



*The Lion*

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# THE **LION**

VERNON  
HIGH SCHOOL

LEESVILLE, LA.

While we fight for our dear school;  
Let us lift our heads and cheer;  
For the honor and the rule  
We receive here every year.  
Through our triumphs  
May we all see  
Faith and freedom, truth and glory;  
Vernon dear, we love thee;  
Vernon dear, we love thee.



Memories - nostalgic flashbacks into the good old days. In a few years, the 1964-65 school year will be a part of those memories . . . first clear and precise, then vague and remote. But regardless of the situation or circumstances, these experiences and these memories are of what life is made.

Memories are made of our academic studies enriching our knowledge and broadening our horizons, our faculty working endlessly with us, our classmates sharing our joys and heartbreaks, our school activities giving us valuable experiences, and our sports developing sportsmanship and building character.

Therefore, the purpose of The Lion is to create a lasting memorial that will constantly remind us of the people and events of the 1964-65 school year at the Vernon High School - for memories are made of this . . .

George Moore, Editor



## Foreword



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## *Dedication*



For your significant contributions to the educational, spiritual and material progress of the Vernon High School, we the Lion Staff of 1964 wish to dedicate this yearbook to you, Mr. Allen Roy Rushen, as a token of our sincere appreciation.

May we always remember these lines from Longfellow's "Ladder of St. Augustine," which you so constantly keep before us.

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



Administration

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Friends,

Let me highly commend each of you who have made contributions toward the publication of this unique yearbook.

This is a most attractive edition and it certainly makes one want to review each page. This publication summarizes the activities of the school and presents pertinent information which reflects the continued growth of your school. You are to be warmly complimented on making it possible for the people of your community to take a look at the many educational activities sponsored during the 1964-65 school year.

It is earnestly hoped that this pictorial history of some of the highlights of the year's events may point our pleasurable memories and visible marks of progress and achievements.

With warmest personal regards and sincere best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Curtis Bradshaw, Superintendent  
Vernon Parish Schools

## School Board Members



SEATED: Mrs. J. C. Trotti; M. L. Woodhatch; C. H. Parker; E. Davis; J. T. Staggs; C. Bradshaw; R. D. Schaefer; D. Smith; T. L. Berry; J. M. Sanders; J. A. Williams; R. Mitcham; STANDING: J. R. Monk; A. C. Dowden; Mrs. D. Haymon; J. Burns; A. L. Temple; R. Jackson (upper right hand corner).



## *Principals' Messages*

The school bell rings and more than 900 pupils pass through the portals of the Vernon High and Elementary schools hurrying to their various classes. It is with humble gratitude that we accept the challenge to play a part in the molding of their lives.

Realizing that the school program must be judged by its effects upon each individual pupil and not by the number of textbook pages covered, we have tried to prepare our graduating class of 1964-65 to meet the challenges of the adult world. I congratulate you, seniors, on your successful completion of your high school courses. May the preparation and inspiration received at Vernon High pave the way for even greater accomplishments.

To those of you who will follow in the path of the outgoing class, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to put your best foot forward and remember that, the clock of time is wound but once, so make the most of every minute.

Last, but not least, my humble gratitude to the sponsors, editor, and staff who have worked so faithfully and untiringly on the production of our first yearbook. I feel that in working together, all persons involved have been benefited. May this effort help us in the future to realize the virtue of teamwork.

May the banner of truth and high standards always wave for the Blue and Gold of Vernon High!

Allen Roy Rushen



Dear Students:

The primary obligation of the teaching profession is to guide children, youth, and adults in the pursuit of knowledge and skills, to prepare them in the ways of democracy, and to help them to become happy, useful, self-supporting citizens. The ultimate strength of the nation lies in the social responsibility, economic competence, and moral strength of the individual's educational achievements.

Education is a journey, we are always en route.

G. L. Thomas





MR. ALLEN ROY RUSHEN, Principal

Tremendous success has been ours since Mr. Rushen became our principal twenty-two years ago. He has developed a paternal relationship with both teachers and students and his informal personality makes him loved by all. Thirty-nine years experience as an educational administrator - (seventeen years of which were served at Homer, Louisiana) has endowed Mr. Rushen with ingenuity that is seldom surpassed.

Mr. Rushen is the church school superintendent of the Methodist Church and financial secretary of the Local Lodge; he is on the Board of Directors and on the auditing committee of the M. W. Universal Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

He is a Phi Beta Sigma and a member of the Louisiana Education Association. A graduate of Wiley College, his hobbies are reading and sports.

For seven years our school system has been greatly enhanced by the inspiration and cooperation of Principal G. L. Thomas. His administrative abilities are also being utilized in community work that positively motivates pupils of all levels at Vernon.

Mr. Thomas is president of our PTA and the Esquire Club; he is an ordained minister, a 32nd degree mason, manager of our community Little League Baseball Team, chaplain of the 8th Educational District, Vice-President of District 1 Zone 1A, and institutional manager of the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of Leesville.

He holds a B. D. degree from Campbell College and a B. A. from Tougaloo College. His hobbies are reading literature and writing short lyrics and poetry.



