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THE ALMA MATER

“DEAR LEVY”

*DEAREST OF SCHOOLS IS T. A. LEVY
TO YOU OUR LOYALTY WAVES BRIGHTLY IN THE SUN;
BLAZONED AND BEST OF THEM ALL IS LEVY,
HAIL TO THEE OUR ALL IN ONE.*

*TRUE TO YOUR COLORS, HOW PROUDLY THEY WAVE,
WONDROUS GREEN AND ARCHING PEARLY WHITE;
LIVING TO HONOR, DYING TO SAVE,
DEAR T. A. LEVY, OUR HEART'S DELIGHT.*

*DEAREST OF SCHOOLS IS T. A. LEVY,
FIRM MAY SHE STAND THROUGH STORM AND NIGHT?
STRONG HEARTS WE GIVE TO RISE TO DEFEND HER;
ALWAYS LOYAL THROUGH STORM AND NIGHT:*

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Thomas Adolphus Levy



Thomas A. Levy was born on December 1, 1877 Isaac and Caroline Levy in Rosedale, Louisiana.. His primary school began in Iberville Parish at the Rosedale Colored School and at the West Oak lane Elementary School in Maringouin, Louisiana. His education continued at Leland College in Baker, Louisiana. He married Annie Mims and the couple had three children, Freddie, Edna and Earl. He received an honorary doctorates degree at Leland college He became the founder, and organizer of several churches in Rosedale, Louisiana, Grosse Tete Louisiana and in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In Rosedale, Louisiana he formed his first church, Rose Hill Baptist Church. His second church was in Grosse Tete, Louisiana, New Light Baptist Church. He was the pastor of Mount Gideon Baptist Church in Maringouin, Louisiana. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Reverend Levy organized North Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, now known as Greater New Guide Baptist church and Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church which he organized in 1909.

He purchased Land for a house and for Rose Hill Baptist Church in August 30, 1924. Upon completion of college he served on the board of trustees, the executive committee, and Vice President of Leland College during the 1926 to 1945 period.

In the early 1940's he became President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, National Ministers' Lecture Roster and General President of the Fourth District Baptist Association.

Prior to his death, Reverend Levy and the community raised money and purchased 14 acres of land in Rosedale, Louisiana. On April 12, 1953, Thomas A. Levy School was dedicated as a tribute to the legacy of Reverend Thomas A. Levy.

Thomas A. Levy High School



Thomas A. Levy High School was formed in 1953 by the consolidation of Rosedale Colored School, the West Oak Lane Elementary School and Upper Maringouin Elementary School. The school opened its doors on March 16, 1953 with an enrollment of 344 students. Students from Upper Maringouin Elementary School transferred to Thomas A. Levy High School after completion of eighth grade. In 1960, Grosse Tete Elementary School (grade one to fourth grade), was consolidated with Thomas A. Levy School.

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Principal Griffin Congratulates Staff

First I want to congratulate Mr. Melvin Steele and the members of the Mathematics Club for a mammoth task — the publication of a newspaper. I hope this newspaper will and has been a learning aid for those students taking an active part in the production.

We here at Thomas A. Levy School are faced with many important decisions to make as we live, learn and grow in a changing world. The quality and quantity education is the most important aspect of our total program. All of our students are equally important to us there-



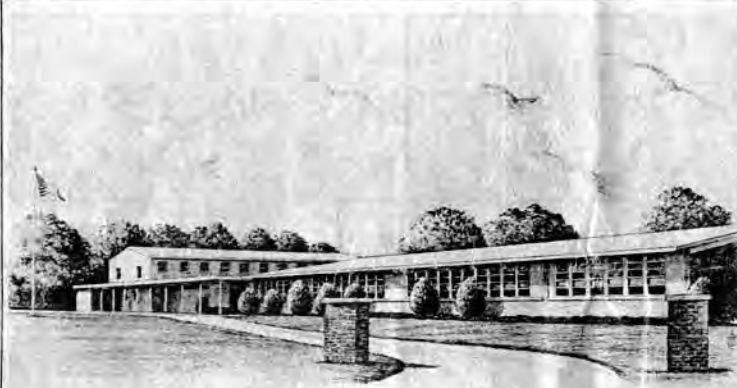
Mr. Edward S. Griffin

fore we try to develop students to their maximum capacity daily. As we grow and learn each day students are given the opportunity to develop their talents and to use them in many aspects of the total school program. The professional staff and the non-professional staff encourage all students to participate in activities that will help students achieve to their maximum capacity.

