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Around Town

By Carolyn King

Recently, the Tri Hi-Y and the Hi-Y clubs held a panel discussion on the topic, "What Shall We Do About Alcohol?" Mrs. Hazelle Boulware and Mr. Gideon Smith were resource persons.

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The Virginia Seminary Inspiration choir rendered a musical concert at Diamond Hill Baptist Church during their observance of "Youth Fellowship" on February 5.

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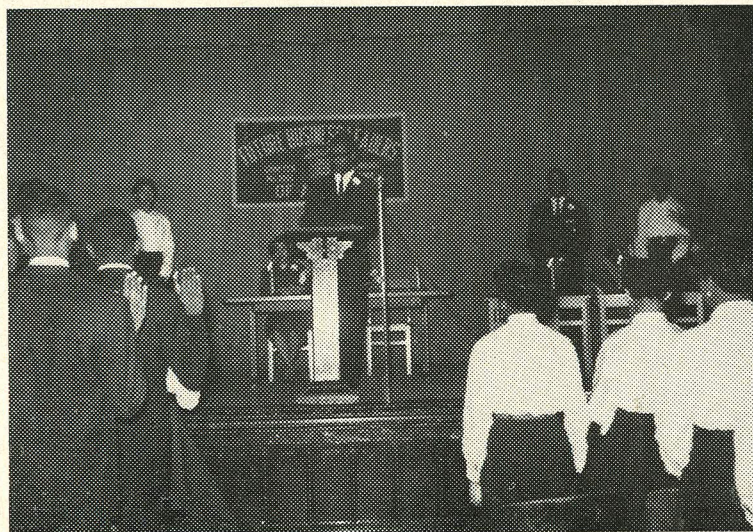
Wedding bells rang recently for Mrs. Esther G. Webster of the Mathematics Department. She is now Mrs. James Person.

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The Rev. L. L. Mosley was guest speaker at the 37th Annual Public Meeting of the Y. W. C. A., which was held at the Jackson Street Methodist Church on Sunday, February 3, at 3:30 p. m.

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Mrs. Estella A. Easton, from the Department of Education of State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C., appeared as guest speaker for Payne School's Founders' Day program on Thursday, February 14. Mr. Thomas Dean is presi-



—Photo by Frank Royal.

F. B. L. A. INSTALLATION

Alfred Cunningham, president of Chapter 1055 F.B.L.A., reads the pledge of his organization to new members.

Faculty Discuss School Evaluation

The Dunbar High School faculty has chosen as its general topic for the spring semester of professional meetings, "A Study of School Evaluation in Three Areas."

The first meeting was devoted to a study of educational philosophy. "The Philosophy of Our School" was discussed by Mr. C. W. Seay, while the philosophy of each department was discussed respectively as follows:

English, Miss E. H. Jordan; Foreign Languages, Miss D. D. Lomax; Social Sciences, Mr. H.

W. E. Clark; Guidance, Mr. O. Washington.

The second meeting will concern "Evaluation Outside the Classroom." Mrs. M. W. Harris, Mr. J. J. Cardwell, and Mr. Y. B. Williams will be the speakers.

"Evaluation Within Our School" is the topic to be discussed at the last meeting. The speakers will be Miss S. E. Fain, Miss E. E. Holmes and Mr. H. D. Hamlett.

Members of the committee whose duty is to choose the topic

Musical Groups Plan Program In April

The band and chorus will present their annual spring recital on April 1 at 8:15 p. m., at Robert S. Payne. The admission is 50c for students and 75c for adults.

The chorus will present "Carmen," which is an adaptation of the famous opera "Carmen," by Georges Bizet. In the years since its first performance in 1875 "Carmen" has become the most frequently produced of all French operas. Its music is universally popular. The chorus' presentation makes available portions of the original music and some of the scenes for short performance.

The band will feature music from jazz to classics. Some of their scheduled numbers are "Melody of Love," "Ragtime Wedding," "Mandalay Overture," and "The Charlotte Harbor Stomp." A performance will also be given by the majorettes.

Va. State College Seniors Practice

By Wanda Jones

On February 11, two seniors from Virginia State College came here to do their practice teaching. They are Miss Ophelia Drew from Colonial Heights, Virginia whose major is English and Mrs. Mary Wynn Henderson from McKinney, Virginia whose major is Business Education.

Miss Drew said her first impression of Dunbar was that she knew she would enjoy working here. She stated: "The Dunbar family accepted me as a part of it with such warmth that I immediately felt as if I belonged. The way the school's philosophy is carried out by every member is what I especially like. The philosophy of Dunbar High School is not only a written philosophy; it is also a living philosophy."

Mrs. Henderson also noticed the warmth with which she was received. She says, "The friendly atmosphere here makes working

F.B.L.A. Installation Services

By Alice Colmore

The Lynchburg Chapter, number 1055, of the Future Business Leaders of America inducted twenty-six new members into its organization during a special assembly recently.

Alfred Cunningham, president of the club, gave the oath to the new members.

Elsie Wright, Mary Hatwood, Morris O'Kelley and Alice Colmore spoke on the subjects "Future," "Business," "Leaders," and "America," respectively.

The club honored the men and women of the community who are in the business field.

garden on Thursday, February 14. Mr. Thomas Dean is president of the P. T. A.

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Madison Heights Elementary School held its annual Oratorical Contest at the school on the evening of February 18. Miss Jeannette Irvine, Miss Eddie Betts and Mrs. Almeda Banner were judges.