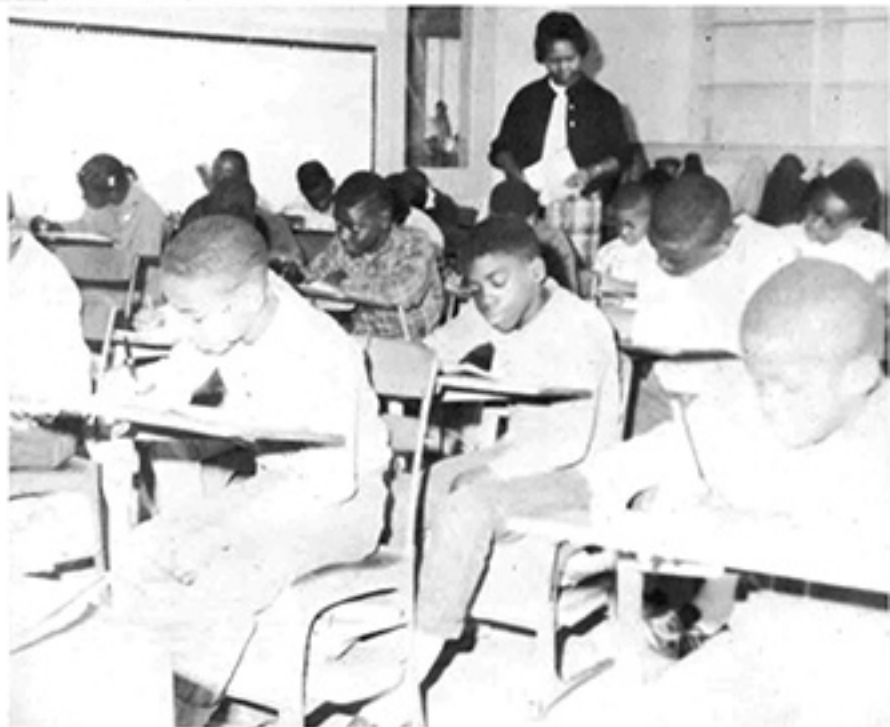
MR. GEORGE L. THOMAS, Principal-Elementary School

## School Counselor



Individual pupil conferences on personal problems, whether social, educational, or occupational, are always welcomed.

Mrs. Dorothy Perkins, Counselor, tests pupils to measure scholastic achievement.



The primary aim of counseling service at Vernon High is to increase self-responsibility and maturity in decision-making upon the part of the student.

Working along with the staff, pupils and parents, the counselor seeks latent talent, creativeness, and remedial needs of pupils. Various tools are used in measuring ability, achievement and interest. Pupils are exposed to numerous motivating activities, so that not only will they be more intelligent in making future life choices, but so that they will also strive to get prepared for a successful vocation.



## *Custodians*



Mamie Allen, Roosevelt Edison, Kenneth Williams, Lim Patterson.

## *Bus Drivers*



Harold Wright, Raymond Joiner, Orner Brown, Victor Harvey, Jesse Sowell

## *Lunchroom Staff*



Lola Johnson  
Grace Spearman  
Rosie Penn  
Standing:  
Jessie Wesley,  
Lunchroom Supervisor

Evelyn Randle  
Sarah Powell  
Mary Moore  
Not pictured:  
Ola Drummgoole  
Classie Cage



*Faculty*



MRS. LILLIAN NABORS  
First Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading and Cooking



MRS. BERTHA HARRISON  
First Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
M. Ed. Texas Southern  
University  
Hobbies - Cooking, Reading  
and Traveling

MRS. NELLIE FRANCIS  
First Grade  
Grambling College  
Hobbies - Singing, Reading and  
Piano Playing



MRS. FLOSSIE TRAYLOR  
Second Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Sewing and Reading



MRS. LYDIA BURSH  
Second Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Modern Dancing,  
Singing, and Reading



MRS. VERONE CHAPPELL  
Second Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Sewing, Dancing and  
Playing Games







MRS. WILLIE MAE SINGLETON  
Third Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobby - Reading

MISS BARBARA BARROW  
Third Grade  
B. A. Southern University  
Hobbies - Crocheting, Reading  
and Traveling

MRS. MARY CHEATHAM  
Third Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading, Dancing and  
Designing Clothes

MRS. GLADYS McLAURIN  
Fourth Grade  
B. S. Southern University  
Hobbies - Reading and Cooking



MRS. PATRICIA THOMAS  
Fourth Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Fishing, Sewing and  
Reading

MRS. JUANITA JOHNSON  
Fourth Grade  
Grambling College  
Hobbies - Swimming, Dancing,  
and Cooking





MRS. CORA WILSON  
Fifth Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Music, Television  
and Reading

MRS. MILDRED SELF  
Fifth Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading, Social  
work and Cooking

MRS. ROSA NELL BATTISTE  
Sixth Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
M. Ed. Texas Southern  
University  
Hobbies - Collecting  
Handkerchiefs and Reading

MR. HAMP SMITH  
Sixth Grade  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Fishing, Hunting  
and Reading



MR. SAMUEL BURSH  
Jr. High Math and Algebra I  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Sports and Music

MR. FLETCHER CHEATHAM  
Jr. High Science and Reading  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading, Golf and  
Talking





MRS. MARY HICKERSON  
English  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading and Piano  
Playing

