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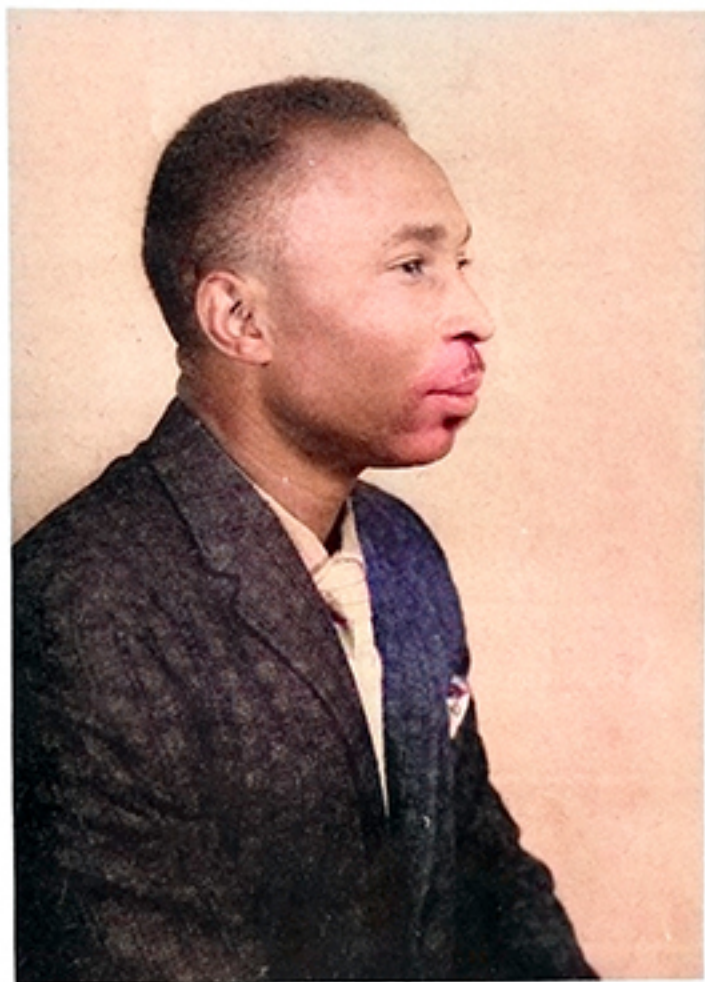
Far above the Mississippi, stands T. R. H. S.
Our noble Alma Mater tried and proved the best.
Tensas Indians gave the starting, we now carry on.
Works of men whose visions saw, hail all hail Tensas!

Tensas dear we'll always love thee, lift and praise thy name.
When in downfall or in victory, we'll love thee the same.
Come what may in times of sadness, we will loyal be.
For it's from thee comes inspiration as we toil for thee!

Oh live on dear Tensas live on, doing work that's well.
And your noble sons and daughters, will true stories tell.
By each rule we'll learn, we'll labor, to uphold as law.
Black and gold will wave forever!
Hail, all hail Tensas!



DEDICATION



"Render therefore to all their dues:
tribute to whom tribute is due; custom
to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour
to whom honour."

Romans 13:7

We have found the one to whom we can give honor; one that we sincerely believe is worthy of this honor. We feel he is a man of high standards. His work with us for nearly four years has demonstrated this fact as well as his ability to guide us, his faithfulness to us, and his sympathy for us.

He rejoiced in our every success; therefore we have chosen to dedicate this 1959 Tensasian to our highly esteemed, Mr. Elijah Reed.

The Senior Class of 1959

Congratulations

to the
graduating class



Dear Students:

As time passes you will look back and realize that your days spent at Tensas Rosenwald were the happiest of your lives; and as the years pass, this Yearbook will bring back many fond recollections of wonderful school days.

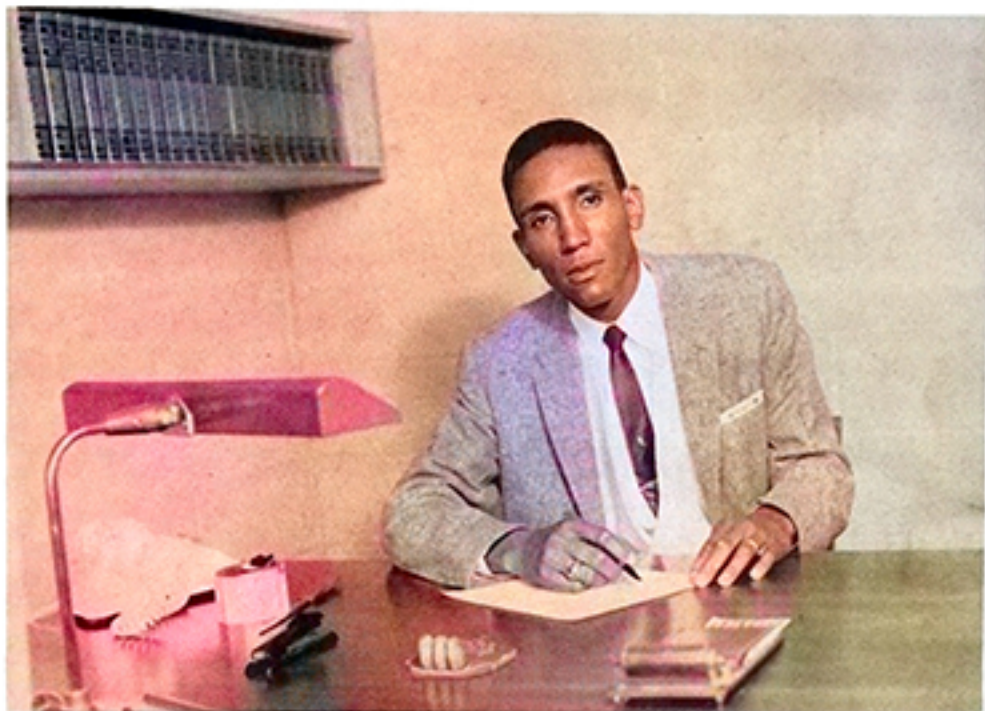
To the Seniors who will depart at the end of this year, I wish genuine happiness and the greatest of success in all your undertakings.

