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BATTLEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



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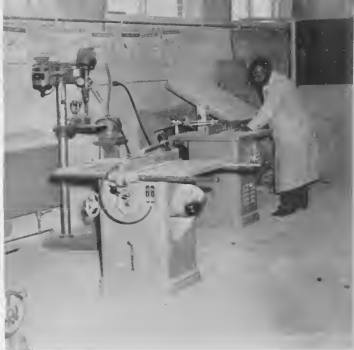
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

PRINCIPAL'S HOUSE





The Science Club at Work



The Machine Shop of the Agriculture Department

The Lounge Room of the Home Economics Department



The Commercial Department



# Foreword

As you glance through this book in years to come, I hope you may recall some of the pleasant memories students at Phillips High have shared together.

The sound of happy voices, the spirit of good sports, the molding of ideals and of noble ambitions - all blend into our high school experiences.

With sincere hopes of bringing a worthy souvenir of these significant days at Phillips to its many loyal students, the Staff has devoted many hours of work.

We feel that your satisfaction with the volume is our compensation, and with this thought the Staff presents the 1954 "Bulldog."

The Editor



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## *Dedication*



The Senior Class dedicates this volume of the 1954 BULLDOG to Miss Dorothy B. Hammonds, our English instructor. We wish to express by this small gesture our appreciation for her untiring efforts in our behalf.

So to you, Miss Hammonds, who have given us your service, we dedicate our year-book. We will fondly treasure memories of you---our friend, counselor, and teacher.



## *A Bouquet of Roses*

Through the overcast of heavy fog many little children came into view as the bus fleet unloaded its cargo one November morning at one small rural school. Completely unmindful of my observation from the car window they scampered up the walk! Running, jumping, playing, yelling, laughing, and pulling, they came! The group made a mad rush for the school buildings!

The scene reminded one of the dawn of intelligence. From the car window this unusual society of human beings made an interesting study in behavior. The new and strange world around the children produced for each a different problem. Some of them found it a highly interesting and exciting place filled with the countless mysteries, others insecure and afraid, could not make up their minds as to the friendliness of so many things and events!

Through the doors they ran, and into the school to their teachers, carrying with them their first impressions of the strange world demanding decision from their young minds,

To the educational staff of administrators, teachers, health workers, guidance officers, supervisors, maintenance workers, supply officers, parents, business men, government agencies, and friends who daily labor to assure such youngsters that this is a friendly world... that there are certain rules that govern its operation... that these can be mastered by patience and study... that there is a useful place for each person in this wonderful world of living things... that hope and beauty, a part of every living human, crying out for fulfillment, will not be denied...

To all who labor in the task of aiding these young minds dawning into intelligence, The Staff of The Bull Dog gives a Bouquet of Roses... a token of appreciation from ourselves, and indeed, from all civilization forever!