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Dr. M. C. Allen addressed the Payne School faculty and students on February 20 during their observance of Brotherhood Week.

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Students from Home Rooms 201 and 206 participated in the annual Heart Drive, Sunday, February 24.

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The Rev. W. J. Hodge, pastor of Diamond Hill Baptist Church, addressed the faculty and students of Madison Heights Elementary School during Brotherhood Week on February 22 at 1:00 p. m.

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"Compassion of Christ" was the subject on which Dr. William Mallard of Sweet Briar College spoke at the annual Race Relations Day observance at Jackson Street Methodist Church.

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The Men's Chorus of Court Street Baptist Church presented a concert of religious music on February 25.

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The Union Revival was held March 4-8 at the Fifth Street Baptist Church. This revival was sponsored by the Lynchburg Ministers Conference.

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On March 8 at 10:30 a. m., the "World Day of Prayer" was observed and opened to the public at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Foreign Languages, Miss D. D. Lomax; Social Sciences, Mr. H. S. Ferguson; Vocational, Mr. A. F. Thornhill; Mathematics, Miss J. C. Hamler; Physical Education, Mr. C. F. Pinn; Fine Arts, Mr. D. C. Moore; Science, Mr.

Members of the committee whose duty is to choose the topic for study and arrange for speakers are Miss B. Williams, Mr. T. H. Murray, Mr. W. E. Clark, Miss E. Chafin and Mrs. Y. T. Ferguson.

Students Hear Dr. Banner

Dr. Roland R. Banner, pastor of Court Street Baptist Church, addressed the students and faculty of Dunbar on March 8, World Day of Prayer.

He emphasized the importance of prayer and the great need that everyone should have for it. He pointed out "We should pray because we need God, not because God needs us." The steps in prayer are (1) taking troubles to God, (2) leaving them there, and (3) expecting great things from God.

Devotion consisted of "Faith of Our Fathers," which was sung by the audience and scripture read by Rev. L. L. Moseley, pastor of Jackson Street Methodist Church.

"The Lord's Prayer" was beautifully rendered by Joyce Elliott and "Bless This House" was commendably done by a girl's trio composed of Paula Weeden, Eleanor Reid and Ethel Reid. Melvin York served as master of ceremonies.

Le Cercle Francais To Induct Tuesday

Le Cercle Francais will induct thirty-eight new members on Tuesday morning at a special as-

sembly in the school auditorium. Inducting the new members will

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in the business field.

As a project of the F.B.L.A., purple and gold ball point pens are being sold. Each student is being asked to help the Future Business Leaders in this project by purchasing one of these pens.

Theater Guild In District Tournament

By Mildred Pinn

Members of the Dunbar Theater Guild entered into competition with three other district high schools in the Dramatic Tournament of the Western District Virginia Interscholastic Association on February 16 in Clarksville, Virginia.

They presented "The Last Curtain" by Neal Hasey and directed by Miss Elizabeth Jordon.

This group received a superior rating and is eligible to attend the State Dramatic Tournament at Virginia State College on March 30.

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received. She says, "The friendly atmosphere here makes working very pleasant." The only unfamiliar custom to her is the detention hall. She said she attended a school in a rural area and county school busses transported students; therefore, no one had to stay after school.

Both agree that the students here are typical of most high school students. Also, they both like children and want to become teachers so that they may help students become all that they are capable of becoming.

Principal Attends N. A. S. S. P. Convention

By James Jackson

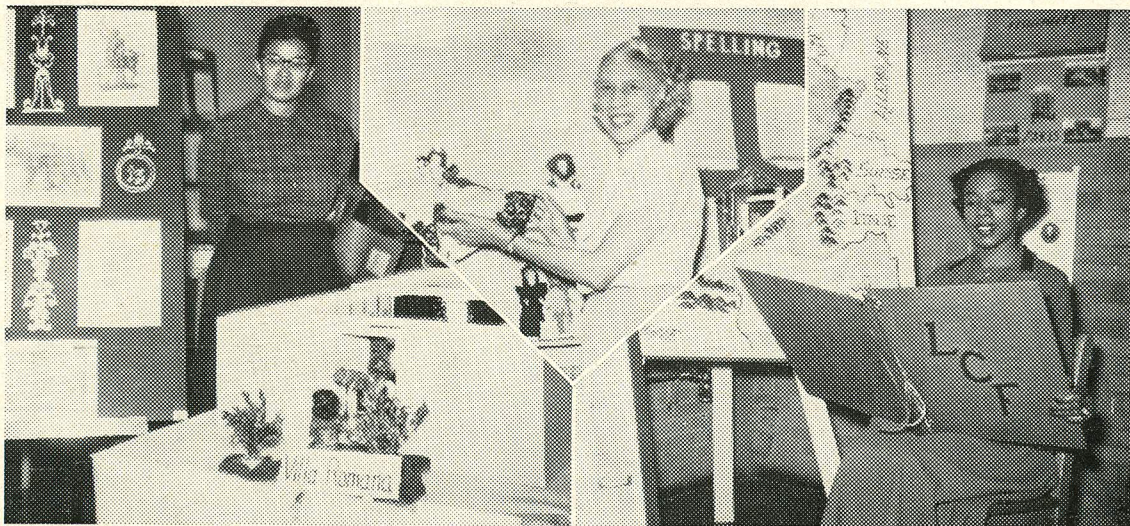
Principal C. W. Seay recently returned from a convention in Washington, D. C., where he attended the 41st Annual Convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals held at the Sheraton-Park and Shoreham Hotels.

