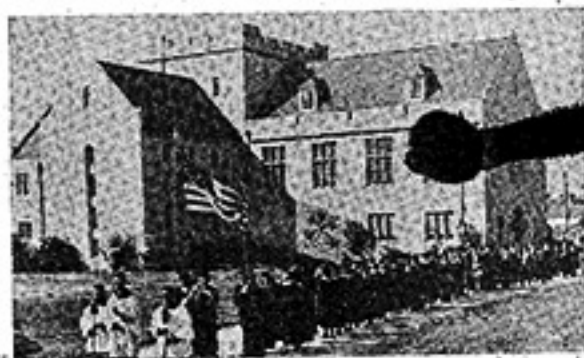


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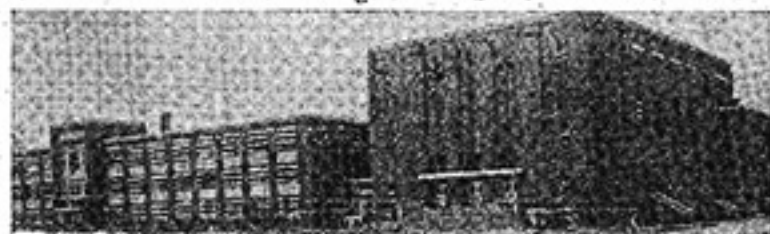
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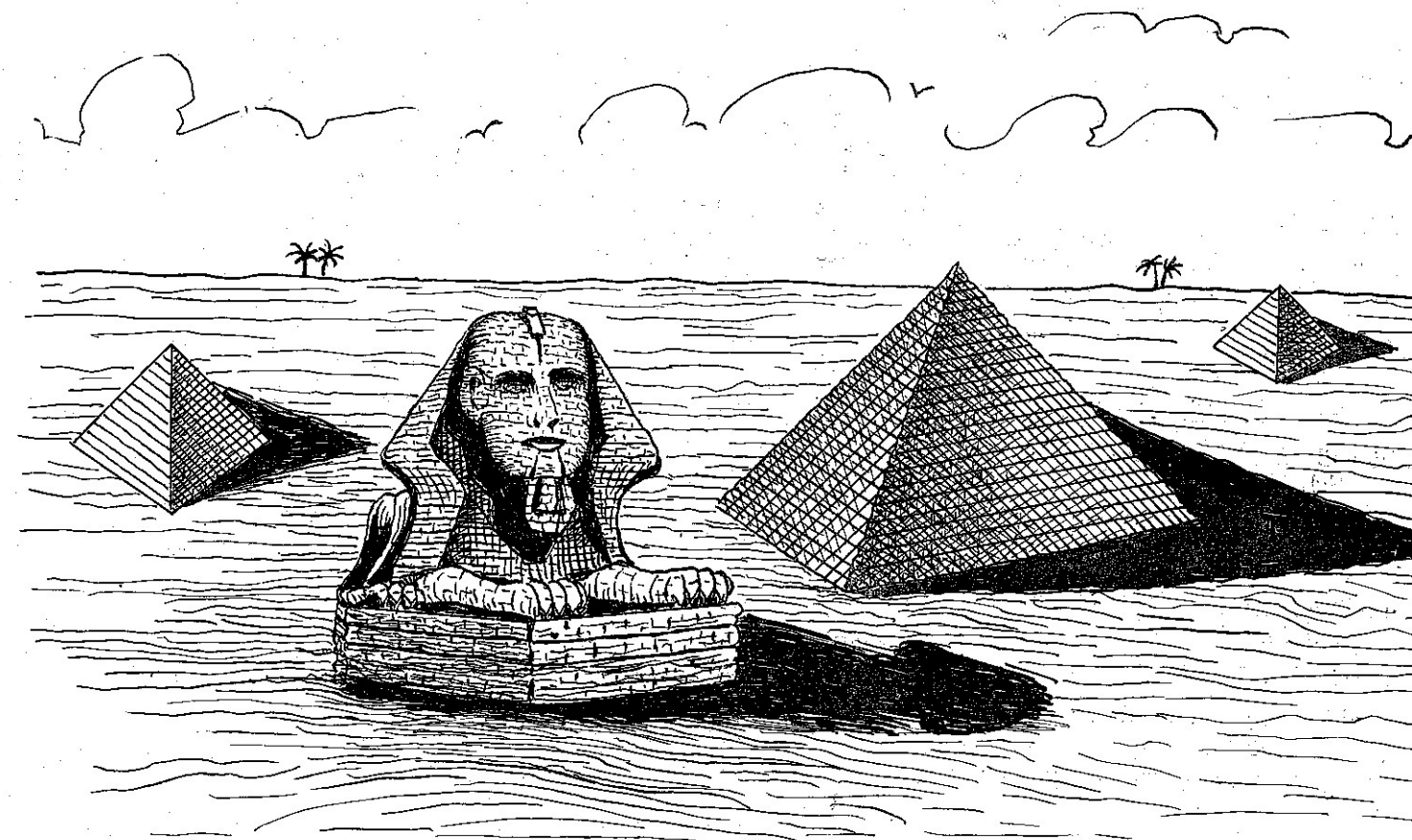
### THE HUMAN STAIRWAY

Before the human travelers of to-day were dreamed of or came into being, back in the Biblical days when our Heavenly Father began his seven days of creation, the greatest of all architects drew a lasting plan. And in the construction of every thing. He made the great inspiring future, the eventful stairway of lifes journey, which all individuals, races and nations have to climb from the cradle to the end.

Christ the son of our Creator gave to the world a beautiful and lasting exemplification of the successful stairway when with the cross of the past, present and future generation on his shoulder, he climbed the human stairway.

May I say to the graduates of 1944, you will also have to travel this same stairway, you have just reached the first mile post, you will however find some difficult problems on your way, and you must prepare yourself to meet them.

First you should remember that yesterday always ended last night, this is the reason why each day one should not carry the burden of yesterday over to the next day. You can almost tell by the look and walk of some people, that they are carrying yesterday around with them today. Definitiveness and decision both are looking as though invisible hands pull at them. Whispering, you have forgot to finish something today. Wear, tear and scar, are things associated with the past, nothing instills courage in the mind like a hopeful viewpoint upon life; to travel



As we gaze upon the Sphinx which stands

Near the Pyramids in the Libyan desert, we think  
of the BUILDERS of this stone Sentinel of the ages.

The winds and seasons have pitted and lined  
the face but its majesty has withstood it all.

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## INTRODUCTION

The record of the Colored American Citizens' lives is a tissue of facts difficult to document or corroborate and facts that will not die. All individuals, races, and nations should know the incredible success of the colored race.

We have starred in the five major walks of life;—Religious, Industrial, Professional, Society and Military. And we are respected by our recorded record.

Our primary object is to record the achievement of the present and future generations, or if they be lifted up may their record be an inspiration for all future generations.

The increase school room duties, financial expenses attached to the individual school annual inspired us to assume the worthy responsibility of compiling

and publishing our second All State Biographical Annual Review.

Kindly allow us to express our appreciation to the Sixty-five per cent of Principals, class sponsors and Senior class graduates for their response and co-operation.

Special thanks to the good Citizens of Louisiana, who through their interest in the Welfare of the youths of today helped to make this publication possible.

May we say to the Principals, Class Sponsors and Senior Class Graduates of 1944. Let us not forget those loyal patrons, who through their interest in you, we were able to publish this book for you.

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## Don't Quit — Fight One More Round

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're treading seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest! if you must—but never quit.

When he might have won if he'd stuck it out,  
Stick to your task, though the pace seems slow,  
You may succeed with one more blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tints of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,—

## A BACKWARD GLANCE

When thinking of history let us take a backward glance to the negroes of the past who have left with great efforts to achievement and left their footprints on the sand of time that we may have a guide in years to come.

Momentarily let us cast a light on some of the characters of our dark race of people such as Sappho, who built the great Pyramid, which was one of the seven wonders of the world; Sappho, lyric poetess, of ancient Greece; the Ethiopian family. The Emperor Haile Selassie, present emperor of Ethiopia, traces his ancestry to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

They were first executed by negro people. The best known representative is that of a human being which is a negro woman.

The world's greatest musician was Beethoven. Joseph Hyden, his teacher, a negro, also wrote music for the Austrian National Anthem.

The old negro spirituals are the only real music America has contributed to the world. They are sung over the entire world.

And as we still glance through the records of the world we find the negro explorers, Tappan Tib and Baptiste de Saible.

When we speak of war the negro is still there. He distinguished himself in every one of them.

The first negroes to be awarded medals by the United States in "the great wars" were Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, and the first to die for American independence in the Revolutionary War was Crispus Attucks. There has been a monument erected to his memory on the Boston Common.

When we make a summary of our race of people we find that the negro has accomplished and loved great works and have toiled for years to reach the heights of victory.

As we go on down through the years we find our race of people doing their part. But we must mention some of our outstanding characters of the recent years, such as Frederick Douglass, American reformer and diplomat; Booker T. Washington, the educator and author; George Washington Carver, the great genius. No one would have to explain his life and his struggle for education. And Mrs. Mary Bethune, the woman who sacrificed her life for the education of her people.

And as we pause here we note the more recent characters, Joe Louis Barrow, the champion of the world; Marion Anderson, with that melodious contralto voice; Roland Hayes, tenor, another outstanding character in voice control. This woman and man are world famed for their musical talent. Their lyrical voices have enthralled crowned heads of Europe.

The famous Paul Robeson internationally known singer and actor, who has been an all American football player, world traveler, lawyer and fighter for his race for more than two decades; last but not least we have the Misses Lena Horne and Katherine Dunham with all their talent, beauty and charm. In nation-wide lights these women are the most powerful of all social weapons; glamour.

The negro race are gradually turning the whole "problem," which is not, and never was a problem into a glorious absurdity.

We must stop to consider and bear in mind that prayer has been the keynote to success for generations, and as we think of the prayers, hardship and struggles of our forefathers and mothers we should have a greater determination to continue the great works. And as we so journey along through life endeavoring to do our part towards humanity, we still can hear their voices murmuring in the dim mist of the past and from the serene heights of immortality. Their mighty faith, their keen apprehension of solemn realities, their right aims and noble utterances, rebuke our faltering steps. Holy thoughts welling up from fountains of religious feeling bathe our care-worn brows with their refreshing waters. The electric chair of sympathy and feeling is struck, and we know that we are linked together in the bonds of a redeemed humanity.

There are leaves in tropical climes so ample that one can sit under their shadow, protected from the fierce beams of the golden day. Even so may we sit under the shadow of those leaves of the Tree of Life, sheltered from the broad glare of this war-torn world, with each leaf spreading and growing until it becomes a pavilion of refuge and delight.

Fill thy odorless lamp with deeds of light.  
And hope that reaps not shame.

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The Allen Parish Training School was founded in 1922 by Professor T. J. Simpson, then principal. The school was established as an industrial high school for the Colored Citizens of Oakdale.

In 1933 Mr. T. E. Butler became principal of the Allen Parish Training School. Under his leadership the school has developed into a modern, well equipped plant of four buildings and also have in an application for priority for an auditorium, gymnasium and a home economics cottage.

The Agricultural Department, of which Mr. Butler heads, is rated as one of the best departments in the state. In 1936 he received a "Key" as a reward for Master Teacher of Agriculture. Four years he produced ranking agricultural judging team in the state.

Mr. T. E. Butler is a graduate of Southern University, Class of '32, majoring in Agricultural Education and minoring in Science. He has also done further study: Post-graduate work at Tuskegee Institute, graduate work at the University of Illinois and Michigan State College. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

### Miss Maude Washington, of Grambling, La., Our Sponsor

Miss Washington has been on the faculty of the Allen Parish for five years.

She came to fill a vacancy left by the teacher of the third grade. The next session she was given the fourth grade for two years. Then the fifth grade, then the sixth grade.

One month after school began this session she was assigned to the science and math department of the high school, aside from classes in public school music.

Being quite interested in civic improvement she organized the Boy Scouts and a club for business and professional women.

Under her sponsorship the senior class purchased war bonds and aided in the Red Cross drive.

The entrance of the Allen Parish Training School is being beautified by the senior class. She is quite a capable teacher.

### CLASS HISTORY

This has been one of the most eventful years in our lives. We started with 14 members in the class but lost two young ladies on the way, one Etta M. Carter, by death of her father; another Amelia Franklin, to Dan Cupid's prize, matrimony. Aside from the principal's guidance these high school years, we were ably assisted by the other high school faculty members; namely: Mrs. T. E. Butler, Mrs. R. R. Epps, the late Mr. J. J. Herbert, Mr. J. R. Marshall, Miss Clarissa Joseph, Miss Mary Lee Beard, Mrs. D. J. Anderson and our sponsor, Miss Maude Washington.

MELVINA HALL, Oakdale, Louisiana; having finished my primary grades at the South End School in Oakdale, La., I entered the Allen Parish Training School in the fourth grade. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born June 20, 1926, in Oakdale, Louisiana, to Henderson Hall and Mary Ford; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; career, business course; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

DOLLY W. KENNEDY, Oakdale, Louisiana. I entered school at the Allen Parish Training School in 1933; enjoyed my school days throughout my grammar and high school years. I am a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born July 8, 1924, in Oakdale, Louisiana.



**BERNICE WHEELWRIGHT**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I began my grammar school education at larks, Louisiana. My family then moved to Oakdale, Louisiana. There I entered my second year of grammar school in 1934. I am now a candidate for graduation on May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School. Born September 25, 1925, in Kurthwood, Louisiana, to Willie Wheelwright and Annie Rhodes; graduated May 1, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, Louisiana; class treasurer; career, major in science and mathematics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and sports.

**HELEN ANDREWS**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I began my grammar school education at the Elizabeth Colored High School where I attended through the ninth grade. In August, 1942, by parents moved to Oakdale, La., where I enrolled in a junior high school student at the Allen Parish Training School. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born March 20, 1927, in Elizabeth, Louisiana, to Nickson Andrews (deceased), and Mary Langmade; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, Louisiana; class assistant secretary; career, switchboard operator; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and dancing.

**CHARLES A. RUSSELL**, Glenmora, Louisiana. I entered elementary school at the Glenmora Colored School in 1933, where I finished the seventh grade. In the fall of 1940 I entered high school at the Monroe Colored High School at Monroe, La. Being promoted to the ninth grade I entered Peabody High School in 1941. In the fall of 1942 I entered the junior high school at the Monroe Colored High School. In September, 1943, I began my senior year at the Allen Parish Training School. I am now a candidate for graduation. Born December 6, 1926, in Glenmora, Louisiana, to Isaac Russell (deceased), and Margaret; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; sergeant at arms class; career, pharmacist; to attend University of California, Berkeley, Cal. Hobby—Reading, swimming.

**LEE ESTER GOODMON**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I received my grammar school education at three schools. I began school at Oakdale, Louisiana, in Parish Training School, then my parents moved to Mabs, Louisiana. I attended school for years in Mabs. Afterward I attended school at Elizabeth, Louisiana, from the seventh to ninth grade. Then I came back to Oakdale, Louisiana, in the tenth grade. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born August 28, 1926, in Longleaf, Louisiana, to Willie Goodmon and Mary A. Smith; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, Louisiana; class chaplain; career, home economics teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and Sewing.

**REDDIE WILLIAMS, JR.**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I entered school at the Allen Parish Training School in 1933. Throughout grammar and high school I enjoyed the association of my classmates. I expect to graduate under the same principal I enrolled with. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born October 17, 1925, to Fred Williams and Annie Humphrey; graduated May 18, 1944.

from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; career, to be a dentist; to attend University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. Hobby—Swimming, dancing, basketball.

**DOROTHY B. ALLEN**, Oakdale, Louisiana. My school career began when I entered the Allen Parish Training School at the age of 6 years, in 1933. I graduated from grammar school the spring of 1940; then followed my four years of high school work. The past 11 years I spent at the Allen Parish Training School have been very enjoyable. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born May 12, 1926, in Oakdale, Louisiana, to Henry Allen, Sr. (deceased), and Mary M. Johnson (deceased); graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; class president; career, supervisor of schools; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and dancing.

**DOROTHY LEE WALTERS**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I began my grammar school work at Mabs, Louisiana. There I remained until I was in sixth grade. I entered the Elizabeth Colored High School at which time I was in seventh grade and continued there through the ninth grade. My parents moved to Oakdale, Louisiana, in 1942. There I enrolled at the Allen Parish Training School at which time I was in tenth grade. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born July 2, 1926, in Glenmora, Louisiana, to Henry Walters and Mary Ann Johnson; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and dancing.

**WALTER L. JOHNSON**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I began my school career at the Elizabeth Colored High School at Elizabeth, La. There I remained in the elementary and junior high. My parents moved to Oakdale in 1942. There I entered school at the Allen Parish Training School. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born March 1, 1927, in Elizabeth, Louisiana, to Robert Johnson and Birtee Smith; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; class vice-president; career, electrical engineer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Basketball; football.

**CHESTER A. JONES**, Oakdale, Louisiana. I entered school at Leesville, La., at the age of 7 years. Before the session ended my parents moved to Slagle, La., where I entered school the next session and remained there until I finished the primary grade. Thereafter I didn't have a chance to go to school for two sessions. During the school session 1933-34 I entered the first grade at the Elizabeth Colored High School. The sessions of which I didn't attend school were due to certain circumstances of which I had no control. I completed my grammar school education and two years of high school work at the Elizabeth Colored High School. I entered the Allen Parish Training School where I am a candidate for graduation. Born July 10, 1921, in Cravens, Louisiana, to Ed Jones, Sr., and Bessie Simmons; graduated May 18, 1944, from Allen Parish Training School, Oakdale, La.; class chairman of social committee; career, to be a photographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Danc-

**ROBIN BRADLEY**, Oakdale, Louisiana. Having completed third grade at the South End School, I entered Allen Parish Training School. I am now a candidate for graduation from the Allen Parish Training School. Born February 11, 1926, in Elizabeth, Louisiana, to Hillam Bradley and Estella Bailey; graduated May 18, 1926, from Oakdale Colored High, Oakdale, Louisiana; class parliamentarian; career, lawyer and owner of night club; to attend Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich. Hobby—Dancing, swimming, basketball, reading.

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Louisiana to Joseph Blanchard and Elizabeth  
Bradly; graduated May 4, 1944 from Lowery  
Training School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana;  
career, Presser; to attend Southern University,  
Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Wood Work.

RAYMOND ERNEST MELANCON, 2600 S.  
Priour Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; born  
December 10, 1927 in New Orleans, Louisiana  
to Douglas Melancon and Lilly Wallace; gradu-  
ated May 4, 1944; class Vice President of Lowery  
Training School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana;  
career, Medical Course; to attend Xavier Uni-  
versity, New Orleans, Louisiana.

DORIS MAE BILLY, Smoke Bend, Louisiana;  
born August 20, 1927 in Smoke Bend, Louisiana  
to Alfred Billy, Sr., and Mildred Thomas; gradu-  
ated May 4, 1944 from Lowery Training School,  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to  
attend Southern College, Scotlandville, Louisiana.  
Hobby — Soft ball.

ALFRED BILLY, JR., Smoke Bend, Louisiana;  
born June 19, 1926 in Smoke Bend, Louisiana to  
Alfred Billy and Mildred Thomas; graduated May  
4, 1944 from Lowery Training, Donaldsonville,  
Louisiana; career, Barber. Hobby—Basget Ball.

DOROTHY BRADLEY, Box 364, Napoleonville,  
Louisiana; born October 14, 1927 in Napoleon-  
ville, Louisiana to (Father — deceased) and Millie  
Tolliver; graduated May 4, 1944 from Lowery  
Training School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana;  
career, Stenographer; to attend Y. M. C. A. Busi-  
ness School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—  
Basket Ball.

LEONA WILLIAMS, Box 2, Belle Alliance;  
born September 26, 1926 in Belle Alliance to Ellis  
Williams and Dorothy Spry; graduated May 4,  
1944 from Lowery Training, Donaldsonville,  
Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Dillard Uni-  
versity, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby —Basket

Pedescleaux; graduated May 4, 1944 from Low-  
ery T. School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career,  
Teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotland-  
ville, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing.

Eula Mae Dabney, Belle Allidance; born Nov-  
ember 5, 1924 in Belle Alliance to Willie Dabhey  
and Lorenza Patterson; graduated May 4, 1944;  
class Treasurer from Lowery Training School,  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to  
attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisi-  
ana. Hobby—Writing.

ODILE M. JAHNSON, Donaldsonville, Louisi-  
ana; born October 7, 1942 in Donaldsonville,  
Louisiana to Eddie Johnson and Elzena Pinkins;  
graduated May 4, 1944 from Lowery Training  
School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career, Com-  
mercial Education; to attend Southern University,  
Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Basket-Ball.

MARY H. LOWERY, Donaldsonville, Louisiana;  
born July 25, 1928 in Donaldsonville, Louisiana  
to (Father Deceased) and Mary L. Braun; gradu-  
ated May 4, 1944 from Lowery Training School,  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career, Pharmacist; to  
attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisi-  
ana.

ROMETTA ETHEL PLEASANT, Belle Alliance,  
Louisiana; born November 2, 1926 in Belle  
Alliance to Thomas Pleasant and Bertha Bou-  
dreux; graduated May 4, 1944; class President  
from Lowery Training School, Donaldsonville,  
Louisiana; career, Beautician; to attend Southern  
University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby —  
Singing.

MARY EARNDEEN JONES, Barton, Louisiana;  
born May 15, 1925 in Barton, Louisiana to Robert  
Jones and Julia Patterson; graduated May 4, 1944;  
class Fin. Secretary of Lowery Training School,  
Donaldsonville, Louisiana; career, Musician;  
to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisi-  
ana.

DOROTHY ALCARN, Belle Alliance, Louisiana;  
born February 26, 1927 in Belle Alliance to Mur-





## CLASS HISTORY

### Class 1944 . . . Beauregard Ph. Tr. School

This is a topical survey of the graduating class whose honor you are assembled.

Its component parts are sixteen young men and women ranging from average to super.

Thirteen of them have belonged to it since its inception into the high school department of the Beauregard Parish Training School.

Three of its component parts are handsome and liant. Thirteen are charming and demure.

From its combined height of nearly one hundred feet it can scan the lofty horizon at its peak beauty without standing on each others toes. On such an elevation how far can this class t see!

Its combined weight is one thousand nine hundred and six pounds, weight enough surely to chor its feet to prosaic work, even though its ad is in the clouds!

Its combined girth is four hundred twenty-one inches. Imagine the sensation it would create if ing into the Standard Mercantile Company d asking for a belt, size 42!! What a furor is to low this class when it goes out into the world!

Approximately, its combined brains would fill twenty-five tumblers. Is it to be wondered at that a class can discern no impossibilities through one score eye and twelve?

'Not singly, but together' has been the watchword of this class and together it has waxed rdy and invincible.

In its first year the class was composed of sixty mbars. Being Freshies by no means caused m to flounder about in suspense as is the usual tom of all Freshmen classes, for they did their it in showing their loyalty to the school and a sportsmanship as citizens of this community.

Some of the noteworthy events for which they ould have credit during this year was the state r sponsored and made by them, the presenta of a "Night in Harlem" and Paul Robeson's ture "Emperor Jones" The year closed and the shies began at once to converse with the wise owl for future plans.

In its second year found only thirty-nine members. ne had married, some moved to distant cities, le others fell by the wayside unable to follow ough. This year they were still in the limelight d did much to prove that although the number s smaller the seventy-five tumblers were full ho brim.

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In the fourth year the number had dwindled to twenty-four but the survivors pushed on together.

Its fourth and last year began with only eighteen members, but desiring to show loyalty to the country that it loved, two of these entered the armed forces and are showing in service the loyal spirit of the class of '44. One of these loyal members in the person of Ernest Richard Booker is the unseen graduate of the class here assembled. As a group they have reached the twin heights of culmination and glorification, which brings this survey up to the present moment.

In conclusion, so remarkable a class justifies a glance along the horizon of the future.

Its combined years are two hundred seventy-four which is no mean age, even in comparison with that of Methuselah. Consider the wisdom of a class that has seen nearly Fourteen centuries pass away! Empires have risen and fallen, wars have been declared and won, fads have swept the earth and died out since its eyes first saw the light of day! With what an accumulation of experience and wisdom will it go forth into the world! Where the component parts of such a precocity will come to rest, only its Prophetess knows!

EARLIE MAE HOLOMAN.

Historian.

SAMUEL DAVID HOLOMAN, 621 Jefferson St., born July 20, 1927 in DeRidder, La., to Obie Holoman and Pearl Mims; graduated May 18, 1944, class business manager and ontainer from Beauregard Ph. Training School, DeRidder, La. I intend to become a lawyer., Lane University, Jackson, Tennessee. Hobby—Dancing and Debating.

ROSALIE JONES, 501 N. Washington St., born November 16, 1927 in DeRidder, La., to Mr. Burl Jones and Rosie Annar Kingston; graduated May 18, 1944, class secretary, from B. Ph. Fr. S., DeRidder, La. Career—Journalism. College, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn. Hobby—Making Scrap-books.

JESSIE MAE TYLER, Gen. Del., New Orleans, La., born December 22, 1926 in DeRidder, La. to Joff Tyler and Luevenia Placied; graduated May 18, 1944, class chairman Program Committee, from B. Ph. Fr. S., DeRidder, La. Career—Barber. College, Tyler Barber College, Houston, Texas. Hobby—Music.

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LEOLA PARTHEIA CLAIBORNE, Box 405, DeRidder, La., born November 19, 1927 in Meridian, La., to Essikel Claiborne and Parthenia Towner; graduated May 18, 1944, chairman of Refreshment Committee, from B. Ph. Tr. S., DeRidder, La. Career—Lawyer. College, Xavier University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Playing my Piano.

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Reading and Writing.

EDNA MATHEWS; born June 29, 1926 in Gibs-  
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ter Scott and Annie Mathews; graduated May 19,  
1944 from Gibsland Colored High School, Gibs-  
land, Louisiana; career, Home Economics; to at-  
tend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisi-  
ana. Hobby—Going Places.

BERNICE COLEMAN, Gibsland, Louisiana;  
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Johnnie Coleman and Lillie Johnson; graduated  
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addition to the town of Arcadia, hereby submit the history of their class.

After a very joyous summer when fun and frolics were just about over, the leaves were turning brown, the hills even looked higher, and the brooks were running faster, we were whistling a merry tune along the sandy road with long hills and trees along the roadside, planted to occupy space, until we reached Bienville Parish Training School. Here we stopped for information where many others joined us.

During the days of all the evidence by the tireless reporter proves beyond doubt that the timid ones were Dennis Johnson, Ola Mae Jackson and Ida Jewel Combs, poor students, confidentially they were not bathed in bashfulness, it being our first days as freshmen. We were not so humiliated and nervous but in good spirit. The following days of school were somewhat difficult for us to become accustomed to the changing of classes and a teacher for each class. When the gong rang for all to assemble in the auditorium we would gaily skip off the campus to the store and gossip over the old and new happenings. These hardships did not last long, soon we became acquainted with more students, became familiar with the teachers and learned the way of the school.

Some of the students were invited to attend several social activities given by the upper classmen. Thus ended our freshman year at Bienville Parish Training School.

When the school door opened in October, 1942, we marched in as well trained sophomores, thus showing that we had learned well during our freshman year and were ready to put all effort in trying to support our school.

We came to school with laughter and shouts, as little gay sophomores without any doubt. We filled all the hallway and were always on time. Oh, dear! We were in a state. Now Mary Lee we first chose as leader and Myrtle was second in line. Then Gonia Lee was chosen as treasurer and Maggie Bell to keep books so fine.

At the beginning of our Junior year we became more cultured and refined for we realized that now we were upper classmen. When the honor roll was posted at the end of each examination period, it was the Junior class that always had the largest number of honored students listed. One of the happiest times of our school days were spent when we entertained the Senior Class of 1943 at the Junior-Senior Prom. At this lovely entertainment we moved about with joyful hearts because we knew that we were the Senior Class of 1944.

Once more after vacation we came to dear old Bienville Parish Training School. Many have fallen by the wayside, while others have gone to different institutions of learning.

We are now twenty-five in number. Some of the members have come for their first time, taking the place of those who failed to come back. Very sad, indeed, we were on the opening day of school, when we found that our coach and social science-mathematics teacher, Mr. H. L. Lathen, would not be with us. This is where Stewart Washington, the senior president, had a chance to shine as coach.

Stewart was a very efficient coach. Under his leadership a popularity contest was conducted for the purpose of selecting Miss Bienville as Homecoming Queen. Yes, Miss Albertha Malone, a popular member of the senior class, received

A dark cloud arose over our class from time to time when Uncle Sam began to call our boys, one by one, to serve in the armed forces. We mention with honor the names of Stewart Washington, Sayman Laules, Lonnie Booker and Numan Lee Richmond.

For pep, laughter, happiness and entertainment, Clara Duty and Maggie B. Crosby would bring the singing on. Singing alone was not enough to cheer us up so with the kind permission of Hazel Thomas, Mary Lee Abraham and Mildred Spears, Boogie Woogie was the thing that brought us through. For poems and poetry, which we loved so dear, Albertha Malone was the one to bring us cheer. One need not wonder how our custom was made. Louis Lee Rogers, Emma Lee Myles and Ida Jewel Combs were the semesters for us. Singing, dancing, speaking and sewing was not all to be done. Eating was a thing we loved to do. So Nona Jane Lofton, Clotis Allen and Mallie Harris cooked the food to suit our appetite.

Angeline Cox was the gossip bird. While Ola Mae Jackson would play a song. Larene Davis had little to say, but was always listening to what was said.

Our class with dignity was buried well. Myrtle was the one to portray this part.

Now came Dennis, our religious worker, who prays to save our souls. Ernest, the cheerful little lot, with mystery, love, human, and fun, was the one to keep the class lively.

Reading to us meant much in every way. Then Jessie Mae Hampton did the task well. Romance and loving took place on the stage. Stewart, the genius, did his part. Norman Lee Richmond, our athletic star, did his part in winning each game. A preacher was needed in many plays, so Sagman Quorles did his share.

We dare not close our history without mentioning our dearly beloved teachers, who have done so much for us in so many ways. Let us first consider our sponsor, Miss Glendor Louise Archie, who has worked so delightfully with us and has helped us to sit where we are seated tonight. She was an aid in every way because she had books of every kind to be read in the library, and to be chewed and digested to help us along in learning. Along with our sponsor comes our dear principal, who was always calm, happy and nice.

Vocational arts was the most needed subject. One could have done little without that subject. Mrs. Farley and Mr. Johnson were the two who helped us there. English and every day art, an important successor, a needed value and benefit to life, Miss Gear was the player of this part.

After complying with the rules and regulations during the eight months of our senior year here at Bienville Parish Training School, we feel confident that we have made a definite contribution to our sponsor, teachers and school, equal to that of the graduating classes that have gone on before us.

So we take the opportunity to say that the Class of 1944 is the most brilliant and attractive of any class known to history and will always be remembered by the faculty of Bienville Parish Training School and the people of the town as that wonderful class of 1944.

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ALBERTA LORRETTA MALONE, Route 2, Box 128, Simsboro, Louisiana; born December 12, 1925, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to Alvester Malone and Lovester Young; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hobby—Dancing and movies.

EMMA LEE MYLES, Route 1, Box 68, Arcadia, Louisiana; born May 22, 1926, in Simsboro, Louisiana, to Joe Myles and Emma Harris; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, La.; class treasurer; career, stenographer; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hobby—Making friends.

MILDRED LOVIE SPEARS, 201 Bormont Street, Detroit, Michigan; born June 10, 1927, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to Willie Spears and Clara Bell Thomas; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, Louisiana; career, stenographer; to attend Harlem University, New York City. Hobby—Dancing and movies.

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JESSIE MARINETTA HAMPTON, Arcadia, Louisiana; born July 24, 1926, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to Jessie Hampton and Beulah Willis; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, La.; career, nurse; to attend U. S. Cadet Nurse School, Kansas City, Missouri. Hobby—Movies and writing.

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MYRTLE JEWEL ROGERS, Box 177, Arcadia, Louisiana; born November 14, 1924, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to Willie Wilson and Hattie Richmond; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, La.; career, teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Reading and fishing.

MAGGIE BELL CROSBY, 2627 Avenue I, Galveston, Texas; born June 6, 1927, in Arcadia, Louisiana, to Eddie J. Cobbs and Lola M. Crosby; graduated May 18, 1944, from Bienville Parish Training School, Arcadia, La.; class secretary; career, stenographer; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Singing and dancing.

#### CLASS POEM

By Albertha Lorretta Malone

Four years ago together  
As a freshman class we stood,  
With excellent intentions  
That sometimes turned to good.  
We have studied subjects hard  
That never grew quite clear,  
We faltered by the wayside  
But now at last we're here.  
Although the tasks the teachers gave us  
Were difficult to do,  
And the scholarship requirements  
Often made us cross and blue.

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The sunshine and the starry lanes,  
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And every year when spring breaks through  
The winter's sullen sky,  
We'll come in spirit back again  
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So may we when success has crowned  
Our lines, some far off times,  
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**FOSTER CUNNINGHAM**, Ringgold, Louisiana; born December 18, 1918 in Ringgold, Louisiana to Booker T. Cunningham and Georgia Moore; graduated May 26, 1944; class Vice-President of Ringgold Colored High School, Ringgold, Louisiana; career, Beauty Culture; to attend Trade School at Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**GIRLEAN TOOKE**, P. O. Box 257, Ringgold, Louisiana; born November 24, 1923 in Ringgold, Louisiana to Eddie Tooke and Middle Lue; graduated May 26, 1944 from Ringgold Colored High School, Ringgold, Louisiana; career, Nursing; to attend Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas. Hobby—Singing.

**ERNESTINE TERRELL**, Rt. 1, Box 102, Ringgold, Louisiana; born September 17, 1927 in Ringgold, Louisiana to Ernest Terrell and Camree Peck; graduated May 26, 1944; class Treasurer from Ringgold Colored High School, Ringgold, Louisiana; career, Business; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Music.

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**HELEN WEBBER**, Gen. Del Bossier City, Louisiana; born May 2, 1925 in Bossier City, Louisiana, to Myles Drakes and Julia Moore; graduated May; class Chaplain of Bossier Colored High, Bossier City, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois. Hobby—Reading.

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**ARDIS JONES**, Haughton, Louisiana, Star Rt. Box 44B; born May 9, 1925 in Haughton, Louisiana to Dempsey Jones and Mary Lue Hardmon; class Business Manager of Bossier City Colored Hi, Bossier City, Louisiana; career, Machinist or Electrician. Hobby—Athletic Sports.

**CLORDIA MAE JONES**, Star Rt. 44B, Haughton, Louisiana; born September 19, 1926 in Shreveport, Louisiana, to John Henry Jones and Adell Birts; graduated May; class member of Bossier Colored High, Bossier City, Louisiana; career, Nurse. Hobby—Travel.

**HARVEY E. AYTCHE**, 1636 Myrtle Street, Shreveport, Louisiana; born April 12, 1927 in Delhi, Louisiana to Sullivan Aytch and Augusta King; graduated May; class Treasurer of Bossier City Colored Hi, Bossier City, Louisiana; career, Medical Doctor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Traveling.

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**JOSEPH BROWN**, 210 La. Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana; born September 30, 1926 in Benton, Louisiana to Eugene Brown and Sallie B. Harrison; graduated May, 1944, from Bossier Colored High, North Louisiana; career, Music; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Sports.

