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## Congratulations Class of '56!

**DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL**  
LYNCHBURG, VA.

*Class of 1956*

RAYMOND MANN  
MARGARET CUNNINGHAM  
ROBERT REINES  
HERLEAH CARTER  
MARGOLYN WHITE  
ERNEST MOSEY  
MAYES BANKS  
JAMES ALLEN  
STARLING MERRITT  
ROBETTA BROWN  
HAROLD WHITED

THERESA MOSEY  
JAMES JOHNSON  
CEROLAINE BAUNDERS  
DOROTHY WARD  
MARVA PARKER  
LLOYD BRADLEY  
DELORES JOHNSON

STUART MOORE  
LALMA ANDERSON  
EDWARD JONES  
BENJAMIN CARTER  
SADIE FARKOW  
EDWIN HULL

BARBARA REYNOLDS  
LOUIS PRATER  
JUANITA SHELTON  
PHILLIP HARRIS  
BETTY CUNNINGHAM  
ALVIN BANKS  
DOROTHY JONES  
OSCAR BOOKER  
HILDA LEE  
HARMON CLOVER  
BRANDIA MARSHALL

ROGER REID  
MARJORIE ANDERSON  
HOWARD MILLER  
IDA JOHNSON  
MARION LAMCHORNE  
CONSTANCE ANDERSON  
JONCE CLABORNE  
ERNESTINE WOODS  
AVIS JONES  
JOHN PRYDE  
MARION DOUGLAS  
JOHN THURMAN



## "Labor Omnia Vincit"

*Tallest Boy* .....HARMON GLOVER  
*Tallest Girl* .....MARION DOUGLAS  
*Shortest Boys* .....JAMES BROWN,  
                                   BENJAMIN CARTER  
*Shortest Girls* .....BERTHA PAYNE,  
                                   BOBBETTE GREEN  
*Sharpest Girl* .....MARIE REID  
*Coollest Boys* .....JOHN NOBLE,  
                                   CLARENCE IRVINE  
*Most Attractive Girls* .....CLAUDETTE BLAIR  
                                   EVELYN CHAMBERS  
*Most Handsome Boys* .....JAMES ALLEN,  
                                   ROBERT REAVES  
*Cutest Boys* .....CHARLES McCAIN,  
                                   BENJAMIN CARTER, HAYES BANKS  
*Cutest Girls* .....MARIE REID,  
                                   MARION PERRY  
*Best Physique* .....ERNEST MOSBY,  
                                   HENRY HUBBARD, THOMAS HARRIS  
*Best Shape* .....EVELYN CHAMBERS,  
                                   MERLEAN CARTER  
*Most Petite* .....JOAN SPENCER,  
                                   MONICA TYLER, MARY THOMAS,  
                                   MARGARET CUNNINGHAM  
*Most Captivating* .....MADLYN WHITE  
*Most Popular Girl* .....BETTY YORK  
*Most Popular Boy* .....JAMES ALLEN  
*Best Liked* .....STARLING MERRITT  
*Friendliest* .....GEORGIA WILSON,  
                                   EDWARD JONES, CONSTANCE ANDERSON  
*Prettiest Eyes* .....ERNESTINE WOOD,  
                                   DOROTHY WARD, ROSETTA BROWN,  
                                   SADIE FARROW, MARJORIE ANDER-  
                                   SON, JUANITA SHELTON

*Most Chic* .....MARIE REID  
*Most Serene* .....GERALDINE SAUNDERS,  
                                   DOROTHY JONES  
*Prettiest Hair* .....BARBARA EARLY  
*Prettiest Teeth* .....HELEN WILLIAMS  
*Most Ladylike* .....BERTHA PAYNE  
*Most Bashful* .....STEWART MOORE  
*Most Businesslike* .....ROGER REID,  
                                   MARION LANGHORNE, CAREY BLAIR  
*Class Artists* .....JAMES JOHNSON,  
                                   HAROLD WHITTED  
*Best Dressed Boys* .....CLIFTON TURNER,  
                                   JAMES ALLEN, BENJAMIN CARTER  
*Best Dressed Girls* .....BARBARA MARSHALL,  
                                   EVELYN CHAMBERS  
*Prettiest Dimples* .....MARION DOUGLAS,  
                                   DAVID EVANS, BEATRICE REID  
*Most Mischievous* .....REGINALD NASH,  
                                   LEON BRASWELL, HARMON GLOVER  
*Best Athletes* .....ERNEST MOSBY,  
                                   WYATT WILSON, MILDRED TWEEDY  
*Most Candid* .....MARION DOUGLAS  
*Most Congenial* .....DELORES JOHNSON,  
                                   CAROLYN JOHNSON  
*Prettiest Complexion* .....AVIS JONES,  
                                   IDA JOHNSON, BARBARA REYNOLDS  
*Neatest Girls* .....BETTY CUNNINGHAM,  
                                   JOAN SPENCER  
*Neatest Boys* .....BENJAMIN CARTER,  
                                   JAMES ALLEN, JOHN THURMAN  
*Biggest Jiver* .....LLOYD BRADLEY  
*Most Likely to Succeed* .....WILLIAM SPENCER