The theme of this convention was "Our Secondary Schools—Citadels For Peace and Freedom."

Topics under discussion were: 1. How can an activity program be provided for all Senior High School students? 2. What are some Administrative practices in the Junior High School? 3. What shall the school do for its gifted and talented youth? 4. How can faculty meetings be used most effectively? 5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Teacher Merit Rating Plan?

During their stay in Washington the principal toured Mount Vernon, Woodlawn, Arlington, Capitol Hill, Embassies, National Gallery of Art, Free Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Institute, National Archives, and White House.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HEADS



—Photo by Frank Royal.

Heads of the Language Departments take time out to view their own displays at the recent Language Arts Festival. L. to r.: Miss D. D. Lomax, Latin; Miss E. H. Jordan, English; and Miss J. E. Irvine, French.



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Our Name

By E. Slade Freeman

What is in a name? A very Shakespearean question! As Dunbarians we bear a very famous name, the name of Paul Laurence Dunbar. We recently celebrated Negro History Week, which makes this a good time to review the highlights of the life of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Dunbar has the distinction of being the first nationally known Negro poet. When sixteen, Dunbar's earliest poems had appeared in the Dayton Herald and at twenty-one, his first book, "Oak and Ivy," was published locally. During Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Dunbar went to London to recite his work. There, because of his fame as a poet, he was received with marked honor.

His success as a literary man was due to his originality. Dunbar was the first, among many whites and Negroes, who had undertaken to write verse in Negro dialect, to put into it such thought and make of it such a portraiture of the feeling and the aspirations of the Negroes as to give his work the stamp of originality. While he was always humorous, his poetry showed deep pathos and sympathy. Thanks to the interest of sympathetic persons of both races, his home in Dayton, Ohio, is now maintained as a monument.

Our athletic teams have for many years gained fame with the nominal tag of "The Poets." We have good reason to be

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

Submitted by Harry Holmes

Born in Dayton, Ohio, on June 27, 1872, Paul Laurence Dunbar was a poet and story writer. His parents were Joshua Dunbar and Matilda Murphy, who were both slaves in Kentucky, but escaped to the North. Paul, their only child, was educated in the public schools of Dayton and at the Steele High School, where he was the only Negro student. He was the editor of the student magazine and wrote the class song on his graduation in 1891 from Steele High. His ambition was to become a lawyer, but he lacked the means, and was obliged to take a job running an elevator, at four dollars a week.

Meanwhile he became interested in poetry and story writing. His early poems appeared in local newspapers, and in 1893 he published a small volume at his own expense, paying the publishers, a religious publication house, by selling the books personally to passengers on his elevator.

Later, he was employed at the Haiti Building in the Chicago World's Fair. When this was over he returned to Dayton and to utter discouragement. He still kept on writing, however, and showed greater originality. He was aided in the publication of his second volume. In 1896, his "Lyrics of Lowly Life" appeared, his first collection to receive genuine publication. He rapidly became very popular and something of a fashion; he was asked to lecture, which he did reluctantly and without a success, and he visited England and read his own poems there in 1897. In 1897 and 1898, on his return from England, he served as assistant in the Library of Congress. In 1898 he married Alice Ruth Moore, herself a writer.

All this intensive travel, work, and excitement were too much for a naturally frail body, and by 1899 Dunbar was far gone in tuberculosis. He spent the next winter in Colorado, but without benefit to his health. He returned to Dayton and kept on writing, though he was no longer able to speak publicly or to engage in any other occupation. Gradually he lost his courageous struggle against disease, dying at the age of thirty-four on February 9, 1906.

Student Council Election

Voting is a privilege enjoyed by all Americans. Many countries even today lack this privilege, so we as Americans should value this gift highly and make the best use of it possible. We are allowed to select and elect our representatives. In doing so we pick those best qualified for the job, not our friends. A person is not judged by whom he knows, but by what he knows.

Please pay your poll tax and render yourself eligible to vote in this year's Student Council election. The poll tax is one cent.

Again, I remind you, nominate and vote for the best qualified individual, not the most popular.

Some qualifications of a Student Council member:

Inquiring Reporter

By Ann F. Jordon

What contemporary Negro do you think has made the most important contributions to life? Why?

Handy Withers, Jr.—"Thurgood Marshal, because of his outstanding work."

Ethel Reid—"I think Mahalia Jackson is making a wonderful contribution to life because of her superb spiritual singing. If everyone tried to follow in her footsteps, the world would be a better place in which to live."

Richard Brown—"Rev. Luther King, because of his outstanding participation in human welfare and relations. Asiatics are hailing him as another Ghandi."

Archie Callahan—"I think that Ralph Johnson Bunche (The Peace Maker) is making the most important contribution to life. My reason — His intelligence and willingness to study any situation and find the solution has proved, without a doubt, that he is making the most important contribution."

Adelia Megginson—"I think William Worthy, Jr., has made the best contribution to Negroes as well as to others because of his deep interest in humanity."

Joyce Haskins—"Duke Ellington gets my vote. His music seems to last, even with constant changes of styles and stiff competition. He is a masterful composer as well as a performer."

