

CONCORDIA PARISH



TRAINING SCHOOL

Tigers

Relative to the History of Black Schools in Vidalia, Louisiana

Reported by Josephine Sanders Webster

February, 2018

The following history was given through several verbal accounts, to the best recollection of those supplying information:

The name Concord High School is rooted within the former Concordia Parish Training School. The name change took place after the 1968-1969 school term. Concordia Parish Training School in the early 1930's accommodated only grades first through fifth. Later during this era, however, grades six through twelve were added. Even though the grade levels had increased to twelfth grade, students were able to get a certificate to teach after eighth grade.

Some of the early administrators and teachers follow:

<u>Name – Position</u>	<u>Race</u>
Mr. J. Burris – Superintendent	white
Mr. Leonard Harris – Principal	“colored”
Ms. Susie M. Shorter – Principal	“colored”
Mr. Frazier – Principal	“colored”
Mrs. Ruth Bowman Crockett – Principal	“colored”

(All teachers were “colored.”)

Mrs. Thelma Davis Brown – Teacher

Mrs. Viola Jacobs – Teacher

Mrs. Ruby Taylor Harris – Teacher

Ms. Winnbush Johnson – Teacher
(wife of Mr. Samuel Johnson)

Ms. Maude Brooks – Teacher

Ms. Ruby Davis – Teacher

Mrs. Alberta Miller Wilson – Teacher
(wife of Steve Wilson, uncle of the late Sammy Davis, Jr., former Ferriday mayor)

Mr. Ruffin Paul – Band Teacher

Ms. Underwood – Teacher
(native of Arcadia)

Ms. Ethel Lee – Teacher
(for a brief period)

Ms. Dorothy Mason – Teacher

Mrs. Marie Williams Cubie – Teacher

Mr. Fredric “Papa Lloyd” Lloyd – Industrial Arts Teacher

Mrs. Georgia Lloyd Harris – Teacher

School colors for Concordia Parish Training School and Concord High School were blue and gold.

CAT

OF

55



Published By
THE STUDENTS and FACULTY
OF THE
CONCORDIA PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL
VIDALIA, LOUISIANA



The 1955 "Cat" bids you to come aboard the Luxury Liner, "C.P.T.S."

Let us take a look into the ship's log and see the things that occurred during the year's cruise.

Setting out to sea, September 6, 1954, The "S.S.C.P.T.S." and her crew have seen many things happen that they never want to forget. We hope that those who came aboard for their first cruise will treasure it as a memorable part of their lives and that the remaining miles of this cruise be ever remembered by the seniors.

Dedication

We, the seniors of '55, dedicate our annual to our parents, whose loving-kindness, patience, and guidance have given us a forward look in our studies and helped us throughout our high school career.

Mrs Myrtis Bailey

Mr & Mrs Claiborne Barksdale

Mr & Mrs Noah Brown

Mrs Mary Dailey

Mrs Anna R. Eldridge

Mr & Mrs Sam Ellis

Mr & Mrs Joseph Hagans

Mr & Mrs Robert Hagans

Mr & Mrs Sylvester Jenkins

Mr & Mrs Hiram Thomas

Mr & Mrs John Turner

Mrs Mary Williams

Mrs Katie Williams

Faculty



Mrs. E.B. Crockett
(Principal)



Mr. F.A. Aldridge
(Eng. & Meth.)
(Coach)



Mrs. R.T. Buckner
(Eighth Grade)



Mrs. S.B. Thompson
(First Grade)



Miss M. L. Jones
(Second Grade)



Miss F. M. Lee
(Fourth Grade)



Mrs. H. M. Green
(Fifth & Sixth Grade)



Miss T. Donnan
(Sixth & Seventh Grade)



Mrs. Arlie Haro
(Third Grade)

P.T.A.
President's Message

It is the sentiment of every P.T.A. member that I voice when I say that we congratulate everyone who participated in making this 1955 annual a success.

Such an achievement will serve as a hoard of wonderful memories to the students who, after many years in the future, can turn the pages of this annual with pride and relive their good old school days at Concordia Parish Training School. Let this annual, at present, be a crystal ball and see if you can see the future of every person whose picture appears in it. Then in years to come use this annual as a yardstick to measure your accuracy and progress of each one in it.

May success be yours.