MR. FOSTER THOMAS  
Jr. High Social Studies  
and P. E.  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobby - Golf

MRS. ALMA BROWN  
General Science, Biology and  
Chemistry  
B. S. Wiley College  
M. Ed. Texas Southern  
University  
Hobbies - Reading, Cooking,  
Bowling and Traveling  
Science Honor Club

MRS. JOYCE PRESTON  
English and Spanish  
B. A. Southern University  
Hobbies - Reading, Sewing and  
Crossword Puzzles



MRS. MYRTHA DIXON JOHNSON  
English - Library  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Cooking and Reading  
F. T. A. and Library Clubs

MRS. RUBY HIGGINS  
Home Economics  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Cooking, Sewing,  
and Horseback Riding  
N. H. A. and Home Economics  
Clubs







MRS. MAXINE GUNN  
Algebra I, Plane Geometry,  
Senior Math., and American  
History  
B. S. Southern University  
Hobbies - Reading and Movies  
Mathematicians of  
Tomorrow Club  
National Honor Society

MISS VELMA WAGNER  
Special Education  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading, Riding,  
and Driving



A group of teachers  
chat after the  
Christmas Cantata

MRS. DOROTHY PERKINS  
School Counselor  
B. S. Southern University  
M. A. Texas Southern  
University  
Hobbies - Reading, Bowling and  
Swimming  
Adult Education Teacher  
National Honor Society

MR. BOBBY CONERLY  
Commerce  
B. S. Southern University  
Hobbies - Listening to Music and  
Reading





MR. JOSEPH DEAMER  
Industrial Arts and General  
Math.  
B. S. Southern University  
Hobby - Sports

MRS. ORGERINE SMITH  
Reading and Physical  
Education  
B. S. Grambling College  
Hobby - Sewing  
Basketball Coach

MR. LEONARD DAVIS  
Music and Jr. High Social  
Studies  
B. S. Southern University  
Hobbies - Airplane Modeling  
Dance Music  
Band Director

MR. GENE HARREL DAVIS  
Choral Music  
B. A. Grambling College  
Hobbies - Reading and Singing  
Choir Director



Mrs. Dixon, Brown, Gunn,  
and Mr. Cheatham discuss  
a stu. problem with  
Counselor, Mr. Perkins.





*Classes*



## *English Department*

The Vernon High School offers a four year program of English designed to prepare students for college as well as for immediate vocations.

The program is based on the belief that education for any vocation or profession depends to a large extent on the students' command of their basic language. Not only are the skills of grammar and composition stressed, but emphasis is also placed upon American and English literature, creative writing, and public speaking.

Here, an eighth grade reading class concentrates under the supervision of Mrs. Myrtha D. Johnson.

## *Spanish Department*

The purpose of the Spanish department is to create a deeper interest in the language life, and customs of our Latin American neighbors. To achieve this goal, the department has special equipment which consists of a Monitoring Console, earphones and microphones, a set of tapes, and a portable tape recorder.

Mrs. Joyce Preston uses modern equipment to work with a Spanish Class.





## *Biology*

Under the constant supervision of Mrs. Alma Brown, the Biology Lecture Room is always conducive to learning.

Science  
Lecture Room

## *Junior High Science*

Lab techniques and the fundamentals of experimentation are stressed.

Mr. Fletcher Cheatham

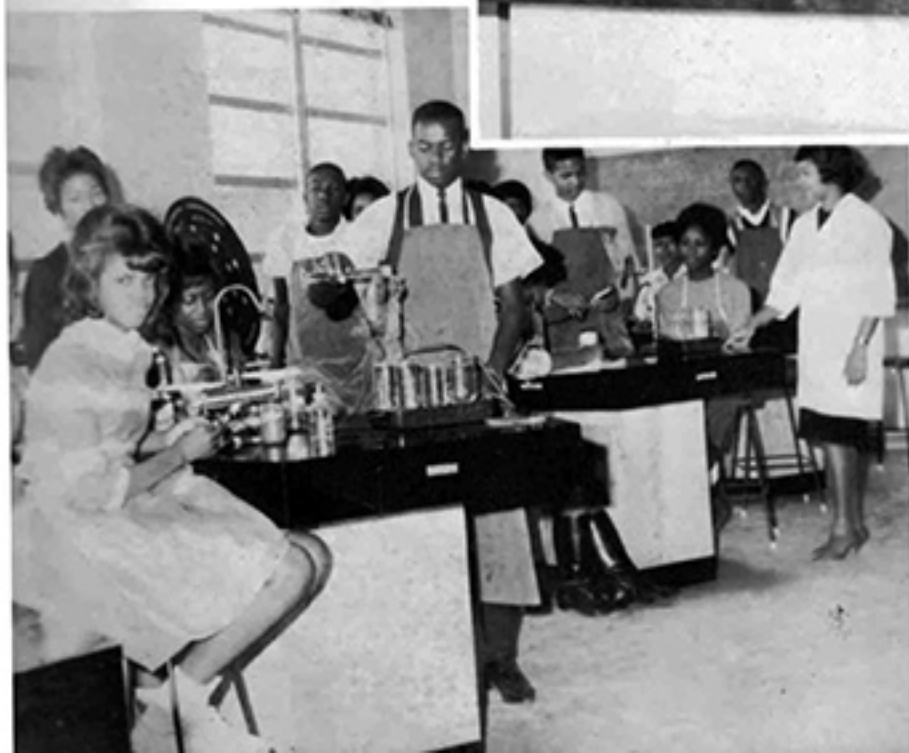
These students already exhibit inquiring minds.



