

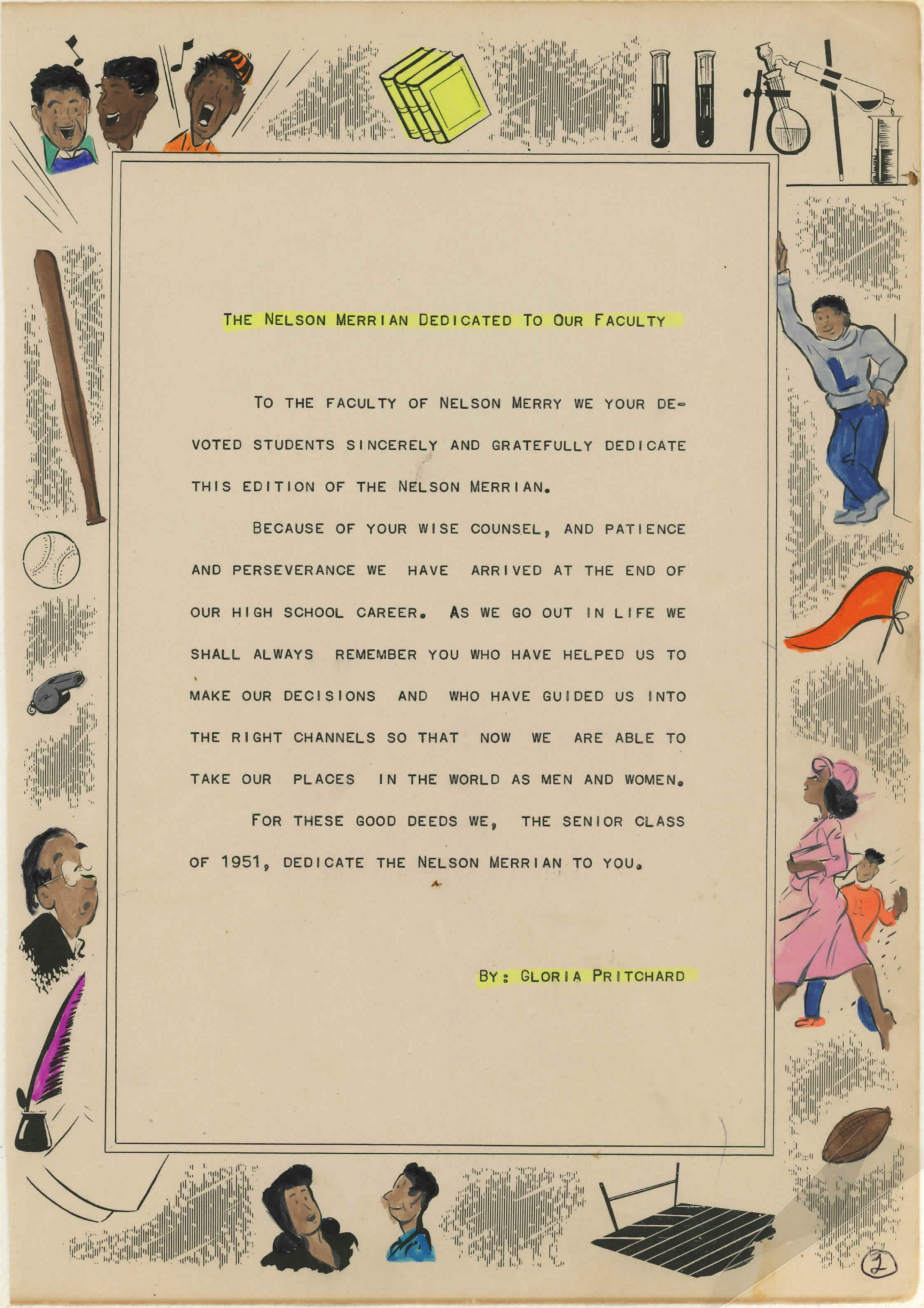


NELSON MERRIAN

# DEDICATION







THE NELSON MERRIAN DEDICATED TO OUR FACULTY

TO THE FACULTY OF NELSON MERRY WE YOUR DEVOTED STUDENTS SINCERELY AND GRATEFULLY DEDICATE THIS EDITION OF THE NELSON MERRIAN.

BECAUSE OF YOUR WISE COUNSEL, AND PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THE END OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER. AS WE GO OUT IN LIFE WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU WHO HAVE HELPED US TO MAKE OUR DECISIONS AND WHO HAVE GUIDED US INTO THE RIGHT CHANNELS SO THAT NOW WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE OUR PLACES IN THE WORLD AS MEN AND WOMEN.

FOR THESE GOOD DEEDS WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1951, DEDICATE THE NELSON MERRIAN TO YOU.

