

H. C. ROSS HIGH SCHOOL



History of H. C. Ross High School

A one- room school was built on Avenue C in Crowley, Louisiana in 1887. Mrs. M. E. L. Reeves was its first teacher in 1893. Henry Clay Ross became the first teacher/principal in 1899. Initially, the school began with eighteen students. Professor Henry Clay Ross was a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana and during his course of engagement with the community; he earned the respect and goodwill to have a school named in his honor: H. C. Ross High School. This one room school was the forerunner for H. C. Ross High school.

Public and private funds were used to construct a new two –story frame building on Hutchinson Avenue. The city provided \$700.00, the local African American population donated \$300.00 and the school board provided the remainder of the funds to secure this building in 1906. Enrollment increased to 256 students, grades 1-7 in 1908. The school’s faculty was three teachers at this time.

Reverend H. C. Ross was well respected and there were noted similarities between he and Booker T. Washington. Rev. Ross’s drive, insight, ambitions, and political connections were admirable, and he was very influential in Crowley and the surrounding area. He was able to bridge the gap between the African American and white societies resulting in a harmonious relationship and positive results.

“Jean Fund” in 1908 supported agricultural and industrial training. The curriculum was expanded to include sciences and the arts. Professor R. U. Clark of Rayne, Louisiana, a Southern University of New Orleans graduate, taught elementary principles of farming in 1911. His work was supported by the “Jean Fund”.

The year 1911 was associated with the addition of home economics and the expansion of the school session to eight months and a graduation class of four students. Commencement was held at Morning Star Baptist Church. The 1911-1912 commencement was held at Israelite Baptist Church.

Estella Campbell taught domestic science and Professor Clark taught agriculture in 1913. The school enrollment was 213 at this time. A notable event was the school entered competitions at the Acadia Parish Fair in 1915. Nine first place awards were given through a special category that was created called “Premiums Colored Schools”.

Preparation for expansion was made in 1917 with the acquisition of land. The African American community paid \$300.00 and the school board paid \$400.00. Over the ensuing five years important social and political changes occurred. School attendance became compulsory and the school session was increased to nine months. The teaching staff was expanded to seven and in 1923 the school expanded from grades 8 through 11. Three students graduated in the first graduating class of 1929.

In the 1953-54 school session a new school was built and named H. C. Ross High School. This school excelled until integration in 1970.

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REV. H. C. ROSS

From a one room, one teacher, eighteen children, ungraded, three months session school . . . To a \$150,000.00 modern High School Plant.

The Rev. Ross

There are some feelings so deep that words many times fail to express them. This applies to how we felt about Rev. Ross.

We felt a deep love, a sincere sense of devotion, and an overwhelming admiration for him. For he was indeed a great leader and humanitarian.

We felt that his life was worthy of imitation, for although he achieved fame as a minister, teacher, and principal of a great school, he never lost the common touch of simplicity, he lived on a level with his fellowmen, possessed an unflinching desire to serve humanity to the best of his ability, and above all, he had an incomparable love for the helpless and unfortunate. For these he had a message for the heart that encouraged and inspired them to rise above their conditions.

He was a man of great Christian character, taught by word and deed of brotherly love and good will toward all mankind. Duty was his watch word, righteousness his motto, true understanding for his people his goal, thus he felt no sacrifice was too great to achieve his goal.

-Because of this we always felt at ease in his presence, for in achieving his goal he exercised great wisdom, sympathy, and an understanding of human nature.

Rev. H. C. Ross

Though he in flesh is gone
"Many memories live on"
Of the great Rev. H. C. Ross
A man of ambition
Who planned for you
That one day his dreams
And yours would come true.
His words of wisdom were understanding
For he truly was a great companion.

He worked during the day;
He worked during the night
His daily prayer,
Was based on equal rights
We are proud of the things he has done;

Hearts he has lightened
And respect he has won.
Though he left us in serious case
A competent principal has filled his place

Within our hearts you're not really gone
For your works and achievements
Will live on and on.
Your stay with us has been rather short,
But your accomplishment,
Will live always in our hearts,
By Jesse Andrus.