## *Chemistry*

Chemistry class is in the process of preparing oxygen and hydrogen in the spacious, well-equipped lab.

Science  
Laboratory



## *Algebra*

Mrs. Maxine Gunn demonstrates to an Algebra Class, a simple method of plotting points.



## *Junior High Math*

An eighth-grader demonstrates places in decimals. Mr. Samuel Burch emphasizes that mathematics must be based upon understanding.



## *Geometry*

Students enjoy construction of triangles.



## *Clothing Lab*

Mrs. Ruby Higgins gives individual instruction to these girls on the correct techniques of sewing. They are having fun as they learn.



## *Social Science*

Mr. Bobby Conerly leads discussion in Civics class.

American History is also a part of the Social Studies Curriculum.

## *Mechanical Drawing*

In Industrial Arts, the basic principles of the mechanical drawing is of utmost importance. These ninth-graders concentrate seriously upon the work assigned by their teacher, Mr. Joseph Deamer.





## *Foods Lab*

The food lab is well-equipped and is conducive to the attainment of skills needed in order to manage the family's nutrition, cooking, and table service.

## *Special Education*

Exceptional children work hard under the guidance of Miss Velma Wagner.

The class consists of 21 pupils whose ages range from 8 to 14 years.

The curriculum is in accord with the Curriculum Guide for teachers of Exceptional Children - Illinois Plan.



## *Industrial Arts Shop*

Students participate in lathe-work, wood turning, and wood finishing assignments.



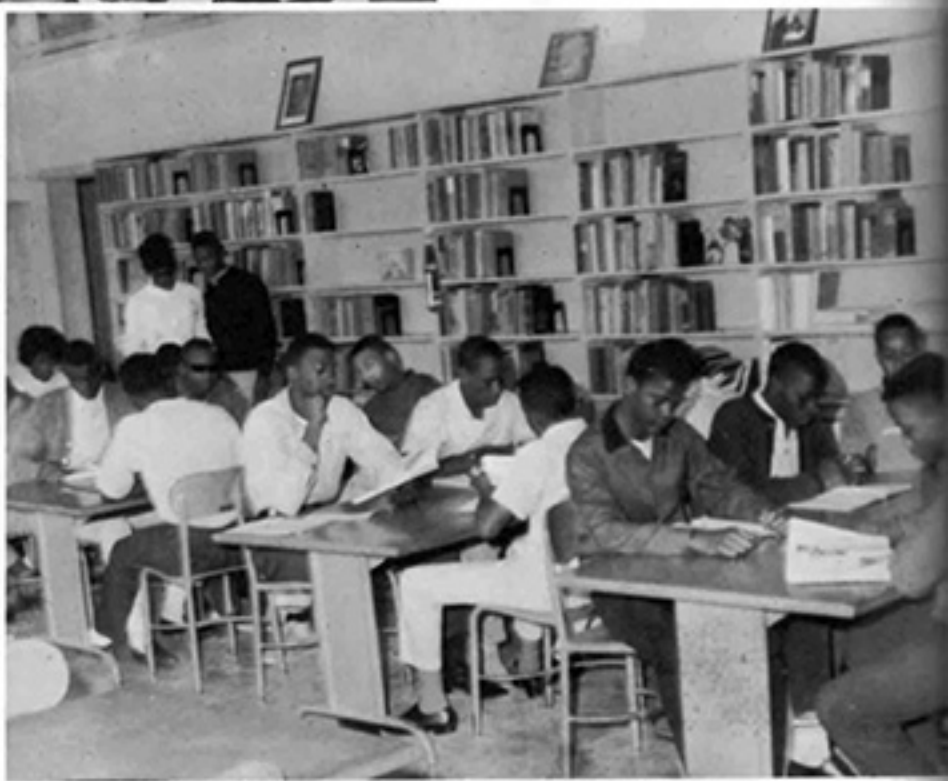


## *Physical Education*

Gymnastics is one phase of this program that is stressed by Coach Foster Thomas.

## *Library*

The atmosphere in the library is always conducive to learning. Here, students study and do serious and recreational reading.



## *Health Lecture*

Mrs. Orgerine Smith and a girl's Physical Education class observe student demonstration of body parts and discuss the relationship between health and physical activity.

## *Vocal Music*

Under the instruction of Mr. Gene Davis, these elementary pupils acquire skills that will later help them to become strong vocalists for choir participation, soloists, and many other vocal activities.



