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NEWS IN BRIEF

Each Thursday at 4:50 p.m., current events around Dunbar can be heard on radio station WLLL. Dorothy Payne, CHRONICLE Editor, is the announcer.

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Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests were administered last month by Miss A. B. Chambers, guidance counselor, to 12 juniors and 13 seniors.

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Principal C. W. Seay attended the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, held December 3-6 in Memphis, Tenn.

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The College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test was given at E. C. Glass, December 7. The following Dunbar students took the test: Ocie Sydnor, Brenda Anderson, Diane Scott, Valerie Minor, Roscoe Goode, Paula Blair, Regina Lee, Dorothy Payne, Walter Lewis, Frances Randolph, and Carol Wilson.

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Each Sunday in December, the Rev. Arthur Brown, pastor of Peakland Baptist Church, will lead discussions on marriage, love, and courtship at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. All teenagers are urged to attend these sessions.

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REHEARSE PLAY — Sherman McCoy and Marjorie Penn rehearse for Christmas play, "This Strange Night," to be presented December 17, at 8:15 p.m.

Juniors Tour Colonial Va.

Approximately 74 eleventh graders who are taking United States history or American literature toured the restored area of Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia the last Saturday in October.

Among the many places toured in Williamsburg were the Governor's Palace, the Old Courthouse, which is a mu-

'This Strange Night' To Be Presented Dec. 17, 8:15 P. M.

A dramatic, nativity play, "This Strange Night," by John McGreevy, will be presented as the school's annual Christmas play, December 17 at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

As the title suggests, the play refers to the night the angels heralded the birth of Christ. Along with the traditional nativity theme, the play tells the story of Esther's love for the poor shepherd Asa.

Despite the money madness of Esther's father, the innkeeper, who wanted Esther to marry a rich man, she and Asa find happiness at the foot of the manger.

Portrayed by members of the Theater Guild, the characters include Alphonso Freeman as Joseph, Evora Elliot as Mary, Marjorie Penn as Esther and Clayton Davis as Asa.

Sherman McCoy plays Marcus, a Roman, and Phillip Wilkinson is a courier.

Appropriate Christmas music will be furnished by the Dunbar chorus, directed by Mr. R. Winfrey.

Miss E. H. Jordan, sponsor of the Theater Guild, will direct the play.

Different from previous years, the program will be presented at night to give working parents an opportunity to attend. There is no admission fee. The public is invited.

Telephone Company Demonstrates DDD

Three representatives from the C&P Telephone Company showed Dunbar students the correct procedure of Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) during special assembly programs on October 29-31.

To aid in the proper use of DDD the following procedure has been established:

American Education Week Observed

In observance of American Education Week, November 10-16, a program entitled "Strengthening Education at Dunbar" was presented in the auditorium on Thursday afternoon, November 14.

The program featured five minute classroom activities from each department in the

Student Council Xmas Party Given

The cafeteria took on a festive Yuletide look when the Student Council gave its annual all-school Christmas party last Friday night. Traditional green and red decorations added to the gay holiday mood.

Pre-party activities, which started at 7 p.m. in the East Building, stressed the true meaning of Christmas through caroling and a ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree. A guest speaker also presented a brief talk on Christmas.

Various organizations and clubs participated in the traditional roll call, at which time a representative from each organization said a familiar verse or greeting when the name of the club was called. Each representative also placed an ornament on the Christmas tree.

The crowning of "Miss Candy Cane" was a highlight of the party.

As a token of the event every one present was given a candy cane.

Debate Society Formed

On November 21, eight students who like to argue with

attend these sessions.

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Elected this fall to the Lynchburg Board on Mental Health for a term of one year were Miss Anne Chambers, Mrs. Fannie Womack, and Mrs. Dorothy Obey. Miss Edna Holmes was reelected. All are Dunbar teachers.

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Youth Day, an annual affair, was observed by the Court Street Baptist Church, November 17. The morning program consisted of a sermon delivered by Rev. Calvin G. Sampson of Virginia Theological Seminary. A panel discussion, held in the afternoon, was based on education, religion, and economics. Participating on the panel were Sherman McCoy, Diane Lewis, and Brenda Hughes.

Thanksgiving Message Delivered by Vicar

The Reverend Mr. John Eberman, vicar of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, delivered the Thanksgiving message at Dunbar's annual Thanksgiving program, held November 27.

Gloria Johnson, president of the F.B.L.A. and a senior, introduced the speaker.

Following the theme, "Now Thank We All Our God," various students made presentations at the altar and gave their interpretations of Thanksgiving. They were Mary J. Wright, Regina Lee, Veronica Sherrill, and Ben Jones.