We felt that he was truly living in the house by the side of the road, for he dedicated his life to God and his fellowmen with the usage of the talents given to him by his Divine Maker.

We need not and will not forget his greatness, his virtue, his exalted character, his dynamic personality. His magnificent qualities of patience in long suffering and willingness to think things through, and his unfaltering trust in God. We know our life and the lives of others have been directed into paths of righteousness living through his teaching of word and deed.

He taught his greatest lesson with his life through his personality, for we vividly remember the words of a quotation he so often used: "Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime and departing, leave behind us foot prints on the sands of time".

We are inspired still in reality, the truthfulness of these words in his life, for he has certainly left behind, the undying memory of a life well lived in the service of God and humanity, and an excellent example of character for us to follow as a pattern of life, if we are to attain greatness through service of God and humanity and leave our foot prints on the sand of time.

-Mrs. Ivy Lee Brown



C.I.H.S. Faculty

Principal, David L. May.
Elementary: Mrs. M. Byers, Miss H. Lyons, Mrs. H. Lyons, Mrs. G. Glaude, Miss N. Rogers, Miss E. Poydras, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. M. E. Mansfield, Mrs. S. Parks, Mrs. G. E. Smith, Miss A. Blunt, Miss E. Morgan, Miss U. Johnson, Miss Duplaine, Miss Jerry, Miss A. Jean, Mrs. G. W. Easley, Mrs. H. Hammond, Mr. P. Jones.
Math and Science: Mrs. B. R. Kelly.
English and Social Science: Mrs. E. M. Patty.
English and Speech Arts: Miss W. H. Blaa.
Math, Music, Library: Mrs. J. R. May.
Home Economics: Mrs. B. Jacobs.
Physical Education and Health: Mrs. G. W. Butler.
Industrial Arts and Physical Ed. Mr. W. Poullard.

Resolution To A Memory

Our Rev. H. C. Ross has left behind a memory that will live thru eternity. Those who knew him in his day can better tell the story of this man, his ideals, his beliefs and his works. They have shown their appreciation for the gifts this man has presented, they have lived by his principles.

We, the students of C.I.H.S., the youth of today, do not know very much of this man personally. We are only partakers in the feast; we are enjoying the fruit of his harvest. Even at that we have only to partake to know, that, that tree has borne good fruit. . . . In view of the fact that we have been left the foundation of an institution, endowed with all the principles

C.I.H.S. Gym To Be Completed For Next Session

The construction of the gymnasium of Crowley Industrial High is now underway. It is expected to be completed on or before September 1st of this year. It will be a standard size gym costing one hundred thousand dollars, with such conveniences as hot and cold showers for boys and girls and laboratories for the public's use.

Every student and teacher of the school and every Negro citizen of Crowley is waiting for the completion of this building.

Social Science

Economics students have organized a book of their own which will be of great benefit to advanced students.

Sociology students have just completed an interesting booklet on the "Four Aspects of Health"; completing a booklet illustrated material discussed.

The Social Science Department under the direction of Mrs. E. M.

