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FOREWORD

The Senior Class of '50 proudly presents a "*first*" in Rayville High history — "*The Chief*." This little annual, we hope, will become a sacred tradition, that will grow and grow, even as our beloved high school grows.

We dedicate this book to our beloved principal and all the graduating classes yet to come.

The Class of '50.



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MISS BESSIE L. DREWHORN, Sixth Grade A Girls' Basketball Coach. B. S. Grambling, 1947. Further study University of California at Berkeley.

RUBY B. BRADFORD

She is called "Brad" by her classmates, is president of the senior class and a soloist in the choir. A member of the N.H.A. and 4-H Clubs. She is the assistant trainer of the girls' basketball team. She possesses a good sense of humor. She has a slight swagger in her walk which identifies her a distance, and which is a source of fun for her friends. She plans to attend Southern University and take tailoring.



LEROY CALLOWAY

(The Woman Hater)

Though you would never far to find a more chivalrous acting male, he declares that the female part of the class is shiftless and poor prospects for future spouses. A competent gentleman handy with a saw a hammer or a broom is Leroy.

VALLENA CALLOWAY

Known around home folks as "Little Sister," she has the most pleasant personality, is very easy to get along with, is very active in all of her school activities. She is a member of the 4-H and N.H.A. Clubs also active in community work. Her plan for the future is to finish college and be an outstanding nurse.



DORRITA COOK

"Dor"

A pert looking miss, but very active and dignified in reality. She has a flair for acting and is an alto in the Choral Club. She is a 4-H Clubber and is quite a pulse quickener among the campus swains.

B. J. ELLIS

(Handsome)

The male heartbreaker of the class. He can sing like "Bing" and trip a light fantastic with the best. Scholarship? Well, a fellow can't have everything!



WILLIE MAE GEORGE

She is a member of the N.H.A. and 4-H Clubs, an outstanding player on the basketball team and holds the position as "guard and forward." Her pleasant and unselfish ways have made her very likable among her companions. She is very cooperative. She plans to attend Southern University and major in Home Economics.

PERCY JONES

The silent one! Speaking in superlatives, he is the quietest and best dressed boy in the class. Though he never says a "mumbling word" in class, he is a business manager of unusual ability and we predict a prosperous future for him.



EMILY BEATRICE HARRIS

Emily Beatrice Harris is very serious about anything she tries to accomplish, and is very easily adjusted to any situation. She is very modest and never gets excited or tries to flirt around boys. She is a member of the N.H.A. and 4-H Clubs.

CHRISTINE HAYES

Christine, one of the most outstanding seniors has a retentive memory and speaks her own opinion about anything. She is one of the most outstanding soprano soloists on the campus and is very active in many school activities such as basketball, softball, plays and folk dances. Her plans are to attend Howard University and develop her vocal talent.



LESSIE B. HOLLIDAY

Better known as Sue, is very ambitious and has great talent and ability to do things when she really wants to. She has the most beautiful speaking voice. Public speaking is her special talent. She is very active in class and adores sports. She plans to attend Southern University and emerge a model English teacher.

KATIE MARIE HUDSON

"Little Hut"

Katie is a member of the N. H. A. and 4-H Clubs, and is an outstanding sports fan but doesn't take an active part in athletics. Her special talent is art. She is very quiet, maybe a little shy. Her plan for the future is to take Beauty Culture.



BESSIE HARPER JOHNSON

Bessie is a very quiet and gentle person. She has a pleasing personality. Neat and charming in her dress and grooming. She is cooperative, and a member of the 4-H Club and the N. H. A. Club.

ODESSA KENNEDY

"The Flirt"

Her claim to fame is dainty grooming, and cuteness. Everyone admires her fine scripting, so she has been a traveling copyist on the campus. She is secretary of the N. H. A. and 4-H Clubs.



HARRIET WARREN LEWIS

Dignity and modesty are Harriet's great contributions to the class. She is at ease, however, in the role of a comedian as well as in that of a serious orator. She is a contralto in the Choral Club and a scholar of no mean ability.

HENRY JAMES MINOR

"Jah"

He is a member of the 4-H Club and turner for the boys' basketball team. He has won fame as a fine tenor soloist. Always willing and ready whenever called upon. He is a very unusual person. He plans to attend Guplan-Jones Embalming School, Nashville, Tennessee, to become a mortician.