Mrs. Irma Allen
(President)

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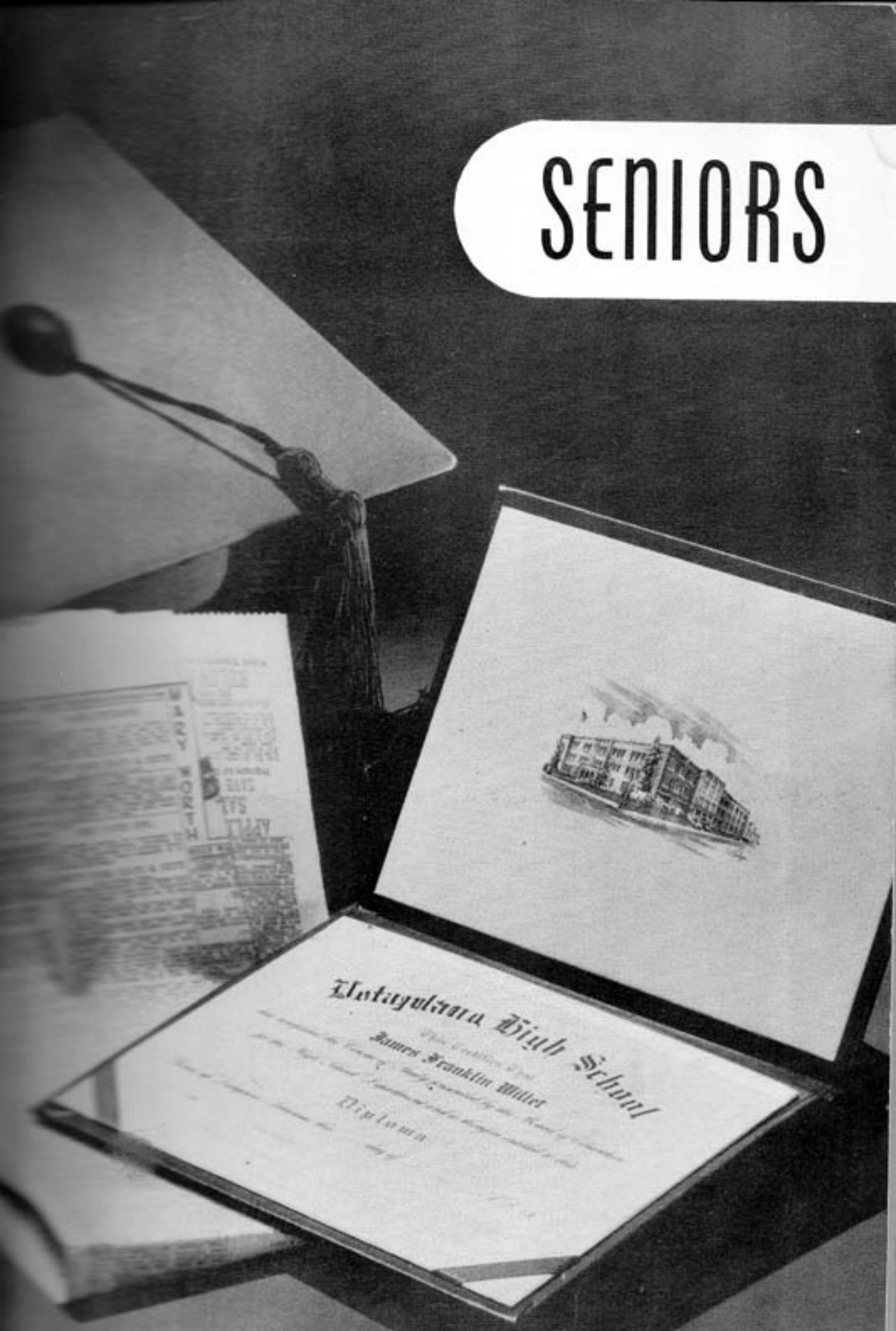


Miss Mildred Roberson
(Assistant Home Demonstration Agent)

Kitchen
Workers
Left
Mrs. Varler
Right
Mrs. McCoy
Center
Mrs. Turner



SENIORS





Archie Hagen



Leonard Brown



Authur Mayberry



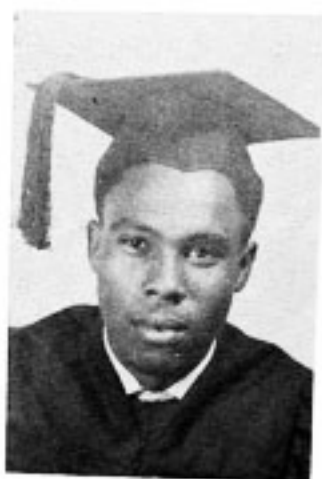
Rosetta Thomas



Alberta Darbin



Creola Hagan



Edward Marshall



Helen Ellis



John H. Turner



Margie Nell Scott.



