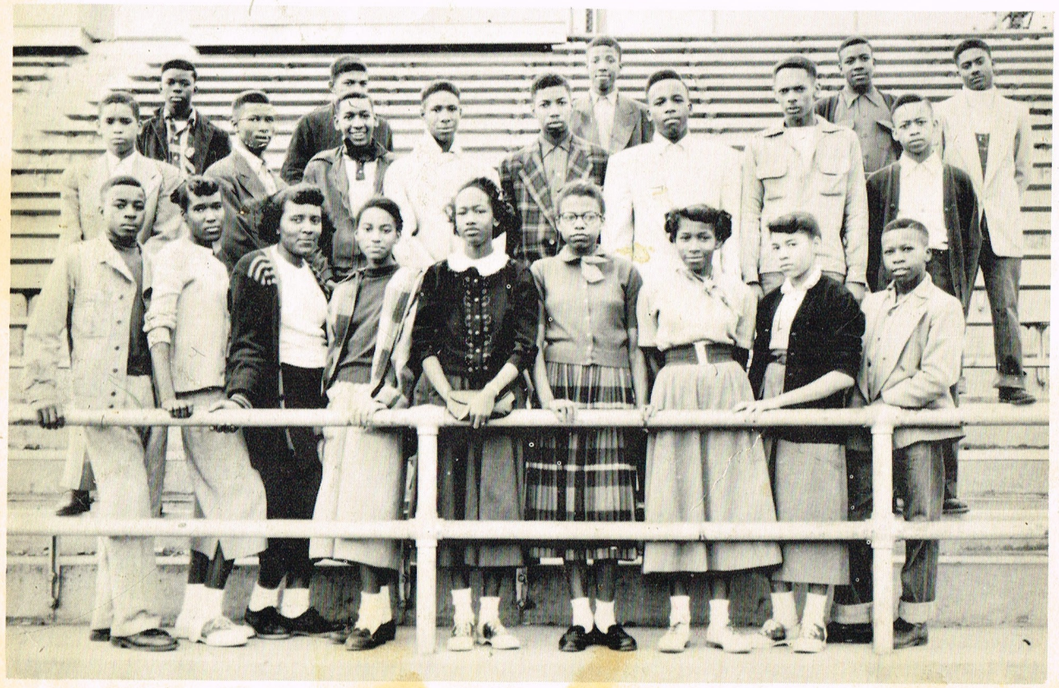

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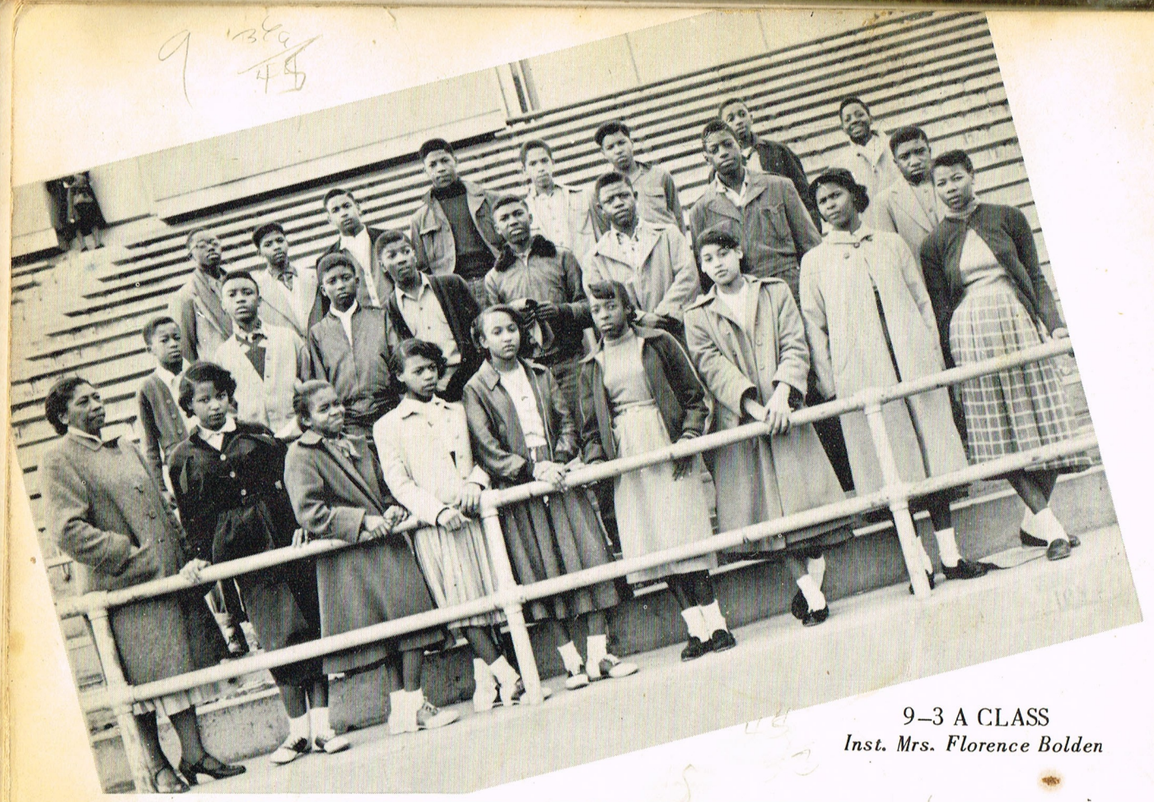

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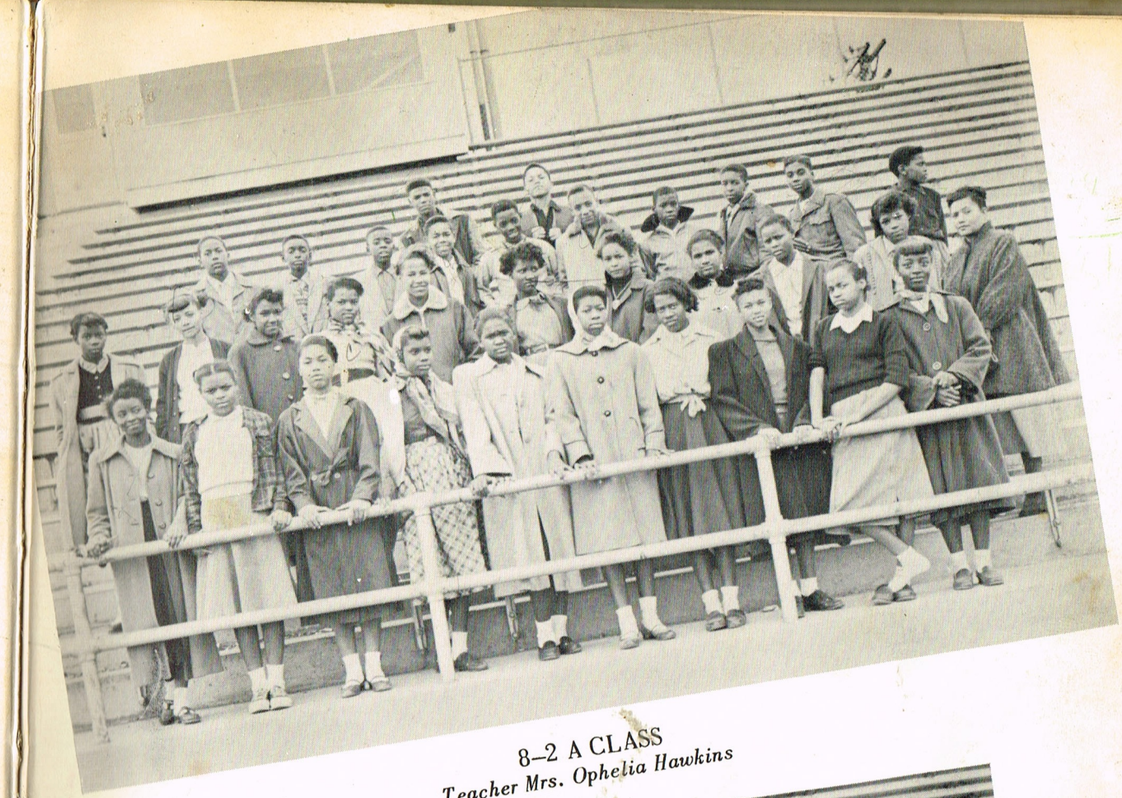

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Teacher Mrs. Ophelia Hawkins