## *Business Education*

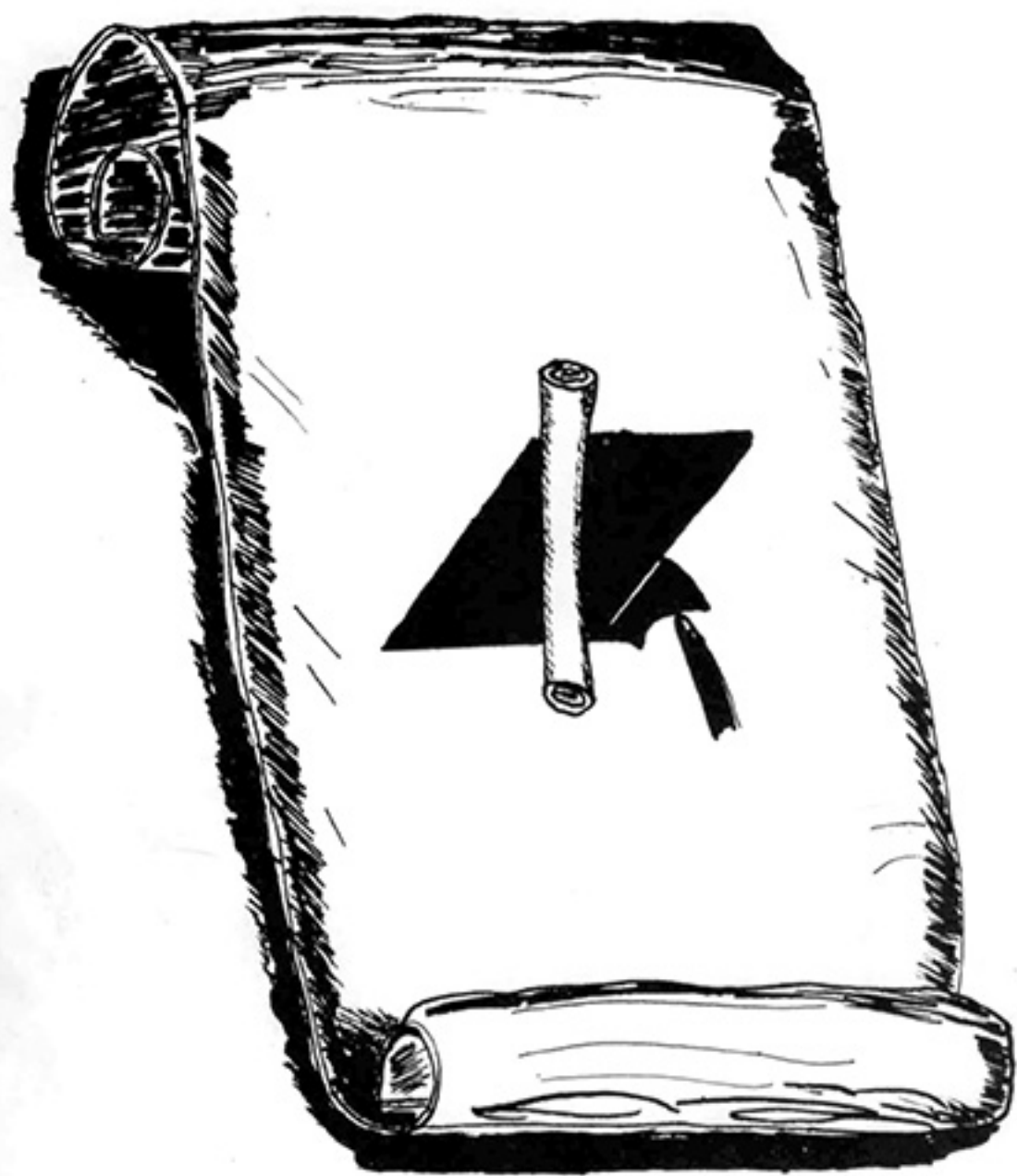
Typing techniques are stressed by Mr. Bobby Conerly. This class of seniors anticipate using these skills in college and in future occupations.

## *Instrumental Music*

The fundamentals of instrumental music and music appreciation are taught in grades 8-12 by Mr. Leonard Davis.



# High School



# Seniors

BELL, BRENDA

BLACK, ROBERT  
Band, Football

BRITTON, MAMIE  
Basketball  
Choir



DICKERSON, ROBERT  
President Math  
Club, Football

GAINES, DAVID  
Football

JOHNSON, JESSE  
Band



KENNEDY, CLARENCE  
Vice Pres. Math  
Club, Basketball  
Football  
National Honor  
Society

LEWIS, BETTY  
Choir, Math  
Club

McDUFFEY, LULA  
Choir



MORISE, BILLY  
Math Club,  
Basketball,  
Band, Football

PENN, HOUSTON  
Band, Choir

POLAND, DONALD  
Band, Choir,  
Basketball Trainer



SAWYER, QUINCY  
Choir, Band

SIMPSON, VIRGINIA  
Majorette

WILLIAMS, AZA



WILLIAMS, FRANKIE  
Vice Pres. Senior  
Class, Football

WILLIAMS, RICHARD  
Pres. Senior Class,  
Football, Band,  
Basketball

WILLIAMS, STEVE  
Football

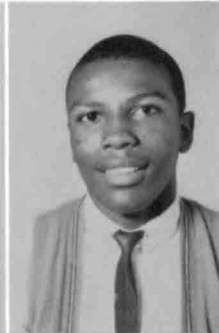
# *Juniors*



Allen, Emma  
Blow, Katherine  
Britton, Mary  
Brown, Charlotte



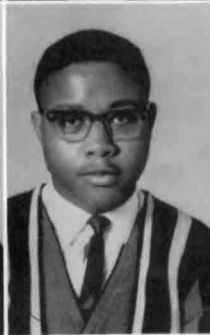
Brown, Irma  
Brown, Mary  
Brown, Orner  
Burnett, James