Sylverter Jenkins



Danice Franklin



Deloris Rubin

UNDERCLASSMEN

A black and white photograph of a desk. In the background, several books are standing upright. From left to right, their spines are labeled: 'The Crusades in England', 'ART THROUGH THE AGES' by GARDNER, 'THE OUTLINE OF HISTORY' by WELLS (marked 'NEW AND REVISED'), 'World's Greatest Literature', and 'A TALE OF TWO CITIES' by Dickens. To the left of the books is a straw boater hat with a dark band. In the foreground, an open book lies flat, showing a map on the left page and text on the right. A pair of pince-nez glasses rests on the right page. A pen is partially visible at the bottom left corner.

25 Juniors



Josephine Sanders
Napoleon Mosby
Johnnye Warner



Ruby White
Johnnie Vantree



Anderson Smith
Yvonne Kennedy



Ulla Washington
Charles Hagans
Dossia Washington



Shirley Jackson
Clifton Demby
Virgie Baker



Leola Bell
Bennie Bowman



Willie Singleton
Mildred Washington



Jimmie Green
Louise Hagans
Willie White

Sophomores



Velma Hagan
Murphy Smith
Bertha Kennedy
Winston Baker



Lula Bowman
James Sanders
Ruby Lee McCoy
Fredrick Pier



Catherine Woodside
Robert Whittley
Tommye Davis
Joe Louis Hagans



Virta M. Smith
Archie James
Lucy Washington
Tom Kegler

Freshmen



Arthur Dillon
Thelma Johnson
Lula Turner
Melvin Demby



Joyce Goffin
Glinda Thomas
Dorothy Vaughns



Jerrigeen Moore
Everlina Lyles
Mary Moore



Thomas Griffin
Ruth Gray
Juanita Fisher
Vernell Thomas



Don Snyder
Azalee Small
Edna Turner
Charles Mitchell



Josie Wells
Mary Burden
Maude Woodside
Betty Hooper



Clarence Barksdale
Gladys Cubie
Dora Clemons
Willie Emery



Levi Slacks
Bertha Cage
Emma Costin
Clarence Lee

Grade

8



James Baker
Maxine Allen
Deloris Brown
Lucien Snyder



Rose M. Baker
Carlorin Lewis
Consella Johnson



Catherine Duncan
Dorothy William
Willora Williams



Ethel M. Watkins
Shirley Williams
Rhoda Scott

Mrs. Ruby T. Buckner
(Instructor)