The Junior and Senior Choruses provided music for the program. Roselle Cheagle led the devotions.

the Governor's Palace, the Old Courthouse, which is a mu-

seum now, and the famous Raleigh Tavern, where many secret meetings were held prior to and during the American Revolution. Two colorful phases of the tour were a cannon ball exhibition and the changing of the guards at the jail.

In Jamestown the group visited both the Old World Pavillion and the New World (Turn to page 4, col. 4)

DDD the following procedure has been established:

- (1) Dial the numeral "1" which connects you with the DDD equipment.
- (2) Dial the area code, if different from 703 (code for Virginia).
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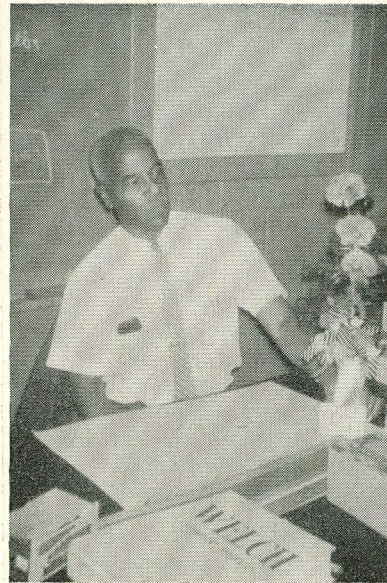
A question and answer period followed the demonstration. Direct Distance Dialing will be effective December 15.

MR. O. WASHINGTON CHOSEN 'TEACHER OF THE DAY'

Mr. O. M. Washington, physics and mathematics instructor, was honored by Radio Station WLLL as "Teacher of the Day", November 20. As a gift, he received a vase of red carnations, compliments of Charles E. Burg's Florist.

In response to a question about his reaction, Mr. Washington said, "At first I thought it was an April 1st joke (delayed) or perhaps someone had made a mistake and intended to select some other faculty member. It could have been any of them, but finally when the beautiful vase of carnations arrived and was presented by Lawrence Haynes, and a picture of me was made, I felt very proud and humble, as well as grateful. After all, math teachers usually receive more brick bats than bouquets. And although the honor is undeserved, I shall always be grateful to station WLLL and to the students at Dunbar for encouraging me to become a better teacher."

In order for a teacher to be-



Mr. O. M. Washington

come "teacher of the day," students send a petition including the instructor's name, subject, and twenty-five or more students' signatures to the radio station. The radio staff determines daily who will be the teacher of the day.

The program featured five minute classroom activities from each department in the school. It was designed to serve a two-fold purpose — to give the parents and guests a compact but comprehensive view of some of the classroom activities and to further acquaint the eighth graders with the school's curricula. Next semester each eighth grader will have to select the curriculum he plans to follow throughout high school.

Included in the various presentations were a demonstration of the new approach to mathematics, French conversations, a physical fitness exhibition, and a scientific experiment.

The senior chorus furnished the music.

A reception for the parents, guests and faculty was given in the East building immediately after the program.

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Better Grades Stressed

An assembly program, "Fifteen Steps to Better Grades", was presented in the auditorium recently in an effort to promote scholarship at Dunbar. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that better grades can be obtained by better study habits which include knowing how to study.

Centered around the theme of getting better grades, the topics ranged from taking notes to intelligent cramming. The participants who represented each grade at Dunbar were chosen on the basis of their past scholastic performances.

Sponsors for the program were Miss J. Irvine, Mrs. S. Davis, and Mr. R. Robinson.

On November 21, eight students who like to argue with facts to back them up met in room 306 and formed the Dunbar Debating Society. At the meeting, the students, under the sponsorship of Mrs. D. L. Obey, and Mr. H. R. Watson, chose Sherman McCoy as their president. Other members are Sherline McCoy, Freida Thomas, Ocie Sydnor, Carol Wilson, Hylan Hubbard, Rufus Oglesby, and Alfred Elliott.

After dividing into two teams, each under a sponsor, the debators decided to present a debate for the student body in late January. They will debate the topic, "Resolved: That Social Security benefits be extended to provide complete medical care."

The four excelling students will participate in a high school debate in February at Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, where they will vie for scholarships to be given to the two best debators.

Surprise Party Given Teacher

Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday, dear teacher;
happy birthday to you!

How often does a teacher hear his students' voices jubilantly blended in a song of admiration? Not often. But when he does hear such a tribute, his heart is lifted.

This joyous birthday tune caught Mr. Harry Ferguson off guard at exactly 3:20 p.m. on November 5, when his senior homeroom gave him a surprise birthday party.

Which birthday was the veteran American government teacher and senior sponsor

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Rather Ironic — Isn't It?

One of the best things we can do, not only as students but as citizens of an ever growing nation, is to examine candidly and constructively this thing we call "spare time." Spare time has caused the downfall of many. It also has been the basis for great accomplishments for many others.