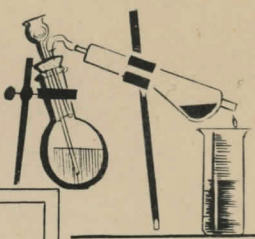
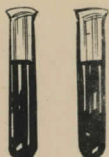
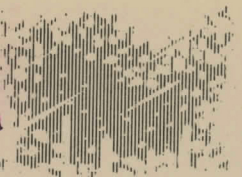
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# ADMINISTRATION







### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

THIS YEAR OF 1950-51 AT NELSON MERRY HAS BEEN A FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE LIGHT OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN GOING FROM PLACE TO PLACE HUNTING FOR A SPACE TO PLAY FOOTBALL, BUT NOW, DUE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WE HAVE AN ATHLETIC FIELD.

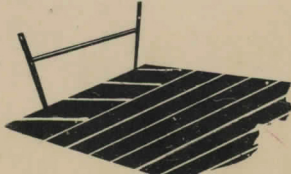
AN ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR WAS INSTALLED IN OUR HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE BEEN IN NEED OF ONE FOR MANY YEARS AND THIS YEAR WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET ONE.

WE WERE ALSO FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BEGIN TYPING AT OUR SCHOOL A FEW YEARS AGO. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS FURNISHED ELEVEN TYPEWRITERS. THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS, FOR INSTANCE, A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

### THE ANNUAL STAFF MEMBERS

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
SECRETARY  
SPORTS EDITOR  
ACTIVITY EDITOR  
SENIOR EDITOR  
BUSINESS MANAGERS

WALTER SPIVA  
BETTY R. HODGE  
BARBARA PECK  
GLORIA PRITCHARD  
ALMA WELLS  
WANDA WILKERSON  
JUNA MAE FAIN  
JANIE SMITH

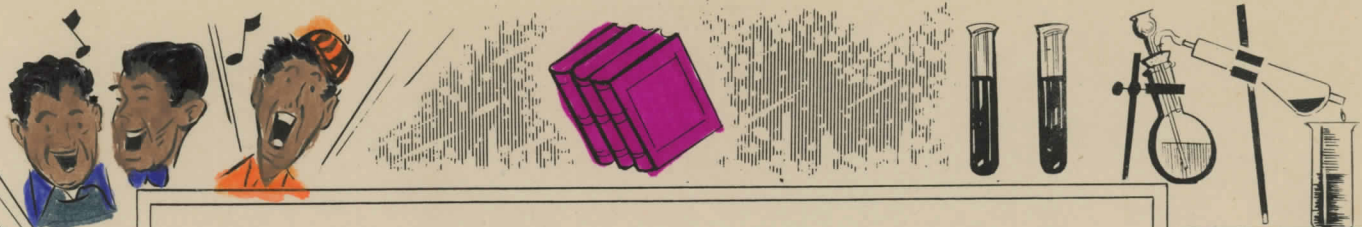




# SENIORS





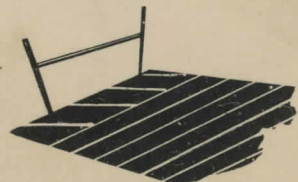
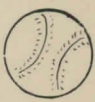


### PROPHECY

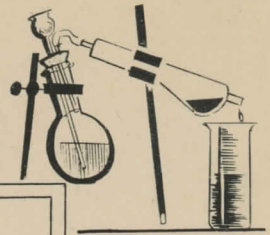
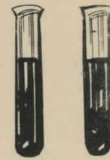
IT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL MORNING IN NEW YORK AS I SAT IN THE PARK. I HAD BEEN THERE ONLY A SHORT TIME WHEN MY TOOTH BEGAN TO ACHE. I WENT TO THE DENTIST TO HAVE IT REMOVED. AS I OPENED THE DOOR AND WENT IN I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO FIND THE NURSE WAS AN OLD CLASS MATE OF MINE, NEVONA SMITH. AS I WALKED DOWN THE HALL I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE MY EYES WHEN I FOUND THE DENTIST WAS WALTER DONALDSON, ANOTHER CLASS MATE OF MINE.

I LEFT NEW YORK AT 5:30 GOING TO CALIFORNIA AND WHEN I ARRIVED I WAS VERY THIRSTY SO I WALKED TO THE DRUG STORE FOR A SODA. ON MY WAY I SAW A SIGN WHICH READ "HARRY PHIPPS, LAWYER." THE NAME PHIPPS SOUNDED VERY FAMILIAR SO I DECIDED I WOULD GO IN AND SEE IF IT WAS THE SAME HARRY I KNEW. IT WAS. HE TOLD ME HE HAD A PRIVATE SECRETARY, AND HE SAID THAT WOULD BE VERY MUCH SURPRISED TO KNOW WHO SHE WAS. IT WAS ALMA WELLS. FROM SO MUCH JOY AND EXCITEMENT I BECAME DIZZY. THEY RUSHED ME TO ST. ESTA HOSPITAL. WHEN I WOKE THE NURSE WAS GIVING ME WATER. I HADN'T RECOVERED FROM THE FIRST SHOCK UNTIL I GOT MY SECOND SHOCK TO FIND THE NURSE WAS EDNA THOMPSON. WHEN I FOUND MY VOICE, I ASKED HER WHO MY DOCTOR WAS. SHE PREPARED ME FOR THE THIRD SHOCK, AND THEN TOLD ME THE DOCTOR WAS HUESTA DONALDSON, M. D.