Grades 6 & 7



Fredrick James
Doris Polk
Bertha Carter
Robert Hagans



John L. Myles
Glouise Davis
Juanita Riley
Elijah Williams



Mack Morris
Irma J. White
Barbara J. Turner
Annie H. Scott



Dave Jones
Thelma Duncans
Elouise Demby
William Jackson



Clarence Rambo
Dorothy Arrington
Lynnie Turner
Emanuel Walker

Grades 5 & 6



Charles Demby
Gloria Nathaniel
Earnestine Hagan
Wilton Eldridge



Snetville Polk
Catherine Matthews
Charles Emery



James Williams
Thelma Lewis
Gloria Allen
Howard Henderson



Terrance Baker
Maude E. Moore
Lillian Baker



Michel Jones
Rosie Small
Cora Hagans
Frank Flemings

Grade 4



P.T. Jackson
Gloria Ezell
Jerrydine Smith
Hayes Cheffen



Authur Perkins
Rosie Arrington
Lilly Thomas
Henry Thomas



Clarence Arrington
Barbara Singleton
Ida Bell Hawkins
Roosevelt Turner



Annis Harris
Johnnie Vaughns
Oliver Blackwell
Nathan Stelly

Grade

4



Frank Wells
Edna Demby
Juanita Lewis
James Thomas



Elmo Chiffen
Gloria Davis
Marion Young
James Flemington



Jake Baker
Evelyn Henderson
Johnnie White
Rose Johnson



James Wilson
Willie Singleton
Shirley Trust
Samuel Jenkins

Grade 3



Bennie Scott
Dianne Burns
Mildred Arrington
Carol Baker



James Taylor
Martha Ellis
Joyce Green
Lincoln Bell



Johnnie Small
Aldridge Brown
Loretta Thibideaux
Andrew Webster



Thelma Thomas
Luella Glover
Doris Jones
Willie Flagge



Robert Williams
Majorie Minor
Eddie Snyder

Grade 2



Andrew Smith
Lorenza Brown
Maude Minor
Donald Johnson



George Sanders
Matilda Arrington
Ethel M. Bowman



Jonas Williams
Willie White
Peggy Ann Polk



Larry Davis
Joyce Smith
Arlene Kennedy
Herbert Williams

Grade 2



Oliver Richard
Patricia Smith
Fred Brown



Gloria Scott
Theresa Demby
Evelyn Watkins



Roberta Lewis
Maurice Williams
Johnnie Scott



Gloria Singleton
Joseph Bowman
Sarah Turner



Bingham Green, Jr.

Grade 1



Clifford Payne
Aretha Eldridge
Carolyn Brown
Nathaniel Williams



James Singleton
Shirley Clemons
Marolyn Snyder
Taft D. Webster



Elizabeth Goffner
Sarah Barnes
Gloria Richard
Mary Dunaway



Floyd William
Elnora Montgomery
Luberta Ellis
Wilbert Jackson



Mrs. Sadie B. Thompson
(Instructor)