# The Staff



JAMES PARKER, Sports Editor

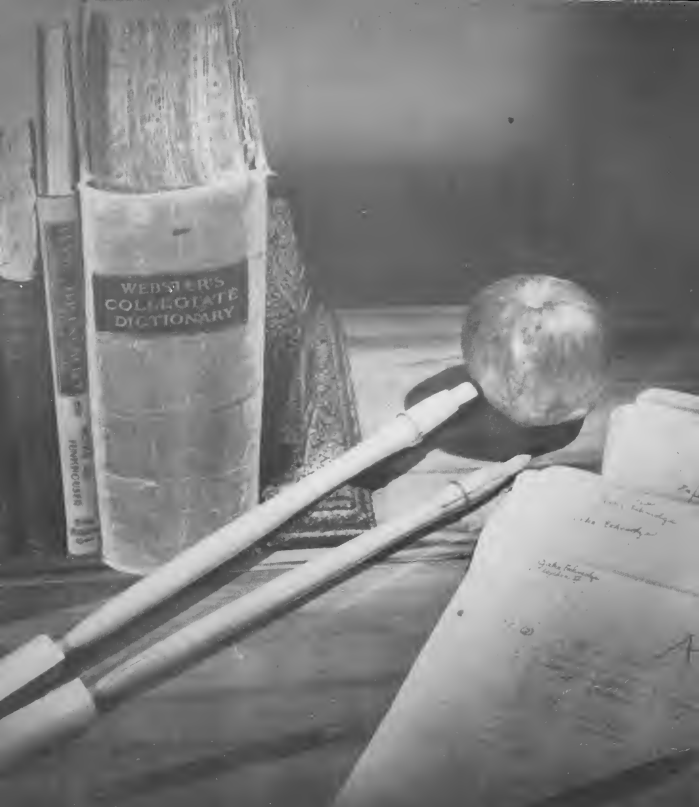


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# *Administration*



## *Superintendent's Message*

GREETINGS to the 1954 graduates of Phillips High School. Sincere congratulations on your many achievements. You are to be commended for making this 1954 book of remembrance. It is something that you will enjoy and cherish for many years to come. I congratulate you, seniors, for your having stayed in school and having finished twelve years of school work. With this accomplishment goes the responsibility of citizenship and helpfulness in all your future activities.

This is not a farewell note--we expect to hear about your success in life and future attainments. We will need your help in building a better world and hope that the Edgecombe County Schools may in time be a blessing to you.

Very cordially yours,

*E. D. Johnson*



## *Principal's Message*

Genius is only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it; so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed to be a hopeless failure may turn into glorious success.

There is no failure except in no longer trying. There is no defeat except from within, no really impossible barrier except our own weakness of purpose.

This fine annual is a wonderful record of your school activities and achievements, and it points to a student body that has intense pride in its school.

As the years go by you will refer to this book many times, and will with pride show it to the next generation. It is a privilege to commend each of you, who has contributed in any way, to this project and wish for each of you represented in it continued happiness and success.

Sincerely,

*W. C. Armstrong*



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# CLASSES



## Senior Class Officers



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Vivian Odessa Young, President of the Class of '54," presents class gift to Principal, Mr. C. M. Carraway, and Band Director, Mr. C. D. Wooten.

# Senior Class Favorites



Most Likely to Succeed  
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MARY JOHNSON  
TIM BATTLE

Most Modest  
MARY DRAUGHN  
OLIVER PARKER



Best Athletes  
JOHN ODOM  
YVONNE WADE

Most Talkative  
JOHNNIE BELLAMY  
SADIE POWELL



# Seniors

DOROTHY BATTLE



LESTERINE BATTLE



TIM BATTLE



JOHNNIE BELLAMY



EVELYN BODDIE



ALICE BURGESS



MINNIE CHERRY



JUNIUS COFIELD



# Seniors

MILDRED COFIELD



BESSIE DANCY



ELMARIE DANCY

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# Seniors

MOLESTER FOXWORTH



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NELLIE HILL



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BESSIE JOHNSON



MARY JOHNSON



CHARLES LYONS



CLARA LYONS



# Seniors

JAMES LYONS



ROOSEVELT LYONS



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# Seniors

SADIE POWELL



ELIZABETH SPRAGLEY



YVONNE WADE

*Died  
1995*



ELLA WHITEHEAD



JESSE WRIGHT

*Died*



ODESSA YOUNG



JAMES EXUM



## *Class Will*

The graduating class of 1954, realized the close of their high school days were near at hand, and therefore thought it wise to leave something to those who will fill their places in the future.

In the course of our high school days, naturally, we have accumulated various and valuable possessions; we have acquired a vast store of knowledge, along with other things that will help us through life. Since the excess possessions are somewhat burdensome, we should like to pass on to our successors some of our valuable assets. The underclassmen, especially the Juniors, would be handicapped if we took with us all our valuables.

To our faithful principal, Mr. C. M. Carraway, we leave our heartfelt gratitude for the patience he has had in leading us to our goal.