Godfrey Harris—"Roy Wilkins, successor to Walter White, author and speaker, has, in my opinion, done much for the improvement of life in

the nominal tag of "The Poets." We have good reason to be proud of our name. As Dunbarians we bear a famous and a highly honored epithet. With it we carry the honor and fame of Paul Laurence Dunbar and standards set by former Dunbarians who have upheld our name gloriously. The prestige behind our name is such that it should never under any circumstances be dishonored.

Language Arts Festival

By Vivian Pirm

Visitors, patrons and students of Dunbar gained a renewed interest in language studies after viewing the splendid Language Arts Festival.

It could easily be seen that an extremely large amount of effort was placed in every phase of the exhibit. The authenticity of the displays made them enjoyable as well as interesting.

Surprising and pleasing was the idea that English work could be presented in such a colorful manner. Even the notebooks and the booklets were artistic in design and original.

The exhibit proved that Latin certainly isn't a dead language at Dunbar. The presentation of the study of Latin could not have been more alive or interesting than it was in the Festival.

The hall projected an air of France because of all the wonderful replicas of French structures and displays of French styles and articles. Each scrapbook and booklet contained a wealth of information.

The Language Arts Festival was a tremendous success. Congratulations to all who helped to make it so.

ON RECESS

By Carolyn Price

Recess is perhaps the most enjoyable time of the day for students. It gives everyone a chance to relax and talk with friends as well as get a bite to eat.

Whether the period is spent indoors or outside, it should be spent quietly. Loudness and boisterousness do not contribute to relaxation, nor do these qualities aid digestion.

Teachers deserve a moment of relaxation too. Of course, if all of their recess period is spent in clearing the corridors and keeping us straight, they will have little time for it.

Recess is what we make it. Let's make it enjoyable!

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- some qualifications of a Student Council member.
1. Ability to get along with others.
 2. Interest in many phases of student activities.
 3. Sense of humor.
 4. Consideration for others.
 5. Ability to keep order and give good instructions.
 6. Honesty with self and fellow students and financial dealings.
 7. Experience in working with others.
 8. Workable knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
 9. Enthusiasm to better the school and student body.
 10. Ability to recognize problems and know the correct way to find the solution.
 11. Capable of keeping up with scholastic work although called out of class frequently.
 12. Loyalty to students and faculty and their decisions.
 13. Self-control of emotions.
 14. Capacity to see both sides of an issue.
 15. Good speaker and organizer.
 16. Common sense.

Dates:

Nominations of Candidates.....March 18, 1957

Election of Representatives.....April 15, 1957

Delores Higginbotham,

Chairman of Educational Committee on Election.

HONOR ROLL

An Evil or a Blessing

By E. Slade Freeman

Did you make honor roll? One often hears this the day report cards are distributed. Has the honor roll lost its original significance? It was conceived as a method of giving recognition to students who, through hard work and study, had an average of 90 or above in all subjects for six weeks. However, when a student works for honor roll alone and not for the knowledge he will gain, the honor roll defeats its prime purpose.

Honor roll should be an incentive for all students but its importance should be secondary to learning.

Is it necessary to ask a teacher for points to make honor roll? I am sincerely doubtful that it is. It is disappointing of course to make 89 or 89 1/2 but that should only serve to signify that harder work is necessary.

Let's evaluate our standards so that the important things are emphasized more so than the secondary ones.

New Style

A boy got a job running an elevator. The first time he ran it, it went up all right, but when he came down he stopped it too suddenly.

"Man," he exclaimed, turning to the passengers, "did I stop too quickly?"

"No, no," said a six-footer, "you didn't stop too quickly. I always wear my necktie around my hips."

Hill City Youth Board Meets

By Miss Ophelia Drew

The Hill City Youth Board held its second meeting of the year on March 11 at the Y.W.C.A.

The meeting was presided

for the improvement of life in general, particularly with regards to his own people."

TO THE EDITOR:

I think that the detention is a waste of time because it really doesn't punish the student and because it takes an hour of the teacher's valuable time. The detention hall is used to punish, degrade, and embarrass the student for his behavior, but it only affects the better students who are trying to be co-operative in the school and the teachers who are keeping the hall. Some students are so accustomed to going that they don't mind it anymore than they mind staying back for a meeting or a football practice. A great number of students stay back just to pass the time away.

Years ago, the detention hall was effective because students had odd jobs at home or jobs elsewhere in the evening, but now students have very little work to do because of the modern attitude toward home and training. Therefore, I think that there should be a method of punishing students more modern than confinement to the detention hall.

I would suggest that the home-room teacher punish the student for slight infractions of school rules, that the subject matter teacher lower the grade of the offending pupils, and that the school find other effective means of punishment.

—Leslie M. Camm

over by Mrs. P. F. Weeden. Reports were heard from the following committees: Constitution, Recreation, Social Agencies and Religious.

The Hill City Youth Board is a new organization whose central objective is to give guidance to youths in their behavior and social life.

THE CHATTERBOX

Well, all of you Kings and Queens of Romance, am I loaded with information that I know you will dig the most! For instance:

L. W. threw in a few extra points for his latest love interest, G. T.

J. H., I see you won the argument between you and L. B. as to who would take R. J. home from the basketball game. Did you two draw cards or pull straws?

F. R. and H. P. had a little misunderstanding when B. A. came home for semester break, but everything seems to be lovey-dovey now.

