

# THE TIGER'S REPORT

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## Dr. Arlynne L. Cheers Is Commencement Speaker

Dr. Arlynne Lake Cheers will be the speaker at the 1964 Commencement Exercises to be held May 28, 7:45 P.M., in Lowery's Gym. Dr. Cheers is a native of Tennessee. She is married to the Rev. W. L. Cheers, pastor of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the mother of two sons.

She received her formal education in the public schools of western Tennessee. Now a Guidance professor at Grambling College, Dr. Cheers graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts



Dr. Arlynne L. Cheers

degree from Lane College in Tennessee. She received an M. A. degree from Atlanta University, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Colorado.

Among her honors, awards, and citations are the Lane College Alumni Award, 1962; C. M. E. Church W.M.S. Service Award, 1964. Also, she is listed in Who's Who in Education, 1963-64, and in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, ninth edition.

During her professional career, Dr. Cheers was a teaching principal of the Hardeman County Elementary Schools in Tenn., and a mathematics teacher at Bolivar Industrial School.

## Joe Brown Comes Through With Good Performances During Season

With Lowery's 1-2 punch being led by Sam McKinney this season, the other half of the punch was supplied by Joe Brown, a sophomore. Though not as flashy as many other players throughout the state, in his own way, Joe performed diligently, not only in scoring but on defense as well.



On offense, Joe ~~complied~~ compiled a total of 263 points for a 11.6 season average with his high being 20 points against Morgan City. Joe was also dependable on free throws. With two years of eligibility, there's a great future for Brown if he continues at his present rate of progress. Joe's strongest rooter is his brother Clem, a former graduate of Lowery and a star in his own right while attending Lowery.

## Baptist Association Official To Be Baccalaureate Speaker

Rev. Henry Hill, of Jeanerette, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon for Lowery on Sunday, May 24, 1964, 4:00 P.M., in the school's gymnasium. Rev. Hill is a graduate of Leland College, Executive Secretary of the Sixth District Baptist Association of Louisiana, and a well-known church pastor in his community. As an added highlight, he will bring to Lowery, not only the strength of character of the Christian ministry, but also the experience of being a high school teacher, for he is even now an instructor of mathematics at Boley High School, Jeanerette, Louisiana.

## Sam McKenney Is First All-State Basketball Team Selectee From Lowery

Sam McKenney, a junior here, has become the first athlete from Lowery to be named a member of the All-State Basketball Team. While this is a very recent achievement for Sam, it does not completely overshadow the circumstances of his career for 1964 which led to his being so honored.

While sporting a 21.9 average over the season of 24 games, some of Sam's other accomplishments were: (1) being voted the outstanding player in The Lowery Invitational Tournament; (2) being awarded the high scorer trophy in the Westside



Sam McKinney and Coach Wilbert Huey

Officials Tournament; (3) scoring in the double figures in 21 games out of 24 with a high of 30 points twice; and (4) scoring 25 or more points in 12 games.

During the year, McKenney also displayed the ability to inspire and encourage his teammates, causing them to respond by his many stellar performances.

Although Sam is only a junior, both Southern University and Grambling College have shown an interest in him. Officials from both schools have seen him in action at various times throughout the season. It is highly possible that more schools will seek his services, with another year of eligibility left to up his point making and experience.

## 1963-64 Student Council President Plans To Attend Nicholls State College

Johnel Patterson, President of the 1963-64 Student Council, is making arrangements to attend Nicholls State College, Thibodaux, La., beginning in the Fall Session of 1964.

Johnel has been President of his class throughout his high school career, and is presently President of the Student Council, President of the Club Alegria (Spanish), Editor of this paper, and President of the Honor Society. He is the driving force behind the 1964 senior class play, "Three Fingers in The Door," and he also holds membership in the following groups: Dramatics Club, Library Council, and the school's choral group.

At no time since he was in the sixth grade

## Lowery Wins District Baseball Championship

### GREEN PITCHES NO-HITTER FOR TIGERS' 9TH STRAIGHT WIN

THIBODAUX—Lowery High School captured its eighth district championship in 10 years by defeating C. M. Washington 2-0 at Stark Field in Thibodaux on Wednesday night. This was Lowery's ninth win without a loss.

Riding on the arm of Louis Green, who did a masterful job of no-hitting the Washington nine, the Tigers bunched 3 hits in the 1st and 3rd innings to tally their runs. Green struck out 18 and walked 6. This gives him 35 strikeouts in the last 2 games he has pitched. Joe Brown, specializing in his talent for picking men off base from the backstop position, added 2 off 3rd base.

Leading the attack for Lowery was Rogers Anderson with 3 for 4 and Steve Nicholas with 2 for 3. Losing pitcher was Wilbert Davis, who struck out 9, issued 6 bases on balls, and gave up 7 hits.