To our sponsor, Mrs. Carraway, to whom we are very much indebted for her leadership and guidance, we leave our best wishes that she may have more happiness and success with her future classes.

For our teachers who are our friends, we sincerely hope that the oncoming classes will be more willing to abide by the rules and regulations.

To the following individuals we bequeath these:

Dorothy Battle wills her ability to flirt to Lucille Bunn.

Lesterine Battle wills her citizenship ability and place in the Glee Club to Vernetta Exum.

Evelyn Boddie wills her four years service in the library to anyone having the patience to remain so long.

Ruth Bunn wills her shyness to Sadie Harper.

Alice Burgess wills her quietness to Lucille Alston.

Mildred Cofield wills her neatness, reading ability and a large collection of books she possesses to Maxine Yates.

Bessie Dancy wills her co-operativeness, manners and dramatic ability to Mary Shelly.

Elmarie Dancy wills her pleasing personality to Carrie Batts.

Mimmie Davis wills her neatness and sewing ability to Dezeretta Exum.

Roxie Dickens wills to Marjorie Battle her determination to finish high school.

Ella Whitehead wills her shorthand ability to Yvonne West.

Charles Lyons wills his neatness to Edward McLean.

James Lyons and John Odorn will their ability to try to win the girls to Derry Vaughn.

Roosevelt Lyons wills his shortness to William Staton.

Neil McLean wills his speaking ability to William Hilliard.

To Paul Hunter, James Parker wills his position as president of the Student Council; his achievements as a good citizen; and his music and dramatic talents.

Joe Parker wills his height to Willie Dupree.

Oliver Parker wills his baby talk to Fred Hilliard.

Woodrow Parker wills his singing ability to Claude Draughn.

Molester Foxworth wills his athletic and poetical ability to William Hilliard.

Columbus Horton and Junius Cofield will their ability to drive carefully to Willie Dupree and Derry Vaughn.

Jesse Daniels leaves his scientific ability to William Staton.

Tim Battle wills his ability to drive carefully to Roscoe Dickens.

Johmie Bellamy wills his ability to pass his courses without studying to William Monroe.

Yvonne Wade wills to Lillian Gunter her height, typing, and Mathematical abilities.

Vivian Odessa Young wills her musical talent and her ability to imitate her English instructor to Lillian Cofield.

Mary Draughn wills her neatness to Mary Burgess.  
Mary Draughn wills to Reba Daniels her 4-H Club ability.  
Annie Footman and Mary Johnson will their historical ability to Edna Lawrence and Annie Battle.  
Nellie Hill wills her beautiful hair styles to Annie Hilliard.  
Mildred Hall wills her senior walk to Lillie Dawkins.  
Clara Lyons wills her athletic ability to Willa Monroe.  
Sadie Powell wills her talkative ways to Eva Bryant.  
Elizabeth Spragley wills to Mamie Graham her neatly arranged hair styles.  
Bessie Johnson would like to leave, that is graduate with the rest of her hopeful seniors.  
We have not left all of our valuable assets, but we have tried to leave the ones which we feel may be  
of great service to you in the future.  
We, the class of 1954, the testators, have to this our will, written, and sealed this seventeenth day of  
May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty four.

Bessie D. Dwyer



# Class History

In August, 1950, the class of 1954 made its first appearance in high school. For nearly eight years our aim was to reach this goal.

Our elementary teachers must have caught a glimpse of our aims, for they mustered all their efforts to prepare us for this important step - entering high school. The great responsibility they had in teaching a group of small boys and girls to read and write and to find their way around at school was not an easy task. So to our elementary teachers a million thanks.

The one hundred and forty six students which made up the Freshman class came from various schools: Phillips, Whitakers, Inborden, and Coker. The class was divided into two sections under the supervision of Mrs. Manning and Miss Hammonds. Time passed quickly and the class discovered that it had moved one more step up the educational ladder. Mrs. Carraway became our homeroom teacher in our Sophomore year. Many of our classmates left us. This made the number dwindle from one hundred and forty six members to eighty. Jesse Daniels was elected president of our class and Bessie Dancy secretary.