Remember, Tensas Rosenwald expects great things from all her sons and daughters.

Very truly yours,

John G. Jackson
Supervisor of Negro Schools

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



To the Staff of the Tensasian
Senior Class

Exactly four years ago, while you were still in the elementary school, the "Tensasian" made its first appearance, the first yearbook in the history of the school. I congratulate you for the second yearbook.

Everyone here at old T.R.H.S. is mighty proud of you and the good work you did during your stay here. I feel certain that you will use what you have acquired here, wisely and will go far in your chosen calling.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Bilberry, Jr.
J. B. Bilberry, Jr., Principal

Faculty



HEAP BIG CHIEFS!

Miss Bettye Bailey
Mathematics
Senior Advisor



Mr. Elijah Reed
Industrial Arts
Senior Advisor

Miss Evelyn Napoleon
Home Economics
(Sewing Dept.)
Freshman Advisor



Miss Helen Barrett
Librarian
Speech & Dramatics
Freshman Advisor



Miss Doris Pollard
English
Sophomore Advisor



Mrs. Verta H. Bilberry
Music
Choral Director
Junior Advisor



Mr. E.V. Jones
Social Studies
Sophomore Advisor

Mrs. Helen Cutrer
Home Economics
(Cooking Dept)
Junior Advisor



Miss Althea Woodley
Social Studies
Sophomore Advisor





Mr. Willie Webb
Elementary Education
Sixth Grade Advisor



Mrs. Effie Buggs
Elementary Education
Eighth Grade Advisor

Miss Irma Alexander
Elementary Education
Sixth Grade Advisor



Mr. Willie Harrington
Elementary Education
Seventh Grade Advisor

Mrs. Delela Brown
Typing
Business Education
Freshman Advisor



Mr. Theodore Poydras
General Science
Biology
Chemistry
Freshman Advisor



Mr. Roosevelt Hill
Mathematics
Physical Education
Coaching (Basketball)



Mr. Earnest Walker
General Science
Elementary Education
Sixth Grade Advisor



Seniors



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Willie L. Parson
 President of Senior Class
 Excelsior Honor Society (2 years)
 Industrial Arts Club (2 years)
 Choir (3 years)
 Annual Editor



Dan Gona Ware
 Business Manager of Senior Class
 President of Student Council
 Excelsior Honor Society (2 years)
 Industrial Arts Club (2 years)
 Choir (4 years)



Doris M. Benard
 V. President of Senior Class
 Excelsior Honor Society (2 years)
 Choir (4 years)
 NHA (3 years)



Estelle Wiley
 Treasurer of Senior Class
 Choir (4 years)
 NHA (3 years)



Ruthie Crayton
 Secretary of Senior Class
 Excelsior Honor Society (2 years)
 NHA (3 years)