**BERNICE P. MARSHALL**, Route 3, Box 84, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born June 9, 1928 in McDade, Louisiana to Ira Marshall and Eva L. McCauley; graduated May, 1944; class Secretary of Bossier Colored High, Bossier City, Louisiana; career, Home Economics Instructor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

#### CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago a momentous even took place. A new class was born known as the banners carriers throughout the period of High School. Just as many others we were called green in the beginning, but any fruit has to first be green before it ripens. We understood the situation that was well at hand, that is any person will have to take some heart breaking abuse to get along in this world.

To the best of our ability we started with a spirit of everlasting vim. We tried to accommodate people in such a manner that we would not be abused. Coy looks characterized the girls, and awkward feet the boys, without the calm and dignity that have always characterized our actions, we elected officers, selected our class colors and motto, and learned a few yells fitting to display our loyal and eager spirit. We started out with a group of sixty-six (66) and now we have a group of ten (10) members. I'm sure many of us prayed as the disciples did, "Lord trim our feet for the rough places we have trod." WE were truly a progressive group.

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**MILDRED WARNER**, Rt. 3, Box 80, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born August 9, 1925 in Marked Tree, Arkansas to Charles Warner and Pauline Easter; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Southern University College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

**HATTIE MARY PRICE**, Rto. 3, Box 85, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born August 6, 1926 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Miles M. Price and Odessa Stephen; graduated May 12, 1944; class President of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

**MARY LOUISE WATSON**, Rt. 2, Box 142, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born January 4, 1926 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Mack Watson and Earsie McDonald; graduated May 17, 1944; class Vice-President of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville. Hobby — Writing.

**CLAUDIA LEE JENNINGS**, Rocky Mount, Louisiana; born August 17, 1928 in Rocky Mount, Louisiana to Joe Jennings and Willie Mae McCullar; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Dentist; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby — Reading.

**FLORIDA MAE STEPHEN**, Route 2, Box 160, Plain Dealing; born January 28, 1926 in Plain Dealing to J. P. Stephen and Kattie Mae Stephen; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Speaking.

**LUELLA STROUD**, Rt. 3, Box 78, Benton, Louisiana; born March 17, 1925 in Benton, Louisiana to Jessie Stroud and Willie A. Robleson; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

**EUNICE McDONALD**, Plain Dealing, Louisiana, Rt. 2, Box 81; born October 31, 1927 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Eddie McDonald and Lonnie Johnson; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Arkansas State College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Hobby—Reading.

**LENA MAE HALL**, Rt. 1, Box 84A, Benton, Louisiana; born January 27, 1927 in Benton, Louisiana to J. T. Hall and Willie Mae Flournoy;

Louisiana to Ardis Coleman and Elvinnie Hall; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. — Hobby—Collecting Photos.

**MABLE SMITH**, Rt. 3, Box 59, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born November 4, 1927 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to L. W. Smith and Lucy Jefferson; graduated May 17, 1944; class Secretary of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby — Singing.

**ETHEL RUCKER**, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born February 22, 1927 in Merrouge, Louisiana to George Rucker and Gladys Lewis; graduated May 17, 1944; class Sgt.-at-Arms of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

**EMMA LEE PHILLIPS**, Rt. 3, Box 109, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born August 14, 1928 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Sam Phillips and Mary W. Hiams; graduated May 17, 1944; member class Social Committee of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Secretary; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**MAMIE THELMA MAYS**, Rt. 1, Box 87, Benton, Louisiana; born September 28, 1924 in Benton, Louisiana to Lieutenant Mays and Gracie Scott; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Charity Hospital, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Collecting Pictures.



**BERNICE SCOTT**, Rt. 1, Box 49A, Benton, Louisiana; Born January 27, 1928 in Alden Bridge, Louisiana to John W. Scott and Charles E. Jackson; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Willey College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Singing.

**THELMA B. COLEMAN**, Benton, Louisiana, Rt. 3, Box 85; born June 11, 1927 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Ardis Coleman and Elvinka Hall; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Singing.

**HAZEL McDALE**, Rt. 3, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born February 27, 1924 in Taylor, Arkansas to Daulton McDale and Florida Fulo; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby — Reading.

**DORIS RAY STROMILE**, Rt. 1, Box 58, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born November 13, 1924 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Jessie Stromile and Pricilla Kerr; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bos-

Campbell; graduated May 12, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Dietitian; to attend Southern University, Cotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing.

**JESSIE ALVIN JAMISON**, Haughton, Louisiana; born February 17, 1925 in Haughton, Louisiana to Ben Jamison and Samantha Jamison; graduated March 17, 1944; class Treasurer of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, U. S. Cadet Nurse; to attend Stillman, College, Alabama. Hobby—Sewing.

**MARY JANE BREWER**, Rt. 3, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born December 9, 1944 in Haughton, Louisiana to Albert J. Brewer and Rosa Brewer; graduated May 12, 1944; member Class Committee of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Teacher or Stenograph; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing.

**TOMMIE GRAY SCOTT**, BOX 134, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born January 15, 1926 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Thomas Scott and Carrie L. Campbell; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, U. S. Cadet Nurse; to attend Provident Hospital, Providence, Illinois. Hobby—Reading.

**Thelma Ann Campbell**, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born March 25, 1926 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Theo. R. Campbell and Hester Johnson; graduated May 12, 1944; class Ass't. Secretary of Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Negro Normal College, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby — Writing.

**CLOVEICE STEPHEN**, Rt. 3, Box 85, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born January 9, 1927 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Solomon Stephen and Johnnie Reed; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby — Singing.

**SADIE LUCILE PAYSINGER**, Rt. 2, Box 196, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born January 13, 1926 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Tom Paysinger and Roberta Means; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training, Benton, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Stillman's College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Hobby—Reading.

**SEAWELL R. HOLLAND**, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born December 12, 1925 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Emma Raleigh and Queen Williams; graduated May 17, 1944 from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**BLANCHE MAE GREEN**, Rt. 3, Box 85, Plain Dealing, Louisiana; born November 10, 1925 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana to Willie Green and Lady Byrd Price; graduated May 17, 1944; member Class Program Committee from Bossier Parish Training School, Benton, Louisiana; career, Stenography; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

ing (6 walk through the streets of London. They walked for several hours in silence, they expressed neither pleasure nor admiration at any thing they say. When their walk was ended they appeared uncommonly melancholy and stupefied. As soon as they got home they sat down with their elbows on their knees and their faces between their hands, the only words that could be brought to utterance were too much smoke—too much noise—too much houses—too much men—too much everything.

In our studies we got along fairly well. We had imbibed the impression that a long list of subjects is apt to product good scholars. When we discovered the error of our ways it was too late to make any worth while changes. So we continued the study, without having mastered the fundamentals of what is now called a practical education. This however, is neither surprising nor discouraging. Nearly all people sooner or later experience that what they know they cannot use, and that what they could use, they do not know.

Fortunately, we were received with wild welcoming and rejoicing by those who should lead up up the slippery by way of knowledge.

Among the various members of the faculty were Principal Jack Strong, Mrs. Hestie Player Jones, known as Dean of Women, Miss Lester Clay, Miss Alise Whitmore, Miss Elnora Jones, Mr. C. J. Cohn, Mrs. Willie B. Warren, Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell, Mrs. Helen Long Matthews, Mrs. Eddie T. Purvis, and Miss Helen Seals Jones, then our sponsor.

In our Freshman class, there were sixty five. The out of the parish students were Johnnie Mae Everret of Caddo Parish, Luther Harris of Arkansas and Bernice Boyd of Webster Parish.

#### Class Roll

Here are some of the outstanding events that occurred in our Freshmen year. There were 17 who made the honor roll. Walter Gayles, Archie Lee Thomas, James Porter, Webster White and Frank Hellem were star foot ball players. Mattie Pearl Stephens, Verna Mae Toliver and Kansasa Ford were outstanding basket ball players on the girls team. Walter Gayles, Archie Lee Thompson, Webster White and Ross Woodard were outstanding basket ball players on the boys team.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Helen Jones we gave one of the most outstanding plays in the history of the school. The title was "The Pest". Miss Jones and the Freshmen Class also sponsored another gala affair known as the Freshmen Jambree.

In our sophomore year we won the queen contest. Miss Dorothy Mae Scott was crowned as queen of our class. Miss Ruthie Lee Bush was our proud sponsor.

New students who entered our class were Mildred Warner, Levollia Ealy, Lacy Mae Ruth, Lillie Mae Ruth, Ivory Johnson and Verry Holloway. Students who dropped out were Lula Mae Davis, Christella Jones, Curlee English, Carrie Robinson, Sam Means, Helen Dickey, Sammie Ford, Beneva Wilson, Clarice Booker, Luther Harris, Christella Jones, who is now a senior at the Webster Parish Training School, Minden, Louisiana, Miss Effie Mae Jones, now a senior of Jefferson high school of Los Angeles, Cali-

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have Willie Robinson.

Now our class entered its Junior year. New students added were Emma Leo Phillips and Eddie Ray Williams. To drop out were Eloise Black, Mattie Holmes, Mary Robinson Chase, Bessie Mae Smith and Dorothy Galloway.

This brings us to our last year which is our senior year. This then, dear friends is the class of 1944 as you see it today.

Those who entered our class were: Therman Adams, Charles Arnold, Essie B. Mayhorn and Mrs. Seawellow Holland. We won the queen contest. Miss Emma Leo Phillips was crowned as queen of the event. We also sponsored two gala affairs known as the Valentine Buggle and Manhattan Boggie.

Looking back at our school life of which seven years were spent in the grades, and four in high school. We cannot get away from the fact that it has been to all of us a great source of blessings and rejoicing. We are not so puffed up with pride as to imagine that our class will occupy the highest place in the record of this institution. Still we have struggled. And while we have thus given a brief historical sketch of our high school career, we trust that the ending of this our first lesson will be the beginning of another life that will enable us to build upon the foundations laid while students of this school.

Some were worried over their financial stream  
Whether it would make life a pleasant dream,  
But we see by being patient and looking to God,  
We have accomplished the first milestone in  
lives long trod.

Some started with us to air out their brains,  
But for several reasons, they had to refrain,  
So we are sincerely hoping with all our might  
That wherever they are, they are progressing  
tonight.

In this milestone, we have had sponsors of three,  
Namely: Misses Helen Jones, Bush, and Mims,  
All of high degree,  
They labored with us through darkness and  
light  
We love them, because they fought a good fight.

Now to Principal Strong and faculty as well,  
We appreciate your kindness far more than  
we can tell  
For when errant Freshmen started on this flight  
Our ignorance and discourtesy was of height.

To our dear parents who guided us on this way,  
You have striven and worked hard every  
day,  
We'll do our best to attain our goal in life,  
And avoid confusion, though it may be strife.

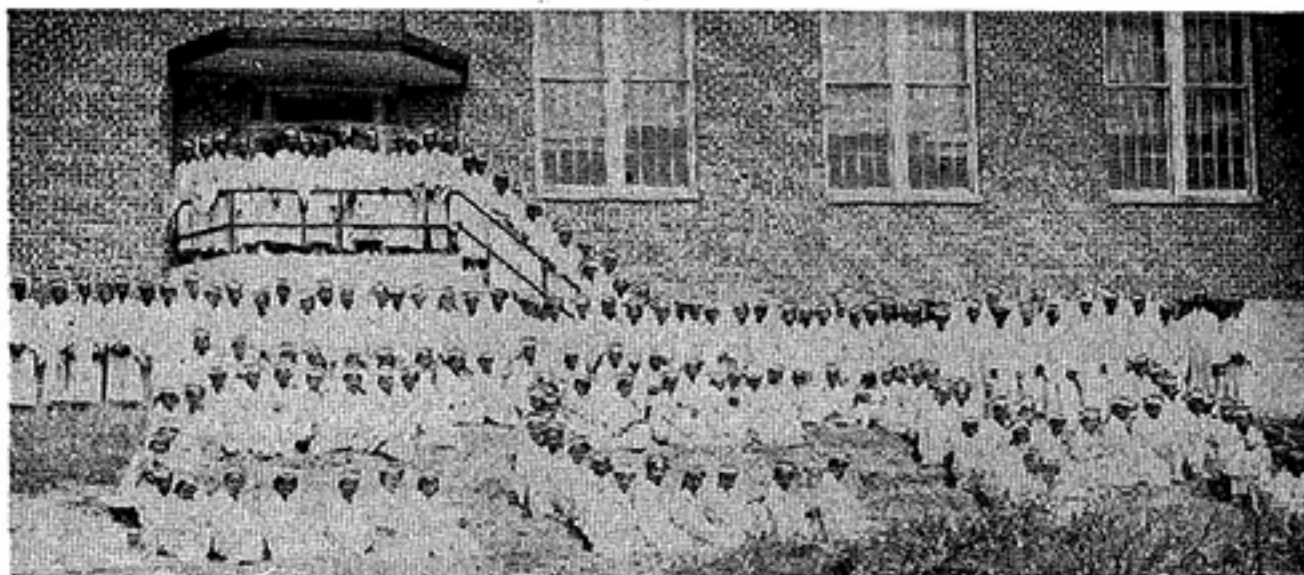
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HENISE BOYKIN, 947 Madison Avenue; born March 31, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Alonzo Boykin and Eliza O'Neal; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse training; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Reading.

ANDREW GREENE, 1312 Madison Avenue; born July 26, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Joseph Greene and Pearl Martin; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, aviator; to attend University of Southern California, California. Hobby—Tennis, golf.

ZENOBIA ANGLE, 809 Williamson Street; born May 26, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Shepherd Angle and Lucille Jackson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Milam Street, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Reading.

HORACE KEMP MILLER, 1906 Garden Street; born May 13, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Leon Miller, Sr., and Eliza Kemp; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, art, designing; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Drawing.

ADDIE MAE MYRES, 2702 Milam Street; born October 4, 1924, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Andrew Myres and Ella Jernigan; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High School, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse training; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Basketball.

JUNE ROGERS, 1102 Christian Street; born June 12, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Robert A. Rogers and Mary Flanagan; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teaching; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Dancing.

OMERIA SHYNE, 414 Lawrence Street; born February 15, 1925, in Homer, Louisiana, to Van Shyne and Katie Webb; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Reading.

ARTIS SMALLEY, 1225 Beatty Street; born March 1, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Alex Smalley and Callie Hart; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street, Shreveport, La.; class president; career, military or commercial aviator; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Building model airplanes.

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WILLARD THOMAS HALL, 1841 Poland Street; born August 16, 1926, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Lemuel Hall and Georgie Hill; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, doctor; to attend Melbray College. Hobby—Reading.

HAMILTON KATHRYN, 1850 Anna Street; born March 27, 1928, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Capleus Hamilton and Adell Hooks; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, business work in printing; to attend business college, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Printing.

WILLIE LEE HAMILTON, 210 St. Luke Street; born February 14, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Willie Hamilton and Gertrude Hutchinsor; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend S. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Hobby—Reading.

HATTIE MAE HAYES, 1824 Ashton Street; born December 11, 1924, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Hambrick Hayes and Louise Wolf; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, supervisor; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Reading.

BOOKER JOSEPH HOWARD, 1634 Snow Street; born October 6, 1926, in Texarkana, Arkansas, to Wilbert Howard and Booker Clara; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, law; to attend Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Reading law books.

ELZADIA HYMES, 1428 Gary Street; born February 21, 1926, in Spring Ridge, Louisiana, to Kato Hymes and Willie Mae Gibbs; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Reading.

HERBERT JACKSON, 1114 Park Avenue; born October 9, 1926, in McNeil, Mississippi, to Thero Jackson and Lorena Bender; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, commercial artist; to attend Howard College, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Drawing.

HATTIE MAE JEFFERSON, 1107 Sycamore Street; born February 4, 1926, in Waskom, Texas, to Ben Jefferson and Lulu Mae Flanagan; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, major in tailoring; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Printing, sketching, sewing.

ZENOBIA MITCHELL, 501 Hollywood Avenue; born August 12, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Fred Mitchell and Omedah Turner; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Reading.

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**BRADY NILES**, 1703½ R. Carden Street; born July 23, 1926, 1829 Perrier Street, to Gaines Niles and Evelyn Chatham; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street, Shreveport, La.; career, carpenter teacher; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Shoe Repairing.

**THELMA MURRAY**, 1932 Garden Street; born July 13, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Charlie B. Murray, Sr., and Virda B. Bayton; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, business secretary; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing and reading.

**LICINIUS ARCHINUS MOSLEY**, 1257 Oakland Street; born June 7, 1927, in Castor, Louisiana, to Lennie Mosley and Rosa M. Eggans; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, college course; to attend Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Reading.

**MARIAN MITCHELL**, 1524 Murphy Street; born August 15, 1927, in Mobile, Alabama, to A. T. Mitchell and Alice M. Laurent; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street, Shreveport, La.; career, practical nurse; to attend California State, San Francisco, Cal.

**ELMARIE McCLURE**, 1205 Norma Avenue; born March 11, 1925, in Keatchie, Louisiana, to T. P. McClure, Jr., and Mary Belle Samuel; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, social science teacher; to attend Prairie View College, Hempstead, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

**ELIZABETH A. McISAAC**, 943 Christian Street; born October 24, 1926, in Deridder, Louisiana, to Roosevelt McIsaac and Nellie M. Mason; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, bookkeeper; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Reading.

**MINNIE OLA McDOWELL**, 2059 Weinstock Street; born February 20, 1927, in Bethany, Louisiana, to Thomas McDowell and Mary Elizabeth Beecham; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, nurse; to attend California State University, San Francisco, Cal. Hobby—Reading.

**NEIL MARKHAM**, 905 Madison Avenue; born April 20, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Charles Markham and Addie Mae Williams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, to be a good cook. Hobby—Tennis.

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**CLIFFORD LAWSON**, 1836 St. John Street; born March 25, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Virtrum Lawson and Luella Lucien; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, mechanical engineer and fireman; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Model aircraft builder.

**EDNA MARIE LATSON**, 265 Sixth Street; born September 28, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to George Latson and Dua Lee Satcher; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, business course; to attend Walls & Hammond College, Houston, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

**IRMA JEAN JUNIEL**, 1214 Travis Street; born June 14, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Chester Juniel and Clara Williams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, musician (pianist); to attend Talladega University, Talladega, Ala. Hobby—Practicing music.

**MARY RUTH JONES**, 2053 Looney Street; born September 16, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Alex Jones and Tommie Brown; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Musician.

**LUCINDA JONES**, 821 Stoner Avenue; born July 4, 1924, in Jefferson, Arkansas, to Henry Jones and Lonnie Campbell; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teaching; to attend Spaulding University, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**ANNIE TRUEHEART JONES**, 1153 Pecan Street; born July 29, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Robert Jones and Marie Banks; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**DOROTHY JOHNSON**, 1744 Weinstock Street; born April 4, 1926, in Ringgold, Louisiana, to Lury Johnson and T. H. Rambo; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, home economics; to attend Talladega College, Alabama. Hobby—Cooking.

**ETHEL JOHNSON**, 2026 Looney Street; born September 12, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to George Johnson and Pazzetta Thomas; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hobby—Collecting photos.

**CORA LEE JOHNSON**, 1217 Pecan Street; born February 27, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Henry Williams and Elvira Johnson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, 1860½ Milam Street. Hobby—Playing piano.

**SAHAM B. JOHNSON**, 729 E. 71st Street; born November 7, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Luzene Johnson and Estella Gates; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, typing; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Typing.

**MARIAH JOHNS**, 903 Portland Avenue; born February 11, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Hicks Johns and Emma Craton; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Michigan State University, Flint, Mich. Hobby—Tennis.

**ERNESTINE JILES**, 448 Hollywood Avenue; born April 24, 1924, in Grambling, Louisiana, to Elisha Jiles and Hattie Edmonds; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, musician; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Penmanship.

**ERMA JEAN JENKINS**, 1255 Pecan Street; born August 24, 1924, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to Rev. Samuel Jenkins and Miss Dora Grust; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, economics teacher; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

**CLAUDIE B. JEFFERSON**, 2042 Looney Street; born May 13, 1925, in Belcher, Louisiana, to Louis Jefferson and Edith Bradford; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**ALPHONSE JACKSON, JR.**, 8706 St. Vincent Avenue; born November 27, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Alphonse Jackson, Sr., and Mattie P. Beamer; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, medical doctor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**TEOLEETA HORTON**, 1819 Perrin Street; born March 9, 1924, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Frank Horton and Lucinda Graham; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teaching; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**CHARLES ANNA HOPKINS**, 1655 Poland Street; born June 19, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Leon Hopkins and Bertha Buck; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, singer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Music and singing.

**ETHEL MAE HOOKS**, 1528 Ashton Street; born August 13, 1927, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Sandy Bennie Hooks and Georgia Promise; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Listening to music.

**MARION HILLS**, 1528 W. 59th Street; born April 27, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Thomas D. Hills and Alberta Plunkett; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, law and business courses; to attend Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Reading.

**DOROTHY MAE HAINES**, 1013 St. Paul Street; born November 3, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Treddy Haynes and Dessie Clark; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, graduate nurse; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Collecting postal cards.

**RUTHA BELLE HANDMAN**, 1801 St. Paul Street; born March 3, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to J. Frank Handman and Inez Brewer; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Music.

**GLORIA JOAN HARRISON**, 610 East 76th Street; born March 7, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Joseph Harrison and Lillie Mae Brooks; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Cooking.

**GLADYS HARRIS**, 1650 Myrtle Street; born September 21, 1925, in Robinson, Louisiana, to Henderson Harris and Ada Lee Taylor; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, defense work. Hobby—Sewing.

**HATTIE MAE HANDY**, 2719 Looney Street; born November 18, 1925, in Newellton, Louisiana, to Mitchell Handy and Susie Blackmon; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, seamstress; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**RUBY LEE HAMLIN**, 2020 Talbot Street; born April 18, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Lev Hamlin and Elizabeth Walker; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, sewing. Hobby—Sewing.

**NELIA HAMLIN**, 2012 Perrin Street; born November 11, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Lou Hamlin and Elizabeth Walker; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nursing (trained); to attend Louisiana Negro Normal College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Making friends.

**FREDERICK CLAUDE HAMILTON**, 1711 Anna Street; born May 5, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Manuel Hamilton and Essie Lee; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, dentist; to attend Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Reading.

**CARRETTA GRIFFIN**, 1815 Logan Street; born April 28, 1927, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Otis Griffin and Georgia Lomax; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, beauty culture. Hobby—Movies.

**ANNIE GRAY GREEN**, 407½ Fourth Street; born July 20, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Lee Green and Luella Harris; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse or musician; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Movies.

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**ETHEL LEAR COOPER**, 915 Portland Street; born January 2, 1929, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Isaac Greggs and Sarah Jamieson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, musician; undecided about college. Hobby—All sports; music.

**BETTY JEAN FOPPE**, 1733 Poland Street; born January 31, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Sam Foppe and Belvia Epps; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; class secretary; career, doctor of medicine; to attend Howard College, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Reading.

**COZIE EUBANKS**, 417 Boisseau Street; born April 6, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Tom Eubanks and Lenora Adams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

**WAVERLYN DUPREE**, 231 Webster Street; born August 22, 1928, in Curtiss, Louisiana, to Booker T. Dupree and Naomi Sumpter; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, secretary; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Reading novels and magazines.

**CLARENCE EVERETT DOUGLAS**, 1111 Madison Avenue; born June 8, 1928, in Jefferson, Texas, to Charles Douglas and Elzadia Lewis; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, doctor; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Tennis.

**ELNEITA DOUGLAS**, 1316 Madison Avenue; born September 4, 1927, in Beltany, Louisiana, to Rufus Douglas and Ola Lee Roquemore; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, to be a seamstress or economics teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sewing and cooking.

**BERNICE DOTSON**, 1637 Milam Street; born July 30, 1926, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Thomas Dotson and Sarah Dennies; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, junior typist; to attend University of California, Los Angeles, Cal. Hobby—Sewing.

**LUCILLE DIXON**, 2042 Looney Street; born May 11, 1927, in Belcher, Louisiana, to Hosea Dixon and Theodora Smith; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Movies.

**ELMER BAHAN DICKENS**, 310½ Common Street; born May 28, 1928, in Waskom, Texas, to Arthur Dickens and Elizabeth Whittier; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, surgery; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Composing.

**EVERETT DAVIS SOUTHALL**, 1568 Ashton Street; born August 18, 1910, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Gus Southall and Susie Thrash; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teacher; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

**WILLIAM HENRY CLARK, JR.**, 1526 Gary Street; born August 2, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to William Henry Clark and Ehola Thompson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, dentistry; to attend Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Playing clarinet.

**ROSIE B. CAMPBELL**, 930 Gary Street; born September 24, 1925, in Stonewall, Louisiana, to James Campbell and Louette Loftridge; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, seamstress; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Sewing.

**MATTIE MAE BROWN**, 1420 Ford Street; born August 1, 1925, in Benton, Louisiana, to Alfred Brown and Leatha Mitchell; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, music; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Dancing.

**SUSIE MAE ELIZABETH BUGGS**, 1806 Weinstock Street; born January 29, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Robert Buggs and Thelma Thompson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Singing.

**ERNESTINE BRIDGES**, Rt. 4, Box 13-A; born December 1, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to James Bridges and Carrie Lee Rose; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, nurse or musician; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Playing games.

**WELCOME T. BRYANT**, 951 Portland Avenue; born March 30, 1929, in Huntsville, Alabama, to Rev. F. J. Bryant and M. J. Jones; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, doctor; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Tennis.

**RUTHIE LEE BRIDGES**, 118 Lafayette Street; born February 26, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to James H. Bridges, Sr., and Leo Rose Carry; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teacher; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Reading.

**ADDIE BELLE WILSON**, 1543 Clay Street; born October 18, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Willie Wilson and Asia Johnson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, business course. Hobby—Reading.

**BESSIE WILSON**, 1725 Bismark Street; born August 27, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Fritzie Baton and Nettie Wilson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Dancing.

**JACKSON WILLIAMS, JR.**, 1508 Acorn Street; born April 19, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Jackson Williams and Frances Smith; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Going to shows.

**PEGGY JEAN WATSON**, 1906 Myrtle Street; born March 28, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Tom Watson and Cora Lee Embert; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, intends to be a tailor; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing and drug making.

**GERTRUDE B. WASHINGTON**, 1636 Weinstock Street; born April 25, 1927, in Bellevue, Louisiana, to Frank E. Washington and Minnie Smith; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teacher or seamstress; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Sewing and bicycle riding.

**CORA LEE WASHINGTON**, 1661 Patzman Street; born January 31, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to E. D. Washington and Bobbie Mae Arnold; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High School, Shreveport, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Cooking.

**WILLIE JAMES WALKER**, 1023 Howell Street; born March 19, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Vinon Walker and Willie B. Atkins; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, teacher of mathematics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**ADDIE MAE WALKER**, 1802 Poland Street; born October 22, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Lucius Walker and Georgia Williams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, 1627 Weinstock Street; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, 1860½ Milam Street. Hobby—Reading.

**ROBERT VAN DYKE**, 1959 Myrtle Street; born November 28, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Walter Van Dyke and Rodessa Jackson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, aviation. Hobby—Reading.

**JEROHAN TYONS**, 2023½ Tolbert Street; born August 4, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Richard Tyons, Jr., and Louvena Simms; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Reading.

**ANNA MAE TYLER**, 2010 Logan Street; born February 5, —, in Wallace, Louisiana, to Ephraim D. Tyler and Emily Barney; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, physical education teacher; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Movies.

**THELMA LEE TOLIVET**, 1326 Broadway Street; born January 20, 1925, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Rev. J. T. Tolivet and Ella D. Robinson; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, musician; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Music.

**MATTIE PEARL THOMAS**, 1407½ R. Edwards Street; born July 2, 1926, in Ferhing, Louisiana, to Elijah Thomas and Mardess Myles; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, doctor; to attend Fisk University, Tennessee. Hobby—Sewing.

**DOROTHY THOMPSON**, 1823 St. John Street; born January 3, 1927, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to P. F. Thompson and Rosa Dane; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Reading and movies.

**CORA LEE THOMAS**, Rt. 3, Box 59, Shreveport, Louisiana; born December 22, 1926, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Vannie H. Thomas and Ruthine Stewart; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, business; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Sewing and reading.

**EMMA T. TAYLOR**, 940 Portland Avenue; born November 11, 1925, in Belcher, Louisiana, to Morris Taylor and Alberta Miles; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**PEARLIE D. STEPHENS**, 2226 Greenwood Road; born February 17, 1925, in Keithville, Louisiana, to Albert Stevens and Katie V. Pipes; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, trained nurse; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

**LAURA MAE STEPHENS**, 1110 Ziegler Street; born May 31, 1926, in Marshall, Texas, to Willie Stephens and Amanda Flanagan; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; class vice-president; career, school teacher; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Movies.

**ALBERT STEPHENS, JR.**, 2318 Texas Avenue; born September 16, 1927, in Greenwood, Louisiana, to Albert Stephens and Lemmer Lee Adams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, mechanic; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**WENDELL SMILTON SMITH**, 1742 Alston Street; born February 13, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to William O. Smith and Lizzie Dorothy Adams; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, lawyer or physician; to attend Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Reading.

**MARCEL SMITH**, 1830 Logan Street; born December 25, 1924, in Cedar Grove, Louisiana, to Robert Smith and Lollie Drawhorn; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Basketball.



ROBERT SHIELDS, 1546 Rex Street; born August 21, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Robert Shields and Annie Bell Jones; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

MARIE VIOLA SMALL, 1637 Milam Street; born May 2, 1925, in Springridge, Louisiana, to Richard Small and Annie Bell; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas. Hobby—Sewing.

ROBERT SHIELDS, 1546 Rex Street; born August 21, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Robert Shields and Annie Bell Jones; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, doctor or dentist; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Atlanta, Ga. Hobby—Music.

MARGUERITE ELIZABETH WYNN, 1241 Travis Street; born October 9, 1926, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Walter Wynn; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, trained or registered nurse; to attend Tennessee State College, Tennessee. Hobby—Singing.

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#### History of the Class of 1944

On September 26, 1940, a new class entered Union Central High School. This class numbered forty-four, and was as innocent as it was numerous. After stumbling and being pushed around by the upper classmen, we finally became adjusted to our new environment and settled down to work. We soon learned that examinations were the greatest disaster. We literally petered out on the first examination, but found that mercy had been extended to us, and most of the failing crew received D's instead of the E's earned.

Our sponsor, Mrs. Lula Mays, directed us in electing the following class officers:

Barbara Jones ..... President  
Willie Ester Simmons ..... Vice President  
Mary Lee Bradley ..... Secretary  
James Thomas ..... Treasurer  
Mrs. Lula Mays ..... Sponsor

Under Mrs. Mays' sponsorship, a good and lasting school spirit was developed in each of us.

During the session there were some who decided that school was all right but not for them, so they dropped out. Finally the last examinations determined who would become sophomores, and our number decreased to 34.

In 1941-42 we were sophomores along with the arrogance that goes with upper classmen. Mrs. Mays was our sponsor, and again we started toward doing better and getting farther. Several parties were given and basketball games were played. We improved our scholarship, for Barbara Jones, Odell Jackson, and Leon Minor made honor roll throughout the session. By this time, most of us accepted examinations as matters of routine, thus we lost no night rest over their arrival. However, we did manage to study enough to attain the title "Juniors" for the session 1942-43.

The 1942-43 session brought us a new teacher, Miss Precious Stewart, who became our sponsor. She taught us Biology and Physical Education, two this session were: A Class Play "Eyes of Love", and a Thanksgiving Dinner. The Fifth District Basketball tournament was won. The trophy was presented to Simon Hodge, the outstanding athlete of this class and of the school. In dramatics Misses Cecil Payne, Mary Lee Bradley, Willie Mae Zinnermon, and Odell Jackson received honors. In scholarship, Misses Barbara Jones, and Odell Jackson stand out. In leadership, Mr. James Thomas, our president, is unsurpassed. In all-roundness, the class in its entirety is unsurpassed.

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Courses which we learned a lot of, as well as we learned and loved her. We adhered to her soft and sweet voice of advice. Under her sponsorship a gala affair, "An Evening in Hawaii" was given; also the Junior-Senior Prom of 1943. There has never been and never will be another Prom like it nor to surpass it. This class could not be considered wonderful but that it share the honor of fighting for their country. John E. Woodards, Hudson Jordan, Savannak Jordan, C. W. Presley, Welcome Williams, and Leon Minor answered the call to arms.

1943-44 marks the greatest year in our history. It is during this time that we began to look forward to our climax. Miss Stewart was our sponsor again, so we started the session with sunshine and maintained sunshine throughout the session. Mr. C. H. Chapman was and ever will be proud of us.

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LEIL DALE PAYNE, 1010 Royal Street; born April 11, 1927, in Mansfield, Louisiana, to James Small and Leola Thomas; graduated May 26, 1944, from Central Colored High, Shreveport, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

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#### CLASS POEM

We will say to the class behind us  
There's no easy road to fame,  
That from our bit of experience  
Life is no simple game.

It takes a bit of courage,  
An da bit of self control;  
Yes, a grim determination  
If you wish to reach your goal.

Have a fire burning within you—  
One which is not easily quenched;  
With a lot of aspiration  
Success is cinched.

So dear school and kind instructors  
Your work was not in vain;  
We now go forth to meet a challenge,  
The highest goal we shall attain.

#### MARY LEE BRADLEY

BIRDY McDOWELL, Grayson, Louisiana; born December 30 to James McDowell and Roberta McDowell; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School, Grayson, Louisiana; career, Homemaker Teacher; to attend Southern University. Hobby—Sewing.

SIMON HEDGE, Grayson, Louisiana; born July 27, 1923 in Grayson, Louisiana to William M. Hodge and Julia A. Couch; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Vocational Agri. Teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

JAMES D. THOMAS, Route 2, Box 137, Columbia, Louisiana; born September 14, 1924 in Simmesport, Louisiana to Frank Thomas and Gussie Allen; graduated May 18, 1944; class President of Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Traveling Salesman; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

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ROSIA LEA Armstrong, Route 2, Box 21, Monroe, Louisiana; born December 5, 1926, St. Landry, Louisiana to Frank Armstrong and Sallie Armstrong; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Bookkeeping; to attend Y. M. C. A. Business School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

ODELL JACKSON, Columbia, Louisiana; born May 20, 1927 in New Orleans, Louisiana to W. Jackson and Virginia Dillard; graduated May 18, 1944; class Ass't. Secretary of Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

WILLIE MAE ZINNERMON, born December 1926 in Bosco, Louisiana to Robert Zinnermon and Lula B. Clark; graduated May 18, 1944; class Vice President of Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Nursing; to attend Arkansas Baptist School, Little Rock, Arkansas. Hobby—Sewing.

BARBARA JONES, Box 422, Columbia, Louisiana; born June 29, 1927 in Columbia, Louisiana to Robert Jones, Sr. and Lillie Dillard; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

WILLIE ESTHER SIMMONS, Columbia, Louisiana; born January 1, 1924 in Clarks, Louisiana to Parlow Simmons and Ann M. Johnson; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School, Columbia, Louisiana; career, Nursing; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

LEIL DALE PAYNE, Columbia, Louisiana; born July 12, 1926 in Columbia, Louisiana to Ollie Payne and Jean Siller; graduated May 18, 1944 from Union Central High School; career, Social Work; to attend Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. Hobby—Skating.

MARY LEE BRADLEY, R. I. Box 8, Columbia, Louisiana; born February 27, 1925 in Columbia, Louisiana to Thomas Bradley and Frances Bradley; graduated May 18, 1944; class Treasurer of Union Central High School; career, Stenographer; to attend Michigan State, Detroit Michigan. Hobby—Dramatics.

VIOLA HATTEN, Columbia, Louisiana; born January 3, 1924 in Columbia, Louisiana to Hatten and Clarice Jones; graduated May 1944 from Union Central High School, Columbia, Alabama. Hobby—Reading.