Grade 1



Leonard Bowman
Margaret Dotson
Shirley Clemons
Helen Boyd



Rochella Roland
Leonard Turner
Lucille McCoy
Michael Hagan



Jonas Swanson
Marilyn Brown
Johnnie Yearby
Gloria Williams



Lois Celestine
Edward White
Doris Thomas
Arthur Bates



Bertha Brown
Hattie Garrison
Elarine Thomas
Madeline Sauls

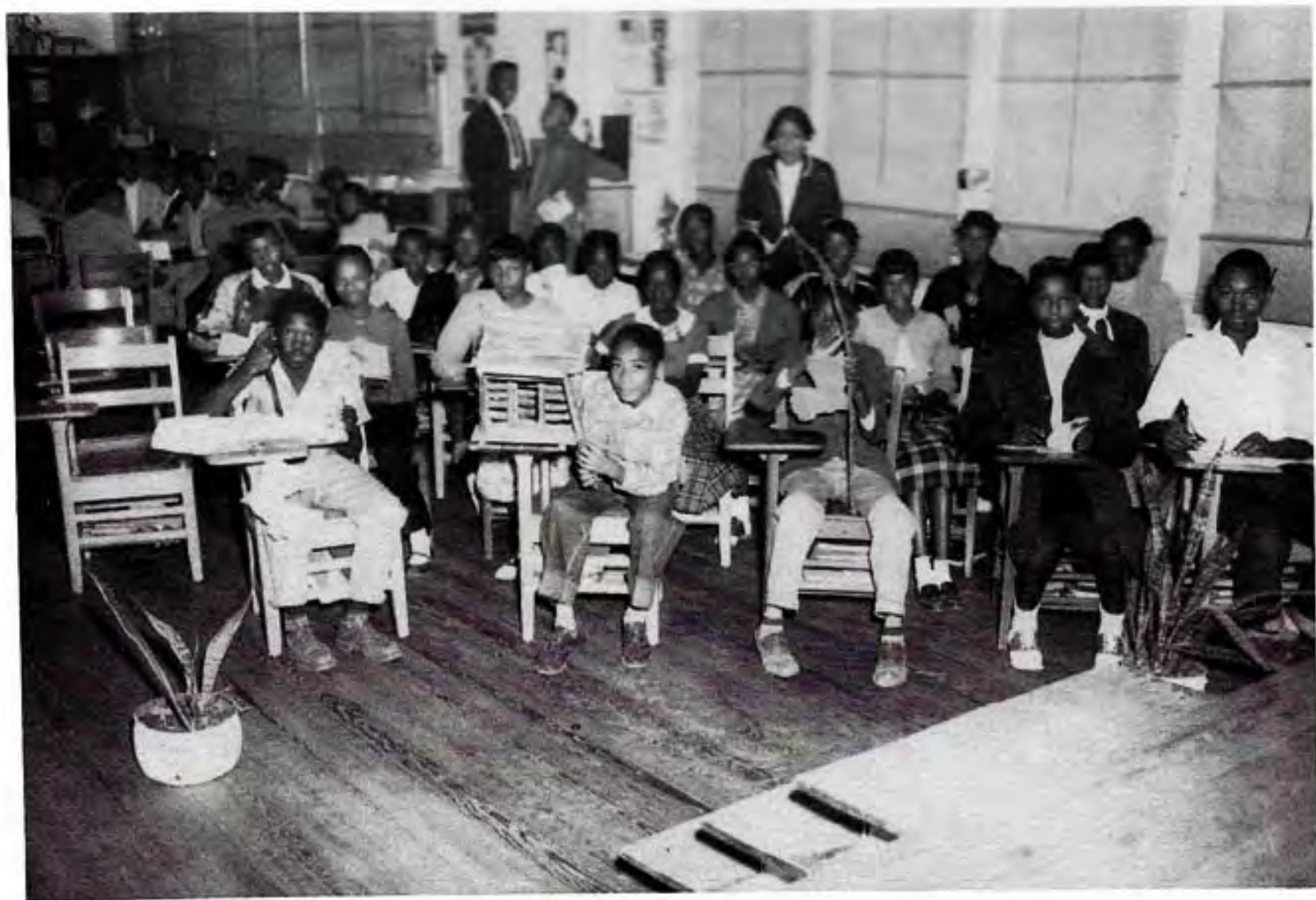


Fourth Grade Class Room
Mrs. Florence M. Lee (Instructor)



Second Grade Class Room
Miss Mary L. Jones (Instructor)

History Group In Action
Mrs. Ruby T. Buckner, Instructor





Library Study Group
Mrs. Ruth B. Crockett, Principal, Supervising.



Archie Hagan
(Boy Most Likely to Succeed)



Rosetta Thomas
(Best Dress Girl)



Deloris Rubin
(Campus Sweet Heart)
(Most Athletic Girl)



Sylvester Jenkins
(Most Popular Boy)



John H. Turner
(Best Dress Boy)



Willie Singleton
(Most Courteous Boy)



Louisie Hagan
(Girl Most Likely
to
Succeed)



Clarence Barksdale
(Most Wittiest Boy)



Emma Margaret Costin
(Most Wittiest Girl)



Leonard Brown
(Most All Around Student
Most Athletic Boy)



Josephine Sanders
(Most Courteous Girl)



Tommye L. Davis
(Miss Personality)