A WEEK AFTER MY RECOVERY I WENT TO CHICAGO. WHEN I ARRIVED, MY AUNT MET ME WITH THE NEWS OF THAT WE WERE TO ATTEND A CONCERT. I TOLD HER I WOULD GO BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED MUSIC. AS WE ENTERED THE BUILDING AND TOOK OUR SEATS I WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISED TO SEE TWO MORE OF MY CLASS MATES. JAMES HARDIN ACCOMPANIED AT THE PIANO BY JAMES BARNETT, WAS SINGING. THE NEXT MORNING I WALKED A WHILE BEFORE HAVING BREAKFAST. AS I PASSED THE CORNER OF BROADWAY I SAW A SIGN WHICH



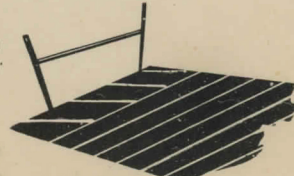
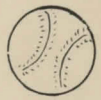




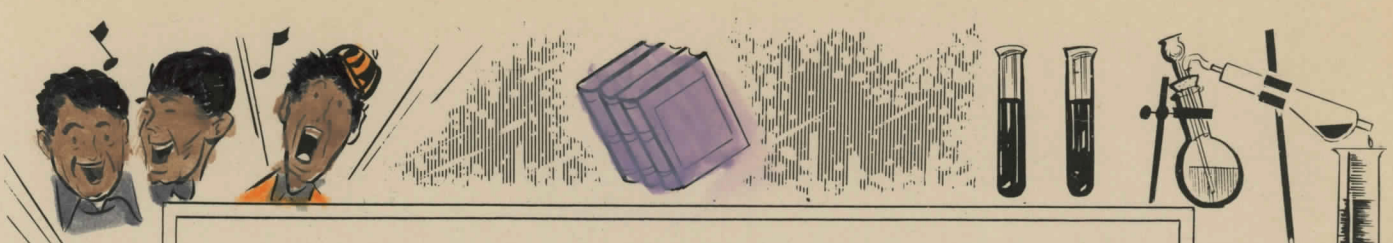
READ "THOMPSON MORTICIAN." I HAPPENED TO THINK OF JACK THOMPSON, ANOTHER CLASSMATE WHO HAD BEEN STUDYING THAT TYPE OF WORK. I WENT IN TO SEE IF IT WAS THE SAME THOMPSON I KNEW. IT WAS. HE AND I WENT TO A BASKETBALL GAME THAT NIGHT. WE FOUND THE COACH OF THE WINNING TEAM TO BE WALTER SPIVA. WALTER AND I TALKED OF OLD TIMES. HE TOLD ME THAT THE HEAD OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY WAS BARBARA PECK.

I VISITED BARBARA'S ROOM AND FOUND HER STUDENTS WERE MASTERS IN ENGLISH. I LEFT DETROIT AND WENT TO SEE MY BROTHER. WHILE I WAS THERE I THOUGHT I WOULD VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLUMBIA AND TO MY SURPRISE I FOUND THAT JOHNNY JOHNSON WAS THE HEAD OF THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT. HE TOLD ME GLORIA PRITCHARD WAS TEACHING AT WILBEROROTH COLLEGE. I DROVE OVER THE NEXT DAY TO SEE HER. SHE HAD A FINE MATHEMATICS CLASS, WE HAD LUNCH TOGETHER.

I LEFT THAT AFTERNOON GOING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON. AS I WALKED IN THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, I FOUND THE TEACHER TO BE BETTY DONALDSON. WHEN I AWOKE I FOUND I HAD BEEN DREAMING. IT WAS A DREAM, JUST A DREAM. TEN YEARS FROM NOW WE HOPE TO BE JUST WHAT I DREAMED US TO BE.







## THE CLASS WILL

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1950 AND 1951 HAVE DURING OUR LIFE AT NELSON MERRY ACQUIRED A GREAT LEGACY TO PASS ON TO THE LOWER CLASSMEN. THESE ABILITIES AND IDIOSYNCRASIES WE HOPE WILL BE CHERISHED AND DEVELOPED BY THE RECIPIENTS. THEREFORE WE THE ILLUSTRIOUS SENIORS WHILE IN OUR SOUND MINDS MORE OR LESS AND HAVING POSSESSION OF OUR RIGHT FACULTIES DO HEREBY BEQUEATH TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS THESE QUALITIES AND ABILITIES:

**JAMES HARDIN** WILLS HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MUSIC AND DRAMA TO CLARENCE SPIVA.

**EDNA THOMPSON** WILLS HER ABILITY TO PLAY BASKETBALL TO BESSIE MAYS.

**BARBARA JEAN PECK** WILLS HER ABILITY TO STUDY TO GEORGE LEWIS.

**HUESTA DONALDSON** WILLS HER QUIETNESS TO JUNA MAE FAIN.

**ALMA LEE WELLS** WILLS HER PERSONALITY TO ROSELLA THOMPSON.

**BETTIE JANE DONALDSON** WILLS HER POSTURE TO WILLIAM F. TALLEY.

**JAMES OLIVER BARNETT** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO PLAY THE PIANO TO JOHN HENRY ROBISON.

**WALTER DONALDSON** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO DRIVE A HOT ROD TO KENNETH PATE.

**HARRY PHIPPS** WILLS HIS FOUR JETS TO HORACE ROGERS MILLS.

**NEVONA SMITH** WILLS HER WALK TO CARRIE LOUISE BROWN.

**SHIRLEY VAN WILKERSON** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO TALK TO CARL EDWARD PATE.

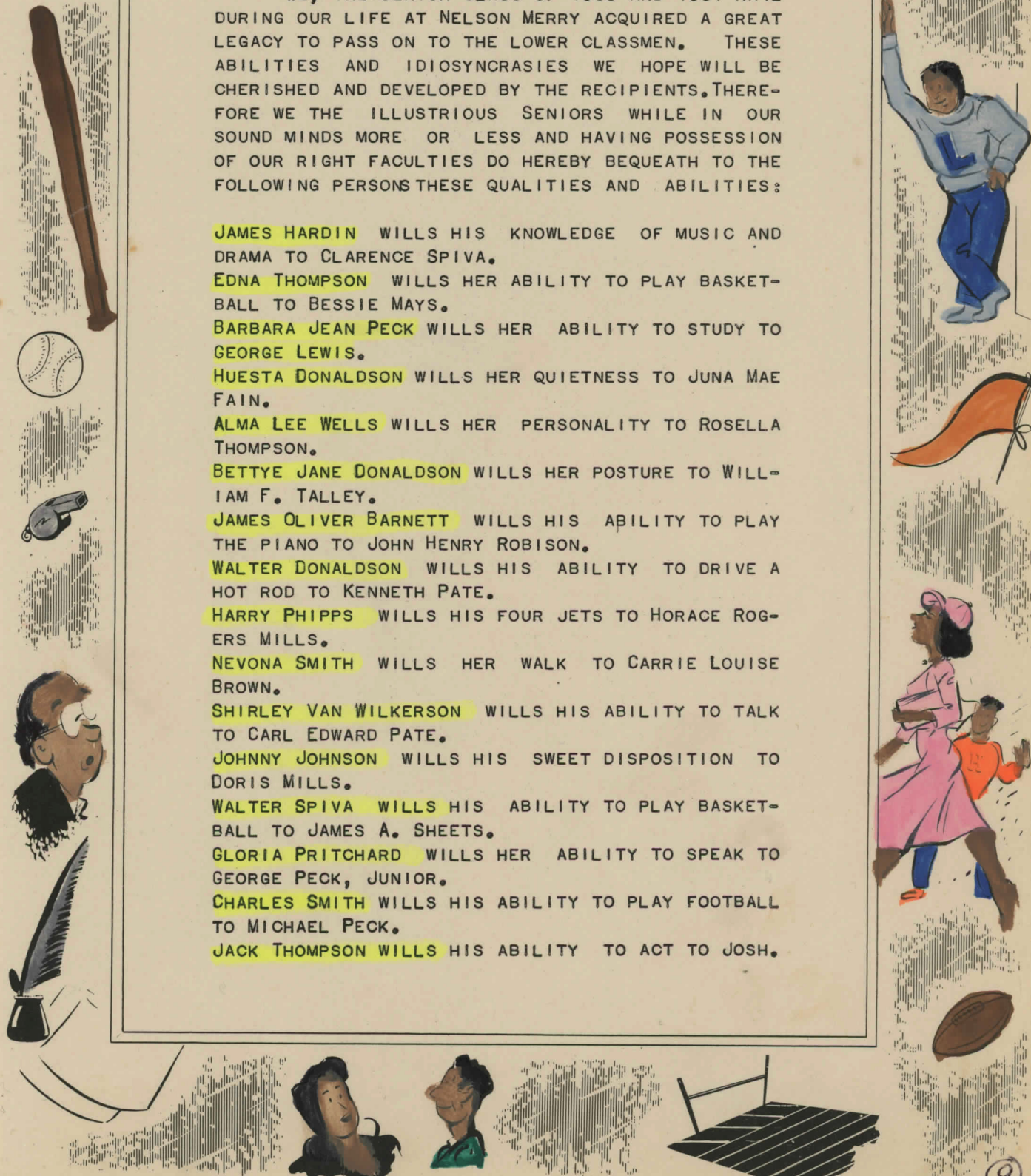
**JOHNNY JOHNSON** WILLS HIS SWEET DISPOSITION TO DORIS MILLS.