C. P., we heard you and H. J. are going steady. What happened between H. J. and L. I.?

C. C. is really giving E. G. a hard time with R. McC., huh?

Girls, M. Y. is still available. The dates of members of the Hunton Teen Age Council Theatre Party were surprising as well as interesting!

M. H. and "Whoey," won't you please make up your minds.

I wonder if B. T. will let L. L.'s sudden interest in her affect her two-year-old romance with R. A.

A. C. and "Bunny" are still gliding along hopefully.

No fell'as, J. E. C. isn't interested, even if B. C. has gone to Morgan.

B. G., there are rumors that you are taking quite an interest in a certain little sophomore. Is this true?

Is there really something brewing between you and A. L., "Bud"?

Well, that's all for this time,

Your Birthday And Planetary Influence

By Margaret Fuqua

See what the planets have in store for you if your birthday falls between February 1 and March 29. February 1-February 10: Your ruling planets are Saturn and Mercury; Saturday, your best day. Dark blues and greens are your prime colors; agates and amethysts, your lucky stones. Your favorite number is 9.

February 11-February 19: Saturn, the moon and Venus are your influencing planets; Friday, your best day. Blues and greens are your best colors; amethysts and crystals, your lucky stones. 5 and 9 are your best numbers.

February 20-March 1: Your governing planets are Jupiter and Saturn. Tuesday is your best day; purple and red, your prime colors. Your lucky stones are amethysts and pearls; 4 and 2 are your lucky numbers.

March 2-March 10: Jupiter and the Moon are your ruling planets; Thursday, your lucky day. Mauve, greens and indigo are your best colors; bloodstones and sapphires, your lucky stones. Your best number is 3.

March 11-March 20: Your fortune is influenced by Jupiter and Mars. Monday is your lucky day; purples and reds, your best colors. Your lucky stones are bloodstones, beryl and opal; 3, your lucky number.

March 21-March 29: Mars and Jupiter govern your life. Friday is your best day; reds and yellows, your best colors. Your lucky stones are bloodstones and aquamarines; 2 is your lucky number.

March 30-March 31: Your planets are Mars and the Sun,

Raye's Notes

Hi Gang,

I guess I don't have to tell you the number one song around the "burg." But for the sake of a few squares, it is the "Banana Boat Song" by Harry Belafonte. It has a lively calypso beat, although I have seen some kids doing the cha-cha to it.

Tab Hunter has really surprised us all with his "Young Love." It's real neat, isn't it?

Bill Doggett has done it again! I'm not speaking about his last record "Slow Walk," I'm speaking of his latest one, "Ram Bunk-Shush."

"A Thousand Miles Away" is really something, isn't it? It's so groovie it sends you a thousand miles away.

"Blue Monday" is a good slop record. That is, if you can slop.

Care to cha-cha? Let's try it to "Love is Strange" by Mickey and Sylvia.

Enough for the cha-cha, slop, and calypso, let's just try an old fashioned bop. Want to try it to "Jim Dandy," "Too Much" by Elvis Presley or "Now Ain't That Love?" Or maybe you would prefer "Ain't Got No Home." Well, any of these will be O.K. with me. I think they are all just groovie.

Tired of dancing fast? Well, let's slow up and go out with a new record, "It Was A Kiss" by The Platters.

CHRONICLE PLANS FIESTA

By Alice Franklin

Have you ever wished that you could have some real fun and amusement? Then by all means, your wish shall be granted when you attend the Fiesta, a very



—Photo by Royal.

Principal C. W. Seay presents the Homemaker of America Award to Wanda Jones.

Wanda Jones Winner Of Homemaker Award

By Mildred Penn

Wanda Jones received the highest score in a written examination on home making knowledge and attitudes administered to senior girls last December.

For her achievement she received a special award pin designed by Frifari of New York. Principal C. W. Seay made the presentation of the award in an assembly program recently.

Wanda's examination paper will be entered in competition for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow if she qualifies when her paper is judged by the state committee.

The All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be feted at the American Table Banquet in New York and presented a scholarship of \$5,000.

Just For Laughs

THE POETS SPEAK

This month we are dedicating this column to Paul Lawrence Dunbar, one of the first poets of our race and one for whom our school is named.

LIFE

A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in,
A minute to smile and an hour to weep in,
A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,
And never a laugh but the moans come double;
And that is life!

A crust and a corner that love makes precious,
With the smile to warm and the tears to refresh us;
And joy seems sweeter when cares come after,
And a moan is the finest of foils for laughter;
And that is life!

THE AWAKENING

Submitted by Carolyn Price

*I did not know that life could be so sweet,
I did not know the hours could speed so fleet,
Till I knew you, and life was sweet again
The days grew brief with love and lack of pain.*

*I was a slave a few short days ago,
The powers of Kings and Princess now I know
I would not be again in bondage, save
I had your smile, the liberty I crave.*

A GOLDEN DAY

"Bud"?
Well, that's all for this time, all you lovers. But be careful, because the eyes of The Mischievous One will always be watching YOU!

Popcorn Roundup

By Roslyn Cheagle

The outstanding movies in the popcorn box this month are "Around the World in Eighty Days," "The Seven Wonders of the World," the "Ten Commandments," and the story of "Albert Schweitzer."