Although we live in an age of automation, there is no excuse for the squandering of time. Much of our recreation has no importance, physical or otherwise. Constructive use of time is the key to success. However, the popular trend seems to be spending more time in relaxation. Thousands today, endowed by their Creator with enormous possibilities, slowly but surely are sinking into the yawning abyss of mediocrity because of the ever popular pastime—taking it easy.

We are nonchalant about time because we do not assume everyday responsibilities. First we are responsible to God because He gives us every hour in our lives. Secondly, we owe it to ourselves to employ time wisely. If we do not give ourselves a chance, we will never exert our potentialities.

Most important, we must learn to discipline ourselves to a time schedule, for this is the key that unlocks the door to success. There are before us today more fields of human endeavors than ever before. This is truly the age of challenge. A prerequisite to discovering these vast new horizons is the proper use of time.

Last but not least, we must remember what a priceless gift time must be in order to set the course of our lives. We

Christmas Thoughts For All The Year

Reprinted from the Editors of
McCalls, December, 1959.

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

These are but inklings of a vast category; a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured.

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning until the sudden stirring of the heart has extended itself toward the care of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas—to savor in the inward ear the wild sweet music of the angel choir, to envision a star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids the ray of light that fell athwart a dark-

LETTERS TO THE FORUM

Dear Editor:

Now is the time for all true Dunbarians to come to the aid of their school and basketball team. Last Friday at 8 p.m., the mighty Poets began a promising season by beating their first game. Of course, they intend to continue to bring us fame.

As we know, our recent years have been extremely successful — Western District Championship 3 times in a row. I feel that this year will be no different from the rest. I also feel that we will come through and win the state championship with flying colors.

Coach Waters has high hopes for the coming season, and as our duty to him and to the team we should back them up with all our support.

They hope to fight a gallant battle by showing that at this school we play ball. These fellows are our true athletes: high spirited, aggressive and fleet-footed. Soon they will take their places in our Hall of Fame. I salute them with admiration and good luck for a successful year.

Christine Richardson

CAROL'S CORNER

by Carol Wilson

A DAY OF INFAMY

Friday, November 22, 1963, is a day that the world will never forget. On that day, the tragic and heinous assassination of John Fitzgerald Ken-

Dear Editor:

I find it a must to express my opinion of the program presented during American Education Week. I enjoyed the program because it was different, and it made me feel as if I were really in the classrooms.

Congratulations to the participants and the personnel responsible for the presentation of such an effective program.

Helen Payne

Dear Editor:

I, Juanita Reese, an eighth grader at Dunbar, wish to let you know how much I enjoyed the American Education Week program.

It was very enjoyable, interesting, and a worthwhile program. I obtained a lot of information from the program and would like to see more programs such as that one.

Juanita Reese

Inquiring Reporter

by Nancy Patrick

"Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus lane." But wait; he can't bring you everything! So of all the things, what do you want most for Christmas?

Regena Lee: "I would like to have a nice 'Walker' doll for Christmas."

James Franklin: "A certain girl I have been talking to for two and a half weeks."

Sherline McCoy: "To be with a certain young fellow I've

Last but not least, we must remember what a priceless gift time must be in order to set the course of our lives. We can use it to become a success in life and an asset to our country. Ironically, we can also use it to become merely a useless example of humanity in an existence that has no significance. As food for thought we should all consider this closing question: To what use shall I put my time?

Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained

A person who sees the worst in everything and everybody is called a pessimist. He forever stands in his own light and thinks the whole world has picked him out to be the scapegoat for everything that is unworthy. He says, "Everybody and everything is against me, therefore I cannot succeed. Why should I even try?"

Before giving up to despair and becoming a pessimist, we should remember that we have the same opportunities every other person has. However, we are not thankful for these opportunities. Instead, we blame other people for our own mistakes and misfortunes. We should bear in mind also that we have ten times the opportunities our fathers had, and one hundred times the opportunities our grandfathers possessed.

We live in a far advanced age where the very air is full of opportunities, and yet sometimes we think we have none. Many of us are pessimists because we want to be indifferent. Some of us think it is too much trouble to reach out and take the opportunities offered us, sometimes even forced upon us.

Instead of being a pessimist we should give thanks for life itself. We should be willing to look on the bright side of life. We can see this side of life by merely turning our eyes in its direction. Let's keep our eyes open; laugh and the world will laugh with us. But if we weep we weep alone. Discouragement is one of the greatest causes for failure in life.

Walter Malone expresses the thought of reaching out and making use of those opportunities awaiting us in this excerpt from "Opportunity":

"Weep not for precious chances passed away!
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again!"

Time Marches On

Recently, the nation was stunned by a terrific tragedy—the assassination of our 35th President. Many wept; others held back their emotions; but the common feeling among all was what would happen next. "What about the foreign policy? Will the new president be able to make the right decisions on the big issues facing the nation, as the former president had done?"