**WALTER SPIVA** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO PLAY BASKETBALL TO JAMES A. SHEETS.

**GLORIA PRITCHARD** WILLS HER ABILITY TO SPEAK TO GEORGE PECK, JUNIOR.

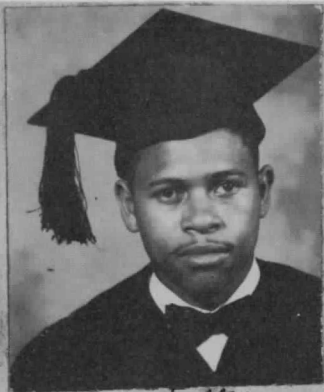
**CHARLES SMITH** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO PLAY FOOTBALL TO MICHAEL PECK.

**JACK THOMPSON** WILLS HIS ABILITY TO ACT TO JOSH.





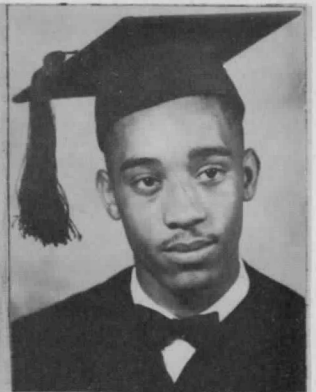
■ Gloria Pritchard  
Asst. Secy.



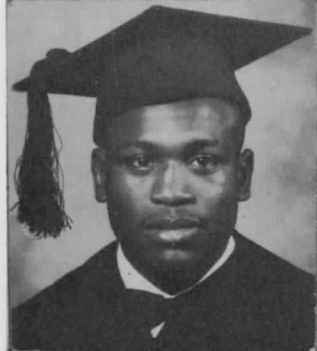
■ Walter Donaldson  
Pres.



■ Alma Wells  
Trea.



■ Harry Phipps  
Vice Pres.



■ Johnny Johnson.

Mrs. P.M. Hardy



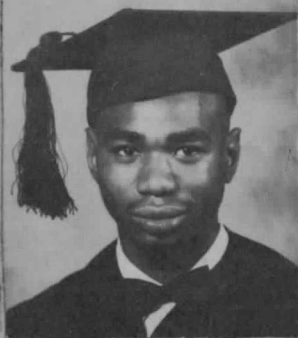
Senior Sponsor



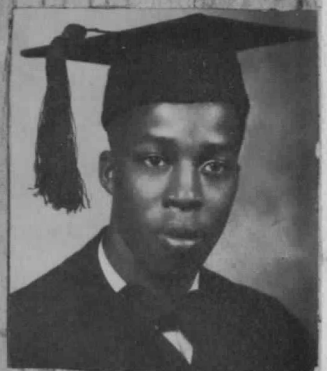
■ Barbara Peck



■ Edna Thompson



■ Charles SMITH



■ James O. Barnett



■ James Hardin



■ Nevada SMITH

Class of "1951"



■ Augusta Donaldson





The Junior Family  
of  
1950-51

Wanda



Wilkerson  
V. Pres.

David



Mills  
Secy.

Jimmy

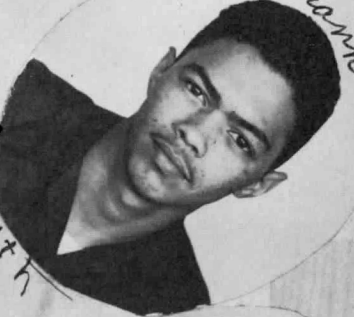


JARRIGAN



PATE  
Pres.

Frank



Smith  
Tve. AS.

Ethel



PATE

M. Roper  
Ass't Secy



James Arthur



Sheets



Mr. C.C. Kizer  
Sponsor

J. Smith



Betty



Hodges

Maddie



McFARLAND

Jeremiah



Hendricks

Juanita



Johnson



# SOPHOMORES





Juanita

Fain, Sec.



Janie

Smith, Pres.



Marlene

Smith, Tres.



John Samuel

Bridgeforth



Mrs. O.D. Holley, Sponsor



Michael

Peck



R. Thompson



Juanita

Hodge



Irma Mae

Fain



Jimmy

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Reba

Thomas



Clarence

Spira, vice Pres.



