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## Homecoming Parade Spectacular Event

By Jeanette Oglesby

No less spectacular and even more gala than ever was Dunbar's annual Homecoming Parade on November 7, 1952.

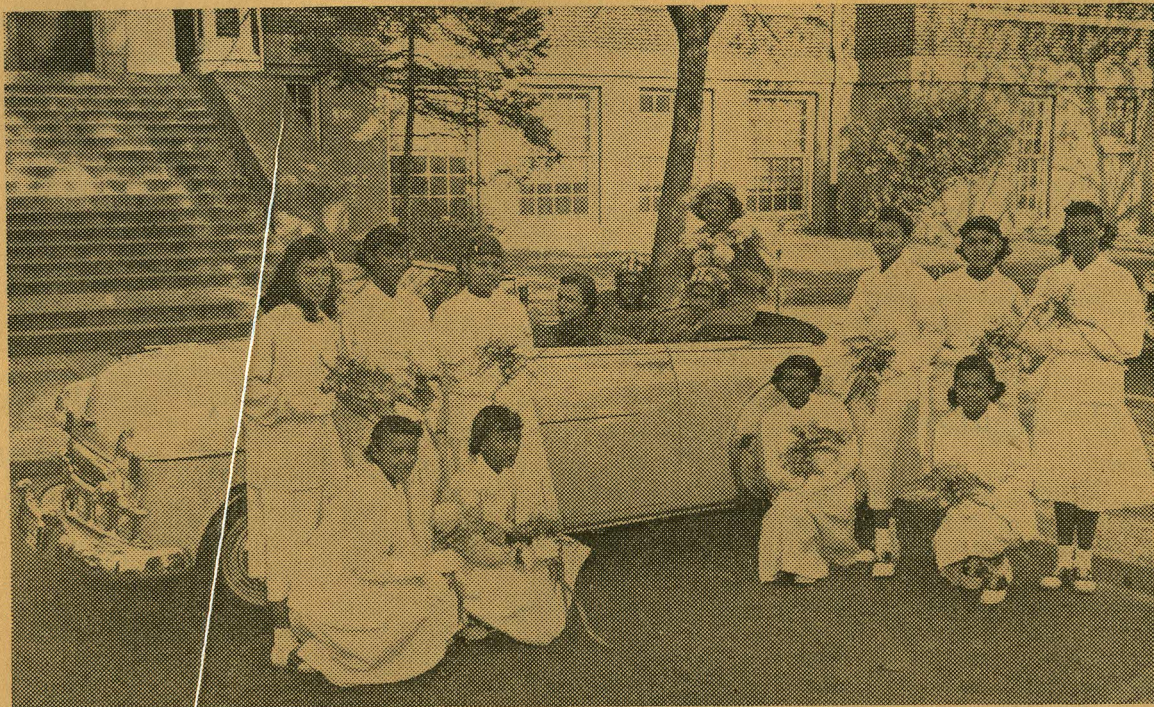
Down the street came the prancing majorette sextet led by their drum major, Frieda McIvor. The big drums of the band seemed to say "Here we come, see Dunbar on parade."

The first float was a yellow convertible containing attractive Emma Lee Ross, accompanied by Lowell Wright, William Cunningham and Jessie Lewis of the football team by which she was chosen Miss Homecoming.

Her stunning attire consisted of a gold velvet suit and matching tam with brown accessories. Adding to this was the gorgeous bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums which she held against her beautiful outfit. Completing the picture and carrying chrysanthemums were her attendants dressed in gleaming white. These attendants were Doris Smith, Inez Anderson, Elva Kidd, Evelyn Chambers, Bettie York, Frieda Harris, Jimmie Turner, Barbara Pannell, Ora Shaw and Margaret Johnson.

The Senior Class of '53 depicted some of the occupations that will be offered to seniors after they have finished their work at Dunbar. The seniors on the float were: Bettie Lee depicting the

## Miss Homecoming and Attendants



Pictured above center is Miss Dunbar (Emma Ross) seated between two senior players, Lowell Wright (left) and William Cunningham (right). Her attendants from left to right are: (kneeling) Elva Kidd, Freda Harris, Ora Shaw, and Evelyn Chambers. (Standing) Inez Anderson, Margaret Johnson, Barbara Pannell, Doris Smith, Jimmie Turner and Bettie York.

## Students Enjoy "Thanksgiving Witch"

By Yvonne Thorpe

Before leaving for the long anticipated Thanksgiving Holidays, our students were entertained by "The Thanksgiving Witch."

## Seniors Enact Broadway Drama

By Frieda M. McIvor

On November 19, 1952 at 8:00 p.m. in the Dunbar auditorium, the Senior Class of 1953 presented a three-act play entitled

## N. H. A. Turkey Hop Proves Gala Affair

By Frances Abrams

On Friday evening, November 14th, the Dunbar Gym was beautifully decorated with the air of Thanksgiving: pumpkins, cornstalks, bright colors and the King of the ball, the Gobbler himself. A live turkey was placed in the

## Twenty-One Council Members Elected

By Gwendolyn Greene

On the same day that the national election was held, twenty-one students were elected to the Dunbar High School Student Council in the November 4th election held at Dunbar.

Before the election, the students to be elected from the classes and the candidates at large gave two minute speeches asking the Dunbar pupils to vote for them and telling them what they would try to do and have done while serving on the council, if elected.

Those elected from the classes were Victor Miller, Garnell Stamps, Carolyn Elliott, Roscoe Pullen, Mitchell Cunningham, Wayland Mitchell, Evelyn Chambers, Bertha Payne, Shirley Jones and Jimmie Turner.

The candidates at large were William Copeland, Beatrice Patterson, Emma Ross, Anna Johnson, Ethel Walker, Rosetta Johnson, Emmett Wright, Charles McCain, Smith Fletcher, Helen Camm and Wilbert Lewis.

The Council held its first meeting Tuesday, November 11th at 9:05 a.m. during the activity period.

In an Assembly on November 20th, the newly elected council members were installed.

Guest speaker for this occasion was Mr. Samuel Thompson, president of the Student Government Association at Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia.