The quality and quantity education along with total individual development of students here at Levy make us all happy to be a member of the Levy Family. Just being a member of the Levy Family is not enough, but being a member of the Levy Family in which each member has pride makes for a productive family as well as each member of the family is a contributory of success and happiness. This newspaper while in the dreaming stage, planning and production stages helped students understand and take an active part while applying knowledge learned in academic classes to actual practice and use. May the students taking the lead and active parts in the production of this project, a newspaper, continue to use their talents and abilities in worth while activities for better individual and group projects. I do trust the new innovations we have here at Levy in our instructional program help each student develop into the kind of person he wants to be and the kind of person we here at Levy want to become.

Again may I congratulate Mr. Melvin Steele and the Member of the Mathematics Club for a job well done and encourage you to do more as your dream becomes a reality.

Edward S. Griffin
Principal



The History of Thomas A. Levy

The origin of the present T. A. Levy had its beginning in many churches and halls in Grosse Tete, Rosedale, and Maringouin.

The new school was opened March 16, 1953, and dedicated in honor of Reverend Thomas Adolph Levy on April 12, 1953. Mr. Edward S. Griffin was its first and present principal.

Since 1953 the original 2-

winged 13-room school has grown into a complex consisting of 3-wings, 30-rooms, an industrial arts shop, a gymnasium, a music building, and many other modern conveniences.

The main building presently houses the principal's office, a biology-general science laboratory, home economics department, a lounge for men and women and a senior high department. The second wing houses the library and junior high department. The third wing houses the elementary

and special education department. Centrally located are the modern cafeteria, gymnasium, industrial arts department, and band and music room. At the rear of the campus a well-lighted football field is located.

If you would ever desire to have a detailed account of its progress and growth I would suggest you talk with Mrs. Lula Mason, Miss L. L. Green, and Mr. Jarvis, all of whom have had more than 30 years of non-interrupted service.



Miss L. L. Green

Mrs. L. M. Mason

Mr. Henry J. Jarvis

Three Great Pioneers of Levy

Can you believe it? The above teachers have contributed together one-hundred and sixteen years of uninterrupted service devoted in the teaching profession in Iberville parish. We, the men-

bers, and sponsor of the Math Club are very proud of them and feel that they should be recognized. From left to right are: Miss L. L. Green, Mrs. L. M. Mason and Mr. Henry J. Jarvis.

These three prominent teachers were among the early pioneers of Thomas A. Levy, with years remaining for their vital

services. The success of Thomas A. Levy largely depended on the early and courageous determination these three had while teaching in halls and churches.

The Math Club will salute these outstanding educational leaders at a luncheon given in their honor Valentine's Day in the home economics department.

Honor Students Listed At Levy High

Thomas A. Levy lists its honor students from grades 9-12 for the first and second six weeks.

9th Grade

Lansing Snell, Rinnie Faye Brown.

10th Grade

Ronald Smith, Cynthia Scott, Linda Hill, Sam Kelly, Linda Edwards, Dale Gage.

11th Grade

Sarah Scott, Hilda Williams Dinah Anderson, Harriet McCoy, Veronica Lathan, Faye Gaines, Ginger Smith, Linda Poole, Burnell Hill, Deloris Johnson, Joan B. Perkins, Pearl E. Walker, Diane Smith, Estella Pitts.

12th Grade

Melvin Anderson, Theresa Nero, Ethel Yeates, Jeanette Thom-

as, Larry Thompson, Evelyn Dunbar, Joycelyn Poole, Carolyn Wesley, Geraldine West, Donald R. Thymes, Janis Dotson, Huey Wiley, Alvin Brown, James Harrell, Deborah Martin, Debra Sanders, Donald W. Thymes.