Hattie

Pate

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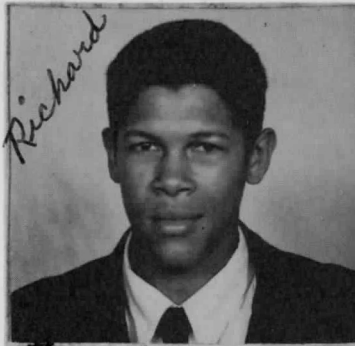
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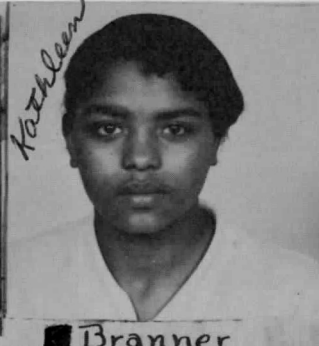




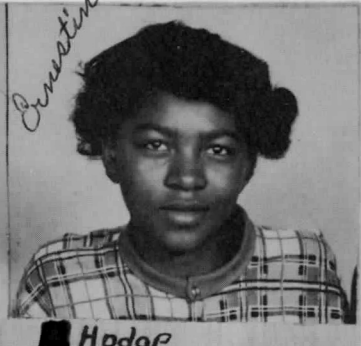
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*Mary Frances*  
■ Sheets



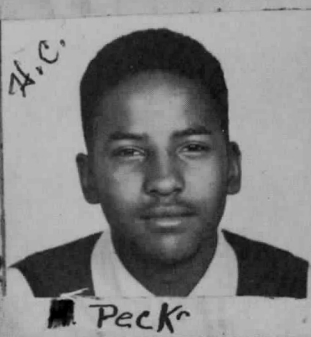
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■ Branner



*Christine*  
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*Mary Alice*  
■ Mills



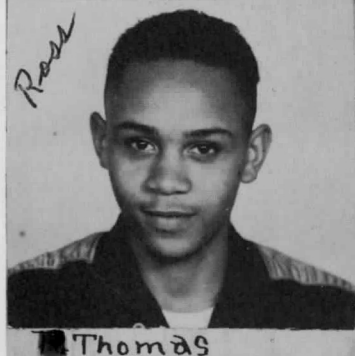
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■ Peck



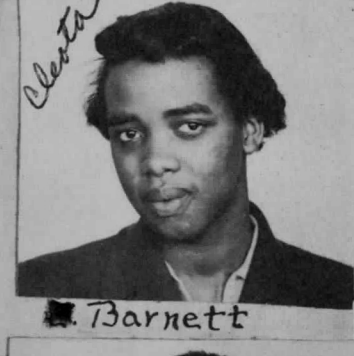
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*Steve*  
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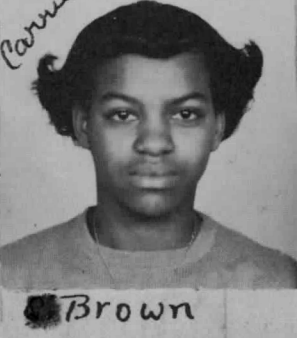
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*Cleota*  
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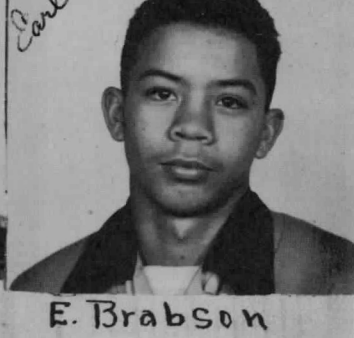
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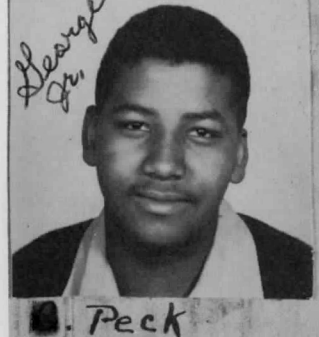
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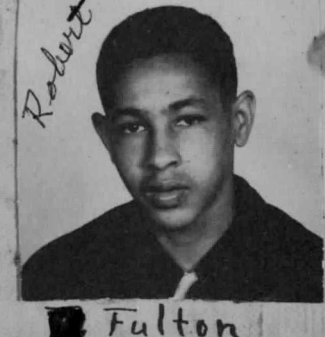
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■ Jarnagin



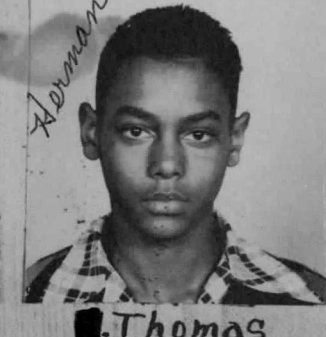
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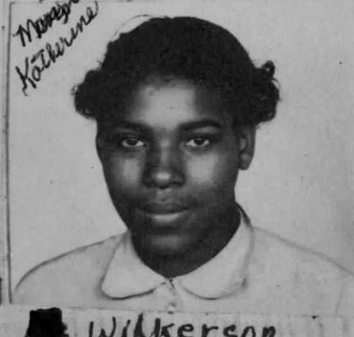
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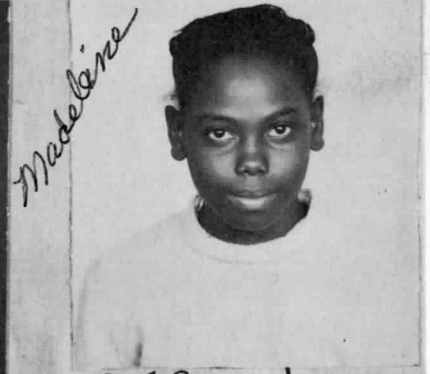