Dunbar. The seniors on the float were: Bettie Lee depicting the graduate; Merrill Chambers, the teacher; Joseph Reid, the doctor; Nancy Minnis, the nurse; Theodore Lewis, the basketball player; and Charles Harris, the football player.

Yelling to the spectators for their support at the homecoming game, which was held that evening at the stadium, was the cheering squad dressed in white sweaters, set off by big gold "D's" and purple and gold skirts.

The unique and picturesque float of the New Homemakers of America attempted to show one of the fields of work in Home Economics.

Green and gold, green and gold! Yes, it was the Dunbar Theater Guild represented by a beautifully decorated convertible.

"We love old Dunbar best of all, the ideals for which she stands." You guessed it. It was the Dunbar Chorus led by William Copeland.

"Autumn reigns King over all seasons" could easily have been the motto of the vocational float, for nowhere else could you have found such a magnificent fall scene as was portrayed on that float.

Although the mercury didn't reach 99 degrees, one could hardly help but feel the warmth of the red mixed with white on the Art Class float.

Keeping in time with the band were the participants of the Physical Education Department all of whom were dressed in purple and gold.

The Freshmen, the Student Council, the Playmakers, Le Cercle Francais, the Y Teens, Homeroom 303, the Patrol Force, and the Dunbar Chronicle all added beautiful floats to enhance the beauty of the parade.

Beginning at Fifth and Monroe Streets, this parade proceeded along Main Street to the Armory.

tained by "The Thanksgiving Witch." This play was based on the kindness of a Puritan woman who was considered a witch.

Goody Andrews, the Witch, averted a war between the Puritans and the Patots, an Indian tribe. By doing this she convinced the Puritans that he was not a witch—only a woman with a kind and understanding heart.

Devotions were led by Jean Irvine. The cast of characters included: Norman Clark, Clarence Irvine, Freddie Cunningham and Madlyn White, Dorothy Waller, Shirley Gray, Robert Tucker, Billy Womack, Crawford Haythe and Inez Anderson.

## American Education Week

By Frieda McIvor

The week of November 10, 1952 was a very busy one at Dunbar. The students and teachers were eager to greet the one hundred and sixty patrons that visited our school during the American Education Week celebration.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, at 2:00 p.m. a program was presented to the Dunbar students and visiting patrons. The play with a cast of about sixty-two pupils was entitled "For All." The theme of the play was Democracy. While it was very educational, it was also very colorful. There were costumed students dressed to represent countries in various parts of the world. At the end of the play, there was a tremendous ovation by one of the largest audiences Dunbar has ever had during American Education Week.

After the program the patrons were served in the Amelia Pride Cottage.

The entire day was a delightful and profitable one for the parents as well as the students.

the Senior Class of 1952 presented a three-act play entitled "Take Care of My Little Girl."

This play was about Elizabeth Ericson for whom college was a new world and her new boyfriend who found himself competing for her time with a prominent fraternity man. "Liz" was rushed by the "Queens," her mother's sorority, which made things even harder for Liz. "Take care of my little girl," Mrs. Ericson had written and the Queens tried to do so in a number of ways until Liz learned to think for herself.

The leading roles were played by the following: Elizabeth, the girl—Pearl Sanlifer; Becky, her old friend—Hen Brice; Adelaide, "Ad,"—Marcia Wright; Merry, Sorority president—Doris Smith; Marge, rush chairman—Jeanette Oglesby; Dallas, a fashion plate—Anna Johnson; Casey, an "intellectual" and problem child—Frieda McIvor; Mother Apple, house mother—Carolyn Hughes; Mrs. Bellows, an influential alumna—Frances Scruggs; Joe, an Ag. student—Joseph Reid; Chad, a Fraternity man—Theodore Lewis; Sam, also a frat man—Wilbert Lewis.

Other members of the cast were Anne Abbott, Yvonne Thorpe, Hazel Bass, Kay Calloway, Ethel Walker, Alice Morris, Chloeteal Steptoe, Nancy Minnis, Theodore Phelps, Lawrence Price, Billy Womack and Emmett Wright.

This play was sky rocketed to success with a packed house that applauded enthusiastically after each scene.

After the play, prizes were awarded to the Seniors who sold the largest number of tickets. They were as follows: Emma Ross, first prize; Nancy Minnis, second prize; and Rosetta Johnson, third prize.

Let's take our hats off to Miss E. H. Jordan, the director, who worked so diligently with the cast.

of the ball, the Gobbler himself. A live turkey was placed in the center of the gymnasium to add the necessary seasonal zest for the dance.

The students danced under low colored lights by many famous named bands from 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

For the first social event given by the New Homemakers, the dance was exceptionally enjoyed by the large number of students and teachers who attended.

The New Homemakers of America were distinguished by their gaily colored pumpkin pins.

Many thanks to all who attended, the chaperones and our sponsors, Miss Edna Holmes and Mrs. Carolyn Langhorne, who helped make our first social a well remembered one.

## JUNIOR WINS SPELLING BEE

By Clara Clark

This year's Annual Spelling Bee was held in the auditorium on the thirtieth of October. For the second time since she has been at Dunbar, Beatrice Patterson has won the title as champion and was awarded First Prize. Rosetta Johnson, the runner-up, misspelled "occasionally" and Beatrice Patterson spelled it correctly. She then spelled "necessary" correctly and became the champion. Beatrice won in October 1951, for the first time and was runner-up in February of 1952 when she missed "pronounceable."

The winner is a junior of homeroom 201, holds membership in the Theater Guild, the band, and is news reporter to the Dunbar Chronicle.

Association at Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia. His subject was "The Why and How of Student Government."

Following the speech, the retiring president of the student council, Wilbert Lewis, presented each council member as he came forward to be installed. Mr. Seay, our principal, administered the oath to the council members.

During the assembly, Anna Johnson gave a report on the year's work and the Chorus rendered two selections.

By special request, the guest speaker, who is a music major, gave a beautiful rendition of "The Two Grenadiers" by Schumann. His accompanist was Mr. Garland Butts, also a music major of Virginia State College.

Persons from Rustburg, Bedford, Amherst County and Payne Schools who are interested in the Student Government Association were present at this assembly.

## THE BAND PARADES IN SHIPMAN

By Eloise Pullen

On Saturday morning November 22, 1952 about 8:50 a.m. the Dunbar High School Band left for Shipman, Virginia.