Levy Lists 60 Graduates for '68

The graduating class of '68 was 60 strong. Of this number many found it necessary to further their education. So in September, 22 of the 60 graduates found themselves in schools throughout Louisiana.

There are 13 at Southern University, 2 at Southwestern State College, 2 at Louisiana State University, 1 at Northwestern State College, and 4 at trade schools.

Words of Wisdom

Lucky parents who have fine children usually have lucky children who have fine parents.

Mini skirts enable young ladies to run faster and because of them they may have to.

Experience is a hard teacher: she tests first and teaches afterwards.

"Thank you" may be written in small letters but it is a capital ideal.

The surest way to make it hard for your children is to make it soft for them.

People who claim their prayers aren't answered don't realize that sometimes the answer is No!

Improvements Made In School System

By Sam A. Distefano, Sr.
Superintendent

The Iberville Parish School Board made substantial improvements in the academic and instructional areas during the past several years. Most of these improvements were results of increased school finances from the sales tax, the Board's participation in many federal programs, and careful administrative planning.

I hope the faculty, parents or pupils will not be misled by these substantial academic improvements. The School Board will be faced with problems never before encountered as a result of the changing of times.

Attitudes and acceptance of our changing educational system must be at its best if school people are to provide for a comprehensive educational plan that will make possible for better instruction, expanded course offerings and quality education for everyone.

The critical problem for the entire working staff of the school employees is that school personnel cannot allow irreparable injury to our public schools in keeping pace with the changing of times. The time is here for all school persons to work in the direction of a good public image, better relationship, better understanding and cooperation. These things must be done by action and deeds and not by words alone.

Regardless of the kind and amount of training professional and business people have received, it has been my experience that no group of workers regard the quality of their work with more pride than teachers. Because of this personal feeling of pride, teachers have advanced in the professional world against many handicaps. For the same reason when new obstacles are faced, the teachers will meet them intelligently, firmly and with determination.

With the major problems of desegregation, crowded conditions, shifting of students, and federal money, involved deeply in the boards' future operations, I feel certain that the entire teaching profession, will work closely with the Board, the superintendent, parents and pupils, and other administrators and give the very best of their experience, knowledge and time. Professional administrators, teachers, parents and students cannot afford to become involved in controversies and criticism among themselves. Too much is at stake.

Personally, I feel the School Board can solve the major problems facing them if they have the confidence, the cooperation, the understanding and the sympathy of the teachers, the parents, the school patrons and all employees. There is no place for a "quitter".

If there is to be complete success in the school system, we must develop in all children the qualities of good citizenship, self-control, responsibility and the ability to cooperate. These qualities cannot be imposed. They are the result of teaching and action among educators.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the principals, teachers, parents and pupils for their past cooperation and assistance in making my job at least bearable.

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DISCIPLINE

By Ethel Yeates

Much has been written on the problem of discipline to fill the biggest plant from floor to ceiling, but what can be done about it? There is really no solution to the problem of discipline in school, and I am not trying to solve the problem, but to make the student body aware of some of the problems.

Discipline may have different meanings for school people. For some, it means absolute quiet in the classroom; for others it may mean that all students follow the teachers directions without question or hesitation. To discipline a student may mean to punish physically or verbally, or to take away liberty and freedom; it may also mean to force the student to engage in drill, usually an unpleasant type, in order to build desirable attitudes or behaviors. The first two uses of the term imply on conditions relating to the group as a classroom entity; the latter pertains to the individual.

The purposes of discipline are first, to help each student grow from dependence on adult direction and control to self-direction and self-discipline based upon an understanding and practice of the ideals of democratic citizenship; and second, to set up in the classroom an orderly work situation so that learning activities proceed more smoothly.

We must look at the behavior in school from both student and teacher outlook. Let us look at some of the behavior of the students.

1. Students dress
2. Loitering around school
3. Skipping class

Science Club Organized in 1966

The science club was organized September 12, 1966. At that time there were eight members.

The purposes of the club are to arise and interest students of high scholastic abilities in the sciences, to awake the students to realization of the need of scientists today.

The qualifications for becoming a member of the science club are, the student must have an average of 2.8, he must be well rounded, and he must possess intellectual qualities.

