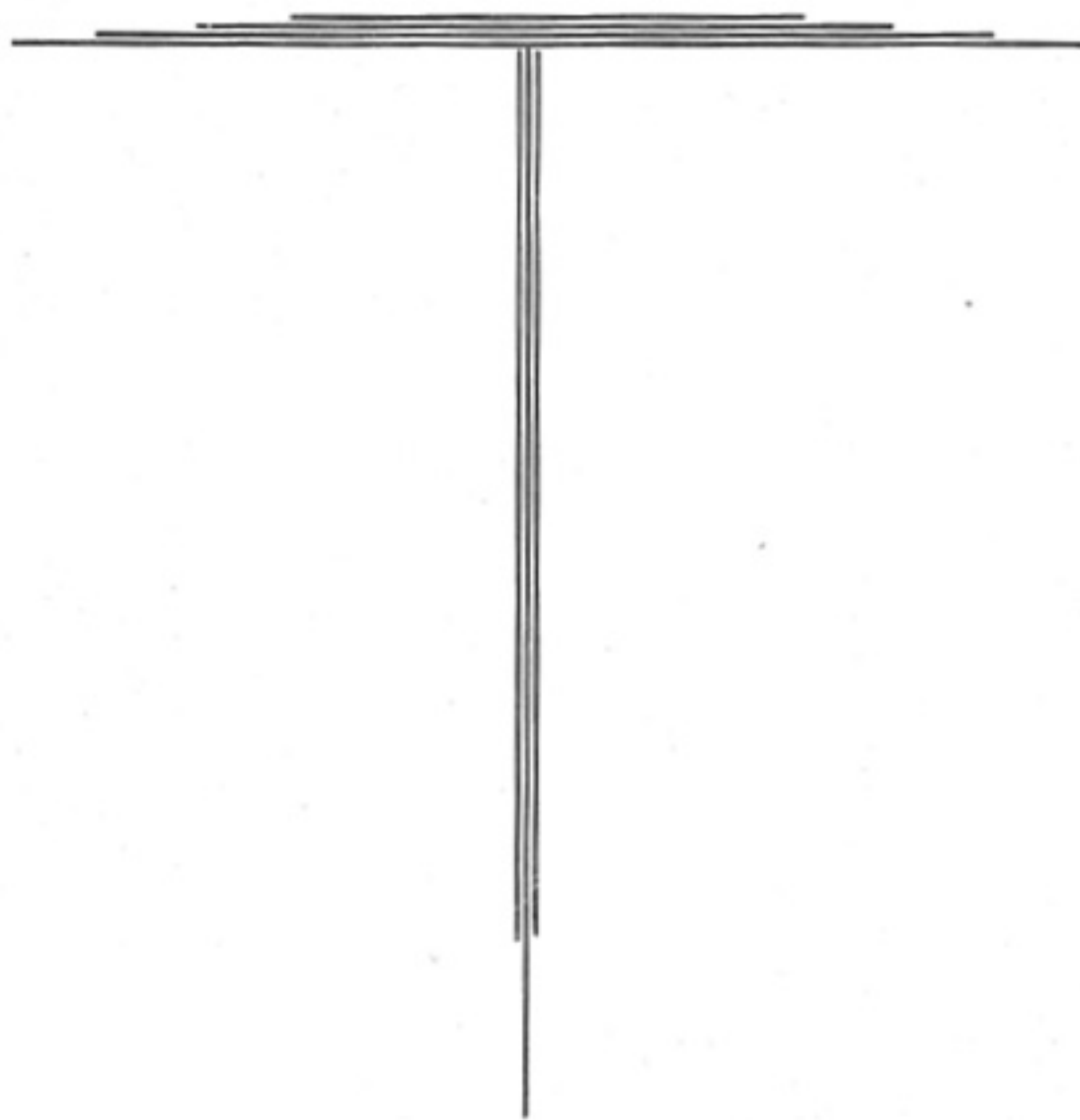


# *The Mirror*



# *Dedication*

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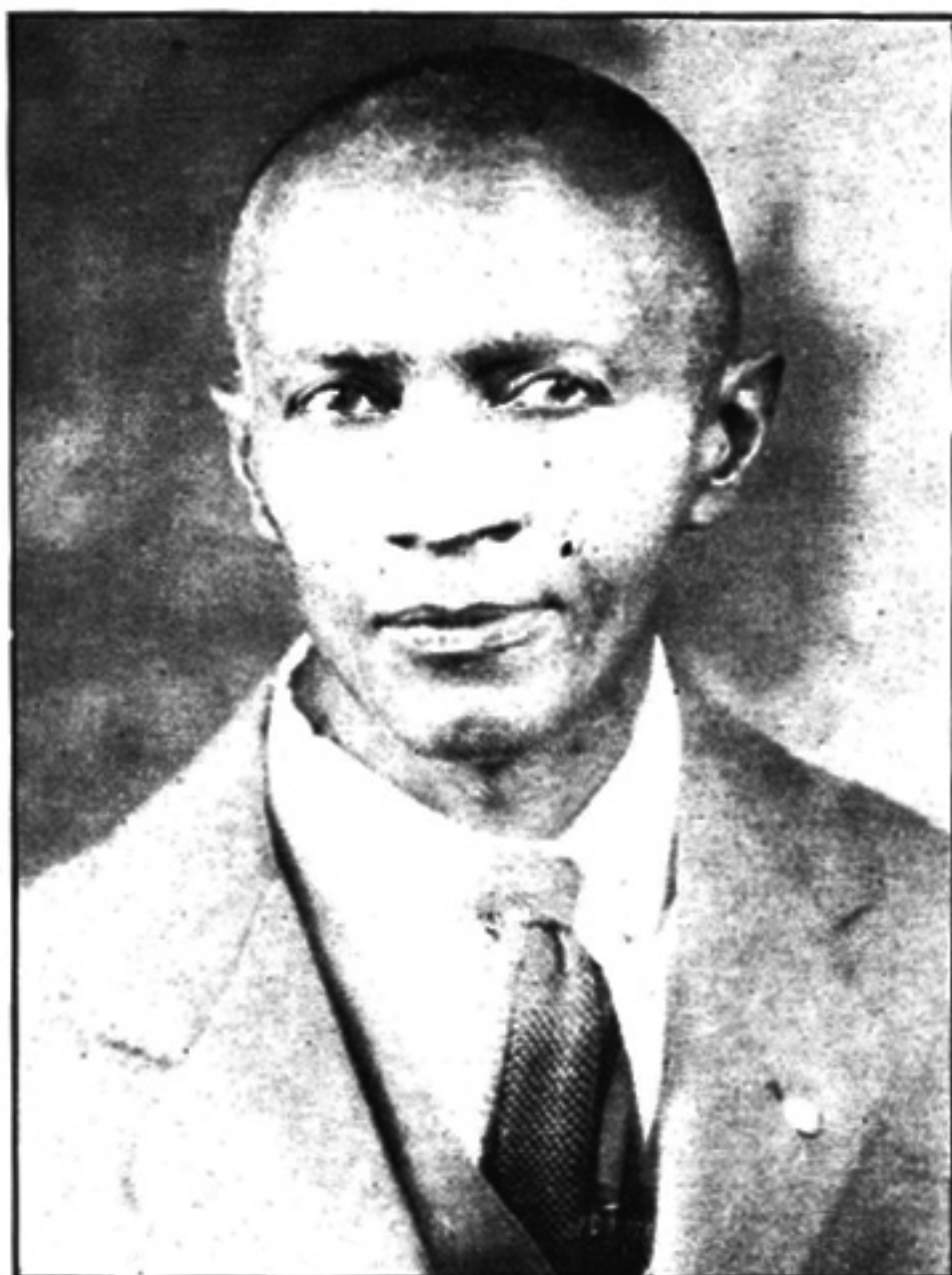
Superintendent E. A. LEE and Prof. J. W. THOMAS, the well known, well thought of and honest educators whose characters have influenced so many who have been associated with them. As friends of the school they have devoted their services so that we might have the highest possible development along educational lines.

Prof. Thomas' ever thoughtfulness of our welfare has inspired us. He stands before us as one of the greatest inspirers the Negro race has ever known.

It is to these two persons we respectfully dedicate our first volume of, "THE MIRROR."