JIMMIE LEE MOSELEY

A basketball star. He has played on the first team for four years. He's quiet in class but when it comes to romance, well, it's quite a different story.

CLARENCE McWOODSON

"T. B."

A member of the 4-H Club and the basketball team. His cool, consistent skill in handling a ball has won him admiration at home and abroad. He is not so talkative but is quite mischievous. His plans for the future are to attend the University of California and become one of America's greatest coaches.



FARRIS WILLIAMS NIMMONS

She is very intelligent, talkative and has a sense of humor. When things go wrong she grows merosee. She is the captain of the girls' basketball team, a member of the Choral club and president of the N. H. A. Club and vice-president of the Senior Class. Her plans for the future are to enter the College of Houston, Texas, to major in physical education.

CLEVELAND OWENS

(The Tough Guy)

Nonchalant and hard as nails is this moody lad. Practically always bored and restless in class, he is, at heart, a sentimentalist. School days will be very sweet to him ten years hence, but in retrospect.



CLARENCE REESE

He is known by his classmates and home folk as "Brother Boy." He is a member of the I. S. W. and 4-H Clubs. Being a natural comedian, he is very popular with everyone. His ambitions for the future are to attend college and become a hard boiled chemistry teacher.

WILLIAM HENRY SANDERS

He is a very likable and lively character. His nickname is "Pat." He has a reputation as being the best baritone soloist on the campus, a good orator and shows great ability as being an outstanding leader. He is very outspoken and courageous. While possessing these admirable qualities, he is also very cooperative.



MOLLIE TAPPIN

Cute as a button, and as illusive as a mouse, this mischievous Miss will probably light up a "mike" some day with her sweet 'n' hot song styles in some famous night spot.

JIMMIE LEE TAYLOR

(The Fancy Taylor)

Jimmie's favorite sport is basketball and he can play but he never desired to be on the team. Taylor comes to school "sharp as a tack." His favorite expression is, "What's happening, Man. What's happening?" He plans to go to Chicago, and take up some profession or trade.



MARTHA ANN WILLIAMS

Better known as "Dottie" among the family folk. She loves to chatter. She is a wonderful person with whom to get along, possessing a pleasing personality. She is always complaining of this or that. Physical education, she hates. It always "makes her sick." She is a member of the 4-H Club and the N. H. A. She thinks every thing that has a roof on it is a "joint."

EVELYN BREWSTER

Definitely a character. Tall and stately in build, she commands the attention of all, especially when she wears "Be-Bops" and her hair swept high. She's the glamor "gal" of the class.

ANNIE MAE COLLINS

A member of the 4-H and N. H. A. Clubs. She leans toward domestic interests, particularly cooking, which may account for her excess *avoir du pois* (plumpness to you). She has a jovial nature and is often given to giggling behind her hand in class. She plans to take up Beauty Culture.

LERMER FREEMAN

A natural comedian, she keeps a merry round of laughter going. She is kind and patient most times, but not infrequently given to outbursts of temper. She is proud of her stately height, and "kicks" the smaller girls. She is adept with the needle and a sturdy consistent student. A member of the N.H.A. and 4-H Clubs.

EULA B. MORRISON

She is a member of the N. H. A. and 4-H clubs, and is also a very outstanding second soprano. She is always neat and attractive in appearance. In school work she is never a slacker. Her plans are to attend the University of Chicago and take nurse training. Her hobbies are singing and reading.

THEOTIS STENSON, JR.

Better known by his classmates as "Ollie." He is a member of the 4-H and I. S. W. Clubs. What he likes best is basketball. He is always going around teasing people and he likes to be teased. His plans for the future are to go to New Mexico and live in a hacienda in luxury and ease.

MARZEE WAGNER

"Daughter"

The girl with a mind of her own. Though she will laugh or cry with but the slightest provocation, this charming damsel is no "push over." She stands next to the "Vat" in scholarship and is alert to her surroundings. Her hobby is reading, and she reads human nature also. She plans to attend Southern University and major in English. As a treasurer of the class she has proven loyal and trustworthy.