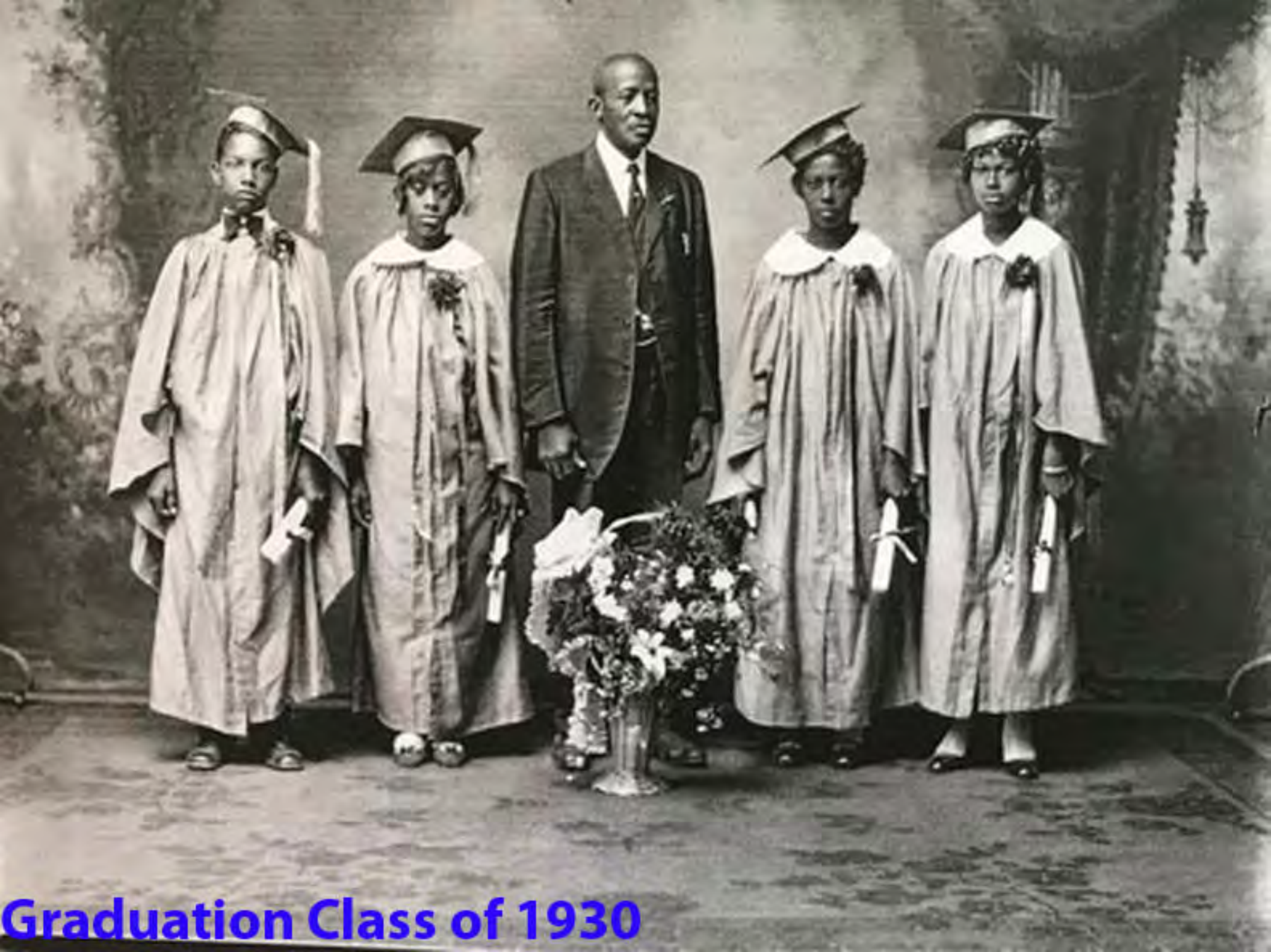
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ples of a renowned man put before us, we do resolve: to work ardently, piously and effectively to perpetuate and honor always his memory, to work to keep the fire of his educational ideals always burning—to edify him by word and example as we look to the future to prove we are worthy of having been given the opportunity to pass through the portals of education, built by his democratic faith, instituted by our own . . . Reverend Ross.

By Laura M. Paddio



7th Grade Graduates Class of 1917



Graduation Class of 1930



Graduation Class of 1930



Graduation Class of 1931



Graduation Class of 1954



Last H. C. Ross Faculty Picture

Greetings

Graduates and Patrons of Ross High School, we are happy that you are sharing these Homecoming activities with us. Thank you for coming. Too, we thank you for your interest and support of the Rams' Football Team. We will work to make your investment pay dividends in girls and boys developing into active American citizens.

For Ross High Students and Faculty, I express our gratitude.

Yours truly,

J. Allen Pete, Jr.
Principal



Faculty and Staff

V. W. AMOS

WADIE H. BIAS

GLADYS W. BUTLER

HENRY CLEMENT

JESSE GUIDRY

BESSIE JACOB

WILLIE J. JERRY

B. R. KELLY

HELEN G. LYONS

J. R. MAY

J. ALLEN PETE, JR.

WALLACE POUILLARD, SR.