The science club is proud to announce that at present it has a membership of twenty-three and twenty-one of that number are honor students.

The club consists of a well composed working group of students that have accomplished much in the high school program.

The club's motto is: A STUDENT TODAY - A SCIENTIST TOMORROW.

The club's officers are:
 Larry Thompson _____ President
 Sarah Scott _____ Vice President
 Dinah Anderson _____ Rec. Sect.
 Linda Poole _____ Financial Sect.
 Lee Bulter _____ Treasurer
 Mrs. Patricia Reeves _____ Sponsor

4. Unruly noise and misconduct in class
5. Relationships between students and teachers
6. Disrespect for both students and teachers

Feelings of insecurity lead to unpredictable conduct and to personal maladjustment. Some of the conditions which lead to student insecurity are:

1. Threat of failure because the standards are above the students abilities
2. Rejection by classmates
3. Rejection by teachers
4. Ridicule from teacher of classmates
5. Teacher inconsistency in personal relationships with students
6. Teacher inconsistency in setting up the learning situation

The individual student who is threatened with failure because standards are above his abilities may cheat, become boisterous and rowdy, attack classmates withdraw from learning activities, isolate himself from classmates, become truant, or quit school.

Looking at teacher's outlook:

1. Teachers may have personal dislikes of certain students
2. Teachers not setting up personal relationships or taking no interest in students
3. Attractiveness in the classroom may be a result of disciplinary problems.

As was said in the beginning of the editorial, I am not trying to solve any problems that are faced. If there are any questions or comments on this editorial, please write to Ethel Marie Yeates, P. O. Box 137, Marinoguin, Louisiana 70757.

FHA Entertains Faculty and Parents

The Thomas A. Levy 10th grade Home Economics class taught by Mrs. Gertrude Hayes entertained the faculty and parents with a buffet Tuesday, December 17th at 3:30 p.m.

The class had prepared a variety of refreshments such as: miniature fruit cake, a variety of cookies, candies, hors d'oeuvres.

Committees were: Decorating Committee; Geraldine Hill, Adlee James, Louise Wilson, Flora Williams, Mamie Royal, Thersa Dorsey, Pearlina Smith, Joyce Hawkins, Diane Northern, and Pearl Walker. Invitation Committee: Cynthia Scott, Linda Hill, Gaynell Batista, Diane Davis, Dale Gage, with Linda Hill Co-Chairman, and Leola Ventress, Secretary.

Parents present at the buffet were: Mrs. Eula Hill, Mrs. Bessie Scott, Mrs. Dorothy Gages, Mrs. Dorothy Dorsey, Mrs. Helen Issac and Mrs. Brenda Walker.

"The Soul Adventurous" Club Plans Recreation Activities

A group of young ladies of the senior class here at Thomas A.

Elite Social Club To Give Scholarships

The club was organized in 1960 under the leadership of Mrs. Sadie C. Scott who served as first president. The objective of the club is to give young ladies the opportunity to give services to others in the community. Some of the many projects that the ladies have sponsored are, annual Christmas Balls, entertainment for teenagers during the year and on such holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and toys are given to needed families by the club.

The Elite Club's future project is to give a scholarship to a deserving graduating senior girl who has achieved a scholastic average of "B", possessing the character of a pleasing personality, poise, integrity, and leadership ability.

The present officers of the Elite are:

Sadie C. Scott _____ President
 Johnny M. Sims _____ Vice President
 Dorothy Harris _____ Secretary
 Sadie S. Dupree _____ Fin. Sect.
 Georgia L. Harris _____ Treasury
 Emma James _____ Chaplain
 Ruby Thymes _____ Chairman

The Elite Social Club asks your support in its various projects so that its aims and objectives may be fulfilled.

Junior Daughters Organized For Catholic Girls

The Junior Daughters of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver Court 119, was organized in August 1964 to give Catholic girls ages 7-18 a chance to find a worthwhile purpose in life, provide social activities and entertainment to the community, and to help the girls acquire self discipline.

The Junior Daughters have had four successful years of organization. Each year the Junior Daughters give a free Christmas Ball for the teenagers in the communities and sponsors different activities during the year.