Coach Huey's crew will represent Zone I, District III, of the LIALO at the State Baseball Tournament which will be held at Grambling College, May 13-16.

## Seniors Enjoy Day At Southern University

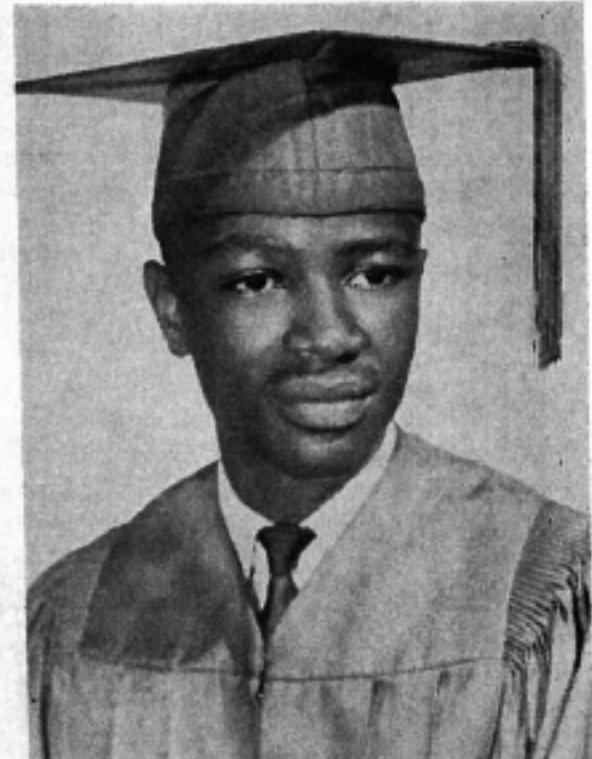
On April 10, 1964, seniors from all over the state observed Open House Day at Southern University. Open House Day is set aside for all seniors, not just for those from one area of the state. On this day, the seniors have the privilege of visiting the college departments in the areas of their choice.

Upon arrival at the university, the seniors from Lowery registered in the gymnasium. Everyone was greeted by Dr. Robert Owens, a professor of Southern. On the same program, Louvert Breckinridge, President of the freshman class, explained the purpose of the day. Afterward, the seniors disbursed and visited the departments of their choice. While doing this, they had a chance to tour the

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has Patterson made less than a "B" average for the year.

The faculty and the administration, realizing the service which he has done Lowery by such



Johnel Patterson

achievements as being a leader in Bayou Boys State and by winning first place in district Spanish competitions, wish him well, but hope that some of his cooperative spirit and academic acumen have been instilled in students remaining.

## Grambling Theatre Guild Troupe Gives Picture of Grambling

By Anna Bell James

The Grambling College Theatre Guild was interviewed Wednesday by three members of *The Tiger's Report* editorial staff on February 6, following their play, "The Marriage-Go-Round," presented Feb. 5.

Grambling is an all-Negro town having a population of 3,000 people, not including the college people. The college, according to the members of the guild, was founded in 1901 by Mr. Charles P. Adams. When it was first founded, it was called Lincoln Parish Institution, but the name has been changed several times.

The enrollment of the college is 3,300, and it is constantly growing. There were about 400 to 500 students turned down this session due to the growth of the school attendance.

The Grambling College Theatre Guild of 1962-63 toured Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, and New Foundland. The basketball team of Grambling toured South America along with the guild. (These tours were sponsored by the Adult Educational Program Association.) The Music Department also did a tour, this one, of the West Indies.

The above mentioned activities must not mislead the reader into thinking that Grambling is basically entertainment inclined. In fact, Grambling's program is concentrated, as might be expected, in its five academic divisions: Liberal Arts, Education, General Studies, Applied Science, and Technology.

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## The Christmas Play

By Evelyn Johnson

As a result of tireless study and much enthusiasm of the Senior Class, Lowery's stage became the setting for its annual Christmas Play given December 20, 1963. The Play, "Birthplace for a King," was symbolic of the trouble Mary and Joseph had getting lodging for the night.

Even though the play contained a little humor, it still reached the hearts of many as being very sacred and full of sentiment.

Characterizing the play were the following people: Johnell Patterson played the part of Able, an innkeeper. Evelyn Johnson, was Able's wife, Sarah; Janice Riley, Able and Sarah's daughter; Betty Gaignard, Mary, Jesus' mother; Gregory Belle, Joseph, a shepherd; Donald Jones, Jude, Carmel's boyfriend, Robert Sims, First Wise Man; Ronald Gipson, Second Wise Man; Elton Hadley, Third Wise Man; Clarence Gipson, 1st Shepherd; Robert Lawson, 2nd Shepherd; Ronald Williams, 3rd Shepherd.