October 12, 1933 the faculty of the Kelly Training School were strolling aimlessly through the corridors, chatting about the just ended vacation and wondering whether there would be any startling changes in the work during the coming year.

Suddenly they caught a glimpse of something new and strange. Just inside the front door, huddled together in mute embarrassment and anxiety were the members of what became the class of 1944. To the casual eye, they seemed merely a group of ordinary boys and girls, well dressed reasonably good-looking and badly frightened. But to the trained eyes of these dauntless and experienced explorers, these strangers seemed distinct and widely separated individuals, each possessing aptitudes and talents, deficiencies and capabilities decidedly worth finding out.

During the first month of this year, the beginners suffered much inconveniences because of their unfamiliarity with the new country and its traffic rules. We were forever taking the wrong corridor, and arriving at our class-room half an hour late, because of this, we incurred heavy penalties, but by Thanksgiving we had learned the topography of the school building and were in the right place at the right time.

In the year of 1939 there had been an increase in our class. The number increased to twenty, at the end of the session of 1939-40 we left elementary school and entered into high school.

We have scuffled hard during the past four years. The last of our work left only four to remain. We became seniors on October 4, 1943 and with the gaining of this title we began to take ourselves more seriously than ever before, as the act nears its close for this final struggle. Victory now means freedom from the dreaded study and our examinations.

As the last fatal hour arrives, and the final examination raises our sinister heads, the attack of the seniors is brave and well organized.

The organization of the senior class was noteworthy with the following list of officers in charge; Gloria Bee Braxton, President, Ola Mae Wooten, Vice President; Geneva Estelle White, Secretary; Dorothy Marie Lollie, Treasurer and Mr. W. P. Moore, Sr. Sponsor. The results of concentration is apparent. To a man and to a woman — we seniors emerge victoriously.

The strenuous preparation for battle made our cast more and more familiar with study, and a blessing in disguise and every body is happy.

The play ends in a burst of glory, with flowers, music and congratulations — in short, graduation exercises; and we have the well-known and ever popular, happy ending.

GLORIA BEE BRAXTON, R. F. D. 1, Box 33, Olla, Louisiana; born April 9, 1927 in Standard, Louisiana to Genie Braxton and Laura Kyles; graduated May 19, 1944; class President of Kelly Training School, Kelly Louisiana; career, attend College; to attend Negro Rural Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

GENEVA ESTELLE WHITE, R. F. D. 1, Box 81A, Kelly, Louisiana; born November 11, 1923 in Kelly, Louisiana to Mance White and Willie Ricks; graduated May 19, 1944; class Secretary of Kelly Training School, Kelly, Louisiana; career, Attend College; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

OLA MAE WOOTEN, R. F. D. 1, Box 89, Kelly, Louisiana; born August 29, 1924 in Kelly, Louisiana to Robert T. Wooten and Suste Douglas; graduated May 19, 1944; class Vice President of Kelly Training School, Kelly, Louisiana; career, Attend College; to attend Negro Rural Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

## POEM

### CLASS POEM—KELLY TRAINING SCHOOL

W. P. MOORE, Principal

"The Ladder of Old Kelly Training", Well hast thou said

That of our vices we can frame  
A ladder, if we will but tread  
Beneath our feet each deed of shame!

All common things, each day's events,  
That with the hour this class began and end,  
Our pleasures and our discontents,  
Are rounds by which we may ascend.

The low desire, the base design,  
That makes another's virtues less;  
The revel of the ruddy wine,  
And all occasions of success.

We have not wings, we cannot soar;  
But we have feet to scale and climb  
By slow degrees, by more and more,  
The class summit of our time.

The mighty pyramids of stone  
That wedge-like cleave the deserts air,  
When nearer seen and better known,  
Are but gigantic stairs.

The distant mountains that uprear  
Their solid bastions of the skies,  
Are crossed by pathways, that appear  
As we, the class of forty-four to higher levels rise.

The heights by great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.

Standing on what too long we bore  
With shoulders bent and downcast eyes,  
We may discern-unseen before  
A path to higher destinies.

Nor deem the irrevocable past,  
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,  
If the rising of this class of forty-four, at last  
To something nobler may we attain.

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JOHNNY JANE ALLEN, Box 246, Lisbon, Louisiana; born November 1, 1924, in Lisbon, Louisiana, to Johnnie Allen and Mattie J. Holmes; graduated May 18, 1944, from Fellowship High, Lillie, La.; career, musician; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Reading and movies.

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#### CLASS HISTORY

It was the third day of October, 1940, a calm, peaceful day, radiant with the sunshine of hope, cheer and joyousness promised that the good ship, Fellowship High School, stood at anchor at the wharf of a new school year. It was the same old ship that had carried many passengers to safe harbors in the land of Great Wisdom, but this day was gala day in its history, and many people gazed upon it in wonder as they watched the young ladies and bold, dashing young gentlemen, as they so happily stepped on board; for it was rumored that they were about to set sail over new, untried waters in a quest for the Fountain of Perfect Understanding.

The port was reached and our passengers, 25 of us in all, were assigned to our rooms. It was an eventful day in our young lives, for it was then that the nucleus of the class of 1944 came together.

Our class consisted of 13 boys and 12 girls. We had storms and sometimes it looked as if our ship would sink, but Mrs. Crawley, with her encouraging smile and generous marks, gave many a seasick passenger new hope. During the months which followed, we learned many things which were not put down in the curriculum, but which have nevertheless been helpful, and one which has taken some of the years to master was to learn how to study. As the days crept slowly along we were gradually smoothed off and polished by the slow-moving machine whose sole business is the manufacture of young men and women out of the new material with which the feeder is replenished each fall. Our first year was almost entirely spent in rubbing off our greenness and in getting equipped for our part in the great word that lay before us.

Upon returning the next October we all felt very big. Why should we not? Wasn't it our second year in high school?

Some new passengers joined us, namely: Mattie Lee Evans and Ruthell Gray, and some old ones dropped out, namely: Mary Alice March, Mary Nell Blair, Joe Barnes, Ray Youngblood, Louise Jones and Henry J. Anderson. It was then that we laid aside our first year meekness, and assumed a bold garb. This year began a study of science, and we thought it would be beyond doubt our easiest study.

Our great time is the present. We have now arrived in the midst of the third chapter. This year we took up a new study, geometry. Mrs. Crawley, through her patience and skill, taught us this subject. Here we made our most brilliant marks, although at times we would change our recitations into picnics, concerts or what else we would decide to do of our own accord. It was then that the biology class encountered that awful monster, Mr. Crawley, but after all, with him as a monster, he came to be a beloved necessity to all of the tenth grade.

We have come through to the eleventh grade—the happiest—yet saddest year of all. Having arrived, at length, to our Senior year, we have turned ourselves industriously to rounding out the high school course. Out of the 25 passengers we have now dwindled down to 11, some dropping out this year to the armed forces. Nevertheless, we are graduating, as we think, the best of all classes. As dignified seniors our class was duly organized with the following officers: President Luther Elgra Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Doatrice Lagene Washington, who, by their courtesy and perseverance, have done much toward advancing in the interest of the class and in bringing our ship safe to port. We also selected our class colors, the gold and the blue.

We were given our usual doses of algebra and English this year. Not at all because it was necessary for us to have the subjects, but because they were scheduled for the last years. It is now that we come to the conclusion that English is not the easiest study, and that, after all, the innumerable written lessons, as required by Miss Hendrix, were a means of forcing us to learn even that which was hard.

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to acquire.

Thus our years roll on till we are graduated. Every one of our pilots, with all his power, has certainly helped us to become real students, and we wish to extend our most sincere thanks and good wishes to each and every one of them. From here, dear passengers, our lines separate, but we will always remember the dear days spent here on board the ship, Fellowship High School.

"Roll on deep and dark blue ocean, roll; ten thousand flash sweep over thee in vain."

But not in vain, the class of 1944. It will go on to the larger, more majestic ocean ahead, and in all our undertakings we will live up to our motto: "So live today that tomorrow may be better."

This is the year at last, and the year's bright day that marks the proud fulfillment of our dream.

We smile and have but few words of say to one another:

#### SEVIER ROSENWALD SCHOOL

Ferriday, Louisiana

MARY FRAZIER, Ferriday, Louisiana; born August 26, 1927 in Cane Break, Louisiana to William Frazier and Luberta Cotton; graduated May 12, 1944; class Chaplain from Sevier Rosenwald, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Lemoine College, Memphis, Tennessee. Hobby—Reading and Bike Riding.

LEOLA A. TURNER, Ferriday, Louisiana; born March 30, 1922 in Monterey, Louisiana to Peter R. Turner and Eliza Matthews; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Singing and Tailoring; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing and Tailoring.

CLARENCE E. HIGGINS, Ferriday, Louisiana; born August 24, 1927 in Clarton, Louisiana to Deollie Higgins and Olovia Harris; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Mechanic, Machine Shop and Electric Welding; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Mechanist.

DOROTHY LEE DEY, Ferriday, Louisiana; born January 17, 1926 in Lake St. John, Louisiana to Rogers Dew and Ida Dew; graduated May 12, 1944; class Vice President from Sevier Rosenwald, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Music; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Reading.

MINERVA BOWMAN, Ferriday, Louisiana; born October 6, 1924 in Vidalia, Louisiana to Marshal Lewis and Lucinda Bowman; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Teacher. Hobby—Horseback Riding.

SELINA LAWSON, Ferriday, Louisiana; born September 3, 1922 in Willets, Louisiana to Charlie Lawson and Emma Brown; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; Stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

With work and laughter to look back upon.

Forward we gaze beyond this hour's pride,  
Forward to life and greater work and faith;  
And we who strove and failed and fought a  
sighed,  
Stand with valiant hearts and shaken breath  
Half-sad, half-gay, we know one battle done,  
And set our courage toward the morrow's sun

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JOSEPHINE INEZ WASHINGTON, Ferriday, Louisiana; born October 28, 1944 in Vidal Louisiana to Philip H. Washington and Lula M. Brown; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Riding Horseback.

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HELEN L. LAWSON, Ferriday, Louisiana; born November 12, 1944 in Willets, Louisiana to Charlie Lawson and Emma L. Brown; graduated May 12, 1944 from Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Teachers' Training; to attend Leland College, Baker, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading Stories.

ANNI BELL ELLIS, Box 467, Ferriday, Louisiana; born October 6, 1924 in Crowsville, Louisiana to Jessie Ellis and Lucy Collins; graduated May 12, 1944; class President of Sevier Rosenwald High School, Ferriday, Louisiana; career, Commercial Course; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing.

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## CONCORDIA PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL CLASS HISTORY

I hesitated when I was asked to prepare the picture of the class of 1944 for your inspection. I was not an artist and all of you knew it, any of my teachers could tell you that I was never specially proficient in drawing anything—except attention, and could never paint anything successfully, not even my own face. Besides, the class of 1944 is a very lively subject for even an expert artist to attempt to sketch. There are over any of them twice as many as apt to be found in the same place or position. Then even a snapshot could never catch anything better than blur of them. Besides, I am only one person, I decided individual opinions, and I can only look at my Class Mates through my own eyes. I cannot see them as they see themselves, nor would you see them if you were allowed to stand for a time in my position and look at them from my point of view.

But it seems my fate is to be expected, to hold my meries up before these two girls who have been my classmates for so long and be to them at power would as Burnes say "The gifts are us, so ourselves as others see us." I can only picture them in such words that appear to me express them as I see them. This then is the class of 1944 as I see it today. (I am sure you will pardon the exact measurements for I would like a better seamstress than I would an artist. I have always been very fond of Mathematics.) I speak in figures.

The class of 1944 is made up of three members, three girls. We range in age from Willie Sanders, seventeen years, six months and fifteen days to Helen Mae Watkins, eighteen years, six months and seventeen days. We range in height from Willie Bell's five feet, four inches, to Helen Mae's five feet, eight inches with or without shoes. We range in weight from Willie Bell's hundred and forty-five pounds, to Helen's one hundred and fifty pounds.

Taken all together as the in body that we are posed to be in spirit we make up an individual of a sufficient age to know a great deal of life is going to ever learn anything, for she is old be fifty-three years old, surely an age of wisdom, and dignity verging upon unitation. Her height is sixteen feet, six inches, which certainly raises us up far enough in the world to be above our enemies and look down upon inferior undergraduates. You can see what an easy preposition we make, giving due consideration to Willie Bell's dainty figure, we tip scales at exactly four hundred and forty-four

pounds. Our hands are certainly large enough to get firm grasp upon the affairs of the world, as well as upon our own individual concerns, for we wear a number twenty one glove. Our heads are of a sufficient capacity to hold even a vast amount of knowledge, for we require a hat that measures sixty-three and one-half inches. Some say that this may be due to the swell heads of some of the graduates, but we pass this over in the silence we feel that it deserves. If we do not make the success in life that we desire or expect, it will surely not be because we cannot get a foothold upon the world's battle-ground, for by way of our colossal understanding we wear a number twenty-one shoe.

We are not at all times such a mighty sense of our vastness, sometimes our capacity sinks to a mere average and Miss Shortt assures us that we have a splendid capacity of averages. We have been investigating along this line too, but we will not bore you with the resultant statistics.

We are accomplished in all things, we have often promised to you how well we can sing, dance, read and recite in many entertaining ways before the public. We have often promised in powerlessness in athletics and won many honors for our class and school.

We have within our ranks some stenographers, nurses, beauticians and one Mary Mc Load Bethune, the president asked me to specify the which of the who, ask me thirty years from today, for of course, they are only in a partial stage of development and can tell you what the now but it does not appear what they shall be.

This is a subdued picture of the class of 1944, crudely sketched from my present perspective. I did not use the brilliant colors of my palette, least I should lay myself open to the charge of undue self-appreciation, exaggeration far be it from our will be seen any such risk as that suffice it to say that the careers of the class has from the very beginning been glowing with colors and brightness of the things foreshadowed. When life as the Master Artist mixes the shades that have been decreed by the forces of destiny for the eternal canvas that shall last throughout the ages, as the perfect and indestructible class picture of 1944.

By HELEN MAE MYLES  
Senior "44"

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HELEN MAE WATKINS, Box 42, Vidalia, Louisiana; born October 4, 1925 in Natchez, Mississippi to Noah Watkins and Cassadia Matthews; graduated May 12, 1944; class Treasurer from Concordia Parish Training School, Vidalia, Louisiana; career, Home Economics Course; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

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## CLASS POEM — 1944

Tell us not O bygone classes,  
School is but an easy dream;  
For the student works who passes;  
Lessons are not what they seem.

School is real, school is earnest,  
And today we but begin;  
"Weak thou art—to school returnest!"  
Oft is spoken ere we win.

Not beginning, and not ending,  
Is our school of life today;  
But to pause, our memories blending  
With our hopes along the way.

Tasks seemed long, yet class-time fleeting,  
And we've all seemed brave and gay.  
Though our hearts, like drums, were beating  
On examination day!

In each day's returning battle,  
We have had our taste of life;  
Often made the book-shelves rattle  
With the zeal of learning's strife.

Now a future, ever pleasant,  
Beckons from a past that's dead;  
We must leave this living present,  
Knowing not what waits ahead.

Lives of graduates would remind us  
We could win diplomas, too;  
And departing, leave behind us  
Proof of all we've tried to do.

Records that perhaps the classes  
Coming after us may find,  
Gleaning thought which truth surpasses  
From the words we leave behind.

Let us, then, be up and speaking,  
For our program lies in wait;  
Welcome, friends, some pleasure seeking;  
Come and see us graduate!

HELEN WATKINS

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Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to everyone the return appreciation for their support.

Will this war of struggle for Democracy bring us closer to God and to our fellowmen? Ask yourself this important question. It is up to each individual. What effort are you making?



**History of Class of 1944**

The history of the famous class of 1944 is a very interesting one and we shall divide it into three parts: Discovery, Exploration and Settlement. The discovery of this class of 1944 was an accident. Four years ago early one morning on the ninth of September, 1940, the faculty of McKinley High School was strolling aimlessly through the halls chattering about the just ended vacation and wondering whether there would be any changes in their work during the coming year.

Suddenly they caught a glimpse of something new and strange. Just inside of the front door huddled together in mute embarrassment and anxiety were the members of what became the class of 1944.

To the casual eyes this group seemed like ordinary boys and girls, well dressed, reasonably good looking and badly frightened. But to the trained eye of the faculty, here was talent, ambition and ingenuity that they determined to bring out. But the faculty was not the only ones to discover this class; the others were the upperclassmen. And what they did to the boys—wow!

The next step was Exploration. The discovery having been reported to the ruler of the high school, Principal Frazier. He received the news with great enthusiasm. He examined the trophies of the newcomers with interest. Among these were report cards bearing cabalistic signs supposed to denote the mental ability of these newcomers. The newcomers were freshmen and became a part of the life of the school. They were taught many new strong customs and manners and were required to learn difficult lessons. At first they wished they had never been found but before a year had passed they became quite at home in their new surroundings.

The most unpleasant thing about this freshman year was the contempt in which they were held by those that had been residing in the school for a longer period than they. However, understanding this to be an old custom, they ignored it (as best they could).

During the first month of this year, the freshmen suffered much inconvenience because of their unfamiliarity with this new plan its traffic rules. They were forever taking the wrong turning, finding themselves in the wrong part of the hall and arriving at their class rooms half an hour late. Because of this they incurred heavy penalties but by Thanksgiving they had become familiar with the topography of the school building and were often caught in the right place at the right time.

The freshmen became interested in strange new exercises called basketball, football, etc. They obtained a slight degree of powers in each. There were dances, of course, but unfortunately we were freshmen and we weren't interested (so v said). But a few of the charming young ladies were escorted by the upperclassmen. But the poor boys, they were definitely out. At the end of the year a terrible disaster befell the freshmen. Although the faculty said it was for their own good, they suffered greatly. It was the greatest massacre of all times, it was called examination. With the coming of the next September, we were given the name Sophomores.

And now strange things happened. Remembering the scorn with which we had been regarded the previous year, we now adopted the attitude toward the newcomers who now took

In the third year, owing to an old educational custom, the sophomores became juniors. We were so proud that we were about to burst. And great indeed was our scorn for the freshmen and sophs.

This was a year of hard work, and the dreaded ordeal of exams was passed with few casualties. Also during this year a new leader came to us. Our old leader left us and the new man was a young, handsome, strapping fellow, full of pep and vitality, and with a little knowledge, too.

And now we have come to the fourth and greatest year in the history of the class; we are seniors (at last). With the gaining of this title, we began to take ourselves more seriously. As the year grew to a close, we were positively dizzy with dignity.

The organization of the senior class was noteworthy, the following officers were in charge: Hamp Williams, prexy; Stephen Sterling, vice-prexy; Marguerite Aitemus, secretary; Willie Phillips, treasurer.

The social events were of marked brilliance. Those most worthy of note were: Junior-Senior Prom, Banquet or Senior Prom, Children's Day, and Commencement dance.

Several seniors gained the honor roll such as: Melba Bernard, Susie Burch, Onita Ricard, David Lovely, Hamp Williams, Faye Eugenia Burns, Doris Fields, Audry Grover, Bernadine Daniels.

Then we were busy people; meetings were held. In some of the meetings, a class song, a class will and a motto was adopted. And at the end of four years the principal announced us eligible for "citizenship." By way of appropriate celebration a strange ceremony, known as commencement, will be held. Speeches will be made, for no particular reason; songs will be sung, including the aforementioned class song. And scrolls, called diplomas, will be given out in a good time will be had by all (aside from nervousness).

The next period settlement takes place in the future. For some of us are destined to become famous. As this history comes to a close, we take this opportunity to say to the faculty of McKinley High and the people of the town will long remember that famous class of "44."

**STEPHEN STERLING**, 1544 Matilda Street; born March 12, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Ruffin Sterling and Charlotte Jones; graduated June 5, 1944, was class vice-president of McKinley; intends to be an aviator. Hobby—Athletics.

**MARY TAYLOR**, 2137 Georgia Street; born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Sam Taylor and Celia Taylor; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend Y. M. C. A. in New Orleans, La. Hobby—Reading and movies.

**THELMA ELOUISE WILLIAMS**, 1224 Julia Street; born September 13, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Eddie Williams, Sr., and Mary Seals; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a stenographer. Hobby—Reading.

**MARY LOUISE WHITE**, 1515 Gayoso Street; born March 10, 1924, in Westover, Louisiana, to Robert White and Beatrice Dixon; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend Southern University. Hobby—Dancing and shows.

**MELLINESE ELLIOTT**, 2144 Texas Street; born November 7, 1924, in Oakdale, Louisiana, to Arthur Elliot and Susie Wilson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a beautician. Hobby—Sewing.

**CHARLES BEN PERKINS, JR.**, Rt. 1, Box 185, Baker, La.; born April 3, 1924, in Ethel, Louisiana, to Charles Ben Perkins, Sr., and Martha A. Davis; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend Southern University. Hobby—Dancing and teaching.

**RUTH BEAUREGARD**, 1122 St. Joseph Street; born March 6, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to S. T. Beauregard, Sr. and Gladys Douse; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend business college. Hobby—Dancing and reading.

**WILLIE MAE FERNANDEZ**, born January 3, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Adolph Fernandez and Ella Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to take a business course. Hobby—Sports.

**FELTON GERMANY**, 1630 Lehman; born September 25, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to George Germany and Elizabeth Germany; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a master mechanic. Hobby—Dancing.

**LOUISE HOUSTON**, 981 Julia Street; born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on February 2, 1926, to Robert Houston, Sr., and Edith Taylor; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend business. Hobby—Sports.

**NORBERT JOSEPH HURST**, 200 Delphine Street; born September 6, 1925, in New Roads, Louisiana, to Willie Hurst, Sr., and Rosa Bondy; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend Tuskegee. Hobby—Movies and sports.

**LEROY JAMES MILLS, JR.**, 218 North 34th Street; born May 9, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to James Mills and Odeal McDermick; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be an architect. Hobby—Sports, movies and dancing.

**MARIE LOUISE JONES**, 1643 East Boulevard; born July 6, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Jesse Jones and Lucille A. Wilson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a beautician. Hobby—Skating, basketball and tennis.

**MURIEL MAE JONES**, 927 North 34th Street; born December 14, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to William Jones and Hattie Nelson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a trained nurse. Hobby—Reading.

**CATHERINE LITTLE**, born October 10, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Johnnie Robert Little and Celeste Williams; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to attend business school. Hobby—Sports.

**DAVID ANTHONY LOVELY, JR.**, 2514 Argyle Street; born April 26, 1927, in Zachary, Louisiana, to David Anthony Lovely, Sr., and Emma Lee Elmo; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; intends to be a physician. Hobby—Reading and experimenting.

**MARY-MILDRED ISAAC**, New Roads, Louisiana; born November 28, 1925, in New Roads, La., to Felix Isaac and Ella Duperon; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

**EULA MAE HOLLINS**, Louise Street Post Office; born February 4, 1926, in Baton Rouge, La., to Emmanuel Hollins and Clara Wiley; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, to be a school teacher; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Reading.

**SARAH GALE HOLLIDAY**, Rt. 4, Box 722; born August 3, 1927, in Baton Rouge, La., to Jake Holliday and Julia Hills; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, attending college, Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Dancing, reading, sewing.

**CAROLYN B. HARRIS**, 827 North Seventh Street; born November 12, 1924, in East Baton Rouge, La., to Walker Harris and Lizzie Carter; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, physical education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Taking pictures.

**MARY BELL HARRIS**, 1024 North 34th Street; born February 4, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Y. P. Harris and Anna B. Taylor; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, intends to take commercial education at Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Collecting snapshots and treasures.

**JAMES HENDERSON, III**, 132 Buckhamon Street; born May 31, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to James Henderson and Rosa Dickson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, master mechanic; to attend Southern University at Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Drawing.

**VEETTA CECILIA HICKS**, 1458 St. Joseph Street; born October 2, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Ernest Hicks, Sr., and Sedonia Markham; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, major in home economics; to attend Southern University in Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Shows and dancing.

**ORA LEE HENRY**, 1028 North 28th Street; born October 18, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Hosea Henry and Georgia Briggs; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Music.

**GLADYS MAE HAYES**, 824 North 17th Street; born May 14, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Joseph Hayes and Rose Hall; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, nurse; to attend Kansas University, Kansas City, Mo. Hobby—Dancing, writing and sewing.

**LOUISE MARIE GUERIN**, 1426 Washington street; born August 4, 1924, in Ventress, Louisiana, to Antoine Guerin and Marillia Daisy; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.



LEROY EDWARD GODFREY, 1516 Convention Street; born August 27, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Johnnie Godfrey and Devonta Cleave; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, South Baton Rouge; career, don't know yet. Hobby—Sports.

ORA LE7 GRIFFIN, 840 South 17th Street; born November 20, 1926, in Louisiana, to Leo Griffin and Gertrude Vaughns; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Louise Street and East Boulevard; class president; career, stenographer; to attend Southern College, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT GREEN, Denham Springs, Louisiana; born November 27, 1925, in Denham Springs, Louisiana, to Charles A. Green and Robie Green; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, dentist; to attend Southern University in Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Song collections.

ORA MAE GRIMES, 1221 Dare Street; born September 29, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Willie Grimes and Carrie Keller; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High in Baton Rouge, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

GENEVA GRAYSON, 2520 Elisade Street; born February 18, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to George Grayson and Asrine Bell; graduated June 10, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, trained nurse; to attend Berkeley College, Berkeley, Cal. Hobby—Reading.

CLAIBORNE GAINES, JR., 244 Alice Street; born September 7, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Claiborne Gaines; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, artist. Hobby—Drawing.

AUDREY OLIVIA GROVER, Louise Street Post Office; born May 12, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to James Grover and Fannie Williams; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, interior decorator and designer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and music.

DORIS MAE FIELDS, 1134 Royal Street; born September 15, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Joe Fields, Sr., and Cecacy Thomas; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nursing; to attend Kansas City Nurse Training College, Kansas City, Mo. Hobby—Meeting friends.

MARIE VIOLA ELLOIS, Box 90, Ventress, Louisiana; born September 2, 1923, Ventress, Louisiana, to James Ellois and Viola Hobert; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High in Baton Rouge, La.; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

SUSANNA DENTS, 627 North 33rd Street; born February 3, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Archie Dents and Alice Jiles; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, intends to take music; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sewing.

BESSIE MAE DAVIS, 408 South 17th Street; born August 28, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Willie Davis and Idella E. Moore; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, musician; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading short stories.

VELMA MYRTLE DAVIS, 806 North 35th Street; born August 14, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Jesse Davis and Rosa Cotton; graduated June 6, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, tailor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Playing music.

BERNADINE JOHNNY DANIELS, 838 South 14th Street; born June 15, 1928, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to W. J. Daniels and Savel Collins; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, teacher of English and Dramatics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Photo collecting.

INEZ DOYLE, 981 Myrtle Street; born January 26, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Gilbert Young and Annie Curry; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

ISAAC W. C. DEDRICK, JR., 1112 St. Joseph Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born August 4, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Isaac Dedrick, Sr., and Ethel Matthews; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, music. Hobby—Dancing, reading, swimming.

ALBERT DANIELS, 457 North 23rd Street; born August 3, 1926, in New Roads, Louisiana, to Dazle Daniels and Mary Domino; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Louise and East Boulevard; career, undecided. Hobby—Basketball and football.

LUCILLE DOTSON, 1076 Europe Street; born November 23, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Eddie Dotson and Donetha Jarrett; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

BURDETTE LORRAINE WHITE, 618 South 16th Street; born November 14, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Gilbert White and Ezeria Blanchard; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Louise and East Boulevard; class social director; career, laboratory technician; to attend Xavier College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Sports.

DORIS ZOA WILLIAMS, Louise Street Post Office; born October 4, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Toney Williams and Julia Foster; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Listening to dramas.

MARY ELIZABETH WATKINS, Rt. 4, Box 78, born May 27, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Clarence Watkins and Beatrice Spears; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, stenographer; to attend Y. M. C. A. College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Dancing, reading.

ANNIE LUE WILLIAMS, Rt. 1, Box 25, Deerford,

DOROTHY MAE BROOKS, 846 South 12th Street; born November 18, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Anderson Brooks, Jr. (dead) and Leontine Butler; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, musician; to attend A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Reading.

LOUISE ANGEL BROWN, Port Allen, Louisiana; born May 5, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Cornelius Brown, Sr., and Augustine Nicholls; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, maid course; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sewing, writing and entertaining.

SUSIE CORINNE BURCH, 234 Tyler Street; born March 7, 1928, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Walter G. Burch, Sr., and Camille Stewart; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, college; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing.

ELAINE BELL, 306 Buckhana Street; born December 29, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to James Bell; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, nurse; to attend college in St. Louis. Hobby—Sewing.

EDNA ALLEN, 1745 East Boulevard; born October 9, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Joe Allen and Mary Williams; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High; career, beauty course. Hobby—Reading and writing letters.

MARGUERITE ALTEMUS, 249 Lincoln Street; born May 11, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Wallace Altemus and Maude Jarrett; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nursing. Hobby—Dancing and reading.

IRENE HILDA BROOKS, 1447 Highlands; born May 5, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Henry Brooks and Verline Washington; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse. Hobby—Bicycle riding.

FRANKIE MAE BERGERON, Louise Street Post Office; born October 19, 1927, in Perkins Road, to Frank Bergeron and Christine Burris; graduated June 6, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, tailoring and home economics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sports.

ANGELEAN THERESA BUTLER, 128 North 23rd Street; born July 20, 1926, in Maringouin, Louisiana, to Elias Butler and Harriet M. Gailin; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, music; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Sewing and reading.

ERNESTINE LILLIAN BURRIS, 1831 Carolina Street; born August 25, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Jimmie T. Burris and Ernestine Haynes; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nursing. Hobby—Reading.

JESSIE LEE BALLS, 3014 Slate; born July 11, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Wesley Balls and Patsy Valentine; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, business course; to attend University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Hobby—Reading books.

LEOLA BOLDEN, 1202 South 15th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born August 4, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Joseph Bolden and Elenora Walter; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard and Louisa Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing and cooking.

SHIRLEY MAY LEDUFF, 1219 Julia Street; born June 7, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Alfred Le Duff and Earlie Moran; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Movies.

HAMP JESSE WILLIAMS, Box 53, St. Francisville, Louisiana; born October 1, 1924, in Laurel Hill, Louisiana, to V. M. Williams and M. O. Ornge; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, E. Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, physician and musician; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing and poetry.

HELEN ANDREWS, 141. Lincoln Street; born June 5, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Perkin Andrews and Annetto Floyd; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard and Louisa street; career, secretary; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

SONORA AUGUSTUS, 917 Adam Street, mail address, Rt. 4, Box 78; born February 25, 1925, in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana, to Samuel Augustus and Martha E. Robinson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, La.; career, school; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Dancing.

FREIDA JOAN KLEINPETER, 1318 Washington Street; born December 26, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Louis Kleinpeter and Fannie Haynes; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, nursing. Hobby—Writing letters.

MARION LUCILLE KLEINPETER, 1318 Washington Street; born July 25, 1925, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Louis Kleinpeter and Fannie Haynes; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, stenographer; to attend Y. M. C. A. College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Dancing and letter writing.

OLGA ODEAL KNIGHT, 621 North 20th Street; born December 13, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to David Knight and Rosetta Franklin; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, beautician. Hobby—Dancing.

MAZIE LEE KAUFMAN, Maringouin, Louisiana; born October 26, 1927, in Maringouin, Louisiana, to Abe Kaufman and Sophie Harris; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

FLORIDA DORETHEA JOHNSON, 845 North 29th Street; born May 20, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to William Johnson and Nettie A. Dotie; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, to take up a nurse's course. Hobby—Movies, reading.



LUCILLE JOHNSON, 751 North 16th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born August 27, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Pink Johnson and Mary Moore; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Basketball.

LOUISE A. JACKSON, 928 South Boulevard; born February 17, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Florence Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; class vice-president; career, movie actress; to attend Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Reading books.

BESSIE MAE JEFFERSON, 509 Tuscaloosa Avenue; born May 21, 1927, in Jackson, Mississippi, to James Mack Jefferson and Lola Mae Hayes; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse; to attend Chicago State College, Chicago, Ill. Hobby—Writing letters.

WILLIE MAE JACKSON, Rt. 2, Box 73; born October 9, 1924, in Lindsey, Louisiana, to John Jackson and Suler Starks; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Cooking.

NOLA MAE JACKSON, Port Hudson, Louisiana; born July 24, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Felix Jackson and Willie Mae Brumfield; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard and Louise Street; career, beautician; to attend Louisiana Building Beauty School, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Sewing.

EDNA RAE JOYCE, 962 Royal Street; born December 17, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Madison Joyce and Mary Daniels; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; social director of class; career, home economics; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

FAYE EUGENIA BURNS, 602 Franco Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born March 2, 1929, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Frank Louis Burns and Laura Salome; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, musician; to attend American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Ill. Hobby—Music and reading.

WILLIE REE BURKHALTER, 822 North 20th Street; born December 11, 1926, in Franklinton, Louisiana, to Willie Burkhalter and Rosalena Brumfield; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Dancing and singing.

DEONA MAE BATES, Louise Street Postoffice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born April 3, 1927, in Ethel, Louisiana, to Nathaniel Bates and Rosetta Fluker; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, South Baton Rouge; career, college; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Sewing and Reading.

ALBERTA BOOKER, 2033 Kentucky Street; born February 17, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Louis Booker and Annie Booker; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, nursing. Hobby—Sports.

WILLIE MAE BRANCH, Rt. 4, Greenwell Springs Road; born May 22, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Willie Branch and Josephine Hill; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, intends to take tailoring; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing, reading and sewing.

JOYCE ANN DARENSBOURG, 915 South 12th Street; born September 24, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Henry Darensbourg and Sadie Honore; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, beautician. Hobby—Dancing and movies.

JANIE LEE DAVIS, 3107 Pen Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born July 1, 1925, in Ravenwood, Louisiana, to Borah Davis and Julie Cooper; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, business woman; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing.

ALBERT DRAKE, JR., 1822 Tennessee Street; born May 22, 1927, in Frost, Louisiana, to Albert Drake, Sr., and Pearl R. Jones; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, radio technician; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Reading.

ETHELIA OCEOLIA CHINN, Rt. 4, Box 35-B; born February 5, 1928, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Noah Chinn and Ophelia Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, college; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

CURTIS CLEAVENDO CARTER, 260 Buckhanna Street; born November 16, 1926, in Bruley, Louisiana, to Rev. G. T. Carter and Cleotha Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, doctor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Song collecting.

GEORGE COOPER, 920 North 27th Street; born February 25, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to J. B. Cooper and Tamer Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Louise Street and East Boulevard; class vice-president; career, medical doctor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Drawing and all sports.

ETHEL MAE CARTER, Port Allen, Louisiana; born October 26, 1926, in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, to Edward Carter, Sr., and Serophine Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, trained nurse; to attend nurse training school, Kansas City, Mo. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

MILDRED W. CLARK, Denham Springs, Louisiana; born September 11, 1925, in Walker, Louisiana, to Thomas Scott Clark and Carolyn Stempley; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High on East Boulevard corner Louise Street; career, beautician; to attend Carrie's Beauty School, South 13th Street, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Collecting photos.

LUCILLE CARR, 642 Howard Street; born April 12, 1924, in Jackson, Louisiana, to Daniel Carr and Mandy Smith; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard; career, nursing; to attend nursing school in Washington, D. C. Hobby—Sewing.

CLARA ALICE KORNBAKER, 335 South 13th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born July 3, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Edward M. Kornbacher and Albertha Foster; graduated June 6, 1944, from McKinley High, Louisiana and E. Boulevard; career, business; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Writing pen pals.

EMMA LONG, Simmesport, Louisiana; born October 23, 1924, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Frank Long and Miloe Gilbert; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse; college, undecided. Hobby—Reading.