Elijah Bailey



Katie Bailey



Emily A. Bass



Emma Bates



William Bates

Berta Benton

Ross Blanche

Augustine Bradford





Mary Cephus

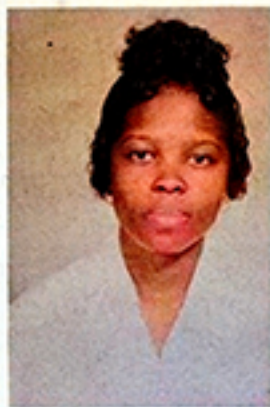


Doris Clark



Mildred Clark

Thelma D. Clark



Bernice Cole

Lilton Cox



Lula Crockett



Clarice Davis





Earlene Davis



Lessie Fields



Hazel Haynes

Erna Higginbotham



Ida Higginbotham

Ruby Jackson



Josephine Hollis



Irene Hill





Eddie Jenkins

Katye Johnson



Mary Johnson

Lonnie Jones

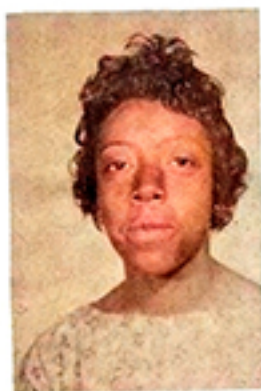


Hattie Kenard



Lula Levy

Jennie Matthews



Lula Lewis



Dorothy Mc Allen



Robert Mitchell



Sandra Needham

Klijah Nelson



Emma Holden

Elizabeth Murray



Ada Nuce



Charles Parks





Edward Parks



Fred Perry



Willie Pollard



Theodore Prosser



Angle Riley



Bessie Riley



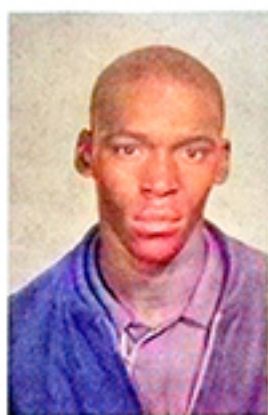
Velma Robinson



Romie Scott



Henrietta Shields



Hose Sexton

Margery Washington



Rosie Williams



Thomas Watson



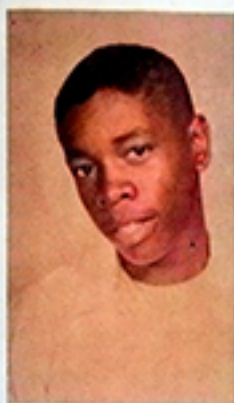
Dorothy Webb



Hezekiah Webb

Juniors

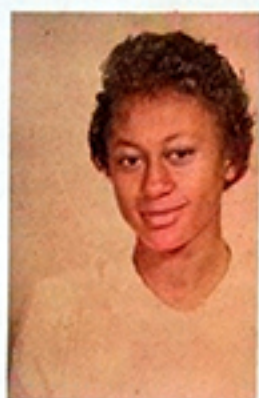




Ivory Alex



Verna Armstrong



Delores Bagg

Lou Ester Bell
Len Brown
Sterline Burns



Susie Carter
Dorothy Cozey
Alex Davis



Irma Jean Dotson
Gloria Earl
Janie Ruth Earl



Mildred Emerson
Ann Fields
Tommy Glen Fields





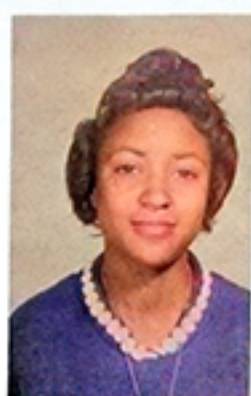
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Barbara Gray



Pearlie Gray



Lou Willie Hollis



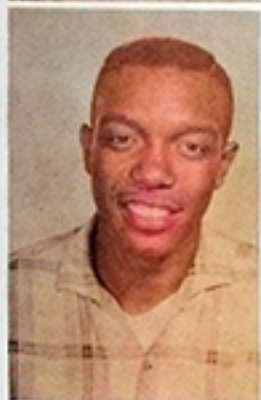
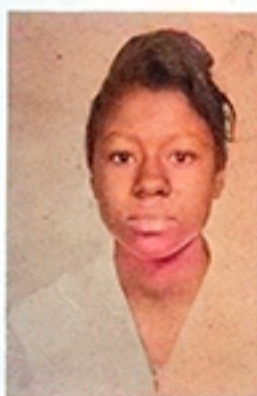
Mary Hymon

Earl Jackson



Earline Jensen

Nattie Johnson



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Wardell Nealon

Annie Parker

Vera Roberts

Leon Robinson





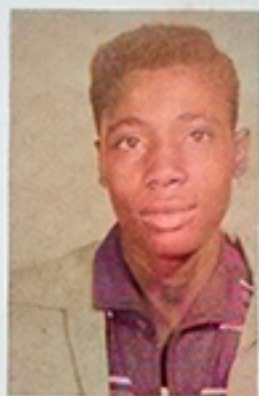
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Julia Scott



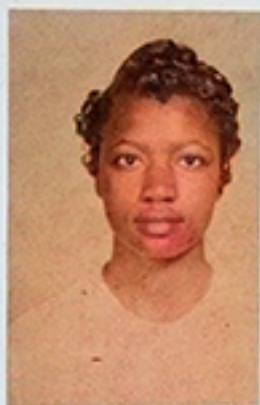
Maxine Shaifer



Ohige Smith



Bessie Sparks



Elizabeth Cantler
Pearlie Tillman



Helen Thomas



Evelyn Mc Gehee
Eddie Mae Brown



Louise Washington



Cleora Sexton



Ethel Williams



Joseph Williams



Sophomores



"Looking at the future"



Dorothy Morris

Alice Stacker



Myrtle Donald

Rosette Bracken



Dora Larry



Theodore Jackson

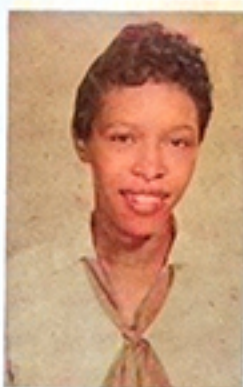
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Morgan Watson

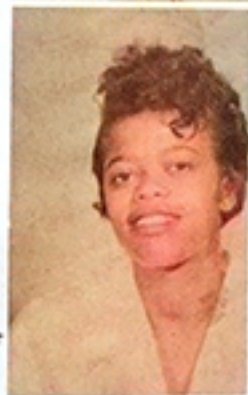


Ernestine Ransom



Theresa Stewart

Mamie Berry



Eddie Robinson

Otheree Blake





Audrey Johnson

Jim Jackson



John Walker

Mae Ella Bracken



Isaac Ballard

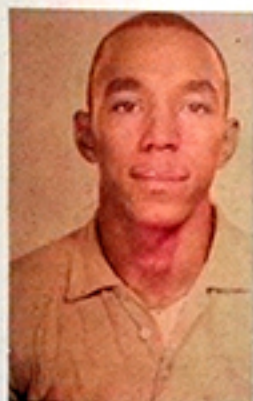


Charlie Baker

Carol Moses



William Coleman



Willie Moses



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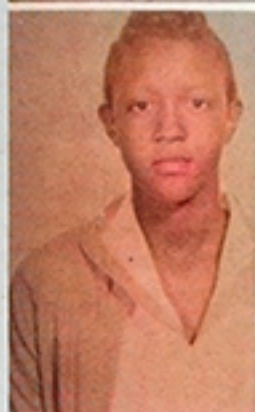
Albert Jackson

Berteal Bryant



Sarah Thompson

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Mary Johnson

Benny Lust



Albert Rowe

Roosevelt Miles



Jimmy Daniels



Loretta Anderson

Moses Webb



Geraldine Banks

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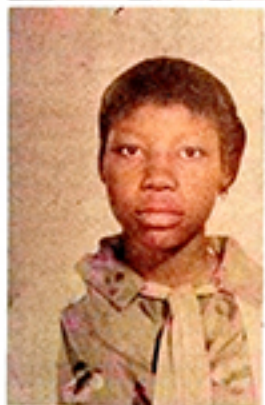
Jesse Hawkins