In the beginning of our Junior year, the class suffered another loss of members by the removal of Halifax and Nash County students. They were lost because new buildings had been built for them in their communities. The class continued under the leadership of Mrs. Carraway. James Parker was elected president of our class; Lesterine Battle, vice president; Yvonne Wade, secretary; and Nellie Hill, treasurer.

During that year our school sponsored a contest which was called "A Big Hog Killing." James Parker, one of our classmates, was fortunate enough to be the winner of a hog. Our class also raised the highest amount of money. Consequently the Junior Class won the contest.

The event that all of us looked forward to with much anticipation was the Junior-Senior Prom. This was a very gala affair and will long be remembered by those who attended.

At last our senior year was reached. The fall of 1953 found us standing at the Threshold of graduation from high school. The organization of the class was as follows: Odessa Young, president; James Parker, vice president; Yvonne Wade, secretary; and Nellie Hill, treasurer.

An outstanding venture of the Senior class was the publishing of a Phillips High School Annual. Other activities in which the class engaged were the presentation of a Senior Class play and the preparation for graduation.

Fond thanks to our parents and teachers for their guidance and encouragement during this period of our development.

The last important high school event for this class will be the receiving of our diplomas.

Yvonne Wade, Historian

# *Junior Class*



Dorothy Shelly, Treasurer; Paul Hunter, Vice President; Fred Hilliard, President; Carrie Batts, Secretary; Willa Jean Monroe, Assistant Secretary.

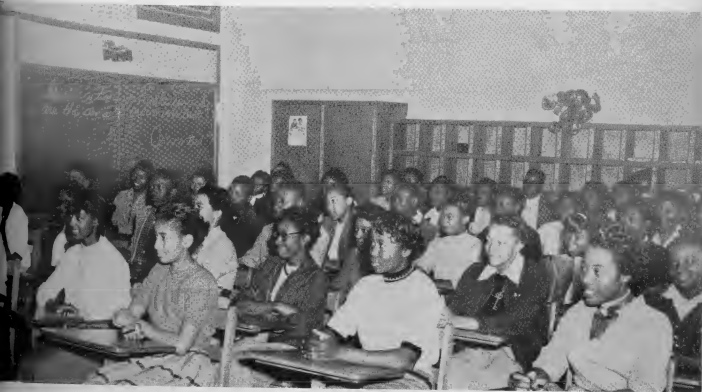


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# *Sophomore Class*



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# Freshmen "A"



Lula Lyons, Treasurer; Marion Phillips, Assistant Secretary; Maggie Parker, President; Pauline English, Vice President; Calvin Allen, Secretary.

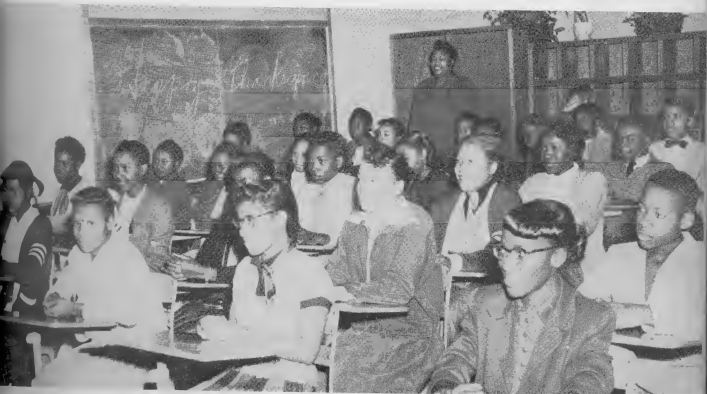


Members of the Freshman "A" Class

# Freshmen "B"



Mary Ann Dickens, Treasurer; Mary Harper, President; Lois Maxwell, Chaplain; Robert Dupree, Vice President; Walter Armstrong, Secretary.



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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# First Grade



Miss Bulluck Makes Art Interesting To Her First Grade Class.