The counselor Mrs. Ollie Ruth Kelly, has worked hard with Junior Daughter to make the organization a successful and profitable one throughout the years.

The Officers Are:
 Debra Sanders _____ Grand Lady
 Bridget Bailey _____ Vice Grand Lady
 Diane Mims _____ Fin. Sect.
 Joycelyn Poole _____ Rec. Sect.
 Linda Poole _____ Treasurer

Levy organized a club "The Soul Adventurous", for the soul purpose of bringing more wholesome recreation to the teenagers of their area.

There are many planned activities on the calendar for '69. The first is a Sweet Heart Ball February 14, 1969.

Miss Sweet Heart will be chosen by popular vote the afternoon of February 14, and will be presented at the Sweet Heart Ball at 8 p.m. in the T. A. Levy gymnasium.

Tickets for the Ball will go on sale February 1, Teenagers make plans to come and the ball will be a gala affair.

Dress Resolution Passed By School Board

The Iberville Parish School board passed a resolution in December, that all young ladies, 13 and above, hemlines must not exceed 1 1/2 inches above the knee. This resolution brought great dis-

cussions from those who like the latest fads. But after hours of discussion with several teenage girls, they admitted that 1 1/2 inches above the knee was short enough for a young lady to maintain dignity and poise.

In the same resolution the school board asked the young men to shave excess facial hair and to obtain a haircut of resemble length.

The school board in the past has passed many resolutions that have improved the quality of education in our parish, so we feel that this one on dress and appearance is another step to make our school number one.

Chronological Outline Of Negro History

There were Africans in the New World thousands of years before Columbus; in Ecuador there exists a statue of a Negro that is at least 20,000 years old.

1442 First African captives brought to Lisbon as slaves.
 1492 When America was discovered, one of the pilots with Columbus, Pedro Alenxo Niño, was a Negro.

1513 Thirty Negroes were with Balboa when he discovered the Pacific Ocean.

1517 Bishop Las Casas made a plea that every Spaniard setting out for the colonies should be allowed to take twelve Negroes with him. He later deplored the enslavement and treatment of Africans, as well as Indians.

1526 The first settlement within the present borders of the U.S. to contain Negro slaves was founded by Spanish colonizer, Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon, near the mouth of the Pedee River in what is now South Carolina. Consisting of about 500 Spaniards and 100 Negroes, internal dissent arose, illness caused numerous deaths, the Indians became increasingly suspicious and hostile, slaves fled to the Indians so that the Spaniards left leaving the Negroes with the Indians as the first permanent inhabitants from Europe.

1539 Estevanico, guide and translator of Spanish explorers travelled from Florida to Mexico City, where in 1539 he set out with Friar Marcos de Niza's expedition to discover the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola. The Spaniards, exhausted by the time they reached what is now Texas sent Estevan ahead where he discovered what is now New Mexico and Arizona.

1619 The first African captives brought to Jamestown were not immediately recognized as slaves, but were accepted on the same basis as indentured servants; slavery was not crystallized for 50 years. Negro and Caucasian indentured servants and slaves were thrown together in one common depreciated class; Irish and other Europeans were sold as slaves in Colonial America. There were only 6,000 slaves in the colonies by 1700; the invention of the cotton gin brought increased demand for slave labor to pick the cotton. A Negro woman Mrs. Nathaniel Greene of

Georgia, was largely responsible for the invention of the cotton gin for which Eli Whitney received full credit. The first formal protest against slavery was made by the Menonites of Germantown, Pennsylvania.

1705 A Virginia law permitted owners to list slave people as property.

1731 Benjamin Banneker, mathematical wizard and inventor, while still a youth, made a wooden clock which kept accurate time. This clock is believed to be the first clock wholly made in America. Writer of almanacs, mathematician, astronomer and architect, in 1788 he was appointed by Pres. Washington to help survey and plan Washington, D.C.

1761 Phillis Wheatley was captured, brought to America and sold as a slave in Boston. She became so famous as a poet that General George Washington praised her books, she was given her freedom and read before nobility in London (Died 1784).