CLARENCE ROBERTSON

LOUISE E. WOODS

JOSEPH ANDRUS

SAMUEL GUILLORY

JUNE TURNER

HELEN REUBIN

ANNA WINBUSH

RODRIC WINBUSH, SR.

HOMECOMING THEME:

SPORTSMANSHIP OUR PURPOSE—VICTORY OUR GOAL

Again we are approaching the Homecoming Activities with mixed emotions of eagerness and anticipation. We wish to express to our team our gratitude for a successful year.

Realizing the difficulties you experienced and the untiring drive you exhibited in this year's performance, our hats are off to you.

Anything worth having is worth fighting for. Through courage, loyalty, confidence and team work you have attained those aims that develop sportsmanship and lead to victory.

From the faculty, staff, student body and spectators, we hope for you a joyous celebration. This booklet portrays some of the many activities around which life centers.

Much success "Rams," and remember our theme "Sportsmanship our Purpose—Victory our Goal."

An illustration of a football game. In the foreground, a player in a blue jersey with the number 71 is shown from the back, in a three-point stance ready to block. Behind him, two players in red jerseys with white numbers 15 and 10 are running towards the right. Player 15 is carrying the football. The background is a green field with white yard lines.

HOME COMING

Ross High School Stadium
OCTOBER 23, 1964

Ross Rams vs Plaisance Indians
Official Program

Price 35c

ROSS HIGH RAMS

FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	CLASS	POSITION	WEIGHT
32	JEROME MAYFIELD	Sr.	E	175
35	JOHN MORRIS	Sr.	E	175
21	FRANK ANDRUS	Sr.	E	147
29	FLOYD LYONS	Sr.	E	139
36	CLAUDIS STEVENSON	Soph.	E	145
40	ASA STEVENSON	Fresh.	E	185
39	CLARENCE GEORGE	Fresh.	E	151
31	ALBERT BOOTH	Jr.	E	155
43	MICHAEL SIMON	Jr.	T	192
37	CLARENCE BELLARD	Soph.	T	172
48	CALVIN DUNN	Fresh.	T	195
46	WALLACE WILSON	Fresh.	T	170
42	STANLEY POUILLARD	Sr.	G	170
38	PERCY CORMIER	Jr.	G	168
44	LANGSTON SINCLAIR	Fresh.	G	170
50	FREDDIE JOHNSON	Fresh.	G	145
45	WILMA ARCENEUX	Fresh.	C	180
41	WOODROW HARMON	Jr.	C	147
5	FLOYD DAVIS	Sr.	QB	195
22	ARTHUR LEE DAVIS	Jr.	QB	156
49	DONALD McZEAL	Jr.	QB	160
21	CLARENCE MILSON	Fresh.	QB	162
1	ELMO DAVIS	Sr.	FLB	168
28	BEN WILSON	Sr.	FLB	162
30	JAMES GRACE	Soph.	FLB	162
20	MERVIN WILSON	Sr.	B	160
25	ROBERT NELSON	Soph.	B	132
29	ALFRED RICHARD	Fresh.	B	147
27	WILLIE TRAHAN	Soph.	B	155
24	BELTON NARCISSE	Sr.	B	168
39	ALLEN SINCLAIR	Jr.	B	200
26	EDMUND BIAS	Jr.	B	152
33	DONALD BEVERLY	Soph.	B	155
52	JESSE WRIGHT	Jr.	B	147
23	ALVIN HUGHES	Sr.	B	145
53	WILLIAM SCHEXNAYDER	Fresh.	B	142
54	JOSEPH ARDOIN	Fresh.	B	145
55	JUDGE BERNARD	Sr.	B	142
45	JOSEPH BROUSSARD	Soph.	B	137
51	JOE KRAUT		B	170

JESSE GUIDRY _____ COACH
 FERNEL MINIX _____ MANAGER
 JESSE MONTGOMERY _____ TRAINER
 BOBBY MAYFIELD _____ STATISTICIAN
 COLORS _____ BLUE AND WHITE MASCOT _____ RAM