Marilyn

McFarland



Mr. E. E. Peck



Madeline

M. Greenlee



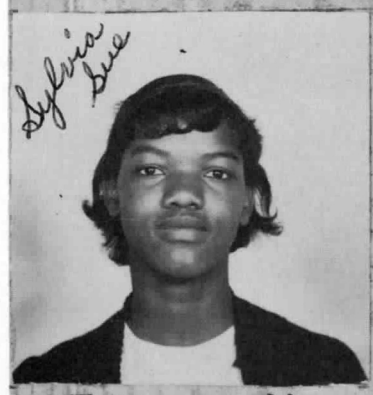
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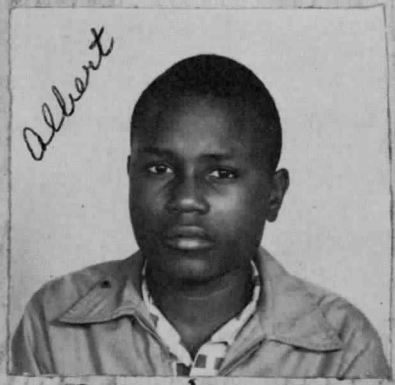
Wilma

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Sylvia  
Sue

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Albert

Dirl



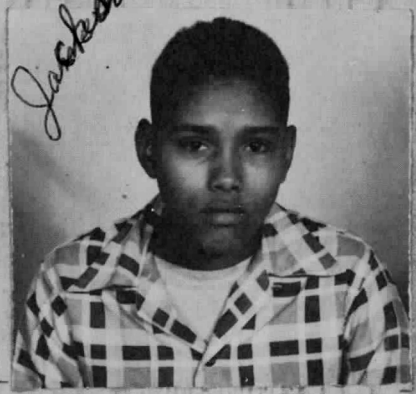
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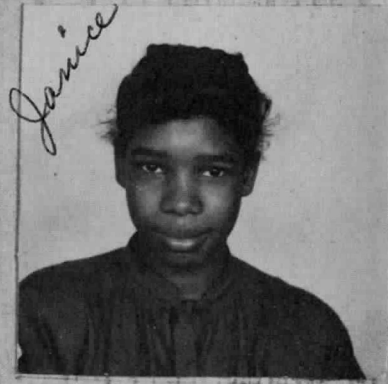
Anna  
Laura

Hodge



Jackson

Mills



Janice

Madison

# ELEMENTARY







Grade 1-2-3 Mrs. Moulden



Grade 4-5-6 Mrs. Mayette





Prom Night



# Commerical Class





# Choral Club



# Industrial Arts Department

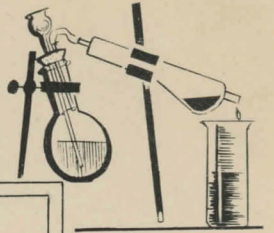
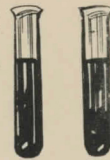
# The Home Economics Cooking Class











## SPORTS

NELSON MERRY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS THIS SEASON. THEIR RECORD IS A VERY GOOD ONE-WON 15 AND LOST 9.

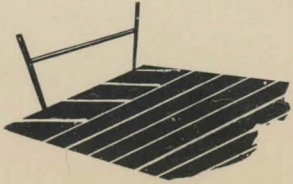
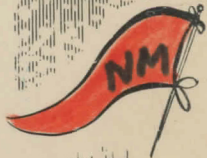
SOME OF THE STARS, WHO ARE ALSO SENIORS, ARE ALMA WELLS, EDNA THOMPSON, BARBARA PECK, GLORIA PRITCHARD, HUESTA DONALDSON, NEVONA SMITH AND BETTYE DONALDSON. THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER OUTSTANDING PLAYERS IN THE OTHER GRADES.

THE GIRLS ATTENDED THE STATE TOURNAMENT HELD IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

THE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM WAS NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR DUE TO THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE BOYS WERE NEW. YET, THEY PLAYED THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. THEIR RECORD IS: WON 10 GAMES AND LOST 13.

SOME OF THE STARS, WHO ARE ALSO SENIORS, ARE WALTER SPIVA, CHARLES SMITH, JOHNNY JOHNSON AND JACK THOMPSON.

ALTHOUGH THE FOOTBALL TEAM DIDN'T REACH THE TOP IN THE WINNING COLUMN, WE CAN'T KEEP FROM APPLAUDING EACH AND EVERY PLAYER. THE TEAM WAS INEXPERIENCED AND OUT WEIGHED BY THEIR OPPONENTS, BUT THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR COACH MR. C. C. KIZER, THEY PROVED WHAT TEAM-WORK REALLY IS.