Many Negro actors and actresses have important roles in recently released box office favorites: "China Gate" starring Nat "King" Cole; "The Girl Can't Help It" starring the Platters, Fats Domino, Little Richard, The Treniers, and Joyce Mansfield; "Meet Me in Las Vegas" starring Lena Horne; "Island in the Sun" and "Empress Jones" starring the great "Calypso King" Harry Belafonte.

The hottest movie at the top of the popcorn box which just needs a little butter to help it slide its way to fame is "Edge of the City," starring Sidney Poitier and John Cassanetes. Sidney Poitier is the foremost Negro dramatic actor. His first hit was a minor role, in "Legistrata" off Broadway. He received his fame as the "Dead End Kid" in "Blackboard Jungle." If Poitier keeps the pace of his success at the highest point he will probably be the first member of our race to gain such movie honors. The movies offers a challenge you can hope to equal.

The movie "Edge of the City" is termed a first class portrayal of the Negroes' roles in one phase of American life. Let's all hope Poitier will become not just an outstanding Negro actor, but a renowned American actor. Hope you enjoy your popcorn!

March 30-March 31: Your planets are Mars and the Sun, and Tuesday is the best day. Tans and orange are your prime colors; the topaz and diamond, your lucky stones. Your lucky number is 8.

Fashion Flashes

By Lelia E. Harris

Hey, girls have you seen the 1957 spring fashions? Well, you really should because spring will be here before you know it and you should be thinking of your new spring outfit. "Capes" are here once again. They are worn in the popular three-quarter length over sheaths, but I'm sure the waist length capes will be much more appealing to your eyes.

Even more dazzling is the short sleeve sheath dress topped by your favorite cardigan with edgings to match or beautiful blending embroidery.

Mademoiselle's "stilettoe" shoe is most popular this year. It seems that pointed toed shoes are booming this year in the dazzling height of a rapier-thrust heel.

Hats this spring will be most popular without the wide brims. Authentic hats with well fitted dimensions, subtly trimmed, such as pillboxes, little rollers, peaked visor brims and smart sailors will be a part of this spring's most elegant apparel.

Pearl gray and navy blue seem to be the ranking colors for this season's fashionable lady.

Ivy League outfits are still popular with the boys. Hats, suits, sport coats, sweaters, and shirts all come under the Ivy League label, don't they, boys? They are extremely appealing to your girls' eyes. Ivy League outfits will bring many admiring glances your way.

Well, happy hunting for your new spring outfits!

your wish shall be granted when you attend the Fiesta, a very colorful costume dance, to be sponsored by the Dunbar Chronicle Staff on March 15.

Since the attire of this dance will be costumes, various prizes will be given in the following categories: Most sinister, prettiest, most original, craziest, most colorful and most authentic.

No fiesta is complete without a queen. So this is where all the lucky girls will have a chance to participate. Each school organization will be asked to sponsor a candidate. The queen will be selected from these candidates by popular vote of the student body. Boys, you too can take part in this. Influence the students to vote for the person whom you would like to see queen and maybe you will be rewarded handsomely, for the queen will have the privilege to select her king.

FRENCH CLUB AND SAFETY PATROL PRESENT DANCE

By Shirley Turner

Three different types of motifs among pink, blue, and white streamers, decorated the Gymnasium on Friday evening, February 22, when Le Cercle Francais and the Safety Patrol were hosts to the students of Dunbar at the first dance of the second semester. The Patrol Badges, hatchets, and Les Arcs de Triomphes decorating the walls were designed and made by Thomas Hudson and the identification placards were made by Harry Royal.

More than one hundred guests danced from 7:30-10:30 enjoying especially the tag dances and the "follow-the-leader" number.

Betty Anderson, Joyce Curtis, and an unknown guest received door prizes of a purple and gold fountain pen and handkerchiefs inscribed with commonly used

Just For Laughs

By Raye Cleo Wills

Mrs. Black: "Whenever I'm down in the dumps I buy a new hat."

Mrs. Blue: "I was wondering where you got them."

Graham: "Your sister is spoiled, isn't she?"

Eugene: "No, that's just the perfume she's wearing."

Students of the Month

This month we are honoring Wanda Jones and Evelyn Freeman, who were recently named valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 1957 respectively. They are both Honor Roll students and active in many organizations.

WANDA JONES

- * Winner of Betty Crocker Homemaker Award
- * National Honor Society
- * Chronicle Staff
- * Annual Staff
- * Chorus
- * Band
- * French Club
- * Science Club

EVELYN FREEMAN

- * Editor of Chronicle
- * National Honor Society
- * Annual Staff
- * Chorus
- * Band
- * French Club
- * Jr. Red Cross Council
- * Student Council
- * Theater Guild
- * Science Club

expressions in French and English.

Joseph Lee who spent his time spinning the platters sent the guests home after happily saying "Au revoir, au revoir."

A GOLDEN DAY

*I found you and I lost you,
All on a gleaming day.
The day was filled with sunshine,
And the land was full of May.*

*A golden bird was singing,
Its melody divine
I found you and I loved you,
And all the world was mine.*

*I found you and I lost you,
All on a golden day.
But when I dream of you, dear,
It is always brimming May.*

IF

*If life were but a dream, my love,
And death the waking time,
If day had not a beam my love,
And night had not a rhyme,
A barren, barren world were this
Without one saving gleam;
I'd only ask that with a kiss
You'd wake me from the dream.*

*If dreaming were the sum of days,
And loving were the bane,
If battling for a wreath of bays
Could soothe a heart in pain,
I'd scorn the need of battle's
might,
All other aims above
I'd choose the human's higher
right,
To suffer and to love!*

A MUSICAL

Submitted by Carolyn Price
*Outside the rain upon the street,
The sky all grim of hue,
Inside, the music painful sweet,
And yet I heard but you.*

*As is a thrilling violin,
So is your voice to me
And still above the other strains
It sang in ecstasy.*

A dime and a quarter
Will take you South of the border
Don't miss the Chronicle dance!