We all loved President Kennedy dearly, as the leader and representative of our nation and as a kind, warm hearted

a star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

This Is Love?

Reprinted from the "Jacketeer,"
Albert Harris High School, Martinsville, Va., November, 1963.

(Editor's note: For best results substitute D. H. S. for A. H. The situation described is also appropriate for Dunbar.)

Stage performers, screen actors, and television personalities are paid for embracing in public. But A. H. students aren't paid, and you don't want your business all over the school, anyway!

Before classes, between classes, at lunch time, and sometimes in classes, you see these amateur Romeos and Juliets displaying their unchained love for each other. Romeo may show his affection in such ways as beating Juliet on the shoulder, pulling her hair, stealing her shoes, sweater, jewelry, or purse. Juliet, however, is no less affectionate; she is subject to wild screams of delight at the slightest touch of her lover's hand.

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person. But we must remember that time marches on. Other presidents have died before in office but the nation has survived. Our nation is the greatest on earth and will continue to be the greatest.

We cannot live in the past. Because President Kennedy was a great man, we will always revere him. But we must not linger in his past; we must support our new President, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy occurred.

News of the assassination shocked the nation and the world. It seemed almost unbelievable that America's shepherd and champion of peace was dead. It became quite evident that a truly magnificent individual had been taken from our midst. President Kennedy, who was loved and respected by the world, will be missed.

However, no matter how grieved we are, we must not give in to the kind of hatred that motivated this deplorable murder. The accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was the victim of a twisted mind. He lived a lonely life and died a lonely death. For this, he should be pitied.

Although our beloved leader is dead, our nation must live on. Fortunately, the Constitution made provisions for a successor in the event of the President's death. Through these constitutional provisions, Lyndon B. Johnson, former Vice-President, is now the new President of the United States. Now that the nation has a new head, all American citizens are wondering "Where do we go from here?" Only God knows what the future of this nation will be and only time will give us an answer. But, we must all have faith in our new leader.

Above all, we must pray that the governmental actions that President Johnson will take will be in the best interest of the nation and its people.

Even though a tragedy has struck, I am sure that our nation will survive. It has survived after the death of other presidents. However, this na-

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Sherline McCoy: "To be with a certain young fellow I've been with for the three previous years."

Leroy Franklin: "A million dollars and a certain girl I've been going with since school started."

Crystabel Harris: "A fabulous 'Penn' that I've had my eye on for quite some time."

Norvell Smith: "I want to get enough sleep so I won't sleep so much in school."

Ann Jennings: "I want to go to Morgan State College."

Eugene Rose: "A piggy bank full of thousand dollar bills."

Frances Bolding: "A charge account at John's Discount Store."

Lamore Davis: "I want a radio full of candy."

Sylvia Camm: "A hi-fi with AM and FM tuning."

Raymond Robinson: "I wish a certain dream to come true for this girl and me."

Roscoe Goode: "A '49' Ford with a grand Prix motor."

Ersie Silas: "I want a prolonged Christmas holiday."

Howard Langhorne: "I want one of the colleges to which I have sent applications to accept me for an athletic scholarship."

Rosa Hewitt: "It would be very nice if I could receive a method of gaining knowledge through osmosis."

James White: "Enough money to complete four years of college and to be as happy as I am now."

Marvin Smith: "A 1964 Lincoln Continental with push button windows."

Rufus Oglesby: "Too much money!!!"

Lyndell Walker: "Scholarship to Tennessee A & I for four years."

Edwina Harris: "Peace and goodwill to all men."

ALUMNI NOTES

Martin J. Smith, 1958 graduate, has been appointed Athletic Director of the Boys Club of America in Baltimore, Md. He recently received his B.A. Degree from Shaw University.

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Hayes B. Banks, Jr., 1956 alumnus and 1962 graduate of Morgan State, was commissioned second lieutenant in the Army after graduating from Officer's Candidate School at the Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma in early October.

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Mrs. Shirley Claxton Sherman was awarded a scholarship by the University of Virginia at Charlottesville to do post-graduate work there this past summer. Currently Mrs. Sherman is an instructor of English at Hampton Institute. She is a 1954 graduate of Dunbar.

Senior Gives Views On Scholarship

by Brenda Anderson

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles designed to attempt to improve the scholarship of students.)

It is commonly known that no worthy goal is achieved without much honest work and effort. Many often seek or wish for a great deal, but do nothing toward gaining what they want. One who sits idly by must learn that the mountain will not come to him; he must go to it.

Today someone striving desperately toward a goal is looked upon as a person "beating his brains out for nothing." Rome was not built in a day, and so it is with education. Scholarship is the surest way there is to reach one's goal and to make one's dream come true. Scholarship is a personal matter. It is something one must wish to achieve. Time marches onward, for the clock can never be turned back.