Girls Basketball Team

Members of Team  
not Pictured  
are

- J. Thompson
- W. Spira
- W. Cunningham
- J. Johnson

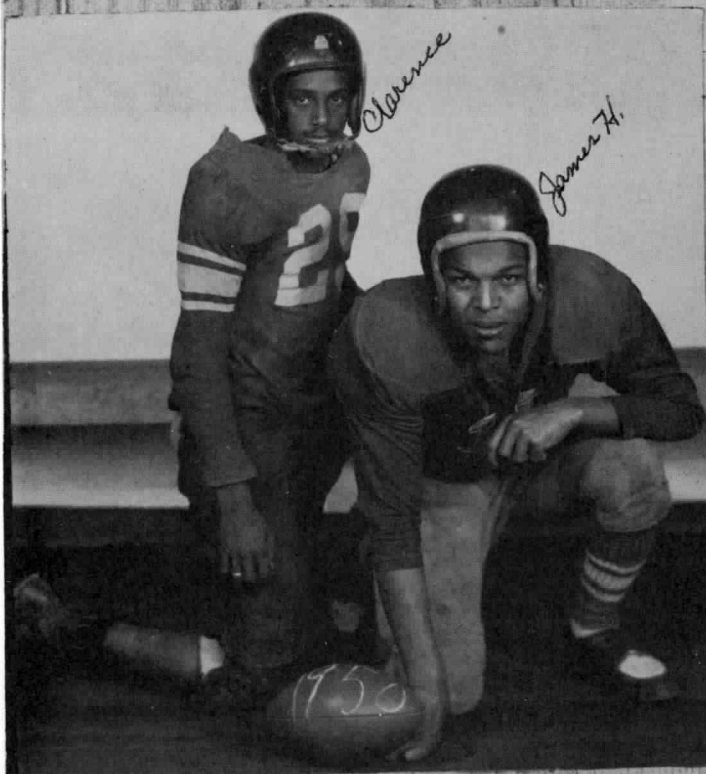


- J.C. Dunwoody  
Boys Coach
- C.C. Kizer  
Girls Coach

Boys Basketball Team



Cheerleaders of '50



The Senior Stars



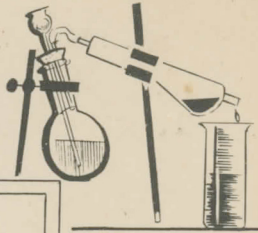
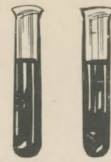
Queen And Attendant



Future Basketball Team



Touring In Bristol



HUMOR PAGE

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MR. DUBB: "THIS PARTY IS HORRIBLY DULL. I THINK I WILL GO HOME."

MISS. SWEET: "THAT WOULD TAKE SOME OF THE DULLNESS OUT, I'M SURE."

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SUE: MY DOG IS QUITE EXTRAORDINARY.

MARY: WHY? WHAT CAN HE DO?

SUE: I ASKED HIM, WHAT IS TWO MINUS TWO? AND HE SAID NOTHING.

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IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN PROVIDENCE, WATCH THE AVERAGE DRIVER AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SAVES HER.

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GARAGE MECHANIC: WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, LADY?

MRS. NEWDRIVER: THEY SAY THAT I HAVE A SHORT CIRCUIT. CAN YOU LENGTHEN IT WHILE I WAIT, PLEASE?

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WHEN A SUITOR KEEPS TELLING A GIRL SHE'D LOOK GOOD EVEN IN A BURLAP SACK, SHE HAD BETTER BE CAREFUL---HE MIGHT MEAN IT.

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THE ONLY THING THAT MOST PEOPLE REGRET ABOUT THEIR PAST IS ITS LENGTH.

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THOUGH POETS LONG HAVE TOLD US BRIGHTLY THAT SPRING ON DANCING FEET COMES LIGHTLY, IT DOES SEEM TO US SHE REALLY SLOSHES ALONG IN ROOMY OLD GALOSHES.

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ONE HAZARD OF HELPING THE UNDERDOG IS THAT IT MAY COST YOU THE SEAT OF YOUR PANTS.

\*\*\*

IF THE SHOE FITS, IT IS PROBABLY A MAN WHO IS WEARING IT.

\*\*\*

OUR ETHICS VANISH WHEN WE VIEW THE MONTHLY BILLS WE'RE STUNNED BY. OH, BROTHER, WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO TO THEM THAT WE ARE DUNNED BY.

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CLOTHES AND COSMETICS MAY TAKE TWENTY YEARS OFF A WOMAN'S APPEARANCE, BUT SHE CAN'T FOOL A LONG FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

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NOTHING WILL BREAK UP AN ORDINARY CONVERSATION QUICKER THAN FOR SOMEONE TO DROP INTO IT AN INTELLIGENT RE-MARK.

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