Artists in the production were, Betty Gaignard, Leonard Materre, Janice Riley, and Gregory Belle.

Costumes were furnished by Miss Hazel E. Smith of the Home Economics Department.

Music was furnished by Miss Bobbette Joseph along with part of Lowery's 120-Voice Choir.

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## N.H.A. Easter Program Broadcast Over Public Address System

The New Homemakers of America held its annual Easter program on March 26, 1964. It was a pseudo radio program which was broadcast to the high school students over the public address system. The title of the program was "Truth Will Rise Again," and music was rendered by the N. H. A. Chorus, directed by Miss Constance Cubie, who is Lowery's new music teacher.

The program was as follows:

Call to Worship ..... Gwendolyn Werner  
Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen"  
Scripture I ..... Rosalind Fagan  
Trio ..... Rosalind Fagan, Clara Barnes,  
Miss C. Cubie  
Scripture II ..... Marva Gomez  
Leader ..... Ruby Cornish  
Holy City ..... Miss C. Cubie



A scene from "The Marriage-Go-Round" presented by the Grambling College Theatre Guild

Story ..... Lydia Lawson  
Poem ..... Evelyn Tapp  
Hymn: "All Hail the Power"  
Prayer ..... Mertis Alexander

Everyone left for the holiday season with a feeling that is customary of Easter.

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## Ascension Teachers Present Grambling Play At Lowery

By Johnell Patterson

The Ascension Parish Education Association presented its annual "Cultural Event of the Year" program, Wednesday, February 6, 1964, at Lowery High School, Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

Mr. Basile Miller, President of the APEA, welcomed the many visitors who had come to see the play which was the event of the night. Among them, there was a group of artistic-minded Seniors numbering 100, from McDonogh No. 35 High School, of New Orleans, La. Distinguished guests from other parts of the area were also present.

Entertaining the audience for the night, was a most eminent group of actors from the Grambling College Theatre Guild. Under the direction of Mr. Allen Williams, they presented the comedy, "The Marriage-Go-Round," by Leslie Stevens.

"The Marriage-Go-Round" is an illustrated lecture of the perils of monogamy, delivered alternately by a professor of cultural anthropology at suburban New York College, and his wife, who is Dean of Women at the same school. The commonplace game of seduction becomes an ironic commentator on the war between the sexes. The happily married couple had met the daughter of a professional colleague ten years ago. Then she turns up as a house guest, having blossomed into a voluptuous Amazon of a woman—a siren with brainpower. For anthropological reasons, she decides she must mate with the married professor from that point. The ramifications are many, never obvious, witty and frequently hilarious.

When the curtain fell, the audience roared in applause and probably chuckled in laughter on their way home. Adding more to their excitement, some of them went backstage and commended the actors on their splendid performance.

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## SENIORS ENJOY DAY

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whole university campus. Then they were entertained by the university's band, the boys' drill team, and the University Dance Group.

There was also a high school track meet in University Stadium, climaxed by a dance at Magnolia Triangle.

## Senior Class Play To Be Presented Here May 26

On Tuesday, May 26, at 7:45 P.M., members of the 12th grade class are to present a three-act mystery-comedy entitled "Three Fingers in the Door," by Felicia Metcalfe. All actors, but not all stage hands, are from the 12th A section; and the director is Mr. Basile Miller, English teacher and 12th A homeroom teacher.

The setting of the play is a gloomy, isolated old house owned by a gloomier and older man, Mr. Gregory Long. It begins on a cold, rainy night, with the comedy being introduced by Aunt Tessie, a grumpy, meddling, suspicious, hard-boiled woman of middle age. There is never a dull moment, as one thrill or giggle situation follows another.

The actors are: Johnell Patterson, as William Heupel; Mary Jones, as Sylvia Long; Evelyn Johnson, as Miss Bessie Tingle; Marva Gomez, as Elizabeth (Betsy) Brown; Ruby Cornish, as Mrs. William Heupel; Georgia Milburn, as Clara Heupel; Constance Lightfoot, as Anna; Gregory Belle, as Paul Harden; Larry Johnson, as Mike Denson (alias Gregory Long); and Gilbert Johnson, as an officer.

This is a royalty play, produced by special arrangement with The Heuer Publishing Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## Skit By Donald Jones Is

## Highlight of Orientation Day

In keeping with the trend, the 8th graders of Marchand Elementary School were guests of the eighth and ninth graders at Lowery on April 13. The program commenced at the second class hour, and was coordinated by Mr. Lawrence Butler, Biology teacher and 9th A Homeroom teacher. Extended greetings were given by President of the Student Council Johnell Patterson.