*Class Knitters* .....PHILLIP HARRIS,  
                                   THOMAS HARRIS, JOHN PRYOR,  
                                   EDWIN HULL  
*Class Twins* .....OSCAR AND ARTHUR  
                                   BOOKER  
*Best Dancers* .....JAMES ALLEN,  
                                   BETTY YORK  
*Most Eccentric* .....JAMES WILLIAMS  
*Most Sincere* .....EUNICE WILLIAMS,  
                                   RAYMOND MANNS, HILDA LEE  
*Most Sarcastic* .....THERESSA MOSBY  
*Quietest Girls* .....ODESSA MOSBY,  
                                   MARVA PARKER  
*Quietest Boys* .....WELTON BASS,  
                                   JAMES EVERETTE, CHARLES YORK,  
                                   ALVIN BARKS  
*Most Carefree* .....LORETTA PRESTON,  
                                   LEROY MACK, JOYCE CLAIBORNE,  
                                   LOUIS FARMER  
*Biggest Eaters* .....BETTY YORK,  
                                   HARMON GLOVER  
*Most Willing* .....LAURA ANDERSON  
*Best Actor* .....HARMON GLOVER  
*Best Actress* .....ROSETTA BROWN  
*Brainiest* .....HELEN WILLIAMS,  
                                   RAYMOND HOLMES  
*Most Nonchalant* .....JEAN MILLER,  
                                   RUTH JOHNSON  
*Most Garrulous* .....MARY OGLESBY,  
                                   BARBARA THOMAS  
*Most Ambitious* .....RAYMOND HOLMES



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## A Question For Seniors

How much is your diploma worth?

Maybe someone will confuse worth with cost. The actual cost of your diploma can be measured in cents—a few cents for the paper and printing. Naturally, you will think of the cost to you in terms of study, hard work, and preparation over a period of four or five years. And your parents or guardians will consider the cost in terms of fees for books, lunches, clothes, supplies, and transportation. It all adds up to a considerable sum—an investment in you.

But aside from the cost—what of the real question: How much is your diploma worth? Each of you, whether you continue your formal education or not, must give his own answer. Someone has truthfully said that real education begins after we leave school.

On this 75th (Diamond) Anniversary of public secondary education among us, we wonder if a diploma in 1956 is worth as much as it was in 1872. Education in those early days and later, was meager, limited and uncertain. But what was lacking in facilities was made up for in interest, zeal, and hard work. Many of the early graduates wrought well because they MADE their diplomas worth something. They lived up to the demands and opportunities of their day. Many

## Value Of A High School Diploma

Submitted by Harmon Glover

During vacation time many high school students will seek and find summer jobs. The feel of the weekly paycheck in their pockets is liable to turn their heads away from school—away from graduating and receiving their diploma.

The extreme value of a high school diploma is very seldom realized by teenagers of today. A most outstanding factor when applying for a job is the diploma. This is some proof to the future employer that you have something of what it takes to start and complete a job. It will increase the potential of a large salary. Graduating and receiving a diploma is a duty a child owes his parents, as well as himself. There is a certain amount of satisfaction that comes from knowing that you have finished the job and done it well.

At the present time some of you may have no intention of going to college or furthering your education in any way. But, the day may come when advancement in your job requires some college work. No college will accept a person without a high school diploma.

Many boys will enter the Armed Forces, either by enlisting or with the aid of the draft board. The Armed Forces offer a great deal of training in many trades; the boys who are high school graduates have first choice when it comes to that training.

When the time comes for marriage and owning a place in a nice community, a high school

## MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

When the class of '56 bids farewell to dear ole Dunbar on June 12, its members will carry with them many treasured memories of events and activities which they will never forget. Of course it would be hard for anyone to forget when . . .

. . . Betty York was crowned "Miss Dunbar."

. . . Clarence Irvine "fought" his red pants.

. . . Ernest Mosby ran 100 yds. for a touchdown. (Salem, 1955.)

. . . Harmon Glover and Reginald Nash sang "Sixteen Tons."

. . . Benny Carter made a thirty yard run—the wrong way.

. . . Lloyd Bradley came to school on a rainy day.

. . . Laura Anderson knocked down Mr. Hamlett's door.

. . . Starling Merritt premiered his fabulous "Starling Merritt Show."

. . . Billy Spencer almost won a race.

. . . Leon Braswell got stuck with board washing.

. . . Jean Miller went on a diet.

. . . Ed Hull made the basketball team and didn't even get a T-shirt.

. . . Ernestine Woods and Rosetta Brown wore their cute "look-alikes."

. . . Barbara Thomas chewed gum in class.

. . . Bertha Payne made like Imogene Coca. (She did a fine job!)

## Inquiring Reporter

By Joyce Price

SENIORS: What will you miss most of all after leaving Dunbar?

JUANITA SHELTON: Most of all I will miss Mr. Moultrie and our 4II Law Class, and his bragging about Carey; and Mrs. Weeden, my second mother.

DELORES JOHNSON: I will miss most of my fellow classmates and all my teachers—Mr. Moultrie, and Miss Chafin.

BARBARA REYNOLDS: I'll miss my Law and 6th period classes.