When one is screened for college entrance or that important job, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has grasped all that was within his reach. He will not have to worry about being refused because of a poor record. When a student receives his report card, he should not pass it off as a formality everyone in school goes through. He needs to reconsider and decide what purposes the report has. The report is not just an informative bulletin for one's parents. It is a reflection of the student himself. Each person knows himself better than anyone else, including his own potential and limitations. Are you working up to your potential? Are you really interested in scholarship?

The Poets Speak

THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

by L. Garnell Stamps
Teacher of English

Far above the streets of Dallas
Death reared up its awful
head;
And in less than thirty minutes
John F. Kennedy was dead.

Far above the streets of Dallas
Lurked the killer, half-forgot,
Who, while thousands cheered
our leader,
Fired the orthorhombic
shots . . .

Fired the shots that robbed the
nation
Of a great man in his prime;
And Lee Harvey Oswald wrote
forever
On the bloody scroll of Crime.

Somewhere on the streets of
Dallas,
J. D. Tippett stalked his prey;
But the feet of Justice
stumbled
And he lost his life that day.

Down the streets of shaken
Dallas
The assassin, all alone.

Fled the blood-drenched
asphalt harbor
Where the grapes of wrath
had blown.
Apprehended, booked, and
questioned,
He was snatched away by fate:
Now, in the darkroom of
conscience,
We can only speculate.

No one seems to know his
reasons,
But the flood has burst the
Dam!
And our memories take up
backward
To that church in Birmingham.
For all of us helped pull that
trigger
When we bade our minds be
still,
And allowed the brutal killing
Of a boy named Emmitt Till.

And with Sacco and Vanzetti,
Freedom turned her face in
shame;
Yes, our finger prints are
found there.
If you doubt this, ask again.

Did Lee Oswald join the
klansmen?
Did he burn the cross of Gall?
Did he murder Medgar Evers?
Did he build the Berlin Wall?

Did he block the doors at
Oxford?
Did he charge that awful
price?
Did he gas the Jews in
Europe?
Did he hurl the stones at
Christ?

Every day Crime stalks this
country.

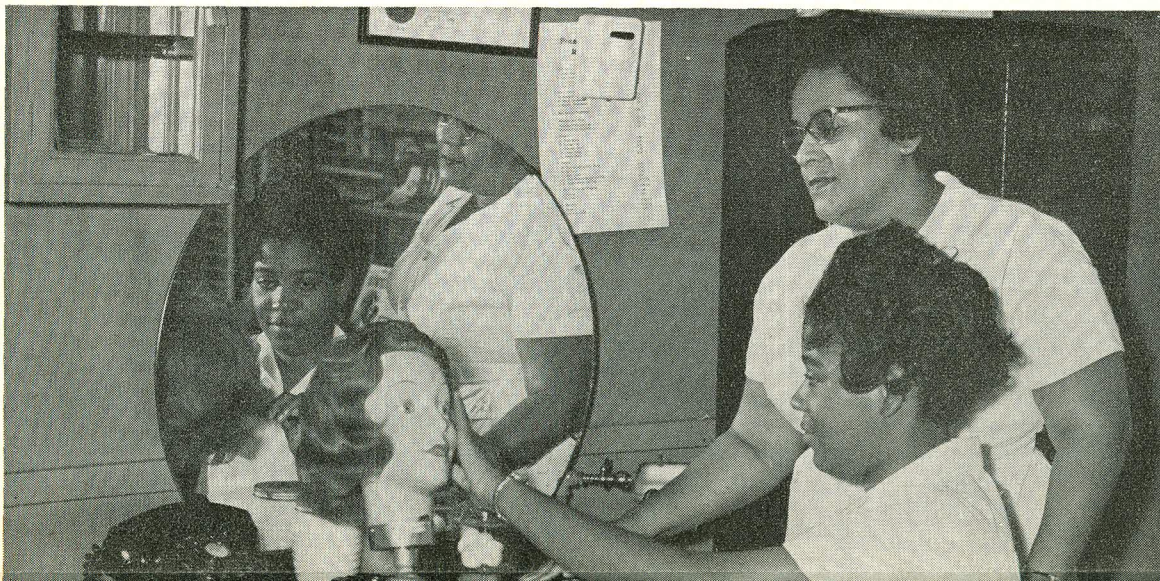
HONOR ROLL

There are 68 students on the Dunbar Honor Roll for the second six weeks of the First Semester. They are by Homerooms:

Room

No.

- 1 Myra Gordon, Marshall Davis, Veronica Shelton
- 2 Ronald Thomas, Mary Jackson
- 3 Nancy Coleman, Mary Moss





WORK EXPERIENCE—Janice Dean receives instruction from Mrs. Virginia Brown, director at Stokes Beauty School, as part of new job training program for special students at Dunbar.