SUPERINTENDENT E. A. LEE



**PROF. J. W. THOMAS**

*Principal Emeritus of Natchitoches Parish Training School*

# Foreword

With great enthusiasm to produce a greater Natchitoches Parish Training School; to portray every phase of school life and activity, during the school year of nineteen hundred thirty-nine and nineteen hundred and forty, we offer this publication, "THE MIRROR."

## THE MIRROR STAFF

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To our advisor, MISS HARRIET A. ROBINSON, we thank you for your assistance and enthusiasm.

*The Staff*

# *The Mirror*

## *History and Development of* NATCHITOCHE PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL

In the Year 1912, a committee of Negro citizens headed by Prof. J. W. Thomas bought a portion of land located on Jackson Square in the city of Natchitoches, for the purpose of erecting a school building for Negro boys and girls.

When in 1913, the building, a frame structure having three rooms, was completed, the citizens celebrated the opening of the school which they named Lincoln Institute, with dedicatory exercises.

The school, under the leadership of a faculty composed of three members, struggled along through the years with high hopes and aspirations.

In the year of 1919 the trustees of the Lincoln Institute deeded the property which served as a site for the School to the Parish School Board. Another room was added to the structure, and another teacher employed. In 1925 a new seven room structure was erected by the Parish School Board with the aid of the Rosenwald Fund, additional teachers were added bringing the total to nine, and high school work was begun.

Gradual and steady progress was made by the school, and in 1935 there was the addition of a work shop and its grounds.

This, by no means, marked the end of the school progress, for in 1938 the Parish School Board, with the assistance of the Public Works Administration, erected a \$50,000 frame structure. The building houses the administration offices and the elementary school.

The additional building and an increase in the student body necessitated an increased faculty, and additions which brought the total to twenty, were made, and in 1939, two instructors, including an agricultural instructor were added. The classroom instruction is in accord with modern trends in education.



MRS. MAGGIE L. ALDRIDGE

A. B. in Education

Southern University

*Supervisor of Negro Schools in  
Natchitoches Parish*

### *The Changing Educational Scene*

Gradually but surely the educational offerings for Negroes in Natchitoches Parish are approaching the desirable standard. Each year a change for the better is noticeable along many lines—buildings, length of term, curricula, and professional improvement of teachers.

Five years ago there were 68 schools in the parish—52 one-teacher, 11 two-teacher, 4 three-teacher, and one eleven-teacher. Today through consolidation and enlargement of teaching staff in a few schools we have 65 schools in the parish—38 one-teacher, 13 two-teacher, 10 three-teacher, 2 four-teacher and one twenty-two-teacher school. Four years ago 31 schools were taught in churches, 4 in old halls, 1 in an old house, and 31 in some kind of school building. Today 23 schools are taught in churches, one in an old hall, and 41 in school buildings.

The total number of teachers employed five years ago was 97, today there are 125; length of school term, 6 months in rural areas and 8 months for the training school. Today we have 7 months in rural schools and 9 months for the training school.

Teachers holding first grade certificates and above five years ago number 64, and those holding second 33; today those holding first grade, 96; having degrees, 26; second grade, 3.

This brief sketch of what is taking place educationally in Natchitoches parish is sufficient to show that the trend is definitely upward and the outlook brighter than at any time in the history of Negro education in the parish.

M. L. ALDRIDGE.





**MRS. AMELIA LEWIS**  
Southern University, B. S.  
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Mrs. Lewis has been a great assistance to the Home-Makers in the entire parish. Her work has received recognition throughout the entire state of Louisiana.

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*School Physician*

Natchitoches Parish Training School has a very definite Health Program for the benefit of its students. This Health Program is conducted under the direction of Dr. Johnson. All of the students are given thorough physical examinations at regular intervals during the school term.





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Motto: *"Always Prepared"*

Class Flowers: *Ferns and Carnations*

Class Colors: *Pea-green and Pink*

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 Pauline Bullard  
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 Upperton L. Hurts  
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Coach

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### OFFICERS

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Motto: *"Our Journey Has Just Begun"*

Class Flowers: *Rose Buds and Fern*

Class Colors: *Old Rose and Silver*

### CLASS ROLL

RUBY ATHANESE	MANDY HARRIS
ERNEST BAILEY	STEVE JACKSON
ROSA M. BEO	MYRTIS JONES
SPIZETTE BURTON	RICHARD LARKINS
THEDDEUS BURTON	LEONARD LLORENS
DORETHA DICKENS	EVELYN MELTON
FRANCIS EDWARDS	ARTHUR METOYER
JAMES H. FRIEDMAN	JAMES MORGAN
CATHERINE GIBSON	MILLIE MAE MOODY
CELIA GOINS	BEULAH NEWSOME
DOROTHY GOINS	EARL ROCQUE
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PROF. J. B. BRITTON	.....	<i>Sponsors</i>

Motto: *"This Far and Farther."*

Class Flowers: *Carnations*

Class Colors: *Purple and White*

### CLASS ROLL

DORTHY B. ALEE	EMILY HARRISON	DOROTHY MANUEL
RUTH ANTEE	LODIE HARRISON	ELSIE NADORS
BERNIE BALTHAZAR	CLEO JACOBS	JOHNNIE NASH
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## Freshman Class

(Section II)

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Motto: *"Not Merely to Exist but to Amount to something in Life"*

Class Colors: *Blue and White*

Class Flowers: *Sweet Peas*

### CLASS ROLL

AUDREY BAILEY  
HELEN BALTHAZAR  
CARRIE L. BAPTISTE  
OLIS E. BAPTISTE  
LUCILLE CARTER  
THERESA CONANT  
CLYDIA MAE CONLEY  
CLEO DAVIS  
ELAINE GOINS  
INEZ HALL  
LILLIE MAE JOHNSON  
DOROTHY LAWRENCE

NETTIE LAW  
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BERNADINE METOYER  
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IONA NORA  
LELIA PIERSON  
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Motto: *"The End Is Not Yet"*

Class Flowers: *Sweet Peas*

Class Colors: *Pink and White*

### CLASS ROLL

MILLISON ANTEE  
 NORA L. BAXTON  
 EDITH BURTON  
 ROSA LEE CARTER  
 LEE ANNA CLARK  
 CLARA PEARL CASSON  
 CORA L. COUNTY  
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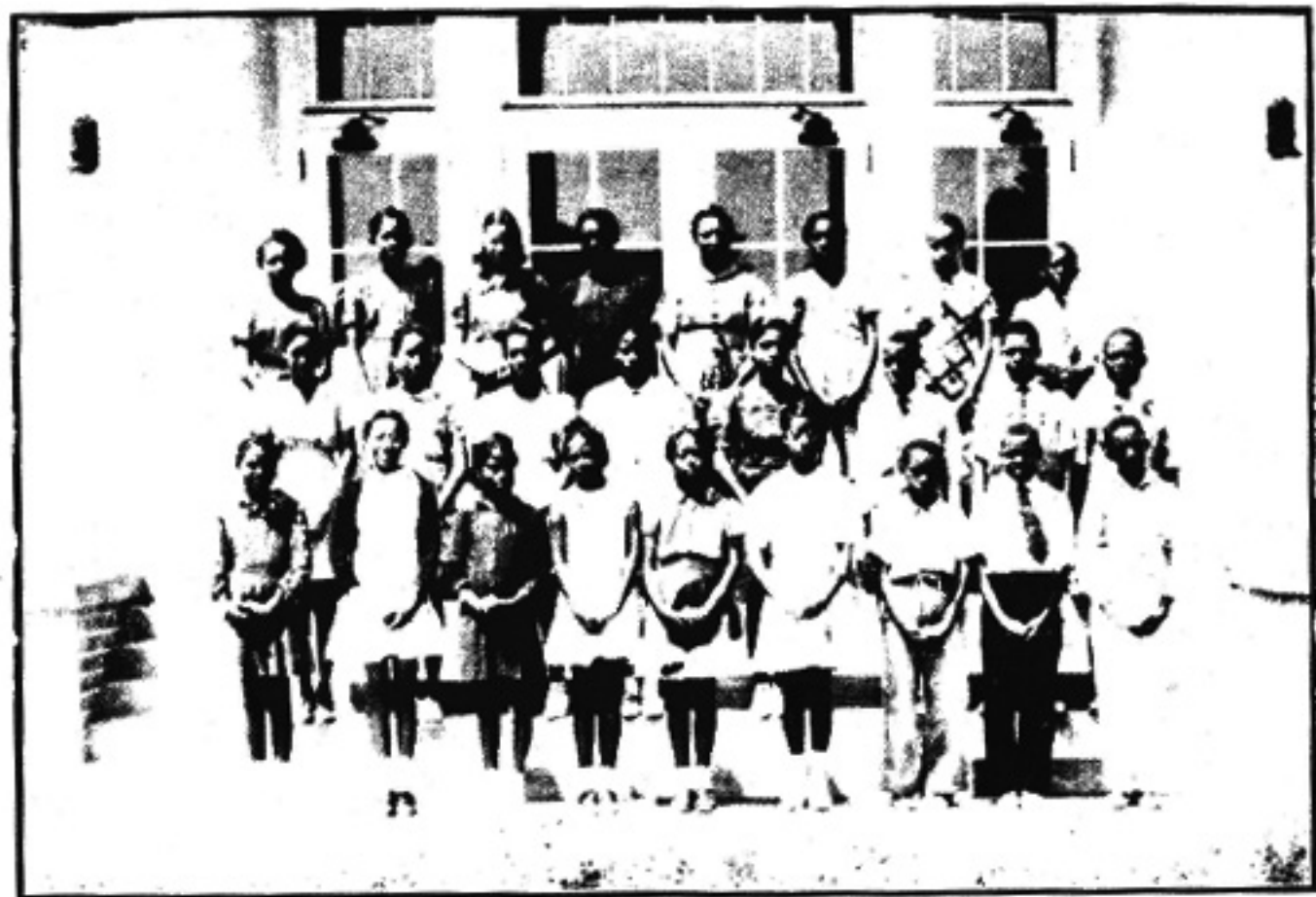
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Motto: *"Don't Say You Can't"*