THE RAMS OF ROSS HIGH are shown above. They are from left to right. In the first row: Dexter Pollard, Joe Gantt, Audley Jack, Anthony Spencer, Patrick Senegel, Lionel Orebo, Carey Frank, Jessy Scott, Clarence Milson; in the second row: Coach Jesse Guidry, Herb Angel, Joe White, Martin Trahan, Martin Morgan, Blaze Alen, Jesse Montgenry, Moses Morgan, Mikel Duggar, Coach Wilfred Broussard. In the third row: Winston Hill, Asa Stevenson, Famous Joseph, Adolph Wright, Jerry Wilkens, Clarence George, Joe Wilturner, Stacey Pollard. The Rams posted 8-1-1 last season and Coach Guidry is hoping for a repeat if not an improvement. (POST HERALD PHOTO)



MERVIN WILSON

Speedy Wilson is a very fine shifty runner. He has scored four (4) touchdowns in five games and gained 365 yards.





COACH JESSIE GUIDRY
"Mr. H.C. Ross High"



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE
Thanks for the Motivation with Inspiration
GIVING BACK!
In Memory of Cliff Edward Augustine
"Mutt"



Take a Bow,
you deserve it!
Congratulations
Lund Smith

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

FOULLARD STONE — Stevey Foulard, East High School's brilliant fullback, will continue his football career in Huntington, West Virginia as a member of the Marshall University Thundering Herd this fall. In the above photo, East High School Coaches Wilfred Braunsard (left) and Jessie Cudry (right) look on as Foulard signs a letter of intent from the Mid-American Conference school. The Crowley youth will be eligible for four years of athletic competition at Marshall, but his schol-

arship is for a two-year period. Foulard, who is an academic standout as well as a football star, was also offered a partial scholarship from Grambling University prior to his acceptance at The Star, shall offer.



Cal Wilson





UNDEFEATED
1965

AVG. 106.5
24-0



John Morris

1965 La High School Scoring Champ 43.5 points a game. He set the La State High School Scoring Record - 69 points at Herod High School and then broke his own record the next night by scoring 74 points

H.C. Ross High Rams



This is a photo of the H.C. Ross High School Ram basketball team of the late 60s. The team was widely recognized in basketball circles for their high-scoring offense and flashy style. Team members include, kneeling from left: Clarence (Floy) Moore, Floyd (Limpy) Lyons, Anthony Walker, Mervin (Streak) Wilson and Elmo Davis. Back row, Jerome Mayfield, North (Draw) Walker, Asa Stevenson, Percy Douglas, Kirk Sinclair, Harold Nero, John (Bucas) Morris and Coach Jessie Guidry.





Sinclair, Harold Nero, John (Bucas) Morris and Coach Jessie Guidry.

John Morris Keeps Ross High Winning

Crowley, La. — John Morris, the phenomenal 6' 6" hoopster at Ross High School, is setting a scoring record that will probably exist for some time. In five of Ross' nine basketball games this year, John Morris has scored more than fifty (50) points per game. His highest scoring effort was registered against Herod High School when he dropped in fifty-seven (57) points to smash the Ross Rams' individual scoring record.

Averaging 18 Rebounds

Although Coach Jesse Guidry has Morris playing in the back court, he is averaging 18 rebounds per game. In spite of his 6' 6" height, most of his scoring is done from outside the key.

Basketball fans are amazed at the agility and shooting of this basketball magician.

John Morris, a Ross Senior, has attracted offers from many colleges and universities.

Among these are the University of Missouri, Lincoln University, St. Mary's, Texas Southern, U.C.L.A., Indiana and Kansas State. The University of Bradley and Cincinnati have also made bids for him.

