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F. J. JACKSON, principal at old Washington Negro school, points to charred blackboard where fire is believed to have started in the building. — (Daily World Photo)

# 'Break' Due In School Arson Case

A "break" in the old Washington Negro school fire Sunday was expected today.

Fire Marshal Albert Fuselier of St. Martinville said "we should have a statement before tonight."

The nine room frame structure was set afire sometimes early Sunday, according to Fuselier, Supt. H. J. Bergeron, and Deputy Sheriff Bill Soileau, who are conducting the investigation.

Friday night the new Negro school at Palmetto was broken into. Bergeron said damage was slight. He reported that victrola records were broken and books and materials were scattered about the building.

Entrance was made by breaking a glass next to the door, Bergeron said. The janitor found the building in a disheveled condition Sunday morning.

At the Washington school one room was badly charred. Furniture in the room was a total loss.

Seven bulletin boards were burned in other rooms, officers said. Repair work is already underway.

"Materials and books were scattered everywhere and apparently the fire was started under the teacher's desk in the room that was burned," the superintendent said.

Classes at both schools are operating on schedule.



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## VALEDICTORIAN NAMED

# Thirty-Three to Get Diplomas at Dunbar

Thirty-three seniors will graduate this month from Paul Laurence Dunbar high school at Washington. And Jo Ella

Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Thompson, is valedictorian.

Other honor students are Reby Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Turner, salutarian; Murphy Lee Green, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Jones, third ranking student.

Commencement will be held May 21 at 8 p.m. Annual baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m., both to be held in the elementary school building. Class Night is planned for Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m.

Dr. T. J. Jemison, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist church in Baton Rouge, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Adam Joseph will read the scriptures and Rev. Wilkens Jones will give the invocation. Music will be furnished by the high school chorus with Mrs. R. M. Sylvester directing and Patricia Ann Jackson at the piano.

### Graduation Ceremonies

The three top ranking students will speak at the commencement

program. The American Legion award to the outstanding senior will be presented by L. T. Ortego. Principal F. J. Jackson will award certificates to 73 elementary school graduates.

A. H. Cloutier, supervisor of adult education, will issue diplomas to the following seniors:

Manual Brown, Annie Mae Charles, Cornellius Fontenot, Jr., Pearl Dessie Fontenot, Vera Lee Fontenot, Meatea Ellen Fontenot, Bertha Mae Franklin, Margaret Green, Murphy Lee Green, Leanna Gull-lory, Clara Mae Johnson, Elton Johnson, Binell Marie Joubert, Elijah Lavolette, Alean Mallet, Rubell Marshall.

Laura Lou Montgomery, Jesse James Offord, Elijah Oneal, Martha Ann Robinson, Mary Lee Robinson, Thirkield Smith, Roosevelt Stevens, Piccola Stoner, Verdia Mae Sostand, Leatha Mae Thomas, Jo Ella Thompson, Ave Nell Turner, Reby Turner, Alice Valyon, Lloyd White, Jr., Herbert Lee Winfred, and Louis Zacharie.

## Dunbar Defeats Holy Ghost 49-44

After trailing for three quarters here Wednesday night the Paul Dunbar High school defeated the Holy Ghost quintet, 49-44. The Dunbar girls also took the measure of the Holy Ghost girls team, winning handily 53-43.

In the first half of the boys game the play was pretty even with the Holy Ghost five maintaining a four point advantage when the teams left the floor, 22-18. The Doves held this advantage until midway in the fourth quarter when the Dunbar lads spurted ahead and widened the lead to five points just as the buzzer ended the game.

Allen led the scoring for Dunbar and the game with 20 points. Leading the Doves scoring was Harold Dartez with 19 and Ben Williams and Wilbert Giron with 10 points apiece.

S. Fontenot swooshed in 34 points for the Dunbar team in the lassies game while Mary Jane Martin was tops for the Doves with 28 points.