Hattie Gaines



Andrew Williams

Maxine Burrs



Ollie Felix

Katie Sexton



Millie Standberry

Margaret McFarland



Molly Hiner



Doretha Bryant

Helen Parker



Janet Latcher

Leonard Hayes



Freshmen



TRANSLATION:

"Four year struggle on way"



Theresa Dillard



Delores Jones



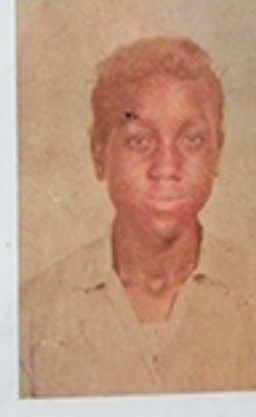
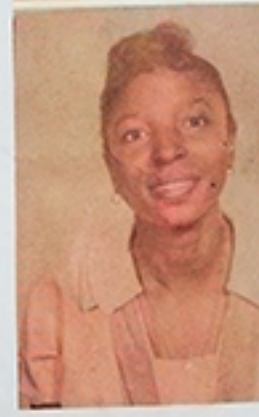
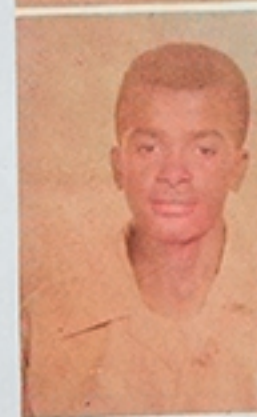
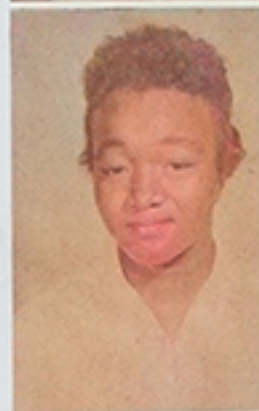
Elois Mix