VERA ESTELLE LOCKHART, 711 South 13th Street; born September 14, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to David Lockhart and Luvenia Burgess; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Y. M. C. A. College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Reading.

MARIE FRANCES LeBLANC, 801 South 17th Street; born September 2, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Numa LeBlanc and Lady Pecue; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Baton Rouge; career, nurse and physical education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Movies and bicycle riding.

ODESSA LANGE, 1670 North Street; born February 1, 1929, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Arthur H. Lange and Eloise Smith; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

ISABEL LAGARDE, 120 Evergreen Street; born April 25, 1925, in Grosse Tete, Louisiana, to Charles Lagarde and Ophelia Gilbert; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse; to attend Leland College, Baker, La. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

LEO C. MARSHALL, 501 North 23rd Street; born December 15, 1923, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Dubler Marshall and Julia Badlo; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, business; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Sports.

EMMA LENA MAYS, 766 North 32nd Street; born April 6, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Johnny Mays and Emily Johnson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.; career, nurse. Hobby—Collecting photos.

THERESA MILLICAN, Zachary, Louisiana; born June 8, 1924, in Zachary, Louisiana, to George Millican and Onear Wesley; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High, Baton Rouge, La.; career, school teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing and reading.

MARY VIVIAN MARTIN, Frisco, P. O. Louisiana; born September 11, 1925, in Frisco, Louisiana, to Willie Martin and Juanita Martin; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, East Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Snapshots.

JANET MARSHALL, 731 St. Napoleon Street; born September 26, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

GERTRUDE MILLICAN, 3104 North Street (9); born May 9, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to N. H. Millican and Bertha Ellen Warner; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, East Bowl; career, Stenographer; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

MILDRED GUSTAVIA MILLS, 1348 So. 10th Street; born December 18, 1926, in Zachary, Louisiana, to Charley Mills, Sr. and Ernestine Collins; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, East Boulevard; career, Commercial Course; Hobby—Reading, Dancing, Sewing.

LUCILLE MERAN, 219 So. 16th Street; born November 7, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Charles Moran and Gertrude Walker; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Tailoring; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Letter Writing.

DOROTHY MARIANNE WILLIAMS, New Roads Louisiana, Box 163; born March 23, 1925, in New Roads, Louisiana, to Earnest Williams and Gertrude Herbert; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, East Boulevard; career, Nurse; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing, Movies and Reading.

MARGIE LOUISE WASHINGTON, 339 So. 12th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born July 29, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Seamon Washington and Alice Kennerson; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Louisiana Blvd; career, Business Career; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

DOROTHY MAC WILLIAMS, 2315 Boyd Avenue; born March 25, 1925, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Raphael Williams and Celestine Davis; graduated June 5, 1944, class Vice President of McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Tailoring. Hobby—Sewing.

HULIAN VALDE WEBB, 420 McKinley Street; born 1918 in Havana, Alabama, to Joe Harry Webb; graduated June 5, 1944, from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Foreign Missionary; to attend Leland College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Out door Life.

BURDETTE L. WHITE, 618 So. 16th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born November 14, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Gilbert White and Blanchard; graduated June 5, 1944, class Social Directress of McKinley High School, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana; career, Laboratory Technician, Nurse and Physical Ed; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Basket ball, Tennis, Movies, Dancing and Reading.

IRENE WASHINGTON, 922 So. 10th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born February 19, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to David Washington and Gladys Kingslow; graduated June 5, 1944, class Chairman, Division D of McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Major in Physical Education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Basketball and Dancing.



THELMA LEE WRIGHT, 229 Alice Street; born July 13, 1924 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Henry Wright and Arzalia Jackson; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Stowe College, St. Louis, Missouri. Hobby—Sewing and going to Church.

MATTIE BELL WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 112, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born July 27, 1927 in Zachary, Louisiana to Hudson Williams and Annie Carter; graduated June 6, 1944 from McKinley High School, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Leland College, Baker, Louisiana. Hobby—Hair Dressing.

MYRTLE MAE WILLIAMS, 833 Orange Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born January 20, 1926 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Charlie Williams and Hazel Pennie; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Nursing. Hobby—Collecting Pictures of friends.

EULA WALLACE, 807 Mayor's Alley, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born September 6, 1926 in Bogalusa, Louisiana to Philip Wallace and Florence Williams; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Attending College; to attend Leland College, Baker, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing, Reading.

HELEN LOUISE WEATHERS, 2035 Texas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born September 6, 1927 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Willie Weathers and Ruth Givens; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing, Sewing and Dancing.

LILLIE B. WILSON, 937 St. Joseph Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born April 7, 1928 in Ethel, Louisiana to James Wilson and Nellie White; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Home Economics; to attend Leland College, Baker, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

MISS RUTH LEE WALKER, 2520 Ellisade Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born April 24, 1926 in New Wood, Louisiana to Lucious Walkee and Anita Watson; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, East Boulevard, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend University of California, Los Angeles, California. Hobby—Reading.

MARY PATRICIA WHITE, Route 4, Box 79, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; born December 4, 1926 in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Martha White; graduated June 5, 1944 from McKinley High School, corner of East Blvd. and Louisa Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; career, Assistant Chemist; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Experimenting.

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SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT: Judge Rowley, Class Sponsor, Alvin Wilson, Vice-President of the Class; Leonard Israel, Russell Smith, Lawrence Prophet, Virginia Kyer, Clarence Scott, Jackerteen Hall, Ruby Knox, Harold Diggs, Sterling Christy, Joseph Fields, Vernon Cotton, Miss H. A. Baloy.

### CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago, early one morning on the 8th of September, huddled together in groups in the halls of Southern University Demonstration School was what later became the class of '44'. We seemed merely a group of ordinary boys and girls 37 in number, well dressed, reasonably good looking and badly frightened. After presenting our credentials to the Principal we were started out on our High School career by much helpful advice from the faculty.

As school progressed we were given the name "Freshmen". Merely because we were Fresh from the 7th grade, and going anew into a new phase of school work. We received the usual jeers from the upper-classmen, but we retained that motto of ours, "that what we start we finish". We did not let this interfere with our school work and 7 young boys and girls from this class were among the honor students during our Freshmen year namely: Ethel Jackson, Dorothy Lee, Paul Haynes, Leonard Israel, Lillie Stewart, Clarence Scott, and Ida Maybuce. As time passed we became accustomed to the laws of the school and its functions and were regarded with admiration by the upper-classmen even though we still held the name "Freshmen". The class was organized and the officers were chosen on the basis of their ability to lead, follow, and obey. The officers were:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Freddie Jackson  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Eleanor Matthews  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Ora Lee Richardson  
Ass't. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Sylvia Thomas  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Lee  
Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Fields

As Freshmen our social activities were definitely limited due to the fact that poise and dignity had to be acquired and as yet as Freshmen we hadn't reached that stage. It was hard for us to get a sponsor because no one wanted to have the job of sponsoring a "green" class, but the faithful Mr. E. Yerby tried his patience with us

During the session of "41" we were promoted from Freshmen to Sophomores. Though some of the classmates decided that Education would not be their field and decided to try at another such as marriage, work, and etc. However, a few new faces were added to take their places. We a class of 35 now looked upon as Sophomores had a new outlook on schoolwork. We entered the different oratorical works that were given in the school. Frank Martinez and Clarence Scott won 1st place to their masterful orations in the State Rally. We also were more socially inclined and looked forward with interest to the preparation for a Sophomore prom. During this year unusual ability was noted in this class. We had such honor students as Clarence Scott, Dorothy Lee, Lillie Stewart, Paul Haynes, Leonard Israel, and Ida Maybuce. We discovered such unusual talents as the forthcoming musicians: Eleanor Matthews, the pianist, Bernard Daste and Leonard Israel, great clarinet and saxophone players. The class organization of the Sophomores were as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy Lee  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Freddie Jackson  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Corine Robinson  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Eleanor Matthews  
Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Fields

This was a most distinguished body and reflected honor on the entire school. We were gallantly lead through the year with the gentle advice and constant sermons of the great mathematician, who was our sponsor, Mr. J. R. Butts.

As the school year drew to a close and the second term over, the class was now at the third year of trampling down the High School Education Lane. Our next promotion was to the rank of "Juniors". Acquiring the name because of the dignity and sense of importance given to us.

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This year proved to be different from the other two. Our whole course of studies were changed by the conflict of war upon our country. Our courses of studies were reorganized. A well-planned organization of the Victory Corp was stalled in the school. The young men began getting restless because our country was at war and they felt even though their education was essential to them, if their country needed them that they must be prepared to go, when called. The young men were made to take War Math, and the young ladies, War Economics. However, all this did not change our course of studies too much. We were just as energetic to learn now, or perhaps even more. The class was organized as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Freddie Jackson  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Ida Doris Maybuce  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Ethel Jackson  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Ethel Mae Jackson  
Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Fields

This however, did not interfere with our social activities, and great preparations were made for the forthcoming Junior Senior Prom. The Commencement Play, "An American is Born", starred such outstanding Juniors as Frank Martinez, Paul Haynes, Alvin Wilson, Bernard Daste, Ethel Jackson, Dorothy Lee and Ida Doris Maybuce. The football and basketball teams would not have been successful if not for the brave and heroic plays of Alvin Wilson, George Jones, David Jordan, Freddie Jackson, and Russell Smith, all Juniors. This year was one of hard work for the class of "44" had to live up to their name—Juniors. After the dreaded ordeal of exams were over the Juniors dreaded the occasion on which they would be told who would enter the year of "44" under the name of Seniors.

After checking our records carefully, Miss Boley announced that we would enter the senior class and 33 in number and with a new sponsor Mr. Judge Rowley. There were many young men that would not be with us because of the conflict between the axis and allied nations, for they responded gallantly to their country's call to service. These were:

Freddie Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Marines  
George Jones \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Army  
David Jordan \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Army  
Cleveland Diggs \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Army  
Willie Baines \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Army  
Andrew Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Army

There was also another lad, Frank Martinez, who would not be with us again, because he had been called to join God and his heavenly hosts.

Even though Frank Martinez isn't really here his spirit is and will be with us all through our lives. Frank was one of the honor students all through his high school career. He was noted for his great oratorical ability, and his gallant performance in the play "An American is Born".

Even though these classmates were gone, we had to carry on. This year was the most serious of all. As Seniors we entered our work with serious thoughts on our minds. We were all looking forward to graduation day. We still had such honor students as Clarence Scott, Ethel Jackson, Martha Purvis, and Dorothy Lee. Even though our work kept us busy we still had time for social activities and looked with interest for the forthcoming Junior Senior Prom that was given in honor of the Seniors. We realized with delight the heights we had attained from badly

We dreaded the coming exams and after they were over we glowed with pride that we had now finished high school and were about to enter either college or some other phase of work. Each has chosen his own vocation. Among the class of "44" are many prospective lawyers, doctors, artists, musicians, business men, chemists, stenographers and teachers.

It may be that we have erred on the side of restraint in writing this history. So we take the opportunity to say now that in our far from humble opinion the class of 1944 is the most brilliant and versatile class that has ever attended S. U. H. S. This class will always be remembered by the faculty of the Southern University High School and our friends as "that wonderful class of 1944".

We hereby would like to thank Principal A. A. Boley and the rest of the faculty for their help and advice all through our high school days.

IDA D. MAYBUCE

### SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

Scotlandville, La.

ELEANOR GENEIVE MATTHEWS, 1052 Europe Street; born November 2, 1926 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Mr. Johnny D. Matthews and Mrs. Gertrude Matthews; graduated May 19, 1944; from Southern Univ. Demon. High in Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Musician; to attend Southern Univ. & Fish Univ, Scotlandville, Louisiana and Nashville. Hobby—Reading.

HAROLD RAYON DIGGS, Scotlandville, Louisiana; born March 10, 1926 in Scotlandville, Louisiana to William Diggs and Nancy Clark; graduated May 19, 1944 from Southern High, Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Coach Physical Education. Hobby—Basket Ball.

RUSSELL W. SMITH, JR., Southern University; born April 28, 1926 in Knoxville, Tennessee to R. W. Smith and Beatrice C. Painter; graduated May 18, 1944 from S. U. Training School, Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Pharmacist. Hobby—Stamp Collecting.

SYLVIASTINE THOMAS, Scotlandville, Louisiana; born July 16, 1926 in Scotlandville, Louisiana to James Thomas and Rebecca Berry; graduated May 19, 1944; class Secretary of Southern High, Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Tailor; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Collecting Pictures.

GEORGIA MAE ELSEY, Box 27, Zachary, Louisiana; born July 2, 1926 in Zachary, Louisiana to David Elsey and Gertrude Eola Spurlock; graduated May 19, 1944 from S. U. High, Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend S. University College, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading Books.

CLARA M. SNOWDEN, Zachary, Louisiana, Box 14; born July 22, 1926 in Zachary, Louisiana to Parker Snowden and Sophia Bardford; graduated May 19, 1944 from Southern Univ. High, Scotlandville, Louisiana; career, Beautician; to attend Carrie's Beauty School, 570 So. Thirteenth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing Letters.

VERNON ALFRED COTTON, 1311 Laurel Street, B. R., Louisiana; born August 17, 1928 in



## CLASS OF 1944

**AMBROSE PRATT**, Class President, 1944. Ambrose came to St. Edward's from St. Martinville, for high school. In studies and in sports he has done exceedingly well, and he helped to bring victory to St. Edward's on the basketball team this year, when we were district champs. For four years his masculine voice has been an important one in St. Edward's Glee Club, and he also has decided dramatic ability. His personality is pleasing and even magnetic, at times. Small, but my, my! He has a way of provoking laughter in the most unexpected occasions.

**SERITA PRATT**, Ambrose's twin sister, and his inseparable companion. Serita being dignified, makes the perfect balance for the twins. Popular because of her charming friendliness, Serita is most famous for her wonderful school spirit. Like her brother, she has a splendid voice, and also dramatic ability, and she has been a staunch supporter for everything in the line of dramatics and music since her coming to St. Edward's. Although not an athlete, Serita is almost welcomed at games because she is an encouragement to the team by her very presence.

**GEORGIA ROBINSON**, the biggest and the baby of the class. Georgia has made a reputation for herself as a student, and an all-round popular member of our high school. Georgia loves sports, is a member of the Glee Club, and a fine actress. Mother roles are her specialty. Georgia is not a native of New Iberia and only spent two years here, but, "better late than not at all, Georgia." She has a sunny disposition and is loved by all the students, especially those who like to tease.

**ROSALIE LOCKS**, class treasurer, has spent all of her school life at St. Edward's, and all through those years she has been popular as a sweet, friendly, refined girl. Rosalie excels in athletics. She played guard on the team for two years, and is interested in physical education in any form, and is always a volunteer when the elementary groups need a referee or instructor. Rosalie has been a member of the Glee Club for four years, and has been a member of the Children of Mary Sodality for six years. She is treasurer of the Sodality this year.

**CATHERINE PRATT**, of St. Martinville, has received her four years of high school education here. "Miss Timid" of our class, she does not take part in sports, but she enjoys them, and is always welcomed by the teams. Her school spirit is excellent and she has also been a member of the Glee Club during her four years here.

**MARION FONTENETTE**, Class Secretary, better known as "Fat," is the sodium of the class, as she is always in two places at once, so to speak. She has been activity personified, all during her high school years. Athletic, a lover of sports, Marion is one of our star basketball players, and she has had a prominent place in all athletic activities for four years. Popular, with a friendly personality. Marion can always make friends.

**XAVIER GERAC**, "Slug," and he is a "lug," but a nice one. He is a star basketball man, for four years, and he excels in mathematics and science. Xavier can be very annoying at times, when the teasing bug gets him, but on the whole he is a pretty regular guy. He sings in the Glee Club, oh my, and he fixes the electric lights, when necessary.

**HORACE THOMAS**, is the Daddy Long Legs of the class. He is also the star basketball player of the year. He has played for four years and has a fine record as an athlete. Horace is conspicuous for three things, length, laziness and loudness (outside of Glee Club). He has a good-natured personality, but does he ever like to tease!

**AMBROSE PRATT**, 901 Main Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana; born November 9, 19\_\_\_, in St. Martinville, to Serita and Ambrose Pratt; graduated from St. Edward's May 28, 1944; career, radio engineer. Hobby—Sports.

**SERITA PRATT**, 901 Main Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana; born November 9, 19\_\_\_, to Serita and Ambrose Pratt, St. Martinville, Louisiana; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High; career, beautician. Hobby—Reading.

**GEORGIA ROBINSON**, Box 38, New Iberia, Louisiana; born July 28, 1927, in Rayne, Louisiana, to Harley and Juliette Robinson; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High; career, nurse. Hobby—Reading.

**CATHERINE PRATT**, Box 184, St. Martinville, Louisiana; born April 15, 1924, in St. Martinville, to Adolph and Aspazie Pratt; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High; career, teaching. Hobby—Dancing.

**ROSALIE LOCKS**, 225 Rozier Street, New Iberia, Louisiana; born April 19, 19\_\_\_, in New Iberia, Louisiana, to Alberta and McKinley Locks; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High; career, secretarial work. Hobby—Singing.

**XAVIER GERAC**, 419 West Avenue, New Iberia, Louisiana; born March 7, 1924, in New Iberia, to Jane and Edward Gerac; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High School; career, college. Hobby—Stamp collecting.

**HORACE THOMAS**, 661 Franklin Street, New Iberia, Louisiana; born June 21, 1926, in New Iberia, Louisiana, to Lillian and Johnny Thomas; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High; career, Army or Navy. Hobby—Sports.

**MARION FONTENETTE**, 234 Rozier Street, New Iberia, Louisiana; born December 9, 1926, in New Iberia, Louisiana, to Jennie and Gustave Fontenette; graduated May 28, 1944, from St. Edward's High School; career, college. Hobby—Singing.

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## HISTORY OF JEANERETTE COLORED HIGH SCHOOL

The light of the small community illuminated when Principal Polk was selected as principal of the Jeanerette Elementary School the year of '37, at that time a six-teacher school. Realizing the need of higher education for Negroes, the superintendent granted the privilege of a try-out by adding a grade and teachers yearly. The school is now a state accredited and approved high school, with the special departments: Agriculture; Home Economics; Science; Library; Music; School Band. Eight elementary teachers, five high school teachers and one instructor.

The school has witnessed its second high school graduation. Many of the students from said school are attending the leading universities of the country.

**RITA BELL WITHERS**, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born March 21, 1926, to Elizabeth Withers; career, teacher; to attend Leland College.

**RENA MAE WITHERS**, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born March 21, 1926, to Elizabeth Withers; career, teacher; to attend Leland College.

**RUBY LEE BROWN**, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born April 15, 1925, in Jeanerette, Louisiana, to Connie Lee Brown and Lizzie Hughes; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High; career, teaching; to attend Leland College.

**LUTHER MORRIS JOSEPH**, Box 441, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born November 20, 1925, in Jeanerette, Louisiana, to Louis Joseph and Addie Webster; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High, Jeanerette, La.; career, teacher of mathematics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Music and basketball.

**OLIVIA SIMON JACKSON**, 515 Walton Street, New Iberia, Louisiana; born March 24, 1921, in New Iberia, Louisiana, to A. B. Simon and Georgia Colton; graduated May 26, 1939, from Iberia Parish Training School, New Iberia, La.; career, teacher of home economics. Hobby—Reading.

**ANNIE MAE PREVOST**, Rt. 1, Box 215, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born December 25, 1927, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Terrance Prevost and Leola Martin; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High, Jeanerette, La.; career, typing; to attend V. M. C., New Orleans. Hobby—Basketball.

**EDDIE WISE**, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born August 21, 1923, in Jeanerette, Louisiana, to Eddie Wise and Arlene Nicholas; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High, Jeanerette, La.; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Drawing.

**LEOLA S. JOSEPH**, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born to Clara Joseph, Jeanerette, La.; career, teacher; to attend Wiley College.

**CARLTON H. PECOT**, 623 Trappey Street, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born August 27, 1925, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Albert Pecot and Louise Richards; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High School, Jeanerette, La.; career, medical doctor and surgeon; to attend McHarry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Hobby—Basketball.

**AGNES MAE HECTOR**, Box 54, Jeanerette, Louisiana; born June 30, 1926, in Olivier, Louisiana, to Cornelius Hector and Cecilia Robertson; graduated June 1, 1944, from Jeanerette Colored High, Jeanerette, La.; career, teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Basketball.



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## IBERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Plaquemine, Louisiana CLASS HISTORY

On October 1, 1940, an education minded group entered their first year in High School, with an enrollment of fifty (50). Somewhere along the way we lost quite a few of our classmates, including two of our teachers and our principal. Today there are only twelve of us left to complete the task. This is due largely to: disability, marriage, moving to different sections of the country, and last but not least the armed forces.

The majority of the Seniors have been and still are members of various organizations on the campus and in the community including the N. A. A. C. P. Youth Council.

During our Senior year the class elected the following officers:

Evelyn Mae Edwards	President
Alvin C. Bynum	Vice President
Oscar Mae Phillips	Rec. Secretary
Thelma Tillman	Fin. Secretary
Hall Davis	Bus. Manager
Inez Landry	Ass't. Bus. Manager
Doris Pannia	Chaplain

Mrs. M. H. D. Holmes was elected Sponsor and is a graduate of Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Williams, principal is a graduate of Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana, and is a brother of the KAPPA ALPHA PSI Fraternity.

Our class colors are pink and white. During our Senior year, a few have stepped out into the world at large and naturally we look upon them with pride.

In the army we have Hall L. Davis and Oliver Wilson. In the Navy we have Leonce Gaiter, William Walker, Nelson Higgins and Earl Norris.

The Curtain is going down on the "Class of 44", but in reality the "Big Parade" is just commencing.

Next fall instead of advancing in the usual manner from one grade to another, our happy group will be divided. Some to continue their school work in various colleges and some to branch off into other fields of endeavor, but we shall all carry happy memories of dear Ole I. H. S.

## FAREWELL

Farewell to thee Ole I. H. S.  
We hate to from thee part  
Memories that are of the best  
Will live within our hearts.  
Memories that will not leave us

Memories that will not leave us  
No matter where we go  
Thy guiding star will forever lead us  
Because we love you so.

We love thy spacious halls  
Thy campus so wide and green  
Visions of thee we'll forever recall  
From the deepest recess of our being.

To us you are like a mother.  
You taught us at your knee,  
That all men of the universe  
Are brothers and all men are created free.

**FLORENCE LOIS TAYLOR**, Route 2, Box 21, Plaquemine, Louisiana; born September 28, 1928 in Plaquemine, Louisiana to Thomas Taylor and Louisiana White; graduated June 2, 1944 from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Teaching; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

**OSCA MAE PHILLIPS**, 628 Main Street, born October 9, 1926 in Plaquemine, Louisiana to Ellis Phillips and Helen L. Harris; graduated June 2, 1944; class Recording Secretary of Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Nursing; to attend Homer G. Phillips College, St. Louis, Missouri. Hobby—Singing.

**DORIS HELEN PANNIA**, 1416 Haase Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana; born November 26, 1924 in New York to Lawrence Pannia and Julia A. Clark; graduated June 2, 1944; class Chaplain from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Barber; to attend Griffin College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hobby—Dancing and Singing.

**INEZ ANNETTE LANDRY**, Brusly, Louisiana; born September 17, 1926 in Brusly, Louisiana to (late) Victor Landry and Emma Ross; graduated June 2, 1944; class Ass't. Business Manager of Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Barber; to attend Griffin College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hobby—Singing and Dancing.

**CATHERINE HENDRICKS**, Route 1, Box 6, Plaquemine, Louisiana; born August 13, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois to Boyser James and Edolia Martin; graduated June 2, 1944 from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Business. Hobby—Bicycle Riding.

**LAOMI EDWINE GAITER**, 1708 Haase Street, born April 25, 1925 in Plaquemine, Louisiana to (late) Rev. I. I. Gaiter and Christina Harris; graduated June 2, 1944 from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Home Economic Teacher; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Typing.

**EVELYN MAE EDWARDS**, Box 14, Plattenville, Louisiana; born October 29, 1924 in Plaquemine, Louisiana to Herbert Edwards and Francis Odecal Harris; graduated June 2, 1944; class President of Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Nursing; to attend Homer G. Phillips College, St. Louis, Missouri. Hobby—Writing Letters.

**HALL LUCEIN DAVIS III**, Rt. 2, Box 39, Plaquemine, Louisiana; born December 9, 1925 in Plaquemine, Louisiana to Hall Lucein Davis II and Ella Ellis; graduated June 2, 1944; class Business Manager of Iberville High School, Plaquemine, Louisiana; career, Embalmer; to attend Chicago Institute, Chicago, Illinois. Hobby—Dancing.

**ORA LEE DAVIS**, Box 145, Post Office; born November 28, 1924, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, to Louis Davis and Ella Johnson; graduated June 2, 1944, from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hobby—Singing.

**HILDA MAE CRAIG**, 128 Nat Street; born January 23, 1927, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, to John Craig and Albertha Meliteon; graduated June 2, 1944, from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, La.; career, business. Hobby—Bicycle riding.

## IBERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL





THELMA BELLE TILLMAN, Lottie, Louisiana; born June 5, 1926, in Blanks, Louisiana, to Ronoy Tillman and Lillian Noel; graduated June 2, 1944, from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, La.; class financial secretary; career, beautician; to attend Griffin College, Atlanta, Ga. Hobby—Driving car.

ALVIN CALVIN BYNUM, Brusley, Louisiana; born April 16, 1927, in Brusley, Louisiana, to Vanderbilt Bynum and Beatrice Thomas; graduated June 2, 1944, from Iberville High School, Plaquemine, La.; class vico-president; career, embalmer. Hobby—Hunting.

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**FELIX LEVY DELOACH—CLASS HISTORY**  
We the graduates of 1944 of Chatham Negro High on the Town of Chatham, Parish of Jackson, State of Louisiana, take the greatest of pleasure in bringing before you a brief account of our high School days.  
October 14, 1941 marked the opening of Chatham Negro High School.  
When the doors opened, we, twenty in number, marched in full pledged sophomores from schools of other parishes and communities. Remembering the days of our own greenness, we recognized the title which gave us the duty and honor of being the first group of the school to command. We gave a wild welcome to those green and fresh seekers of knowledge — the Freshmen. We did welcome them daily and nightly and caused them to suffer great things. We were busy throughout the session, becoming adjusted to rules and assisting in buying school equipment. Thus ended our sophomore year.

At the beginning of our Junior year, we became more cultured and refined, for we realized that now we were upper-classmen. Two members were added to this band, thus, increasing our number to twenty-two.

Entertaining the Seniors of 1943 at the Junior-Senior Prom we knew that soon we were to take their places.

September 20, 1943 marked the beginning of the fourth year in our history. Many of our Classmates had fallen by the way side. Each went his own way: Some traveled the highway of Matrimony, some that of ill health. Still others were called to defend our country. This small band of youths, twelve in number, though shocked by the great loss, realized that there was work to be done, we had to move on, we were

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**CLASS POEM**  
**Reverie**

In the days of long ago  
Children trudged through heat and snow  
To a schoolhouse on a hill,  
Where they studied with a will.

Day by day these children grow,  
As all normal children do.  
Growing taller and more wise  
Than their elders realized.

Year by year this school attending,  
The scale of knowledge still ascending,  
Each happy boy and happy girl,  
Kept every classroom in a whirl

As on they climbed their upward way,  
Doing assignments of each day.  
Grade by grade and class by class,  
They were promoted—lad and lass.

Everything worked, that is the end  
A gay commencement time they'd spend,  
Looking back over all the years,  
Remembering not the cares and tears.

Remembering only the joys they'd had,  
Days when they'd been good and bad,  
Remembering only the pleasant hours  
Lingering like fragrance of lovely flowers.

This class of nineteen forty-four  
Will be students of Chatham no more.  
For they have come to commencement Day,  
And now must travel another way.

As they turn today to another life.





FRONT ROW (Seated) LEFT TO RIGHT: Trudie Belle Bowers, Valedictorian; Alvern Hill, President; Mr. J. K. Haynes, Pres. of L. C. T. A.; Mary Moore, Sponsor; Mr. L. D. Land, Principal; Rev. Z. Broaders, Pastor First Baptist Church; Victoria Texas, Commencement Speaker; Cumie McConnell, Treasurer.

(STANDING) LEFT TO RIGHT: Martell Ellis Boatner, Ellie Jane Hassen, Videllure Hill, Curtis Elmore, Mary Young, Margie Caldwell, Felix De Loach, Salutatorian, Ida Lee McDonald.

**MARGIE LEE CALDWELL**, Box 2, Vernon, Louisiana; born July 28, 1925 in Vernon, Louisiana to Earl Caldwell and Dora Lewis; graduated May 5, 1944 from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Collecting Souvenirs from Different Sections.

**TRUDIE BELL BOWERS**, Route 1, Box 80, Eros, Louisiana; born April 15, 1927 in Eros, Louisiana to Willie Bowers and Maggie Ammon; graduated May 5, 1944; class Secretary from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**MARY EMMA YOUNG**, Vernon, Louisiana; born October 4, 1925 in Deroch, Arkansas to Ollie L. Young and Rosie Thompson; graduated May 5, 1944 from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Home Economic Teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Basket Ball.

**ALVERN VIRGINIA HILL**, Ansley, Louisiana; born March 6, 1926 in Ansley, Louisiana to Claude Hill and Willie Sims; graduated May 5, 1944; class President of Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Business College; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

**MARTELLE ELLIS BOATNER**, Box 3, Clay, Louisiana; born October 31, 1923 in Simishoro, Louisiana to Rev. Samuel Ellis, Sr. and Evelyn K. Jones; graduated May 5, 1944; class member of Program Committee of Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Undecided. Hobby—Collecting "What-Nots".

**ELLIE JANE HASSEN**, Chatham, Louisiana; born October 1, 1915 in Chatham, Louisiana to Loris Hassen and Lela McConnell; graduated May 5, 1944; class Assistant Secretary of Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Spaulding Business School, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Embroidery.

**VIDELLURE HILL**, Route 1, Box 5A, Eros, Louisiana; born June 8, 1925 in Eros, Louisiana to Samuel Hill and Lular Stell; graduated May 5, 1944 from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Typing; to attend school in Oakland, California. Hobby—Letter Writing.

**IDA LEE McDONALD**, Route 1, Box 2, Chatham, Louisiana; born November 18, 1926 in Chatham, Louisiana to Leon McDonald and Josephine Haddicks; graduated May 5, 1944 from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading, Basketball.

**FELIX LEVI DELOACH**, R. F. D. 2, Box 25C; born March 16, 1927 in Winnfield, Louisiana to Sebron DeLoach and Cammiel Dotson; graduated May 5, 1944; class Vice President of Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Agriculture Education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Basketball.

**CURTIS LEWIS ELMORE**, Eros, Louisiana, Rte. 1, Box 51; born August 1, 1922 in Eros, Louisiana to Wade Elmore and Lula Kelly; graduated May 5, 1944 from Chatham Negro High School, Chatham, Louisiana; career, Director Physical Education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Basket Ball.

**TOLITHA CUMIE McCONNELL**, Vernon, Louisiana; born July 16, 1924 in Vernon, Louisiana to Henry McConnell and Lucy Henderson; graduated May 5, 1944; class Treasurer of Chatham



#### THE CLASS HISTORY

Now the history of the Class of '44, of Jonesboro-Hodge Colored High School of the town of Jonesboro, Louisiana, is in this wise: It seems that four years ago on a certain September morning, a number of dark children were seen sneaking in the direction of Jonesboro Colored High. Our hats were pulled so low so no one could see our faces. No wonder we were so bashful. It was our first days as freshmen. As freshmen we were really green, green as the grass in the spring time. We were exhausted and nervous but in good spirit.

The first day represents the loss of pencils and getting acquainted. It was really painful when our upper classmen yelled personal advice from the windows of the Senior Class. It was difficult for us to become accustomed to the changing of classes and a teacher for each class. These hardships did not last long, however, for we soon became acquainted with more students and learned the ways of school. We were invited to several socials given by upper classmen. This ended our freshman year at Jonesboro High.

When the school opened in October 6, 1941, we marched in as full-fledged Sophomores. To show we had learned well during our freshman year and were ready to give our support to our best ability. Miss Vera Morgan was chosen from our class to reign as Miss Jonesboro on Homecoming Day. Miss Helen DeLoise Kimp, on May Day, was May queen. Miss Mazine Adams brought honor to the class for her writing of poetry, and such letter men as Leslie Alexander, Dennis Coleman, Thomas J. Leonard, Willie McConnell and Andrew J. Watkins brought honor in the field of sports. At the end of our Sophomore year, the banner of our service to our school was really high and in September, 1942, we entered

at the Junior and Senior Prom. At this lovely entertainment we moved about with joyful hearts because we knew then that we were the Seniors of the Class of 1944.

A mingling of joy and sorrow greeted us during the first months as Seniors in the early days of September and October, 1943. With gay spirits and youthful hearts and joyous expectations we greeted and welcomed our principal, Mr. J. R. Wilson. A dark cloud hovered over our class during the first of the school year. Our boys were called to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. We mention with honor the names of: Barnell N. Walker, Lisbon Starks, Leslie Lee Alexander, Dennis Coleman and Thomas Leonard. During our last days here at Jonesboro High, Principal Wilson brought us safely to the shores of high school graduation.

It is fitting at this stage to express our appreciation to Principal Wilson for the interest he manifested in our class during our last days as Seniors. After complying with the rules and regulations of a war-time education during the nine months of our Senior year here at Jonesboro High. We feel confident that we have made a definite contribution to our Alma Mater, equal to that of any graduating class that has gone on before us. And now with hearts full of gratitude to our principal and teachers for their excellent guidance they have given us. We wish to occupy a warm place in their hearts and be kindly remembered as the class of 1944.

The Class of eight girls contributed a \$230.00 indoor fountain to Jonesboro-Hodge High.



## PROFESSOR J. R. WILSON

Professor J. R. Wilson, of the Jonesboro-Hodge Colored High School, Jonesboro, Louisiana, is an outstanding educator in Louisiana. He is a graduate of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, holding an A. B. degree. He has done graduate work toward his master's degree at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. He has also spent several summers at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which time he pursued the principal's course. For seven years Mr. Wilson has been principal of the Jonesboro-Hodge Colored High School, and many boys who have come and gone under his tutelage and are now serving in the armed forces, speak with pride of his excellent ability to instruct and guide one through the channels of ignorance. On the other hand, many girls who have come and gone under his tutelage are now in the teaching profession and other fields of endeavor. He is now serving as President of the Fourth District Louisiana Inter-scholastic Athletic and Literary Association, and as chairman of the Program Committee of the Fifth District Louisiana Colored Teachers' Association. Aside from his numerous educational duties, he finds time for social activities, being a loyal member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. His life is an excellent pattern for those who tread under his leadership.

## NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHER

Mrs. Thelma Atkins-Wilson, graduate of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; while at Southern was a member of the Treble Clef Club, Y. W. C. A., and Model Mates Home Economic Club; a charter member of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honorary Society, and a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Teacher of Natural and Social Sciences at the Jonesboro-Hodge Colored High School.

## HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER

Rosa Mae Gillie Jackson, P. O. Box 493, Winnfield, Louisiana. A graduate of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Was a member of the Treble Clef Club, University Choir, Girls' Glee Club, Mixed Glee Club and Y. W. C. A. while at Southern. Teacher of home economics at Jonesboro Colored High School, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Directress of the Mixed Chorus and Glee Club of Jonesboro High School. Composer of the State Home Economics Club song. Coach of girls' basketball team of Jonesboro, La.

## ENGLISH AND MUSIC TEACHER

Mrs. Alta Thalia Gray Brim, a native of Houston, Texas, reared in Naples, Texas, where her father is principal of Carrer High School, lives in Hodge, Louisiana. A graduate of Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, majoring in public school music; minoring in English.

## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER

Mr. A. J. Pearre, graduate of Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas; graduate, Teachers' Training Course in Agriculture, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Attended Southern University Summer School. Teacher, Vocational Agriculture, Jonesboro Colored High School.

## SCHOOL HISTORY

The Jonesboro-Hodge High School is a striking symbol of what can be accomplished in a short span of time by conscientious principals and teachers.

In 1937 the first high school class graduated with Mr. G. L. Hawk as principal. That year Professor Hawk, as he is called by all, retired, and the principalship was given to Mr. J. R. Wilson, who had co-operated with Mr. Hawk for three years, as teachers of English.

The school, situated on a six-acre plot, has activities which enables its students to cope with the existing conditions of their environment. Aside from the three R's, home making, science and music, these boys and girls are given practical education in the one-acre garden, the 102-tree orchard on the poultry farm, which has approximately three hundred and fifty chickens.

An amiable atmosphere exists here and the six teachers and one hundred thirty-three students make one happy family. We are laboring towards goals of greater achievements. The battle is hard and the road is long, but we will labor on until victory is obtained.

HELEN DELOISE KIMP, General Delivery, Jonesboro, Louisiana; born October 20, 1924, in Quitman, La., to Hosey Kimp and Roberta Sanders; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La.; career, designer; to take college correspondence course. Hobby—Sewing and singing.

LEE DELL WYATT, General Delivery, Jonesboro, Louisiana; born March 19, 1925, in Arcadia, La., to Cleve Wyatt and Canary Davis; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La.; career, business course; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Writing and singing.

BESSIE MAE MONROE, Jonesboro, Louisiana; born December 14, 1924, in Chatham, Louisiana, to Milling Monroe and Anna Cowens; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La.; class president; career, typist; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Singing and playing games.

CELESTINE L. BRADFORD, Hodge, Louisiana; born February 18, 1924, in Danville, La., to Claxton Bradford and Vattie Jones; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La. Hobby—Cooking.

MAXINE S. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Louisiana; born May 19, 1925, in Goodpine, La., to Charlie Adams and Lucille Darton; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Writing poetry.

MILDRED D. ZEIGLER, Rt. 4, Box 186, West Monroe, Louisiana; born April 14, 1924, in West Monroe, Louisiana, to Henry Zeigler and Mattie Jackson; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, La.; career, typist; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Cooking and playing games.

MARGARET ELOISE BOOKER, Box 291, Hodge, Louisiana; born August 29, 1928, in Arcadia, La., to Rev. J. W. Booker, Sr., and Hattie Leoda Sampson; graduated May 5, 1944, from Jonesboro-Hodge High School; class secretary; career, cadet nurse; to attend Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Singing, dancing and talking.

MARY ALICE HOLLAND, Rt. 1, West Monroe,

## DEAR JONESBORO HIGH

(By Maxine Adams)

Dear Jonesboro High we love you dear  
And from you we hate to part;  
But the happy days we've had in you  
Shall linger in our heart.

Although your building is not a magnificent one,  
And your campus is not extraordinary fine;  
But still you have greater properties  
Than that which rest in our minds.

You are a home to weary travelers,  
You are a friend to passers by,  
You are the diamond in the middle of our chain  
of friendship  
Dear Jonesboro Colored High.

We hate to see the day come when we must  
part,  
And still we know we must go,  
But as the day grows nearer and nearer  
We love you as never before.

After four consecutive years of attending—  
Four years of happiness and fun,  
You are giving us an honorable discharge,  
Our diplomas have been won.

So when we have grown famous  
In the field of education,  
We'll think constantly of Jonesboro High,  
Where we received our information.

We'll praise your name above other schools,  
We'll raise it high as the sky,  
Who can forget a school like you,  
Dear Jonesboro Colored High?

But as we look through the telescope of time  
At the coming generations,  
We feel it a duty of ours  
To help hand down education.

For the battle hasn't been fought yet,  
And the victory hasn't been won,  
We've finished our high school studies  
But our task is just begun.

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### CLASS HISTORY

Everyone was jolly that beautiful sunny day in September, when a group of children boarded the U. S. S. Paul Breaux High; for a trip to the "Happy Land of High School Education."

Those who boarded the ship were as follows: Walter George, Norris Taylor, Bernice Boutte, Iris McZeal, Martha Sum, Hazel Brossard, Allen Francis, Joseph Lee Bernard, Eufa Mae Alex, Mary Lee Reynolds, Janas Francis, Leroy Zedore, Lawrence Wiltz, Alnora Sylvester, Clara Bell Gabriel, Alvina Hudson, William Batiste, Antione Batiste, Joseph Brown, Jack Earl, Garfield Brossard, Freddie Mackey, Robert Green, Clarence Breaux, Elodie Pelet, Mattie Benjamin, Elvina Mercier, Anises Spell, Laura Leary, Henry Guilbeaux, Ethel Mae Smith, B. Alexander, Hilda McZeal, Annie Mae Ledet, Emily Ann Clay, Gloria Brown, Octavia Brown, Calvin Paul, Rosanna Brossard, Albert Calaton, John Brossard, James Dorsey, Mildred Leaux, Marietta Roberts, Theresa James, Thelma Bill, Velma Bill, Almeda Stuben, Earl Dixon, Jessie Davis, Floyd Carmouche, Lloyd Carmouche, Marjorie Huff, Dalton Clement, Robert Boutte, Roland Judice, Mary Louise Landry, Matthew Sam, and yours truly, Eunice Lewis.

Much to our disappointment, when we had started the trip well, and were in deep waters known as the Eight Grade: John Brossard, Thelma Bill, Intoline Batiste, Eufa Mae Olep, Mattie Benjamin, Clarence Breaux, Gloria Brown, Hazel Brossard, William Batiste, Allen Francis, Earl Dixon, Mary Louise Landry, Elodie Pelet, Mary Lee Reynolds, Calvin Paul, Marietta Roberts, Alnora Sylvester, Norris Taylor, Matthew Sam, Albert Calaton and Jonas Francis fell over board being unable to swim, were drowned.

Then to our delight as we were traveling, the captain spied a group of torpedo students who were anxious to get on board. They were: Wilfred Taylor, Margrete Gatch, Mary Louise Taylor, and Lucille Domingue, who were indeed welcome to join us.

As we sailed merrily along we reached the Ninth Grade Island. There we were given time to go out on a sight seeing trip, so we stopped at the Double L Drug Store. I treated everyone to some

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had not sailed one mile when another of passengers Leroy Zedore fell over board.

The next morning when we walked reluctantly to our ship with heads bowed to set sail for the Island of the Tenth Grade. We never dreamed that our grief over losing so many passengers would turn into happiness as it did, when we were joined by Gladys Charles, Adam Dugas, Bessie Mae Pelet, Albertha Despanie, Hilda Mae Mouton, Junius Charles and Velma Mavarro.

Again we were happy and progressing until we were disturbed by a group of boys who were called to serve their country. Namely: Dalton Clement, Garfield Brossard, Jessie Davis, Walter George, Joseph Lee Bernard, Freddie Mackey, Loyd Carmouche, and Robert Boutte. Velma Navarro also dropped out and joined another group.

After traveling three years losing more of our passengers than we had gained, we finally landed on our last island. Which was the Eleventh Grade. Those who were successful in completing the journey are as follows: Albertha Despanie, Gladys Charles, Adam Dugas, Anise Spell, Henry Guilbeaux, Floyd Carmouche, Elvina Mercier, Hilda Mae Mouton, Hilda McZeal, Bessie Pelet, Laura Reaux, Ethel Mae Smith and yours truly, Eunice Lewis.

For some it may be the last island and for others it maybe only a foundation for higher achievements, but tonight as we stand before you, we are willing and ready to accept the fact that education can bring about a lasting peace.

**ADAM DUGAS**, 314 Lafayette St., born March 25th, 1936 in Lafayette, La., to Garfield Dugas and Adele Hudson; graduated June 2, 1944, class treasurer from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La.

**HENRY JOSEPH GUILBEAUX**, 316 West End St., born August 14, 1926 in Lafayette, La., to Milton Guilbeaux and Esther Sterling; graduated June 2, 1944; class business manager from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La., hobby—Sports.

**HILDA MARIE McZEAL**, 207 Thirteenth St., born May 31, 1926; Lafayette, La., to William McZeal and Alice Zeno; graduated June 21, 1944 from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La., career—Beautician, Hobby—Music and dancing.

**EUNICE LEWIS**, 1103 Lamar St., born April 9, 1925 in Lafayette, La., to Etienne Lewis and Mary Lewis; graduated June 2, 1944, Class Vice-President; from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La., career—Nurse Training, College, Hampton Institute, Hampton Va., hobby—Reading.

**LAURA LINZOLA REAUX**, 103 Twelfth St., born August 10, 1926 in Lafayette, La., to Joe Reaux and Belle Brossard; graduated June 2, 1944; class president, from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Hobby—Photographs, dancing.

**ANISE SPELL**, 115—14th St., born July 19, 191 in Lafayette, La., to Andrew C. Spell and Annie Jordan; graduated June 2, 1944, class asst. secretary, from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—Secretary, College Y.M.C. School of Commerce, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Singing.

**BESSIE MAE PELET**, 1019 N. Simcoe Street, born July 12, 1925 in Lafayette, La., to Daly Pelet and Viola Mouton; graduated June 2, 1944, class rec. Secretary, from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—Stenographer, College Pioneer Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. Hobby—Basketball and dancing.

**FLOYD H. CARMOUCHE**, 719 S. Orange St., born January 10, 1927, Lafayette, La., to Edward P. Carmouche; graduated June 2, 1944 from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—Porter. Hobby—See moving pictures.

**HILDA MAE MOUTON**, 707 Morgan St., born August 17, 1925 in Lafayette, La., to Gaston Mouton and Donna Guilbeaux; graduated June 2, 1944 from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—mechanic. Hobby—Driving.

**ALBERTHA DESPANIE**, 202 Bienville St., born February 17, 1924 in Lafayette, La., to Camille Despanie and Mary L. Constantine; graduated June 2, 1944 from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—Welding. Hobby—Dancing.

**ELVENA MERCIER**, 1118 Plum St., born June 9, 1926 in Scott, La., to Joseph Mercier and Mary Joan Lewis; graduated June 2, 1944, assistant business manager, from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—Nurse. Hobby—Sports.

**ETHEL MAE SMITH**, Route 1, Box 8, Sunset, La., born December 13, 1926 in Sunset, La., to Alfred Smith and Philomene Jasper; graduated June 2, 1944, class chaplain, from Paul Breaux, Lafayette, La. Career—I intend to study Home Economics, College, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Collecting poems.

**GLADYS M. CHARLES**, 401 Surryer St., born October 4, 1925 in Lafayette, La., to August Charles and Rosella Hulp; graduated June 2, 1944, class corresponding secretary, from Paul Breaux School. Career—I intend to become a beautician. Hobby—Making new friends.

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## SENIOR CLASS OF 1944

**Laura Linzola Reaux**

The long road now has come to an end,  
 And part we must even best of friends.  
 Though anxious we were we dread today,  
 Our teachers and schoolmates goodbye to say.

Often we were happy, other times despaired  
 There was seemingly no one around who cared,  
 But looking it over who is the man  
 Who had days of sunshine never of rain.

We started out years ago  
 It was routine for us exceedingly so.  
 We sought not the education we have today,  
 But our parents desires sent us on our way.

Today, we are thankful that it was so,  
 It is the base of life before us we know,  
 And though the task seemed hard we  
 stuck it fast.  
 With an effort odd from the first to the last.

In all kinds of weather we stuck together,  
 Classmates and schoolmates like birds of  
 a feather.

We dare not divide lest we retard the progress,  
 So united we stood for more or for less.

In all school activities we took part,  
 Broadminded enough the head ruled the heart.  
 Some of the things we did not agree with,  
 But support and cooperation spelled good  
 sportsmanship.

In years to come when all is well,  
 Boldly and proudly we shall rise to tell  
 Of our schoolhouse aht might then be dust.  
 Of our knowledg gained there that can  
 never rust.

These are the things we shall cherish and hold,  
 Dear to our hearts, they could never be sold.  
 And when the year glide swiftly by,  
 Memories will be sweet to our minds eye.

Farewell, we say to our teachers and friends,  
 But never farwell to our notebook and pens.  
 For we are to use them everyday  
 Paving our future on our way.

Farewell, dear school, and walks and trees,  
 Farewell, to you and you and you.  
 Today, we stand forever more,  
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BACK ROW: Rose Lee Anderson, Helen Gray, Ruby Joseph.

## CLASS HISTORY

On a bright September day, we fourteen Freshmen, eager to experience high school life, arrived at Holy Rosary. The upper classmen greeted us cordially, and did their utmost to make our first week in high school a memorable one. By the end of that week, however, we found out that the life of a Freshman is beset with trials and tribulations. Among other experiences, the one which we enjoyed the least was to have others call us "Fresh Freshmen." But we soon learned to be proud of the name Freshmen, because it made us realize that we were taking our first step towards our ultimate goal—graduation. With this goal in view, we applied ourselves so diligently during that year, that by the end of the second semester, we were ready to take another step up the ladder of success.

When our class met at the beginning of our Sophomore year, we were disappointed to find that some of the members had not returned. But, there were new ones to take their places; and, although we were sorry to have lost our old friends, we were delighted to become acquainted with new ones. These fell right in line, and in a very short while, everyone forgot that they had not been with us from the beginning. We Sophomores thought we knew all the answers; but, under the direction of Sister Rosetta, we soon found out that we had still many, many things to learn. The year sped by so quickly that before we realized it, we were Juniors.

In our Junior year we began to shoulder responsibilities. We endeavored to live up to our motto "Together we stand—divided we fall." Each member of the class expressed her determination to support every class project. As a result of the splendid cooperation of each, we succeeded in carrying out most of our objectives. Among other things, we had planned to give the class of '43 the best "Prom" in the history of Holy Rosary Institute. I mention this because the Juniors had complete charge of the project, and because it proved to be such a grand success. However, this was by no means the main objective of our Junior year. Each one of us, cherishing in her heart the desire to become a member of the next senior class, applied herself to the best of her ability. How happy we were when our reports showed that we had qualified for the distinction of Seniors.

In the fall of '43 when a group of happy Seniors registered we experienced another disappointment. Some familiar faces were missing. Had everyone returned, our class would have been the largest one in the history of the school, a distinction which is held by the class of '43. We were glad to add Margaret Mack to our class because her coming brought our number back to fourteen as we had originally been.

Knowing that our Senior year would be filled with varied activities; we started out by organizing our class and setting up objectives. Among other things, we planned to procure for our Alma Mater a valuable souvenir of the class of '44. We selected our class colors: blue and gold, our flower, red carnation; and our motto—"The past forever gone—the future still our own." Our motto, we hoped would spur us on to do our best throughout our Senior year.

Although we had been counting the days be-

The remaining school days sped by in rapid succession and finally came Commencement—that day to which we had been looking forward for four long years. We were indeed happy at thought of our having reached our goal; yet our happiness was tinged with sadness. We were to leave our Alma Mater, dear Father, and the kind Sisters. Our school days then seemed to us like a wonderful dream which we would not mind dreaming over again.

Commencement, to some of us will mean only a beginning; while to others it will mean the end. Yet, no matter what path we choose we hope that those faithful few who have persevered to the end will meet with success. May the class of '44 never be forgotten by the teachers and the students of Holy Rosary. May God bless us in everything we undertake for the benefit of humanity.

## HOLY ROSARY INSTITUTE

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Class of 1944

DOROTHY SONNIER, 1106 East Simcoe Street; born July 15, 1927, Lafayette, Louisiana to Edgar Sonnier and Alma Preljean; graduated May 28, 1944; class member from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana. Career, teacher; will attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—basket-ball.

GWENDOLYN RACHEL, 2627 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans; born November 2, 1929, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Anthony Rachel and Genevieve St. Villo; graduated May 28, 1944; class Chaplain from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; Career—distillation; intends to go to Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—reading, tennis.

WILLIE LE EMARGARET PERRY, 106 E. Gregg Street, Shreveport, Louisiana; born November 30, 1927 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Will Perry and Henderson; graduated May 28, 1944; class member from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Nurse Training or Home Economics. To attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—dancing.

MARGARET MACK, 1116 Narrow Street; born September 29, 1925 in Thibodaux, Louisiana to Dan Mack and Mable Jules; graduated May 28, 1944 from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Vocal and Music; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—singing, reading.

RUBY L. JOSEPH, Box 83, Schriever, Louisiana; born May 7, 1927 in Schriever, Louisiana to Arthur Joseph and Sarah Rounds; graduated May 28, 1944; class secretary from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, nurse—to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—reading, collecting books.

MARY BELLE JACQUET, 322 Argonne Street, Lafayette, Louisiana; born November 18, 1927 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Robert Jacquet and Gertie Proveaux; graduated May 28, 1944 from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, stenographer; to attend Y. M. C. A. School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Basket-



**MADELL JACQUET**, 3009 Ave. N. Galveston, Texas; born November 29, 1925 in St. Martinville, Louisiana to Mr. John Jacquet and Celeste Charlar; graduated May 28, 1944; member of the class from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, commercial education at Y. W. C. A. Business School, Galveston, Texas. Hobby—Collecting Pictures.

**HELEN GRAY**, 4111 Ave. F.; born August 26, 1926 in Galveston, Texas to David Gray and Mildred Mouton; graduated May 28, 1944; class member from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career to teach the course of Mathematics; wishes to attend Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Playing Tennis.

**JUANITA E. DURELL**, 510 Breau Bridge Avenue; born October 27, 1928 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Hery Howard Durel and Marie L. Breau; graduated May 28, 1944; class Vice-President from Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Commercial Education; to attend Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Basketball.

**DOROTHY DICKSON**, 1831 W. 36th, Los Angeles, Cal.; born October 26, 1927 in Shreveport, Louisiana to E. L. Dickson and Sallie Morris; graduated May 28, 1944; class Treasurer from Holy Rosary in Lafayette, Louisiana; intends to be a doctor; to attend Mahara Medical School at Nashville, Tennessee. Hobby—Collecting Books.

**MARY ANN COOK**, Box 81, Ruston, Louisiana; born November 4, 1926 in Monroe, Louisiana to Mr. Robert J. Cook and Alice Mildred LaBlanc; graduated May 28, 1944 from Holy Rosary Institution at Lafayette, Louisiana; intends to study Journalism, and to major in English; wishes to attend Tuskegee Institution at Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Writing Compositions.

**LOIS BEATRICE CARTER**, 208 12th Street; born June 12, 1928 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Camille Carter and Amelia Alex; graduated May 28, 1944; class Assistant Secretary from Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette, Louisiana; intends to study Home Economics, Major in Cooking; wishes to attend Leland College at Baker, Louisiana. Hobby—Tennis, Writing letters.

**JACQUELINE BABIN**, 408 2nd Street; born August 20, in Lafayette, Louisiana to B. B. Babin and Louise Shay; graduated May 28, 1944 from Holy Rosary Institution in Lafayette, Louisiana; intends a Commercial Education at Y. W. C. A. Business School in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing letters.

**ROSE LEE ANDERSON**, 1312 Washington St.; born April 30, 1926 in Monroe, Louisiana to Isaac Howard and Lillian Dorsey; graduated May 28, 1944; Class President from Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette, Louisiana; career, a Medical Course; intends to attend Fisk University at Nashville, Tennessee. Hobby—Dancing and Reading.

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**ERNESTINE THERESA MOUTON**, 417 Bienville Street; born August 24, 1926 in Houston, Texas to (Father—deceased) and Hilda Anderson-Mouton; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana. Hobby—Sports and Cooking.

**VIOLA CATHERINE CHAISSON**, 204 Bienville Street; born November 28, 1925 in Lafayette, Louisiana to (Father—deceased) and Sarah Richard; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana. Hobby—Drawing.

**MARY JANE BROUSSARD**, 1001 W. Simcoe Street; born August 5, 1926 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Aurelian Broussard and Stella Joe; graduated from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**WILLIAM LLOYD HERPIN**, 204 S. Washington Street; born July 14, 1926 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Gradney Herpin and Marie Celest Jolivet; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Mechanic. Hobby—Sports.

**CAMELLA MARIE GLAUDE**, 207 Lafayette Street; born February 4, 1924 in Carenee, Louisiana to Kennedy Glaude and Mary Lewis; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School in Lafayette, Louisiana. Hobby—Cooking.

**RICHARD BENEDICT MOUTON**, 404 Eighth Street, Lafayette, Louisiana; born April 28, 1927 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Elliott Mouton and Idell McElligott; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Druggist; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

**MARY RALLE HERPIN**, 204 S. Washington St.; born November 19, 1924 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Gradney Herpin and Marie Celest Jolivet; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

**MARJORIE LAZARO**, 609 S. St. Antoine Street; born January 18, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Joseph Lazaro and Louise Miner; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Sports.

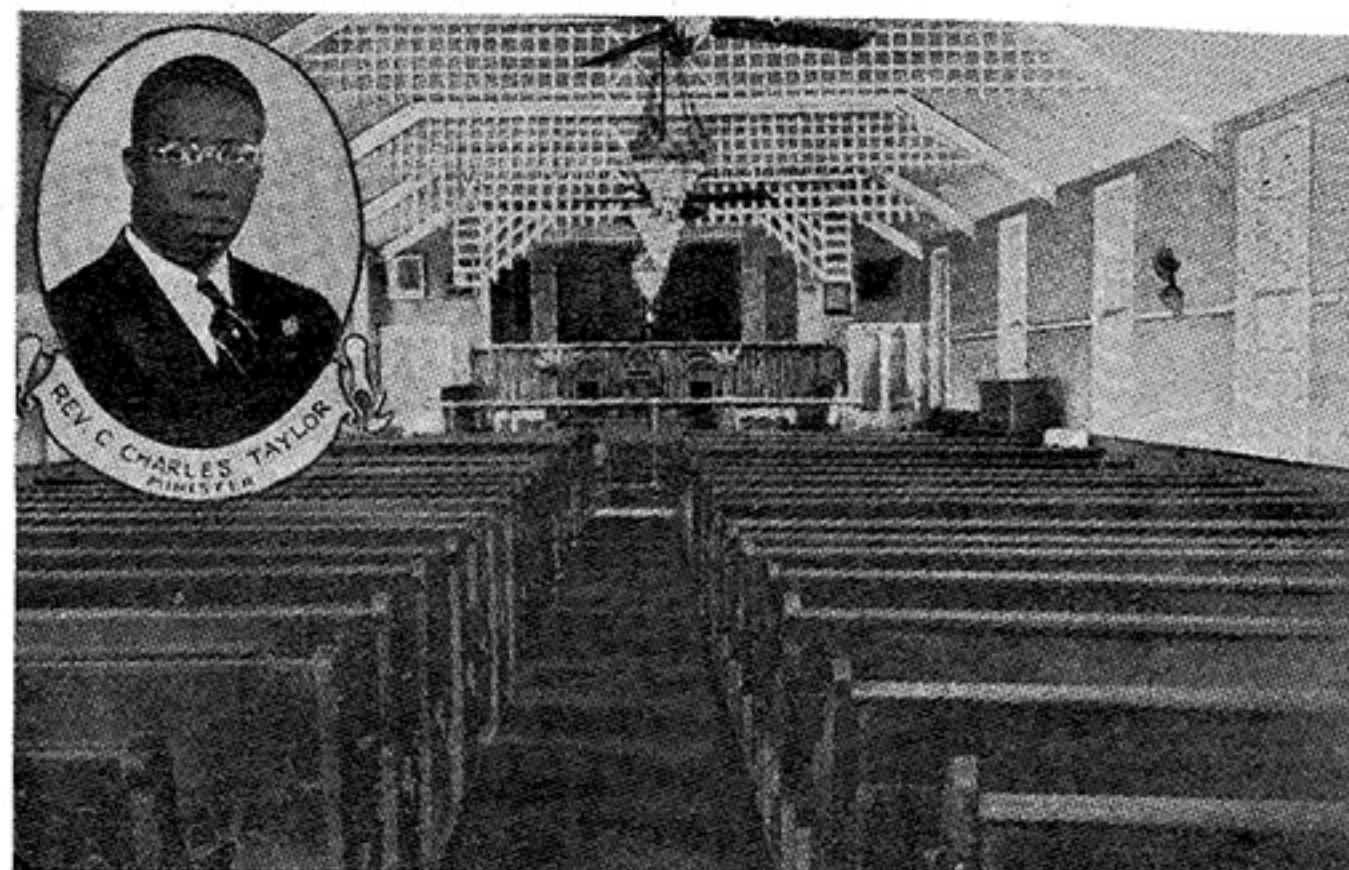
**JEANETTE THERESA MOUTON**, 419 E. Third Street; born May 12, 1926 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Lake Mouton and Louise Berice; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**FREDERICK JOSEPH MARTIN, JR.**, 106 11th Street; born July 17, 1927 in Lafayette, Louisiana to Freddie Martin and Myrtle Mouton; graduated June 4, 1944 from St. Paul's School; career, Druggist; to attend University of California, California. Hobby—Sports.

**DAVID ROY BREAU**, 614 Cameron Street; born June 7, 1926 in Los Angeles, California to (Father—deceased) and Ozeta Roy-Breau; graduated from St. Paul's School, Lafayette, Louisiana; career, Mail Clerk. Sports—Sports.

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### CLASS PROPHECY

(Continued from page 71)

The class of 1944 is made up of 12 members, 9 girls and 3 boys. From earlier school days they have been glowing with pride and ambition, and have been willing to perform the tasks the teachers have placed before them. Today they are ready to go out into this world and take whatever responsibility that is theirs to share. As they have longed hoped to be, they are now transformed from the carefree children of yesterday to the men and women of tomorrow. Strange dreams and strange visions of the glories of the years to come are now becoming a reality. The little tasks done in the past which have always seemed so hard are only the beginning of the great things life holds in store for them. These are only the marks on the canvas where is to be drawn the permanent and eternal class picture of 1944.

Accompany me as I look into the future and see what the great painters has in store for each one.

I gaze through a slightly open door, moving quietly but busily, a fair maiden, Mary Herpin, performing her domestic duties as the maker and keeper of her home.

As I look into the professional circle, in a large office among many men of many minds, sits a prosperous lawyer, the boy who in our high school days had not yet learned to lie, Frederick Martin, Jr.

The mist grows thinner; I see a famous pianist bringing forth sweet strains from her polished instrument, for the entertainment of her music lovers—Velma Navarre.

Ah—ten—fifteen years hence, I see a rich man, a banker riding his aeroplane, counting out his money—wearing his diamonds. Who is it? . . . His name? . . . Oh, yes, I see now . . . William Herpin.

I feel like crying; I must cry—I must. This woman's grief overwhelms me. Surely it is some lonely widow mourning her husband. No, not so. I see nothing like that. 'Tis only a fair bride, weeping the loss of her dog. Who is the bride? Her name once was—Marjorie Lazaro.

In the distance I see a large building. Why it is a convent. A fair lady has become a nun and devotes her life to going about doing good to all the world. Her name is lost now, for she is called "Sister Marie". But I see her face, and she was once Mary Jane Broussard.

A school of medical learning, an outstanding man of his profession. They look at him in reverence of the vast learning he acquired at St. Paul's.

High School. Why . . . what is that they call him as they bow in homage before him? . . . Doctor Richard Mouton.

Ah, the dainty lady of society—envied and flattered by all. The queen of very ball . . . Ernestine Mouton.

I look again, and as I look I see among the society of that far off distant time, and among those most fair to look upon, most light and dazzling . . . Viola Chaisson.

Pondering over these things, I see clinging together three happy wives, making sunshine and beauty within their walls. I see them exchanging confidences over the fence, as to this or that domestic difficulty. They have found their greatest ambition in their vocations, the maker and keeper of the home. And see how even in their marriage they could never be divided, the girls who were so inseparable as Jeanette Mouton, Hilda Guillory and Camella Glaude.

My duty is at an end and the future is now an open book. And now, may the blessings that ever attend the noble and good and true, follow and abide with us, each and all, now and forever more.

JEANETTE MOUTON, '44

### School History

St. Paul's school has been in existence for over 25 years, under the direction of the Holy Ghost Fathers and the Sisters of the Holy Family. During this period of time our school made rapid progress in its teachings and cultural life. Each year from her doors young boys and girls go forth, filled with doctrines of Christianity and high ideals. Many of them have continued their education at higher schools of learning. Others have taken their places in this world using to the best advantage their stores of natural talents and ability already developed under the teachings of the loyal Sisters, who respond so swiftly to the educational and general welfare of its students. Many students have received graduate degrees from universities, others are married and engaged in the care of their homes, some have become nuns, teachers, and still others are working in some manner for the welfare of their fellow-men. Hence, they are perpetually bestowing on the members of their community the fruits of their labor which they have striven so hard to attain. To this dear school goes undying gratitude. So many are grateful for they are finding joy in the knowledge that they are trying to live according to the principles taught them at St. Paul's.

JEANETTE MOUTON, '44





## CLASS HISTORY

Joyce F. Wilson

There was never a more enthusiastic class than ours in the fall of 1940. For that fall was the one which all of us had been patiently anticipating since our graduation from the seventh grade. Finally the day had come when we would enter Sacred Heart as high school freshmen, therefore, we stood about in silence as it seemed we were too excited to speak.

As we became acquainted with our new subjects we thought Latin was difficult and strange, but nevertheless, we grew to like this subject very much and were soon trying to compete with each other. Changing classes and teachers seemed another strange thing, therefore we sometimes forgot to which class we were to go until one of our brighter companions guided us to the proper room.

That year seemed to pass very quickly and before we realized it we were sophomores. Although happy to be in our second year of high school, we were sorry to find we had lost one of our classmates. Linwood Singleton had entered the Seminary at Bay St. Louis where he was to take up the studies necessary in preparation for the priesthood.

Our Junior year heralded a new member, Veron Carter, who came to Sacred Heart from New Orleans. Herbert Carrier did not return as he wanted to enter Uncle Sam's forces. Ernest Ross, the first Captain of our R. O. T. C. and Mayo Harris, Staff Sergeant, were inducted in the Armed Forces and left the early part of May.

Now, at last in our Senior year, a year for which every student looks forward to with more or less anxiety, we have fourteen graduates. Alton Jones, Captain of the boys' unit of the R. O. T. C. was inducted into the Army in February. Alton, who was the favorite of all, will, I'm sure do his best in the Service. John Robertson has just received word that he has been awarded a Scholarship in the A. S. T. P. Good for Johnnie!

Lawrence Taylor, better known as Wilbur Wyk-off expects to leave for the Army in the near future. Thus Uncle Sam will soon have the service of all the boys. And now with hearts filled with gratitude to our principal and teachers for the kind guidance they have given us, we wish to have a warm place in their hearts and be lovingly remembered as the CLASS OF 1944.

JOYCE FLORENCE WILSON, Route 1, Box 68, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born April 25, 1927 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Willy Davis Wilson and Edna Geyen; graduated May 28, 1944; class President of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Writing Poetry.

MARGUERITE E. SINGLETON, 635 Boulevard Avenue, Lake Charles; born January 12, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Abraham Singleton and Ella Olivier; graduated May 28, 1944 from Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Physical Education Teacher; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Collecting Pictures.

MARY EARLINE OLIVIER, 217 Reid Street; born January 23, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to James L. Olivier and Matilda M. Rothen; graduated May 28, 1944; class Vice-President of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading and Singing.

FLORA M. MOLESS, 739 Louisiana Ave.; born April 29, 1924 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to James Moless and Pearl Ryan; graduated May

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GEORGE RICHMOND GRANGER, 1701 Grace Street, Lake Charles; born August 29, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Richard Granger and Laura Boutte; graduated May 28, 1944; member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Continue Studies; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Fishing.

LAWRENCE AUTRY TAYLOR, 304 Nix Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born December 28, 1925 in Beaumont, Texas to Leroy Taylor and Estelle Lee Scott; graduated May 28, 1944; class member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Continue Studies; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing.

HELEN C. SIMON, 617 Louisiana Avenue, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born October 5, 1924 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to James Simon and Alice Blain; graduated May 28, 1944; class member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Physical Education Teacher; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

JOHNNIE ROBERTSON, 412 Franklin Street; born December 5, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to John Robertson and Mildred Gardener; graduated May 28, 1944; class Member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Continue Studies; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.



## TROUT-GOODPINE HIGH SCHOOL

Trout, La.

EMMALINE WASHINGTON, Trout, Louisiana; born January 4, 1926, in Utility, Louisiana, to Abe Washington and Sondie Feggans; graduated May 21, 1944, from Trout-Goodpine High School (west of Jena), Trout, La.; president of Class Club; career, supervisor; will attend Grambling College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Singing.

LILLIE MAE McCOY, Jena, Louisiana; born September 3, 1926, in Goodpine, Louisiana, to Jesse McCoy and Olla Webster; graduated May 21, 1944, from Trout-Goodpine High School (west of Jena), Trout, La.; class treasurer; career, to be a nurse; will attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Playing basketball.

CLAUDE WHITE, Goodpine, Louisiana; born March 17, 1926, in Trout, Louisiana, to Arthur White and Mattie Modisott; graduated May 21,

Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Sewing.

ALTON J. JONES, 811 Kansas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born June 24, 1925 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Sherman Jones and Ernestine; graduated May 28, 1944; class Captain R. O. T. C. of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Armed Service.

VERON LEE CARTER, 224 Gray Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born March 25, 1926 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Mr. Bernard Carter and Pearl Cuba; graduated May 28, 1944; class Member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

WINONA M. BOUTTE, 1420 Mill Street; born January 9, 1927 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Maurice Boutte and Bernadette Porche; graduated May 28, 1944; class Member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana; career, Dress Designing. Hobby—Sewing.

ANTHONY HAROLD LEWIS, 1619 Mill Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana; born October 30, 1924 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to John Lewis and Eunice Pollerin; graduated May 28, 1944; class Member of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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1944, from Trout-Goodpine High School, Trout, La.; class vice-president; career, pharmacist; to attend Xavier University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Basketball.

ELSIE LEE McDADE, Box 134, Trout, Louisiana; born November 27, 1925, in Springhill, Louisiana, to Clara McDade and Dutchie Loull; graduated May 21, 1944, from Trout-Goodpine High School (west of Jena), Trout, La.; secretary of class club; career, teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Basketball.

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**CHARLOTTA ROSE FRANKLIN**, 433 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; born August 15, 1926, in Vidalia, Louisiana; to Jesse J. Franklin and Beatrice Shumaker; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, Louisiana; class chairman of social committee; career, going to college, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Cooking and reading.

**SARAH NELL FULLER**, Box 163; born December 22, 1927, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Floyd Fuller and Viola Jenkins; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, physical education teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal, Grambling, La. Hobby—Dancing and reading.

**THERESA TRAYLOR**, Box 24, Dubach, Louisiana; born February 19, 1926, in Dubach, Louisiana; to Jim Traylor and Babe May; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, seamstress. Hobby—Reading and soft ball.

**EARLEAN COBY**, Ruston, Louisiana; born May 20, 1925, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Jim Coby and Ollie May; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; class secretary; career, stenographer. Hobby—Cooking and reading.

**ICIE SARAH PEEVY**, Rt. 1, Box 50, Choudrant, Louisiana; born July 22, 1926, in Choudrant, Louisiana; to Emory Peevy and Besulah Peevy; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, Louisiana; career, beauty culture. Hobby—Singing.

**KATHERINE SMITH**, Ruston, Louisiana; born April 5, 1926, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Leon Smith and Gertrude Horn; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, stenographer. Hobby—Softball.