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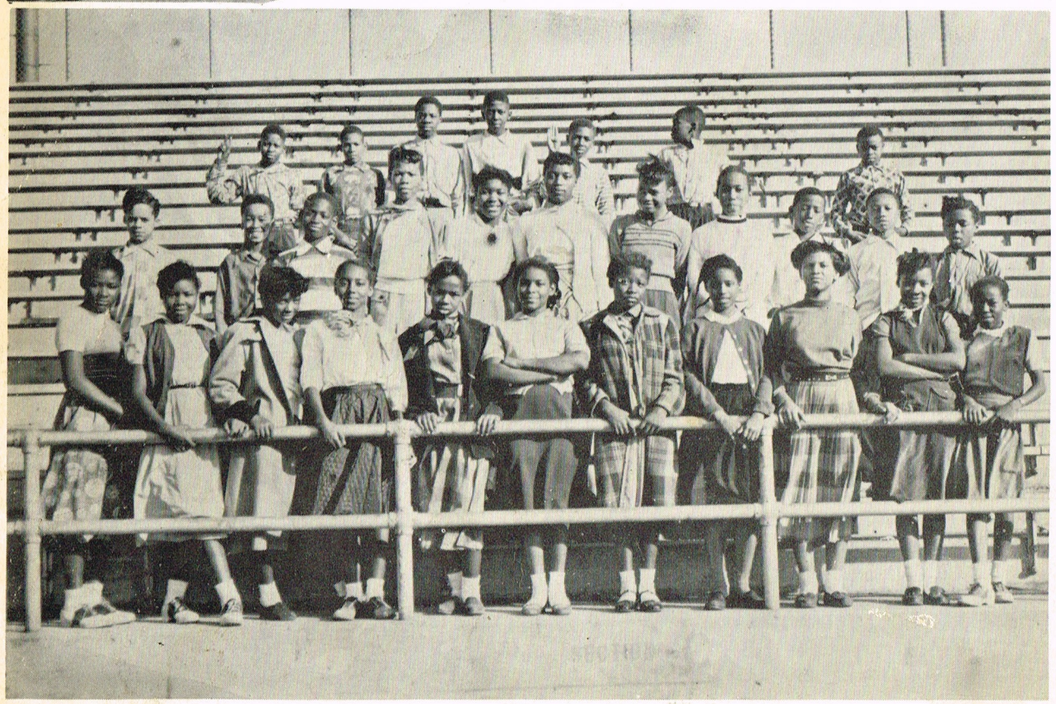

7–4 A CLASS
Teacher Mrs Maeola Mebane



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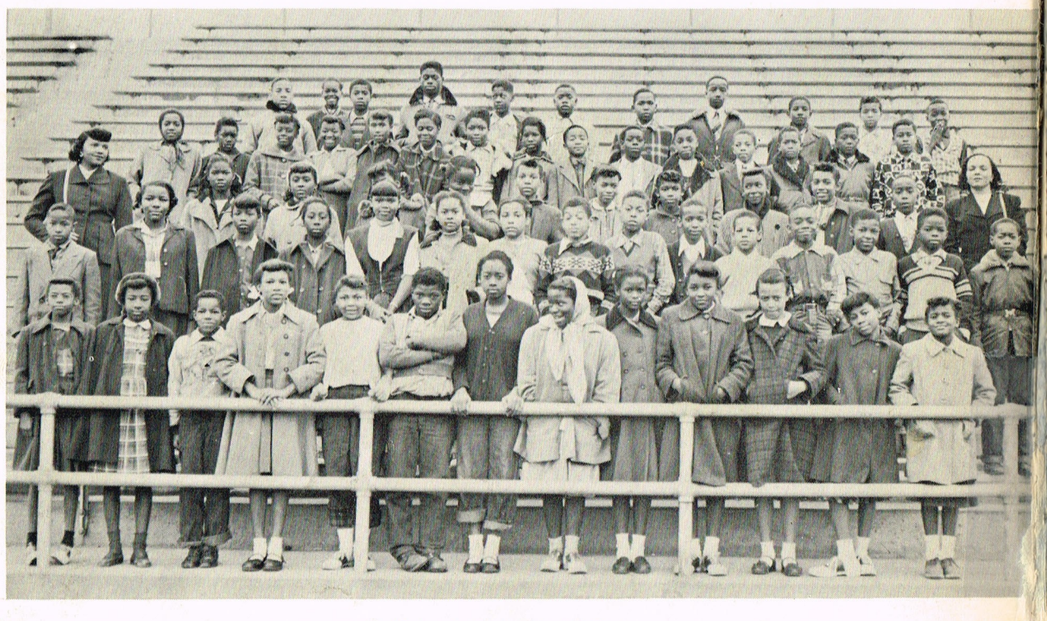


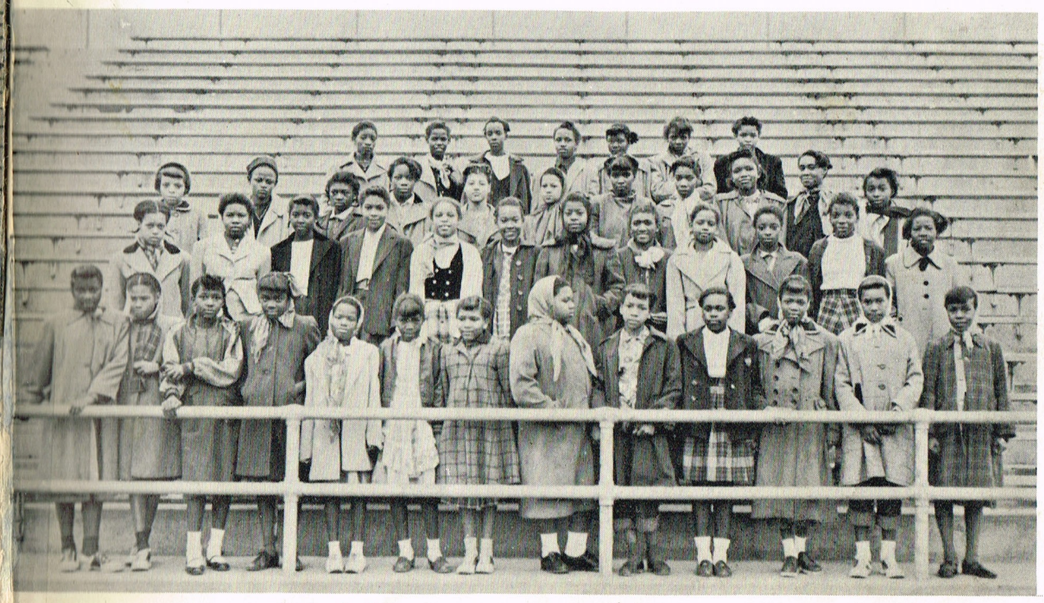
6–3 A, 6–4 A CLASSES

Teachers Miss Mildred Brazziel, Mrs. Minnie I. Morris



6–A, 6–2 A, 6–3 A, CLASSES (Boys)

Teachers Mrs. Lundie Campbell, Mrs. Mildred Carver, Mrs. Hazelle Lewis

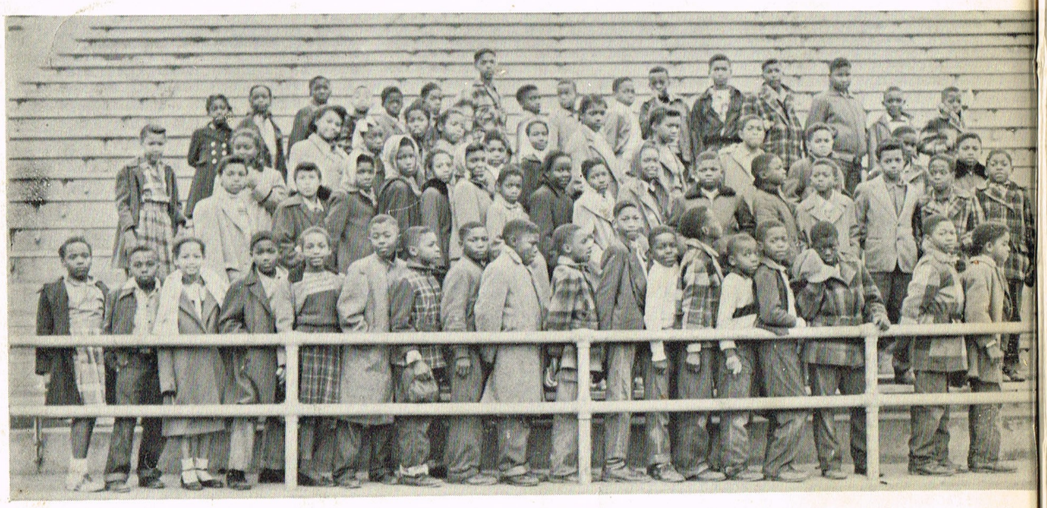


6–A, 6–2 A, 6–3 A CLASSES (Girls)

Teachers Mrs. Lundie Campbell, Mrs. Mildred Carver, Mrs. Hazelle Lewis



5–2 A, 5–3 A, & 5–5 A CLASSES
Teachers Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Ardelle Williams, Miss Ruthie Gray