Class Colors: *White and Blue*

### CLASS ROLL

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Sixth Grade Class





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MISS E. FARRAR, PROF. J. W. THOMAS	.....	<i>Instructors</i>

Motto: *"Ever Onward"*

Class Flower: *Carnation and Fern*

### CLASS ROLL

James Antee  
 Briton Myrtis  
 Rodney Benjamin  
 Elwin Bousar  
 E. C. Boulton  
 Mildred Brown  
 Natlee Britter  
 Lloyd Calhoun  
 Marshall Crump  
 Otis Carter  
 David Caldwell  
 Emma Cofield  
 Rudolph Cornick  
 Lee Ethel Daniel  
 Beatrice Davis  
 Curtis Davis  
 Harry Evans  
 Louise Edwards  
 B. L. Edwards  
 H. P. French  
 Mary Foster  
 T. N. Foster  
 G. F. Flanagan  
 Marcelle Gibson  
 Gloria Graham

Freddie Guy  
 Nora Gibson  
 Mary Harris  
 Ida Lee Henry  
 Murphie Hayden  
 Robert Hall  
 Melvin Hayden  
 Floyd Hongo  
 Henry Heuy  
 Ethel Lee Holmes  
 S. Johnson  
 Irene Johnson  
 Lodie Johnson  
 Sybil Jackson  
 Lester Jones  
 Sam Jones  
 Cora Lee Listach  
 L. T. Logan  
 Vernon Linsey  
 Alma Lofton  
 R. D. Lewis  
 R. T. Lewis  
 Ruby Lee  
 Lelia Leaks  
 A. V. McGraffie

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 Vera Matthews  
 Emma Martin  
 E. L. Owens  
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 Tom Scott  
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 Cornelius Sampratt  
 Doris Strong  
 Arthur Smith  
 Leon Thomas  
 Charles Thomas  
 Doretha Thomas  
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 H. Washington  
 Mary Williams





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Motto: "Onward, Upward"

Class Colors: Maroon and Cream

Class Flowers: Sweetpeas

### CLASS ROLL

Gracie Adams  
George Bailey  
Bertha Benjamin  
Lincoln Benjamin  
Johnie Blunt  
Isiah Bishop  
Sam Blote  
M. Blote  
Melvin Blote  
B. Bloodsworth  
Nathaniel Brown  
Leola Carter  
Annie B. Charles  
David Charles  
Dorothy Clark  
Joe Clark  
Henry Collins  
M. Flanagan  
C. Frazier  
E. Garrett

Ollie Garrett  
R. F. Gardner  
Rosa Gibson  
Ernest Guy  
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Lillian Harris  
B. R. Jenkins  
L. Jones  
Vera Keys  
Olevia Lee  
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L. Mitchell  
Ora McClinton  
Georgia Manuel  
Elmore Newson  
Ela L. Owens  
Overton Owens  
Betty Pickens

Vera Twins  
V. L. Reymond  
James Robinson  
Mabel Robertson  
Leon Rudolph  
J. C. Rachell  
Bessie M. Scot  
Sarah Scot  
Dorothy Scott  
Junior Scott  
Essie Sims  
Rudolph Thomas  
Cymore Trotter  
Ruthie Turner  
M. C. Walker  
C. Washington  
Mary Washington  
Lee E. Winn  
C. Wright  
Mary Lee Wright



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 Alice Blout  
 Mary Blout  
 Freddie Boulton  
 Olevia Brown  
 Myrtis Bell  
 Joseph Bensent  
 Moise Bullard  
 Carmen Chaffers  
 Joe Clark  
 Andrew Cofield  
 Mary Carter  
 Pearl Carter  
 Lela Cesar  
 Edmond Collins  
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 Oscar Couzel  
 Alice Davis  
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 Alton Dixon  
 Alvin Duncantel  
 Jefferson Davis  
 Rosie Daniel  
 Carrie Evans

Frank Evans  
 Oscar Eclay  
 Ullar Flanagan  
 D. L. Frazier  
 Mary Freeman  
 Earline Franklin  
 Elmore Flannigan  
 Oviat Graham  
 Mary L. Goins  
 Margie Hoylen  
 Christine Hicks  
 Floristine Hicks  
 Thomas Hines  
 Wilber Hitower  
 Mildred Hollman  
 James Hopper  
 Frank Jones  
 Mildred Jones  
 Ola Mae Jones  
 Henry Johnson  
 Samuel Johnson  
 Alva Joseph  
 Nora Listach  
 Idella Larnett  
 Arthur Mezier

J. D. Moffett  
 Area Morris  
 Hampton Mathews  
 Purvis Monroe  
 M. C. McClinton  
 William Mitchell  
 Henry L. Nelson  
 Stella Nelson  
 J. C. Nash  
 Betty L. Office  
 Bennie Patterson  
 Charlie Pettie  
 Annie Pleasant  
 Ananias Quinns  
 Fanny Quinns  
 Mary Raymond  
 Charles Richard  
 Anna M. Rodgers  
 Evelean Slaughter  
 Willie D. Scott  
 Gladys Smith  
 James Smith  
 Charles E. Staples  
 Izzie Washington  
 Bessie Williams



## Second Grade Class

### OFFICERS

ELOISE WILLS .....	<i>President</i>
MABEL DIXON .....	<i>Secretary</i>
WALTER DUKES .....	<i>Treasurer</i>
MESDAMES N. COLLINS, C. JOHNSON .....	<i>Instructors</i>

Motto: "Onward, Upward"

Class Flower: *Rose*

Class Colors: *Green and Yellow*

### CLASS ROLL

Dorothy Adams  
Eunice Benjamin  
Maude Boldin  
James Blake  
Clyde Boulton  
J. C. Bowes  
Willie M. Brown  
Raymond Carter  
T. J. Carter  
Mable Chaffers  
Jesse Cofield  
Wilma Cofield  
Tarlee Cofield  
Mable L. Dixon  
Myrtis Dixon  
Walter Dukes  
Eloise Duncantel  
Henry Evans  
Ethel Flanagan  
Ethel Franklin  
Nora L. Fradiens  
Ernest Gipoon  
William Guy  
Roy Graham