1770 Crispus Attucks, "a stranger in Boston", together with 40-50 patriots confronted seven soldiers of King George III in the Boston Commons. The patriots attacked the soldiers with sticks and stones. The soldiers fired their rifles and Crispus Attucks became the first to die for independence. A statue of Attucks stands in Boston today.

1775 Thomas Paine's first article, "African Slavery in America" appeared in a Pennsylvania paper; he was co-author of a law adopted in Pennsylvania in 1780 which abolished slavery gradually in that state. A group of Philadelphia Quakers organized (1775) the first American anti-slavery society.

1817 Birth of Frederick Douglass who escaped from slavery in 1838, made his first public address in 1841, started publication of his paper "North Star" in 1847, and gave his Rochester address, "What to the slaves is the Fourth of July?" in 1853.

1822 Charleston, S.C. carpenter, Denmark Vesey, was betrayed for planning a slave revolt and with 36 others was put to death. Records indicate there were more than 250 slave revolts that involved more than 10 slaves.

1826 Harriet Tubman made nineteen trips into the South to lead over 300 slaves to freedom. William Still (1821-1902) was an Underground Railroad leader.

1826 Ira Aldridge made his London debut in "Othello"; an internationally famous Negro actor, Aldridge performed throughout major European cities for 40 years where he received innumerable medals and acclaim.

1826 The first Negro student to graduate from an American college was John Russworn, who received his degree from Bowdoin College in Maine.

1827 John Russworn and Samuel E. Cornish started editing the first Negro newspaper in the United States.

1831 Nat Turner led the largest slave revolt in Virginia; killed were more than 60 Caucasians and, in retaliation, more than 100 Negroes.

1833 Miss Prudence Crandall opened a school for Negro girls in Canterbury, Connecticut; villagers tried to burn it, threw manure in her well, local doctors refused treatment, grocers refused to sell her (Continued on page four)

Carolyn Wesley Reigned Over Homecoming Festivities Last Year

Miss Carolyn Louise Wesley, a senior, and the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wesley, Sr., reigned as Homecoming queen of Thomas A. Levy High School for the session 68-69.



Miss Carolyn Wesley

Miss Wesley was the 16th queen and third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wesley to reign as queen of the Thomas A. Levy High School. The queen was crowned at the Coronation, Wednesday, October 30, 1968.

Maids of the queen's court were: Miss Diana Smith, a junior, and daughter of Mrs. Maggie Smith and the late Mr. Charlie Smith, Sr., was first maid. Second maid was Miss Flora J. Williams, a sophomore, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Sr. The queen and her court were presented during special half time ceremonies at the annual homecoming football game.

The Homecoming game was played with Rosenwald High School of New Roads, La.

Sports At Levy

The Thomas A. Levy Tigers began their basketball season with the usual slow start. However, the Tigers reeled off an impressive victory over Dorseyville in an early season game. This indeed was a great help in giving the boys the kind of confidence they may need in games to come.

The Tigers began their district play against a fairly improved Dawson team. The Tigers are out to prove to everyone that they are able to contribute stiff competition in their district race. They realize that it is a rather uneasy job of containing their rivals.

The coaching is just superb. Coach Robert Grace, who handles the junior varsity, and Coach John E. Hawkins, taking charge of the varsity team, are both hardworking and are respected by the players.

The Tigers average six feet in height and are also average in their outside shooting, mainly handled by Glen Wiltz and Michael Williams. The Tigers were very surprising on the boards, showing a trio of the best there could be in the district. These are Alvin Hill, Henry Noel, and Charles Davenport. All three are promising players. Whenever the occasion permits, Coach Hawkins may look to his defense minded bench where Huey Wiley, Melvin Anderson, and Elbert Harris provide the insurance. Most notable among the handymen are Jerome Edwards who displays his spectacular reserve strength on the boards and Clarence Pryor, an excellent backcourt man.

With the season approaching the midway point, the Tigers seem to be ready to take charge, with the heart of the district play just starting.

The season promises to be just as exciting as any other.