**VIRGINIA MAE SANDERS**, Box 188, Dubach, Louisiana; born May 17, 1926, in Dubach, Louisiana; to Ernest Sanders and Mittie E. Peirce; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln Parish High, Ruston, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Bishop College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Writing.

**LITHA WILKENS**, Rt. 2, Box 133, Choudrant, Louisiana; born April 3, 1923, in Choudrant, Louisiana; to William Wilkens and Lillie Mae Wade; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, nursing. Hobby—Sewing.

**WILLIE VERGIA HILL**, Rt. 1, Box 29, Calhoun, Louisiana; born May 6, 1927, in Helena, Arkansas; to Henry B. Hill and Emma Houston; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, nursing; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Reading and cooking.

**ELIZABETH JOHNSON**, Ruston, Louisiana; born August 29, 1926, in Wisner, Louisiana; to T. J. Johnson and Mattie Morrison; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; member

**MATRES L. HICKS**, Rt. 3, Box 23; born January 17, 1927, in Farmerville, Louisiana; to Lane Hicks and Donie King; graduated from Lincoln Parish High School, Ruston, La.; career, tailoring; to attend Tuskegee College, Alabama. Hobby—Sewing.

**BETTIE LUE PRUITT**, Box 16, Simsboro, Louisiana; born October 22, 1922, in Simsboro, Louisiana; to Morris Pruitt and Josephine Bell; graduated from Lincoln Parish High, Ruston, La.; career, beauty culturist. Hobby—Reading.

**IVY C. PERKINS**, Rt. 2, Ruston, Louisiana; born June 16, 1923, in Simsboro, Louisiana; to Leo Perkins and Bossie Tolbert; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High School, Ruston, La.; career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing and reading.

**A. L. ADAMS, JR.**, Rt. 1, Box 5; born August 1, 1926, in Downsville, Louisiana; to A. L. Adams and Earlie E. Sherrerd; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, Louisiana; class vice-president; career, intends to take course in something if he fails at pass for the army. Hobby—Physical education.

**LUE T. FOWLER**, Rt. 1, Box 57, Ruston, Louisiana; born January 27, 1926, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Burl Fowler and Roberta Tate; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Writing and reading.

**MARILYN KATHLEEN WOMBLE**, Junction City, Arkansas-Louisiana; born July 2, 1926, in Junction City, Arkansas-Louisiana; to Winston Womble and Mary R. Jones; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, commercial course. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

**CLARICE HILL**, Rt. 1, Box 29, Calhoun, Louisiana; born April 28, 1926, in Calhoun, Louisiana; to Simon Hill and Sadie Hill; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; chairman of reading club; career, musician. Hobby—Reading and writing.

**EULA MAUDE KILGORE**, Box 81, Ruston, Louisiana; born November 26, 1926, in Arcadia, Louisiana; to James Kilgore and Della Moore; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High School, Ruston, La.; class president; career, stenographer and embalmer, physical education; to attend University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal. Hobby—Basketball.

**EASTER COBY**, Ruston, Louisiana; born March 30, 1927, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Jim Coby and Ollie May; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; member of social committee; career, stenographer; checking in store. Hobby—Sewing and reading.

**HATTIE LOIS MAYFIELD**, Rt. 3, Box 22; born April 4, 1926, in Ruston, Louisiana; to Norman Mayfield and Donia Mattox; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, commercial education; to attend Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga. Hobby—Typing.

**LEWIS MILLIE MAE**, Rt. 1, Box 39, Hilly, Louisiana; born December 2, 1918, in Hilly, Louisiana; to Lewis Millie Berry and McClelland Octavia; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High School, Ruston, Louisiana; career, seamstress work only; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Sewing.



MARY LOUISE JONES, Junction City, Arkansas; born December 25, 1925, in Junction City, Arkansas, to Fred Jones and Corinne Smith; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, music. Hobby—Dancing.

HATTIE BELL PEEVY, Rt. 1, Box 50, Choudrant, Louisiana; born December 24, 1923 in Choudrant, Louisiana, to Ed Peevy and Gatha Walcott; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, seamster; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hobby—Sewing and typing.

MARTHA LEE LEWIS, Rt. 1, Box 42, Hilly, Louisiana; born December 13, 1925, in Hilly, Louisiana, to Jimmie C. Lewis and Martha Malone; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, mathematics teacher; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Writing.

RUBY LEE WOODS, Rt. 2, Downs ville, Louisiana; born September 2, 1924, in Downs ville,

Louisiana, to Chris Woods and Teresa Currier; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Washington High; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Reading.

VIRGINIA M. WASHINGTON, Rt. 1, Box 71, Hilly, Louisiana; born April 5, 1924, in Hilly, Louisiana, to Frank Washington and Bessie Dunn; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, Louisiana; career, rural school teacher; to attend Louisiana Normal School at Grambling, La. Hobby—Reading.

HALLETT J. COOK, Box 81, Ruston, Louisiana; born August 16, 1925, in Monroe, Louisiana, to Robert J. Cook and Alice M. Labauch; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; career, commercial education; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Singing.

MATTYEE LEE MAYFIELD, Ruston, Louisiana; born December 15, 1925, in Ruston, Louisiana, to Van Mayfield and Dora Brewer; graduated May 30, 1944, from Lincoln High, Ruston, La.; class treasurer; career, first choice, nurse; second choice, home economics instructor; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Skating.

## CLASS HISTORY

By Rosie Mae Jones

The history of the class of '44 at Thomastown High School is revealed in the following account.

It was four years ago, the twenty-second of October, nineteen and forty of be exact, that we discovered ourselves grouped together in a spacious auditorium. Some of us, landed by foot, others by motor. Some came by means of highway, others by means of pathways; yet we were all there, ambitious to discover what the educational tour would be like. These young adventurers were none other than Oasia B. Adams, Johnnie Banks, Willie Lee Danage, Lubertha Dorsey, Leola Dorsey, Rosie Jones, Jimmie Hurd, Rosie Lee Kincy, Louis Pardo, O. H. Tucker. We were frail, indeed, but thought this venture inviting enough to stay.

At this time we can remember how one B. D. Roberson grasped the reins of leadership and bade us "at be guided by that which is right." Duty called him elsewhere and another foreigner, in the person of A. V. Turner, took pity on us it seemed, for he left one locality and chose to guide us farther toward the kingdom of enlightenment. And we did follow him for two years. Now, little did we think that our agriculture teacher, L. C. Henry, would rise to captainship, lest we lose our coast. With all sincerity, he told us "to endeavor to apply ourselves to the task at hand so we could better cope with the problems awaiting us." And our ears were not deafened to those words.

Then time traveled on and we were no longer strangers to our environment. The strangeness diminished and each became like the other. Sisters and brothers from highways and pathways joined to seek a common treasure. The upperclassmen called us by the peculiar name of "Freshmen." We thought the Sophomores to be a group of "savage creatures" who continued to infest us. In spite of all difficulties we saw this year reach its terminus as eventfully as it began.

For a while we pause here to replenish our fuel. Our security is greater than our privileges increased. Behold us, the Sophomores of Thomastown High of Madison Parish. We shall reign with all the severity of a Sophomore! After all, we concluded that Freshmen are supposed to get the works, and we gave the "Greenies" an impromptu welcome.

All answered to the roll call, but one little lassie whose mind was distracted by the chimes of wedding bells. At the same time, two waysiders liked our merry band and cast their lots with ours. These were Benjamin Ford and Tillie B. Smith.

Another school year made its debut. The school spirit was inflated with us and our minds had been elevated to a higher level. Responsibilities had been increased yet we could face them. In checking our list we discovered that some of our flock has strayed into other realms of life. "These books are too complicated." Complained some. Others thought it profitable to seek immediate employment. The group was gradually reducing. At this time, even the angels seemed to envy our little class and stole our dear classmate, Jimmie Hurd, one dark morn, and so left us in grief. Then two others, who became disentangled from their companies, found it necessary to join our rank.

Then Uncle Sam felt a need for our well developed young men and called them off to war. In the army we have Corporal Oasia B. Adams.

an orchestra to give forth sweet melodies, and served punch until all was filled. Seniors and Juniors danced and mingled until the last tune of "stardust" faded away into the distant woods. This event leaves with us impressive memories.

Finally we meet again in the same auditorium. Things have indeed changed. With dignity we view the Freshmen and smile in reminiscence.

Now our sponsor, a youthful Alease E. Byrd, saw fit to guide us to our landing. She called us about her and spoke. "Go forth through the year exhibiting the characteristics of one who has profitably benefited from your previous experience and work toward reaching the goal which you are approaching. Always remember this little quotation as you do along life's path that:

"The height that great men reached and kept  
Were not obtained by sudden flight  
But they while their companions slept  
Were toiling upward through the night."

Therefore, do not lose courage when the ship is about to anchor. Choose the wisest among you to lead you to your destination. After such inspiration we organized into the Senior Class, namely, Lubertha Dorsey, President; Rosie Jones, Secretary; Rosie Kincy, Treasurer; Ophelia Luster and Willie Danage.

Our number was so few that none could afford to lag by the roadside. We thought of ourselves as leaders to be shining examples for underclassmen to follow, so we chose for our class colors, purple and gold.

As the session neared its end we decided that our drama would be the best and our garments the same. Consequently, we find that we spent many an hour sewing on cloth of our choice and rehearsing.

And finally after all is prepared for the great occasion we find that only four out of fourteen on this educational tour reached the disembarkment on this twenty-sixth day of May in the year of warfare, '44.

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## CLASS POEM

By Ophelia Luster

When this vessels left for Sea  
Many more were boarded, on with me  
But as months and months rolled by  
Something beside this ship they spied.

Five went to do their bit in battle  
Some failed to grasp the oars and paddle  
It does not matter how the waves may ride  
Always a faithful few will abide.

Thus far together we have traveled, you see  
Jones, Kincy, Dorsey and me  
After four long years in work and cheer  
No worldly problem can give us fear.

One trip ended new adventures ahead  
More mountains to climb, more roads to tread  
Each again will start for success anew  
With a great and higher plan in view.

Through a brave stride and fervent thought  
Our height was reached our battle fought  
No lesson too hard, no task too great

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### Class Poem

### OUR PRAYER

By Laura Louise Addison

Dear God prayers have been since were were  
small

That we work and climb over this high school  
wall;

And no what we are over on the other side,  
You are, Heavenly Father, still our guide.

Lead us on to a better land,  
Teach us things you've taught no man.

Open our minds and to us reveal  
What lies beyond yourer's hill.

Our parents have worked day by day  
and helped us Lord in every way;

They too are thankful for what you've done,  
Because, Dear Lord, You've helped everyone.

Lead us on is our constant prayer.

Helped us all our burdens to bear,

Helped us to understand and see

That all we have has come from Thee.

Amen

Professor M. J. Foster of the Monroe Colored High School is a native son of the State—holding his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Leland College and Honorary Masters Degree from the same school.

For 15 years he served as Principal of the Baptist Academy. So well did he perform his duties that in 1920 when the City decided to erect a building for Negroes—he was appointed as its head. This school which had its beginning as all other institutions as an embryo that has grown during the past 23 years into an educational monument that is truly a superb representation of its skillful, intelligent, executive-minded principal.

The thousands of boys and girls and numerous matured teachers who have come and gone from the Colored High School bear the imprint of a cultural and spiritual background.

He has exemplified his ability to think and act constructively—by being appointed by the

Professor Foster was elected president of the Louisiana State Teachers Association. During his tenure of office he held unquestionable national recognition as a leading professional organizer. He showed keen foresight when he introduced the idea of publishing a Journal for the Association.

His competent leadership is further evidenced by this fruitless participation in numerous business enterprises.

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Entering as cadets some of them had excellent brains, as Alvin Davis, James Boucree, and a number of others who followed their timely planned airway of culture and refinement. Some of the students possessed good, clean humor, as Walter Williams, John Stevens and David Shelton.

Landing for an emergency, Alexander Plicquo, Paul Robinson, and Curtis Mimms were caught in the open arms of our armed forces.

Fifty-six cadets continued the flight. Traveling miles upward, we lost a few more cadets, who could not travel in high altitude. Those were ordered by our private physician to discontinue the flight until further notice, giving them time to recover. The physician gave them a prescription for much rest, study, co-operation and general exercise of the brain. We then proceeded on our journey.

Misunderstandings were made up for by our good Minister of the crew, Father James Boucree.

After needy adjustments were made and the crew seemed permanent, with a total of fifty-two cadets, we became sure of our destination. In our English class the students dramatized "The Tragedy of MacBeth," written by William Shakespeare, on our flight for entertainment. Our aim being to learn something about Shakespeare and his wonderful works, Miss Ruth Perkins suggested a play.

In other leisure moments, we went to see football and basketball games, which revealed that our teams were outstanding against older and seemingly stronger foundations. Holidays were also celebrated for our enjoyment.

choir for one and a half years. Many passengers amused themselves by joining clubs and defense organizations, such as: The Home Nursing Corps with a long list of members, Rose Morris, Dolores Williams, Louise Franch, Alma LeBlanc, Lillie Parker, Rachel Gant, Evelyn Nichols, Albertha Aubert and Octavia Wall.

Other members went into the Advanced Food Department. They were: Florette Berryhill, Doris Brickly, Shirley Phillips, Francis Brown, Anna Berryman, Beulah Harrison, Leatha LeBlanc, Marion Felix, Emma Bush and Dorothy Davis.

Still other members joined the Advanced Clothing Department. They were: Emelda Petit, Evelyn Nichols, Anita Scott, Gladys Epps, Marjorie Dupre, Vera Hawkins, Georgia Washington, Catherine Netter, Eula Bailey, Gloria Guillaume, Naomi Watson, Dorothea Moss and Mildred Peribat.

Catherine Netter and Anita Scott displayed their ability in all the dances, dramatic entertainments of the school.

Gloria Carter held successfully for one and a half years the office of President and Vice-President of the Student Council.

Margaret Madere and Marion Lawson were members of the Homemaking Occupation Department.

The Senior Class also boasts of skillful geniuses such as Morris Wilson and Charles Nero, of the Motor Mechanics Department.

Johnnie Bardell, Brick Masonry Department. Rita Braud, Arabella McKay and Thelma Tanner, Printing Department.

John Stevens, Clifford Sutherland and Walter Williams, of the Shoe Repairing Department.

Clarence Butler, our star football player.

Newman Braud, the Washington Lions' cheer-leading king.

After our flight for sports, we groomed ourselves for first hop which turned out to be a swell occasion with the seniors dancing with one another.

After months of study we were told to prepare for our first solo flight.





Class Flower  
MARECHAL NIEL ROSE

Class Colors  
BLUE and GOLD

Class Motto

"Our greatest glory consists not in never failing,  
but in rising every time we fall."

Class Officers

President ..... FREDERICK RATCLIFF  
Vice-President ..... Frederick Ratcliff  
Secretary ..... ELIZABETH DUNBAR  
Assistant Secretary ..... IRMA EOLA LATHAN  
Treasurer ..... MARION ANN NEWMAN  
Chaplain ..... DOROTHY YELTON

#### OUR CREED

To live each day to win—and yet be true;  
To respect all labor—and not be afraid to work;  
To be thoughtful—courteous—and grateful at  
all times;  
To possess that unflinching spirit—which springs  
from love and common understanding;  
To keep faith with God—our school—our coun-  
try and our fellowmen.

This is our creed and our philosophy. We have  
failed it often—and perhaps shall fail again; but  
—by these teachings of our church—home—  
school—and our community—we shall have  
strength—to rise each time—to richer—fuller—  
happier—and more useful lives.

#### CLASS SONG

And now we'll tell you why we hate to say  
good bye. We've spent some happy hours with-  
in your walls. And now dear Washington, our  
lives have just begun upon this sea of time.

As we say good bye today, it does not mean  
for ever, dear Washington, we'll make you proud  
some day in every little way, and in our hearts  
you stay dear Washington.

#### Benediction

Washington: As we leave thy hollowed walls,  
we'll strive to keep thy precepts and float our  
banners high.

We pray to God for the success be yours, dear  
Alma Mater.

May we revere your honored name.

In this benediction hour we say to you, Adieu  
as we sing this pray'r for you: Amen

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Avenue; born April 2, 1925, in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, to Edward Dollile and Guichard; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from B. T. Washington School,  
1201 S. Roman Street; career, nurse. Hobby—  
Dancing.

SHIRLEY M. HEBERT, 2404 Bienville Avenue;  
born April 30, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
to Joseph Hebert and Washington; graduated  
June 8, 1944, from B. T. Washington School, 1201  
S. Roman Street; career, nurse. Hobby—Singing.

SHIRLEY MAE A. SMITH, 2709 Louisiana Ave-  
nue; born July 30, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisi-  
ana, to Luke Smith and Leob; graduated June 8,  
1944, from B. T. Washington School, 1201 South  
Roman Street; class vice-president; career, sten-  
ographer. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

AUDREY BERNICE BATTIS, 3930 Jumonville  
Park; born August 3, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisi-  
ana, to James Battis and Ruth Andrews; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington  
School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, beauti-  
cian. Hobby—Singing.

ROSA THELMA CYRES, 2834 First Street; born  
May 22, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Ar-  
chie Cyres and Rosa O'Conner; graduated June  
8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201  
South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hob-  
by Playing piano.

BERNADINE VERONICA JONES, 1614 St. An-  
thony Street; born October 20, 1926, in New Or-  
leans, Louisiana, to Nelson Jones and Louise De-  
perria; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T.  
Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; ca-  
reer, nurse. Hobby—Reading.

MYRTLE LEE VINNETT, St. Rose, Louisiana;  
born April 19, 1927, in St. Rose, Louisiana, to  
Adam Vinnett and Taylor; graduated June 8, 1944,  
from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South  
Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sew-  
ing.

MAXINE SMITH, St. Rose, Louisiana; born Oc-  
tober 16, 1924, in St. Rose, Louisiana, to Jesse  
Smith and Taylor; graduated June 8, 1944, from  
Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman  
Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

STELLA KATHERINE MITCHELL, 1224 North  
Johnson Street; born July 11, 1926, in New Or-  
leans, Louisiana, to Thomas Mitchell and Thom-  
as; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Wash-  
ington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career,  
graduate nurse; to attend Dillard University, Gen-  
tily Road. Hobby—Reading.

MYRTLE LANGLOIS, 2101 South Prieur Street;  
born April 11, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
to Ariside Langlois and Hazel Sylvester; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington  
School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, nurse;  
business. Hobby—Sewing and drawing.

DORIS MARY FRANCIS, 2425 Lafitte Avenue;  
born August 15, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
to Milton Francis and Onelda Pacheco; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington  
School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, busi-  
ness, either typist or other business. Hobby—  
Singing.

IDA BELLE JOHNSON, 3705 Erato Street; born  
July 28, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Ar-  
chie S. Johnson and Sadie Johnson; graduated  
June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School,  
1201 South Roman Street; career, business, cadet  
nurse; to attend Dillard University. Hobby—Sing-  
ing.

ELENORA L. TURNER, 2220 Desire Street; born  
January 4, 1928, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to  
Willie Turner and Carrie McMorris; graduated  
June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School,  
1201 South Roman Street; career, beautician or  
seamstress. Hobby—Reading.

BEATRICE ANGELA MASSEY, 8603 Hickory  
Street; born January 30, 1927, in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, to George Massey and Henrietta Wil-  
liams; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T.  
Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street;  
career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing.

GLADYS WIGGINS, 4915 Burgundy Street; born  
February 4, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to  
Eugene Wiggins and Hazel Smith; graduated  
June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School,  
1201 South Roman Street; career, trained nurse.  
Hobby—Reading.

MARGIE ROUSE, 616 Valmont Street; born Oc-  
tober 29, 1921, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Mor-  
ris Rouse and Beulah Cotton; graduated June 8,  
1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201  
South Roman Street; career, nursing. Hobby—  
Sewing.

AVAR LEONA VANCE, 3665 Tchoupitoulas  
Street; born December 23, 1925, in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, to George Vance and Mary Haynes;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School, 1201 South Roman Street; career,  
tailor. Hobby—Sewing.

MURIEL M. BROWN, 2300 Piety Street; born  
September 20, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
to Thomas J. C. Brown and Dolise Washington;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, tail-  
oring; to attend Southern University, Scotland-  
ville, La. Hobby—Sports.

EMMA MUNDY, 715 North Johnson Street; born  
July 2, 1926, in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, to Ida  
Johnson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T.  
Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street;  
career, tailoring; to attend Southern University,  
Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sewing.

LETTIE EVANS, 3822 Thalia Street; born April  
14, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to John  
Evans and Dora Conway; graduated June 8, 1944,  
from Booker T. Washington School; career, beau-  
tician. Hobby—Kodaking.

AUDREY YVONNE BLUNT, 2533 1/2 Perdido  
Street; born September 25, 1925, in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, to Romer Blunt and Emeline Johnson;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School; career, beautician. Hobby—Writing  
letters.

VIVIAN BOLDEN, 3423 Saratoga Street; born  
March 23, 1927, in St. James, Louisiana, to Thom-  
as Bolden and Rebecca Davis; graduated June  
8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201  
South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby  
—Sewing.

IRMA EOLA LATHAN, 7022 Colapissa Street;  
born July 29, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to  
Walter Lathan and Lillian Elum; graduated June  
8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1200  
South Roman Street; career, stenographer or  
printer; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee,  
Alabama. Hobby—Sewing.

MARY REGINA WEST, 1280 South Galvez  
Street; born November 24, 1926, in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, to Major West and Agnes Davis; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington  
School, 1200 South Roman Street; career, nurse;  
to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Hob-  
by—Sewing.

EMMA MARY AMEDEE, 1416 St. Bernard Ave-  
nue; born October 3, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisi-  
ana, to Clarence Amedee and Beulah Figaro;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School, 1201 South Roman Street; career,  
typist. Hobby—Sewing.

ERNESTINE THOMAS, 1109 South Rampart  
Street; born October 5, 1924, in Vicksburg, Missis-  
sippi, to Albert Thomas and Henrietta Barrott;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School, 1201 South Roman Street; career,  
tailor. Hobby—Sewing.

EVELYN DOROTHY MITCHELL, 3312 Magnolia  
Street; born July 6, 1926, in Donaldsonville, Louisi-  
ana, to Lawrence Mitchell and Corinne Lee;  
graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-  
ton School, 1201 South Roman Street; career,  
beautician. Hobby—Reading.

CLARA IRMA CARRABY, 2125 Third Street;  
born May 28, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to  
Louis Carraby, Sr., and Gertrude Young; gradu-  
ated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington  
School, 1200 South Roman Street; career, tailor;  
to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La.  
Hobby—Sewing miniature clothes.

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**WILLIE C. BLANTON**, 2227 Clouet Street; born April 28, 1926, in Demopolis, Alabama, to Willie Blanton and Martha Catlin; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Designing and reading.

**MARION MARTHA ZENO**, St. Rose, Louisiana; born January 26, 1927, in St. Rose, Louisiana, to Alexander Bennett and Rousseau; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**GLORIA MAE BELL**, 719 North Johnson Street; born April 21, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Julius Bell and Laura Stevenson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 S. Roman Street; career, typist. Hobby—Sewing.

**WILLIE MAE DAVIS**, 2235 St. Andrew Street; born December 29, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Ross Davis and Gustavia Atkins; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, physical education teacher or social worker; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**CLARA MAE CLARINZA LEWIS**, 2046 Perdido Street; born December 24, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana; Robert Simms (uncle), Mae Walker (aunt); graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress or dietitian; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Sewing.

**WILLIE MAE ELLIS**, 3823 Melpomene Street; born January 2, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Warren Ellis and Rosa V. Jackson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington, 1201 South Roman Street; career, music teacher or seamstress. Hobby—Reading and sewing.

**PEARL ELIZABETH BADON**, 4218 Gen. Ogden Street; born April 14, 1927, in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, to Edward Badon and Brightwell; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1200 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Reading.

**LOIS JANE YOUNG**, 1272 South Galvez Street; born May 29, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to James W. Young and Lucille Henry; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, New Orleans, Louisiana; career, nurse; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Sewing and singing.

**ANTOINETTE MARIE COYALLE**, 2310 St. Andrew Street; born June 12, 1921, in La Place, Louisiana, to Benjamin Coyalle and Ida Joseph; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, teacher; to attend Chicago College, Chicago, Ill. Hobby—Collecting pictures.

**DORIS MARIE LAWRENCE**, 2634 Louisiana Avenue; born August 22, 1922, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Lawrence and Manadia; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washing-

Roman Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Playing piano.

**MARGARET LOUISE THOMAS**, 2613 Jackson Avenue; born February 19, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Sam Thomas and Corinne Myles; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, business course. Hobby—Singing.

**ODESTA HYMEL**, 647 North Tonti Street; born July 4, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Hymel and Lorraine Johnson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Singing.

**DOROTHY LEE DEARISE**, 2218 Philip Street; born May 21, 1925, in Ethel, Louisiana, to Willie Dearise and Ada Jackson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, New Orleans, La.; career, typist, and to travel; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Typing.

**ELOISE HAYWARD**, 3218 Pine Street; born June 24, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Willie Hayward and Davis; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1200 South Roman Street; career, seamstress.

**MABEL TURNER**, 2919 Sixth Street; born September 10, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Charles Turner and Emily Jones; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer or dressmaker. Hobby—Writing and reading.

**THERESA DURONCELET**, 2024 St. Anthony Street; born October 26, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Theophile Duroncellet and Marie Lemoine; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

**JEANNE THERA WHITE**, 4518 South Robertson Street; born August 17, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Leo White, Sr., and Amelia Cavalier; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, dress designer or tailoring. Hobby—Dancing and sewing.

**GERTRUDE MARY REED**, 1207 South Johnson Street; born May 10, 1925, in Belle Alliance, Louisiana, to Arthur Reed and Lizzie Williams; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Hobby—Reading and writing.

**LUCILLE ALBERTHA REED**, 2318 Felicity Street; born September 18, 1926, in Dorseyville, Louisiana, to Silas Reed and Edna Wilson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, nurse; to attend Greater University, Atlanta, Ga. Hobby—Singing.

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**MERRIOLA HYMEL**, 647 North Tonti Street; born September 19, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Hymel and Lorraine Johnson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Reading.

**LORETTA SMITH**, 2708 South Prieur Street; born October 19, 1926, in Morgan City, Louisiana, to James Mitchell Smith and Susie Lucky; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Playing piano.

**MYRTLE LEBRANE**, 1815 North Galvez Street; born September 15, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Lionel Lebrane and Caledonia Zenon; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, dramatic English. Hobby—Collecting pictures.

**ANICE BARNES**, 624 Gen. Taylor Street; born July 28, 1924, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to August Barnes and Bertha Russ; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Reading.

**EMMA LOUISE BROWN**, 2916 Freret Street; born December 2, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Brown and Lena Martin; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, New Orleans, La.; career, stenographer.

**DOROTHY YELTON**, 1606 South Rampart Street; born February 26, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Lebaron Yelton and Viola Jordan; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, bookkeeper. Hobby—Reading novels.

**DORALINDA THERESA ZENO**, 1916 Constantinople Street; born October 8, 1927, in Wallace, Louisiana, to Mitchell W. Zeno and Beulah Bailey; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, typist. Hobby—Collecting photos.

**FRANCES MAE WASHINGTON**, 3428 South Liberty Street; born May 9, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Frank Washington and Jeannette Nelson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, clerical secretary. Hobby—Collecting souvenirs.

**GLORIA LIETEAU**, 3206 South Robertson Street; born October 31, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Albert Lieteau, Sr., and Josephine Chopin; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Reading.

**MYTRESS BIAS**, 738 South Dupre Street; born September 15, —, Napoleonville, Louisiana, to Willie Bias and Lillian Scott; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 S. Roman Street; career, tailoring. Hobby—Sewing.

**ETHEL MAE SHARETT**, 2505 Delachaise Street; born August 13, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana,

1944, from Booker T. Washington School; career, physical education teacher.

**DORIS FLOURNOY**, 435 South Liberty Street; born June 22, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to H. J. Flournoy and Bessie Jones; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, physical education instructor; vocal music; dramatics; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Sewing; art.

**ELLA MAE WILLIAMS**, 3001 Danneol Street; born May 30, 1926, in Grosbo Tete, Louisiana, to James Williams and Daisy Kelly; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, New Orleans, La.; career, vocal music; physical education; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Singing.

**ELISE BATTISTE**, 3911 Third Street; born July 1, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Battiste and Martha Lewis; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Sewing.

**MARGUERITE A. CONSEE**, 3910 Hamilton Street; born December 13, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Charles Consee and Beatrice Miller; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Rampart Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Sewing.

**RUBY ELLEN CUPIL**, 1106 South Galvez Street; born October 22, 1926, in Centreville, Mississippi, to John Cupil and Jennett Roberts; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Rampart Street; career, tailor. Hobby—Sewing.

**BEATRICE BENJAMIN**, 2310 Magnolia Street; born December 6, 1925, in White Castle, Louisiana, to Izele Benjamin and Louvenia Johnson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, to be a tailor. Hobby—Sewing.

**DORIS MAE CANNON**, 221 Cadiz Street; born December 31, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Eugene C. Cannon and Lillie V. St. Cyr; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, New Orleans, La.; career, social worker; to attend Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Corresponding.

**GLORIA EYETTE SCOTT**, 1332 Loyola Street; born March 6, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Louis Scott and Thelma Adams; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1200 South Roman Street; career, dietitian; to attend Wilberforce College, Wilberforce, Ohio. Hobby—Cooking.

**SELENA ALICE MORRISON**, 2322 Melpomene Avenue; born October 22, 1926, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Willie Morrison, Sr., and Polly Taylor; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 Roman Street; career, stenography. Hobby—Collecting quotations.

**LUCILLE ANTOINETTE WILLIAMS**, 2731 Third Street; born November 19, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Dr. Thomas R. Williams and Edna

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street, career, nurse. Hobby—Reading.

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ESTEL LOUISE FORTNER, 3737 Willow Street; born February 19, 1926, in Poincortville, Louisiana, to Pfc. Jesse Fortner, Jr., and Marie Garlan; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

LOIS M. AGUILLARD, 1717 Orleans Avenue; born September 17, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Camille Aguillard and Marie Chevalier; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, secretary. Hobby—Writing letters.

ELOUISE E. RAY, 3427 Erato Street; born February 20, 1924, to Nathaniel A. Ray and Evenliver Pierson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, to attend business school. Hobby—Singing.

DOROTHY MOORE, 2515 Clara Street; born June 27, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Samuel Moore and Mildred Collins; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing.

ANNIE MAE MOSES, 8825 Cohn Street; born December 4, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Louis Moses and Mary Jessie; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, secretary. Hobby—Sewing.

ROSIE LEE STOKES, 2209 Soniat Street; born January 23, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, nurse. Hobby—Sewing.

HELEN TILTON, 2329 Winthrop Street; born October 24, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Joseph Tilton and Louise Tilton; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, typist. Hobby—Sewing.

MARION PEREZ, 2023 St. Anthony Street; born September 9, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Arthur Perez and Leona Llopis; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing.

GLORIA MAE BAPTISTE, 541 Silver Street; born August 4, 1925, in Marrero, Louisiana, to Wallace E. Baptiste, Sr., and Mallica Baptiste; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street. Hobby—Sewing.

Street; born April 12, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Leonard Pierre and Alma Washington; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, physical education or home economics teacher; to attend Southern University. Hobby—Piano; sewing.

THELMA MARIE PATIN, 3925 Thalia Street; born August 26, 1927, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Verkinson Patin and Thelma Lejeune; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, typist-clerk. Hobby—Typing.

HELEN GOODS, 2835 Louisiana Avenue; born August 6, 1925, in Napoleonville, Louisiana, to Robin Goods and Ollie M. Lillie; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

MARION THERESA HARRIS, 3734 Calliope Street; born September 10, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to George Harris and Arment Harris; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, to become a tailor and designer. Hobby—Sewing.

CORINNE SHIRLENE LEWIS, 3411 Jackson Avenue; born July 26, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Henry Lewis and Angelina Henry; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

ELIZABETH DUNBAR, 3714 Calliope Street; born April 10, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Betsy Dunbar and Edna Dunbar; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 North Roman Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Cooking.

ORA MAE LEWIS, 1109 South Dorgonols Street; born January 14, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Robert Lewis and Pearl Barnes; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

WILDER HARRIS, 2436 Delachaise Street; born January 8, 1928, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Henry E. Harris, Sr., and Wilder Smith; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, dietitian. Hobby—Singing and sewing.

MARY JOSEPH, 2535 Washington Avenue; born April 29, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Paul Joseph and Mary Brown; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing.

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ESTEL LOUISE FORTNER, 3737 Willow Street; born February 19, 1926, in Painscourtville, Louisiana, to Pfc. Jesse Fortner, Jr., and Marie Garlan; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, seamstress. Hobby—Sewing.

LOIS M. AGUILLARD, 1717 Orleans Avenue; born September 17, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Camille Aguilard and Marie Chevalier; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, secretary. Hobby—Writing letters.

ELOUISE E. RAY, 3427 Erato Street; born February 20, 1924, to Nathaniel A. Ray and Evenliver Pierson; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, to attend business school. Hobby—Singing.

DOROTHY MOORE, 2515 Clara Street; born June 27, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Samuel Moore and Mildred Collins; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, stenographer. Hobby—Sewing.

ANNIE MAE MOSES, 8825 Cohn Street; born December 4, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Louis Moses and Mary Jessie; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 South Roman Street; career, secretary. Hobby—Sewing.

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ELIZABETH DUNBAR, 3714 Calliope Street; born April 10, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Boisy Dunbar and Edna Dunbar; graduated June 8, 1944, from Booker T. Washington School, 1201 North Roman Street; career, beautician. Hobby—Cooking.

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**JOYCE WOODFOX**, 1405 Orleans Street; born January 4, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Willie Woodfox and Ida Hines; graduated May 29, 1944, from St. Mary's Academy, 733 Orleans Street; career, nursing. Hobby—Sending cards.

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**MARGUERITE MAYFIELD**, 1023½ North Tanchua Street, Corpus Christi, Texas; born October 10, 1926, in Ruston, Louisiana, to Ashton Mayfield and Mattie Hentzel; graduated May 29, 1944, from St. Mary's Academy, 733 Orleans Street; career, a physical education instructor; to attend Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. Hobby—All sports.

**MARY ELIZABETH ELLIS**, 914 Ronda Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; born October 16, 1924, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to John Ellis, Sr., and Susie Graham; graduated May 29, 1944, from St. Mary's Academy, 733 Orleans Street, New Orleans, La.; career, religious. Hobby—Singing.

**MARY LEE MATTHEWS**, 1635 Pierce Street, Apartment 3, San Francisco, California; born February 18, 1928, in Baldwin, Louisiana, to Walter Matthews and Lillie Gabriel; graduated May 29, 1944, from St. Mary's Academy, 733 Orleans Street; class vice-president; career, chemist; to attend U. S. C., California. Hobby—Driving.

**CAMILLA ODILE JANET**, 2329 Aubry Street; born June 13, 1926, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Albert Janet and Ernestine Chapital; graduated May 29, 1944, from St. Mary's Academy, 733 Orleans Street; career, nurse or housewife; to attend Xavier College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Sports.

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#### SENIOR CLASS OF 1944

Laura Linzola Reaux

The long road now has to an end,  
And part we must even best of friends.  
Though anxious we were we dread today,  
Our teachers and schoolmates goodbye to say.

Often we were happy, other times despaired  
There was seemingly no one around who cared,  
But looking it over who is the man,  
Who had days of sunshine never of rain.

We started out years ago,  
It was routine for us exceedingly so.  
We sought not the education we have today,  
But our parents desires sent us on our way.

feather.  
We dare not divide lest we retard the progress,  
So united we stood for more or for less.

In all school activities we took part,  
Broadminded enough the head ruled the heart.