Trumilla Graham  
Columbus Hardison  
Vernell Hart  
Jestina Hart  
Marjie Hayden  
Jimmie Hicks  
Jewell Joffey  
Marie Jenkins  
Vera Jenkins  
Willie P. Jones  
James Johnson  
Leon Johnson  
Floyd Jones  
Vernon Leon  
Norris Mitchell  
Jo Alice Mitchell  
Herbert Mitchell  
Emmett Mixon  
Ida Mae Patterson  
John B. Petite  
Johnnie Porter  
Annie P. Powell  
Lester Prudhome  
Armond Prudhome

Ella L. Prove  
Cora Lee Quinn  
Alice M. Robinson  
Ezekiel Robinson  
Henry C. Robinson  
Mary Robinson  
Orlington Sawyer  
Earlie Sawyer  
Dorothy Scott  
Alma Smith  
Esmer Smith  
Henry Smith  
Jenny V. Spencer  
Helen Thomas  
Ananias Twinus  
Ethel M. Washington  
Lillie M. Washington  
Arthur Welch  
Hattie L. White  
Peter White  
James White  
Eloise Wills  
Emma Williams  
Marguerite Wright



## First Grade Class

### OFFICERS

SUSIE OLELIA JONES	.....	<i>President</i>
PERCY FOSTER	.....	<i>Secretary</i>
YVONNE FARISH	.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
MESDAMES M. RICHARDSON, A. JACKSON	.....	<i>Instructors</i>

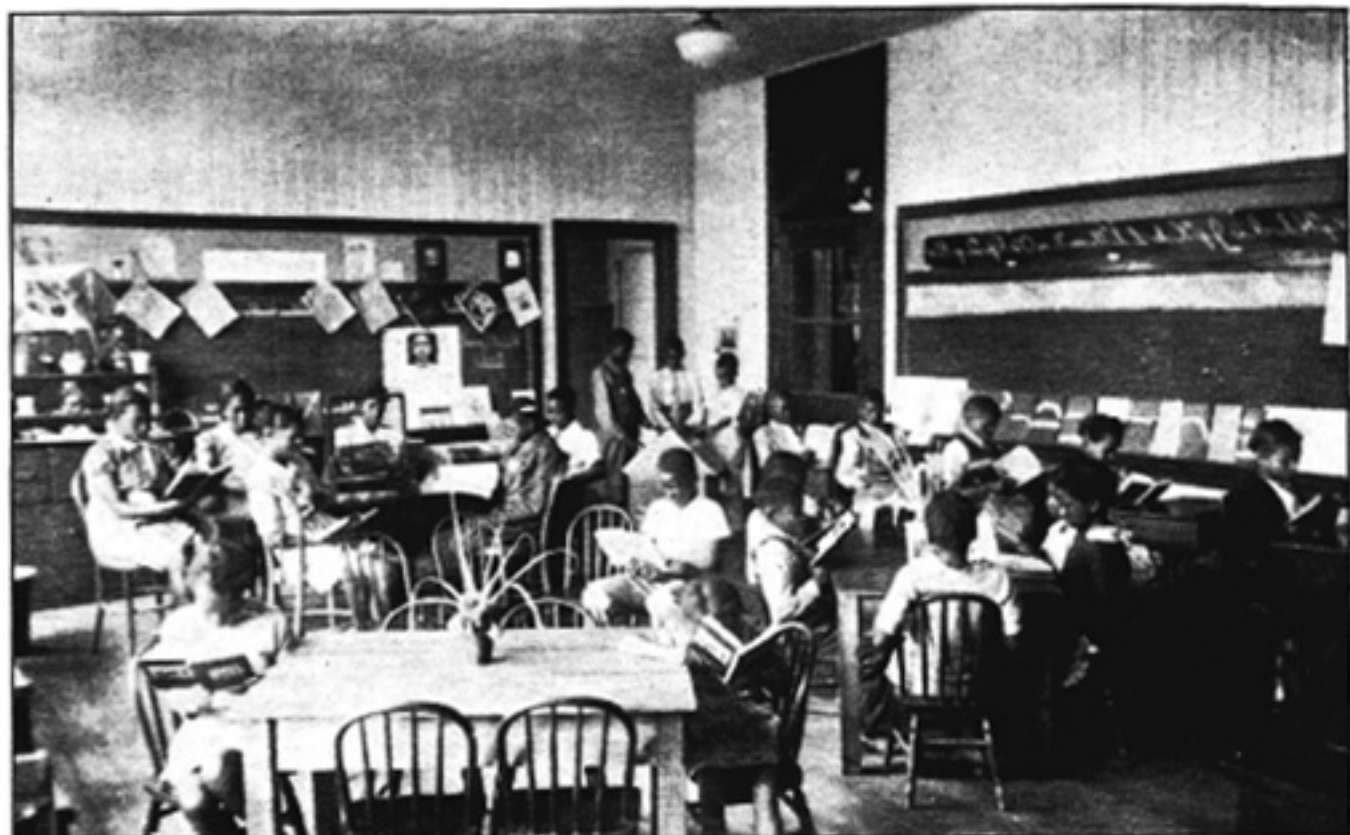
Motto: *"We Strive to Learn"*

Class Flowers: *Sweetpeas*

Class Colors: *Crimson and White*

### CLASS ROLL

Donald Barnum	Leory Duncantel	Roosevelt Jones
Douglas Barnum	Sylvia Dukes	Edward Jones
Juanita Blackberry	McKinley Edwards	Gussie Lee
Lester Bryant	Viola Evans	Alfred Leon
Mercidese Byrd	Yvonne Farish	Betty J. Levi
Orie Benjamin	Percy Foster	Audrey Listash
Essie P. Bryant	Oscar Franklin	Edna Lee
Katherine Benjamin	Celia Flanagan	Speller Lewis
Leonard Bowers	Annic George	Phillip Lewis
Andrew Bob	Lizzie Graham	Annie Joe Lane
R. L. Blote	Perile B. Hart	Bernice Mitchell
Eugene Carter	J. H. Henry	Ethel Lee Mirrow
Sherman Clark	Eloise Huey	Cora Lee Morris
Marie Choffers	Margie Irvinwishan	Aldie Mathew
Gladys Carpenter	Gertrude Irvinwishan	Samuel Mitchell
Fannie Menery	Samuel Johnson	Lloyd Mallard
Vera J. Dixon	Percy Johnson	Joseph Ohphant
Freddie Dixon	Zardo Jones	Roy Petite
	Susie Jones	Clyde Prudhome
Edwina Prudhooome	Freddie Mae Smith	
Verna Powe	Elmer Smith	
Wade Powe	Author Lee Sowell	
Edris Lee Patterson	Roosevelt Tousant	
Johnnie Porter	Wesley Thomas	
Livington Pates	T. J. Toussant	
Felt Robinson	Esther Lee Williams	
Eunice Rogers	Frances Anic Willoughby	
Clyde Smith	S. J. Woods	
Robert Smith		



## Demonstration Room

The Demonstration Room of The Natchitoches Parish Training School serves as a laboratory for the Teacher-Training Department here, and the Normal School of Grambling.

There are six grades in this room, divided off into four groups. All of the work is pupil-planned and each pupil selects the activities he wishes to carry out. The plan is to set up any number of situations, and let the pupils select what they want to do. No pupil is compelled or forced to engage in any activity he doesn't care to carry out. These pupils are carefully observed by the teacher at all times and often by Trainees and personnel from other educational centers. These pupils are not confined to grades, but work wherever they can. The higher groups serve as an inspiration to the lower groups and much incidental learning results from one teaching lesson.

This room is a branch room from its Mother school, Louisiana Rural Normal at Grambling.

T. RICHMOND DONNISON





## Football Squad

GEORGE DIXON—L. E.  
 DANIEL JACKSON—L. T.  
 OSCAR CONLEY—L. G.  
 EARL GREEN—C.  
 CHARLES DIXON—L. H. (Captain)  
 J. C. JOSEPH—Q. B.  
 CLARENCE DANIEL—L. E.  
 CLYDE JOHNSON—H. B.

ROY TAYLOR—R. E.  
 N. C. GREEN—R. T.  
 ALBERT GEORGE—R. G.  
 WILLARD JONES—C.  
 C. J. WASHINGTON—R. H. (Co-capt.)  
 AUGUSTUS W. GOINS—F. B.  
 KENNETH WAKINS—H. B.