The purpose of Orientation Day was explained by Supervisor of Instruction (Mrs.) Mattie F. Daniels, who boasts of having once been a teacher in Marchand. Several renditions by the choral group were enjoyed by the group in general, but the highlight of the program was a skit written by Donald Jones, an 11th A section student who is also a member of the baseball team. The skit, enjoyed by the actors as well as the audience, lampooned the weak teacher and gave a very exaggerated picture of what teachers have to go through in a typical work day.

A tour of the school's campus was led by the teachers of the various sections to various classrooms. Then, climaxing the day, social courtesies were initiated by the gracious hosts, the 8th and 9th graders of Lowery.

## Parent-Teacher Group

### Sparks Halloween Jamboree

The Halloween Parade and Jamboree, a gala event, sponsored annually by parents and teachers of the first grade took place at Lowery High School Gymnasium on October 30, 1963.

All first graders wore costumes and paraded through the streets of West Donaldsonville accompanied by drummers of the Lowery High School Band.

The purpose of this annual affair is to finance the purchase of, *The Red Book*, one of a series of books used in teaching children to think.

Officers of the club for 1963-64 Session are: Mrs. Velma Bibbs ..... President Mrs. Genevieve Williams ..... Vice President Mrs. Henrietta Parker ..... Secretary Mrs. Pernella Turner ..... Treasurer

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### Two Teachers Taking Sabbatical Leave

For the 1964-65 school year, Lowery's faculty will be without two familiar teachers, Mr. Wilbert Huey, the coach, and Mr. Basile Miller, an English teacher.

Coach Huey has been granted a leave of absence to work toward a Master's degree. He is presently enrolled in evening classes at Southern University, where he will continue to work in the summer and throughout next year. He did his



Mr. Basile Miller and Coach Wilbert Huey undergraduate work at Xavier University in New Orleans and received the B. S. degree, majoring in Physical Education.

Mr. Miller was a 1943 graduate of Second Ward High School, now called Boston High School, in Lake Charles. He is a 1953 graduate of Southern University, with a B. A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences. He plans to pursue study leading to the M. A. degree at McNeese State College, which is in his home town, Lake Charles, La. Mr. Miller hopes to rejoin the faculty and students at Lowery at the end of the one-year sabbatical leave period.

Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Huey are married and both are Navy veterans of World War II.

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### Parents of Five or More LHS Graduates Honored

Lowery held its Sixth Annual Community Banquet on February 27, 1964.

The highlight of the banquet was the honoring of parents who have had five or more children to graduate from this school. Twelve families were so honored. All of them received plaques recognizing their particular distinction. The program had been well prepared, and many a parent was surprised to receive gifts or flowers or other kinds of recognition during the presentations. Some gifts were sent from as far as California.

These parents receiving special gifts from their employers or various organizations were especially surprised. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leavings received a gift from Elray Kocke and Company, represented by Mr. Robert Kocke. Mr. and Mrs.

### One Janitor, One Bus Driver Retiring

Mr. Kelly Dominique, the first full-time buildings custodian at Lowery, and Mr. Henry Robinson, one of the first two school bus drivers here, are both scheduled to retire at the end of the 1963-64 school session.

Mr. Dominique started working at Lowery in



Mr. Kelly Dominique

1941-42, when there were only 14 classrooms, one office, and an auditorium to be cleaned. During

Victor Dennis, Sr., were presented a gift by a representative of Ormet Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Butler, Sr., expressed great happiness over a gift from their son, Harold. The 17tham Lodge No. 12 of Prince Hall Masons honored Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Brunswick with a gift; and St. Peter M. E. Church did their special honors to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hubbard. B. Lemann himself, of B. Lemann and Brothers, presented his gift to Mr. and Mrs. Felton Gallon.

Most of the parents honored had five children who graduated from Lowery, but there were three exceptions. The Rufus Butlers had six LHS graduates; the Victor Dennises, six; and the Lester Hubbards also had six.

this, his last year, he and two other custodians have had 45 rooms, including the lunch room, offices, locker rooms, the gym, the library, and the laboratory, to look after.

He, who was born on May 22, 1899, in Klotzville, La., has much to reminisce about. His favorite anecdote, however, concerns his rise in economic security. "When I first came to work here," he says, "there was a drive on in the school to teach our children the value of a dollar. The principal and the teachers were all warning kids to stay away from slot machines and such."

He always laughs gleefully when he adds: "I took the advice. Don't know if the boys did."



Mr. Henry Robinson

You know, I had been working on another job for 18 years, and I didn't have a dime. Following the school's advice for 22 years, I am happy to say I am not at all afraid of being hungry during my retirement. Hope the young people listen."