Versie Goods
Dorothy Morrison
Willie Mae Perry

Bertha Goods
Maggie Marshall
John Bellows

Gloria Lee
Elizabeth Scott
Mary Anderson

Clara Brown
Katie Johnson
Mary Lee





Marie Britton



Rosa Cephus



Annie Lawrence



Lee Parker

Ida Gentry



Hosea
Atkins



Roy Dean
Jenson



Madelaine
Jackson



Clara Pollard



Jessie Mae
Campbell

Grace Bates



Willie Mullins



Johnnie Jackson



Spencer Curtis





Dalmira Turner



Rufus Johnson



Bobby Hooker



Rosa Jackson



Isaac Triplet

Danny Strawder



John Morrison

Susie Washington



Geraldine Washington



Dorothy Nolden

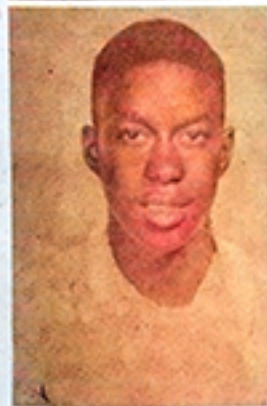


David Williams

Brenda Hines

Lydia Brown

Clarence Johnson





Edward Ellis



Mary Felix

Willie Rollins



Mattie Robinson



Louis Washington



Nanette Washington



Mamie Shorts

Mary Stewart

Robert Mae Robinson



Mildred Earl



Louvenia Turner

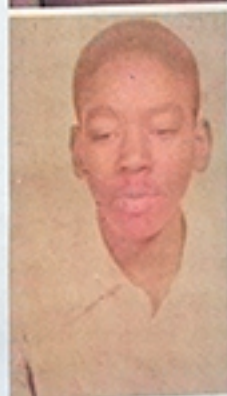


Joseph Lewis



Myra Holmes

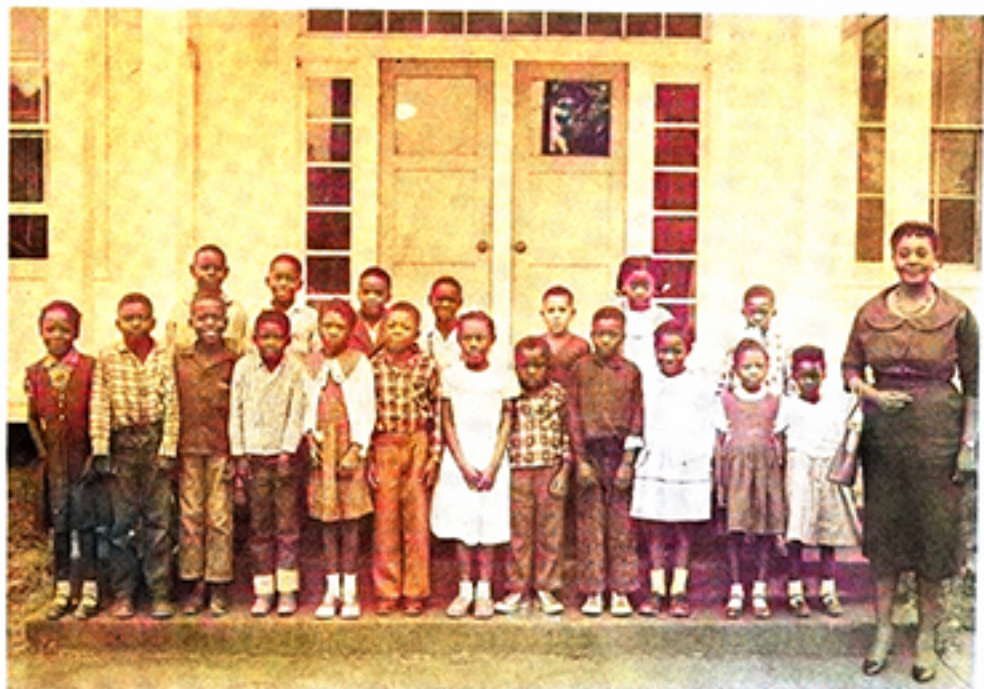
Leroy King



Elementary

Elementary Education

Teacher :
Mrs. Veter Lundy



Grades

FIRST GRADE

A

Teacher:
Mrs. Irdelle V. Jackson



B

Teacher:
Miss Perlina Pleas



SECOND GRADE

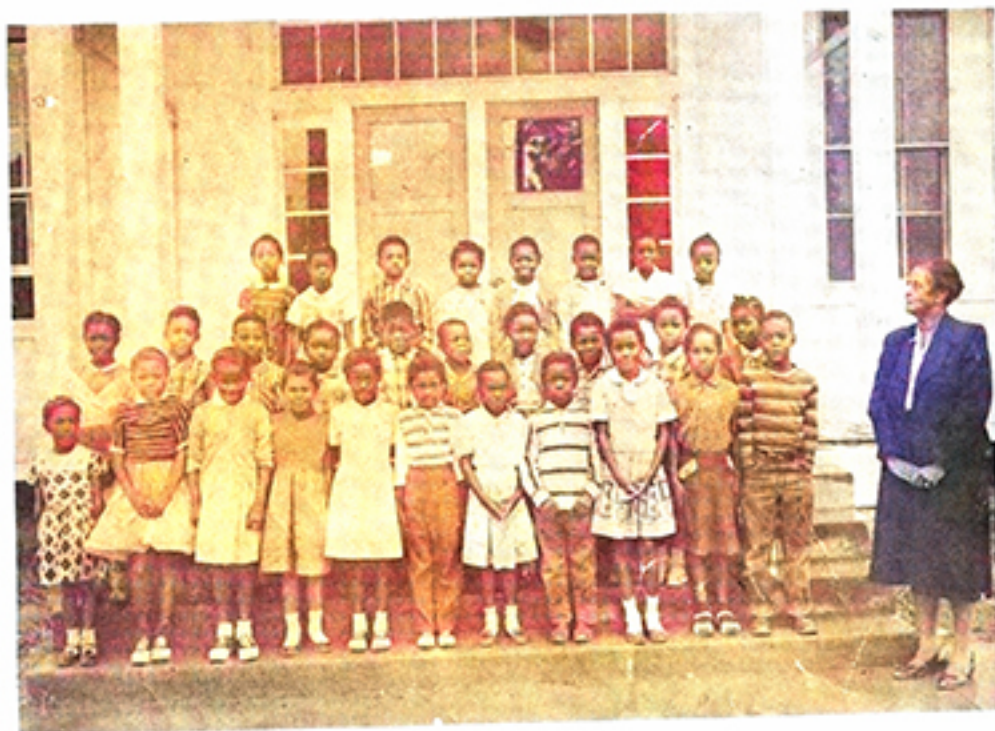
Teacher:
Miss Fanny Whitlow

A



B

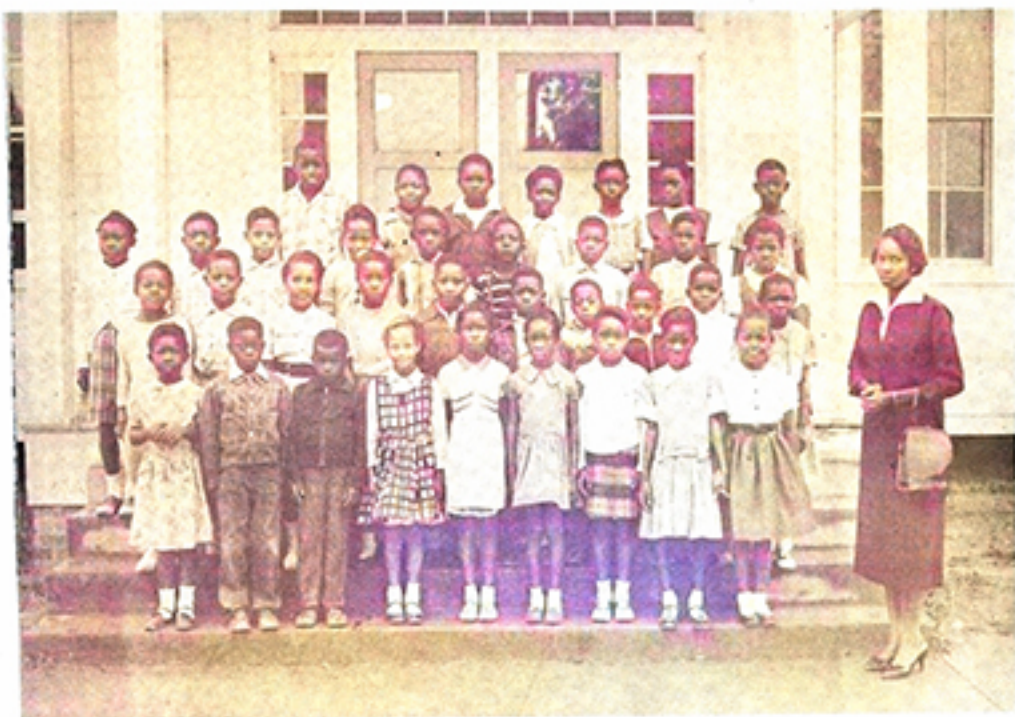
Teacher:
Mrs. Callie C. Skinner



THIRD GRADE

A

Teacher:
Miss Ora L. Jackson



B

Teacher:
Miss Jean L. Smith



FOURTH GRADE

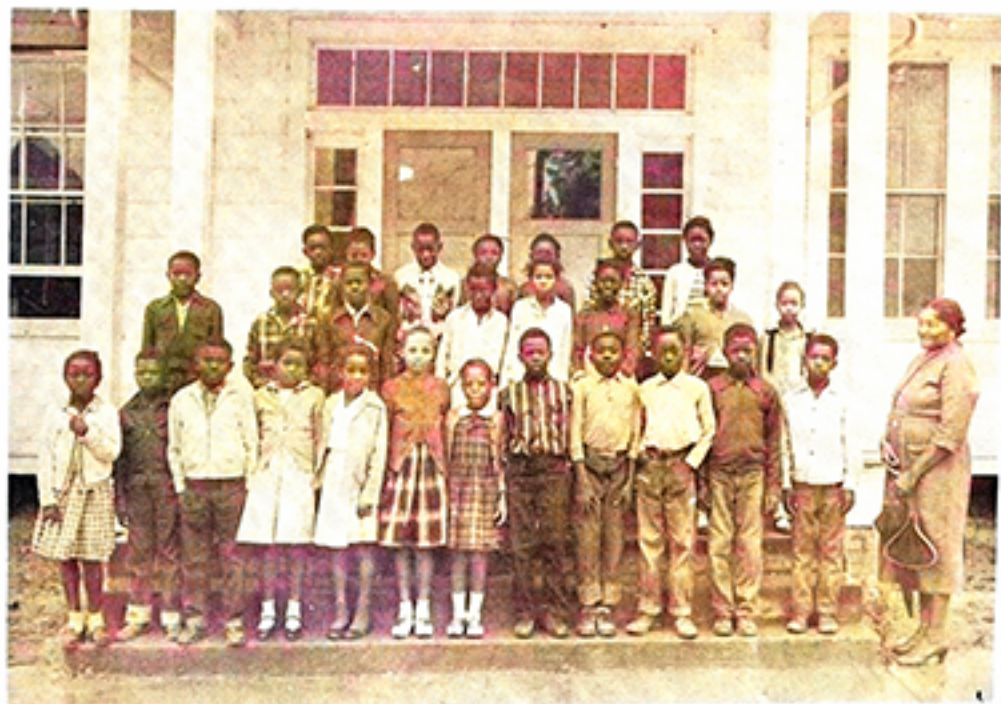
A

Teacher :
Mrs. Alice L. Sandavol



B

Teacher :
Mrs. Kanolia Williams



FIFTH GRADE

A

Teacher :
Mrs. Inez J. Gales



B

Teacher :
Miss Vanilla Jackson



Activities
AND

Features

CAMPUS QUEEN



Lovely Doris Loretha Clark, a senior, was crowned queen of Tensas Rosenwald High School campus for 1958 - 59.
She's a queen in anyone's eyes.