Mrs. Harper Explains The Number System To Her First Grade Class.

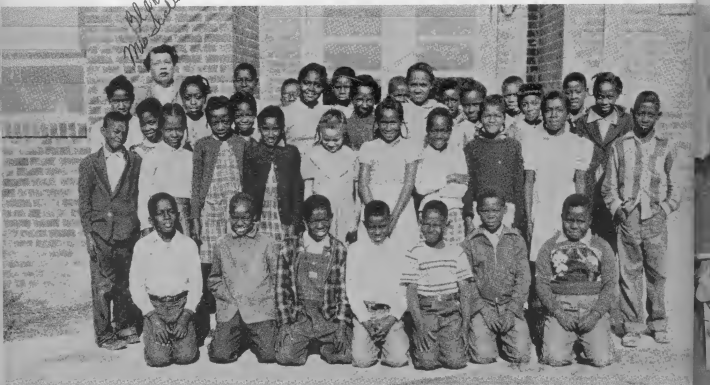
## Second and Fourth Grades

Miss E. Pittman



The Second Grade Class Enjoys Their Writing Lesson Under Miss Pittman.

Miss Scales



Miss Scales and Her Fourth Grade Class.

# Third Grade



Mrs. Savage And Her Section Of The Third Grade Class.



Mrs. Battle And Her Section Of The Third Grade Class.

# Fifth Grade



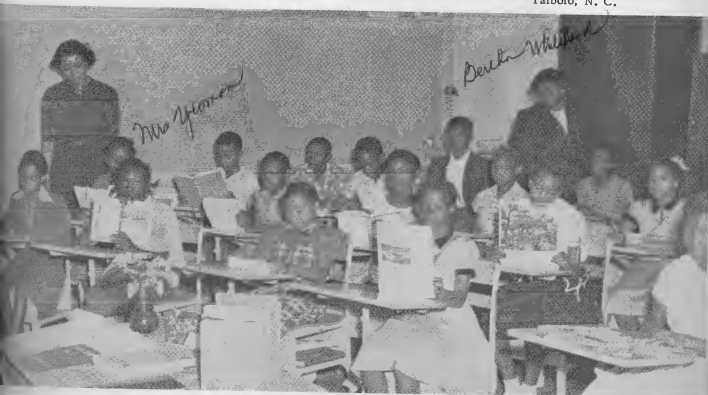
Mrs. Hull's Section of the Fifth Grade listens as she explains some Basic Fundamentals in Arithmetic.



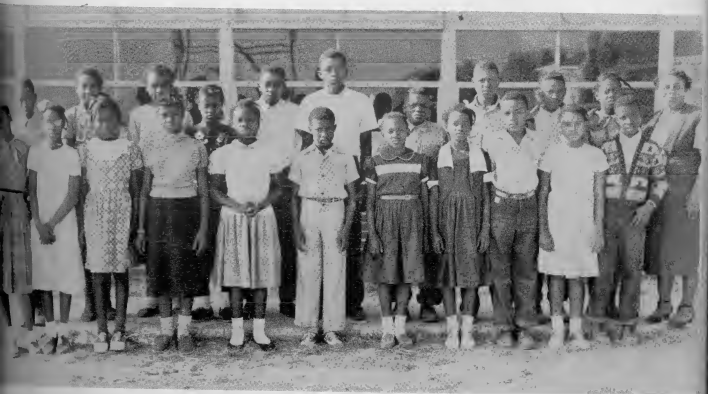
Mrs. Heggins's Section of the Fifth Grade.

# Sixth Grade

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One Section Of The Sixth Grade Makes Use Of It's Study Period By Reading And Reviewing Under The Supervision Of Mrs. Yeoman and Mrs. Whitehead.



Mrs. Whitehead and Her Section Of The Sixth Grade.



# Seventh Grade



Mrs. Lawsons Seventh Grade Class Is Busy Taking A History Test.



Miss Laws and Her Seventh Grade Class.