MR. ALCEE VAUGHN—Coach

MR. JAMES PETERS—Assistant Coach

As the football season got under way, the Gophers, in good physical condition, made their initial gridiron appearance against the Ruston Bears, a strong team undefeated for the last three years, who tasted defeat at the hands of the strong Golden Gophers who pawed them by the score of 19-6.

They continued their good work by completing the season by winning six games, losing one.

The boys were honored with a Banquet, which was a gala affair.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS — 1939

Natchitoches	19	Ruston	6
Natchitoches	6	Winnfield	0
Natchitoches	38	Bernice	13
Natchitoches	12	Mansfield	6
Natchitoches	2	Shreveport (forfeit)	0
Natchitoches	44	Arcadia	0
Natchitoches	0	Alexandria	12
Natchitoches	6	Many (unfinished)	7
Totals	127		44



## Boy's Basketball Team

GEORGE DIXON—R. G.

DANIEL JACKSON—L. G.

AUGUSTUS W. GOINS—C.

EARL GREEN—C

J. C. JOSEPH—L. F. (Captain)

C. W. WASHINGTON—R. F. (Co-capt.)

SIMON MITCHEL—R. F.

STEVE JACKSON—L. F.

MR. ALCEE VAUGHN, *Coach*

MR. JAMES PETERS, *Assistant Coach*

The High School Basketball Squad represented their District at the State Tournament, which was held at Southern University.

They are making rapid strides under their present Coaches.





## Girls' Basketball Team

ROBBIE D. WILSON—R. F. (Captain)  
 AGNES TERRELL—L. F.  
 CLEO JACOBS—C.  
 MARY WELCH—L. F.  
 ELSIE ROBINSON—L. G.  
 FRANCES EDWARDS—R. F.

IDA SAMPRATT—L. F.  
 IDA R. WASHINGTON—C.  
 JEANIE KIRKLAND—L. G.  
 DOROTHY GOINS—L. F.  
 BESSIE WILLIAMS—L. G.  
 LUCY LOWE—L. G.

MRS. ADA DOUSE JACKSON, *Coach*

The girls of the Natchitoches Parish Training School Team unable to secure a conference game, played only two games. These being exhibition games with Grambling which they lost by the score of 42-24. They also played in the finals of the Parish Tournament winning easily.





## A Class In Physical Education

### 'GIRLS'

Ruth Antee  
Willie L. Mitchell  
Cleo Davis  
Lena B. Parker  
Jeanie Kirkland  
Lucy Lowe  
Gloria Antee  
Evelyn Hall  
Theresa Key  
Dorothy Snow

Robbie D. Wilson  
Doris Ann Simon  
Marion Davis  
Phyllis Burton  
Thelma Jackson  
Elnora Williams  
Gladys Lewis  
Loretta Shannon  
Elaine Goins  
Dorothy Alee

Virgie Williams  
Margie Conant  
Elnora Brownfield  
Alberta Taylor  
Alma Cooks  
Mary Williams  
Ruth Lathan  
Otis Baptiste  
Thelma Clark

ADA DOUSE JACKSON, *Instructor*

Natchitoches Parish Training School believes that the physical development of the boys and girls must be given the same careful attention that is devoted to their intellectual training and their character development. Boys or girls of good character and intelligence are handicapped greatly, if poor physical development keeps them from making use of their powers to the fullest extent. During the period of adolescence it is especially important that girls and boys take proper exercise in the open air to develop their endurance and to insure their good health.



## SENIOR BAND

During the session of 1938-39 it was decided that the Natchitoches Parish Training School would have a band.

An immediate start was made toward purchasing of instruments and music, but little progress was made and the school term was just about up. Prof. Alcee Vaughn was instructor.

In October, 1939, the rest of the instruments were purchased. The band is making rapid progress under the instruction of Miss Harriet A. Robinson. At the state tournament it won the honor being the third best band in the State of Louisiana.

### OFFICERS

JAMES FRIEDMAN	<i>Drum Major and Director</i>
THELMA WHITE	<i>Majorette</i>
AMBROSE WIMBERLY	<i>President</i>
THURSTON WILLIAMS	<i>Vice-President</i>
ELIZABETH KIRKLAND	<i>Secretary</i>
CLEO JACOBS	<i>Treasurer</i>
HOWARD COLLINS	<i>Student Instructor</i>

### ROLL

ERA MAE BLAKELY	CLEO JACOBS	DOROTHY MANUEL	A. V. RICHARDS
THADDEUS BURTON	WILLARD JONES	EVELYN MELTON	JOSEPH SHIELDS
HOWARD COLLINS	ELIZABETH KIRKLAND	WILLIE MITCHEL	THURSTON WILLIAMS
CLYDIA CONLEY	LLOYD LACOUR	LENA B. PARKER	AMBROSE WIMBERLY
JAMES FRIEDMAN	WALTER LEWIS	BENNIE RUTH RACHAL	GLADYS WRIGHT

### BATON TWIRLERS

The Baton Twirlers have made a splendid showing with the Senior Band. They are under the direct instruction of James Friedman.

### ROLL

AUDREY BAILEY	DORETHA DICKENS	THELMA WHITE (Majorette)
ELOISE BRIMSEY	ARTHUR METOYER	MARIE LEE WILLIAMS
PHILLIS BURTON	PARALEE RAYMOND	HENRY F. WRIGHT
MARGIE CONANT	FLORENCE THOMAS	IDA RUTH WASHINGTON



## ROLL

EDITH BURTON  
 PHYLLIS BURTON  
 JAMES FRIEDMAN  
 CLEO JACOBS  
 LOLA MAE CRUMP  
 LLOYD LACOUR  
 DORETHA DICKENS  
 CLYDIA CONLEY  
 BENNIE RUTH RACHAL  
 GLADYS WRIGHT  
 PARA LEE RAYMOND  
 DOROTHY MANUEL  
 AMBROSE WIMBERLY  
 IDA RUTH WASHINGTON  
 HOWARD COLLINS  
 GLADYS WRIGHT

## Junior Band

The Junior Band, a branch of the Senior Band, is for the purpose of instructing students who are beginners in the field of music.

The Band will make its first appearance on Achievement Day which is April 27, 1940.

The Band is directed by Miss Thelma White, who is Majorette for both bands, with James Friedman drum major and director of the Senior Band.



HOWARD COLLINS  
*Student Instructor of  
 All Bands*



JAMES FRIEDMAN  
*Drum Major and Student  
 Director of  
 All Bands*



THELMA WHITE  
*Drum Major for  
 Junior Band*



## The High School Girls' Choral Club

The members of the Girls' Choral Club rehearse daily and have participated on several outstanding programs this year. They sang at the State Tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the Annual Christmas Musicale, and in "The Brown Skin Merrymakers."

### OFFICERS

ROBBIE D. WILSON	President
CELIA GOINS	Vice-President
FLORENCE THOMAS	Secretary
SPIZETTE BURTON	Treasurer
ELAINE GOINS	Chairman of Program Committee
MARIE LOVE	Chairman of Social Committee
IRMA BROOKS	Chairman of Finance Committee
MISS HARRIET A. ROBINSON	Sponsor