Annual Staff



1st Row L. to R. Estelle Wiley (Treas.) Dorothy McAllen (Social Ed.) Delores Clark (Art Ed.) Ida Higginbotham (Activities Ed.) Hazel Haynes (Sport Ed.) Doris Benard (Ass't Ed.) Clarice Davis (Class Ed.) 2nd Row L. to R. Dan G. Ware (Business Mgr.) Mildred Clark (Ass't Bus. Mgr.) Lonnie Jones (Ad. Sales Mgr.) Mary Johnson (Book Sales Mgr.) Ruthie Crayton (Sec'y) Willie Pollard (Yr. Bt. Sales Mgr.) Ruby Jackson (Activities Ed.) Willie L. Parson (Editor-in-chief)

Excelsior Honor Society



L. to R. Dan Ware, Mildred Clark, Wardell Nealon, Doris Benard, Delores Clark, Ruthie Crayton, Susie Carter, Clarice Davis, Willie Parson

NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



Officers



standing L. to R. Theresa Dillard, Ass't Sec't, Mildred Clark, Song Leader, Delores Clark, Parliamentarian, Vera Roberts and Irma Dotson. Sergeants at Arms, Kneeling L. Estelle Wiley, Treasurer, Kneeling R. Alice Stacker, Sec't. NOT SHOWN: Doris Clark, President, and Ann Fields Vice-President.

Our Basketball Teams



Kneeling L. to R. Johnny Berry, Thomas Watson, Frank Whitlow
 Lionel Travers, William Gentry.
 Standing L. to R. William Coleman, Frank Ellis, Edward Parks
 Bobby Hooker, Solomon Hilliard.



Kneeling L. to R. Rutha Crayton, Mattie Bass, Annie Parker
 Katye Johnson, Theresa Dillard, Lou Hollis
 Standing L. to R. Lou Ester Bell, Hazel Haynes, Ruby Jackson
 Ida Higginbotham, Thelma Clark, Margaret
 Washington.

Senior Class History

We the Senior Class of '59 proudly present our class history. We will begin with our freshman year. When we first enrolled in the Texas Rosenwald High School, we had an enrollment of 151 students. This was the largest class that had ever enrolled in this school. Therefore we strutted around the campus with heads up high, being proud of ourselves.