Cooper, Christopher  
Cooper, Marcus  
Crowell, Willie  
Drain, Donald



Garner, Glen  
Gilbert, Shirley  
Guiton, Barbara  
Hicks, Peggy



Johnson, Andrew  
Johnson, Janice  
Judkins, Auther



Martin, Eddie  
 Montgomery, Margaret  
 Phillips, Carolyn  
 Quiney, Shirley



Robinson, Robert  
 Sibley, Fred  
 Sibley, Murkel  
 Sibley, Retha



Smith, Johnny  
 Sowell, Maxie  
 Spearman, Mary  
 Spencer, Alfred



Wells, Gloria  
 Wesley, Evelyn  
 Williams, Beverly  
 Williams, Clinton



Wilson, Comeola  
 Wilson, Jacqueline  
 Wood, Orland

# Sophomores



Barrow, Charles  
Burns, Vera  
Burton, Oble  
Cage, Alcina  
Clarkston, Joe



Cooper, Ronald  
Crowell, Phillip  
Daniels, James  
Davis, John  
Davis, Norma



Davis, Ocie  
Dotson, Melvin  
Ellis, Thomas  
Fleming, R.  
Foster, John



Garner, Wade  
Hawkins, Joanna  
Hickmon, Emma  
Howard, Carl



Jackson, LeRoy  
Johnson, Ella  
Johnson, Leevester





Keys, Leese  
Mallet, Donald  
Mattox, Theresa  
Moore, George  
Morris, Regina



Morris, Sheryl  
Nason, Dot  
Prince, Carolyn  
Queen, John  
Robinson, R.



Rowe, Barbara  
Smith, Charles  
Smith, J. T.  
Smith, Sue  
Spearman, Ruby



Steiner, David  
Turner, Lucy  
Warren, Donnie  
Warren, Harold



Wilson, Alvoy  
Wilson, Sheppard  
Wood, Milton

# Freshmen



Chiley, Bernice  
Colvin, Susie  
Conerly, Betty  
Crowell, Gwendolyn



Deans, Margaret  
Dunlap, Earnest  
Edwards, Eddie  
Foster, Marvin



Garner, Brenda  
Gill, Nellie  
Grant, Sandra  
Green, Henry



Johnson, Brenda  
Johnson, Clarence  
Johnson, Dorothy  
Jones, Ada Lee



Keys, Beatrice  
King, Dorothy  
Lee, Ralph



Moore, John  
Payton, Vernon  
Pea, Archie  
Puckett, Melvin



Quiney, Shelton  
Richard, Charles  
Richard, Timothy  
Robinson, Levander



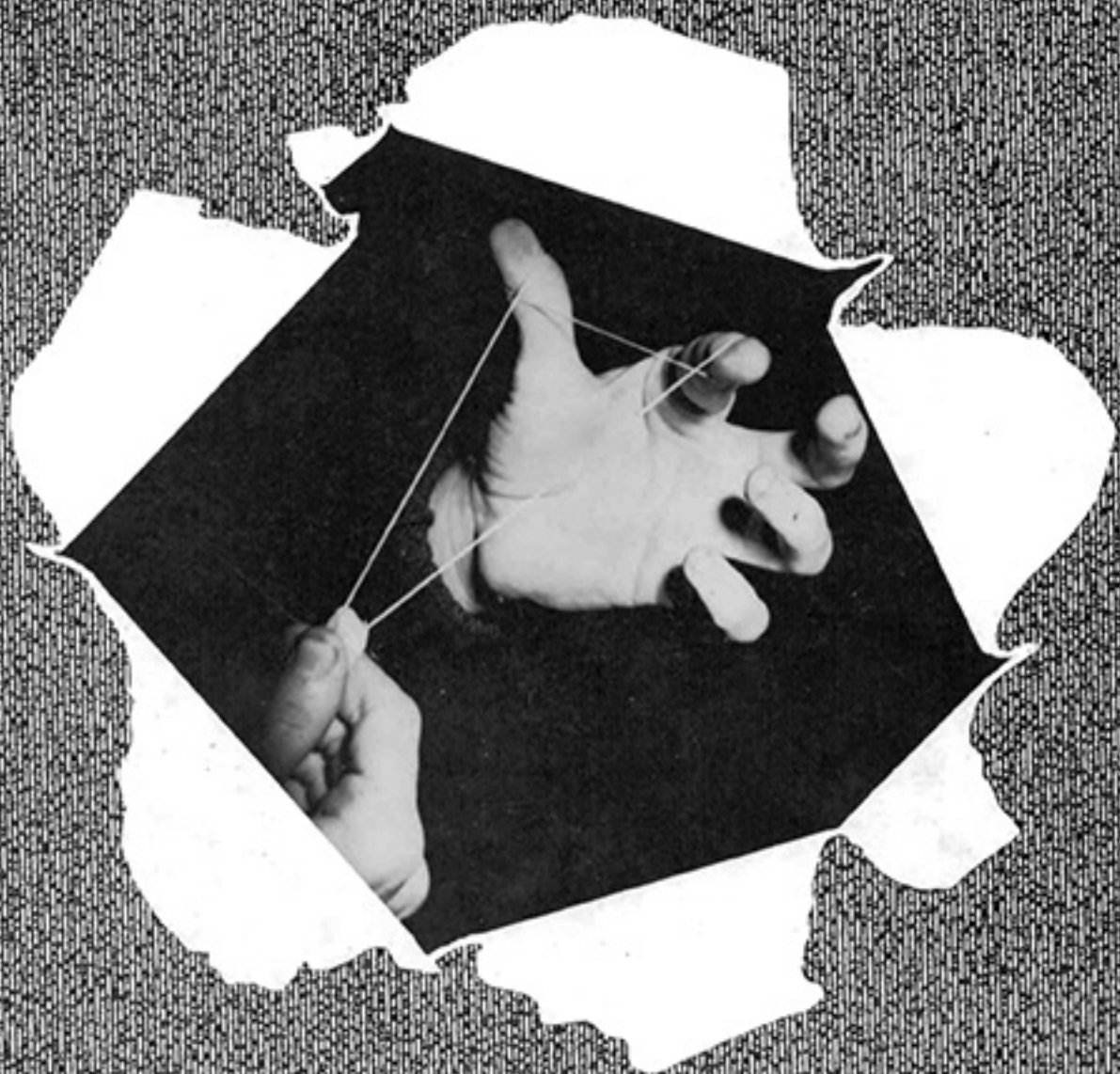
Robinson, Martha  
Sanders, Patricia  
Smith, Bertha  
Smith, Billie Sue