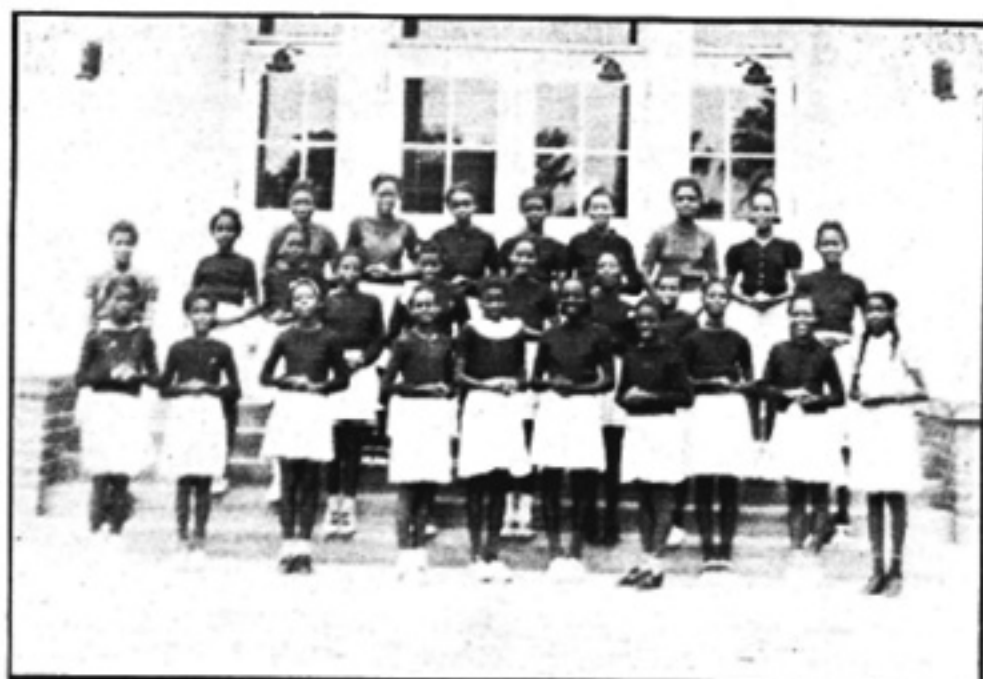
### MEMBERS

Ruby Athanese  
Helen Balthazar  
Audrey Bailey  
Carrie Baptiste  
Irma Brooks  
Spizette Burton  
Theresa Conant  
Clydia M. Conley  
Helen Conley  
Ruth Lathan  
Nettie Law  
Marie Love  
Rosa Maelfield  
Millie M. Moody  
Beulah Newsome  
Iona Nora

Doretha Dickens  
Lizzie Elzie  
Rosa L. Franklin  
Catherine Gibson  
Celia Goins  
Dorothy Goins  
Elaine Goins  
Evelyn Hall  
Inez Hall  
Emma Harris  
Hazel Harris  
Mandy Harris  
Margaret Haskins  
Cleo Jacobs  
Nettie Jefferson  
Lillie M. Johnson  
Myrtis Jones

Theresa Key  
Angie Quiller  
Olar Quiller  
Marion Rachal  
Rozene Rachal  
Parlee Raymond  
Elsie Robinson  
Deborah Scott  
Florence Thomas  
Helen Thomas  
Mary Welch  
Thelma White  
Bessie Williams  
Juanita Williams  
Robbie D. Wilson





## The Elementary Girls' Chorus

The Elementary Girls' Chorus has made splendid progress under the direct supervision of Miss Valeria S. Foster.

The quartet has won first place in the State rally for two years, which enabled them to participate at the State Teachers' Association. They have rendered several successful programs and hope to continue their training.

### GIRLS' CHORUS

Cora Lee Listach  
 Dorothy Smalley  
 Lee Ethel Daniel  
 Marcella Gibson  
 Clara P. Casson  
 Roselia Meyier  
 Rosa Lee Mezier  
 Nattie Louise Bailey  
 Lester Lee Penelton  
 Ruth W. Pantallion  
 Bertha Lee Flaggs  
 Virginia Welch  
 Louise H. Edwards  
 Ruth B. Turner  
 Vera Quinn  
 Emma Mae Martin

Mary Lee Washington  
 Gloria Manuel  
 Sybil Jackson  
 Ruby Ann Simmons  
 Lucille Russian  
 Cornelious Simms  
 Murtha Mae Hayden  
 Doreatha Thomas  
 Clara M. Smith  
 Nedora Williams  
 Alma L. Loftin  
 Sally Ann Edward  
 Essie Ray Heney  
 Myretta Thompson  
 Vera Mae Matthews



## B-natural Music Club

The B-natural Music Club has enjoyed a most successful year under the guidance of Prof. Alcee Vaughn. They are planning on presenting a few concert artists in a recital at the school auditorium.

### OFFICERS

GWENDOLYN McGAFFEY	.....	<i>President</i>
JESSIE V. RAYMOND	.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
CLEO JACOBS	.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
FLORENCE THOMAS	.....	<i>Secretary</i>

### MEMBERS

RUTH ANTEE  
 IRMA BROOKS  
 LULA BROOKS  
 LUCILLE CARTER  
 CLEO DAVIS  
 DORETHEA DICKENS  
 FRANCIS EDWARDS  
 CLEO JACKSON  
 THELMA JACKSON  
 LILLIE M. JOHNSON  
 ROSA JONES  
 NETTIE LAW  
 E. MANEZE  
 GWENDOLYN McGAFFIE  
 W. McGAFFIE

ELSIE NABORS  
 LENA B. PARKER  
 LILLIAN PRATT  
 WILLIE MAE PATTERSON  
 JESSIE V. RAYMOND  
 ELSIE ROBINSON  
 REATHER LEE SCRANTON  
 JOHNNIE D. SHANNON  
 BERNICE STANFORD  
 FRANCIS STRONG  
 FLORENCE THOMAS  
 MAE THOMAS  
 CARRIE D. WASHINGTON  
 IDA RUTH WASHINGTON  
 ROBBIE D. WILSON





## The New Farmers of America and Thrift Club

### OFFICERS OF THE N. F. A. ORGANIZATION

JAMES FRANKLIN ..... *Historian*  
 WILMER MONNETT ..... *Watchman*  
 HAROLD CASSON ..... *Chaplain*  
 ROBERT JOHNSON ..... *Song Leader*  
 OSCAR WRIGHT ..... *Advisor*

ROY GIBSON ..... *President*  
 PAUL BEO ..... *Vice-President*  
 J. C. WILLIAMS ..... *Secretary*  
 PROF. JOHN L. LEROY ..... *Treasurer*  
 By J. C. WILLIAMS

### —ROLL—

EDDY ALEXANDRIA  
 PAUL BEO  
 RICHARD BLUNT  
 EDWARD BRADEN  
 HAROLD CASSON  
 A. B. DESADIER  
 ROY GIBSON

HENRY HOLDEN  
 J. C. HOLMES  
 JEFF JOHNSON  
 JOSEPH JOHNSON  
 ROBERT C. JOHNSON  
 H. T. QUINS  
 DEWITT WILLIAMS

### *The Progress of the New Farmers of America*

The New Farmers of America is a national organization for Negro boys who are taking Vocational Agriculture.

The first agriculture class of the N.P.T.S. was organized in the session of 1939-40, under the supervision of Prof. John L. Leroy.

The N. F. A. organization organized a thrift club on March 19, 1940. The purpose of this club is to train youths to begin saving while they are young.

The purpose of this organization is also to assist in the development of individual farming program and establishment in farming, to strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work, and to develop rural leadership.

The N. F. A. boys, for their first year in Vocational Agriculture, won second prize at the Natchitoches Parish Fair in 1939.

This organization affords an opportunity to develop modern and successful farmers.