The parade in which the band participated was sponsored by the 4-H Clubs in Nelson County.

All the floats in the parade were beautifully decorated in green and white, the 4-H Club colors.

While marching about a mile and a half the band played "The Booster March" and "The Victory March." At the school where the program was held on the grounds the band played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" while the drum major and majorettes danced; later the band played "The Boogie March."

The group arrived home at 2:30 p.m.

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### Christmas—Sacred Or Secular?

By Anne Abbott

Last of all holidays in the year, it holds first place in our hearts. It represents the greatest event in our history—the birth of Christ. For this reason it is the most widely celebrated festival in all the world.

The Christmas festival is predominately of a religious nature. Through the years many symbols have been adopted as an outward manifestation of man's reverential regard for the day which commemorates the birth of Christ. Such symbols as the mistletoe and Christmas tree were serious and sacred matters. The white berries of the mistletoe were said to be the radiance caught from the star that guided the Wise Men to the Christ Child. They symbolized purity and peace. The Christmas tree symbolized eternal life.

The Christmas holiday is a time for renewing one's faith in Christ's teachings; a time to pray more fervently for the Peace on Earth; a time for displaying greater benevolence toward one's fellowmen: a time for merry making.

Today, light hearted, gay, pleasure loving people give little thought to the original meaning. Dances and parties have taken the place of worship. Gifts are given as if in competition with prices and not from the heart. Merry making is carried so far that even the significance of the date is no longer visible.

Yes, Christmas is a time for fun and folly but its true meaning should have more emphasis.

### LET'S DANCE

By W. E. Clark, III

Yes, we know what to do when the music starts. We also know that each student here is our brother or sister. We again know that it looks bad to stand around the floor taking up the space which was provided for dancing. Most of all, we know how to dance.

Yes, fellow Dunbarians, we have caused some very nice dances to be spoiled by knowing the right thing to do but by never doing what we know is right to do. We have stood in the middle of the floor, made fun of the people who were dancing and most of all, we have disregarded the whole idea of a dance.

Now if we don't know how to dance, this is the place to learn. If we know how to, this is the place to use what we know by teaching others and also making our dance one of which we can feel proud and one in which everyone can truthfully say that a good time was had by him or her.

To the girls: Please don't be so quick to refuse to dance when a gentleman asks for a dance. He is not being especially fresh, but just trying to help you have a jolly time.

To the boy: Please don't be the type to just let the girls have to sit around and continue to wish that someone will ask them for a dance before the night is over.

### Careless Bicycle Riding

By Janet Hill

Have you ever stopped to think of how many bicycle accidents are caused by people who are careless? People are supposed to



### AVOIL THAT "LULL" IN YOUR LIFE

There will be an after Christmas lull in your life, but not for long if you follow the good advice from Le Cercle Français. They say that you must plan to attend the French Club Dance in the gymnasium in January 9, 1953 at 7 p.m. As usual the popular admission price is 35c.

### Inquiring Reporter

By Chloteal Steptoe

Question: "What Significance Has Christmas For You?"

Inez Anderson: "To me Christmas is a time of the year in which the Birth of Christ is celebrated and honored by all. In the celebrating of Christmas it brings a spirit of goodness kindness, and a feeling of gratefulness to my heart."

Carolyn Elliott: "It means the Birth of Christ, who died to save us from our iniquities. But to most of us Christmas means Santa Claus and pretty things and lots of candy and nuts."

Lawrence Price: "Christmas

### DO YOUR BEST

By Nancy L. Minnis

Whenever you are confronted with a problem of any sort, do you do your best in trying to solve it? To have a problem and not analyze it and try to get the best solution is time wasted.

Not only in school but in life also, one should strive to do his best. I am sure you belong to one or more of the organizations of the school and some outside of the school. When you joined it, was it because of its name, for the self honor you might obtain, or to become a part of it and do your best in every way to help make it a better organization?

After joining, do you take on the necessary responsibilities or let them fall on someone else? Every member of any organization has definite responsibilities which he should shoulder if it only means being present at meetings. Maybe some of you are thinking: "Well, if I don't do it, there are many others who will." That may be true, but if each one will do his best, there will be no need for self-honor, but equal credit will be bestowed upon everyone.

Self glory should not enter into the minds of members of organizations because it will cause misunderstandings between fellow members. If each person in an organization performs his duties for the sake of self-glory, he will do his best to help improve it, but only for personal gain.

In an organization, if you will heed the philosophy of Thomas Carlyle which states: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy whole might," you will be doing your best to help make your organization better.

Always do your best.

Yes, Christmas is a time for fun and folly but its true meaning should have more emphasis.

Will your Christmas, this year, be sacred or secular?

## The Art Of Giving

By Shirley Claxton

Christmas time is drawing near and some of us have already begun our Christmas shopping. Let's stop for awhile and consider some of the gifts given us or some that we have given in the previous years. Jewelry, money, perfumes, etc. Yes, we bestow each other with dazzling, extravagant presents. But we say that Christmas comes but once a year, so we can at least go "all out" then to make someone happy.

True! We can at least go out of our way to make another happy once a year. Not only should we go out of the way to make others happy once a year, but we should make them happy the year round. You ask me, how can you afford to make people happy the year round? Why, you say, "I have no money for gifts on every occasion the year round." But, have you stopped to consider that the art of giving is not only materialistic but it is also spiritualistic. Of course gifts make one very happy, but so do your regards toward a person. If you spent only a small fraction of time planning what nice things you could do for another as you do planning for Christmas presents, you would really have achieved an art for giving.

Emerson says that we should give gifts which represent us. If that is the case many of our Christmas gifts are not very representative. Then too, if we consider our treatment to our fellowmen as being gifts, they emboss horrible reflections upon our character.

Christmas giving is too often thought of as being a bartering transaction. I know that some of you have received gifts from people whom you hadn't expected any from and being overcome with embarrassment, you rush to town to buy a gift for that person. Oh no, you don't stop at that. You go so far as to price the gift that was given you. Home you come with a gift that cost nearly the same thing. Why, you can't afford to spend more on Mary Johns than she spent on you. You are alarmed if it cost a little over what she paid for your present, but you didn't have time to hunt for anything any cheaper. No one can be blamed for buying a present for someone who has shown up with one for him; for as I said before, Christmas giving is often thought of as being a bartering transaction. Poor John may be one of the persons who feels that he should receive a gift in return for after all doesn't he play Polyanna at school? If he surprises you, why naturally he wants you to surprise him. So go and buy that gift!