Sowell, Frank  
Sowells, Lionel  
Strahan, Johnnie  
Suel, Sammie



Tatum, Jesse  
Williams, Barbara  
Wilson, Mattie  
Wood, Huey



*Junior High*



# 8th Graders



Blow, Betty  
Brown, Lois  
Burgie, Earl  
Burns, Bessie  
Burns, Mildred



Bursh, Leander  
Butler, Mary  
Chestnut, Alice  
Clement, Barbara  
Coine, Jerry



Cooper, Gregory  
Crump, Robert  
Davis, Darlene  
Dawson, Gailla  
Dean, Donnie



Ellis, Arthur  
Fisher, John  
Ford, Carl  
Ford, Hattie  
Green, Francis



Green, Lillie  
Haley, Bertha  
Hall, Emma  
Haynes, Patsy  
Hickman, E.



Holmes, R.  
Hopkins, Louis  
Hudson, James  
Hundley, Denise  
Jackson, Henry



Johnson, Eddie  
Johnson, Leonard  
Jones, Robert  
Joseph, Sheila  
Madria, Leon



Mallet, Michael  
Martin, Thomas  
Mattox, Vernita  
Montgomery, S.  
Morris, Glenda



Nason, Linda  
Perkins, Yvonne  
Phillips, Bobby  
Poland, Linda  
Pratt, Carolyn



Pratt, Linda  
Prince, Earl  
Rathers, Lula  
Reggans, Sandra  
Rock, Donald



Savage, Anita  
Sawyer, Ernest  
Smith, Alice  
Smith, Alonzo



Smith, Louis  
Smith, Robert  
Sordole, Carolyn  
Tatum, Annette



Thomas, Georgia  
Travis, Jean  
Turner, Ola  
Wallace, Sonny



Warren, Carolyn  
Wesley, Hilton  
West, Quiller  
Wilson, Calvin



Wilson, Cassandra  
Wilson, Willie  
Zeno, Joanne



Blow, Robert  
Brown, Jerry  
Brown, Joyce  
Brown, Teresa



Brown, Wanda  
Buckley, Thelma  
Burnett, Jessie  
Clark, Jewel



Conerly, Burnell  
Cole, Wanda  
Cooper, Cornell  
Cross, Sharon



Davis, Jacqueline  
Davis, Jeremiah  
Drain, Joe  
Drain, Mary



Fisher, Leola  
Gardiner, Hubert  
Grant, Edna  
Grant, Issac





Greening, Ruby  
Hawkins, Mildred  
Haynes, Antone  
Hickmon, Magelene



Hicks, Murray  
Jackson, Faye  
Jenkins, Marilyn  
Johnson, Elizabeth



Jones, Hosie  
Jones Michael  
Jones, Minnie  
Keyes, Ester



Lewis, Zeophoris  
Lore, Linda  
Lucius, Stella  
Lynch, Andy



Moore, Jimmie  
Prince, Travis  
Rollins, Thelma



Rowe, Thaddeus  
Sordelet, Francis  
Sowells, Henry  
Strahan, Loretta



Suel, Nelson  
Tarver, Barbara  
Tinsley, Mose  
Upshaw, Carolyn



Volson, Barbara  
Volson, Willie  
Warren, Eloise  
Wells, Regina



Wesley, Milton  
Williams, Barbara  
Williams, Glenda  
Williams, Loretta



Wilson, Ervin  
Wilson, Jerry  
Woods, Deliah



Elementary



SIXTH GRADE, Section I, Mrs. R. N. Battiste, Instructor. Students--C. Barrow, D. Brown, L. Brown, C. Buckley, L. Burns, Cage, J. Calvin, G. Carter, C. Coine, C. Coleman, N. Cross, F. Davis, J. Doss, B. Ford, J. Goines, D. Grant, A. Haynes, S. Howard, E. Hunter, E. Joiner, L. Ford, P. Jones, J. Martin, D. Phillips, C. Ratliff, C. Robinson, L. Rowe, J. Rushing, Sheppard, V. Singleton, O. Simpson, P. Sowell, R. Sowell, L. Staton, S. Strahan, W. Thomas, R. Tatum, J. Warren, E. Williams, L. Zeno, G. Carter, C. Lamar.