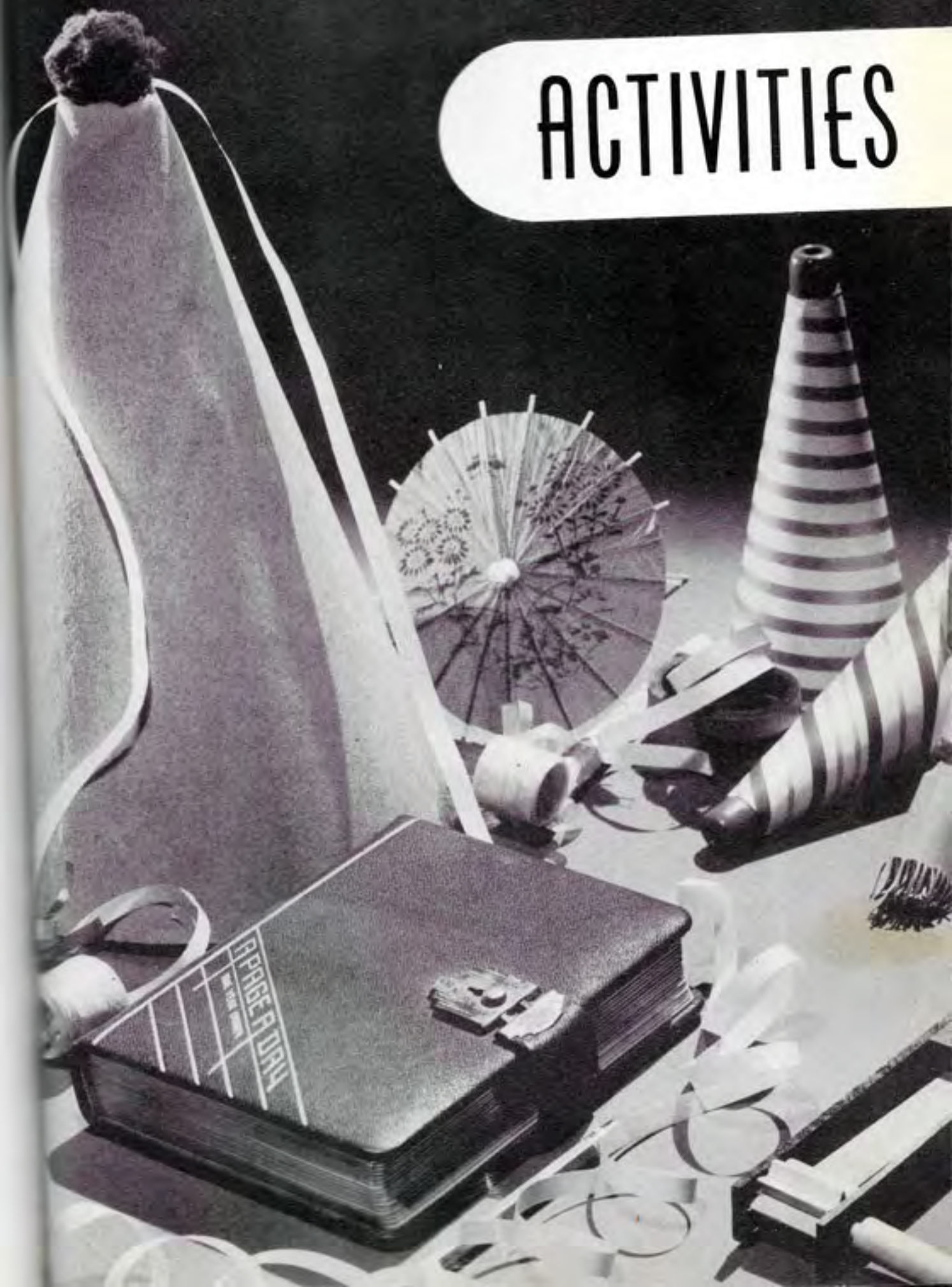


Charles Hagan
(Mr. Personality)



Velma Hagan
(Most Popular Girl)