Addison Wins Western District Tourney

By John H. Hughes, III

On Saturday, February 23 at 9:00 a. m., the Western District Basketball tournament got under way.

Dunbar started the tournament with a very strong defense in playing Southside High of Blairs. This game filled all Dunbarians with the assurance that the trophy was ours, by its terrific 78-36 score.

The second game of the quarter-finals was played between Langston of Danville, and Carver of Fieldale. Langston won this game by a score of 57-48.

In the third and last game of the quarter-finals West End High of Clarksville downed Mary Bethune of Halifax by a 56-42 score.

There were two games played in the semi-finals. The first game was between Dunbar and Langston and Dunbar won with a 65-54 margin. In the second game West End was downed by Addison of Roanoke by a score of 72-48.

In the finals Dunbar and Addison clashed in an extremely tense and breathtaking game. Addison won this game with a surprising 86-67 score.

Addison received the Western District first place trophy, the Visitation trophy for most games won, and gold basketballs for the players.

The trophy for the Junior Varsity team having won the greatest number of games went to the Langston team.

Dunbar was awarded the second place trophy and silver bas-

Track Team

By Lucille Withers

"Hello Track Fans!" Now that the basketball season is over, our attention is centered around the track team. The runners on our team are: Lester Green, quarter-mile and 880-yard run; Jack Bayes, quarter-mile and 220-yard dash; Jeff Davis and Frank Lee,

half-mile and mile run.

Boys participating in the field events are: Otis Tucker, high jumper; Dawson Smith, pole vault; John Morris, Howard Scott, William Glover, shotput.

Other members are Bobby Garrett, Wallace Berry, George Rucker, Thomas Glover, Larkin Rosser.

SAMPLE BALLOT

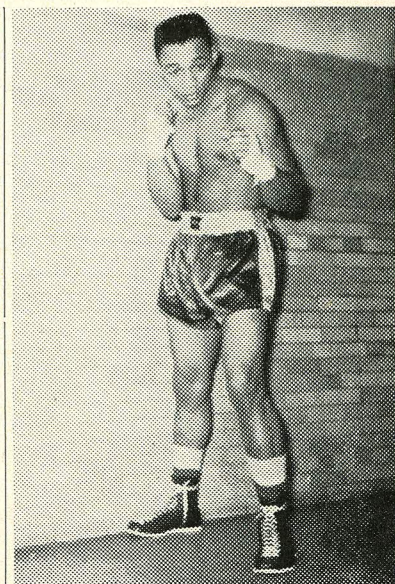
The Student Council recommends to the student body of Dunbar High School the following changes in its constitution: The first column represents the **present reading** and **explanation** of the change. The second column represents the PROPOSED CHANGES. Only the PROPOSED CHANGES and the FOR and AGAINST blocks will appear on the official ballot.

	For	Against
<p>Sec. 3. Explanation. The Council feels that a president, elected by the students, better reflects the true choice of the students by giving them the privilege of naming the person they want to hold this office.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. Any member of the Dunbar Student Body is eligible to run for President of the Student Council, provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He is of good character and citizenship. 2. He receives at least 10% of the names of the members of the student body on a petition requesting that he run for President. 3. He has an average not lower than eighty. 4. Classification — Not lower than sophomore. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DR. JOHNSON AWARDED

By Harold Banks

Dr. Walter Johnson, director of the A.T.A. Junior Department, was honored for his support of tennis. He was among recent recipients of rewards for outstanding contributions to sports by an Atlanta, Ga. sports club. Dr. Johnson is known far and wide as the benefactor of young tennis players. He is devoted to the game and to young people having ability and interest in the sport.



—Photo by Frank Royal.

P. T. A. Observes Founders' Day

By Wanda Jones

The Parent Teachers Association held its annual Founders' Day Observance on February 25.

Devotions conducted by Rev. E. L. Mosley, pastor of Jackson Street Methodist Church, included a reading of the Eighth Psalm and prayer. Dunbar chorus, under the direction of Y. B. Williams, sang "I've Been Boked," a Negro spiritual.

Mr. Ferguson introduced the principal speaker, Rev. R. R. Banner, pastor of Court Street Baptist Church. In his speech he brought out the fact that we celebrated this occasion to learn more about these founders and second, to pay homage to those who have paved the way for better education. Following Rev. Banner's address the chorus sang "Master of Human Destinies."

A representative from the American Red Cross appealed to the parents for financial help in its up-coming drive. Also, a representative from the Marine Reserve came to inform the parents of the new changes in the draft

CLARENCE WRIGHT

Future Pro Boxer Interviewed

By Melvin York

About three years ago Clarence Wright, a former Dunbarian, began boxing for the army and thus far has created a fine record for himself. As soon as he finishes his army stint, Wright plans to turn professional. En route to California, he stopped by the "burg" recently and told me about some of his experiences. Here are some of the questions I asked him and the answers he gave:

Q. How did you become interested in boxing?

A. Someone asked me if I had boxed, and I replied I never had. So I tried it and eventually beat the best man around at that time. By then I had begun to like boxing.