CHEERLEADERS



The Thomas A. Levy Tigers were cheered all the way by their cheering booster squadron which consisted of twelve girls. Pictured here are nine of the twelve cheerleaders. From left to right—top row are: D. Carroll, C. James, J. Philson, S. Jones, G. Batista, and F. Gage. From left to right—bottom row are: D. Smith, C. Truscilar and Linda Dorsey. Not pictured are: H. Williams, T. Dorsey, and C. Smith.

Michael Williams Served Two Years As Football Captain

Here's Micheal Lynn Williams, a senior, captain of Thomas Levy's football team, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Williams, Sr. of Grosse Tete, Louisiana.

Micheal Lynn has been captain of the football team for two years. In his junior year of high school, Micheal, received the most valuable players award; and it has been speculated that Micheal will receive this award again this year



Micheal Williams

Micheal has displayed great promise. His ability to call plays and set up tactical maneuvers at the spur of a moment when the Tigers are in a tight spot has set Micheal out from the crowd.

After graduating in May of '69, Micheal plans to attend either Laney College in Oakland, California or Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; where he will major in Physical Education. Micheal's only comment is, "Regardless to what college he attends, he plans to continue his career in football."

Track Team Begins Training For Season

The Thomas A. Levy track team have begun training for another season. Everyone at Levy have their fingers crossed wishing for another successful year; for the Tigers have won six consecutive district meets and in the past four years they have finished second or third in zone and state competition; tying and setting new records in track and field.

The '68 track team set a record for high schools by running a sprint medley relay in the record time of 1:33.3 and from all known records this is the fastest high school time in the nation. The mile relay team AA classification was the best in the state and among the best time in the state and among the best in the nation

with a 3:23.8 time. In the past the Tigers have won more than their share of trophies in dashes, relays, and field events; on district, state and zone level.

Ray Thymes, the captain of the track team had the fastest time in the 440 yard dash in all levels of state competition in 1968. His



Ray Thymes

time was 48.9. There were many other outstanding individuals who made others in the state refer to the track team as supermen from Levy. Among these are Roy Thymes, Ray's twin who is one tenth of a second slower with a 49.0 flat in the 440 yard dash, Willie Edwards the winner of the shot put and runner of the third leg in the mile relay, Russell Hill the winner of the 880 dash in state AA and ran second leg in the mile relay; other members that made the Tigers outstanding in track meets during the year were Jerome Edwards, Larry Harris, Donald Truscilar, Elton Anderson, and Curtis Walls.

The team is coached by Mr. John Dickerson, who has done a magnificent job preparing his boys for competition week after week. Talking with coach Dickerson, he is confident that his boys will perform with the same splendor in '69 as in '68.

It is indeed a great honor for us to give our appreciation to Coach Dickerson and his track team for the success they have brought to Thomas A. Levy.

French Club Meets

Le Cercle Francais has met once during the 1968-69 session. The purpose of the French Club is to study about French culture and history.

The officers are as follows:
Lee Butler, III — President
Sarah Scott — Vice President
Theresa Nero — Secretary
Diane Smith — Treasurer
Ethel Yeates, Ginger Smith — Journalists

In the first meeting a panel



Here are the eight high stepping majorettes of T. A. Levy High on their way to practice. The girls from left to right, top row are: Deborah Martin, Harriet McCoy, Evelyn Dunbar, Patricia Collar, and Carolyn Wesley. Bottom row left to right Sadie Dorsey, Hannah Guillard, and Ethel Washington.

consisting of Ethel Washington, Marcell Collar, Marion Crump, Donna Christmas, and Evelyn Dunbar discussed Normandy, a region and former province of North Western France. In the meetings as much French is spoken as is possible. The students recite the prayer in French, the president carries on the meeting partly in French and the French national anthem La Marseillaise is sung.

The club plans to go to Louisiana State University, and visit the language laboratory this session. Last year we visited the laboratory at Southern University.

The club has adopted a uniform. It is yellow sweat shirts and navy blue skirts with a French patch or emblem on the sweat shirt.

The senior members of the club are preparing a project for the club. They have purchased dolls and are in the process of dressing the dolls in authentic native costumes of others lands.