BOBBY WILLIAMS

A well loved member of the class, whose silences are seldom interrupted by scholarly chatter. We often wonder what goes on behind that naive grin of his.

EARNESTIN WINSTON

The lass with the musical voice. Perhaps the years she spent in "The Windy City" gave her those "accents sweet" that so ensnare masculine hearts.

CLASS MOTTO

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Marzee Wagner	52
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Doretha Cook	50

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HALL OF FAME

Best Girl Athlete.....	Farrie W. Nimmone
Best Boy Athlete.....	Clarence McWoodson
Most Popular Girl.....	Odessa Kennedy
Most Popular Boy.....	Henry I. Minor
Best Natured Boy.....	Clarence Reese
Tallest Boy.....	Jimmie L. Taylor
Tallest Girl.....	Lerna Freeman
Best Dressed Girl.....	Eula B. Morrison
Best Dressed Boy.....	Percy Jones
Most Humorous Boy.....	Clarence Reese
Most Humorous Girl.....	Farrie W. Nimmone
Most Friendly Boy.....	Leroy Calloway
Best Girl Vocalist.....	Christine Hayes
Best Male Vocalist.....	William H. Sanders
Prettiest Girl.....	Doretha Cook
Most Charming Girl.....	Ruby Bradford
Most Sophisticated.....	Odessa Kennedy
Tardiest Boy.....	William H. Sanders

Salutatorians.....	Marzee Wagner, Harriet W. Lewis
Valedictorian.....	Christine Hayes
Best Dancing Boy.....	Theotis Stenson
Most Beautiful Girl.....	Bessie Harper
Best Seamstress.....	Emily B. Harris
Outest Girl.....	Mollie Tappin
Most Cooperative.....	Willie M. George
Brat Orator.....	Lessie B. Holiday
Most Patient.....	Martha A. Williams
Most Refined Number.....	Earnestine Winston
Plumpest Girl.....	Annie M. Collins
The Shortest Girl.....	Katie Mae Hudson
Most Industrious.....	Marzee Wagner
Most Glamorous Girl.....	Evelyn Bruster
Best Dramatist.....	Harriet W. Lewis
Most Handsome Boy.....	Benjamin Ellis
Best Cook.....	Annie M. Collins
The Shortest Boy.....	Clarence Reese

CLASS HISTORY

Early Times

The history of this class for some of us, starts away back in 1938. Among those entering grade one were: Farrie Lee Williams, Ruby Bradford, Christine Hayes, Odessa Kennedy, Theotis Stenson, Clarence McWoodson, Henry James Minor and B. J. Ellis. Many have come and gone since then but these have formed an unbroken chain of the years at Dear Old Rayville High under the principalship of Mrs. Eula D. Britton.

Chapter 45-46

We did not become particularly class conscious until we were freshmen (in the eighth grade then).

Suddenly we burst upon the horizon of fame like a rising sun, when our class won the "pin-up, girl" contest, with Polly Ann Davison raising \$75, an all-time high in class contributions. Since then no one has dared hold the class of '50 in contempt.

Well that was in 1945-46. That year we sponsored a 4-H Club play and went to four communities.

Chapter 46-47

The next year we proudly sailed into the ninth grade only to be told that we were freshmen again! Oh well at least we were high freshmen. (The eighth grade was still tagging along with the high school then, in a sort of confused way.)

In the ninth grade the class of '50 stole the show again, when Doretha Cook won the Home Ec. Contest with \$53, and we reached the huge enrollment of 62. We were joined by Mae Pellon Belle, McClellon Schoby, Mollie Tappin, Martha Williams, Eula B. Morrison and others, some of whom are no longer with us. We elected the following officers: President, Polly Ann Davison; Secretary, Ruby Bradford; Treasurer, Marzee Wagner. Our treasurer has been retained throughout the four years of high school.

Chapter 47-48

At last we were the sponsors of the Junior-Seniorprom! But we were not Juniors. There were no Juniors that year. Don't ask me why. Ask the State Department.

That was the year we went over the top and sponsored a \$400 affair. It shall not soon be forgotten. Our force that year consisted of the same officers and through gains and losses we still retained our enrollment of 62.

Chapter 48-49

Still laboring along with the crew of 62 aboard, the good ship '50 sailed on, but somewhere along the way we lost some at various ports. Among these were our popular president, Polly Ann, or "Glamour Gal", Mae Pellon Bell, the tall commanding green-eyed McClelland Schoby and others.