SIXTH GRADE, Section II, Mr. Hamp Smith, Instructor. Students--Acey, L. Allen, D. L. Boston, R. Bowie, P. Davis, R. Davis, D. Dixon, R. Edwards, A. Ellis, J. Fairman, W. Garner, D. Gilbert, C. Grant, S. Green, G. Greening, J. Hawkins, L. Harbor, J. Haynes, A. Hill, C. Johnson, G. Johnson, W. Lucius, L. Martin, B. McIntosh, L. Nason, W. Pea, G. Randall, O. Rahters, S. Reggans, R. Scott, W. Sibley, C. Smith, L. Smith, S. Smith, J. Spearman, S. Thomas, J. Walker, B. Warren, C. Wilson, R. Williams, G. Wood.





FIFTH GRADE, Section I, Mrs. M. Self, Instructor. Students--M. Bonner, J. Blake, M. Bostic, D. Butler, G. Butler, J. Buckley, Z. Buckley, B. Cole, T. Doss, B. Ervin, L. Ford, M. Gaines, E. Gardiner, H. Green, G. Hall, H. Harris, M. Hobbs, C. Ingram, L. Jones, L. Jones, L. Joiner, A. Joiner, G. Jackson, C. Keys, M. Terry, A. Page, B. Prince, L. Richardson, F. Rock, W. Rowe, E. Shannon, J. Smith, D. Smith, J. Stewart, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. Stroger, H. Sordolet, A. Sweat, F. Tinsley, Wilson, Williams.



FIFTH GRADE, Section II, Mrs. C. Wilson, Instructor. Students--C. Acey, M. Bolden, J. Cassidy, J. Dixon, J. Brown- ing, C. Crowell, S. Dixon, E. Togle, L. Greening, W. Gilbert, L. Hawkins, S. Johnson, B. Jones, J. Jones, W. Keys, G. Landry, P. Landry, A. Littles, R. Mattox, B. Miller, M. Mitchell, J. Moore, M. Morris, C. Payton, K. Poland, H. Reggans, C. Richard, J. Richard, J. Richard, T. Singleton, J. Smith, M. Staton, B. Thomas, M. Thomas, D. White, D. Wilkerson, A. Williams, L. Williams, D. Woods.



FOURTH GRADE,  
Section I

Mrs. G. McLaurin,  
Instructor



FOURTH GRADE,  
Section II

Mrs. P. Thomas,  
Instructor



FOURTH GRADE  
Section III

Mrs. J. Johnson,  
Instructor

Mrs. B. Jordan,  
Substituting

THIRD GRADE  
Section I

Miss B. Barrow,  
Instructor



THIRD GRADE  
Section II

Mrs. W. Singleton,  
Instructor

THIRD GRADE  
Section III

Mrs. M. Cheatham,  
Instructor

Mrs. Singly,  
Substituting



THIRD GRADE  
Section I

Miss B. Barrow,  
Instructor



THIRD GRADE  
Section II

Mrs. W. Singleton,  
Instructor

THIRD GRADE  
Section III

Mrs. M. Cheatham,  
Instructor

Mrs. Singly,  
Substituting







SECOND GRADE  
Section I

Mrs. V. Chappel,  
Instructor



SECOND GRADE  
Section II

Mrs. F. Traylor,  
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Left to Right: FRONT - G. Crowell, Sec.; M. Sibley; George Moore; W. Elaine Crowell, Pres.; Back - Brenda Garner, Treas.; Sandra Grant; Evelyn Wesley; Mrs. Alma Brown, Sponsor; Charlotte Brown; Jacqueline Wilson.

## Mathematicians of Tomorrow

### PLEDGE

I pledge as a Mathematician of Tomorrow to be a loyal and worthy member of this club, to obey all laws set forth by the Mathematicians of Tomorrow, and at all times, if needed, be prepared to render my service to the further progress of Mathematics.



L to R: FRONT - T. Ellis; George Moore, General Manager; H. Penn, Chaplain; Robert Dickerson, Pres.; B. Lewis, Sec.; Clarence Kennedy, V. Pres.; G. Crowell. BACK - W. Garner; L. Jackson; B. Williams; S. Colvin; J. Conerly, Treas.; P. Sanders; S. Grant; B. Morise; Mrs. Maxine Gunn, Sponsor; Alcina Cage, Ass't. Sec.



# The National Honor Society



A scene from the first induction ceremony of the John F. Kennedy Chapter at Vernon High.



From the left: Supt. Curtis Bradshaw, Mrs. Dorothy L. Perkins, Mrs. Alma Brown, Prin. A. Roy Rushen.

The NHS endeavors to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in secondary-school students.



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