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Students Hear Eddie LeBarron



Co-captains James Harmon and John Morris meet Ace Washington Redskin quarterback, Eddie Le Barron, after special assembly, at which the professional football star spoke.

By Handy Withers

Eddie LeBarron, renowned grid star of the Washington Redskins, said in a special as-

V. T. A. HONORS PRINCIPAL SEAY

By Handy Withers

The Virginia State Teachers Association Distinguished Service Awards were made to Principal C. W. Seay and school board member, Carl B. Hutcherson, for outstanding service and contribution to Virginia education. The bestowal was made by Dr. J. R. Picott, executive secretary of the state body, at the annual meeting held in Richmond in October.

Nominees for the award, which is given annually, may be designated by anyone in the state, however, the recipients are determined by the association's executive committee. This year, teachers and school officials from all sections of Virginia witnessed the presentation of a total of six awards.

Dr. Zelma George Addresses Special Assembly

By Rosa Shepherd

Dr. Zelma H. George, an authority on Negro music and a former Broadway star from Cleveland, Ohio, in a special afternoon assembly in the auditorium told the student body that the Negro spiritual originated in the days of slavery when slaves expressed their thoughts in song.

Faculty Makes Self-Evaluation

Community Invited To Christmas Drama

Students and patrons are invited to see the production of Renee-Richard Becket's "The Canticle of the Nativity" in the auditorium on December 18.

The play, which is a translation by Sister Mary Constantia, will include a prologue and seven scenes which are as follows: "The Annunciation," "The Visitation," "Advent in Nazareth," "Outside the Inn in Bethlehem," "The Shepherd's Tent in Judea," "The Journey of the Shepherds: A Country Road" and "The Adoration." A significant phase of the last scene will be the absence of the traditional kings, the emphasis being placed on the adoration of the Messiah by the lovely shepherds first.

Band Takes Part In Parades

By Handy Withers

The Lynchburg Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual Jaycee Parade as the pregame activity before the football game between Virginia Military Institute and Lehigh University recently, and the band participated. With its high-stepping majorettes, the group paraded down Main Street while hundreds of spectators crowded the sidewalks to witness the performance. A series of maneuvers was executed by the organization which included "Victory March," "Hail, Hail," with its fancied turns, "Tweedlee Dee," by which the band gave their interpretation of the birdland step, and "Our Boys Will Shine." The famous "Dunbar Rock" was

Playing some of the roles in this inspiring drama will be James Giles as Isaiah, Gerald Turner as the Virgin Mary, Junius Haskins as Gabriel and Robert Pollard as Joseph.

The innkeeper will be portrayed by Robert Baldwin while Euphazine Reid will play the part of Elizabeth. Miriam Thomas, Joseph Linthicum, Raymond Swain, Handy Withers, Quarthee Hunter and Jacqueline Nash are among others who will be in the cast.

The play will be directed by Miss Elizabeth Hayes Jordan.

The chorus under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Coleman will present traditional carols for the occasion.

Curtain time for the perform-

grid star of the Washington Redskins, said in a special assembly held recently in the school auditorium that education is becoming so important that students can not afford to play sports without giving lessons special consideration.

The star athlete was introduced to the students by City Manager R. D. Morrison. Platform guests for the occasion in addition to the city manager were Major R. O. Brooks, chief of police, Principal Seay, and James Harmon and John Morris, co-captains of the football team.

LeBarron, who plays quarterback on the team, gained fame as a player at the College of Pacific where he not only excelled in football, but in other sports as well. He has won many personal awards and honors and has been on the television program, "This Is Your Life."

Introduced to football at the age of five, LeBarron experienced his first game when he was a high school sophomore. Knowing a day will come when he will no longer play football, he is presently attending night school where he studies law and plans to graduate this June.

The twenty-eight year old father-athlete said that good physical condition and sportsmanship are essential attributes in participating in any sport. He further shared different experiences which confronted him in his professional and army career.

The chorus climaxed the program with the selection "Battle Hymn of Republic."

Devotions for the occasion were led by Lucille Withers.

Self-Evaluation Study

By Yvonne Hughes

Through a series of professional meetings in the Home Economics Cottage, the faculty is participating in a self evaluation study to determine the characteristics of a good secondary school. A steering committee has appointed committees to study and report on the pupil population and the school community, the educational needs of youth, and the program of studies.

When this part has been completed, new committees will be formed to study each subject taught, the pupil activity program, the library services, and guidance room services, the school plant, the school staff and administration, and individual staff members.

Mrs. P. F. Weeden, assistant principal, is chairman of the steering committee. Other chairmen are O. M. Washington, H. S. Ferguson, and Miss Edna Holmes.

Carolina Students Visit Campus

By Joyce Anne Braxton

A group of forty students from Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, North Carolina stopped at the school recently. They were enroute to Washington to attend a meeting of The Junior Council of National Council of Negro Women. They were accompanied by President Wilhelmina Crosson and President Emeritus, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. Dr. Brown is a life member and one of the founders of the National Council of Negro Women.

tion of the Grand step, and "Our Boys Will Shine." The famous "Dunbar Rock" was maneuvered by the band, after which the high-step and off-beat step were presented. The band gave an excellent performance; however, they did not receive the rating in the band competition but were credited with being the most active band in the parade.

Dr. George began by teaching the audience a song, "Let's Go Singing Around the World." At intervals in her speech she taught "Forty-Eight States Come Singing Out the Wilderness," "Down by the Old Mill Stream," and the "Amen Chorus." (She was soloist for the "Amen Chorus.") "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" was the closing number.