But whatever we give and however we choose to give it, let us give in a manner to show that we really want to make the receiver happy. Let's give from the depths of our hearts not only at Christmas time but the whole year round. Let us also give the greatest gift of all. Let us stop during this HOLY holiday and GIVE thanks to God for sending forth his only begotten Son on that glorious day so that we may be saved.

are caused by people who are careless? People are supposed to be careful when they are riding bicycles. Many of us do not realize that carelessness can cause us to injure ourselves and others or even take our lives.

Do you know that the accidents occurring while riding bicycles are chiefly the bicycle rider's fault? First, a bicycle rider should learn and obey traffic laws. Obeying traffic rules plays a vital part in preventing accidents between cars and bicycle riders and between bicycle riders and pedestrians. Secondly, the rider should check his bicycle before riding it to see if it is in good condition.

Often accidents involving the bicycle rider and others are caused by the lack of repair on the bicycle. Thirdly, a bicycle rider should never ride others. A bicycle is very hard to steer when there is more than one person riding at a time because the weight and pressure placed on the body of the bicycle makes the bicycle difficult to control. In the fourth place, a bicycle should never be driven so fast that a rider cannot prevent an accident by stopping at least five feet from a person or thing. A bicycle should never be driven too fast because, if an accident does occur, the faster one is going the harder he will hit another object, thus making the possibility of becoming seriously injured even greater.

Why don't all of us take advantage of our luxury, the bicycle, by trying to prevent accidents?

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of candy and nuts.  
Lawrence Price: "Christmas time is a holiday representing the Birth of Christ; it's also a very nice vacation."

DeLois Mosley: "It means a time of giving instead of receiving."

Melvin Jones: "Christmas time means love and kisses; all the best wishes."

MacDonad Pullen: "Christmas to me means celebrating the Birth of Christ and enjoying the happy occasions the Yuletide brings."

Garnet Stamps: "For Helen and me, Christmas means a time for giving and receiving, and a time for loving."

Mary Ann Reid: "To me Christmas is a time when everyone should rejoice and celebrate the Birth of Christ."

Deris Smith: "Christmas is a sacred holiday, that brings happiness to all. But Christmas to me is the Christmas tree, gifts, and food."

Margaret Johnson: "Christmas is a time to get new clothes. It is a time to give and receive gifts and it is the time to celebrate the birth of our Lord."

## Congratulations

We are indeed happy to extend belated congratulations to two of our faculty members who have additions to their family.

Mrs. M. W. Harris is the proud parent of a son, Robert Perry Harris, Jr., born on June 15, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Entzminger, both former teachers of Dunbar, has been born a son, Thomas Samuel Entzminger, on Nov. 1st in Jamestown, N. Y.

Both Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Entzminger were formerly faculty editors to the Dunbar CHRONICLE. Mrs. Harris is expected to return to our Dunbar family in February.

## BEGIN FACING IT NOW

By Frances Scruggs

In each person's life there's a goal he strives to reach. Regardless of how small or large, to him it's his life's destination. There are many who think they have no goal, and yet each day life goes on. With the turning of each day they work, love and—live. For them that one word, "live" symbolizes a goal itself and for all a very important one.

Yet for many who have greater determination, life is the necessary means for success.

For many of us Dunbar is our goal. As far back as we can remember, our hopes have been centered around one thing—reaching Dunbar. This is well and as it should be, but we must remember that life goes on after our stay here; therefore, while here it is necessary to strive harder than ever to reach another goal, the hardest one of all. The goal of not just living a life, but "facing" it.

The best way to prepare for this is to find your chosen field, your life's work. Obtain what basic knowledge you can, work for experience or, in other words, learn all you can about your chosen occupation for only by this can we prepare ourselves for tomorrow.

When we learn that life is not always easy, that destinations are hard to reach and dreams easily shattered but still have the initiative to go on, then we have reached the half way mark in our success. For it seems this is life's hardest lesson, but as we all know, sunshine always follows the rain and nothing is impossible.

So, let's give life a chance and begin facing it now.

## To The Senior Boys Of '53

By "Jill"

1. When I think of the woman who went to the cupboard, I associate her with Samuel Hubbard.

2. I always thought that you had things in hand, when you became a senior "Dub" Copeland.

3. For someone who will make very successful steps, I think I should name Kenneth Epps.

4. I know someone with plenty of zip, he is a Dunbar senior called good ole "Rip" (Raymond Collins.)

5. Just thinking of being a honeymoon tourist, reminds me of none other than "Let" Lewis.

6. He can make a girl look like a weeping willow. Of course I'm speaking of Vic Romeo Miller.

7. I'll always remember how you teased Jug Joe, I'm referring to you Sandileo.

8. When you voted for a council member you didn't vote wrong, if you were wise enough to vote for "Daddy Long."

9. I remember how close you and Helen could be, none other than the famous Richard Lee.

10. They told me about Santa's belly, but they never mentioned Emmie's Jelly. (Lawrence Price.)

11. They told me your cup was always full, Now I know from whence came the spirit of old Big Bull. (Emmett Wright).

12. Every truthful Dunbar student calls you a tattler, I don't think you can change their minds William Saddler.

13. With Ella Mae you were always riffin, of course I'm speaking of Melvin Griffin.

14. If you want to know the answers on the show called Le-

## Spin The Platter

Students, we have some new "twists" to spinning the platter this time. One is in the form of a letter and the other is a dedication by that anonymous character known as the mystery writer.

Why not, in a letter to the editor, let us know your opinion of this column.

Hey, Fellows and Girls!

"It's in the book" that "I went to your wedding" and tried to "Keep it a secret" by writing "Three letters" stressing my "Heart and soul." When I didn't succeed, I decided that "setting the woods on fire" would be best. "A shoulder to weep on" made me "Piece a-pudding" of "Yours." I then decided to "Listen to that band" while they played "You're just mine." I walked "By the side of the road" until "Day Break." There I found a "Flame in my heart," but I could find "No room" for that "Cool kind treatment" from "Bill Bailey."