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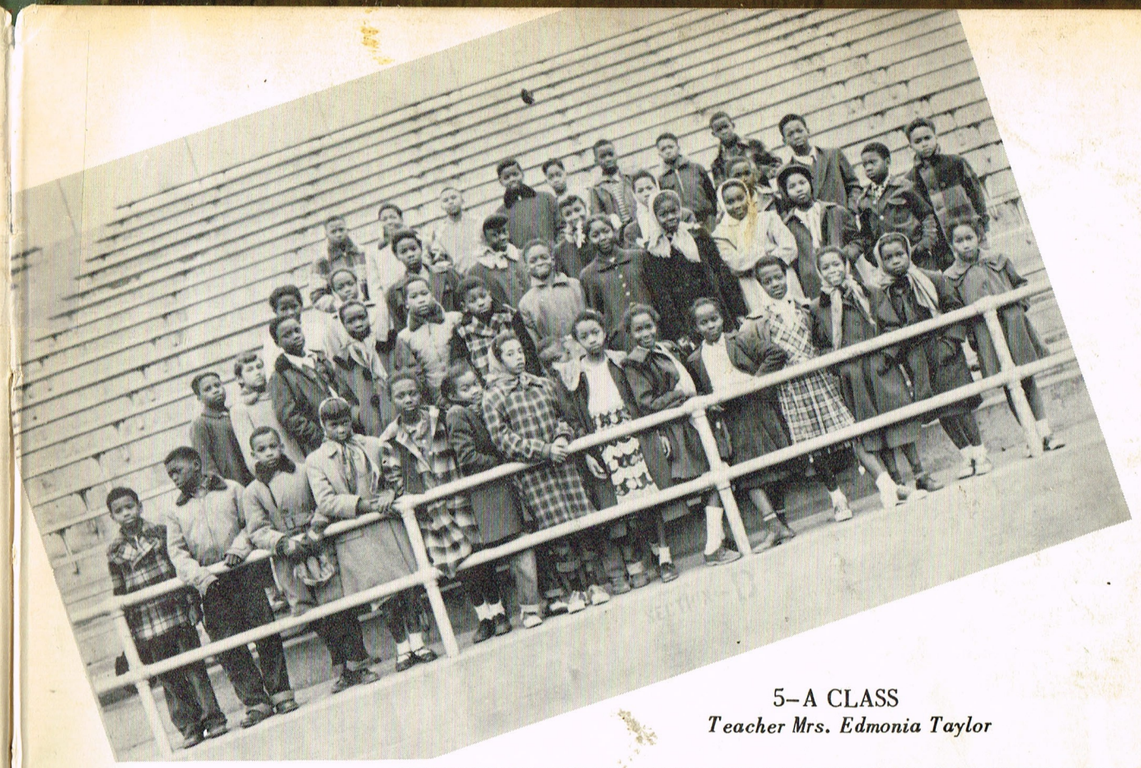

5–A CLASS
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4–3 A, 4–5 A CLASSES
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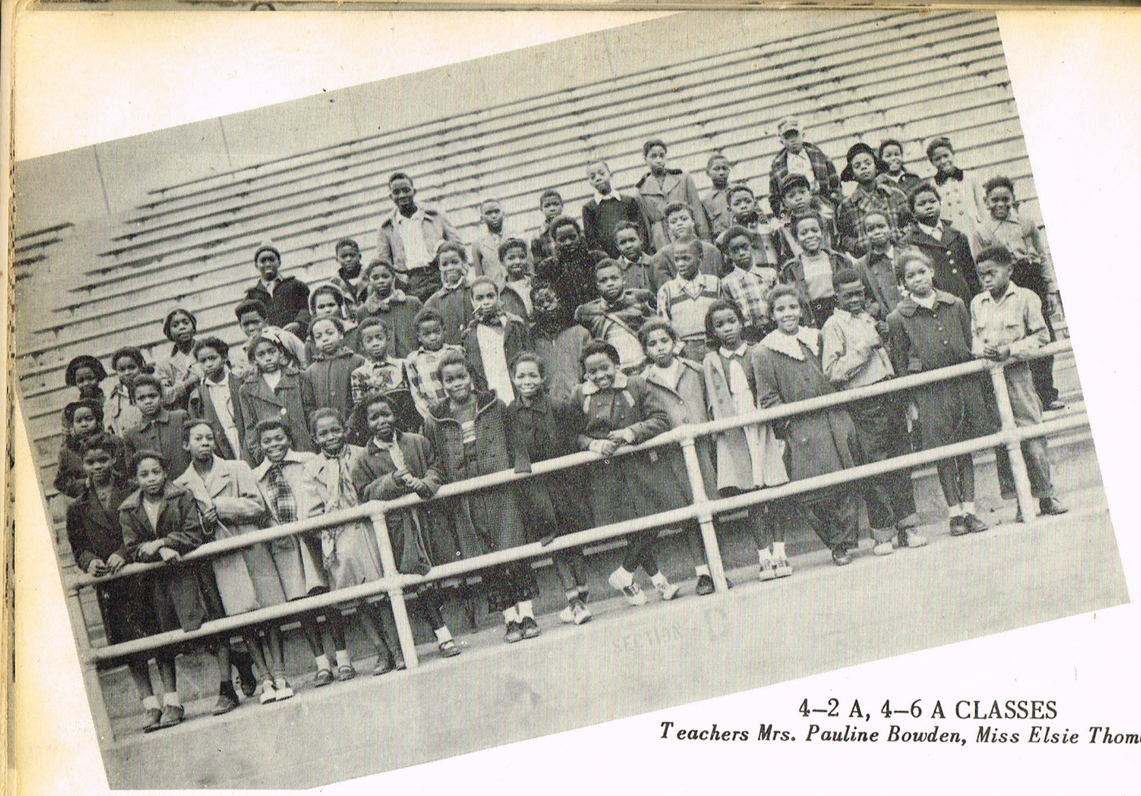

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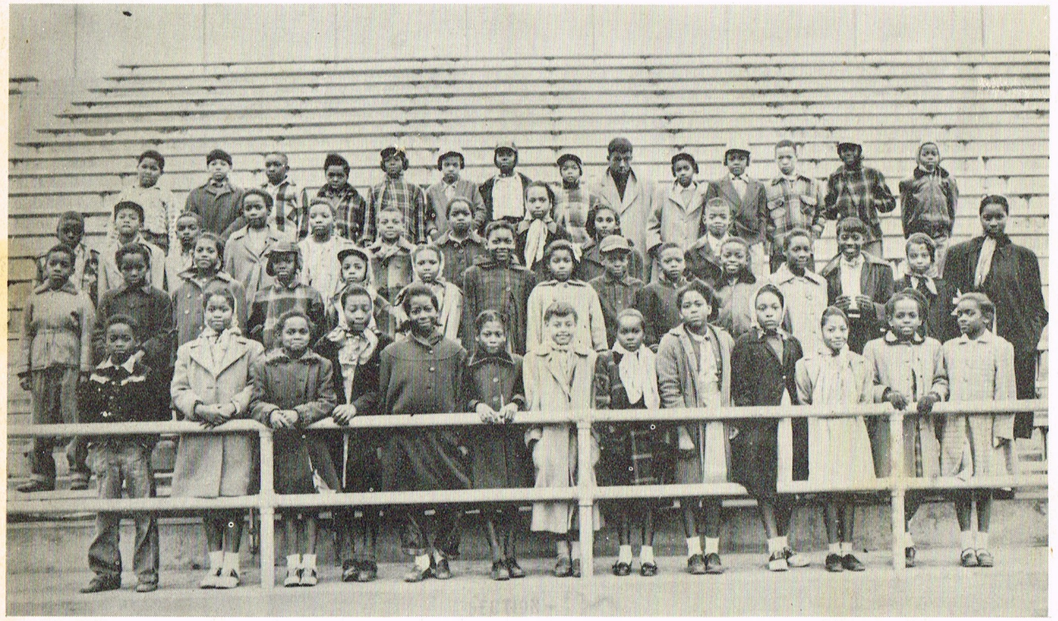


4–A, 4–4 A CLASSES

Teachers Mrs. Mattie Handy, Miss Marie Bradford



3–6 A, 3–3 A CLASSES

Teachers Mrs. D. Thompson, Miss G. Sylvers



3–A, 3–5 A CLASSES

Teachers Miss O. Boswell, Miss J. Black



3–2 A, 3–4 A CLASSES
Teachers Miss T. Pickett, Mrs. M. Gibson



2–6 A, 2–4 A CLASSES
Teachers Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. M. Goodlow