Mr. Henry Robinson, whose ownership of Club Antenna in Lemannville, and part ownership of the Lemannville Grocery Store speaks for his economic maturity, has been working with the school for 15 years. He was born more than 66 years ago (Jan. 15, 1898) in the very community where he now prospers, Lemannville, La., seven miles down-river from Donaldsonville.

#### HONORED PARENTS



Top row: Gordon Webb, Robert Kocke, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lemann, H. Butt, and L. J. Boudreaux. Second row: Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Gallon, Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dennis, Sr. Third row: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Butler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Namon Joshua, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Versie Dunn, Mrs. Lester Hubbard, and E. C. Land. Fourth row: Mrs. E. C. Harrison, Mrs. M. F. Daniels, Mrs. Christine Carty, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Brunswick, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leavings, Sr., Mrs. Allen Nicholas, Sr., and Dr. E. C. Harrison.

## Lowery's 1963-64 Tournament Record

"Bringing back the Metal" is an expression widely used when a team emerges from a tournament with one of the three trophies awarded. In four tournaments over the season, the Lowery Tigers "brought back the metal" three times while the Tigerettes, in two tournament appearances, captured first place in both.

In the first tournament at Dorseyville, the Tigers were defeated by Dorseyville in the semi-finals but won 3rd place by Reed High's default. The Tigerettes won first place by leveling Fifth Ward of Reserve and trouncing Dorseyville in the finals.

The Tigers next participated in their own invitational tournament. They defeated Dorseyville, and Cypress Grove Bobcats to gain the finals. In the finals, after leading most of the way, Lowery was finally dethroned by Second Ward. This marked the first time in six years that Lowery lost their own tournament. Sam McKinney was awarded the outstanding player trophy.

The next tournament was at the Westside Officials Tournament in Plaquemine. The Tigers won the 3rd place trophy by defeating T. A. Levy to gain the semi-finals, where they lost to Dorseyville. The Tigers defeated Iberville High for the consolation honors.

No metal was received in the district tournament where the Tigers fell to Reed in the semi-finals 81-79. Trophy receipts for the year were six.

## LHS Baseball Team Undefeated

The Tigers baseball team has the distinction of being undefeated on the diamond through nine games. Teams who fell before the Tigers were Prairieville, 4-1 and 12-9; Dorseyville, 5-1 and 4-3; Sunshine 9-5; Scotlandville, 1-0; C. M. Washington, 5-3; 2nd Ward, 5-2; and C. M. Washington in the District Championship game in Thibodaux, April 29, 20.

If the Tigers can maintain the pace, their goal of "AA" State Championship seems highly possible. The state baseball tournament will be held at Grambling College in May.

Louis Green and Johnny Brown are holding up the pitching department, with Green winning 5 and Brown winning 4. They are both averaging 8 strikeouts per game. In the hitting department Royal Green, Rogers Anderson, Steve Nicholas, Joe Brown, and Pernell Green lead the Tigers. Also giving support to the squad are James Willis, Sam McKinney, Hershell Turner, Eugene Perkins, Donald Jones, Jules Jacobs, and Leonard Materre.

Coach Huey will not be pinned down as to this being the best group he has ever had in baseball but does feel that this group is probably the most consistent with possibilities of being the best in Lowery's history.

None of the present squad has any previous experience except sandlot ball. Their record reveals determination, sweat, and effort. Of this Lowery is proud.

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## Season Report: Average Season - Bright Future

The 1963-64 version of the Lowery Tigers basketball team, with a record of 11 wins and 13 losses, an average season record, clearly demonstrated that, although stacked with first year players, the future does indeed look bright.

Losing only two players through graduation—Bertrand Smith and Lucien Perkins—the players returning should give Lowery an experienced, well-balanced squad which opposing coaches feel will dominate the district in 1964-65.

Although losing the first game in the district tournament to Reed, the Tigers did manage to gain a bye in the tournament due to their having a district record of 6 wins and 2 losses. In district play, C. M. Washington and Reed were the only teams to defeat Lowery. Both losses were avenged, Lowery defeating C. M. by a 69-68 score and Reed by 87-56.

Over the season, Sam McKinney and Joe Brown continually gave thrilling shooting performances. Others aiding in point production were Bertrand Smith and Robert Williams. Leading in the rebounding department were Sam McKinney and Lucien Perkins, who, although a senior and playing in his only year of competition emerged from the ranks of the gym class to lend inspiring hand to the spirit of the club. Of the future prospects, Michael Augusta showed promise of becoming one of the long list of outstanding pivot men. Other returning players are Royal Green, Steve Nicholas, Leroy Joseph, and Andrew Comeaux.

## Bayou Boys State Attended By Lowery Boys

By Gilbert Johnson

August 8, 1963, marked an important date in the lives of 243 boys from various parts of Louisiana. It was the beginning of the annual Boys State program held at Southern University.