Special Ed. Students Find Cosmetology Rewarding

By Dorothy Payne

Many Dunbar graduates pursue advanced academic studies or technical training, enter a trade, or find some means of earning a livelihood. For some Dunbar alumnae, special education students, and dropouts, cosmetology opens the door to a rewarding occupation.

Stokes' School of Cosmetology, the only school of its kind in Lynchburg open to former and present special Dunbar students, has claimed many

What Would Happen If?

The entire student body made Honor Roll?
 All CHRONICLE staff members would meet their deadline?
 The Poets won the State Basketball Championship?
 All Dunbar boys practiced chivalry?
 The detention was occupied by cobwebs instead of students?
 A soda vender was placed in the cafeteria?
 There was an activity period each day?
 All Dunbarians followed the cheerleaders during pep session and fully supported the team at the games?
 The teachers did not show up at school one morning?
 Christmas holiday lasted an entire month?

Dunbarians. Students at Stokes are able to get a complete course in cosmetology, the science of beauty culture.

This year Stokes School of Cosmetology is training several special education students from Dunbar. Instead of remaining in their afternoon class, these students attend classes at Stokes. In addition to theory, they learn on the job training. They do not receive any pay.

Stokes has also been instrumental in causing some dropouts to return to school. One such case was Mrs. Pauline

SURPRISE PARTY

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celebrating? He claimed the party was such a surprise that he was speechless. Anyway, the five pound green and yellow decorated cake had 16 candles, which he said were too many.

"This was the most pleasant surprise of my life and I do mean it was a surprise! I shall always be grateful to the seniors of '64 for their thoughtfulness and kindness. They really put one over on me," said Mr. Ferguson after catching his breath.

The class also gave him a necktie, a matching wallet and key case and many beautiful cards.

Lacy, class of '62, who returned to Dunbar after an absence of many years to take biology, a prerequisite to the cosmetology course at Stokes. After enrolling at Dunbar, Mrs. Lacy decided to get her high school diploma, which required two years of study. She graduated in the upper half of her class.

Mrs. Virginia Brown is owner and director of the school. Her assistant is Mrs. Joan Brown Reid, a Dunbar graduate and a graduate of Stokes.

At present there are several former Dunbar students, in addition to the special education students from Dunbar, at Stokes.

Let's Read Awhile

by Alton Cheagle

"TWICE BESEIGED"

By Edward Sandoz
 Oxford Press—\$2.50

Things were not going well with the crusades. Food was scarce, disease spread through the ranks, and treachery existed among the leaders. Sixteen year old Phillip of Clareville found himself a part of all this and finally became instrumental in capturing Antioch in 1097.

A story of adventure, warfare, courage, loyalty, cruelty, (Turn to page 4, col. 5)

- 2 Ronald Thomas, Mary Jackson
- 3 Nancy Coleman, Mary Mays
- 4 Delores Bolden
- 5 Katherine Shaw, Patricia Washington
- 6 Carlton Harris, Geraldine Giles, Janice Woodson
- 8 Karen Ferguson, Gerard Hutcherson
- 9 Ernestine Marshall, Wiley Harris, David Herndon
- 10 Linda Johnson, Percy Johnson
- 11 Eula Woodson
- 13 Frank Hughes
- 14 Faye Barnett, Clara Colmore, Brenda Jackson
- 15 Sarah Scott, Hubert Jackson
- 101 Betty Davis, Barbara Brown, Arlinda Jones, Peggy Smith
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tion and its people will not survive alone. It is exceedingly clear that just as God has been our only help in ages past, He is still our only hope in the years to come.

Every day Crime stalks this country,
 Every night our cities bleed.
 Everywhere men rue the sight of
 Heaven's desecrated Creed.
 Every book of human struggle
 Tells of Mankind's epic plight;
 So we ask of wounded Justice,
 "Who shall prosper; Wrong or Right?"
 Truth lay grasping on the scaffold;
 Wrong triumphant on the throne,
 But our God, in awesome silence,
 Still keeps watch above His own.

IN MEMORIAM OF JOHN KENNEDY

by Brenda Anderson
 12th Grade

(Editor's Note: The following poem was taken from a letter printed on the editorial page 'Letters to the Forum' of "The Lynchburg News," November 24.)
 To you my father who without fear,
 Gave up life for all you held so dear;
 I pledged thee allegiance full and strong,
 Supported by love my whole life long.
 For on this day that you have died;
 Many a man has broken down and cried.
 As I love you I will utter a prayer;
 That God will keep you in his care.
 Let heaven its golden gates open wide;
 For you my father there to abide.
 And time can never wash away;
 What has happened here today.

WILHELMINA DUNCAN CROWNED AT HOMECOMING CEREMONY

Wilhelmina Duncan, a senior, was crowned "Miss Dunbar" by Principal C. W. Seay during halftime activities at the homecoming game, in which the Poets defeated the Campbell County Wildcats, 12-6.