Some of the things we did not agree with,  
But support and cooperation spelled good sportsmanship.

In years to come when all is well,  
Baldly and proudly we shall rise to tell  
Of our schoolhouse that might then be dust,  
Of our knowledge gained there that can never rust.

These are the things we shall cherish and hold,  
Dear to our hearts, they could never be sold.  
And when the years glide swiftly by,  
Memories will be sweet to our minds eye.

Farewell, we say to our teachers and friends,  
But never farewell to our notebooks and pens.  
For we are to use them everyday  
Paving our future on our way.

Farewell, dear school and walks and too,  
Farewell, to you and you and you.  
Today we stand forever more,  
The senior class of 1944.

#### VALEDICTORY

Tonight We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor

"Like unto ships  
far off at sea,  
Outward or homeward  
bound are we.  
Before, behind and  
all around,  
Floats and swings  
the horizon's bound."

Now dear parents and friends, standing with  
reluctant feet where the past and the future meet,  
we find that there is only one word left to say.  
Tonight, I have been chosen to say to you the  
words which must sever the ties that bind us to  
St. Mary's Academy. For many years this has  
been our school—home . . . the strongest association  
of our daily existence.

We cannot pass forever out of this calm quiet  
channel without thanking you from the bottom of  
our hearts for the privilege of beginning our voyage  
on the breast of so clear and calm a stream.  
We realize that had you not made this possible  
for us our start might have been retarded by many  
a barrier and our vessel might have been wrecked  
at the beginning. We want you to know how much  
we appreciate your loving thoughtfulness before  
we sail onward into the deeper channels awaiting  
us.

To you dear teachers who have taken a personal  
interest in each and every one of us, what  
is there left to say but, "Thank you" and "God  
Bless you."

May your eyes following us out into the great  
waters ever see the colors of purity and truth at  
the topmast of our ship.

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you may fill every place  
if you will,  
But the scent of our class  
rose will hang round it still."

And to you my dear classmates last though not  
least, I say "Farewell" . . . We have paddled you  
little boat together through the school—waves  
behind us but now we are left on our own re-  
sources each to sail forth alone into the deeper  
waters awaiting us. May we ever have our "Blue  
and Gold" with all of their significances to guide  
us through until we anchor.

"Adieu! Such is the word for us.  
'Tis more than word; 'Tis prayer.  
They do not part who part us,  
For God is Everywhere."

LOIS GOUGIS, 1944  
St. Mary's Academy.

#### REVERAND FATHERS, DEAR PARENTS, FRIENDS

It is my privilege to welcome you to our com-  
mencement exercises. But what shall I say? Can  
you not read your welcome in our bright and  
happy faces. Can you not sense it in the very  
breath you breathe? I am certain you can. Hence  
I need not say that this welcome comes from the  
heart of each and every member of our class.

Singly and collectively, we feel that you have  
all had more than a passing interest in our wel-  
fare. You, dear parents, have followed us from  
the very cradle through the years of school life.  
Now, you rejoice with us that we have reached  
this milestone and are about to reap the rewards  
of your interest and your efforts. We have com-  
pleted one course and are now ready to launch  
out into something new.

No welcome would be complete without a special  
greeting to our patient teachers who have borne  
with us through the school years. We hope  
that, dear teachers, you can feel a measure of  
pride as we leave St. Mary's Academy for other  
activities.

We have chosen for our class motto: Tonight We  
Launch, Where Shall We Anchor? Graduation  
may be likened unto the launching of a ship. A  
great deal of work is done by many hands, mak-  
ing the ship ready for her mission. Many of those  
who spend weeks and months of labor to prepare  
her for her voyage receive no recognition for  
their efforts, the laborers are unknown. Yet, the  
ship could never be launched without that work  
having been performed. So it is with graduation.  
The hard work has all been done in the quiet  
every day life of the classroom. Our teachers  
have received their tasks uncomplainingly and  
have done well in order that the ships might be  
ready for their launching and for their tasks on  
the great seas.

Graduation now cuts us loose from our moor-  
ings and sends out on life's great sea. Some  
will sail safely to various parts without meeting  
any serious difficulties while others will breast  
stormy waves. Some way even become broken  
upon the rocks. This seems like a hard thing to  
say when we are all looking into the future with  
great hopes and anticipations however, every  
ship that is launched faces an uncertain future  
and every one of us looking ahead faces uncer-  
tainty and difficulties. If the ship is well built and  
manned she will weather the rough gales. If we  
have been well trained and fortified with charac-  
ter and determination we will survive the crashes  
that come.

or a made job, but it has been definite plan for a  
definite purpose, that of fitting us for filling a suc-  
cessful place in life.

No real ship is launched just for the launching  
ceremony. No graduate expects commencement  
to be the crowning of his efforts. The launching  
of a ship is a dedication of that ship to duties  
ahead. Graduation is launching young people  
out on duties of life, commencing work for which  
they are best fitted or which seems to need being  
done at the time.

What are we graduates going to do when this  
commencement is over? Some of us will be able  
to begin our preparation for special lines of work,  
preparing ourselves better for the new line of  
things when this conflict is over. Some will take  
up duties on the home front that are essential  
today to the general welfare of this great democ-  
racy in which we live. I believe that where ever  
we find ourselves on the great sea of life we will  
perform like a good ship, well built from bow to  
stern. I believe that we will face the hardships  
and keep to the main course even after we have  
left the safety of convoy guards of home and  
school.

I believe that like Columbus sailing the un-  
charted Atlantic on search of better things for  
the world the members of our class will Sail On  
and On And On.

To borrow the words of Longfellow:

We know what Master laid our keel,  
What Workmen wrought our ribs of steel,  
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,  
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,  
In what a forge and what a heat

Were shapen our anchors and our hope!  
Again I welcome you and ask on behalf of the  
members of the Class of 1944 that you will hold  
fast to the faith that you now have in us. Con-  
tinue to stand with us as we have St. Mary's  
Academy to take up a new like.

BERENICE DELERY,  
St. Mary's Academy, 1944

#### THE VALUE OF A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Our high school education is of greatest value to  
us for it is one of the most important stepping  
stones in our lives. Without this secondary educa-  
tion in this fast progressing world we are prac-  
tically helpless. From this training we improve and  
cultivate correct manners; a better way of living;  
the more cultured and refined things of life; com-  
mon sense and how to exercise it; character how  
to strengthen it; personality how to build it; per-  
severance how to develop it; influence how to  
exert it; poise how to attain it.

In our high school training we are taught to  
apply, along with the knowledge from the book,  
our own common sense. We are warned not to  
be "Book wise and brain foolish." One of the  
aims in secondary education is to develop more  
fully our brains to be able to think and to reason  
out problems so that we may have the advantage  
of scientific management.

As common sense varies in the character of the  
person, so manners and dispositions also vary,  
therefore more than likely each one's own power  
of thinking will come to his aid more easily and  
quickly when backed by his secondary educa-  
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a person; and it is in school that we strengthen and build out character. We try, while in high school, always to develop the better portion of our character that we may be prepared, in later life, to master ourselves in the way of righteousness.

In high school personality is encouraged and stressed more than at any other time because it is in this period of our lives that we are most influenced.

Three things that take away most from good personality and that the school emphasized most, warning its students to avoid are: (1) too much self-confidence, (2) lack of delicacy, and (3) false success.

To be able to influence others is a wonderful gift, but it should be done with much tact and grace. One of the aims of a good school, is to teach its students to be influential in a very tactful manner.

"Poise is a power derived from the Mastery of Self." It is the quality that so few of us possess. One of the essential conditions of acquiring poise is to familiarize oneself with the habit of composure. To develop its students to acquire this quality is a duty to the high school. It tries to send out its students prepared that each can stand on his or her own feet and can face any condition that might confront them.

We see that a High School education does not deal only with the knowledge that may be obtained from the books, but with things that will be beneficial to us in every day life. Therefore the greatest aim of the high school is to set before and ever keep in view **complete living** as the end to be achieved.

Our Alma Mater, St. Mary's has tried nobly to fulfill her duty in training us and in giving us the best that any high school can offer. It is now up to us, while holding fast to the foundation she has laid to strive for a higher education that will make us worthy citizens leaders of our people.

GLORIA BENOIT  
1944.

Beryldeell Crutchfield

### SUCCESS

The tissues of the life to be  
We weave with colors all our own.  
And in the field of destiny  
We reap as we have sown.

Success is a word which we hear so often that we pray for it without stopping to think what real success is. The child at play seeks success, the pupil in the class room aims for it, the business man hopes for it—in fact persons in all walks of life look to it as the natural end of all their undertakings and if failure instead of success attend their efforts, they feel as though all is lost.

Now there are two kinds of success. The first, the most commonly understood and sought after, is the attainment of high places or rich rewards. This is obtained only by a strong will, a settled purpose and an invincible determination. A purpose underlies character, culture, position and attainment of whatever sort.

As there is a key to every door, so there is a key to the door of success, and that key is labor. It is an acknowledged fact that if we want anything we must toil for it. The boy playing baseball wants to make a home run. He must have a

well as a person; and it is in school that we strengthen and build out character. We try, while in high school, always to develop the better portion of our character that we may be prepared, in later life, to master ourselves in the way of righteousness.

Saxe has said:

In battle or business whatever the game  
In law or in love it is over the same:  
In the struggle for power or scramble for pelf  
Let this be your motto, Rely on Yourself.  
For whether the prize be a ribbon or stone,  
The victor is he who can go it alone.

History abounds in examples of the successes gained by determination and self reliance. We are told that when a lieutenant said to Alexander The Great "I can't; it is impossible," the conqueror-Macedonian shouted "Bogone there is nothing impossible to him who will try." And to make good his words the haughty warrior at the head of one of his phalanxes charged the fortress and swept the enemy before him. When Napoleon turned from his other European conquests to advance upon Italy his soldiers rebelled and scoffed at the venture so obviously impossible. "You cannot cross the Alps" they told him. "It is impossible" Grimly answered, "There shall be no Alps," and led them on to certain victory. The same dogged determination characterized the colonists when with the battle cry, "No taxation without representation," they struck for liberty and obtained it.

The great difference between men—the feeble and the powerful, the great and the insignificant is word backed by energy and determination. To Believe we are able is almost to be so. Believe we were made for the task, put our whole energy into it and success is ours often times however, in the strife for worldly success we waste energies that would enrich the world: we rob ourselves. We rob all men. This success is not victory; it is often a defeat.

There is another success which is generally uncrowned in the life of the individual. It is the success of those—

"Who pass through life uplifting hearts  
Who aid a friend and spare a foe.  
A helping hand to all extend  
And scatter blessings as they go  
Who bid all look to lofty heights  
Where Faith and Hope hold fullest sway  
To place their trust in love divine  
And scatter blessings on their way.

If we plant and cultivate within our hearts the seeds of truth, honor, unselfishness and charity, if we foster therein only pure and holy thoughts, noble and lofty ambitions we shall build for ourselves a force of character.

Keeping this in mind we can and will work for the attainment of real success, and as life draws near to its evening and we feel in the distance the approach of the long night, we may observe its coming with peace knowing that it will bring the last triumphant success.

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same goal. Seeking better knowledge and understanding about the world in which we live.

In our Freshman year we accomplished a lot by studying and following directions of our instructors. Our studies were Algebra, English, Science, Literature, History, Homemaking and Music. Our first year of High School ended successfully.

In September 1941 we were proud to become Sophomores of the school. As we went alone in school our studies began to get harder and required much more studying. We admitted three members to our class. Etta Mae Thompson, Sandy Thompson from Galveston, Texas and Marie Bazley from J. W. Hoffman School. That was another of our four (4) years of school gone but not forgotten.

According to calculation, if I am not mistaken, our Junior year was one of the best of our high school career. The Junior class of the school was known as one of the best classes of the school. Our class in the Homemaking Department gave a "Mother and Daughter Banquet" under the supervision of Mrs. L. J. Oliver. It was very successful.

Now our last year under the roof of L. B. Landry School. The year we all looked forward to when we became Freshmen in high school.

One outstanding event to be recorded and which will last forever in the minds of my classmates as well as myself. The first Junior Senior prom to be given in the history of L. B. Landry School. This prom was very successful and was enjoyed by both students and faculty.

In our Senior B year, one (1) of our boys was called to perform his duty in the Army of the United States. His name is Manuel Lombard. He was considered one (1) of the handsomest and best liked boys of our class.

Our graduating class was one (1) of seventeen. Two (2) boys and fifteen (15) girls. Our class officers were as follows:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Leona Green  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Frances Bailey  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Marie Bazley  
Assistant Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Geraldine Johnson  
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Dalton Boutie  
Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Ophelia Alberts  
Advisors \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. W. M. Houston and  
Mrs. L. J. Oliver

Class Motto \_\_\_\_\_ "Service"  
Class Colors \_\_\_\_\_ Gold and Blue  
Class Flower \_\_\_\_\_ American Beauty Rose and Fern

This is just about the climax of our struggle for education and the beginning of a greater struggle for a higher one.

FRANCES BAILEY

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ETTA MAE THOMPSON, 223 Komer Street; born July 4, 1927 in Galveston, Texas to Sandy Thompson and Albertha Rhodes; graduated June 7, 1944; class Reporter of L. B. Landry School, 1200 Whitney Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana; career, School Teacher, Secretary and Writer; to attend Xavier University, Washington and Carrollton. Hobby—Typing.

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**GERALDINE JOHNSON**, 511 Homer Street; born September 24, 1944 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Oscar Johnson and Beatrice Black; graduated June 7, 1944; class Financial Secretary from L. B. Landry, 1200 Whitney Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana; career, Teaching Home Making; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

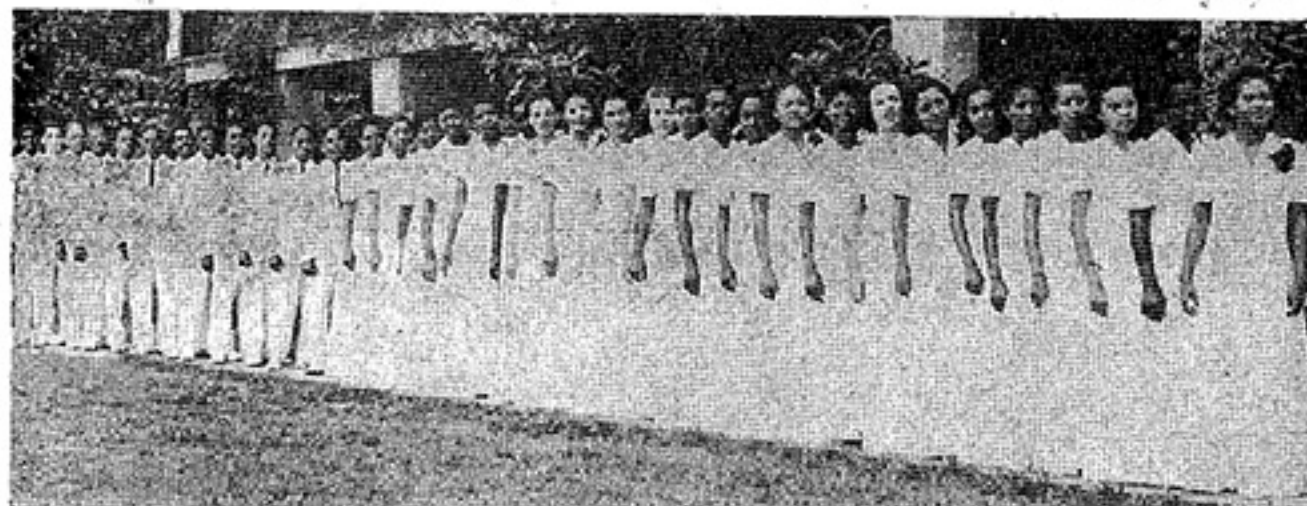
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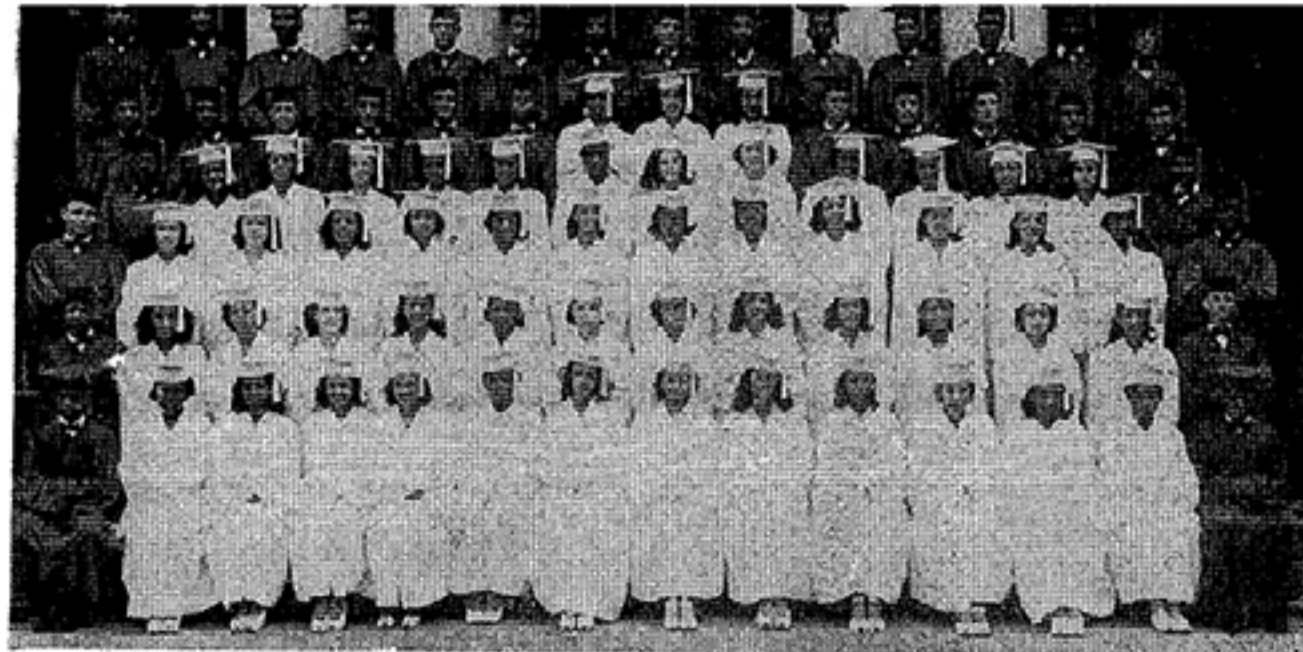
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#### XAVIER PREP SCHOOL

New Orleans, La.

#### HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1944

Now as we are about to depart from dear Xavier Prep, let us endeavor to recall the past years spent there.

It was on September 9, 1940, that most of the students of '44 entered. Sister Mary of Good Counsel was principal at the time. It was difficult at first to adjust ourselves to our new surroundings, and harder still to acquaint ourselves with new names, faces, and rooms, but gradually we did so.

We had in the freshman year many teachers, some of whom are no longer with us. Mr. J. Parker is in the United States Marine Corps; Mr. R. Floyd is also taking an active part in the United States Marine Corps overseas, and Mr. L. Jackson is serving his country somewhere in North Africa.

Being new, we thought we'd feel our way about at first and as a result, very few freshmen participated in the various activities that year. Those were all too exciting for participation—looking on seemed better.

After three months' vacation, we returned to school in the fall as sophomores. In this year, though receiving new students into our class, we also lost a few who dropped out, some of whom would have been a credit to our school and class.

Time marched on—thus we passed into our junior year. Aside from our scholastic work, we enjoyed ourselves very much. Especially as

juniors we had our first opportunity of meeting with the elite—the seniors. It was always our secret ambition to be able to dance with the seniors. Now we had that chance. But on the appointed day—Junior-Senior dance—many of us decorated the walls, filled the chairs and ornamented the music box to the right, to the left and any place where hiding room was available. However, some juniors put their best foot forward and had a dancing time while others enjoyed a standing time, looking on.

Here let us pause to show how fortunate the Class of 1944 really was. We can rightfully boast of having had three principals during our four years' stay at Xavier Prep. First, dear Sister Mary of Good Counsel, who welcomed us as a group of frightened and bewildered freshmen, embarking on a new career. Next came Sister Mary Brendan, whose departure was all too sudden. And last, but not least—our dear principal, Mother Dorothea. We have grown very fond of Mother and regret to say farewell. However, we shall never forget the many opportunities opened to us and the kindnesses shown to us. May these bear fruit in the future.

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to uphold their good names and that of Xavier Prep in the future as in the past.

We who have felt out of patience with old Father Time, would gladly turn back time in its flight and live again the life of one just entering upon a high school career. However, it is too late to see how much better we could have spent those four years in concentrated study, but for those who barely meet the expected requirements, we wish to say, "May those who come after us reward their instructors by being more and more studious as time goes by."

Thus we bring to a close the final chapter in this our history of the Class of 1944, of four years well spent. May our little problems, difficulties and, yes, even heartaches serve as stepping stones to further study and greater success. What pleasant memories for future years are ours!

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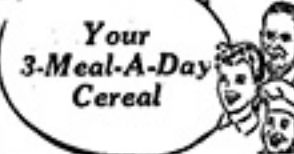
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The work is divided into three parts. Discovery, Exploration and Settlement.

#### Discovery

The discovery of the class of 1940 was an accident. Four years ago, easily one Monday morning, the faculty of the Mineral Springs High School were chattering about the just ended vacation and wondering whether there would be any change in their work during the coming year.

#### Exploration

During the first month of this year the Freshman suffered much inconvenience because of their unfamiliarity with the new school and its rules. We were forever taking the wrong turn finding ourselves in the wrong corridor and arriving at our class room half an hour late. But by Thanksgiving we had become familiar with the surroundings and were in our place on time.

Twelve of us started on our journey, but at the end of the year at terrible disaster befell the Freshmen. This disaster was called Final Examinations. Many had their growth retarded a year and some left the class forever.

With coming of the next September we received a new name Sophomores.

The routine of the classroom was now familiar and we found studying easier than before. Rushing forward into the fastness of the Sophomores mind, we found strange things. However, realizing that such is the common lot of explorers, we pushed bravely on through the underbrush of ignorance, hoping, before the time allotted for our explorations was over to reach what would compensate for all our time and effort: A genius.

In the third year, owing to an old educational custom, the Sophomores became Juniors, and their promotion made their sense of importance increase out of all due proportion.

This was a year of hard work, and dreaded ordeal of examinations was passed with few casualties. The teachers had endeared themselves to the hearts of the class, and there was a feeling of genuine friendship throughout the school.

And now we come to the fourth in the history of our class. We automatically became Seniors in September. With the gaining of this title, we began to take things more seriously than ever before. And when we say, "seriously", We mean "seriously" as the year drew to a close we were positively dizzy with dignity.

Better yet, we found that for which we had been searching so eagerly, a genius—in fact, several of us; and all of the class are passable.

The organization of the Senior Class was noteworthy, the following list of officers being in charge:

Sophonra Young	Class Pres.
L. C. Johnson	Vice Pres.
Fred W. Jackson	Treasurer
Mary Lea Butler	Secretary

The social events were of marked brilliance. At the expiration of four years, the principal expressed herself as greatly pleased with the additions to her country and pronounced us all highly eligible for admission as citizens.

By way of appropriate celebration, a stranger, ceremony, known as commencement, was held. Speeches were made, for no particular reason; songs were sung, including the aforementioned class song; and scrolls called diplomas signifying the skill and finesse it took to get one — were given to the Seniors, and good time will be enjoyed by all.

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**LOUIS CLAYTON JOHNSON**, Rt. 1, Box 191, Calhoun, Louisiana; born May 22, 1927 in Calhoun, Louisiana to Allen B. Johnson and Lillie Johnson; graduated May 26, 1944; class Vice-President from Mineral Springs, Calhoun, Louisiana; career, Business Commercial Education; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby—Soft Ball.

**MARY LEE BUTLER**, Route 1, Box 176; born March 20, 1927 in Calhoun, Louisiana to George Butler and Emma Hardy; graduated May 26, 1944; class Secretary from Mineral Springs, Calhoun, Louisiana; career, Attend College; to attend Louisiana Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Sports.

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#### CLASS POEM

##### We Grave and Reverend Seniors

We grave and reverend Seniors,  
Who thought the years so slow  
We spent in acquisition of things  
We had to know,  
Are filled with wild excitement;  
At last the goal is won.  
We gaze in admiration  
Upon the work we've done.  
The courses we have taken,  
The stiff exams we've passed  
Would indicate intelligence;  
With wonder we've aghast.  
The faculty, they tell us,  
Are equally surprised,  
For when they found us gassing  
They scarce believed their eyes.  
Perhaps it was their wisdom  
That dragged us up to grade,  
And as we're saying, "Thank You,"  
For good advice and aid.  
How often we have counted  
The time till holidays,  
And wished the hours were shorter  
In education's ways!  
But now we may discover  
What old folks say is true:  
Life's working day is lengthy,  
And holidays are few.  
Still armed with high endeavor  
We'll meet fate with a smile  
And strive with heart undaunted,  
Remembering the while  
That life, despite misfortunes,  
Is but adventure gay,  
And death's a friend that gives us  
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**ANNIE MAE LAVALAIS**, 2720 3rd Street; born August 6, 1925 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Roosevelt Lavalais and Ruth Neal; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School; career, Typist. Hobby—Skating.

**ANNIE BLANCHE BALTHAZAR**, 1201 Vance Avenue; born April 29, 1927 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Anthony T. Balthazar and Carrie L. Sarpy; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1411 Eighth Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Typist. Hobby—Riding Bicycles.

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**EVELYN MAC PERRY**, 2629 Third Street; born April 12, 1927 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Robert Perry and Huldah Young; graduated May 22, 1944; class Treasurer of St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Business. Hobby—Reading, Dancing.

**CARRIE MATTHEWS**, 1852 Wise Street; born March 23, 1925 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Joseph Matthews and Kisse Prince; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street; Career, Beautician. Hobby—Dancing, Writing Letters.

**RUBY CAMILE COMPTON**, 918 Fulton Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born July 26, 1926 in Pineville, Louisiana to Jimmie James Compton and Edna Norris; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Trained Nurse of the Army Nursing Corps; to attend Kansas School of Nursing, Kansas City, Mo. Hobby—singing.

**O. V. COOPER, JR.**, 1530 9th Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born April 8, 1927 in New Orleans, Louisiana to O. V. Cooper and K. M. Page; graduated May 5, 1944; class Vice President of St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street, Alexandria; career, Physician; to attend Howard College, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Repairing, Inventing and Making Things.  
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**MARJORIE ANN ALLEN**, 2704 3rd Street; born June 27, 1927 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Phillip Allen and Rosa Milhouse; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street; career, Mortician; to attend Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. Hobby—Dancing.

**ELLA MARGARET WILSON**, 1513 Schnack Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born June 22, 1925 in Natchez, Louisiana to Charlie T. Wilson and Milnut Balthazar; graduated May 22, 1944; class Secretary of St. James High School, Winn Street and Folsy Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Accountant. Hobby—Writing and Dancing.

**MARTHA LEE JONES**, 516 Bogan Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born October 10, 1925 in Alexandria, Louisiana to Henry Jones and Hollen Byies; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School; career, Stenographer; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

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**MAUD ETHEL SCOVELL**, 421 Washington Street, Alexandria, Louisiana to James L. Scovell and Rhoda Giles; graduated May 22, 1944; class Social Committee of St. James High School, Folsy and Winn Street; career, Martician. Hobby—Games.

**LILLIAN PLUMMER**, 2170 Wise Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born January 20, 1927 in Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, Louisiana to William G. Plummer and O'Darlee R. Edwards; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1411 8th Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Howard University, Washington D. C. Hobby—Photographing and Writing and Music.

**GERALDINE LOIS VEAL**, 1850 Harrison Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born September 6, 1926 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Nolon D. Veal, Sr. and Mary Colar; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 1417 Winn Street; career, Beauty Operator; to attend Poro College, Chicago, Illinois. Hobby—Writing Letters and Dancing.

**BETTY-MAC BRADY**, 2208 Harrison Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born April 30, 1928 in Rapides Parish, Louisiana to Matt Brady and Floranda Jackson; graduated May 22, 1944 from St. James High School, 714 Winn Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; career, Doctor; to attend University of California, California. Hobby—O. B. Doctor.

**RUBY McCALL**, 1084 Winn Street, Alexandria, Louisiana; born December 17, 1926, in Alexandria, Louisiana, to Aaton McCall and Louise Jackson; graduated May 22, 1944, from St. James High School 1411 Eighth Street, Alexandria; career, stenographer. Hobby—Roller skating and reading.

**BARBARA DELPHIN**, Box 1101, Alexandria, La.; born January 21, 1927, in Alexandria, Louisiana, to W. C. Delphin, Sr. and Annie Wilson; graduated May 22, 1944, from St. James School, Winn Street, Alexandria, La.; career, accountant. Hobby—Collecting photographs.

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### RAYVILLE COLORED HIGH SCHOOL CLASS HISTORY

We the class of 1944 entered Rayville Colored High School the fall of 1940. Some came up from the eighth grade, where they had for many months been busily engaged in storing their minds with the honey wisdom; some were green and fresh from a far country; some came from farms, where they had been tillers of the soil; and some were from mother halls of instruction.

And it came to pass, as we did enter this school, that we were received with wild welcomes and rejoicings by those who it was decreed should henceforth lead them up the slippery by-ways of knowledge. We were greeted by a band of wild beings called "Sophomores," who because of their fierce taste for Freshmen blood, did pounce upon us daily and nightly.

Under the leadership of our dear sponsor, Mrs. Harvey, we forged onward even though we lost many for various reasons. We missed them very much but we had to keep on. During this year none were killed and few were seriously injured. There were many excuses given as to why our classmates stopped. Some gave as an excuse sickness, others had to stay home to work; still others had to get married. So thus did this class decrease until the number fell to 48.

Now it happened that we were ruled over by one known as James Smith. We could not have had a better president. This marked the beginning of our second year that a new band of youth had come up from the adjoining territory. The class remembered the days of their own greenness, and as Sophomores of their day had no mercy upon the Freshmen. And as the class did journey under the leadership of Mrs. Harvey, many others joined this band of crusades as we blasted and forged onward, despite the handicaps that confronted us.

Two years passed and we were successfully taking on a new dignity, that of Juniors. We also took back into our folds Roberta Lewis and Eloise Larkin. However, we lost yet a number. Gad Wilmore, Mitchell Robinson, Caesar Lamb and Norman Norwood were called into the armed forces. Our class had decreased to a very small group, yet we were a happy band. Up to this time Mrs. Harvey had done her best to hold us together as a loving family.

On October 11, 1943, thirteen hard laboring seniors walked into Rayville Colored High School to take on the grand dignity. Being in the best of health and mentally alert James Smith and Jesse McCaa were inducted into the United States Army. Later Katie Lee Robinson left because of illness, which reduced our number to 10, to complete the career begun four years ago.

The journey has not been pleasant all the way, however, we have done our best. The reward is not given to the swift, but to the one who endures to the end, therefore we chose this motto: "He conquers who endures."

**SHEDDRACH STAGGERS**, Box 465, Rayville, Louisiana; born April 3, 1926, in Rayville, Louisiana, to St. Claire Staggers and Alice McCall; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; career, carpenter; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Basketball.

**EDNA MAE JONES**, Rt. 1, Box 136, Rayville, Louisiana; born March 13, 1926, in Waterproof, Louisiana, to Henry Jones and Carrie Parker; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; class president; career, nurse; to attend Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Hobby—Dancing.

**BERNICE PIPER**, Rt. 2, Box 27, Mangham, Louisiana; born March 30, 1924, in Mangham, Louisiana, to George Piper and Rosy Lee Harris; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; career, typist; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La. Hobby—Dancing and singing.

**ROBERTA LEWIS**, Box 138, Mangham, Louisiana; born December 3, 1926, in Mangham, Louisiana, to Henry Lewis and Virginia Runnels; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High School, Rayville, La.; career, home economics teacher; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal College, Grambling, La. Hobby—Dancing.

**CARRIEOLA KENNEDY**, Rt. 2, Box 61, Rayville, Louisiana; born September 9, 1926, in Rayville, Louisiana, to Joseph Kennedy and Mary Jenkins; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High School, Rayville, La.; class vice-president; career, seamstress; to attend Louisiana Negro Normal School, Grambling, La. Hobby—Basketball.

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**LELIA MAE THOMAS**, Box 281, Rayville, Louisiana; born April 20, 1926, in Rayville, Louisiana, to Irva Thomas and Marie Ross; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; career, typist; to attend Xavier College, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Movies and religious work.

**RUBY LEE WILLIAMS**, Box 591, Rayville, Louisiana; born June 13, 1926, in Rayville, Louisiana, to General Jackson Williams and Lovie D. Walker; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; career, home demonstration agent; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Movies and reading.

**WILLIA MAE FREEMAN**, Rayville, Louisiana; born February 2, 1924, in Stamps, Louisiana, to Felix Freeman and Parlee Davis; graduated May 4, 1944, from Rayville Colored High, Rayville, La.; career, typist; to attend Michigan University, Mich. Hobby—Dancing and singing.

### CLASS HISTORY, CLASS OF 1944, RICHLAND PARISH TRAINING SCHOOL, DELHI, LA.

"We build the ladder by which we climb  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted sky  
And mount its summit round by round."

In our lives we rise to heights in education, in business, and in the various professions. To have faith in the ladder by which we climb, will keep us in high esteem, which is the conscientious desire of all of us who build. But further than faith in the ladder by which we climb, of physical or material values, or even further than faith in ourselves, we should manifest faith in an omnipresent, omnipotent God. Such manifestation of faith will prepare us for a life which is more bountiful and full. But, in all, we will never experience this fuller life by a mere jump or grasp at eternity. We need dignity of toil and of labor because—

But we build the ladder by which we climb,  
"Heaven is not reached by a single bound  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And mount its summit round by round."

In the fall of 1941, thirty-six of us entered Richland Parish High School, having been promoted from the grammar grades of various elementary schools in the parish and state. Those who started out together on this journey were: Harvey Aytch, Johnnie Butler, Major Berry, Naomi Berry, Georgianna Baker, Georgella Crandell, Mary D. Foster, Julia Lee Hunter, Lucille Jones, Thomas Lee Jones, A. C. Jones, Willie Kiper, Ella Mae Kelley, Arlissie Marshall, David May, Annie Bell May, Mary Lee Mayo, Geraldine McDade, Clarence Newsome, Ben Porter, Albert Robinson, Jr., Bennie Mae Salter, Annie Mae Stapleton, Ruth Smith, Essie B. Singleton, Sarah Talbert, Araminta Turner, J. W. Turner, Rubin Walter, Leon Wilson, Geneva Wilson, Bernice Marshall, Mozella Williams, J. B. Oliver.

At first, everything seemed new and strange to us. To the casual eye, we seemed merely a group of boys and girls, but to the trained eye

dropped out to pursue something that, at the time, seem to them easier. Sarah Talbert, Mary Lee Mayo, Mary D. Foster, Annie Bell May, and Araminta Turner thought it would be much more fascinating to get married and rear a family. J. B. Oliver, Essie B. Singleton and Georgianna Baker moved away. Lucille Jones and Clarence Newsome decided to try to make some money. We were very sorry to part with these people, but we knew we must climb on without them.

Mourning over the loss of these classmates did not last long, for as we reached the second round of the ladder, two very friendly sojourners joined our ranks. These were Ruthie Lee Alexander and Herman Williams. As we traveled merrily along, we were suddenly saddened by the loss of several of our classmates, who could not even complete the year. Johnnie Butler began to believe in the slogan, "Join the Navy and see the world," so he put his age up, joined the Navy, and is seeing the world.