Two Lowery boys, Johnel Patterson, and your scribe, Gilbert Johnson, were subjected to eight days of the 1963 session. During this eight day period, the Bayou Boys were divided into groups called cities. Each city had officials elected to offices just as in real cities. Each day the cities would gather in the "city rooms" and carry on the business according to the rules of Bayou Boys State. When the city's business was over, recreational facilities were provided for the boys.

The objective of Bayou Boys State is to educate young men in the duties, privileges, rights

## LHS Tigerettes Win District 3 AA Basketball Title

The Tigerettes of Lowery commenced the 1963-64 basketball season with great enthusiasm and team play, which led them to capture the District 3 AA basketball championship title.

The girls went to the district tournament with a 17-1 season record. With that record and the fact that the Tigerettes had not won the championship in 15 years, the girls were determined not to leave the tourney without first place trophy.

Winning the championship and having an outstanding season this year is credited to the excellent playing and sharp shooting of Brenda Gayle Barnes, Janice Riley, Beryl Hawkins, Laura Smith, Gwen Gray, Margaret Jarvis, and Sandra Ovide. The outstanding defensive playing was exhibited by Joyce Spurlock, Emelda Brown, Marilyn Fagan, Beverly Hill, Peggy Pearley, along with Brenda Barnes, who was the team's top notch roving guard of the season.

The season is over and the Tigerettes have accomplished what they set out for in November. They have shown that it takes good team play (defensive and offensive), high spirit, and determination and cooperativeness to win and continue winning. They said that they were a good team, and proved it by winning for LHS and for the community The District 3 AA Basketball title, along with a season record of distinction.

and responsibilities of American citizenship. It is a program of training in the practical mechanics of government. The constitution and statutes of the ordinances common to La. form the pattern from State of Louisiana, together with city and parish which the fundamental laws of Bayou Boys State have been developed.

Boys State is a mythical 51st state. Its citizens are taught to honor and serve their God and their country. They are taught to appreciate and respect their form of government and the freedoms guaranteed them by the constitution of the United States and the State of Louisiana.

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### THE TIGERETTES



Seated left to right: Sandra Ovide, Brenda Barnes, Margaret Jarvis, Peggy Pearley, Joyce Spurlock.

Standing left to right: Emelda Brown,

Marilyn Fagan, Laura Smith, Gwendolyn Gray, Beryl Hawkins, Beverly Hill and Miss Dorothy M. Hardy, Coach.

## National Library Week Observed

National Library Week was observed at Lowery on April 12-18. This has occurred for six consecutive years.

This program is a voluntary citizens' movement dedicated to the long-range goal of encouraging lifetime reading habits, increasing people's use of libraries, and expanding and improving reading and the library resources of the nation.

National Library Week is sponsored by the National Book Committee, Inc., in cooperation with the American Library Association. More than sixty organizations of all kinds participate in the program.



Student in Library

There were three themes for the week at Lowery High School. They were "To New Worlds," "I Am What I Know," and "Reading Is the Key to Understanding." Some of the teachers borrowed books from the library to display in their classrooms. There were book covers, paper backs, and books placed all over the campus.

National Library Week was observed in both the high school and elementary divisions of Lowery.

## Paper Back Books

By Peggy Lawrence

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are using paper-back books to try to improve the reading levels of the children in these grades. Each class has seven or eight different titles, which gives them from twenty to thirty books in each class.

The paper back books were put into use on August 27, 1963, by the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The purpose of these books are to widen the vocabulary of their young people, and to increase their ability to read. The use or circulation of these books is interesting for the students because they are so colorful that they attract attention.

These paper back books are not only interesting to small children, but to high school students as well. They, too, can broaden their vocabulary and increase their ability to think.

On the second Wednesday of each month, a meeting is scheduled to check on the program's progress.

Below are five of the most called-for of the paper backs:

Bell, Margaret E., *Kit Carson*  
Crowell, Pers., *First to Ride*  
Heable, Thomas C., *Black Storm*  
Leaf, Monroe, *The Story of Ferdinand*  
White, Annie T., *The First Men in the World*

## NHA State Meeting Held At Southern University

On March 20-22, the annual state meeting of the New Homemakers of America was held at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. Leaving from LHS were two notable delegates, Rosalind Fagan, Reporter of the local chapter; and Sandra Dickerson, a newly initiated member in the organization. Others who attended were Miss Hazel Smith, advisor; and Monica Gayle Bea, who was the candidate from the Southern District vying for the title of State 1st Vice President.

The several days spent there included loads of fun, entertainment, and helpful educational activities. Several lectures were given to stimulate the true meaning of New Homemakers of America, and how to become a good wife, mother, and business woman.