THERESSA MOSBY: I will miss having recess with Madlyn, Jean, Evelyn, Bertha, Benjamin, James, and Richard.

BETTY YORK: I'll miss Mr. Moultrie saying that I am jealous of his smartest law student—Carey.

MADLYN WHITE: I'll miss Mr. Ferguson saying "Sisroe, are you trying to sneak by my door without my checking your roll book?" and my pals—Theressa, Jean, Bert, and Evelyn.

JOYCE CLAIBORNE: I'll miss our Law and 6th period classes.

CONSTANCE ANDERSON: I'll miss Mr. Moultrie and our 4II Law Class.

JEAN T. MILLER: Having enjoyed my stay, I'll miss just being away from here.

STARLING MERRITT: I shall, of course, miss the entire faculty and student body, but I shall miss most of all being a 'clock' to the students who pass through Polk Street at quarter to nine in the morn-

cause they MADE their diplomas worth something. They lived up to the demands and opportunities of their day. Many of them, their diplomas faded, and with print unclear, have earned places of honor and respect in their own communities and elsewhere. Some of you seniors are the blood descendants of those graduates. All of you are their spiritual descendants.

It is up to you, graduates of 1956, with your greater and finer facilities, better tools, and widening opportunities, to make your diploma worth even more. And, now, armed with bright new diplomas and that "Old Dunbar Spirit," begin early to act out the part described by Alexander Pope when he warns us that

"Tis education forms the common mind;  
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

—O. M. Washington.

## LOOKING BACKWARD

By Ernest Mosby  
President Class of '56

At last after four years of struggling, I have taken the final step toward my diploma. I dare say that the past four years have been my best years, for I have never exerted myself to the fullest scholastically. Because of that, I spent any number of days worrying whether I was going to pass or fail. If I had applied myself, I could have finished high school with a much better average and with less worry.

For four years, I have been associated with practically every major event at Dunbar. I participated on the football, basketball, track, and tennis teams, earning a letter in each. I served as student director of the chorus for two years. I was an elected member of the student council my junior year; and during my senior year, I was an honorary member. I was most active in the dramatic club my sophomore year. (These are just a few of the extracurricular activities in which I participated). But to top all of them, I was elected President of the Senior Class, a duty looked upon with respect by everyone.

However, here is a hint for all athletic minded underclassmen.

Get your lessons first, do not put anything above your scholastic attainments. Why? Because without your scholastic attainments, high school sports aren't of any value to you.

An almost disastrous mistake I made was putting athletics first. I didn't realize this mistake until it was nearly too late. After realizing it though, I settled down to do some really hard work (which by now was compulsory). In settling down my mother put a stop to all athletic activities, thereby making it impossible for me to participate on the track team of which I had been a member for three previous years. I came out of my rut, however, and I am now putting the finishing touches on my high school career.

Needless to say, if I had applied myself in the beginning and continued to apply myself throughout my high school career, my last year could have been the easiest and most enjoyable one of all. Students, I am appealing to you, do your very best scholastically and then look toward the extracurricular activities. By doing this, you will be better suited to do anything you want with the greatest of ease.

riage and owning a place in a nice community, a high school graduate has a better chance of establishing a firmer and better position in that community. In marriage, if one party has a much higher education than the other, an inferior feeling may develop on the part of the one with less education.

When you are enjoying your vacation this summer, remember some of this, so that when you return in September you'll have a new outlook—a new outlook on high school and that valuable diploma.

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STUDENT LIFE

### Schedule of Commencement Events

**Sunday, June 10** — Baccalaureate Services, Court Street Baptist Church, 3:00 p. m.

**\*Monday, June 11** — Class Night Exercise, Robert S. Payne Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

**\*Tuesday, June 12** — Commencement, E. C. Glass Auditorium, 8:00 p. m.

\* Admission by ticket.

### Student of the Month

By Madlyn White

This is a glorious time of the year for the entire Dunbar family, but especially the Seniors. Everyone is hurrying about on the school campus; however, in this great excitement let us not forget our Student of the Month. For this, the last edition of our paper, I should like to place the spotlight on Benjamin Franklin Carter, Jr. Benjamin, who is a Senior, belongs to the following organizations:

- ★ National Honor Society
- ★ Student Council
- ★ Football Team
- ★ Track Team
- ★ Junior Varsity Basketball
- ★ Le Cercle Francais
- ★ Dramatic Club
- ★ CHRONICLE Staff
- ★ Y. M. C. A.
- ★ Junior N. A. A. C. P.

In closing I should like to thank my CHRONICLE sponsor for her help during the year. I wish, too, to express my sincere appreciation to the entire CHRONICLE Staff for making it possible for me to give you in each issue The Student of the Month.

a clock to the students who pass through Polk Street at quarter to nine in the mornings.

ERNEST MOSBY: I'll miss all the activities I've participated in—both social and extracurricular.

LOUIS FARMER: I'll miss checking our class attendance for Miss Chafin.

BARBARA EARLEY: I'll miss running in school daily, trying to beat the tardy bell.

EVELYN CHAMBERS: I will miss running out of my house to catch the school bus every morning.