Escorted on the field by Linwood Jones, Co-captain of the football team, Miss Duncan was smartly attired in a gold woolen suit accented by a white neck scarf and white gloves. Her shoes and bag were black patent leather.

Miss Duncan's attendants—Diane Scott, Margaret Graves, Mary Rosser, Thelma Sherman, Eunice Jones, Elizabeth Robinson, Valerie Britt, and Veronica Powell—wore white woolen suits with gold gloves and scarfs. Each wore a white chrysanthemum.

After placing the traditional "Miss Dunbar" cape around Miss Duncan's shoulders and presenting her with a bouquet of gold chrysanthemums, Principal Seay officially

crowned her "Miss Dunbar."

A member of the F.B.L.A., the cheering squad, and the Student Council, Miss Duncan will represent Dunbar at the basketball tournament in March.

Also, during the half-time, senior football players were called on the field for a special tribute. They were Linwood Jones, Leroy Franklin, Ocie Sydnor, Preston Thomas, Howard Bennett, Fred Haskins, Howard Langhorne, Lyndell Walker, Donald Jackson, James White and Roscoe Goode.

Football Presented Retired Athletic Director

Coach John Organ presented an inscribed football to Mr. J. L. Mitchell, former athletic director and history teacher who retired last June after 37 years of teaching.

The football was won by the Dunbar team when they beat Campbell County High School last month at the Poet's homecoming game.

Because the retired teacher, coach, and athletic director is ill, Mr. Organ made the presentation at Mr. Mitchell's home at 606 Monroe Street.

When Coach Organ told the student body during a pep session on the morning of the game that he planned to give the ball to the former mentor if the Poets won the game, the students sanctioned it with a resounding applause.

Poet Cagers Begin Season

And then there is basketball. The football championship has been decided, the uniforms stored away, and the basketball gear gotten out. The Poets are on the courts!

This year is one of "ifs" for the Poets:

IF Alphonso Scott can step into Warren Canada's shoes and lead the Poets in their quest of another Western District Championship.

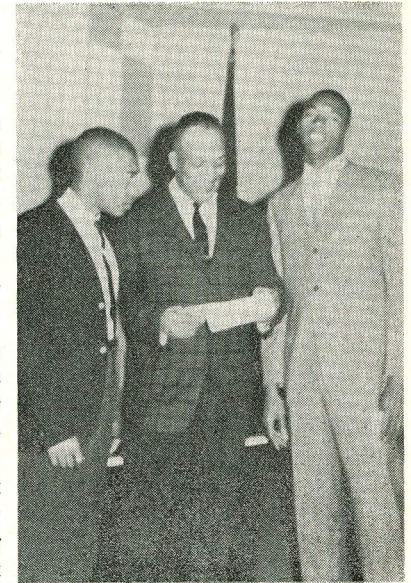
IF Perno Johnson, Robert Tanner, and William Harvey can continue the hot shooting they so capably displayed last year.

IF Ronnie York and Roscoe Goode can live up to the potential required of them.

All these things are major factors if the Poets are to repeat as Western District Champions, but the big "if" is whether or not Scott can do the job without Canada or not. It's an unenviable task for anyone; but if the job can be done, he's the boy to do it.

In the Western District, every game is hard fought, but this year will be especially tough for the Poets. As Western District Champions five of the last six years, the Poets will be the main target of all the opponents on their schedule, not just their Western District counterparts.

The Poets won't be caught unprepared, however. Even the loss of Canada shouldn't stop them from being threats this year. They lost only two players via the graduation route last year.



BASKETBALL HEADS—Looking over season's schedule with Coach Waters are co-captains Robert Tanner, left, and Alphonso Scott.

Other returnees from last year are: Addison Jeffries, Wheeler Hughes, and Ben Herndon.

Promising newcomers are: Elwood "Skeeter" Hartman, Allan Davis, and Eugene Ferguson.

Coach Harry Waters says of the team: "Most people will believe that with the loss of All Western District Warren Canada and William Dean, Dunbar will be on the downgrade. My only comment to that is, 'Watch us!'"

Perhaps this is the year the Poets can not only retain their district crown, but also go on to take the state championship as well, a feat the Poets or any other Western District team has not been able to accomplish in the last 13 years.



MISS DUNBAR—Principal Seay crowns Wilhelmina Duncan "Miss Dunbar" during homecoming half-time activities. Left to right, co-captain Linwood Jones, attendants Elizabeth Robinson, Mary Rosser, Diane Scott, Eunice Jones and Valerie Britt. Foreground, band mascots Veronica Evans and Jerrinette Dillard.

Four Placed On All Western District Football Team

Four members of the Dun- Schools.

Schools
Four members of the Dunbar football team were placed on the All Western District team. The team was picked by the district coaches at their regular meeting held at Dunbar on November 23.