"I heard the juke box playing" "Bow thy head" and so I decided that "They didn't believe me" and then I hiked my way "South" and just "Outside of Heaven" I met "Mr. Gallahad" and he said "You belong to me." Until next time. "So long."

Gladys Tweedy

Hello guys and gals! This is your new spin the platter mystery writer. Whether you know it or not we have some new love-birds around Dunbar and, boy! they sure fit with the latest hit tunes. Here they are with their dedications:

Standford Ferguson to Frieda Harris—"You Belong to Me."

Jake Ferguson to Frances Scruggs—"Lawdy Lawdy Miss Claudy."

Jetty Minor to John Stamps

## ★ Star Student Of The Month ★

By Clara Clark

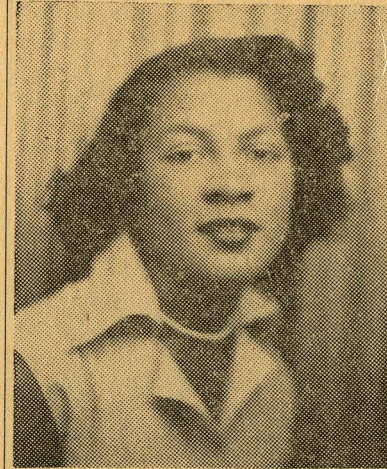
The person chosen as star student this month is none other than the versatile and charming Emma Lee Ross.

Emma, a member of the January '53 graduating class, has maintained a high scholastic average and thus has ranked in her class as an honor roll student during the years she has been at Dunbar. Not only does she excel scholastically, but she exemplifies her varied abilities through active participation in several extra-curricular activities.

During her five years at Dunbar, Emma has served in the capacity of president of her homeroom class, exchange editor for the Dunbar Chronicle and scorekeeper for the girl's Intra-mural basketball team. At present she holds the position of circulation manager on the Chronicle Staff and is also a member of the present Annual Staff. She is also a member of the Student Council, Le Cercle Francais and the National Honor Society.

To Emma has come two of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a Dunbarian. In May, 1952, she was chosen by the student body to reign as May Day Queen at the May Day Festival. Recently the football team unanimously elected her to reign as Miss Dunbar of '52 at the Homecoming Day activities.

Emma's activities outside of school include membership in the N.A.A.C.P., Gay-Gals Club and the White Rock Baptist Church.



Thus, she can easily be considered a very well-rounded high school student.

Since she desires to become a nurse, her main subject interests are chemistry and foreign languages. Her hobby is reading.

Emma is well liked by all who know her because she is the personification of dignity, poise, friendliness and gaiety. She is greatly admired for the modest way that she remains unaffected by the honors that are bestowed on her.

Upon being asked what her most cherished memory of Dunbar will be, she replied, "I shall always cherish dearly the memory of being able to reign as May Day Queen and Miss Dunbar."

We wish for Emma much luck and great success in her future endeavors.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

By Doris Carter

During the month of December there are fifty-seven students celebrating their birthdays. The flower of December is the holly, and the birthstone is the turquoise

## POETS' CORNER

### The Immortal Night

By A. Conrad Trimiari\*

Silently the stars kept vigil o'er David's Royal City that night  
When suddenly streamed a glorious beam

Of immortal holy light.  
Men traversed from afar  
Bringing gifts of riches untold,  
Guided onward through the night by this holy light  
To a babe in a manger to be-hold.

On Christmas night still beams this light  
Of God's immortality,  
O'er village sands throughout the land

Bearing faith, good cheer, and prosperity.  
'Tis the spirit of Christmas heaven sent

Shining down so bright  
Bringing peace to men everywhere  
Amen,  
O immortal holy light.

\*Graduate in class of '52.

### "Unforgettable"

By Jeanne Brown

(Dedicated to Henrietta Martin).

Though you are now far away,  
The "Juniors" hope for your return someday.

In our hearts lingering on,  
Your face to see some great morn.

Do not let the golden leaves,  
Falling down from the trees  
Blot out your memories  
Of the "Juniors" if you please.  
Though darkness submerges against the sky,

Here'll never forget you, and  
Here's the reason why...  
Friendship once gained,

## Christmas Carols

Each year the Christmas season is ushered in by the singing of Christmas carols and hymns, and the birthstone is the turquoise

answers in the show called Lemac, Just call on Mr. Brains, ole William Womack.

15. The spelling session that was to be, Has just been called off by John S. T. (John Stamps.)

16. I know a girl who said she Betcha, The student body really liked Smith Fletcher.

17. A guy who should play with the bops, Is none other than Mr. Pops. "With What?" Ha! Ha! (Charles Harris.)

18. Whenever you need someone to get a rake, Don't hesitate to call on "good ole Jake." (Veron Ferguson.)

19. I wonder what would become of me, If I got as large as W. T.

20. Just as free as the wind can blow, There goes old big strong, the great Leo. (Leon Organ.)

21. He has legs like a sparrow, He is Mario Lonza Farrow.

22. When Mrs. Jordan looked for the Red Cross funds, She found them in the pockets of John Edmunds.

23. L-O-U-I-S spells one Louis, But Jessie is a L-E-W-I-S Lewis.

24. For the one who's always after our Queen, Let's give the credit to James Greene.

25. Patrolman that broke up our fight, Was none other than Lowell Wright.

26. When someone mentions a poor sport, I can always substitute "Lumpa" Davenport.

27. If you ever want a boy with good moss, You certainly won't look for Quaker Ross.

28. People want to know how the Red Cross helps, If you don't know just ask Theodore Phelps.

29. If you want someone that can cut a hog, Just ask me about ole Set Shot Frog. (Melvin Elliott.)

30. If there's extra opinions that you should need, Why don't

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Jolly Minor to John Stamps — "I'm Trying."

Walter Farrow to Elizabeth Stone — "Because You're Mine."

Lorraine Meadows to Pfc. Allen Mack — "I'll Drown in My Own Tears."

Charles Townsend to Occie Burford — "Fool, Fool, Fool."

Jean Hubbard to George Cobbins — "I Won't Be a Fool Anymore."