2–5 A, 2–A CLASSES
Teachers Mrs. E. Stiles, Miss C. Gardner



2–3 A, 2–2 A CLASSES
Teachers Mrs. L. Armfield, Miss G. Carvin



1–8 A CLASS
Teacher Mrs. M. Polk



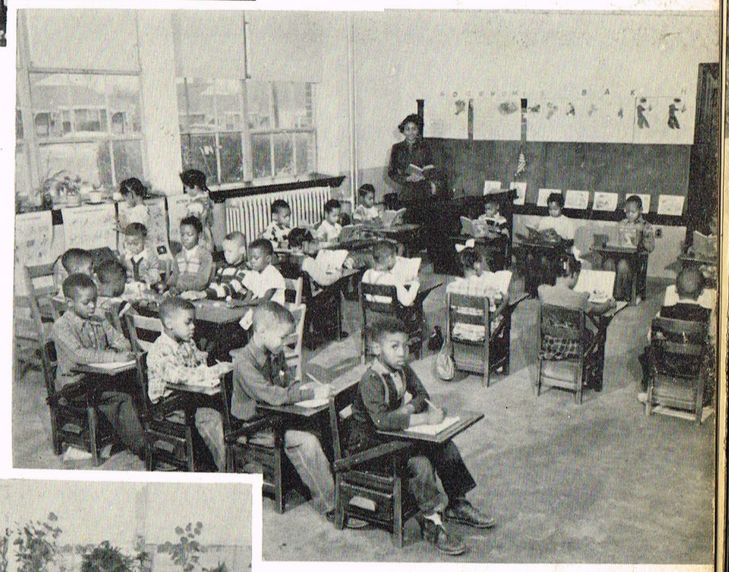
1–7 A CLASS
Teacher Mrs. M. Jordan



1–6 A CLASS
Teacher Mrs. S. Wherry Boyd



1–5 A CLASS
Teacher Miss D. Halliburton



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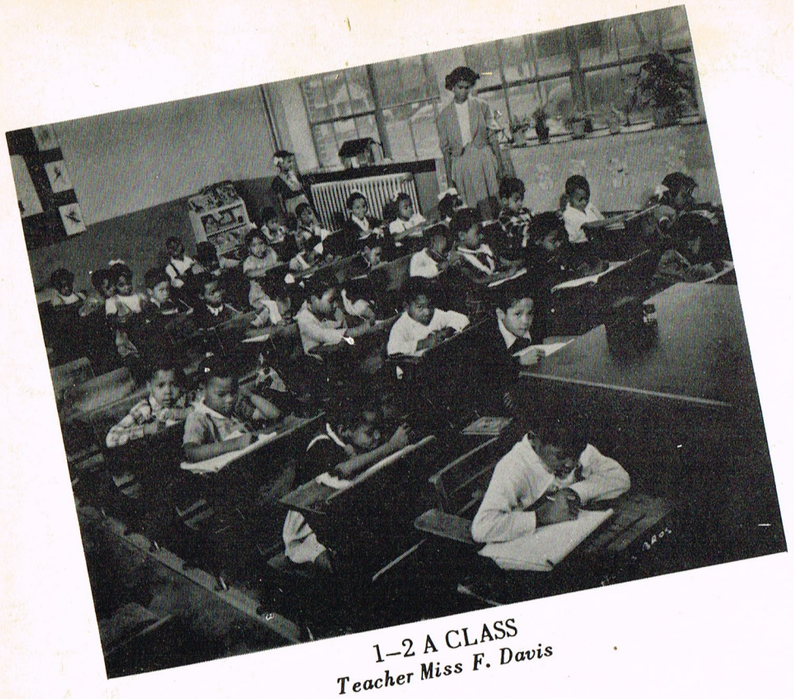
Teacher Miss J. Adams



1–3 A CLASS
Teacher Mrs. G. Johnson



1–2 A CLASS
Teacher Miss F. Davis



1–A CLASS
Teacher Mrs. I. Hines



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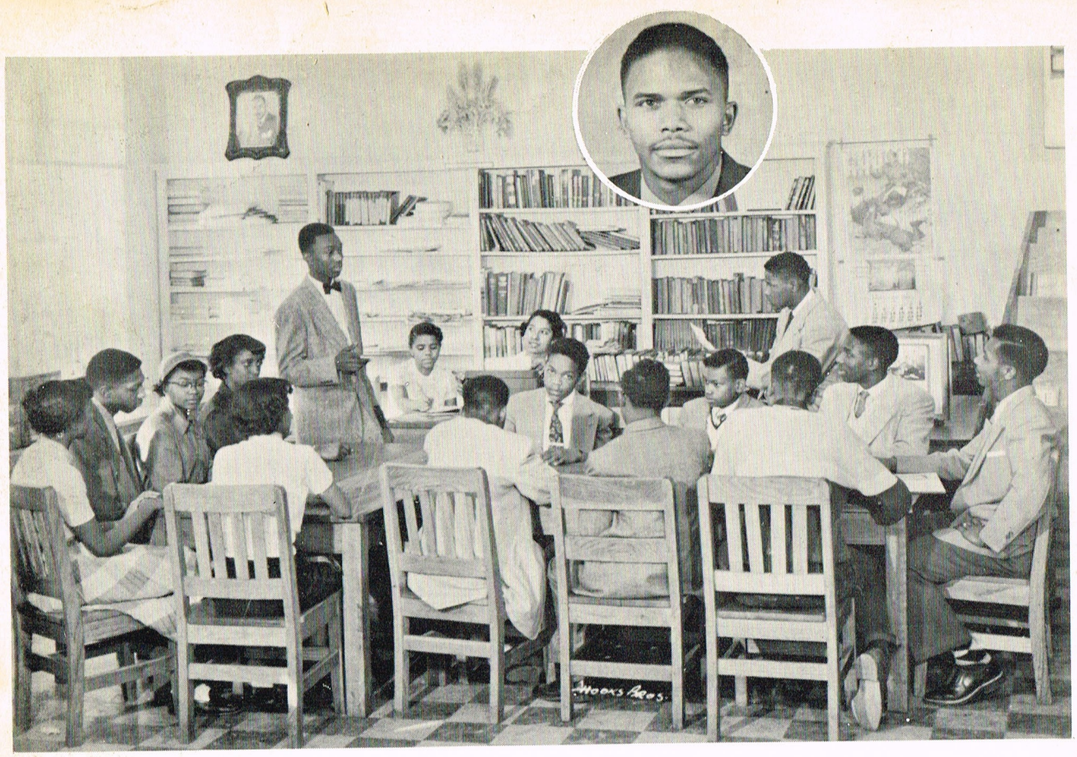