Dunbar senior, 190 lb. guard, Howard Langhorne was placed on the offensive team. Others selected for the offensive team came from Burley, Langston, and Albert Harris High

Poets Finish Second In District Play

by Rufus Oglesbye

Despite the loss of Lynwood Jones, co-captain and 210 lb. fullback, and constant injuries to key players throughout the season, Dunbar was able to have a successful year on the gridiron.

Finishing second in the district with a record of 5-1-1, and an overall record of 7-1-2, the Poets showed great improvement over last year's 2-8 record.

This year proved to be a success not only because of the record, but in many other ways. First it showed the boys that the secret to success is hard work. Secondly, teams will have to respect Dunbar's football team in years to come. Thirdly, the boys acquired a desire to win which had been lacking in past years.

There were many spectators and players who helped to make the team successful. Playing key roles were: Donald "Mr. Versatile" Jackson, who had a wonderful year as a halfback, end, and defensive halfback. James White moved right in and filled the slack left by Linwood Jones. The touch-down twins, James

For the defensive team, Dunbar contributed three members—Donald Culpepper, a 6-2 ft., 165 lb. sophomore end, Howard Payne, 5-9 ft., 200 lb. sophomore, and James Banks, a 6 ft., 170 lb. senior linebacker.

Four seniors who were also given special recognition on the offensive team for their playing on the offensive team for Dunbar are Donald Jackson, end; John Minnis, tackle; James White, fullback; and Lyndell Walker, quarterback.

Making the defensive honorable mention list were Howard Bennett, senior guard; James Johnson, junior halfback; and Preston Thomas, a senior safety.

Johnson and Clyde Thomas, gave the team a balanced threat in the backfield, both running and as pass receivers. Lyndell Walker, one of the best quarterbacks Dunbar has had, did a tremendous job at his post. James Banks, who was injured last year, bounced back to have a successful year as a linebacker. French Poole, Howard Langhorne, and Howard Bennett were exceptionally good in their positions.

John Minnis, a much improved player from last year, played both ways at tackle. Howard Payne, a converted fullback, proved to be one of the best tacklers in the district, and with a little more improvement should be one of the best in the state next year.

Donald Culpepper and David Cox were the most feared defensive ends in the district. They displayed outstanding performances in every game and made our ends almost impossible to run.



SENIOR LETTERMEN—Given special tribute at their last game for Dunbar are Linwood Jones, Leroy Franklin, Ocie Snyder, Preston Thomas, Howard Bennett, Fred Haskins, Howard Langhorne, Lyndell Walker, Donald Jackson, James White, and Roscoe Goode.

Defensive halfbacks James Franklin and Preston Thomas gave us a good secondary because of their speed and experience.

Mandell Davis saved many games with his fine punts. He has also improved as a quarterback, and should be able to fill the quarterback spot for the Poets next year.

Other players that helped when they were needed were

Fred Haskins, Allen Parks, Dennis Nowlin, Victor Cunningham, Walter Parrish, Louis Mitchell, Norvell Saunders, and Eugene Ferguson.

This year just might have been the beginning of a new era in football prominence for Dunbar.

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Pavillion, where they were fortunate to have two well-informed guides. Incidentally one of the guides is a former Lynchburg resident.

The Jamestown Fort attracted the attention of many of the students, who could hardly believe that such a prosperous nation as America could have originated from such a simple and crude beginning.

Accompanying the classes were Mrs. Womack, U. S. history teacher, Mrs. D. Obey and Mr. H. Watson, American literature teachers and Miss L. Withers and Mr. A. Thornhill, both faculty members.

LOVE

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This is love? If a guy truly loves a girl or vice versa, he or she doesn't have to resort to these "cave man" tactics. There are times and places for showing your feelings for someone, but school (inside or out front) is hardly the place for it.

ED. WEEK

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The American Education Week committee consisted of Mrs. C. Seay, Mrs. F. Womack, Miss L. Withers, Mr. N. White and Mrs. D. Obey, chairman.

1963-64 Basketball Schedule

Home Games

December
6—Southside
14—Campbell County

January
3—Albert Harris
17—Mary Bethune
24—Northside
25—Langston
31—Addison

February
7—Carver, (Fieldale)
15—Burley
22—Peabody

Games Away

December
7—Langston
13—Northside

January
4—Addison
10—Carver
11—Burley
18—Southside

February
1—Albert Harris
8—Campbell County
14—Mary Bethune
21—Peabody

LET'S READ

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deceit, religious fervor, and cupidity, "Twice Beseiged" is here to tell how the Crusaders saw ways of making fortunes out of it.

Against this background Phillip grows, and historical figures stand out as vivid and living. Young readers will be absorbed by Phillip's adventures and experiences, and through his eyes will learn much about this historical period.