Bettie Bolding to Lawrence Scott — "Let's Call It a Day."

Evaline Mack to Jessie Lewis — "Two to Tango."

Eldridge Billups to Loretta McCoy — "Don't You Know I Love You?"

Shirley Carter to William Rankins — "Juke."

## Etiquette

By Lacy Blair

It will soon be time for all the winter dances to begin and every boy and girl will want to know how to get along without hesitation and embarrassment. I shall present a few tips which should help.

As you arrive at the dance, if no one else is talking to the hostess, chat with her until someone else arrives; then you are free to dance.

When asking for a dance the boy says, "May I have this dance, Jane?"

Jane will reply, "Certainly, Bill," or if she does not care to dance, "I'm sorry, but I'm too tired to dance" (and she smiles as she says this). Jane, however, should not refuse to dance with Bill, and then dance the same dance with Jack, and she should never dance with a strange boy.

When the dance is completed a young man escorts the young lady to her seat or back to her friends.

is ushered in by the singing of Christmas carols and hymns, and we hear again the familiar and ever beautiful songs of Christmas which have been handed down through the centuries.

An ancient and lovely custom is the singing of Christmas carols, and it harkens back to the days of old when carols were sung in the streets by waits and minstrels, when the Yule log burned on the hearth, holly and mistletoe gleamed among the Christmas candles and wassail songs made glad the festive and joyful Christmastide.

We like to think that the first carol ever sung was by the angel chorus on that first Christmas eve, nearly two thousand years ago. But, it was not until the thirteenth century that we find the beginning of the true Christmas carol and Italy is its birthplace. From Italy, the carol spread to Spain, France, England and other European countries where it retained its folk-song qualities of legendary lore and childlike simplicity with a strange mingling of reverence and genial mirthfulness.

The beginning of the eighteenth century marks the transition from the true carol to the more dignified and solemn Christmas hymn. The nineteenth century brought the beautiful "Silent Night" and also "O Little Town of Bethlehem" written by our Phillips Brooks and inspired by a Christmas eve spent by him in Bethlehem.

Thus, Christmas carols have lived through the centuries.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN

By Anna Johnson

The American Junior Red Cross Enrollment Week was observed November 3-7. Our Junior Chapter at Dunbar worked

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flower of December is the holly and the birthstone is the turquoise which means prosperity.

On the 29th we have two Bernard Woods celebrating their birthdays. It is interesting to note how many birthdays occur on the same days. They are as follows: (Dec. 1st) Alexander Beverly, Ruby Pannel, and Edna Tardy, (3rd) Elaine Thornhill and Jean Ware, (4th) Rosetta Brown and Samuel Thomas, (5th) Marjorie Anderson and Jean Beverly, (7th) James Bass, Delores Booker, Evelyn Chambers, Cora Organ, Walter Robey and Shirley Turner, (10th) Claude Davis and Elizabeth Jeffries, (13th) Margaret Douglas, William Haskins, Helen Lee, Loretta Preston and Leslie Ross, (14th) James Miller and Thomas Minnis, (17th) Thomas Harris and George Haskins, (22nd) Merlean Carter and Carolyn Hughes, (23rd) Shirley Coleman, Eloise Pullen and Dorothy Waller. On Christmas Eve we have Robert Carr, Clara Clark, Melvin Jones and Elnora Steeples.

The following students are celebrating their birthdays on Christmas Day: Alberta Cox, Jean Mabin and Emma Mack.

Others are (27th) Vernon Ferguson and Rebecca Fobinson, (29th) Betty Bolding and Emmett Wright.

Other birthdays occurring in December are: Clarence Abbott, Joan Brown, George Harris, Ernestine Jackson, James Jones, Marion Langhorne, Zelda Pinn, Joseph Reid, Charles Townsend, Zelda Morris and Audrey Wright.

Hearty Birthday Congratulations to you!!!

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you ask the Dramatic Club President about Joe Reid.

31. If you want someone whose work is up to par, Mrs. Jordan has a student named Robert Carr.

Here's the reason why Friendship once gained, Will never dissolve into the ground as rain. That's why you'll never be forgotten in our hearts, Because you were never forgotten from the start, Even now when we're far apart.

## Many Mansions

By George Haskins

A day revolves from sun to sun—

A circle never ending; The seasons follow one by one

In perfect rhythm blending. When time claims life on earth as done

And we lie calmly sleeping, Another will have begun — How needless is the weeping.

## Friendship

By Mildred Payne

Friendship is everyone's goal. The weak, strong and the bold. We continually strive and fight, For Friendship's bright light.

Friendship is ever among us, Perhaps, it may not be and thus

We seek the help and love Of the Master above.

When Friendship is found at last,

The ugliness and hatred is past. The light glows bright For it is Friendship's light.

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enthusiastically during this week. Each student was asked to contribute ten cents.

One-half of the money collected for Junior Red Cross is sent to the National Red Cross Board and the remainder of the money is left at the school to finance the various projects carried on during the year by the school's Red Cross Council.

## DUNBAR TROUNCES CARVER 44-7

By W. L. Copeland

On November 20, 1952, one thousand rain soaked fans and twenty Salem gridders gasped as twenty-eight victory hungry Dunbar "Poets" blasted the forces of Carver High School 44-7 to put a colorful finish to one of the most disastrous seasons in the history of both schools.

When seven bruising Poets powdered the Carver safety man to the muddy turf on the opening kickoff, defeat was inevitable for the hopeless host from Salem. Versatile Tom "Flash" Evans, who was converted to the halfback position because of his dazzling speed, proved that he could easily have been the needed punch which was missing in the Poets' backfield all season. The very first time his hands received the ball he cut off tackle with a dash of speed and out sprinted his opponents to cover 30 yards to Carver's 15. Lowell "Bulldoze" Wright bulldozed to the 3 and Evans pitched to Butch Mitchell to make the score 6-0. The conversion was missed and the first quarter ended at 6-0.

On the very first play of the second period with the ball deep in Carver's territory, George "Clove" Cobbins and "Long" Stamps charged with a terrific rush, causing quarterback Thomas Mann to fumble in the end zone and George Cobbins fell on the pigskin for the second score. Then Evans behind savage blocking to pay

### Homeroom 201

By Jeanne Brown

The members of homeroom 201 would like to announce that the following persons are officers: Jeanne Brown, president; Samuel Thomas, vice-president; Wilbur Franklin, secretary; Mildred Payne, assistant secretary; Elizabeth Jeffries, treasurer; Barbara Anderson, class reporter; Frank Saunders, business manager.