They are:
Hannah Guillard — France
Carolyn Wesley — Hawaii
Deborah Martin — Arabia
Ethel Yeates — Spain
Joyce Bessix — United States
Ethel Washington — Afro American

Joyceyn Poole — Japan
Theresa Nero — Africa
Linda Dorsey — Mexico
Lydia Truscilar — Eskimo
Evelyn Dunbar — Dutch
Patricia Collar — China

Thomas A. Levy Student Council At Work

The student council of Thomas A. Levy is represented by students from grades 1-12. The officers for the 1968-69 school year are:

Burnell Hill, Jr. — President
Donald W. Thymes — Vice-Pres
Donnell Scott — Treasurer
Debra Anderson — Fin. Secty
Monica Martin — Rec. Secty
Julia Little — Chaplain
Rinnie Brown & Henry Davis — Reporters

Objectives:

1. To promote leadership, self-control, self discipline and self-expression among students, and to maintain a close understanding and co-operation between administration, faculty and students.
2. To keep students aware of administrative policies.
3. To keep students aware of the importance of educational achievements.

The project chosen by the student council for this school year is to provide more educational and recreational activities for Thomas A. Levy.

The habit of being uniformly considerate toward others will bring increased happiness to you. As you put into practice the qualities of patience, punctuality, sincerity, and solicitude, you will have a better opinion of the world about you.

—Grenville Kleiser



Business Club Is Organized on Campus

The Business Club was organized on October 11, 1968. The purposes of the club are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive business leadership
2. To create more understanding and interest in choosing business occupations.
3. To strengthen the confidence of members in themselves and their work.
4. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

5. To encourage improvement in scholarship and promote school loyalty.
6. To encourage and practice thrift.

The club consists of students who are enrolled in business classes.

The following officers were elected for the following school session of 1968-69.

Linda Poole — President
Theresa Nero — Vice-President
Harriet McCoy — Secretary
Diane Smith — Asst. Sec.
Hilda Williams — Treasurer
Ginger Smith — Parliamentarian
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The Tigers lost a few great players to graduation last year, but the remaining ones had the experience to keep up the pace and help out the rookies. Leaving the team were four superb and outstanding players. These were Claude Fowler, a great defensive player, Chester Harrell, a player who brought the team out of many tight spots, Curtis Butler,

a player with a thundering bat, and Burnell Hill, one of the ace pitchers and the most valuable player. The remaining boys know that these vacant holes must be filled to spring back to the top.

There will be a big change on defense for the Tigers. The outstanding left-fielder, James Harrell, will move into the catching spot. Donald Hawkins, who held the job formerly, will squeeze into shortstop, replacing Claude Fowler. William Wiley will take on third base for Chester Harrell. Second base will have to be contested between Allen Long, Jerry Fowler, and Ernest Fowler. The players who will take over the vacant spots are capable of filling them.

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Coach Ellis will have to select one of two candidates to handle first base. Both are fine players. This spot is just as important as any other, and either one of the two, Willie Scott and Alvin Brown are capable players.

The boys are very anxious to continue where they left off last year which makes it better. This means their confidence is very high and they know they have a lot going for them. The season should be better than last year.

Chronological Outline
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food, but to her school came girls from Boston, Philadelphia and New York. A vagrancy law under which outsiders might be given ten lashes on their bare backs was invoked against the students, but abolitionists put up bonds for them. Connecticut then passed a law against the establishment of Negro schools which she refused to obey. She was arrested and convicted and when, on appeal, the highest state court dismissed the conviction on a technicality, a mob broke all the windows of the school.

1843 Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) began her anti-slavery oratory. Itinerant preacher, lecturer, women's rights worker, humanitarian and singer, Sojourner Truth, born in slavery, freed by the New York State Emancipation Act of 1827, although most of her children were sold into slavery, addressed anti-slavery and women's rights meetings throughout the country facing hostility and danger. She helped Union soldiers, freedmen, and Republican candidates.

1860 Sit-in movement begun at five-and-dime store in Greensboro, N.C. by four students from North Carolina A. & T. College, quickly spread to many Southern states.

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Clifton R. Wharton appointed Ambassador to Norway. **James B. Parsons**, first Negro appointed to federal district court, U.S.

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