MARY E. OGLESBY: Most of all I'll miss Mr. Mitchell's sociology class and his saying, "Oglesby, will you pay attention?"

BERTHA PAYNE: I'll miss my associations with the faculty and student body.

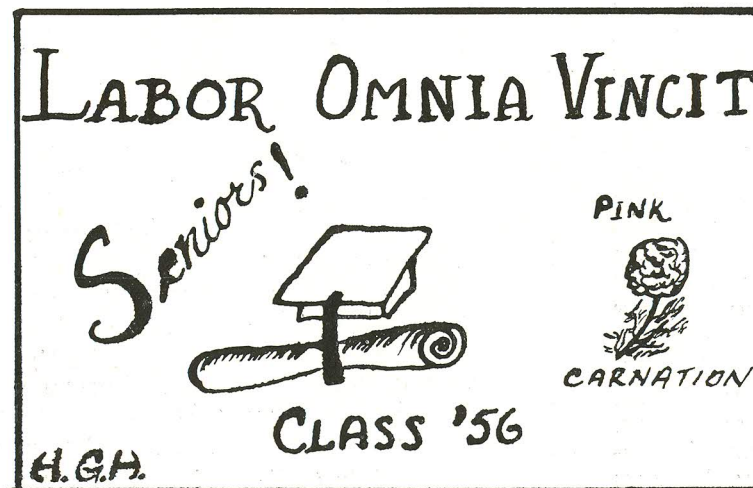
EDWIN HULL: I'll miss Mr. Clark's Chemistry classes, (both one and two.)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

By Carolyn Price

Happy Birthday to the students who have birthdays occurring in the last month of school:

Alvin Banks, Linda Banks, Robert Betts, Richard Brown, Juanita Crawley, Betty Cunningham, Ruby Cunningham, Joyce Davidson, Ernest Deane, Juanita Dickey, Bobby Glass, Mabel Gunn, Darline Higgins, Harry Holmes, Edwin Hull, Delores Johnson, James Jones, Leon Jones, Welford Jones, William Kendrick, Lloyd Lee, Sallie Lee, Joseph Linthicum, Harriet Miller, John Morris, Jerald Morris, Dabney McCain, Danny McCain, Macon Patterson, Marion Perry, Shirley Pollard, Eleanor Reid, Margaret Robey, Paul Robinson, Frances Saunders, William Tanner, Mary Thomas, Shirley Toliver, Marguerite Tucker, Edwin Yancy, Charles York.



## Raymond Holmes, Helen Williams Lead Class

By Mildred Penn

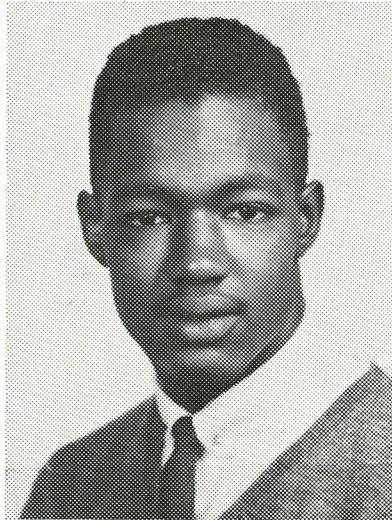
Raymond Holmes and Helen Williams have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's class of ninety with averages of 92.484 and 91.696, respectively. Both of the leaders are February graduates.

The Commencement Exercises of the class will be held in the E. C. Glass Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday, June 12, at 8:00 p. m. The theme of the exercises is "Seventy-five Years of Secondary Education in Lynchburg: A Diamond Jubilee." On this occasion the principle speaker will be Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, director of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation and former president of Tuskegee Institute. Other speakers will be Ernest Mosby, president of the class and the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

Graduation activities preceding the Commencement Exercises will be the Baccalaureate Exercises at the Court Street Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, June 10, at 3:00 p. m. The speaker will be Reverend F. P. Lewis, a graduate of Dunbar High School and pastor of the Peaceful Baptist Church of this city. Class Night Exercises will be held Monday evening, May 11, in the Robert S. Payne Auditorium at 8:00 p. m. The title of the program is "The Land of Oberlon."

Admission to the Commencement and the Class Night Exercises will be by ticket. No ticket is required for admission to Baccalaureate exercises.

## Alfred Cunningham Heads F. B. L. A.



Alfred Cunningham

Alfred Cunningham was elected state president of the F. B. L. A. at a meeting in Petersburg, recently. Alfred succeeds Hayes Banks, the first Dunbarian to head the state group.

Other officers are as follows: Secretary, Alto Allen, South Hampton Training School; Treasurer, George Davis, Virginia State College; Chaplain, Marion Payne, Huntington High School; Reporter, Henry Watson, Union University.

On June 11, the National Convention of the F. B. L. A. will be held in Washington, D. C. Alfred will represent the state at this convention.