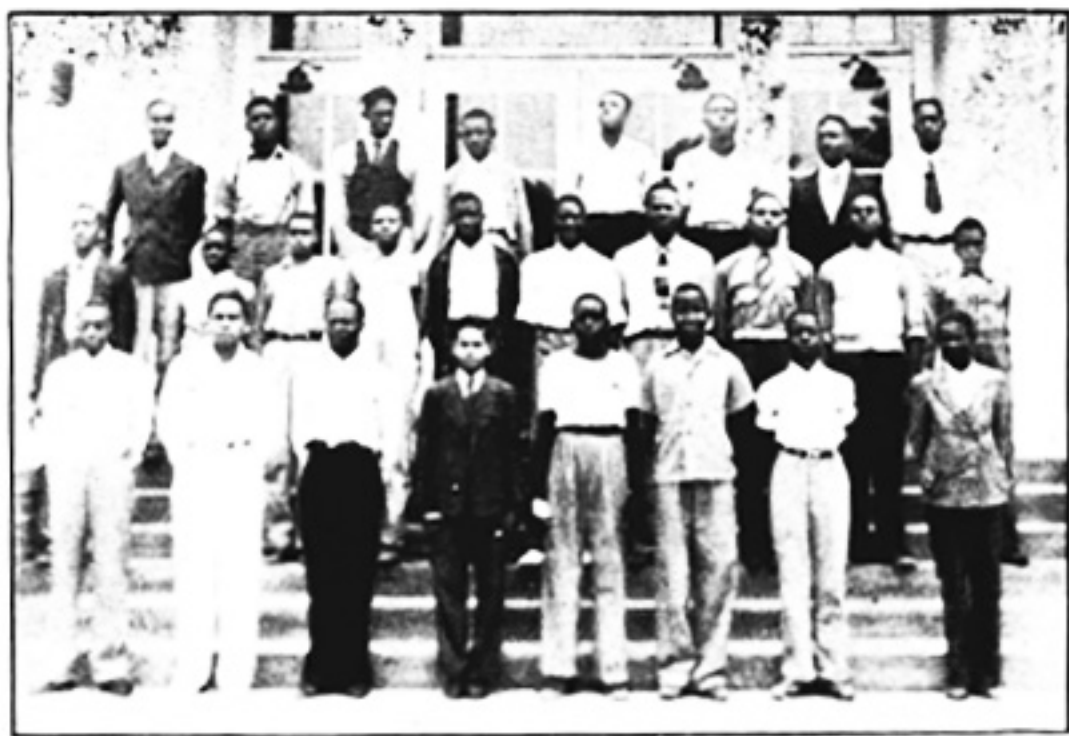


## The Typewriting Class

The typewriting class has made remarkable progress under the very able instruction of Mrs. Mildred Richardson. These very energetic and conscientious young people should be commended on their persistency in spite of a severe handicap — lack of proper equipment.

### TYPEWRITING CLASS

RUBY ATHANESE  
 ERA MAE BLAKELY  
 LULU MAE BROOKS  
 ESSIE BURTON  
 THADDEUS BURTON  
 VIVIAN CARROLL  
 HOWARD COLLINS  
 ERNIE MAE DESADIER  
 VERRANZO DESADIER  
 DORETHA DICKENS  
 JAMES FRIEDMAN  
 CECILIA GOINS  
 DOROTHY GOINS  
 CATHERINE JONES  
 GERTRUDE JOHNSON  
 ELIZABETH KIRKLAND  
 ARTHUR METOYER  
 MILLIE MAE MOODY  
 LILLIAN PRATT  
 AGNES TERRELL  
 FLORENCE THOMAS  
 WATSON WALLER  
 MARY WELCH  
 THELMA WHITE



## The Trade and Industry Club

WALTER LEWIS	President
HENRY JONES	Vice-President
FELTON EAGLES	Secretary
BARON GUY	Treasurer
ROY JEFFERSON	Sergeant at Arms
THURSTON WILLIAMS	Chaplain
FRANK MARTINEZ	Sponsor

This club was organized in the year of 1938 by Mr. Frank Martinez, the instructor of the trade and industrial department, after which the club was named.

Their Motto is "Strive for More Efficient Service," each try to live up to it. By that is meant that one cannot pass either of the sixty-four members' home and find a sagging gate, broken steps, or falling porches and fences.

Most of them are fair carpenters. They make such articles as bed room suites, kitchen cabinets, etc. Furniture at their homes is kept in very good condition.

In addition to their work here, it can be plainly seen all over town that they have been doing work worth commendation. They have builded several buildings, Masonic Hall, Dr. Johnson's office building and their instructor's home.



## The "TOSH" Staff

The "Tosh" is the school paper of Natchitoches Parish Training School. The "Tosh" has every reason to succeed because it is sponsored by the two very competent and "wide-awake" instructors.

LUCY LOWE	President
HELEN CONLEY	Secretary
MRS. ODILE CAGE JOHNSON and MISS MARY E. STEWART	Sponsors

LUCILLE RUSHING  
 BENNIE RUTH RACHAL  
 LEANNA CLARK  
 ALMA COOKS  
 ANGIE LEE QUILLER CONLEY  
 MRS. GETHSEMANE HALL

The "Tosh" Staff has made a fine job toward the printing of the School Paper. They were able to get a very interesting copy in January. All members of the Staff are very interested in the work, therefore the club has been a success. The first issue of the "Tosh" was dedicated to the Football Squad and its Coaches.



## Girls' Hi-Y Club

### OFFICERS

SADIE M. BALTHAZAR	President
ERA MAE BLAKELY	Vice-President
ESSIE L. BURTON	Secretary
GERTRUDE JOHNSON	Treasurer

### PURPOSE

"To create, maintain and extend, throughout the school and community, high standards of sterling christian character."

### SLOGAN

"Clean living, clean speech, clean scholarship and clean athletics."

### CLUB ROLL

Antee, Millerson	Crump, Lola Mae	Jones, Hazel	Nabors, Elsie
Balthazar, Sadie	Desadler, Ernie	Jones, Rosa	Newman, Beulah
Benjamin, Julia	Dickens, Doretha	Johnson L. Gertrude	Parker, Lena B.
Blakely, Era Mae	Edwards, Francis	Keys, Theresa	Patterson, Willie M.
Breda, Fannie Lee	Eli, Willie Mae	King, Helen	Payton, Verlena
Brownfield, Elnora	Elzy, Lizzie	Kirkland, Elizabeth	Pratt, Lillian
Brooks, Irma Lee	Essex, Ida Mae	Lathan, Ruth	Quiller, Angie L.
Brooks, Lula Mae	Glover, Lucille	Lewis, Gertrude	Quiller, Ola
Bullard, Pauline	Goins, Celia	Lowe, Lucy C.	Rachal, Bessie
Burton, Essie L.	Harris, Hazel	Mannings, Irma L.	Raymond, Elsie Lee
Burton Spizette	Harris, Mandy	Matthews, Ora Lee	Sawyer, Maxine
Carroll, Vivian	Harrison, Lodee	McGaffey, Gwendoyln	Scott, Deborah
Clark, Thelma	Jacobs, Cleo	Maefteld, Rosa	Seanford, Bernice
Conley, Helen	Jenkins, Hazel	Melton, Evelyn	Strong, Francis
Cooks, Alma	Jones, Catherine	Moody, Millie	

### GIRLS' HI-Y CLUB

The members of the Girl's Hi-Y Club have made rapid progress. During the Christmas holidays a very interesting program was sponsored. All members were very conscientious about their work.

The Hi-Y girls celebrated Good Friday in a very commendable way. There were forty elementary children present at an egg hunt sponsored for them by the club. In addition to the egg hunt, the high lights on the programs for the year included the presentation of baskets of groceries on Thanksgiving Day to needy persons in the community, a Mothers' Day Candle Light Service, and the presentation of a drama.

MRS. C. L. MARCELLE	Sponsor
MISS H. A. ROBINSON	Assistant Sponsor
LUCY LOWE	Reporter





## Boys' Hi-Y Club

The Hi-Y Club is a branch of the Y. M. C. A., a character organization. It is under the direct supervision of Prof. Joseph B. Britton. At the beginning of the year the club presented a number of programs. The club will give its annual banquet in May.

### OFFICERS

CHARLES DIXON	President
HOWARD COLLINS	Vice-President
JAMES FRIEDMAN	Secretary
C. J. WASHINGTON	Treasurer
J. BRITTON	Sponsor

MOTTO: "Clean Living, Clean Speech, Clean Scholarship and Clean Athletics."

### MEMBERS

Thaddeus Burton  
Howard Collins  
James Conant  
V. L. Desadler  
Charles Dixon  
James Friedman  
A. W. Goins  
Rayfon Gistard  
A. V. Green  
Earl Green

N. C. Green  
Willie Green  
Huebit Hall  
Murray Hall  
Elijah Paul Harris  
Steve Jackson  
Clyde Johnson  
Joseph Johnson  
Jeff Johnson  
J. C. Joseph

Lloyd La Cour  
Maurice La Cour  
Anthony Lawrence  
Elmo Lawrence  
Albert Matoyer  
Arthur Matoyer  
Simon Mitchell  
Wilmer Monnet  
James Morgan  
C. J. Washington  
J. C. Williams





## Nakatoshia Players

The Nakatoshia players, under the supervision of Mrs. C. L. Marcelle have made much progress, with four plays presented, one an original play written by a student, Anthony Lawrence.

The 39 players have been the most popular group on the campus. They are divided into four groups, each working on a different type of play. They prepared three plays for commencement.