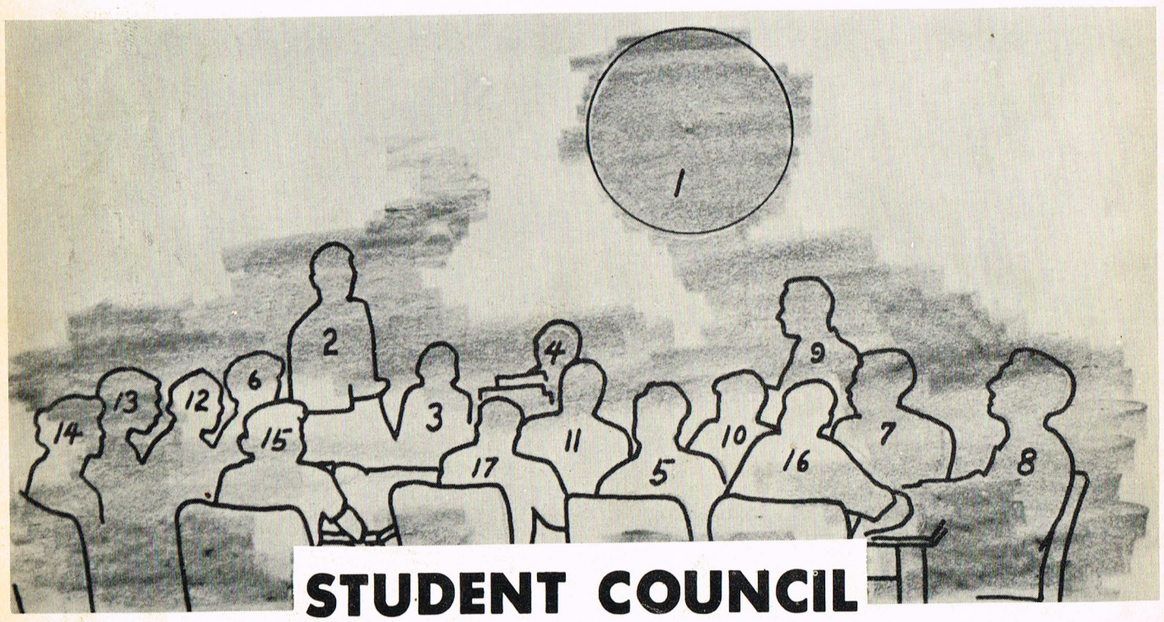

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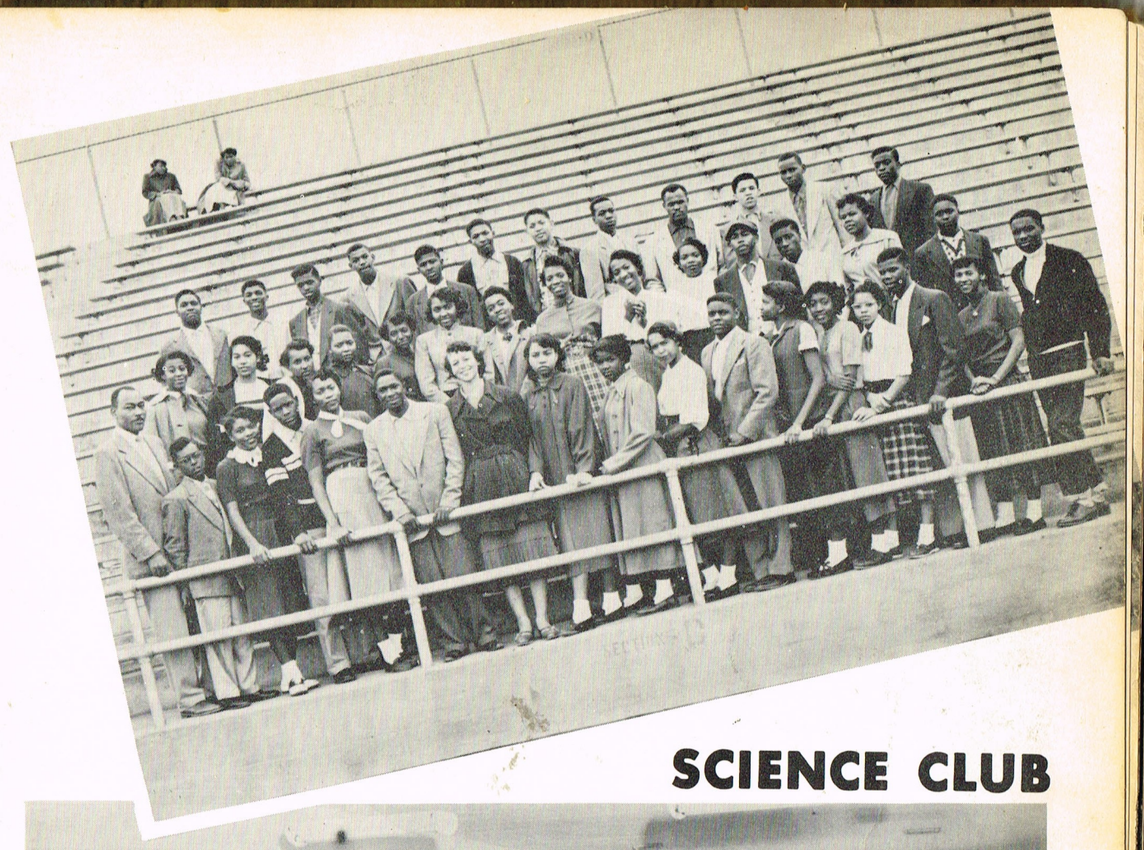

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GRAY HI-Y



TRI HI-Y



SENIOR Y-TEENS



JR. Y-TEENS



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LATIN AMERICAN CLUB



SENIOR SCOUTS



JR. SCOUTS GROUP 1



JR. SCOUT GROUP 2



BROWNIE SCOUTS



SAFETY COUNCIL



PERFECT ATTENDANCE
MRS. MORRIS



TEACHERS WHO'S WHO CONTEST

Seated, Left to Right: MRS. M. RAWLINGS, Best Disciplinarian, Best Teacher, Most Helpful; MRS. L. McKINNEY, Sweetest Teacher; MRS M. REID, Best Dressed; MISS C. BRAZZIEL, Most beautiful; MISS V. FLOWERS; MISS T. PICKETT, Best Physique; MRS. M. COLLIER, Meanest Teacher; MRS. G. SHARP, Most Dignified.

Standing, Left to Right: MR. T. FLETCHER, Most Studious; MR. J. WESTBROOK, Most Versatile; MR. W.H. SWEET, Best Physique, Most Handsome; MR. R. GREEN. Most Popular, Best Dressed, Most Talented.

STUDENTS WHO'S WHO CONTEST



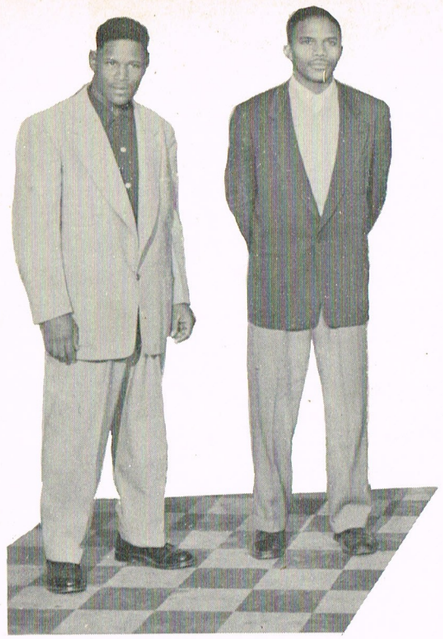
DOROTHY TRUITT
Most Lady Like

PHYLLIS SCOTT
Most Courteous



PEARLINE WRIGHT
Best Dressed

WILLIE MEACHAM
Most Beautiful



ROBERT WILLIAMS
Most Gentlemanly
Friendliest
Most Courteous

WILLIE DILTZ
Best Athlete



IRMA TATE
Most Talented
Most Likely To Succeed
Most Studious

NARVENE WASHINGTON
Most Popular
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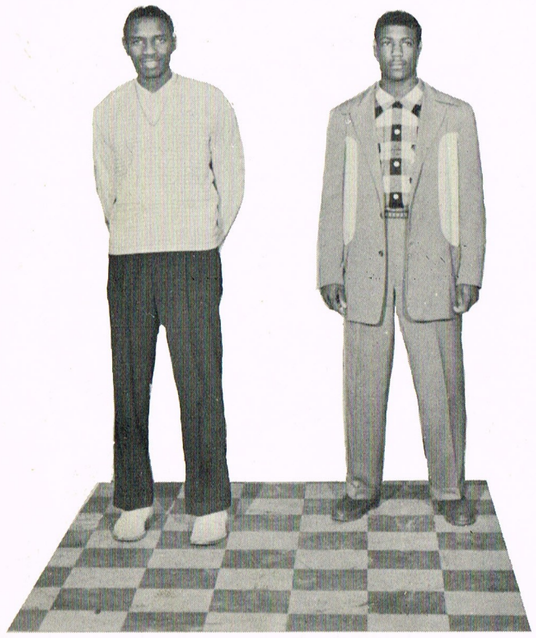
Friendliest



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Most Popular
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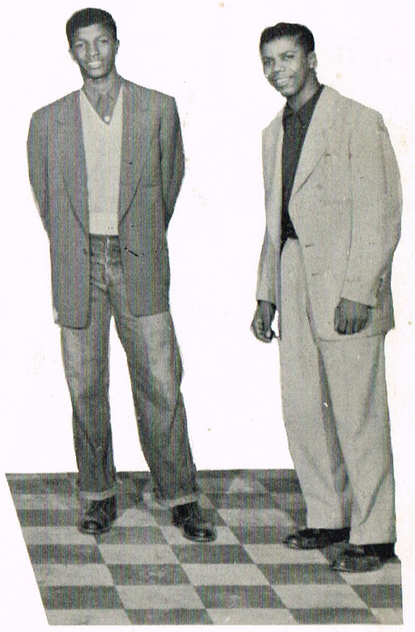
ROMAN BATES
Most Handsome



JESSE WILBURN
2nd Best Dancer

MALCHI BRENT
Best Dressed

Not Shown: JUANITA JONES, *Shyest*
EMILY ANDERSON, *Biggest Flirt*
SHELTON McGHEE, *Most Talented*
WILLIAM ROSS, *Biggest Flirt*



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Front Row: – Left to right: Doris Jackson, Monice Williams, Lena Wright, George Cox, Dorothy L. Tolliver, Lila Smith, Irma Tate, Robert L. Baldwin, Margie Jones, Bertha Ford, shirley Bolden.

Second row: – Left to right: Harper Brewer, Frank Hurt, Lucille Ryan, Dorothy Truitt, Rosie Alexander, Pauletta Johnson, Mary Bates, Wilma Mosley, Esker Harris, Bobby Mack Mitchell, and James Stewart.

FEATURE

MELROSE HONOR STUDENTS RUN UNIVERSAL LIFE

While Memphis and the nation witnessed the ceremony in rapt attention, a new executive for a powerful position and his carefully selected assistants were recently installed in office against an exciting backdrop with full newspaper and radio coverage. This brand new team of executives and "cabinet" members were called to these positions of honor and prestige on the basis of outstanding qualification in personal scholarship and service.

ship, character, leadership and service.

No, we are not referring to the inauguration of President Eisenhower and the congressional approval of his cabinet members. This action took place on Friday, January 23, when outstanding students of Melrose High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools were installed for thirty minutes in the seats and offices of the major executives of Universal Life Insurance Company.

Melrose High School, under the principalship of Prof. F.M. Campbell, is the only Negro high school in Memphis presently holding membership in the nation's top ranking honor student organization. With 22 accomplished teenage members, the Melrose chapter is now enjoying it's third year of membership.

To be eligible for individual membership, students must achieve national requirements in scholarship, character, leadership and service in agreement with high standards set forth by the National Honor Society, which has chapters in high schools throughout the country.

This year, in addition to other elaborate honors showered upon Melrose honor students by faculty members and fellow students, the Universal Life Insurance Company arranged for its top officers to relinquish their posts for a half-hour, during which time the top ranking students took over these desks and offices and "ran" the large business organization.