Q. How did your first fight come

and place trophy and silver basketballs for each player.

THE YOUNG POETS

By Harold Banks

The Dunbar Junior Varsity, taking on Campbell County Junior Varsity in a preliminary game, defeated their opponents in a one-sided game (48-19). Both teams kept in close reach of each other during the first half. Beginning the second half, the Poets took the lead which they increased during the latter part of the game, while Campbell County's score stayed the same. James Pinn led in scoring with 18 points.

The young Poets ended their season with a record of eleven wins and five losses. The Varsity also took their game by walloping Campbell County Varsity 91-58. Glen Culpepper led in scoring with 13 points.

VIA Season Record

By Harold Banks

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Addison	11	1	.916
Dunbar	6	2	.750
Langston	8	4	.616
West End	5	3	.500
Mary Bethune	5	7	.333
Carver	3	9	.250
Southside	0	10	.000

District Tournament

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Other participating schools were Langston High School, Danville, Virginia; West End High School, Clarksville, Virginia; and Mary Bethune High School, Halifax, Virginia.

Members participating in this production were Harry Holmes, Vivian Pinn, Frankie Jackson, Raye Wills, James Giles, Paul Robinson, Katie Pettigrew, and Clayton Taliferro.

member may be re-elected if nominated. Requisites for Council membership include good character and citizenship. A person who is failing in two subjects is not eligible for Council membership.

Explanation — The Student Council is a democratic government. Any citizen of the school should have the privilege of being nominated and voted on.

Sec. 9. Any representative who fails in scholastic standing for a semester must be recalled by the faculty advisor. A member must be passing in at least three subjects to remain on the Council. A system of merits will be set up and members may be asked to resign when they receive sufficient demerits.

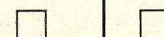
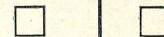
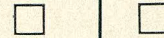
Explanation . . . same as for Sec. 7. **Grades** should not DETERMINE membership in this type of organization. If you accept the change for Sec. 7, you should automatically accept the change for Sec. 9.

Sec. 8. **Explanation.** This is a new amendment — its purpose being to incorporate the volunteer members into our constitution according to the stated provisions.

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Sec. 8. Any member of the student body who is not elected to the Student Council may become an honorary member by signing the regulated form declaring his interest in the presence of a sponsor providing that the maximum number set for that particular year has not been reached. He shall be accorded all privileges . . . except holding office and voting.



of the new changes in the draft and reserve setup in the armed services.

Mrs. F. S. Womack paid tribute to the P. T. A. founders in a candlelighting ceremony. She was assisted by Mrs. Nannie Winston.

Benediction was given by Rev. E. L. Mosley.

French Club

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be Alice Franklin assisted by Thomas Hudson, Lloyd Lee, and Henry Carey. Rufus Brown will be the master of ceremonies.

Leading the devotions will be Elizabeth Hale assisted by Shirley Tolliver who will recite the scripture from "La Sainte Bible," Annie Anderson, who will sing "Psaume Vingt-trois," Frank Royal who will recite "Psaume Cent Cinquante," and Lorenzo Parks and Harry Royal. "Souvenir," is to be sung by Joyce Elliott; a group will sing "Madame Jeanette" from the French with words and music by Edward Lockton and Alan Murray, respectively. The French Club motto will be presented by Gladys Brew and Shirley Turner.

A special entertainment will be a broadcast of the well-known French fairy tale "Cinderella" from Station LCF. Cast in the play are Melvin York, Frank Royal, Elizabeth Hale, Gladys Brew, Thomas Langhorne, Alice Franklin, and Paul Robinson.

The following students who scored as high as 80 or above were inducted: Linda Epps, Marguerite Johnson, Joyce Haskins, Dorothy Pryor, Margaret Fuqua, James Jackson, Harold Banks, Carolyn Price, Mildred Penn, Bobby Glass, Raye Wills, Juanita Britton, John Hughes, Lelia Harris, Dorothy Lee, Adelia Megginson, Macon Pat-

erson, Arneatha Chambers, Hazel Oglesby, Clayton Taliferro, Lucy Langhorne, Joseph Poole, Harry Holmes, Barbara Carter, Gayla Carter, Gerald Morris, Frankie Jackson, Richard Brown, Vivian Pinn, Godfrey Harris, Alma Langhorne, Katie Pettigrew, Peggy Miller, Mildred Green, Wilburn Tanner, Gerald Johnson, Ruby Cunningham, and Dorothy Thomas.

Q. *How did your first fight come out?*
A. I won by a knockout.

Q. *What was your toughest fight?*
A. My toughest fight was in Korea. I was fighting for the 23rd Division championship in a three round slug out fight. I won by a split decision.

Q. *What makes you think you can win at fighting?*

A. I have confidence in myself.

Q. *Do you have a permanent manager?*

A. No, I don't have a permanent manager yet.

Q. *What are some of the places in which you have fought?*

A. I have fought in Korea, Fort Knox, Lejeune, Langley Field, and many other places.

Q. *What will you be doing while in Lynchburg pertaining to your coming career as a boxer?*

A. I plan to keep up my roadwork.

Q. *Where are you going after you leave Lynchburg?*

A. I'm going to California to be stationed. I plan to continue my training so that I may obtain a license and start as a fighter out there.