### OFFICERS

ERA MAE BLAKELY	<i>President</i>
V. L. DESADIER	<i>Vice President</i>
ESSIE LEE BURTON	<i>Secretary</i>
GERTRUDE JOHNSON	<i>Asst. Secretary</i>
ERNIE M. DESADIER	<i>Treasurer</i>
MRS. C. L. MARCELLE	<i>Sponsor</i>

### ROLL

Dorothy B. Alee  
Phyllis M. Burton  
Thaddeus Burton  
Fannie Lee Breda  
Eloise Brinsey  
Thelma Clark  
James Conant  
Margie Conant  
Suporia Davis

Willie Mae Eli  
James Friedman  
Helen Kings  
Lloyd Lacour  
N. C. Green  
A. W. Goins  
J. C. Joseph  
Emily Harrison  
Hazel Jenkins

Clyde Johnson  
Simon Mitchell  
Howard Collins  
Catherine Jones  
Earnie M. Desadier  
Jeanie Kirkland  
Albert Metoyer  
Arthur Metoyer  
Anthony Lawrence  
Vivian Carroll



# Social Science Forum

## OFFICERS

SADIE MAE BALTHAZAR	President
EVELYN MELTON	Secretary
THELMA JACKSON	Treasurer
MR. J. S. PETERS, JR.	Sponsor

## MEMBERS

Sadie Mae Balthazar	Elijah Paul Harris	Millie M. Moody
Theresa Conant	Gertrude Loraine Johnson	Bessie Rachel
Upperton Hurts	Thelma Jackson	Jessie V. Raymond
Huebit Hall	Dorothy Manuel	Betty Mae Thomas
	Evelyn Melton	Virgie Williams

This club which was organized during the school term of 1939-40 for the purpose of studying present and changing social conditions in the United States and foreign countries, also made scientific studies of problems that specifically effect the Negro race. From time to time the findings were brought to the attention of the school by the presentation of programs or Forum discussions in the auditorium.

For this school term, special emphasis was placed upon a study of Negro Businesses in the city of Natchitoches and the contributions they are making to our economical life. The project was very successful.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

ERA MAE BLAKELY	Mayor
LUCY LOWE	Representative
JESSIE V. RAYMOND	President of Council
GERTRUDE JOHNSON	Vice-President of Council
LLOYD LACOUR	Commissioner of Education
VIRGIE WILLIAMS	Commissioner of Worship
THURSTON WILLIAMS	Commissioner of Finance
ESSIE BURTON	District Attorney
VERRANZO DESADIER	Judge
THADDEUS BURTON	Commissioner of Welfare
MURRAY HALL	Commissioner of Public Works
ELIZABETH KIRKLAND	Secretary to the Mayor
MRS. ODILE CAGE JOHNSON	Sponsor

# Student Government

The progressiveness of every country or school depends largely upon its citizens. Therefore our school saw the need of beginning a type of program that would help our students become better citizens today, in order to be good citizens of to-morrow.

During Good Citizenship Week, the week of October 12th, 1939, a number of persons were selected by the faculty as leaders and at the same time the student body related all of its activities to duties and traits of good citizens. It was during this week that the idea of Student Government was born in the minds of teachers and one hundred students.

The elections were carried out just as any national one, with two parties, Democratic party and Republican party, each having its own campaign manager. One week was allotted to the making of speeches, meetings, etc. It was surprising to see the amount of interest aroused on the part of the students. More interest was shown in this activity than in any activity previously had. Each person decided to vote for "Clean Politics." In the end, the Democratic party won, losing only one of its members. President of the Council. After which came Inauguration which was a very grand affair, our own Principal, Emeritus J. W. Thomas installed each officer.

The school is now known as a little city—Nakatoshia—with its Mayor, Commissioners, Council men and Ward members. We felt greatly our inadequacy to just take over things, without any training, so for a whole week one period was given for special training and study to the leaders. Now only one period a week is given.

The student leaders were finally ready to "take over" and did. The experiment is proving to be a great success, because the students are realizing more and more their responsibilities as leaders. They give programs without the help of instructors, they carried out their classwork in the absence of teachers; they take care of their problems of discipline in a very fine way. In fact disciplinary problems are becoming fewer

and fewer. The young people have almost ceased to need the help of instructors except for guidance.

We have made quite a step forward in progressive education and hope that in the very near future, we will have reached the utmost point.

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Looking through the "Mirror" we come first to a group of ambitious young people that were chosen for student leaders. They have made a splendid job of it.

Leading this group is Miss Era Mae Blakely, Mayor; her personal secretary, Miss Jeanie Kirkland. Next in rank are the commissioners, executive body, Commissioner of Finance, Thurston Williams; Commissioner of Worship, Virgie Williams; Commissioner of Education, Lloyd Lacour; Commissioner of Welfare, Thaddeus Burton; Commissioner of Safety, Walter Lewis; Commissioner of Reference, Gethesemane Hall; Commissioner of Works, Murray Hall.

The next group is the law makers or body. President of Council, Jessie V. Ramond; Vice-President of Council, Gertrude Johnson.

Each class or ward is represented in this group with two persons. Every ward has a patrolman, nurse dietician and all the officers of a city. Defending the city is Miss Essie Burton, District Attorney, and V. L. Desadier, Supreme Judge. Ahead of the Police Department is A. B. Desadier. In fact the system is so arranged that it takes in just about the entire student body, which causes everything to go on as one large machine, every part in harmony with the other.

The person having direct charge of the student government officials is Mrs. Odile C. Johnson, to whom we are especially grateful for her splendid help.

# Social Calendar

## SEPTEMBER:

Registration.  
Opening speech by Prin. Gaddis C. Hall.  
First social of season given by Ninth Grade Class.  
First football game of the season.  
The Senior class made their first appearance in assembly.

## OCTOBER:

Beginning of student government.  
The Junior Class honored the Mansfield football squad with a luncheon.  
Initiation of Girls Athletic Club.  
Social given in honor of Bernice football players.  
Masquerade party given by Twelfth Grade Class

## NOVEMBER:

Annual Home-coming game and crowning of Miss Natchitoches.  
Annual Home-coming social.  
Thanksgiving party given by Junie Class.  
Breakfast dance given by "Tos's" Staff.  
Girls Hi-Y club gave baskets of food to the poor and needy.  
Presentation of play, "Orchids for Thanksgiving" by the Dramatic Club.  
Presentation of a sketch from Rachel Fields, "All This and Heaven Too" by the Twelfth Grade Class.  
Jitterbug Jamboree given by the Sophs.

## DECEMBER:

Football social given by Ninth Grade Class Section I.  
First Vesper Service.  
Christmas Musical.  
Elementary Operetta.  
First public appearance of N.P.T.S. Band.  
Annual football banquet.  
Christmas Vacation.

## JANUARY:

New Years Party by Tenth Grade Class.  
First Semester Examinations.  
Organization of the Junior Band.  
Presentation of a play, "The King of the Racketeers" by the Dramatic Club.

## FEBRUARY:

Valentine Dance by the Twelfth Grade Class.  
Special program for Washington's Birthday by the Elementary Department.  
Mardi Gras social by the Twelfth Grade Class.  
Celebration of National Negro History Week.  
Presentation of a pageant, "The Progress of the American Negro."  
Presentation of a drama, "Tiger House" by the players from the Louisiana Negro Rural Normal, Grambling, La.

## MARCH:

Opening of the Harlem Casino.  
District Tournament.  
Winners in the District Tournament attended the State Tournament at Southern Univ.  
Program by "Lawson the Great."  
The N.P.T.S. Band played for it's first dance.

## APRIL:

The Physical Education Class gave a demonstration in chapel.  
Program given by "Brown-skin Merry-makers" sponsored by the Senior Class.  
Joint social given by band and chorus.  
Social given by Senior Class.  
Founders Day Celebration.  
Field Day Exercise.  
Presentation of a drama, "The Bandit of the Mist," by the Typing Club.

## MAY:

Elementary Operetta, "Sonny of Sunnyside."  
Annual Musical.  
Presentation of a play, "The Eyes of Love."  
Senior Class—night exercise.  
Annual Jr.-Sr. Prom.  
Alumni Program.  
Presentation of a play, "The Curse of the Crystal Ball," by the members of the Faculty.  
Baccalaureate Sermon.  
Commencement Exercises.





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HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



HOME ECONOMIC'S BUILDING