## Fashion Flashes

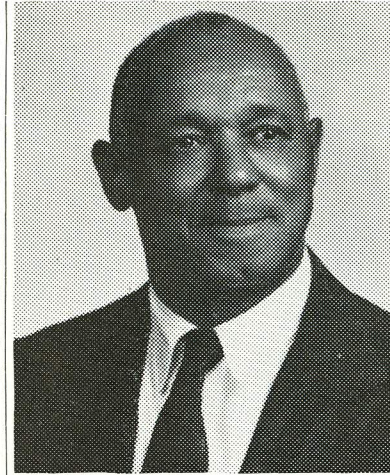
By Jimmie Turner

From the loveliest crop of cottons to travel to all parts of the world . . . Baby-checked gingham charmingly fashioned with, perhaps, a lace-trimmed organdy

## Mr. J. P. Davies To Retire; Honored By Faculty

The faculty honored Mr. John Paul Davies, auto mechanics instructor, who will retire at the end of this semester, after a regular meeting recently. Mr. Davies has been at Dunbar for 14 years and is beloved by all of his students and by all who know him.

Principal C. W. Seay commended Mr. Davies on his praiseworthy contributions to the school and presented him with a beautiful green leather lounging chair as a token of remembrance from the faculty.



Mr. Davies

## FRENCH CLUB PICNIC FUN FOR ALL

By Marie Shelton

Over hills, around curves to the French Club picnic we went. The date was May 11, the place was Jefferson Park, the time was 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Parents, teachers and French Club members alike joined in the fun and excitement of weiner roasting, marshmallow roasting, drinking cold drinks and playing games. Acting as hosts and hostesses, the French Club members served the parents and did their best to see that everyone enjoyed himself under clear skies and in the atmosphere of burning oak logs.

## S. Science Students Visit Washington

By Gwendolyn Green

The social science classes of Mr. H. S. Ferguson participated in an educational tour of Washington recently.

Among the points of interest they visited were the Washington Monument, the Capitol, the F.B.I. Building, and the Congressional Library.

A highlight of their visit was the meeting of Sixth District Representative Richard Poff.

## Math Club Holds Mathematics Day

A Mathematics Fair and Exhibit was held in the Science Room of Dunbar's South Building recently.

The exhibit featured math models, constructions, drawings, designs, problems, posters, scrapbooks, clippings, charts, pictures

Also included were single exhibits from each of the following subjects—matter clubs: The Science Club, Latin Club, F. B. L. A., French Club, and History Club.

The members of the sponsoring Math Club are: Betty

## The Poets Speak TO THE GRADUATES OF 1956

*So soon no more our halls their  
carefree feet shall stroll,  
Yet memory's flaming ember  
shall never grow cold.*

*Youthful incentives that seek the  
future untold,  
Engendering images made from  
perfection's mold.*

*Who now trod on to where the  
road of destiny bends,  
Where the trials, the hardships,  
and the joy of life begins.*

*May you choose the road that  
forever leads to right;  
May wisdom forever be your  
guiding light.*

*May your faith in God and man  
endure,  
And I pray each day that passes  
gives you wisdom that is  
truer.*

*And let not ignorance reign su-  
preme, nor wisdom be in vain,  
But make instead each yester-  
day's failure, each tomorrow's  
gain.*

*May you forever feel you have a  
right and reason to learn,  
May you never have to retrace  
the road of wisdom that shifts  
at every turn.*

*Remember not so much the men  
of the past, but remember their  
deeds,  
And think always of the future,  
and comply with its needs.*

*For it's not enough to know that  
things exist and what they're*

## The Ideal Teacher

By Joyce Elliott

School is already enjoyable, don't you agree? Just imagine the fun we'd get out of just being at school if we had one teacher who possessed the following characteristics.

Pleasantness of Mrs. Harris.  
Freeheartedness of Mr. Hamlet.  
Carefreeness of Mr. Clark.  
Jocular nature of Mr. Ferguson.  
Talent of Miss Chafin.  
Dress ability of Messrs. Thornhill and Moultrie.  
Athletic ability of Mrs. Jones.  
Liveliness of Mr. Pinn.  
Disposition of Miss Irvine.  
Youthfulness of Miss Hamler.  
Reverence of Mrs. Obey.  
Dependability of Mr. Mitchell.  
Personality of Mrs. Seay.  
Promptness of Mr. Washington.  
Humbleness of Mrs. Cardwell.  
Understanding of Mrs. Weeden.  
Charm of Mrs. Ferguson.  
Determination of Mrs. Womack.  
Gentleness of Mr. Murray.  
Impressiveness of Miss Williams.  
Magnetism of Mr. Conard.  
Refinement of Miss Lomax.  
Sewing ability of Mrs. Edley.  
Dancing ability of Miss Fain.  
Dramatic ability of Miss Jordan.  
Versatility of Mrs. Webster.  
Cheerfulness of Mrs. Chippy.  
Patience of Mr. Williams.

## FRENCH CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

By secret ballot the following officers for the 1956-1957 school year were chosen by the French Club members: president, Alice Franklin; vice-president, Harry Royal; secretary, Carolyn King; assistant secretary, Wanda Jones; treasurer, Evelyn Freeman; business manager, Alpha Coles; program chairman, Melvin York; reporter, Marie Shelton.

perhaps, a lace-trimmed organdy collar appliqued with petitpoint pique. Washable broadcloth has a permanent place in our wardrobes of separates and dresses. With flattering fullness as well as sleeky sheathness, our entire summer wardrobe could easily be composed of this fabric styled to suit our tastes.