Death, always the unwelcome but inevitable reaper, came into two of the homes of our community, and carried away the fathers of three of our classmates. This caused them to have to move to other places of abode. These were A. C. Jones, Thomas Lee Jones and Harvey Aytch. Sadly and reluctantly, we bade them farewell and went on our way.

The summer passed swiftly, and feeling ourselves fully equipped for the climb, we approached the third round of the ladder. As we reached the starting place, we realized that two of our classmates had failed to meet us there. Bennie Mae Salter and Annie Mae Stapleton had taken unto themselves husbands, and were too busy with household duties to even think of us. As we climbed, the ascent became steeper and steeper, but we were not to be discouraged by difficulty, so we traveled on. At this point two very charming girls joined our ranks. They were Cora Lee Thomas and Fannie Mae Johnson. J. W. Turner felt that he was not strong enough to continue, so he dropped out.

As the war became wider and wider in scope, it seemed inevitable that some of our group would be needed to protect old glory. So, during the summer, five of our young men were called to the colors. They were not to achieve the glorious heights for which we had striven so long. Ben Porter, Leon Wilson, Rubin Walter and Albert Robinson, Jr., chose to exhibit their bravery in the Navy. Herman Williams, who did not like water, chose the Army.

Though saddened by the departure of our boys, we realized that we who were left here must ascend the final round of the ladder. Happiness mingled with our sadness—happiness over the fact that this was our last year. The goal for which we had striven was now in view.

Before we had gone very far, Lottie Mae Vaughn, who had been with us in Grammar School, came to complete the journey with us. The climb was too steep for Fannie Mae Johnson, so she decided she could go no farther.

We regret to leave dear old Richland, but we must. As we go, we shall take her ideals and teachings with us. Looking back upon our stay here will always be one of our greatest pleasures.

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We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it! Lie down for an oon or two, Till the Master of all good teachers shall put us to work anew.

And those that ranked high shall be happy; they shall sit in a classroom fair And study whatever they wish to, with a mind as free as air. They shall find the world's great teachers, the lore of the years recall; They shall work for an age at a lesson and never be tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame, And no one shall work for honors, and no one shall work for fame, But each for the joy of working shall learn through eternity, Till the Master of truth and wisdom shall grant him his last degree.

**ARLISSIA MARSHALL**, 1413 Dostard Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana; born November 1, 1922, in Hebert, Louisiana, to J. C. Marshall (deceased), and Ezzi Holland; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, Delhi, Louisiana; class president; career, going to school; intends to attend Louisiana Normal College at Grambling, La. Hobby—Singing and dancing.

**DAVID LEORY MAY**, Rt. 3, Box 4, Delhi, Louisiana; born March 8, 1927, in Delhi, Louisiana, to Alfred May and Carrie E. Scott; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Training School, Delhi, Louisiana; career, going to school; to attend Southern University at Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing.

**CORD LEE THOMAS**, Box 73, Holly Ridge, Louisiana; born January 3, 1925, in Holly Ridge, Louisiana, to Walter Thomas and Rosie Randell; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, South of Delhi, La.; career, musician; to attend Piney Woods College, Piney Woods, Miss. Hobby—Dancing.

**GENEVA J. WILSON**, Delhi, Louisiana; born September 14, 1926, in New Orleans, to Nehemiah Wilson and Samantha Howard; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, South of Delhi, Louisiana; career, stenography; to attend Y. M. C. A. College in New Orleans, La. Hobby—Reading and dancing.

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**RUTHIE LEE ALEXANDER**, Warden, Louisiana; born January 5, 1921, in Warden, Louisiana, to Ed Alexander and Signorah Harris; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, South of Delhi; career, intends to spend next four years in school work at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss. Hobby—Home economics.

**JULIA LEE HUNTER**, Box 118, Delhi, Louisiana; born August 18, 1926, in Delhi, La., to B. T. Hunter and Anna Datson; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, South of Delhi, La.; to attend Southern College at Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Reading.

**LOTTIE MAE VAUGHAN**, Box 98, Delhi, Louisiana; born May 6, 1925, in Oak Ridge, Louisiana, to Columbus Vaughan and Virginia Goldsby; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School, South Delhi, La.; career, stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business School in New Orleans, La. Hobby—Singing.

**ELLA MAE KELLY**, Delhi, Louisiana; born August 11, 1926, in Delhi, Louisiana, to Joe Kelly and Marie Sulivry; graduated May 4, 1944, from Richland Parish Training School South of Delhi, La.; class assistant secretary; career, musician; to attend Piney Woods College, Piney Woods, Miss. Hobby—Dancing and riding.

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**JOHN L. SWEET**, Box 562, Many, Louisiana; born May 31, 1926, in Gibeland, La., to Ishtie Sweet and Lilly Derry; graduated April 27, 1944, from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, La.; career, business manager; will attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Playing basketball.

**JOYCE PAULINE JACOBS**, Zwolle, Louisiana; General Delivery; born November 18, to Edward Jacobs and Clara Mae Martin (Mrs. Jacobs); graduated April 27, 1944, from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, La.; career, home economics; will attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**ORA LEE SIMMONS**, Clare, Louisiana; born October 12, 1925, in Clare, La., to Sandy Simmons and Samantha Morris; graduated April 27, 1944, from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, La.; career, U. S. O. hostess. Hobby—Writing.

**LEOLA B. THOMPSON**, Box 65, Negreet, Louisiana; born October 7, 1925 in Negreet, Louisiana to Paige Thompson and Florence Waterhouse; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Negro Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Reading.

**ETHEL LEE COLLIET**, Rte. 5, Box 8, Many, Louisiana; born January 31, 1924 in Negreet, Louisiana to Amos Collier and Effie Henry; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Reading and Writing.

**OWEDIA JOYCE WILLIAMS**, P. O. Box 52, Negreet, Louisiana; born June 29, 19... in Negreet, Louisiana to Leon Williams and Blanche Neal; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Teacher; to attend Negro Normal, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Games and Handy Work.

**EVELYN D. BRISKER**, Box 401, Many, Louisiana; born August 20, 1926 in Fisher, Louisiana to Earthy Hightome and Celeste Garner; graduated April 27, 1944; class Vice President of Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Beautician; to attend Henrietta Beauty School, Shreveport, Louisiana.

**VERNICE MARIE BUSH**, Many, Louisiana; born November 16, 1925 in Many, Louisiana to Haywood O. Bush and Edith Thompson; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Singing and Writing.

**GLADYS MAXINE SUDDS**, Many, Louisiana, Box 624; born October 3, 1924 in Many, Louisiana to Oliver Lilly and Carry Lorine; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business School, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

**NELLIE REE LEVO**, Box 508, Many, Louisiana; born June 7, 1925 in Many, Louisiana to Charles G. Levo, Sr. and Zelma Garner; graduated April 27, 1944; class Secretary of Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Home Economics; to attend Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana. Hobby — Reading and Handiwork.

**PHILISTINE IDORA FISHER**, Many, Louisiana, Box 453; born June 30, 1923 in Marthville, Louisiana to Curtis Fisher and Sallie Johnson; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, to be a Stenographer; to attend Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby — Singing and Talking.

**EDWARD GANT**, Fisher, Louisiana; born September 12, 1926 in Allen, Louisiana to Robert Gant and Ida Becton; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Business Course; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Playing Football.

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**ELIZABETH GANT**, Fisher, Louisiana; born September 12, 1927 in Allen, Louisiana to Robert Gant and Ida Becton; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Short Hand or Typing. Hobby — Basketball.

**INEZ LOWE**, Box 1, Candy, Louisiana; born September 24, 1924 in Gandy, Louisiana to Robert Lowe and Etta Cambell; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Beauty Course; to attend Henretta Beauty School, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hobby—Playing Basketball.

**HATTYE B. CHEATHAM**, Box 66, Fisher, Louisiana; born April 20, 1926 in Fisher, Louisiana to John Cheatham and Mary Jones; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Grambling School, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby — Basketball.

**GENEVA SMITH RANDOLPH**, Box 652, Many, Louisiana; born November 28, 1924 in Negreet, Louisiana to Edward Smith and Marie Holmes; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby — Basketball.

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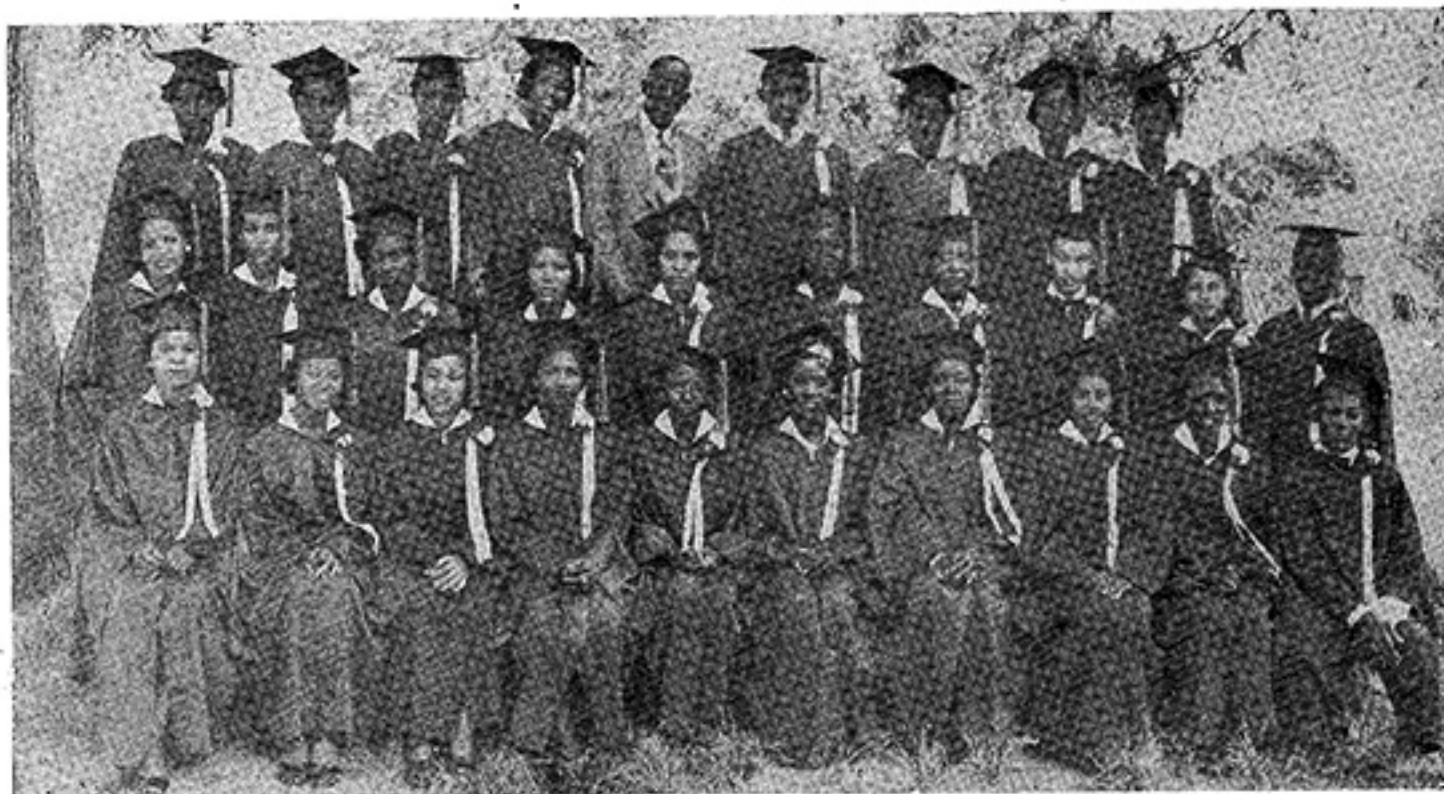
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**MITTIE RUTH SPENCER**, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana; born February 8, 1927 in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana to John Spencer and Lillie Dyas; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Reading and Writing.

**IDA VIVIAN SIMON**, Box 412, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana; born November 9, 1924 in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana to William Simon and Lena Fields; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Nurse; to attend Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Hobby—Basketball.

**ELAINE OMEGA SIMON**, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana; born November 9, 1926 in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana to William Simon and Lena Fields; graduated April 27, 1944 from Sabine Parish Training School, Many, Louisiana; career, Book-keeping; to attend school at Phoenix, Arizona. Hobby—Writing and Reading.

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Our courses this year were in keeping with the world situation. Much stress was placed on conservation of materials around our homes; more home canning, better food preparation and garment construction. A short course in Health and Home Nursing was given to Juniors and Seniors for the purpose of helping them to relieve the shortage of doctors and nurses and to help prevent severe restlessness on the part of the sick.

The seniors are usually the ones who have to major problems to work with. Our major problem this year was the school lunch program. They helped to beautify the kitchen where the meal was to be prepared; raised money to buy utensils, dishes and cup towels for the use of the school lunch program.

A member of the senior class was president of the home economics club. She made an outstanding president, local and state wide. Our club is given the rating as one of the best in the state.

Other objectives planned and carried out by other classes in the department are: the purchasing of an ice box, fixing up a model bed room, purchasing a set of dishes and growing a school garden.

The home economics department of our school is also a training center for Senior home economics students of Southern University.

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#### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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St. Landry Parish Training School sponsors a broad program of health and Physical Education under the direction of Coach Lawrence Emerson. The major sport is basketball. The boys team has defeated the best teams in the state. During the past four years the boys basketball team has won two district championships and one runners up also runners up for the state championship. The health program functions smoothly through the cooperation of the St. Landry Parish Health Unit. Well rounded program of Physical Education is carried out Military Marching, calisthenics, and games of higher and lower organizations are the principal activities.

#### THE ST. LANDRY PARISH TRAINING

School occupies a unique position in the lives of the people of the community. Organized as a training school in the year of 1925, and has functioned as such ever since. Many of our graduates take leading rank as freshmen in the leading colleges and institutions of our state. Many of them are employed as teachers in this and adjoining parishes.

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It is gratifying to know that the English department of St. Landry Parish Training School has felt the necessity of adapting its course to war time needs by building through the children in school an understanding of the need for rationing, price control and rent control.

State-wide interest is manifested in helping students to improve their reading skills. Our goal in English this year has been to read text books, magazines, and current literature pertaining "black marketing" weakening the O. P. A. program.

It is a fact that the requirement for collateral readings has been removed by the State Dept. resulting in no leisure reading on the part of our students.

However we have attempted to encourage extensive reading through our cooperation with the librarian who exposes us to current literature.

**EAULINE JACK**, Rt. 2, Box 98A, Opelousas, La., born December 25, 1927, in Plaisance, to Leonce Jack and Mable Pitpe, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. L. P. T., Opelousas, La. Career—Nurse. Will attend Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Writing letters.

**MELBA MAJONI BALLARD**, Route 3, Box 5, born March 17, 1925 in Opelousas, La., to Mr. Albert L. Ballard and Louvinna Ventres, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Joseph Parish Training School, Opelousas, La.

**EARLINE JONES**, 1350 N. Court St., born Oct. 26, 1944 in Opelousas to Mr. Jones (deceased) and Hilda Morris graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Beauty Culture. College, Franklin Beauty School, Houston, Texas. Hobby—Writing Letters.

**MABEL FOUNTAIN**, 1123 West Lander St., born September 18, 1922 in Opelousas, La., to Morris Fountain and Ella Nisby, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Hobby—Cooking.

**JULIUS J. GUILLORY**, 620 E. Landry St., born February 4, 1927 in Lawtell, La., to Macie Guillory and Lucille Greene, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Agriculture work.

**WARDY G. JOUBERT JR.**, Washington, La., born August 19, 1926 in Galveston, Texas to Wardy Joubert Sr. and Clara Locks, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career Auto mechanic. College, Southern University, Scotlandville. Hobby—Swimming.

**NETTIE B. HILLIARY**, 743 North Court St., born March 31, 1923 in Opelousas, La. to Archie Hilliary and Hester Lewis, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

**GERALDINE THOMAS**, Route 2, Box 1, born October 1, 1923 in Opelousas, La., to Horace Thomas and Mark Dite, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Hobby—Singing.

**LIONEL HAROLD JOUBERT**, Washington, La., born November 25, 1927, in Washington, La. to Wardy Joubert and Clara Locks, graduated June 12, 1944 from Opelousas Training School. Career—Expert Auto mechanic. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La.



Normal, New Orleans of Granding, La. Hobby—Writing strangers.

HAZEL JOUBERT, Route 2, Box 104C, born July 28, 1923 in Opelousas, La., to Sampson Joubert and Olevia Jones, graduated May 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Teacher. College, LeLand College, Baker, La. Hobby—Writing service men.

RUTHIE LEO LADAY, Route 2, Box 98A, born April 29, 1926 in Opelousas, La., to Atkin Leday and Lelia Thietty, graduated May 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Science Teacher. College, LeLand College, Baker, La. Hobby—Writing.

WILLIE MAE FRANK, Morrow, La., born August 11, 1925, in Morrow, La., to Cleveland Frank and Elvina Alfred, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Teacher. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

LEOLA JACKSON, Box 726, born Dec. 26, 1925, in Opelousas, La. to Nathan Jackson and Virginia Denton, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Business course. College, Southern University, Scotland, La. Hobby—Writing Letters.

LEOLA J. WOOLAGE, Box 402, Opelousas, La., born September 12, 1925, in Opelousas, La. to John Woolage and Augusta Avery, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Nurse. College, Dillard University, New Orleans. Hobby—Writing.

THEL MAE CAESAR, Opelousas, La., born November 8, 1925, in Opelousas, La., to Willie Caesar and Leona Gerrault, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training, Opelousas, La. Career—Nurse. Hobby—Collecting Picture Post Cards.

PEARLINE SIMIEN, Box 128 De Quincy, La., born March 4, 1926 in De Quincy, La. to Ennis Simien and Gillie Clark, graduated June 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Nurse Training. College, Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Reading.

EMIL MAE ANTIONE, Box, 821, Eunice, La., born January 4, 1927, in Eunice, La., to Lloyd Antione and Ethel Malone, graduated May 12, 1944, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Industrial Nursing. College, LeLand College, Baker, La. Hobby—Writing service men.

LEATRICE H. BALLARD, Route 3, Box 5, Opelousas, La., born January 4, 1927 in Opelousas, La., to Albert L. Ballard and Lawince Umtrass, graduated June 12, 1944, class valedictory, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Teaching in a College or University. College, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Hobby—Collecting pictures.

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MATHILDA CASTILLE, Opelousas, La. born June 24, 1923 in Opelousas, La. to Frank Castille and Therese Castillo, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Beauty Culture. College, Franklin Beauty School, Houston, Texas. Hobby—Writing Letters.

THERESA GREENE, Route 2, Box 203, born February 14, 1924 in Opelousas, La. graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Hobby—Writing Service friends.

LUCY ANN MITCHELL, General Delivery, born June 8, 1925 in Opelousas, La. to George Mitchell and Celestine Thompson, graduated June 12, 1944. Class president, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Teaching School. Hobby—Collecting photos and pictured post cards.

GEORGIA ETTA WILLIAMS, Box 127, born May 16, 1925 in Opelousas, La. to Mr. Williams (deceased) and Arrilla White, graduated June 12, 1944, class treasurer from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Stenographer. College, Hughes Business, Houston, Texas. Hobby—Dancing and Singing.

ROSA BELLE OAKLEY, Box 731, Opelousas, La., born August 20, 1925 in Crowley, La. to James E. Oakley and Rosa Lee White, graduated June 12, 1944, class salutary, from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—To major in Home Economics. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Collecting photographs.

DOROTHY TOLBERT, Route 4, Box 4A, born August 5, 1925 in Opelousas, La. to Henry Tolbert and Laura Kerry, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La. Career—Nurse. College Prairie View, Prairie View, Texas.

ALVIN MARTIN, Box 124, Morrow, La. Born Feb. 19, 1919 in Morrow, La. to Abraham Martin and Isabella Bowers, graduated June 12, 1944 from St. Landry Parish Training School, Opelousas, La.

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**RETHA JEAN LOGAN**, Route 1, Box 122A, Newellton, La., born September 26, 1926 in Newellton, La., to Isaac Logan and Flossie Farris, graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training School, St. Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**Ellen S. Brown**, Box 402 Waterproof, La., born November 28, 1924 in Waterproof, La., to Thomas H. Brown and Maude Sharp, graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

**NOBLE BEATRICE BROWN**, Route 1, Box 73, Newellton, La., born April 22, 1926 in Newellton, La., to Robert W. Brown and Savannah Piondexter, graduated June 9, 1944, class secretary, from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Stenographer. College, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Reading and Writing.

**MARY LOUISE SMITH**, Route 2, Box 44, St. Joseph, La., born May 1, 1924 in St. Joseph, La., to John Smith and Rosie Diggs, graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training—Saint Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**WILLIE BELL MILES**, Route 1, Box 7B, Newellton, La., born April 27, 1926 in Newellton, La., to Douglas Miles and Hattie Granberry, graduated June 9, 1944, class president from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Stenographer. Hobby—Reading.

**EDNA MAE DIXON**, Route 1, South, St. Joseph, La., born June 29, 1925 in St. Joseph, La., to Clarence Dixon and Evana Winters, graduated June 9, 1944, class treasurer, from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Dancing.

**ANDREW FELTON BRIMMER**, Newellton, La., born September 13, 1926 in Newellton, La., to Andrew Brimmer and Vellar Davis; graduated June 9, 1944, class president from Tensas Parish Training School, St. Joseph, La. Career—Journalism, author and poet. College, Dillard or Xavier, both New Orleans, La. Hobby—Writing (poems, short stories).

**ELVERA MURRAY**, Saine Joseph, La., born August 17, 1925 in St. Joseph, La., to King S. Murray and Lula Edna Brooks; graduated June 9, 1944, class assistant secretary, from Tensas Parish Training, Saine Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Singing.

**INDIA MITCHELL**, Route 8, St. Joseph, La., born December 25, 1924 in St. Joseph, La. to Thomas Mitchell and Lizzie Parsley; graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Nurse. College, Dillard University, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Singing.

**MISS EFFIE MAE WATSON**, Route 1, Box 134, Waterproof, La., born December 23, 1924 in St. Joseph, La., to Ernest Watson and Sylvia Turner; graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training, St. Joseph, La. Career—Secretary. College, Southern University, Scotlandville, La. Hobby—Reading.

**ESTHER WILLIAMS**, Route 3, Delta, La., born January 31, 1924 in Delta, La., to Elijah J. Williams and Luella Williams, graduated June 9, 1944, from Tensas Parish Training School, St. Joseph, La. Career—Stenographer. College, Dillard, New Orleans, La. Hobby—Dancing.

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 We each one goes his way today;  
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So dear old classmates beloved class,  
 Your splendid race is run,  
 Let no one even mention you  
 With slightest trace of scorn  
 No other class has honor such  
 As ours has proudly won,  
 I praise the day when years ago  
 The dear old class was born.

This is the end, the tale is told.  
 Our group will scatter fast,  
 Bust just another word or two  
 For days that are to be.  
 Make clean life's history as you go,  
 'Tis due us to the last,  
 Always keep a spotless record  
 For dear old (Forty-Four Class).  
 —Earnest Williams.

### CLASS HISTORY

It was the twenty-seventh day of September, 1940, a calm, peaceful, autumnal day, radiant with the sunshine of hope, cheer and joyous promise that the good ship Union Parish Training School stood at anchor at the wharf of a new school year.

It was the same old ship that had carried many passengers to safe harbors in the land of great wisdom, but this day was a gala day in its history and many people gazed upon it in wonder as they watched the twenty-one beautiful and charming young ladies and seven bold and dashing young gentlemen as they so happily stepped aboard, for it was rumored that they were about to set sail over new and untried waters in a quest for the Fountains of Perfect Understanding.

As the ship stood at anchor on that eventful morning of September, the passengers began to arrive; and as I was the first to be enrolled upon the list of passengers to me was entrusted the important task of writing the log of the voyage that even then, they all realized was to be the most important of their lives. I had scarcely finished the task of placing my signature upon the ship register, when a companion joined me, a girl whose name was Mae Dessa Gatson, who sailed with me through the eighth grade cruise among the island of smaller learning, and who I was glad to learn was to join us in this larger voyage.

We were both congratulating ourselves upon the mutual pleasure of longer companionship together, when we turned to welcome a third comer, none other than Eula D. Ferguson, who had come from a distant city to take passage with us. We peeped over her shoulder as she wrote her name and were very much surprised to decipher the letters that she wrote. We had heard of the young lady before, and had known of her many pranks, so while we knew we would not

L. C. Gafford, Margaret Armstrong, Sallie Barnes, Irean Morgan, Lucas Gatson, Earlene Morgan and others, then we were assured of a very happy voyage.

We were naturally very enthusiastic and asked many eager questions of our captain as to the incidents of our voyage and its probable length, and was assured that if we were persevering and diligent in our studies we should easily reach our destination at the end of four years. So it was with very hopeful hearts and smiling faces; that we bade our parents and friends good-bye and waved our handkerchiefs from the deck at those left behind in the grammar grades, as we steamed away from the wharf and out of the harbor, actually embarked for a four years' absence on our voyage of high school life.

We were young and socially inclined so it did not take us long to become acquainted with our fellow passengers or to feel very much at home with the pilot, the captain, the stewardess and even the porter. Our fears of shipwreck were entirely wiped away in the assurance that so able a staff of seamen had us in their charge.

There were naturally a few cases of sea sickness and various ones were tempted to throw up algebra, geometry and other disagreeable dishes and toss some of their best belongings overboard in time of rough sea.

We noticed at the outset of the voyage that the stream upon which we had set sail was comparatively narrow and sheltered, but using our field glasses, we could see Louis Roberts, Ruby Lee Braggs, Louannie Ford, Ruby Warren, Catherine Owens, Mildred Brown, Betty Mae Simms, Ida Louise Ballinger, Clara Bell West, George McGough, Claudie Wilson, Darline Williams, Charles Williams and Sterling Jones.

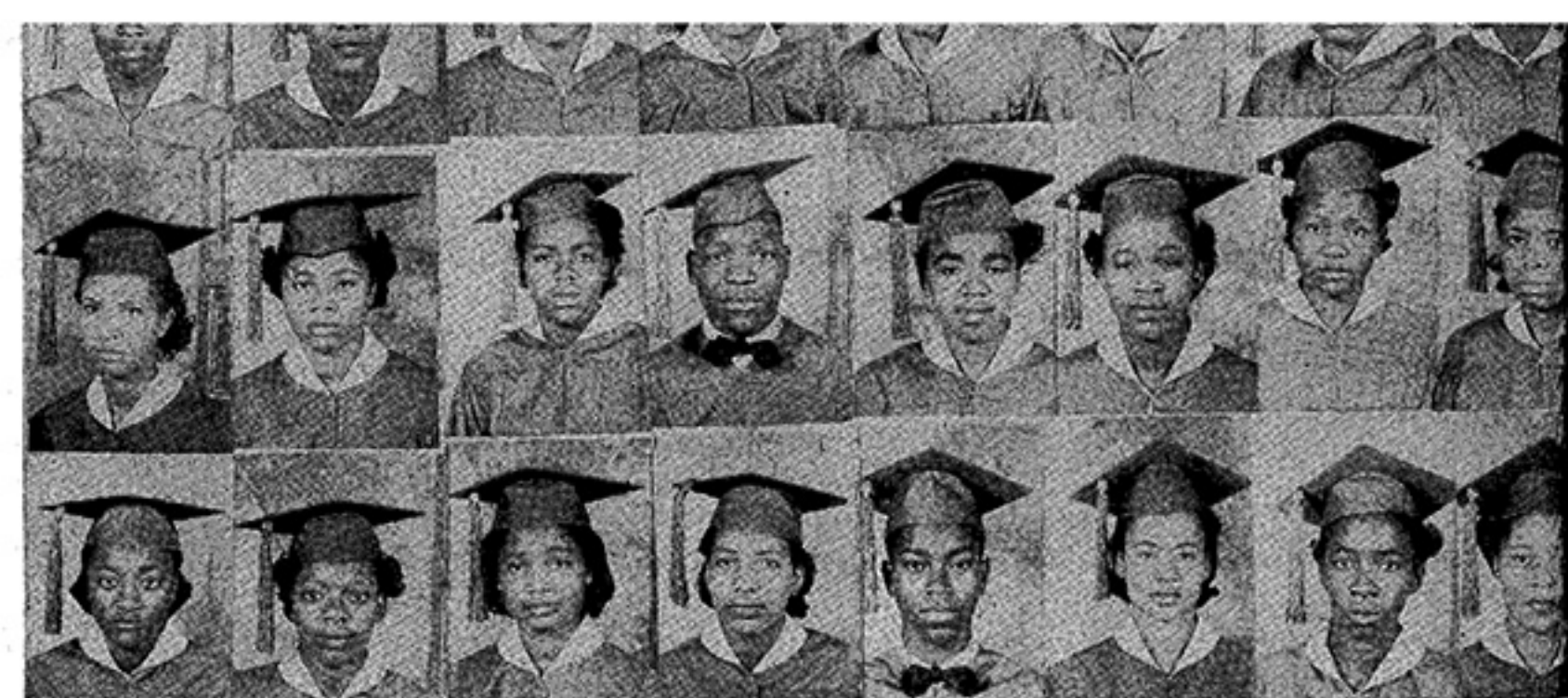
The captain explained to us that the voyage of High School Life was in reality to be over four seas, though the four bodies of water were so closely joined together that they seemed but one immenso sea. He informed us further, that we had just entered upon the first and smallest of these, which was called Freshman Sea.

The usual intimacy of ship board soon sprang up between us voyagers and we have been loyal shipmates ever since we sailed over Freshman Sea and received our checks of identification from the purser almost before we knew anything. Then some of our members became sea-sick and were cast overboard, none other than Claudie Wilson, Johnnie Lee Evans, Lucas Gatson, L. C. Gafford, Ruby Warren, Sallie B. Barnes, Marjorie Armstrong, Margie Barnes, Clara Bell West, Reatha Williams and Mannie Beckton.

Now it so happens that this land to which they had come was ruled by one known as Prof. Haywood Berry, a professor of much wisdom, and the old ship rocked on and another group became sea-sick.

These were Mildred Roberts, Lewis Roberts, Clarence Ross, George McGough, Irean Caldwell, Madessa Gatson, Ruby Lee Braggs, Charles Williams, Wilmer Bridges, and it came to pass in the same year that the class did sit down, that an artist of much skill should make of them a picture of great beauty; but when it was done and their eyes fell upon that which was said to be like unto their faces, disgust was upon the faces of the whole class and they were much angry; for behold it was like nothing on the earth nor under the earth nor on the face of the angry deep. And the whole number at the end of the second year was 20.





TOP ROW: Herbert Brooks, Pres.; Martha Jean Whitaker, Reporter; Beattie Watson, Asst. Secty; Irma Broadnax, Secty; Lou Velma Anderson, Reporter; Donzell Cosby, Solutarian; Christella Jones; Ruth Ann Warrant.

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FOURTH ROW: Addie Mae Key; Bernice Shyne; Zelma Lakey; Ethel Ree Smith; George Grant; Avie Lee Watts; Nona Burks; Mandy Ary.

dramatic groups. This thoughtful group of sophomores presented an electric clock to the school. However, this year could not measure up to the next. This class knew their possibilities and were determined to show their worth.

This now confident group was sponsored by Miss L. M. Jones in their Junior year. Culture and refinement were apparent throughout as these persons realized that they were upper classmen. Despite the difficulty of subjects and the greater utilization of time, more Juniors were found on the honor roll than any other group in school. The Junior-Senior Prom left these prospective Seniors in a keenly receptive mood for their finale at Webster.

The Senior year started off in high gear. Miss Irma Broadnax was crowned "Miss Webster," the second time in the history of the school a senior has held this position. The velocity was slowed considerably when heart-rending greetings from Uncle Sam in mid-term stripped the class of most of its manpower, and almost threw them off their course, but in spite of the dearth of men, they somehow rallied and came through to leave as their class project a modern tennis court 39 feet by 79 feet. This project was constructed by three Senior boys along with the whole-hearted co-operation of the Industrial Education club and N. F. A. Chapter under the direction of Mr. E. E. Moore, Jr.

The class proudly acknowledged its service men:

Felton Banks  
Harry Taylor  
Hosie Gooding  
John Daniels  
Woodrow Barnes

It pays honor to their principal, Mr. J. L. Jones, whose light has shone before men for a score and two years. They see his good works evidenced in the calibre of students who have passed this way; and to their Sponsor, Mrs. S. V. Moore, a Southern graduate, class of '39; sponsor of the Girls Hi-Y and Civics Club.

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**WILLIAM THOMAS, JR.**, Box 137, Minden, Louisiana; born December 2, 1926, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to William Thomas and Annie Blackburn; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; career, to become a dentist; to attend Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hobby—Football.

**VELMA ANDERSON**, Box 486, Minden, Louisiana; born December 12, 1925, in Minden, Louisiana, to James Anderson and Beulah Barber; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; class reporter; career, to attend a school of beauty culture in Chicago, Ill. Hobby—Singing and dancing.

**AVIE LEE WATTS**, Rt. 1, Box 2A, Minden, La.; born August 28, 1923, in Homer, La., to Chunter Watts and Rosie L. Watts; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; to attend Louisiana Normal College, Grambling, Louisiana. Hobby—Dancing.

**ETHEL REE SMITH**, Rt. 3, Box 20, Minden, Louisiana; born November 1, 1926, in Minden, Louisiana, to Leon Smith and Della C. Smith; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; career, stenographer; to attend Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. Hobby—Tennis.

**ALLIE MAE BURSON**, Box 144, Dubberly, Louisiana; born April 26, 1926, in Dubberly, La., to Bennie Burson and Lennie Jones; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; expects to attend business college, Lincoln University, Kansas City, Mo. Hobby—Playing.

**DONZELL COSBY**, Rt. 4, Box 103, Minden, Louisiana; born March 5, 19 (?) in McIntyre, Louisiana, to Ben Cosby and Treba Cosby; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; class salutatorian; career, nursing. Hobby—Playing basketball.

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**MABLE T. BAILEY**, Box 368, Minden, Louisiana; born June 23, 1927, in Bastrop, Louisiana, to James M. Bailey and Ionia B. King; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; to attend business college.—Hobby—Singing.

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**OLA MAE JONES**, General Delivery, Heflin, Louisiana; born October 8, 1926, in Heflin, Louisiana, to Zane Jones and Echelle Moore; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; career, beauty culture; to attend Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hobby—Collecting snapshots.

**ADDIE MAE KEY**, Rt. 1, Box 118A, Gibsland, Louisiana; born September 25, 1926, in Homer, Louisiana, to Harrison Key and Bennie Autry; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; career, beautician. Hobby—Basketball.

**GEORGE GRANT**, Box 147, Minden, Louisiana; born May 3, 1926, in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, to Edd Grant and Yertie V. Walker; graduated May 22, 1944, from Webster High School, Minden, Louisiana; career, physical education; to attend Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hobby—Basketball.

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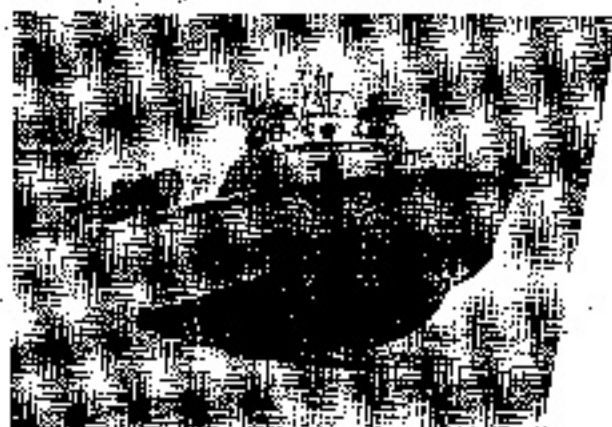
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