Following a program arranged by the faculty of Melrose High School in cooperation with Mr. L.C. Sharp, special ordinary agent of the Memphis district, the students were formally presented the desks of each Universal Life Officer, and other key positions. The functions of each department were carefully explained and, in some instances, inter-office calls of actual business proceedings were made.

Dr. J.E. Walker, Universal Life Board Chairman, who had been called out on urgent business, returned to his office to pay tribute to George Cox, Melrose senior and top ranking student, who had been officially installed in his position by A. Maceo Walker, President of the company.

After touring the Universal Life home office building at 480 Linden Avenue, and acting as officers, junior officers and supervisors for the specified period, the proud students were feted at lunch in the spacious cafeteria.

Participating in the special honor event were top Melrose students including, Rosa Alexander, Bertha Ford, Margie Jones, Lucille Ryan, Monice Williams, Dorothy Truitt, Dorothy Tolliver, Robert Baldwin, Wilma Mosley, Shirley Bolden, Lena Wright, Irma Tate, Lila Bell Smith, Pauletta Johnson, Mary Bates, Doris Jackson, George Cox, Bobbie Mack Mitchell, Harper Brewer, Frank Hurt and James Stewart.

The Melrose Honor Chapter is sponsored by faculty members including; Mrs. Gladys V. Sharp, Chairman, Mr. C.D. Goodlow, Mrs. Minnie Reid, Mrs. Mary Collier and Mrs. Lytia Y. McKinney. In addition to active participation in such activities as the student council and other school wide organizations, the chapter sponsors four cultural programs each year. Once selected as members of the society, the student remains a member as long as he or she lives up to the standards of the society.

Speaking on behalf of Universal Life, a company official declared, "We commend the students for their achievements; for the grace and dignity with which they accepted and served the position presented them; for the interest exhibited in the different phases of the business and for being a part of the history making ceremony."

Students may find dates like 1492, 1812, etc., difficult to remember, but the 22 members of the National High School Honor Society, Melrose Chapter, will remember for years to come the 23rd of Jaunary, 1953. To them history has been made, history in which they played an active part with honor and esteem.

The presence of these students, who won recognition for outstanding scholastic achievement, was likewise a tremendous inspiration to all home office employees. It was the students who played the leading roles, who brought happiness and warmth into a bisiness organization. The happy faces and smiles of gratitude portrayed by the students will forever be a part of the Universal Life Insurance family.

Radio station WDIA recorded the official ceremonies for playback by transcription the following Saturday afternoon. This service by WDIA was part of their goodwill program performed as a public service.

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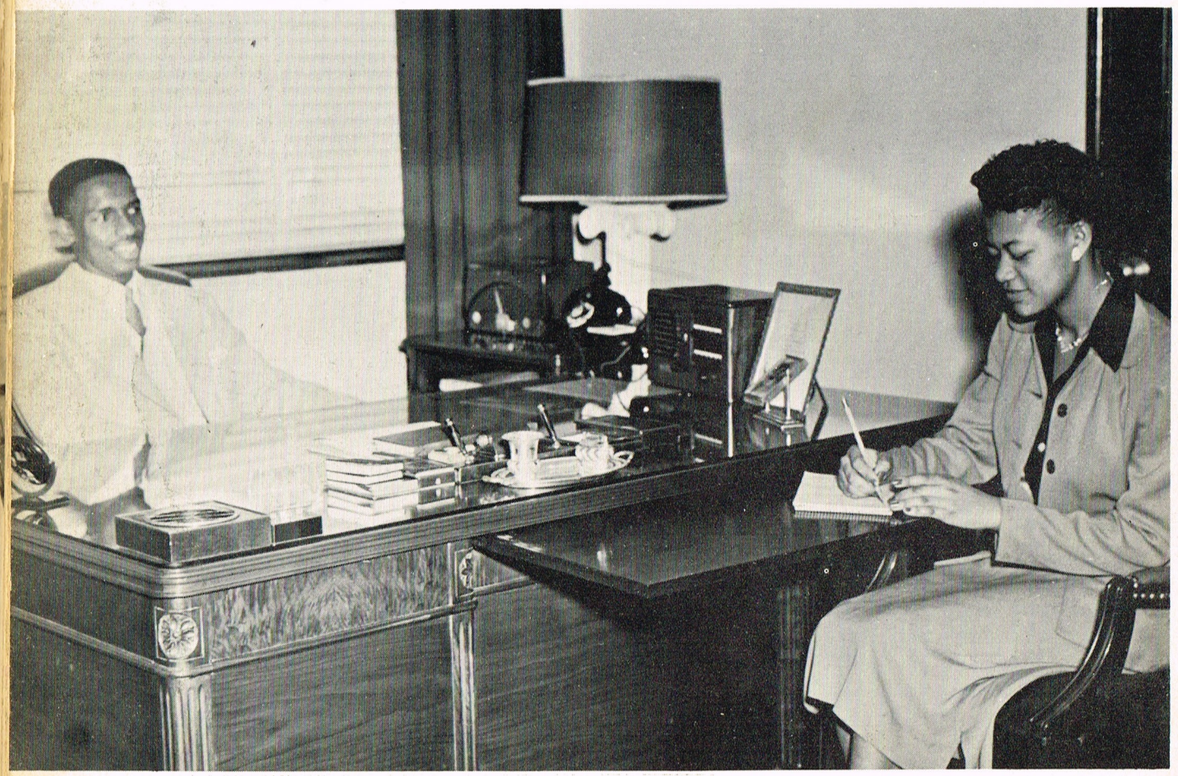

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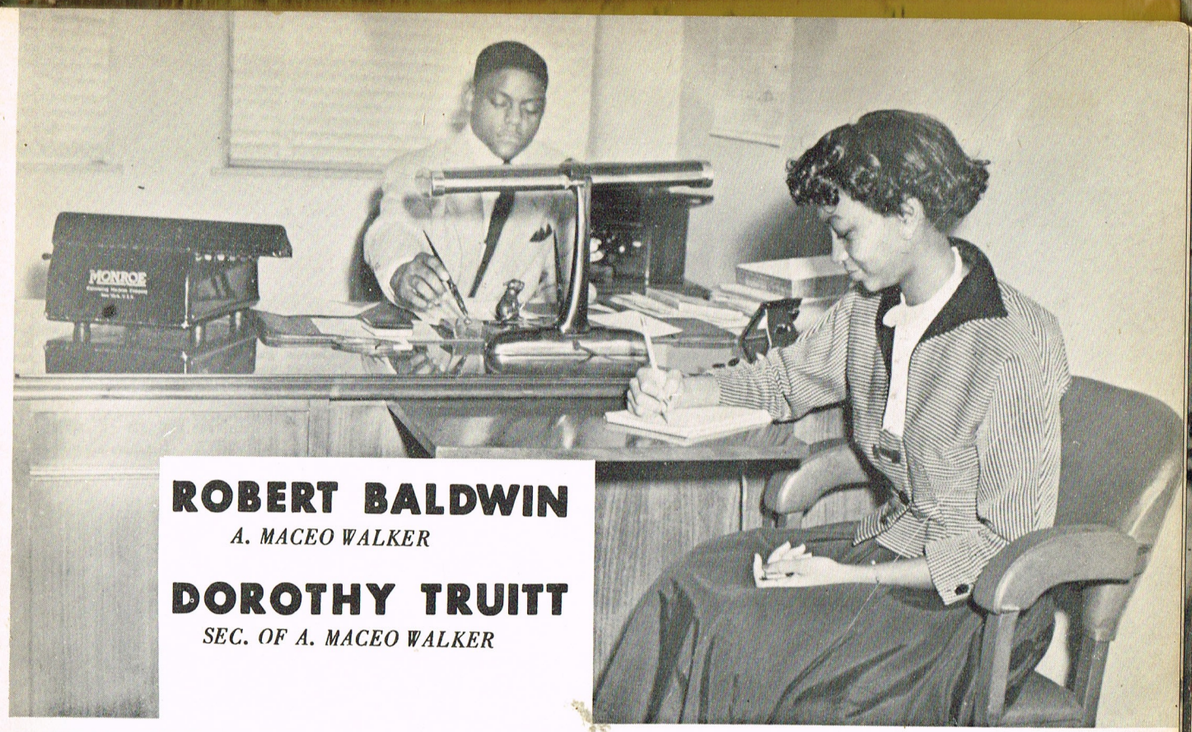
PAULETTA JOHNSON *SEC. OF DR. J.E. WALKER*