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CLASS POEM

Onward class of '50, with your heads held high
Never halt or falter, heed the battle cry.
Deaf to evil's plotting, scorn her every snare
Face life's challenge bravely,
Always do and dare.

We have journeyed upward on the winding trail
Oft the sun was blighted
But we never fail.
Oh, our goal seems distant
Far up in the blue
But the trail behind us seems far distant too.

We dare not lose courage now we are midway
'Neath us rage the torrents, treacherous and gray.
Up above the sun shines
Challenging and bright
Beckoning us onward,
Onward let us fight.

Onward class of '50, raise your colors high
Trample down the wicked
See the cowards fly!
Courage is our watchword
And cannot be denied
Onward, ever upward
God is e'er our guide.

CLASS SONG

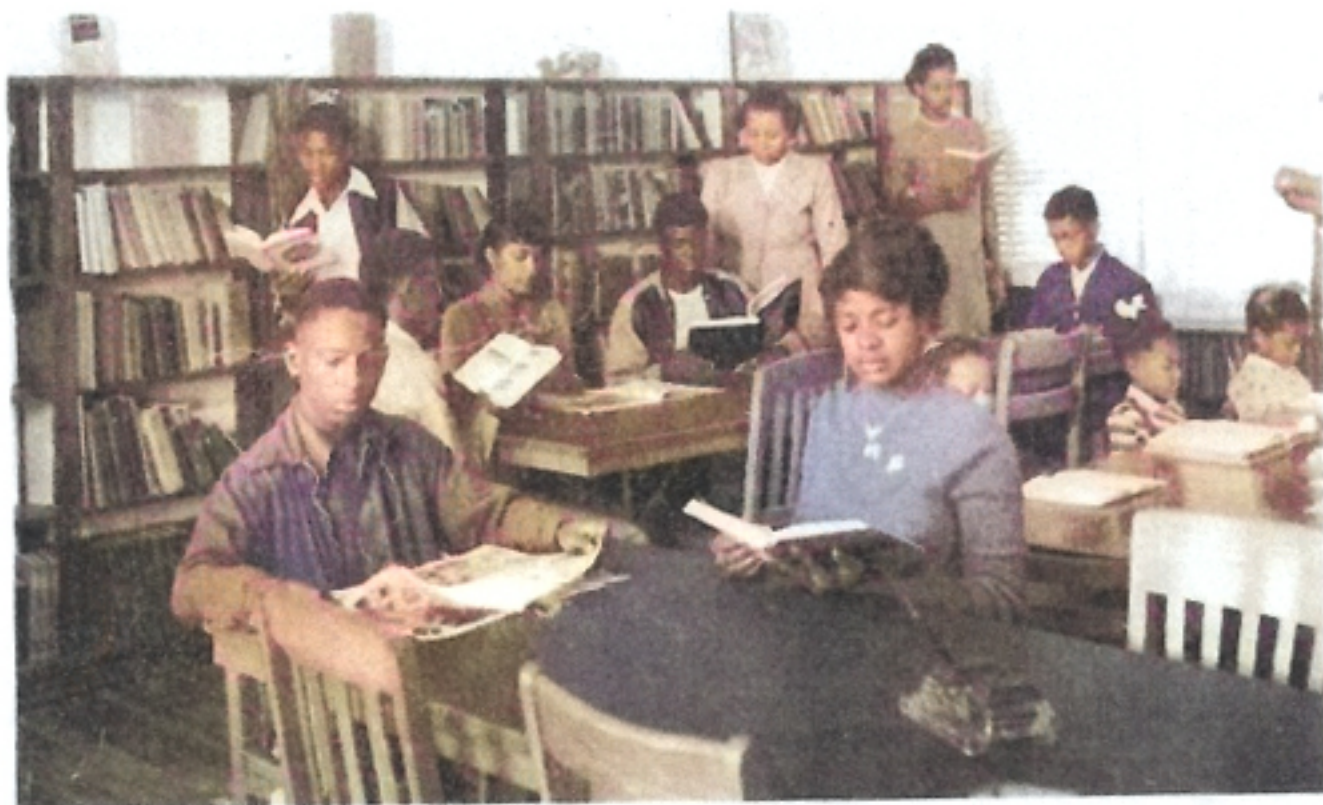
(Tune of theme form "Finlandia")

Dear Rayville High, our hearts to thee are holden
Our voices lift in song of praise to thee.