From this homeroom comes the following members of the band: Eloise Pullen, Beatrice Patterson, Lawrence Spencer, and James "B" Jones. Though Henrietta Martin is gone, I'm sure the members of the band will never forget her nor will the Juniors. In the chorus we have Joan Brown, Elizabeth Jeffries, Wilbert Lewis, Eloise Pullen and Russell Anthony. In Dramatics are: Beatrice Patterson, Frances Scruggs, Joan Brown, Elizabeth Jeffries. On the football team are: Wilbert Lewis, Wilbur Franklin, Garfield Reeves and Russell Anthony. On the CHRONICLE staff is Shirley Claxton, the editor-in-chief. Other members are Joan Brown, Barbara Anderson, Beatrice Patterson and Frances Scruggs.

The class members are proud of these people who are so efficiently representing the diligence and enthusiasm which characterizes all the Juniors in room 201.

### BURLEIGH EDGES DUNBAR 7-6

By W. L. Copeland

It was a rough night for Coach Smith's undefeated Bears of Charlottesville, Virginia. Coach H. C. Waters' Poets put up a rock ribbed defense to hold back their usual powerful offensive force. While boys ended their high school careers, the game moved

## CLASS NEWS

### Junior Class

By Helen Camm

The members of the Junior Class met in room 202 on November 4, 1952. Juniors, as you know, always have business of importance. Of course the business is usually the great Junior-Senior Prom. We, the future class of '54 and the mighty big "Juniors," are planning on giving to the class of '53 the best prom ever given to the seniors of Dunbar High School. In the near future you will hear more about the prom.

We are congratulating our football players. They are: "Tom" Evans, Junior "key" man, "Jas" York, "Pete" Sorrell, "Stan Hope" Smith, "Donnie" Pullen, "Mickey" Anthony and of course Garfield Reeves.

### Homeroom 101

By Dorothy Gentry

In addition to a study of the topic "How to Study" the program committee gave a short play entitled "Six Week's Test." The characters were Zeld Penn who was Susan, Margaret Cunningham, history; Harold Whitted, English; James Allen, science; Benjamin Carter, spelling; and Shirley Woodruff, algebra. The class elected a new program committee. Bertha Payne is chairman, and her assistants are Shirley Calloway and Clarence Abbott. Our next class project is "Time and Place for Study."

### Homeroom 205

By Standaly Smith

Room 205 elected Shirley Carter as homeroom chairman and Standaly Smith as secretary-treasurer. On the football team are: Butch Mitchell, Standaly

### Homeroom "D"

By Chanie Cabell

This term the homeroom club of room "D" elected the following officers: President, James Claxton; vice-president, Howard Brown; secretary, Rose Jenerson; asst. secretary, Jimmie Turner; treasurer, Joyce Price; asst. treasurer, Norvel Jackson.

For the committees we elected Edith Coleman chairman of program committee; Jean Mabin chairman of the General Promotion committee; Norvel Jackson chairman of the Bulletin Board committee and Chanie Cabell as our class reporter.

The members from our homeroom who participated in the playmakers program were Jimmie Turner, Rose Jenerson, Elizabeth Hale, Charlie Carter, and Nathaniel Harris.

In our homeroom everyone didn't give to the community chest; therefore, we didn't reach our quota. We had chosen two teams, the Yankees and Dodgers to compete in raising community chest funds. At first we thought that the Dodgers would raise the most money, but the Yankees won.

We are proud to announce for the first six weeks five honor roll students in our room: Rose Jenerson, Elizabeth Hale, Joyce Price, Margaret Douglas and Rosetta Brown.

## AROUND TOWN

By Carolyn Hughes

The 27th Annual Assembly of Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. was held on November 2nd at Eighth Street Baptist Church. Dr. H. J. McGuinn of Virginia Union University was guest speaker. His subject was "The Citizen and the

## TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT IN 1952-53 POETS

By Garnell Stamps

The talent loaded Dunbar Poets' basketball team has already begun the earliest practice sessions in the history of the school.

Already, the team is shaping up into a potential "power" among V.I.A.L. cage squarks. Head coach Harry C. Waters and his very capable assistant, T. D. Moultrie, have already noticed signs of future stardom in a number of this year's players. Returning to the cage wars for another season are: Eldridge "Skillet" Billups, the highest scoring "Poet" of them all—18 points per game to be exact; Victor "Red" Miller, the coolest ball handler in the state; William "Dub" Copeland, 6 feet 3½ inches of arms, legs, and an unstoppable "hook" shot; Samuel "Ronnie" Hubbard, who brought the "push" back to Dunbar; Frank "Frog" Saunders, the unorthodox south paw and also the fastest man in the school; John "Marvin" Stamps, the crafty "set" shot artist presses the greatest "Frog" Elliott in that department and "Will" Cunningham, a left-handed "hook shot." Those were the varsity men of last year's team, which rambed to a 10 and 2 conference record, before losing out in the first round of the District tournament.

The undefeated Junior Varsity players: Leo "Sandifer," "Jazz" York along with Tommy Evans, "Tate" Saddler, "Josh" Epps, "Sparrow" Edmonds, "Doney" Pullen, and "Pop" Harris are striving desperately to crowd into the Varsity. George Haskins, John Miller, Melvin Jones, Wil-

Cobbins fell on the pigskin for the second score. Then Evans intercepted a pass and blocked behind savage blocking to pay dirt which was 45 yards away. The conversion was a dud and the score board read 18-0.

Moments later line backer "Long" Stamps showed why he is rated as one of the top centers in the state by leaping high into the air to make a brilliant interception of Mann's pass. When Evans stepped back calmly and bulleted a pass to Captain "Luke" Cunningham who brilliantly reversed his field, picked up blockers and moved to the one foot line. The play covered 60 yards and Billups sneaked over for the score. Thus the half ended with the score 24-0.