For the continental look at play, try a striped "Grotto" jacket with a knitted, cawl top and capri pants in sail cloth in the loudest colors imaginable.

This time of year also brings into view many straw accessories. Natural straw bags of enormous sizes and outrageous shapes are the rage. Natural straw pumps or flats trimmed with multi-colored or self-colored raffia trim go well with a pretty, crisp, cotton dress.

Since the weather is getting warmer and our feet are closer to the ground we give them special attention in throng sandals. For extra comfort, the one strap is set atop a cushioned sole. Usually made of supple leather they can flatter any sports outfit. Also, white calf touched with gold makes a "cool" covering for your feet. Maybe a gay flat in soft white calf, studded with goldtone nailheads is what you would choose.

Whatever your choice; fabrics, styles, and ideas are helpful with your summer selections.

Happy Vacation to all of you!

May: "Why are you looking at me that way?"

Ray: "If I look at you the other way I wouldn't be able to see you."

Moe: "What's the difference between a monkey and a 'pot's fer'?"

Joe: "What's a 'pot's fer'?"

Moe: "Don't be silly, a pot's fer to cook in."

books, clippings, charts, pictures of mathematicians, math pamphlets, comic books, textbooks, magazines, workbooks, mathematical instruments, measuring devices, riddles, puzzles, cartoons, poems, songs, math movies and filmstrips, and an electric matching board.

ing Math Club are: Betty Brown, James Giles, Thomas Jones, Delores Higginbotham, Vivian Pinn, Donald Johnson, Rosa Shepherd, Davis Woodfork, Margaret Douglas, and Robert Betts. Alice Franklin is president of the Math Club.

## N. H. S. INDUCTS TWENTY-THREE



### New N. H. S. Members

By Gwendolyn Green

Twenty-three Juniors and Seniors became members of the Hill City Chapter of the National Honor Society at induction services recently.

James Allen, Hayes Banks, Raymond Holmes, Delores Johnson, Jean Miller, Theresa Mosby, and Helen Williams, members of the chapter, conducted the ceremonies.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Professor of History at North Carolina College. Dr. Edmonds used as her subject "Are the Cliffs of Dover Still White."

Music for the occasion was rendered by the chorus under the direction of Mr. Y. B. Williams.

A reception honoring the inductees was held immediately following the ceremonies which were attended by a large group of parents and friends.

New members are as follows: Leon Braswell, James Brown, Rosetta Brown, Benjamin Carter, Merlene Carter, Alpha Coles, Joyce Elliott, Evelyn Freeman, Harold Graves, Elizabeth Hale, Ruth Johnson, Wanda Jones, Catherine Morris, Starling Merritt, John Noble, Morris O'Kelly, Bertha Payne, Joyce Price, Paul Robinson, Frank Royal, Harry Royal, Marie Shelton, and Melvyn York.

things exist and what they're for,  
But we must seek down deep and reach their very core.

May you forever keep heading to the rising sun,  
And may you never rest till God and man know your job is done.

### OLD MRS. MASSIE

It was a very long time ago,  
When I was rather young,  
I met old Mrs. Massie,  
As she was sitting in the sun.

She looked very old and tired,  
And she never seemed to smile,  
But knowing and understanding her,  
Brought happiness all the while.

Even though she's dead and gone,  
And her work on earth is o'er  
Mem'ries of her still linger  
As sweet as they were before.  
—Jeanne A. Powell

### SPRING

Spring has come and the world is lively and gay  
Flowers are blossoming in their beautiful way.  
Up and down the sunny street,  
Children are playing and happy to meet.  
Lovers are taking their daily walk, thinking of the future with merry talk.  
You hear the birds singing from the trees and the joyful humming of the bees.  
All these joys make a beautiful spring and life is love for what it can bring.  
—Marion Wade

## Poets In National Tennis Meet

By Benjamin Carter

The National Inter-Scholastic Tennis Tournament was held in Durham, N. C., May 18-19. Following are the results of Dunbar's participation:

Clayton Taliaferro, John Richardson, Howard Johnson and Ruben McCoy were eliminated in the first round.

Edwin Hull was eliminated in the third round while Frank Johnson and Horace Cunningham made it to the quarter finals before being eliminated.

Theresa Mosby was defeated by Clara Henry in the semi-finals. Cora Organ, VIA Champ, reached the finals but was defeated in a tough match by Clara Henry, 10-8; 6-1.

In the doubles Cunningham and Johnson went to the quarter finals. Organ and Mosby were defeated in the finals by two girls from Hawkins, Texas.

Five trophies were won, making a total of thirty-one in the past five years.

## Portsmouth Places First In V. I. A. Tract Meet

By Harold Banks

At the recent V. I. A. Track Meet held in Petersburg, Norcum High School of Portsmouth chalked up 41 1/3 points and took over first place. Huntington of Newport News placed second, while Booker T. (Norfolk) and Dunbar tied for third place.