And may we strive to live in noble purpose
That men might know thy glory and fame
With reverent souls we pledge ourselves to serve thee
Dear Alma Mater, loyal and true.

Thy black and gold shall ever be exalted
Long may we ne'er forget thy tender teaching
Never forget those we hold so dear
Down thru the years we'll e'er revere thy mem'ry
Dear Alma Mater, farewell to thee.

THE NEW LIBRARY HOME



A minor miracle took place when Mr. and Mrs. Book and all of the little Books, aunts, uncles and cousins moved to their new location in the new high school annex. There in proud and colorful array they show their true beauty, and there also are comfortable attractive tables, just the right size and shape, they feel much more like mingling with their human friends, large and small—and vice versa; and how they also love the quiet homey atmosphere where their youthful readers can come just to read and do research. No more noisy classes going on within those dignified home walls (except library science of course).

THELMA R. CORMIER, *Librarian*

PRINCIPAL'S PICTURE



Miss Pearl M. Smith, Secretary
Mrs. Eula D. Britton, Principal



HOME EC.

Basketball (Boys)



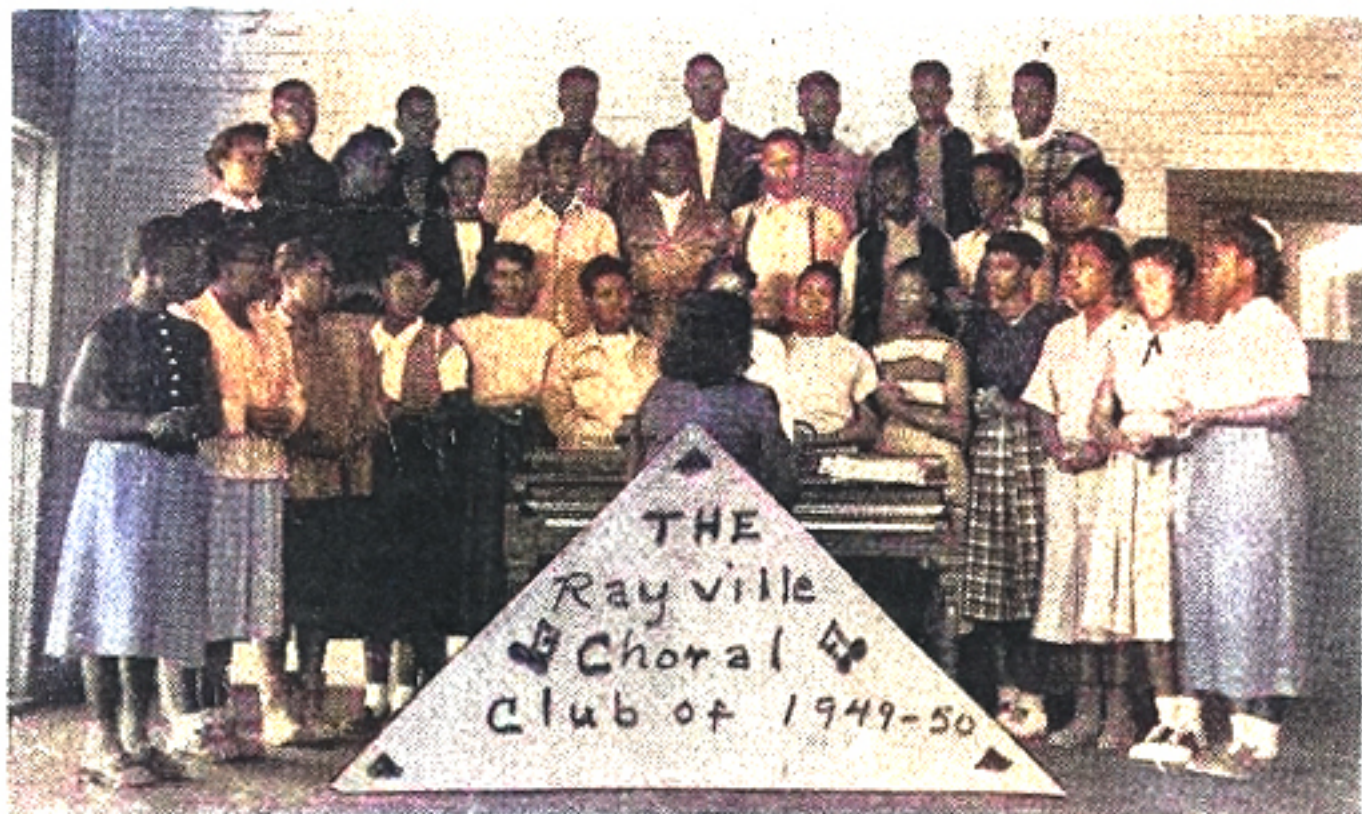
Left to right: Andrew Johnson, James Brown, Theolis Stinson, Jr., Bennie Harris, Robert Nelson, Joe Willie Ricks, Clarence McWoodson, Vernon Moore, Jimmie Masley, King Nelson, D. M. Bruater, Coach.