During the following months some of our students began to drop out, and go to various parts of the world. Among them were: Carrie Byrd, Pinkie Walker, Willie Mc Tier, Margaret Holmes, Jack Meeks, Pat Meeks, Mose Ross, Fred Day, Millie Sothern, Mose Emerson, Samuel Darden, Emily Smith, John Brown, Idella Johnson, Mateal Shorts, Frank Cypress, Evelyn Barnett, Mildred Ransom, Richard Ford, Annie R. Daw, Helen Daw, Cary Grant, Willie Johnson, Hamilton Johnson, Willie Morrison, Roy & Willie Rogers, Charlie Mae & Armesia Stone, A.C. Washington, Eddie Willis, Sallie Woods, and Kathleen Yarrington.

As the Christmas season approached, we applied for the Christmas dance, but the principal passed us up. This, however, did not discourage us so we asked to sponsor the Easter dance. We were fortunate enough to sponsor it and made considerable profit. The year passed quickly for us and before we knew it, our first high school year had passed.

When we began our sophomore year we found out that many more of our dear classmates had dropped out. Among these were: James Riner, Ruth Jackson, Leroy Jones, Arthur Marshall, Bertha Stacker, Alvin Skinner, Charles Thomas, Creola Thomas, George Griggly, James Lee, Richard Cunningham, Billy Brown, Cleandrew Hills, Williams Banks, Ozzie Banks, Nazzie Brown, Ruth Dillard, Elijah Ford, Fred Mc Tier, Ulysses Pollard, Lilly Harvey, Peter Barber, Robert Sexton, Jimmy Lewis, and John Ellis.

On July 6 we assembled to elect new officers for our second year of high school. This year passed quickly too. We sponsored the Christmas dance in our sophomore year to show the principal that we could get anything we wanted.

As the close of our sophomore year begin to come, our lady sponsor (Miss Houston) began to get sparkles in her eyes because she was hearing wedding bells. Yes, she was going to get married so when she got ready to leave we gave her an appreciation party. Now we had only one sponsor, Mr. Reed.

Our junior year was the best year in history because we almost ruled the entire campus. We hadn't a thing on our minds but the junior-senior prom. In fact we were so enthused over the prom that we almost forgot to elect new officers for that year. Willie Parson was elected as our president and Ruthie Crayton, secretary. We had a new sponsor to assist us, Miss Billie Sue Mims.

Everything was a mad rush in our junior year. Now we had to select a May Day queen. We worked very hard to get the May Day queen from the junior class. We succeeded in doing so and she was none other than Miss Doris Clark. Her king was Mr. Dan Ware.

After being so busy with the May Day queen, prom time seemed closer than ever. We had our hopes set up high on giving the prom in the new gymnasium, but wait! A notice was sent around saying that we couldn't go into the gym until everything was finished. Our class is one that never gives up so we prepared to decorate our shop. Yes, our shop, because our sponsor, Mr. Reed owns it as long as he is here.

The theme our prom had was "STAIRWAY TO THE STARS", and our stairs really were to the stars. We're not bragging on ourselves, but our prom was the best one ever given yet.

I don't know what it is but we just can't keep a lady sponsor. Now Miss Mims was walking around with an engagement ring on her finger. She's marrying some soldier boy. She stayed with us until school was out and then bid us farewell. Well Mr. Reed was still with us.

The summer went by and before we knew it we back to school in September to start our senior year, our last year. We found out that all of our classmates had not returned with us. They were; Fannie Turner, Florence Wesley, Annetta Webb, Bobbie Banks, and a few others.

We also found out that we had another sponsor to assist Mr. Reed. She is Miss Bettye Bailey. Our first big problem to arrive this year is the yearbook. We are so busy until we won't elect any new class officers. There is a lot of work to be done in making a yearbook so we distribute jobs to various persons. As editor we get Willie Par on, co-editor, Doris Benard, class editor Clarice Davis, business manager, Dan Ware, photographer, Dorothy McAllen, and a sum of others to fill in the office of, lay-out-mat producer, sport editor, activities editor, and art editor.

I suppose we will sponsor as many dances as any of the other classes. This is because we will have to be well financed for our yearbook expenses. Now, all we have before us is our graduation. Our graduation will be the most successful one at Tensas High since it will be given in the Tensas Rosenwald Gymnasium. Our number has decreased to fifty-eight. I hope all of these fifty-eight will remain until they receive their diplomas.

Autographs

The Class Prophecy

In the United State's first successful space ship, it is most thrilling to sit and relax on the way to the moon. I am slowly falling into a deep gaze and all of a sudden my Senior classmates come back into view.

Doris L. Clark is one of the world's leading Negro models. Tonight she will appear on the fashion on Broadway, in New York to style her "Button Neck to Toe" dress.

Thelma Clark has gone so far in singing until now she is composing her own songs. She is on her way to the Music Hall in Michigan to sing "I'll Forever Love You Frank."

Thomas Watson and Rosie B. Scott are Missionary workers. They are still speaking Spanish to a great extent. As of now they are in Africa carrying on a great revival.

Lilton Cox is still dragging around trying to take his belt and make a shapely figure. His career is singing gospel songs, and with a group of boys, he now has a famous organization.

Charles Parks found Margery Washington in New Orleans with her brothers. He politely married her at once. Poor Charles was afraid of losing her and that would have ceased his life.

Estelle Wiley is a stenographer. She has set a world record in speed typing and everyone is proud of the title that she has accomplished.

Dorothy Webb and Lula Crockett are still playing twin sisters. You wouldn't believe it, but Dorothy has had a facial operation and a thinning of the hair so they would be identical. They dress from sole to crown.

Emily Bass still wants to argue but it so happens that no one will listen to her. She had planned to marry but ended up with no one to marry. All of her friends believed it's best for her because she would probably give the old gent a nervous breakdown.