Other teams participating were Addison (Roanoke), Carver (Fieldale), Langston (Danville), West End (Clarksville), Pea-

## Cora Organ, VIA Tennis Champ



MEMBERS OF THE TENNIS TEAM

Left to Right: Howard Johnson, Cora Organ, Theresa Mosby, Ernest Hawkins. (Back) Horace Cunningham, Clayton Taliaferro, Ruben McCoy, and John Richardson.

## Portsmouth Scene of VIA Tennis Meet

By Catherine Morris

The VIA Tennis Tournament was held at Norcum High School in Portsmouth, Virginia. The four students participating from Dunbar were Cora Organ, Theresa Mosby, Howard Johnson and Horace Cunningham.

There were eight high schools participating in this tournament with 43 participants.

The tournament started at 11:00 o'clock on May 5. Frank Johnson worked his way to the semi-finals and was defeated by Neilson of Phoenix High, 6-1, 7-5. Horace Cunningham worked

## VARSITY CLUB ORGANIZED

By Octavia Payne

A Varsity Club was organized on May 29 at the home of Mr. W. E. Clark, III.

The 14 charter members are as follows: President, Alfred Cunningham; Secretary, Carlton Ferguson; Business Manager, Thomas Hudson; Ernest Mosby, James Allen, Wyatt Wilson, Hayes Banks, James Brown, Benjamin Carter, Thomas Harris, Henry Hubbard, William Spencer, Carey Blair, and Charles McCain.

The purposes of the Varsity Club are to build character and

## It's Gabbing Time

J. P. is really holding on to G. C.

D. Mc. and P. S. must be inseparable.

Attractive G. T. and track star T. "Jeff" D. make a very charming couple. She's wearing his medals.

A. L. has really fallen for E. M. D. J., looks like competition.

What's with W. S. and H. P.? This seems to be an "off and on" romance.

Someone said that T. G. had C. A.'s initials carved in his arm. How painful!

M. W. is really playing the "faithful girl-friend role" with P. H.

Why doesn't B. E. want R. R. to escort E. W. to the prom? Can it be jealousy?

Is L. C. still "on the loose" or has someone caught him yet?

We notice that M. P. and W. B. always manage to stay together.

D. C. and R. W. had a slight difference of opinion concerning W. S.

H. R.'s latest interest and prom date is an attractive major-ette, A. J.

B. Y. and B. T. seemingly share the attentions of J. B. C. (a Roanoke fellow.)

T. H., we ask you how well you and C. O. are getting along?

L. B. has certainly aroused the

## 75th Anniversary Reception To Be Held

By Gwendolyn Green

A culminating activity of this year's monthly celebration of the seventy-fifth year of secondary education will be the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Reception on June 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m. Amelia Pride Cottage which will be a place of beauty for the occasion, work and efforts of the decorating committee.

For several weeks the hospitality, the food, the program and the exhibit committee have been working to assure the success of the event.

Dunbar graduates and friends from all over the country are expected to attend. Each will be registered and by the end of the reception will be acquainted with each other.

The Exhibit Committee wants everyone to know Dunbar better. Therefore they have planned many interesting displays for exhibition at this time. Diplomas ranging from 1907, 1912, 1922, 1928, 1930, 1940, to 1955 will be shown. And athletic, debating, dramatic, and essay contest awards will also be assembled.

Certificates of school affiliations with the following will be grouped together: Southern Association, F.B.L.A., National Honor Society, Science Club, Math Club, Athletic Association, Tennis Association, and Student Council. Pictures of the classes from 1915-1956 will be in a near-by group.

In addition there will be our records: report cards, permanent record cards, medical cards and

West End (Clarksville), Peabody (Petersburg), Walker Grant (Fredericksburg), and Bruton Heights (Williamsburg).

Following is a run-down of the Poet's participation:

Otis Tucker took 3rd place in the high jump at 5 ft., 8 in.; Dawson Smith tied for second place. Thomas Cardwell came in first in the mile run, while Jeff Davis and Frank Lee finished second and third, respectively.

The whole relay team, which consisted of Hayes Banks, Thomas Cardwell, William Spencer, and Jack Bayes, finished third.

## ON THE COURTS

By John H. Hughes, III

On Saturday, May 12, the tennis courts of "The Greater Dunbar" were given their first real workout. This was the time of the Addison-Dunbar Tournament.

The crowd was not very great but those who were there, in the sweltering heat, I am sure, enjoyed it to the highest. There were approximately forty persons viewing the match, including those who stayed only five minutes and left.

There were nine matches. Three boy's singles, three girl's singles, two mixed doubles, and one of boy's doubles.

## A Salute To The Champs

By James Allen

I am happy to pen my last notes as a sports writer at Dunbar in praise of Coach Harry Waters and his coaching staff for their excellent guidance during my high school career. This year has been a wonderful year for the Poets in football, basketball and track.

Neilson of the Phoenix High, 6-1, 7-5. Horace Cunningham worked his way to semi-finals and was defeated by Henry Livas 6-1, 6-2. Theresa Mosby worked her way to the quarter finals where she was defeated by Beverly Camm from Booker T. Washington High School of Norfolk, Virginia.