Basketball (Girls)



Left to Right: Farrie Williams Nimmons, Willie Mae George, Mildred Harris, Christine Hayes, Farrie Williams, Sally Johnson, Easter Mae Harris, Sarah Brown, Naomi Davis.
 Seat: Joanne Williams, Wilma McCaa, Mary Larkin, Aisencia Lamb, Josephine Wagner, Ruby Bradford, Bessie Drawhorn, Coach.

THE CHORAL CLUB



The Rayville Choral Club is in the third year under direction of Mrs. Pertta Sherman. During these three years it has received much acclaim throughout North Louisiana. In this, the 1949-50 season, the group has sung at Tallulah, Monroe, and Eastop.

Soloists showing marked talent and receiving high honors in the tournament are: Christina Hayes, soprano, extreme right, first row; William H. Sanders, second row, third from right; Earlean Ward, soprano, third from right, first row; and Henry J. Minor, third from left, third row. Already three of these students have been offered college scholarships in Musto.

The group has done as dis doing a number of classics seldom attempted by high school choruses. Some of these are: Italian Street Song, Herbert; Inflammatus, Rossini; Romanu Life, Herbert; The Heavens Are Telling, Haydn. Other unique and difficult arrangements in progress for commencement are: Beyond the Blue Horizon, Art. Fred Warring; The Romanu Life, Romberg; and Listen to the Lambs by Datt. A Capella arrangement.

CLASS HISTORY CONTINUED—

Chapter 49-50

Ship Ahoy! Land! Land! We could see it in the distance, green grass and trees against the endless blue water! Yes, we could see the end of our journey with the cap and gown of wisdom awaiting us.

Desperately we have striven to leave behind us "footprints on the sands of time." The time for writing this last chapter in our history has fairly fled, and the time for reflection has come. Yes, it has been a good life. We have labored diligently, highlighted by the senior play, which has traveled with great success and last but not least the editing of "The Chief," our first Rayville High Annual. This our last chapter has been the best.

Onward Class of '50!



FRONT ROW, left to right—Mrs. Luseatha Davison Mansfield, Sponsor; Marzee Wagner, Christine Hayes, Mollie Tappin, William H. Sanders, Katie Hudson, Odessa Kennedy, Vallena Callaway, Bessie H. Johnson, Mrs. Eula D. Britton, Principal.

MIDDLE ROW—Theobis Sisson, Clarence McWoodson, Jimmie Moseley, Clarence Reese, Doretha Cook, Annie Mae Collins, Lessie B. Holliday, Willie mae George, Ruby Bradford, Farrie W. Nimmons.

THIRD ROW—Emily Jones, D. J. Ellis, Cleveland Owens, Earnestine Winston, Leroy Callaway, Emily B. Harris, Evelyn Bruster, Leimer Freeman, Henry J. Minor, Jimmie L. Taylor, Harriet Lewis, Bobby Williams.

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I wish to congratulate the class of '50 for a very fine contribution to Rayville High history. May other classes continue and enlarge upon this annual which this class has so bravely initiated.

Best Wishes,

MRS. LULA D. BRITTON, Principal