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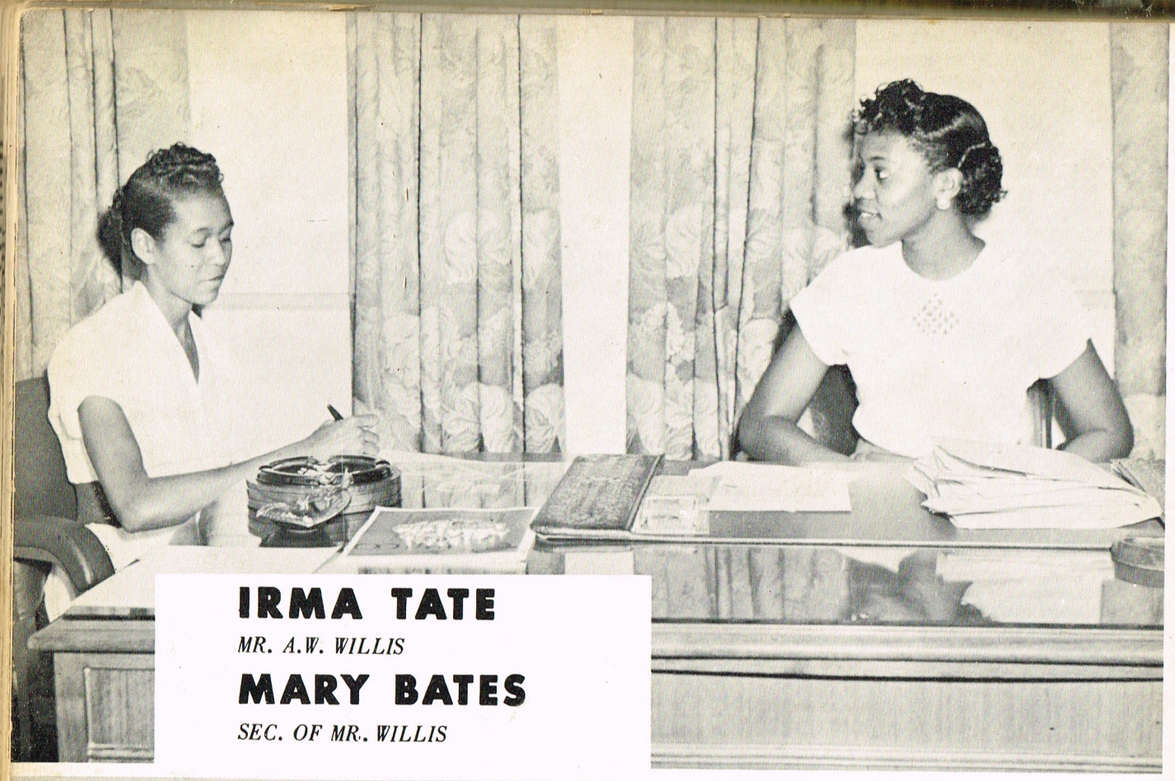

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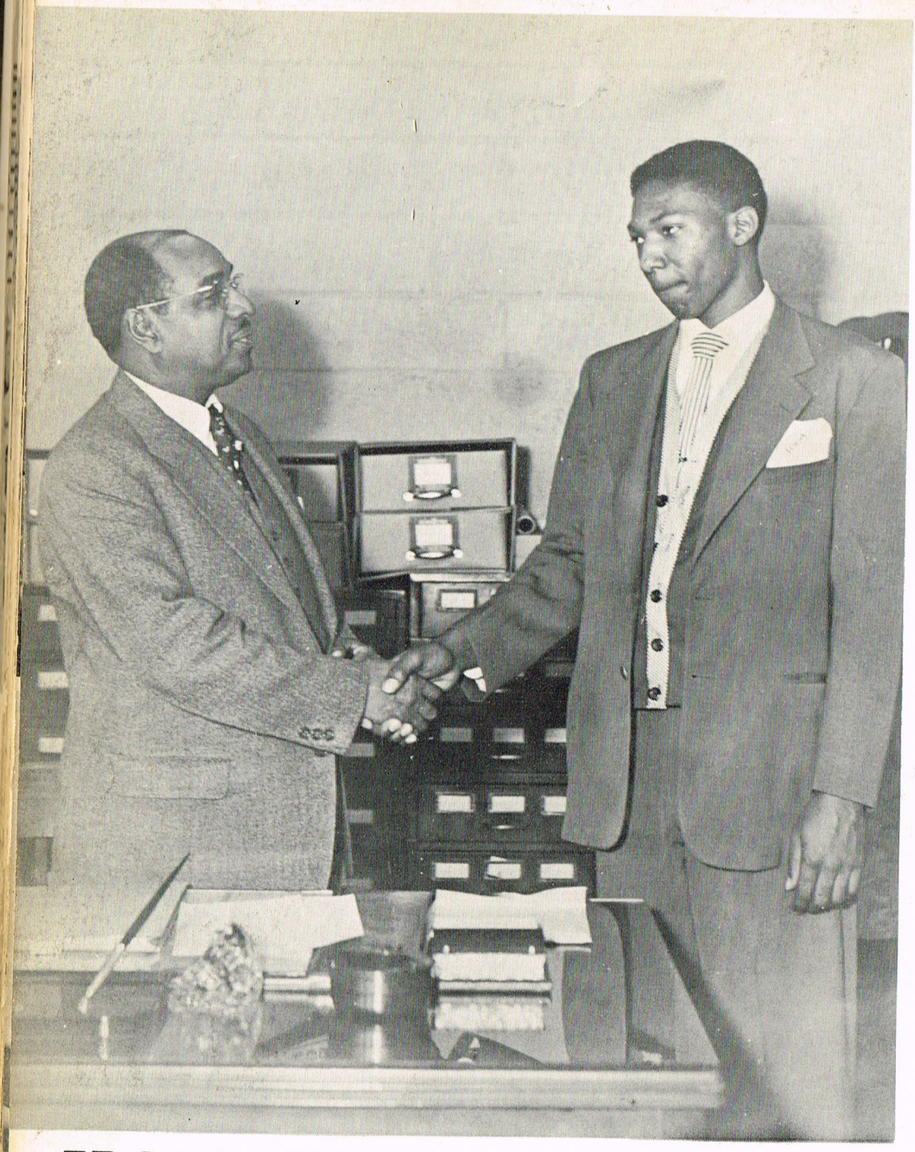

FRANK HURT - MR. CHANDLER

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SHIRLEY BOLDEN - - - - J.A. SWAYZE
MARGIE JONES - - - - SEC. OF J.A. SWAYZE
MONICE WILLIAMS - - - - MR. PARKER
HARPER BREWER - - - - DR. KELSO
ROSE ALEXANDER - - - - DR. KELSO'S NURSE
WILMA MOSLEY - - - - MRS. CARRIE M. SMITH
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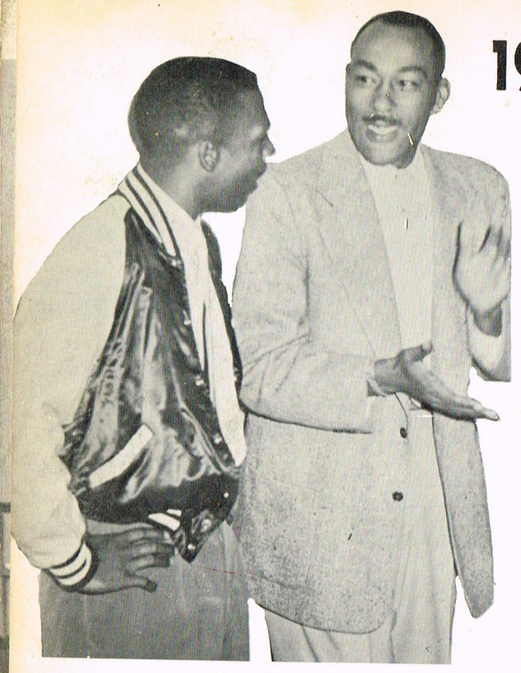
ATHLETICS

1952-53 SPORTS HISTORY



Coaches
SWEET – WESTBROOK

The Melrose Golden Wildcats started the season with a desire to win the city championship. Coach Westbrook had a new group of boys whom he taught confidence, and how to always bring home the bacon. He also taught them the art of giving the other team all the brute force they had. Their first game was played in Hot Springs, Ark. against Langston High School. This new team surprised the school and defeated Langston 13–12.

Coach Westbrook knew that this new group of boys needed experience and more training to compete with the City Prep Leagues. He drilled them heavily preparing them for the future games.

The second game was with Carver High School of Tupelo, Miss. They defeated them 13–6. The gang went mad that night and Coach Westbrook smoked at ease. They showed the public what their coach had been teaching them. On this night the Wildcats swore to win all of the future games.

Going into a rage, they took Hamilton High School by surprise and defeated them 31–0. The following week they pushed over Douglass High School with a score of 26–6. Now they were on the move to the Prep League Championship.

Other high schools were watching them and tightening their belts. The will to work together, their superior training and sportsmanship pushed them on.

To keep out these aggressive Wildcats, their future opponents were building up a strong defense.

Without fear they charged Manassas High School, in a game which will never be forgotten. Their opponents were brave and wise and they fought with blood in their eyes until the finish. The game was tied 6–6, but everybody was satisfied. They hadn't lost and they showed the other teams what must be done to beat them.

Slowing down without stopping, the team played the most favorite game of the season, "The Homecoming Game".