ACTIVITIES



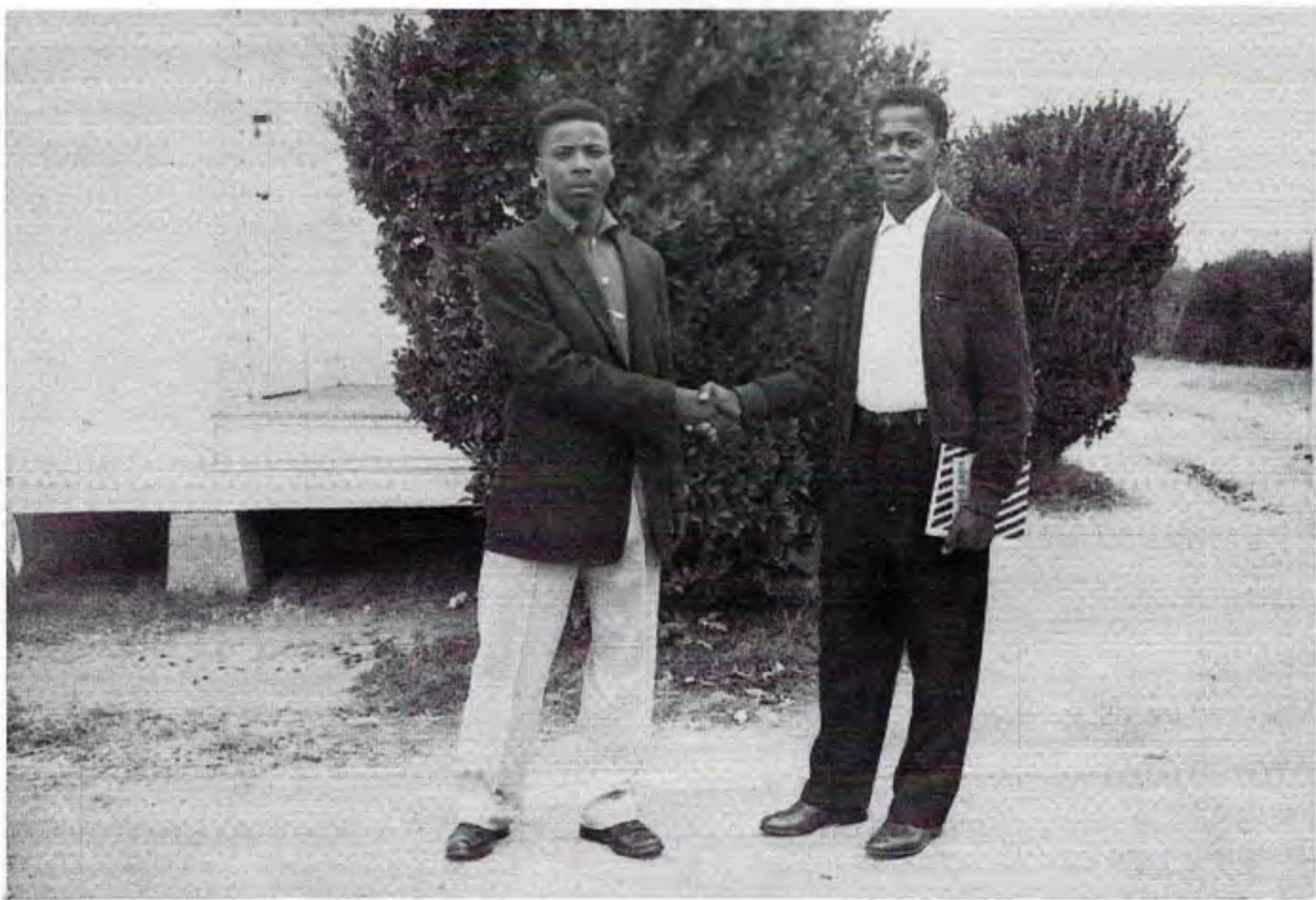


Piana
Student ~~Organists~~:

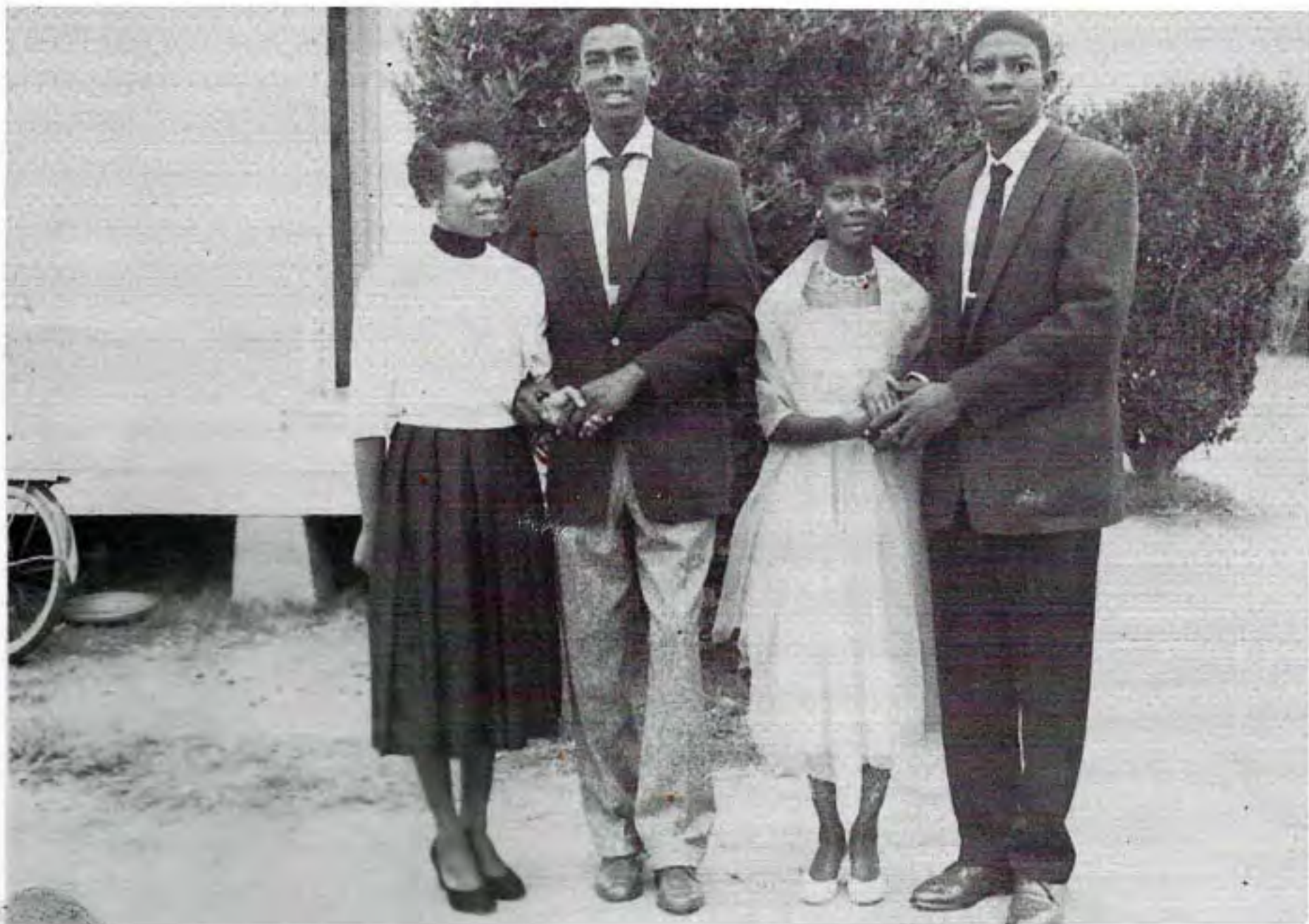
Velma Hagan (Seated)
Danice Franklin (Standing)