*Eighth Grade*



Mr. Cox

Mr. Cox and the Eighth Grade Class.

# ACTIVITIES

*Maurice Cogut*





*James Parker*

*Lester's Dancer*

**King and Queen**  
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*Prom Snaps*

PHS



*Mr. and Miss  
P. H. S.*

JAMES PARKER



MAUDE DRAUGHN



# Who's Who

LESTERINE BATTLE

Vice President Glee Club; Secretary Student Council.

YVONNE WADE

Secretary Senior Class; Secretary Math Club.



BARBARA STATON

Vice President N. H. A. Club; Treasurer Glee Club.



NELLIE HILL

Treasurer Senior Class; Secretary N. H. A. Club.



JAMES PARKER

Vice President Senior Class; Treasurer Bus Drivers Club.



MARIAN PHILLIPS

President Freshman Class; Librarian; Band.

CALVIN ALLEN

Secretary Freshman Class; Band Manager.



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# Who's Who



**BESSIE DANCY**

Assistant Secretary Senior Class; President Math Club; President N. H. A. Club; President Library Club; Vice President Student Council.

**PAUL HUNTER**

Vice President Junior Class; Vice President N. F. A. Club.

**BERNICE HUNTER**  
Secretary Sophomore Class; Treasurer Math Club.



**DOROTHY SHELLEY**  
Treasurer Junior Class; Financial Secretary Glee Club; Treasurer N. H. A. Club.

**MARY HARPER**  
President Freshman Class; Treasurer Library Club.



**AVANT COLEMAN**  
President Sophomore Class; Vice President Math Club; Secretary N. F. A.

**CLARA O. LYONS**  
Assistant Secretary Sophomore Class; Assistant Secretary N. H. A. Club.

**FRED HILLIARD**  
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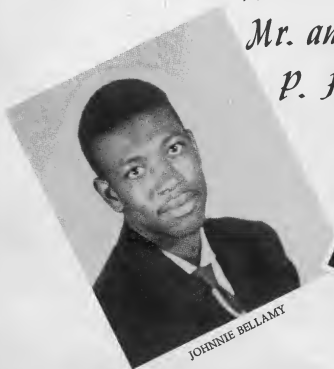
# Senior Play

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Ella Whitehead, Molester Foxsworth, Bessie Dancy, Minnie Davis, Neill McLean. Standing: Vivian Odessa Young, Elmarie Dancy, John Odom, Jesse Daniels, Jesse Wright, Jr., Yvonne Wade, James Parker, Evelyn Boddie, Lesterine Battle and Mildred D. Cofield.

## Runners- Up Mr. and Miss P. H. S.



JOHNNIE BELLAMY



LESTERINE BATTLE

# Band

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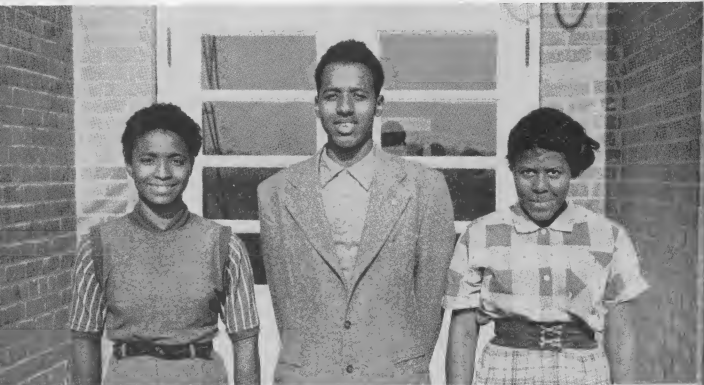
PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ COMBO

## *Band Officers*

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## *Senior Class Prom Queen*



DELOIS PITTMON

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# *Physical Education*



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## *Boys' Basketball*



Paul Hunter, Charles Lyons, Oliver Parker, Avant Coleman, Columbus Horton, Tim Battle, and James Parker (Capt).