Melrose Homecoming Game was a gay affair. Many of the former



WILLIE DILTZ
Captain

students returned to participate in the Homecoming activities. The parade was one of the largest ever witnessed in the community of Orange Mound.. They were led by the magnificent band of Melrose, who had recently gained fame around the city. Miss Narvene Washington, the Homecoming Queen, reigned over the event, with her attendants, Miss Juanita Shields, a senior and Miss Shirley King, a junior at Melrose. Altogether, these young ladies represented Melrose gloriously in the parade. With the grandstand filled with alumni of Melrose, the boys felt good and defeated Lincoln High School of St. Louis, Mo. 27–7. After the game the queen and her attendants went on the field. The queen was crowned by the captain of the team, Willie Diltz, while the band played delightful music.



After the crowning of the queen all of the gang went to the Melrose Auditorium for the Homecoming Dance. Some of the Wildcats had the pleasure of dancing with the queen and her attendants.

Settling down after this superb event and getting back on their regular schedule, the Wildcats defeated St. Augustine High 13–0. This put the Wildcats in the limelight. They were on their way for the city championship and all eyes were on the last game. The game that would tell if they were as good as they were supposed to be.

The last game was played with B.T. Washington High School. Showing all of their skills against overwhelming opposition they held the score to a 6–6 tie. They heated the old gridiron hot that night. The team didn't lose the game and they showed the other schools the force they had. Although they didn't win the city Championship, because of the two ties, they were good sports and didn't mind losing. Coach Westbrook said that this team was the only team in the history of the school that hadn't lost a game in a season. The boys made history and laid a pattern for the future Wildcats to follow.

Coach Westbrook stated that this team was one of the best that he had ever coached. He has had less trouble and won more games.

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GOLDEN WILDCAT SQUAD

Left to right: First row — MALCHI BRENT, Manager; CLOYD SCALES, ROBERT CRAWFORD, HERMAN McCLELLAN, RICHARD WOODS, SYLVESTER HENRY, WILLIAM ROSS, JESSE WILBURN, JOE MURRAY, MAURICE GARDNER, JAMES HICKS, ROBERT MANN, CLEVELAND DEWITT, Trainer.

Second row — CRIVEN DEAN, Trainer; JAMES GOODSON, BOBBYE SHARP, GEORGE RIVERS, JOSEPH NORFLEET, JESSE RIVERS, JAMES SMITH, WARREN PATTON, ROMAN BATES, WALTER LYLES, NORRIS BEASLEY, ANDREW EARTHMAN, WILLIE DILTZ, JAMES CAMPBELL, JAMES WESTBROOK, & JOSEPH WESTBROOK, Mascots.

Third row — SHELTON McGHEE, WILLIE TOLES, JOHN WALKER, MARCELLUS WOODS, WILLIAM HARDEN, ROBERT WILLIAMS, JOE WHITIKER, WILLIAM GOODSON, TOMMIE HARRIS, JOSEPH LEE, BOBBYE MITCHELL, HERMON O'NEIL, THOMAS HARRIS, WILLIE LEE, LLOYD BALDWIN, GILL HALEY, CHARLES RICHMOND, ALVIN THOMAS, JAMES BROOKS CHARLES HICKS.



QUEEN & ATTENDANTS

JUANITA SHIELDS SHIRLEY KING



CROWNING THE QUEEN



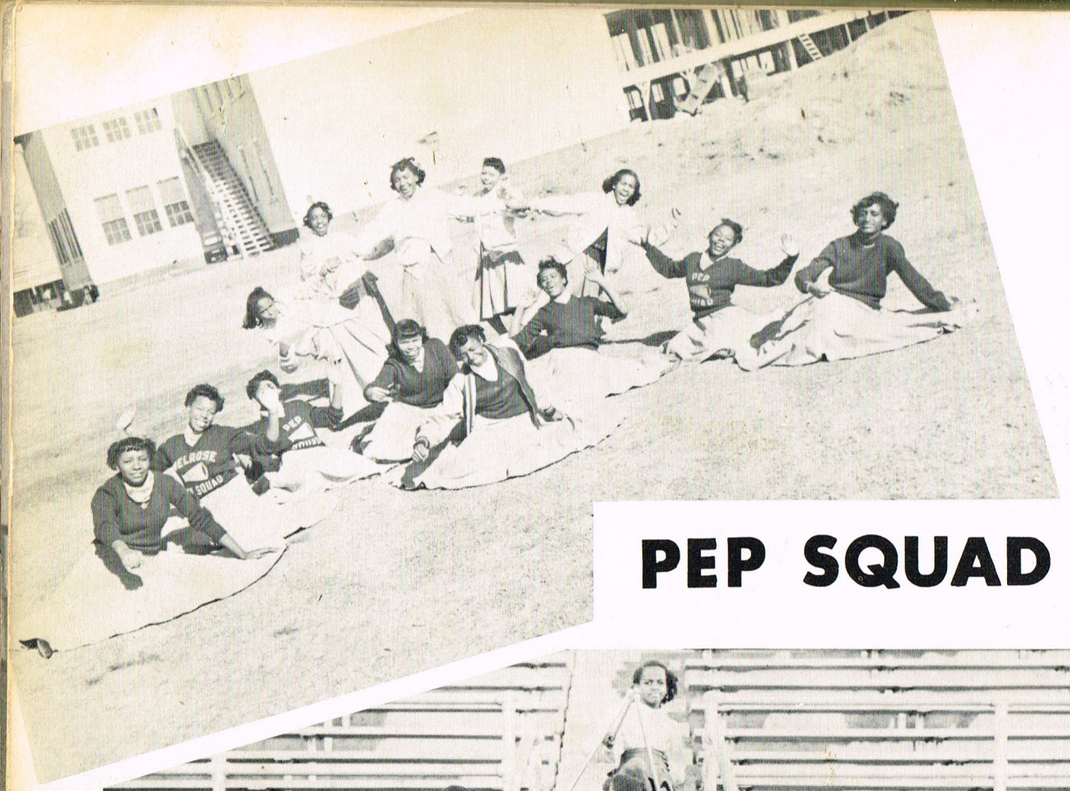
CORONATION BALL



HEY, GANG!



BAND



PEP SQUAD



FUTURETTES

WILDCAT
BASKETBALL TEAM



PRENTIS NAYLOR
Forward



BOBBIE MITCHELL
Center



WILLIE DILTZ
Center



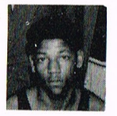
ROBERT CRAWFORD
Guard



JOHNNIE LEE
Forward



GEORGE RIESTER
Forward



ROBERT WEEDEN
Center



CLEOPHUS HUDSON
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CARL BETTS
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WILLIAM KING
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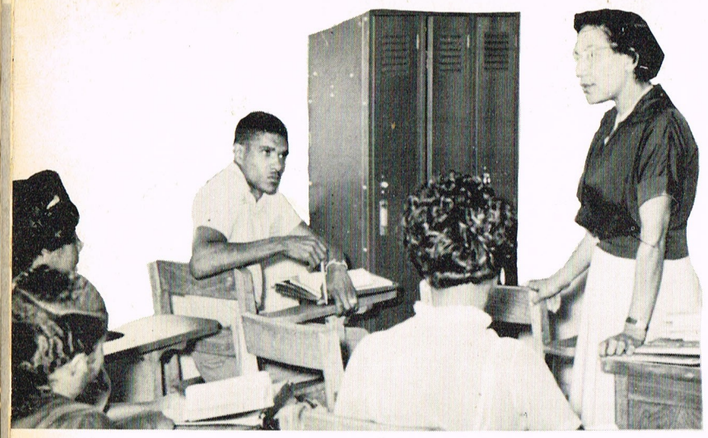



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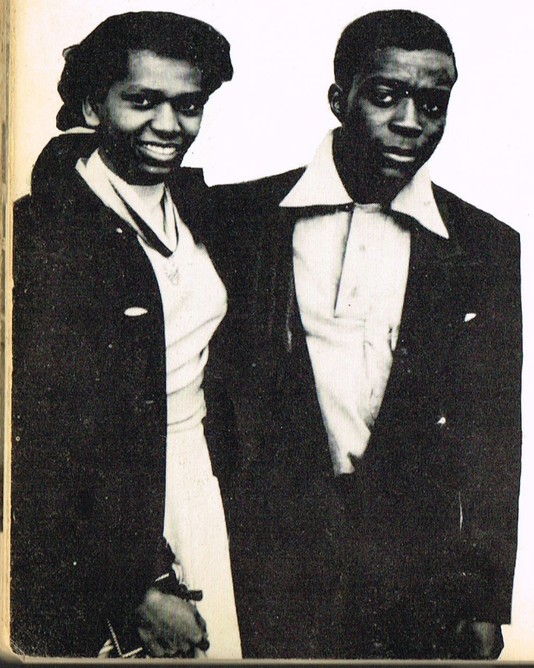













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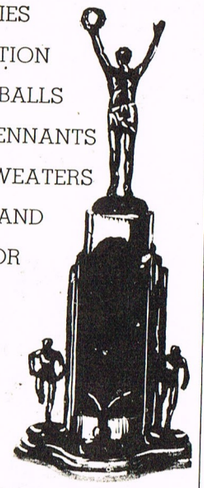

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