On Saturday evening, March 21, 1964, the last general session was held in Parker Hall. At this session the NHA-ers were entertained with soft music by the Delhi District and fed a deliciously prepared meal. Miss Effie Hall, the outgoing State President, delivered an inspiring talk which vividly interpreted her year as President of the organization.

The newly elected officers were installed and our NHA-er, Gayle Bea, won the Vice Presidency of the organization. She will attend the national meeting on June 8-12, 1964, at Texas-Southern University in Houston, Texas, for five days of lectures, getting acquainted parties, and an eye-to-eye look at homemaking. Miss Bea has also been selected to sing in the All-State Chorus while attending the convention.

## Project Reading

By Anna Bell James

Project Reading Improvement is the main objective of the 20th C English class of Lowery High School for the year 1963-64.

They feel that almost everyone who has learned to read can learn to read better. Therefore, they are trying to improve the reading ability of the senior students by reading 32 books from the school's library. These books are chosen according to student age, stage of life, and the interest of the individuals.

They are hoping that this reading program will help the students to improve their reading speed, reading comprehension, outlining, note taking, and study habits. They are trying to bring out the improvement in reading rate by pointing out the fact that rate is increased or decreased (1) according to what you are reading,

and (2) for what reason the particular passage is being read.

When reading you must have a purpose, and this purpose helps to determine rate, thus bringing about comprehension; these two go hand in hand, rate and comprehension.

The students are recording their reading improvement by using a chart to check the date we began reading each book, and checking the number of pages read and the number of minutes it took to read them, thus seeing the increase over each reading. They are also giving written and oral reports, to check their comprehension of the material chosen.

## Students Pay Tribute To

### All LHS Teachers

As its part in celebrating Teachers Career Month, Lowery's student body on Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, chose to honor its teachers by conducting a special program over the school's public address system, and by pinning corsages or carnation boutonnieres on the teachers. Students also pinned Principal E. C. Land, Supt. Gordon A. Webb, and Supervisor (Mrs.) Mattie F. Daniels.

To prepare for the program, the student council convened in the school's conference room with a representative from each grade, first through twelfth. Informing the representatives to tell no teacher about the honors program, the Student Council worked diligently in the library, gathering information on the various areas of teaching. Meanwhile, teachers were never told of the imminent events involving themselves.

Corsages and white carnations were bought with the donation of a dime from each student in the entire student body. This was their token of appreciation.

Having gathered sufficient information about teaching, the Student Council presented the program to the teachers and to the student body in general at 2:00 P.M., Thursday. At the end of the program, the representative from each class came forward and pinned flowers on his homeroom teacher. Reacting with great surprise, the teachers commended the Student Council on a program well done, especially on their perfectly kept secret.

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## The Debutante's Ball

By Annie Bell James

The Four Seasons Garden Club presented twenty-one young ladies at its annual debutante ball, on December 30, 1963. The queen of the ball was Lucille Reed, a senior from Water Reed High School. The members of her court were: Barbara Mitchell, first maid, Lesonia Patterson, second maid, Cynthia Dominique, a senior at Lowery High, third maid, and Marva Ann Gomez, a senior at Lowery High, fourth maid.

The debutantes from Lowery were: Ruby Cornish, Loretta Johnson, Constance Lightfoot, Cecile Johnson, Marva Gomez, Cynthia Dominique, Brenda Valentine, Betty Gaillard, and Loyce Ann Johnson. There were eight from Walter H. Reed, two from St. Catherine, one from Dillard University, and one from Prairieville High School.

Dressed in pastel colors of blue, pink, and burnt orange were the Tea Girls. Tea Girls were: Gail Bea, Adeline Brown, Madona Comeaux, Charsella Pedesleaux, Elaine Stevenson, Marilyn Stewart, Roslyn Stewart, and Ethel Williams.

Exclusively serving the queen were Madona and Charsella. Hostesses at the door were Gail and Elaine. The Stewart twins were at the punch table.

At the tea that preceded the presentation of the twenty-one girls, seventeen were elegantly dressed in white brocade dresses, and white patent leather shoes. The tea was combined with the yuletide decoration. The theme for the tea was "White Christmas."

Mr. William Walker, of Plaquemine, La., was Master of Ceremonies for the presentation of the debs. After the presentation of the debs, the queen and her court were entertained by a ballet number in waltz time, performed by three young ladies from Washington High School, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The dance group was directed by Miss Edith Johnson, Physical Education Teacher at Wash. High School. The music was furnished by the Bossi-Novas of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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## Senior Girl Scouts Rededicated

By Betty Henry

The Senior Girl Scouts met Monday, January 20, 1964, and were rededicated. There are twenty-eight of them. They are engaged in many activities, one of which is the Girl Scout cookie sale. The scouts will be given cookies to sell, and the troop selling the largest number of cookies will be given an award. The scouts are expected to visit many places and to have many parties.