4H Club
Parish Representatives
Left to right- Joyce Goffins, Mary Moore, Nona M. Branch
and Margie Nell Scott.



Bayou Boys' State Representatives
Left to right- Leonard Brown and Archie Hagen



Left to Right:
Margie Nell Scott, First Naid and Sylvester Jenkins, Escort
Velma Hagan Hagan, Miss Concordia and John H. Turner, Escort.

ATHLETICS



CHEER LEADERS





Girls' Basketball Team

Kneeling left to right- Virta Smith, Yvonne Kennedy, Virgio Baker, Beatrice Smith, Dorothy Walker, Velma Hagan, Idella Felix, Doloris Rubin, Dorothy Williams and Helen Ellis

Boys' Basketball Team



Kneeling Left to Right: Theophilis Marshall, Charles Hagan, Napoleon Mosby, Willie Singleton, Johnnie Vantree, Authur Mayberry, Varnell Thomas, Sylvester Jenkins, Leonard Brown, Mr. F.A. Aldridge (Coach)

Compliments
from

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence King
Mr. & Mrs. Glasker Washington
Mrs. Clara Lee Clabion
Mrs. Corinne E. Todd
Mrs. Nellie Gailles
Mr. John V. Steed
First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade
Fourth Grade
Sixth & Seventh Grade
Eight Grade
Ninth Grade
Tenth Grade
Eleventh & Twelfth Grade
Fifth & Sixth Grade
Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Hagan
Mr. Johnnie Myles
Mrs. Joe Pasternack

Good Luck Seniors

Compliments of
The Raven Club



THE RAVEN CLUB
Vidalia, Louisiana

Seated left to right: Raven Bingham Green, Raven Carter Buckner, Raven Sam Foster, Raven Frank Aldridge,
Standing left to right: Raven Joe Hagan, Raven Willie Allen, Raven Claiborne Barksdale, Raven George Moore, Raven Willie January, and Raven Robert Williams





Concordia Parish Training School
Vidalia, LA
Class of 1934

State of Louisiana

High School Diploma

This Certifies That

Kathy Brown

has satisfactorily completed the required units of High School work assigned from the State High School Course of Study prescribed by the Louisiana State Board of Education. As an evidence of scholastic attainments and good character we therefore award this Diploma as a testimonial of graduation from the Concord

High School, a State-Approved Senior High School of Louisiana.

Given this 18th day of May A. D. 1969

Approved

August D. Smith

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Ruth B. Crockett



State of Louisiana



Grade

C

Class

2

Department of Education

State Approved Training School
DIPLOMA

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Mary Jones

has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study required by the State.
As evidence of scholastic attainments and good character this Diploma
is awarded as a testimonial of graduation from *Concordia Parish*
Training School at *Vidalia* Louisiana.

Given this *4th* day of *May* 193*4*.

Approved

A. C. Lewis
J. H. Harris

State Agent of Schools for Negroes

State Superintendent of Public Education

John Dale

President Parish School Board

J. B. Burns

Superintendent Parish Schools

C. H. Cady

Principal