# Baseball

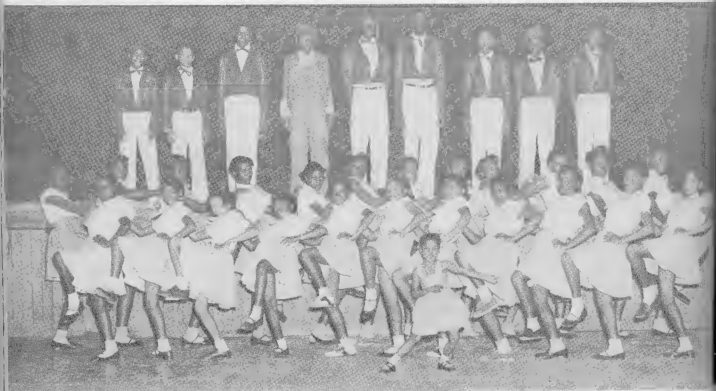


James Bryant, Joe L. Parker, Tim McCoy Battle.



SHELIA LEWIS

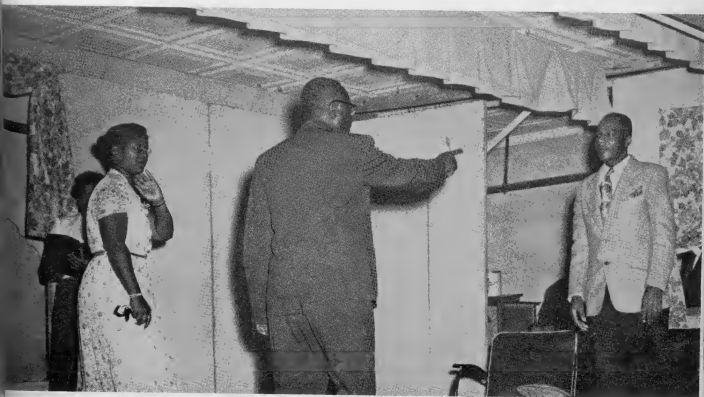
*Elementary  
Sweetheart  
and  
Dancers*



# *Thespian Club*

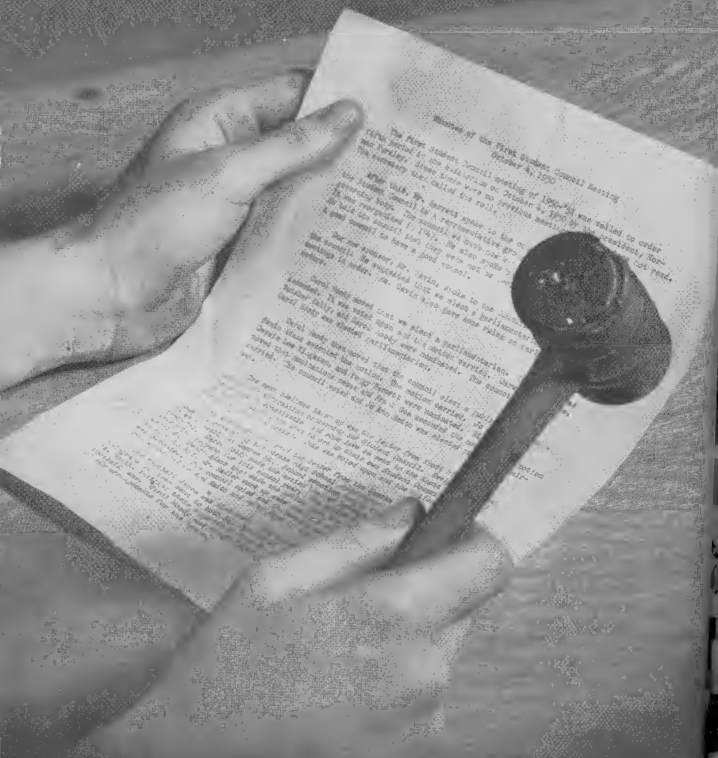


A Scene From "HIGH WINDOW"



A Scene From "SILVER WEDDING"





Minutes of the First Student Council Meeting  
October 4, 1950

The first Student Council meeting of 1950-51 was called to order by the President, Mr. [Name] on October 4, 1950 at the [Location]. The Secretary, Miss [Name] was present. There were no previous meetings. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. [Name].