All of the scouts found that they had a variety of interests in common. They wish to explore as many new worlds as possible.

Leaders are: Mrs. O. R. Smith, Mrs. O. H. Locke, Miss L. Parker. Members of the Girl Scouts here are: Rose Ann Brown, Annie Bell James, Betty Henry, Annie M. Harvey, Mary L. Jones, Betty J. Nicholas, Bette Davis, Elaine Stevenson, Beverly Irvin, Ruby Keller, Cecile Johnson, Eunice Smith, Brenetta Poree, Hazel

### THE BASKETBALL TEAM



Seated left to right: Lucien Perkins, Robert Williams, Bertrand Smith, Michael Augusta and Andrew Comeaux.

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## NFA Boys Attend Federation Meeting March 5th

By Tyrone Knighton

The members of the Lowery N.F.A. Chapter attended their federation meeting on March 5, 1964, at Dawson High School, Bains, La., where they competed with some fourteen other schools in literary contests.

The contests were held in such areas as: public speaking, Talent, quartet singing, and Quiz. The winners in the different contest areas will compete with 5 other federation winners in June for the privilege of representing the state of Louisiana in the Sectional Meeting in July.

These sectional meetings rotate from state to state, with the following being included in the Almmot Section: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The lucky ones emerging on top in the Sectional Meeting will be the sectional representatives at the National N. F. A. Convention in Atlanta, Georgia (national headquarters.)

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## NHA District Meeting

By Monica Gayle Bea

On December 2, 1963, the first district meeting of the New Homemakers of America was held at the Carter-Woodson High School in Lawtell, La.

Attending this meeting were three members of the Lowery High Chapter of the N.H.A. and their advisor, Miss Hazel E. Smith.

Two members of the local chapter, Monica Gayle Bea and Marva Gomez, who were fortunate enough to have attended the National Daytona Beach, Florida, in June of 1963, were asked to participate in the district meeting. Their duty, along with others of the N.H.A. of the same district was to render as vividly as possible the wonderful highlights of the National Convention. Miss Gomez's report covered the banquet, its key speaker, and its most delicious menu. Miss Bea filled the hearts of about 250 N.H.A.'ers with joy and laughter by leading them in several witty relaxers and songs that were done at the National Convention.

Upon finishing the reports of the convention, Mrs. Myrtle Peetree, the district advisor, immediately had the district president to open the business meeting so that the annual election of district officers could be held.

Two Loweryrites were quite victorious. They were: Sandra Dickerson, who was elected as the district Scrapbook Keeper; and Monica Gayle Bea, who was elected as district Historian.

After the Meeting, the N.H.A.'ers had a most tasty lunch in the school's cafeteria, which was followed by a get-acquainted party in the school's gymnasium. Everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Every N.H.A.'er is also looking forward to attending the next N.H.A. district meeting, which will be held at Scotlandville High School on February 8, 1964.

## 4-H Achievement Day Celebrated March 14

On Saturday, March 14, 1964, the 4-H clubs of Ascension Parish held their annual Achievement Day activities at Lowery. The program started at 10:00 o'clock A.M. with a musical selection by St. Catherine High School's band. Afterwards, a speech was offered by Mr. Phillip A. Lewis. The President of the 4-H clubs, Loretta Du Plessis, who is a senior of Prairieville High School, introduced the activities. After the ac-

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tivities, Mr. Lewis presented the certificates, and Mr. Claude Songy presented the trophies for outstanding club workmanship.

Some activities follow: dances by various school groups, singing, judging the workmanship presentations, giving of awards, and Social Hours (dance by the Esquires).

## Teacher For A Day!

By Evelyn Johnson

Recently, a meeting was held in the Chemistry Lab. for the elementary teachers. The meeting lasted for three hours, which was too long indeed to leave elementary children unattended.

With this thought in mind, two seniors were placed in each classroom to substitute for the teachers from grades 1st to 3rd.

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experience for the seniors, as well as for the pupils.

The teachers left an outline of what the children were to be taught. The elementary teachers should be congratulated for such splendid patience in dealing with our young people.

Some Seniors also got an idea of what it really would be like should they undertake a teaching career, and welcome the opportunity to substitute again.

## Pre-School Clinic Held

The elementary teachers welcomed the many parents of future first graders in its pre-school clinic on March 5, 1964.

Upon arrival, the parents were escorted first to the registration room, accompanied by senior girls. Registration completed, they then went to the eye clinic to have their children's eyes tested, weight determined, and height measured.

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