Willie Pollard and Bernice Cole are married. He has attained his Master's degree in Social Science and Bernice has nothing to do but nurse little Willie Jr. and tidy that brick house.

Doris Benard and Ross Blanche are still carrying on a sagging romance. With his serious face and her sparkling eyes, wedding bells will be ringing rather soon.

Elijah Bailey and Lula Levy have been married five years, but now he's walking the streets night and day yelling he is going to divorce Lula so he can marry Hazel Haynes. Hazel is an elementary teacher in Ohio.

Ruthie Crayton has her own dress shop St. Joseph. She is designing all styles and sizes of dresses and believe me, the prices are high as the sky.

Clarice Davis and Lonnie Jones are married. He's a mechanic and she is an English teacher. I'll admit she has the biggest job because of their three little children, after all, some one has to support them.

Miracles are happening because Edward Parks married Katye P. Johnson. He is a "Goose Tatum" now. They have a lovely home of three children.

Don G. Ware, by now a prominent lawyer, is campaigning for the office of the President of the United States. The campaign is really hot air. Mary Johnson is running for secretary. Both are members of the Democratic party.

Oh no, it can't be! Irene Hill, Josephine Hollis, and Henrietta Shields are in Alaska with Mr. E.V. Jones. He's still trying to teach them American History. He remarks, "Either you get it or you don't get it"

Bessie Riley is in Michigan cooking in one of the world's largest restaurants. It's funny but we started her off right here in the Texas Rosenwald cafeteria. So far, only two deaths have been reported as a result of her cooking.

Robert Mitchell is running all over the place looking for Ruby Jackson. He finds her in the Texas Rosenwald gym coaching the girl's basketball team.

Velma Robinson and Lessie Fields are trying to perform a secret wedding but how can they do it when we know they've been in love for ten long years.

Dorothy McAllen, Katie Bailey and Hattie Kenard are outstanding dancers. They are doing everything from the cha cha cha to the old time fox trot.

Jennie Matthews has gone into politics. She is doing very well but there is one thing I hold against her. She didn't marry a senior boy. Instead she married a Mexican governor.

Hezekiah Webb is worrying Berta Benton within an inch of her life begging her to marry him. No one knows what the results will be but she's telling everyone, "No dice."

Willie Parson and Earlean Davis are strolling down Rubenstien Street in New York. It seems as though he has just bought her a french poodle. He's a millionaire bachelor and all the girls are swooning over him. He says he's waiting on the right girl to show up.

Theodore Prosser is the number one ginger in America. Oh he isn't satisfied that so he has gone to Europe to try to get the same title. With an audience of about two million people I'd say he has it made.

Ada Nuce wears the loviest hair styles in Cape Canaveral, Florida. She isn't married yet but she tells me the first man to comb those waves will be directly from Mars.

Well, what is this? Lula Lewis and Emma Bates own the Land & Beauty shop in St. Joseph. Those two young ladies have specialized in hair styling and sells all kinds of cosmetics from A to Z.

You wouldn't believe it but Ida Nell Higginbotham has a degree in physical education. Southern University has won all games played and all the credit goes to Ida.

Emma Higginbotham is in Southern also and is teaching home economics. The home economics classes are preparing for a style show tonight.

Oh No. It can't be! It's Mildred Clark and she has obtained her degree in music from Xavier University in New Orleans. Now the chorus director of Alcorn College happens to be none other than Miss Clark herself.

Sandra Needham is a biology teacher at Dillon High. After sending her biology students to the L.I.A.L.A. rally Dillon High won first in all biology tests.

Angle Riley and Emma Nolden have been married two years. Before he Emma, however, he almost had to break her neck because she was playing peek-a-boo on him.

Mose Sexton placed an ad in the paper. It reads like this; "Handsome man wants wife about 28 years old." Old Mose is loaded with money so I'd advise all unmarried girls to contact the Times Newspaper fast to get his adress so they can get hitched.

Wait! Wait! The rate of speed is decreasing and I am gradually coming back. It's landing! Landing!----- How nice to be on earth again

My but that dream was wonderful and everything seemed so realistic! But wait! How different things are, just as things were in my dream! Then the things I thought I dreamed really are true!

Advertising



Congratulations

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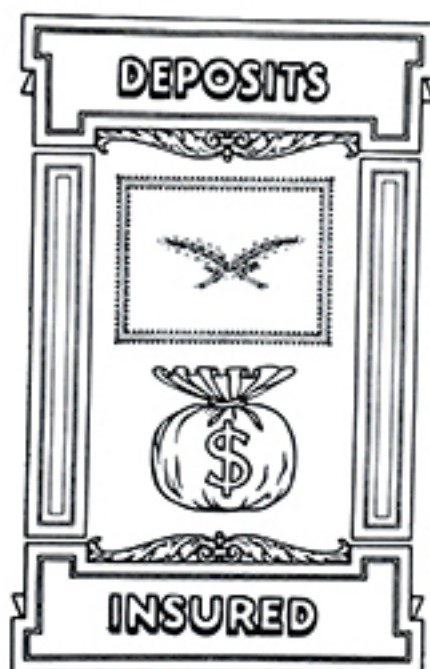
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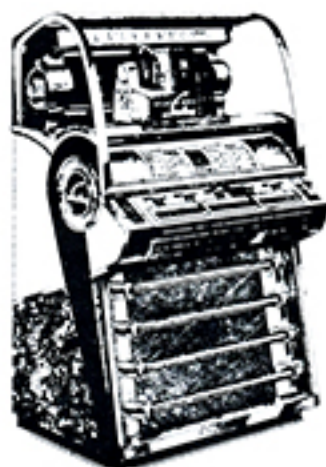
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