After this, Mr. [Name] spoke to the council about the [Topic]. He mentioned that we should have a [Topic] in our [Topic]. He also mentioned that we should have a [Topic].

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# Organizations

# Student Council



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# Library Club



# Glee Club



Lesterine Battle, Vice President; Barbara Staton, Treasurer; Lucille Alston, Recording Secretary; Lillian Gunter, Assistant Recording Secretary; Woodrow Parker, President; Odessa Young, Assistant Director; Dorothy Shelly, Financial Secretary; Reba Daniels, Assistant Financial Secretary.



# Math Club



# New Homemakers of America



Mrs. I. W. Knight, Sponsor; Nellie Hill, Secretary; Bessie Dancy, President; Dorothy Shelly, Treasurer.



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New Farmers Of America Club Members.

## *Bus Drivers Club*



Left to right: Charles Lyons, Johnnie Bellamy, Claude Draughn, Charlie Worsley, James Parker, Joe L. Parker, William Staton, William Monroe, Willie Dupree, Roscoe Dickets, Jesse Daniels, and Columbus Horton.



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# 4-H Club



Left to right: Julius Dickens, Marian Phillips, Charlie Staton, Nannie Lyons, Richard Phillips, Claude Draughn, Maude Draughn, Walter Armstrong, and Edward McLean.

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## *Elementary Choral Club*



## *Rhythm Band*

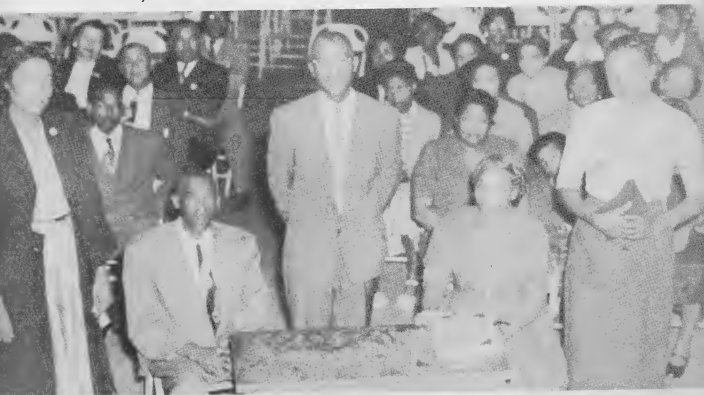


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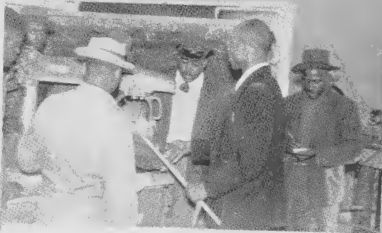
# P. T. A.



Miss D. G. B. Hammonds, Vice President; Mr. Ishum Draughn, President; Mr. Neill McLean, Treasurer; Mrs. M. H. Carraway, Secretary; Miss L. E. Laws, Assistant Secretary.



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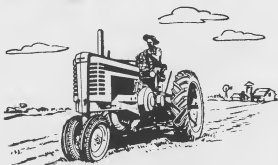


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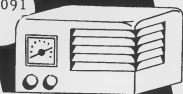
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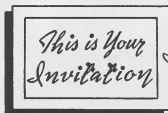


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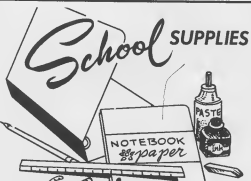
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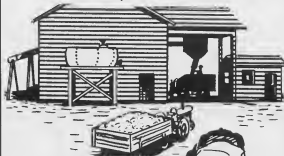


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