Cora Organ worked her way to the finals and defeated Booker T. Washington's Beverly Camm, 6-1, 6-0. Cora is now the Girl's Single Champion in the State of Virginia. One trophy was brought back.

Dunbar won its first home match against Addison High of Roanoke 7-2. Since there are two girls who will be leaving, Constance Anderson and Theresa Mosby, the tennis team will be looking for new persons to take their places.

The Tennis Team has won 31 trophies in six years.

## AROUND TOWN

By Annie Anderson

Rev. J. A. Arter, pastor of Jackson Street M. E. Church, attended the annual conference in Washington, D. C. recently.

Diamond Hill Baptist Church held its annual revival from May 20-25. The Reverend Spears of Philadelphia was speaker for the occasion.

Court Street Baptist Church presented a May Festival on Monday, May 28.

Jackson Street Methodist Church was the central place of worship for the members of Dunbar Student Council recently.

It is my sincere hope that next year will find Coach Waters' boys state champions.

A salute to the Poets for an excellent record! Western District Champs in football; Western District Champs in basketball; first in class "A" mile at Penn Relays.

The purposes of the Varsity Club are to mold character and to create an interest in athletics at Dunbar.

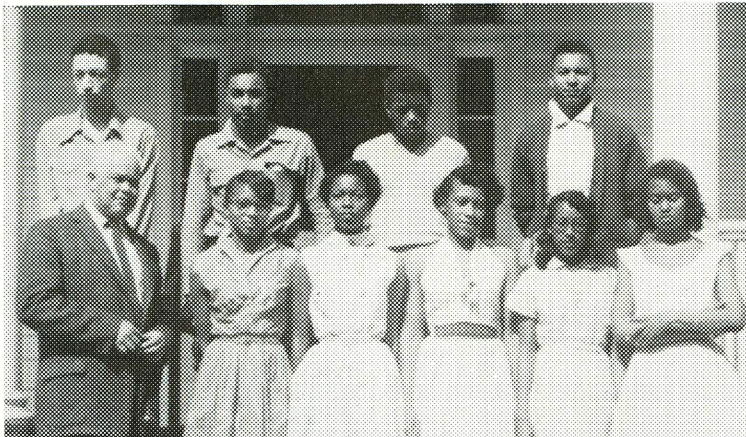
The requirements are that a student must be a person holding a varsity letter in at least one sport, must maintain at least a C plus average, must be of good character, have good school attendance (clean sport), and must meet the approval of advisers and sponsors.

L. B. has certainly aroused the attention of J. T. It's probably no more than a passing fancy, however.

We wonder if L. B. and R. K. have settled their differences yet.

B. C. has interest from Seniors to Sophomores.

With P. R. squiring E. F. to the prom we wonder how many hearts will be broken?



### DUNBARIANS TAKE MASONIC TEST

Harmon Glover and Leon Braswell (back row, l. to r.) along with representatives from Roanoke, Lexington, and Pittsylvania County, leave the Masonic Hall after completing the Masonic Scholarship Test which is given annually. Mr. H. S. Ferguson (front row) administered the test.

## Sports' Hall of Fame

Assembled by Joyce Elliott

The following names are to be added to the CHRONICLE HALL OF FAME for "service above and beyond the call of duty" in sports:

**BASKETBALL**  
 ERNEST MOSBY  
 CLARENCE IRVINE  
 JOHN THURMAN  
 CAREY BLAIR  
 MILDRED TWEEDY  
 BETTY YORK

**FOOTBALL**  
 JAMES BROWN  
 BENJAMIN CARTER  
 JAMES ALLEN  
 CHARLES McCAIN  
 CLARENCE IRVINE

ERNEST MOSBY  
 THOMAS HARRIS  
 HENRY HUBBARD  
 WYATT WILSON  
 CAREY BLAIR  
**TRACK**  
 HAYES BANKS  
 WILLIAM SPENCER  
 ERNEST MOSBY

**TENNIS**  
 EDWIN HULL  
 THERESSA MOSBY  
 ERNEST MOSBY  
 CONSTANCE ANDERSON

records: report cards, permanent record cards, medical cards and black book; art achievements; our publications: the Annual, the Student Council Blotter, the Handbook, and Citizenship Bulletin; related attire and books; and faculty members.

## Elizabeth Hale To Attend N. H. A. Conference

By Margaret Richeson

Elizabeth Hale, newly re-elected President of the Dunbar chapter of the New Homemakers of America, will attend the State N. H. A. conference at Virginia State College on June 11-14.

Other officers elected for the year by the group at their recent meeting are as follows:

Vice-President, Queen Burks; Secretary, Jean Powell; Assistant Secretary, Elise Wright.

An invitation was received from the Rustburg chapter of N. H. A. to attend a conference at Campbell County High School. Members who attended were Queen Burks, Margaret Richeson, Elise Wright, Roslyn Cheagle, and Patsy Gray.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems pertaining to teenagers today.

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Raye Cleo Wills

Smith was sitting down to breakfast one morning when he was astounded to see an announcement of his death.

He rushed to the phone at once to call up his boss.

"Hello," he shouted, "did you see the announcement of my death in the newspapers?"

"Yes," the boss replied. "Where are you calling from?"