High Scoring Team

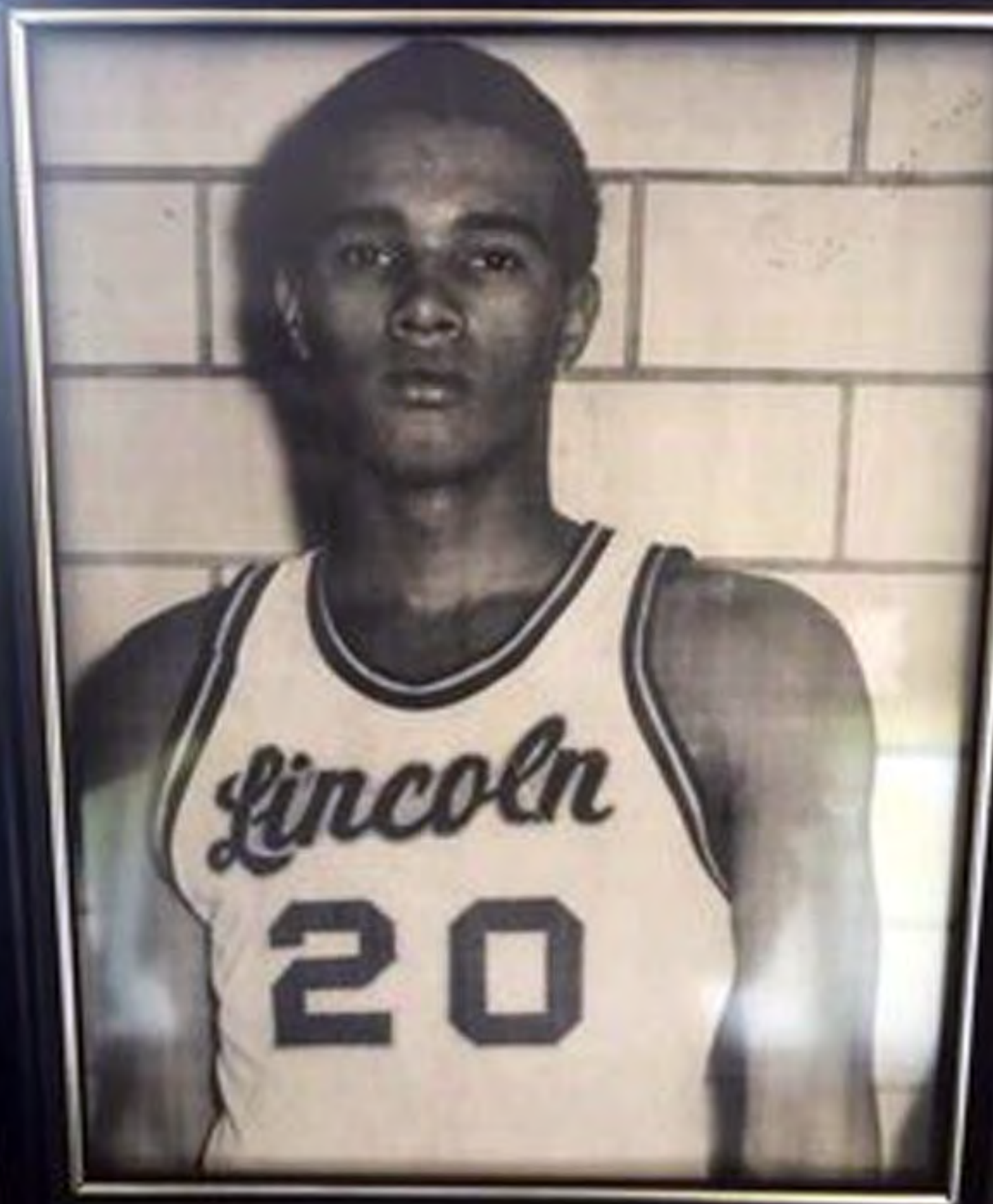
Morris is not Ross High's only big gun. Coach Guidry can field a team of tall men as follows: 6' 6" John Morris, 6' 6" Percy Douglas, 6' 4" Harold Nero, 6' 4" Norbert Morris and 6' 2" Jerome Mayfield. Mayfield's scoring average is twenty-four (24) points per game. Nero is scoring twenty-two (22) points per tilt.

In the nine regular season games, the Rams have scored 927 points while allowing their opponents only 528 points. This gives them a team offensive average of 107.5 points per game and a team defensive average of 58.6 points per game. Their lowest scoring game was 80 points at



John Morris

against Sacred Heart of Lake Charles, La. Their highest scoring game was 151 points against Bridge, La.







1953-54 State Champions Final

Coach with jacket Wallace Poullard, Wilbert "Bobby" Ledet, Alex Hunter, Loyd Pete, Albert Mayfield, Audry Harrison, Westley Brown, June Gant, Bubba Morgan, Butt Foreman