The Poets kicked off to Salem to start the third period and the fans were brought to their feet as Mann and Ted Lewis combined in four plays to move the ball to the Poets' 8 yard line. When Luke Cunningham intercepted a pass and stopped the threat, once again Evans threw a long pass down field and Cunningham leaped high to make an overhead catch of the ball and without changing his stride raced the distance to score. The pass covered 80 yards. Billups' charge down the sidelines was quite sudden as he dashed behind beautiful blocking 90 yards to his destination.

Lewis was the one tally for Carver. Moments later, flashy Skillett Billups fooled everybody by faking brilliantly and then handed off to guard Mickey Anthony who paused before he ran 24 yards around end for the last score of the game. Billups' pass to John Miller was good and the score ended at 44-7.

The all-around play of the Poets was brilliant as everyone played a great game. Garnell "Daddy Long" Stamps, William

rock robbed defense to hold back their usual powerful offensive force. Nine boys ended their high school careers on home ground in brilliant fashion, although it came at the expense of defeat by a score of 7-6.

The game was completely dominated by the defense unit as neither team could get a sustained attack going.

George "Glove" Cobbins's junior guard won the hearts of the 3,000 fans who turned out to watch this beautiful homecoming performance. If all the players on the team had performed like Mr. Cobbins the game would be extremely exciting to watch and there would be no trouble. The guy was almost unbelievable; his number "75" was seen on almost 75 percent of the tackles. Eleven times Cobbins rushed through the line to spear the Bears back for losses.

The lone tallies of the game came in the third period. Coach Smith switched his game from a passing to a two yard sneak. Roy Fray plunged over for the extra point and the Bears were leading 7-0. The kick-off by Woodfolk was taken by end Tom Evans and behind some timely blocking he dashed 68 yards to his destination. Wright's place kick was blocked and the scoring for the day was over. The game ended 7-6.

Garnell Stamps, William Cunningham, Lowell Wright, Kenny Epps, and Wilbert Lewis were introduced at intermission as the nine seniors on the team. Emma Ross, followed by attendants from each class, was crowned "Miss Dunbar" by Mr. Seay. Both bands performed brilliantly.

"Luke" Cunningham and powerful George "Glove" Cobbins kept the change for all state honor alive as they figured in just about every play.

Standaly Smith as secretary-treasurer. On the football team were Butch Mitchell, Standaly Smith, Langston Walker, George Cobbins, and Mitchell Cunningham. Beverly Anderson is one of the trainers. Recently Room 205 enjoyed an ice cream treat. Reason: one hundred per cent attendance for the week. In all school and community drives, Room 205 promises to be represented one hundred per cent.

## BASKETBALL TIPS FOR 1952-1953

By W. L. Copeland

This year's basketball team will be "your team," not your coaches'. They need not lay down a set of rules and training requirements. They haven't the time to check on you in order to enforce these rules. They are not policemen. The results we accomplish this year, in a large measure, will depend on what you boys desire to do. Championships are not won by wishing and by hoping. They are won by hard work and a willingness of the boys to sacrifice some of the normal pleasures of life. If you are in the habit of smoking, "STOP." Let your opponents smoke. Make it a rule to be in bed at 10:30 or at least off the street.

We have had many championship teams here at Dunbar and the faculty, students, and alumni expect you to follow in their paths. Are you "Willing to Work and Sacrifice to accomplish this?" It is your team; you can make the rules. Let's be the "champs." We know you can do it.

### Quotations

"Gifts come from above in their own peculiar forms."

Goethe—

Hermann and Dorothea  
"No trumpet blast profaned  
The hour in which the  
Prince of Peace was born;

McGinn of Virginia Union University was guest speaker. His subject was "The Citizen and the Present Age." Music was furnished by the Philharmonic Choir.

The local chapter of N. A. A. C. P. presented a Gospel Song Festival at Court Street Baptist Church on November 2, 1952.

The following groups participated: The Gospel Four, The Zion Singers, The Four Wonders (Female), The Four Wonders (Male), The Family Four, The Pentecostal Gospel Singers, The Dearington Gospel Singers and The True Stone Gospel Singers.

The Gamma Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its Annual Achievement Program and Third Oratorical Contest, November 23, at Eighth Street Baptist Church at 2 p.m. The subject of this year's program was "Democracy; Now, or Ever?"

Participants were seniors from the following schools: Campbell County Training School, Madison Heights High School, Amherst County Training School, Bedford County Training School and Dunbar High School.

First prize of \$25.00 was awarded to Pearl Sandifer of Dunbar High School, second prize of \$10.00 to Norma McCoy of Amherst County Training School and \$5.00 to Jacqueline Lawing of Carver-Price High School.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr. W. E. Gordan, a local citizen, for outstanding achievement. Music was furnished by Dunbar High School Chorus.

Lawyer Oliver Hill addressed the Public Affairs and Hospitality committee of Y.W.C.A. at their building November 18, 1952 at 8 p.m.

No bloody streamlet stained  
Earth's silver rivers on that sacred morn."

—Bryant

the Varsity. George Haskins, John Miller, Melvin Jones, William Early and Howard Brown are putting forth their offerings to this year's team. A few more people are expected to report for practices just before the season gets into full stride.

These are the players who are in positions to take Dunbar to a good season, a mediocre one, or an immortal one. A good basketball team must have accurate shooters, constant rebounders, capable ball handlers, expert dribblers, perfect attitudes and a wealth of love for the game. With these, the Poets can't possibly lose this year.

## Norcom Tops Dunbar 8-0

By Dub Copeland

The incomparable jinx of Norcom's Greyhounds of Portsmouth struck the aging heart of coach H. C. Waters once again.

There were few thrilling runs in this game for each team put up an alert, fierce, charging line. Dunbar's rookie end Butch Mitchell was a defense bulwark along with George Cobbins, "Daddy Long" Stamps, Little Brew and Luke Cunningham. The only touchdown of the game came in first period on a 58 yard drive which was climaxed by a 14 yard end sweep by a fleet-footed wingback, James Smith. The conversion was no good. Stunned by the weakness of its offense unit, the Poets' defense played an alert and bruising game as five times they stopped the on-rushing Greyhounds within their 5 yard line. Late in the fourth period, Skillet Billups started to pass and was trapped in the end zone for a safety thus climaxing the game. The final score was 8-0.