The guest was introduced by Mrs. P. W. Weeden, assistant principal and national president of Links Incorporated. The Links were responsible for Dr. George's visit to the city.

Students Hear Fraternal Leader

By James H. Jones

J. W. Jeffress, president of the Grand United Order of Moses, spoke to Mr. Robinson's General Business class and Mrs. Weeden's Elementary History classes on "The Importance of Life Insurance" recently. Mr. Jeffress stressed, "Insurance has one primary purpose, and that is to furnish protection against some financial loss which may come about because of death, hospitalization, or disability." He said that the question facing America is, "How important is life insurance in the life of our nation." One of his answers was "Life Insurance is the first step and the first rung on the ladder of success for the person who wants to get ahead in life." Insurance is a thing that every thoughtful person must have if he or she wants to live a respectful, happy and successful life, was the concluding thought.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!

present traditional carols for the occasion. Curtain time for the performance, to which there is no admission, will be 8:15 p. m.

American Education Week Observed

By Kathryn Kimbrough

An inspirational program entitled "This Is America" was presented on Thursday, November 13, in observance of American Education Week. Devotions were conducted by Peggy Joplin, while Eleanor Reid served as chairman and introduced the theme. Poems were recited by Phyllis Wynn, James Giles, Ernest Deane, Frederick Reynolds, Robert Baldwin, Quarthee Hunter and Edith Shepherd.

This organization also participated in the Merchant Day Parade, held November 20, and sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association. This parade was designed to introduce the Christmas shopping days; therefore, the musical theme of the band, along with the maneuvers, was directed toward Christmas music. The performance included the playing of "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer," and "The March of the Tin Soldiers."

These poems emphasized the fact that America is the "melting pot" of the world. From the many nationalities who make the country have come good citizens who love America. Among the poems used were "Indian Burying Ground" by Freneau, "Yanks" by Foley, "Scum O' the Earth" by Shaufler, "Dark Symphony" by Tolson, and "America For Me" by Van Dyke.

Le Cercle Francais Applies For Foreign Correspondence

By Grace Shearer

As an annual project the students of Le Cercle Francais have chosen to correspond with students of their own age who live in France. This project represents a continuation of last year's project "A Cultural Study of France." Aside from furnishing supplementary cultural material, the exchange will promote better relations with foreigners and acquaint the members with ways of living and thinking other than their own.

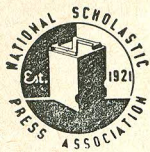
The correspondence will be arranged by the Student Letter Exchange in Waseca, Minnesota.

Evelyn Hancock is president of Le Cercle Francais, and Miss J. E. Irvine is sponsor.

Alberta Camm sang "The House I Live In," while the chorus making their initial appearance for 1958, rendered "Let All the Nations Praise the Lord" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Mr. Seay emphasized the importance of making the most of one's opportunities.

This program, which was inspirational to all present, was sponsored by a faculty committee headed by Miss E. H. Jordan. Other members were Mesdames M. W. Harris, Y. T. Ferguson, F. S. Womack, and Mr. H. S. Ferguson.



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Let's Keep The True Meaning

Christmas is the last of all holidays in the year and the best. It holds first place in our hearts, for it represents the greatest event in history, the birth of Christ. It is the most widely celebrated festival in all the world.

Through the years many symbols have been adopted as an outward manifestation of man's reverent regard for this day. Such symbols as the mistletoe and the Christmas tree were derived from serious and sacred matters. The white berries of the mistletoe were said to be the radiance caught from the star that guided the Wise Men to the Christ Child. They symbolized purity and peace. The Christmas tree symbolized eternal life.

The Christmas holiday is a time for renewing one's faith in Christ's teachings, a time to pray more sincerely for "Peace on Earth," a time for displaying kindness toward one's fellowmen.

Today, few people give thought to the meaning of this great celebration. Too often dances and parties take the place of worship. Gifts are given as if in competition with

ME, TOO GEORGE

Submitted by Alberta Camm
Taken from "The Ohio State Lantern," October 31, 1958
Compliments of H. D. Hamlett, Student, Ohio State University

"Let George do it!"
This is the feeling exhibited by many students at the University. Many of us are taking our experiences vicariously, i.e., when we feel like playing football, we go out and watch a football game.

As Irving S. Cobb once said, "When I get the urge to exercise I lie down till the urge passes over."

Many housewives listen to soap operas. Why? Because they are leading drab lives, and find comfort in projecting themselves into the troubles and joys of the soap opera heroines.

The University's function is to awaken people so they won't lead drab lives, but will actively participate in life. Many of the members of the present generation are a bystanding audience, watching the world go by.

Today's generation is substituting sophistication for maturity. The "beat generation" is a pose. These young adults are "beat" because they have no goals.

In college we have many areas in which we can enthusiastically project ourselves. There are many activities in which we can participate, yet we don't. Why? Because we have too much to do? Because we have to study? Or because we just aren't interested? We'd rather let George do it.

The Faculty Speaks

By Langhorne Jefferson

Question: What would you, Dunbar Faculty, like Santa to bring you this Christmas?

MR. C. W. SEAY: "Success for everyone connected with Dunbar High School."

MRS. P. F. WEEDEN: "Good health and happiness for the Dunbar Family."

MISS C. BROWN: "Aladdin's magic lamp."

MRS. E. Y. DAVIS: "Peace and goodwill for all men."

J. J. CARDWELL: "First class citizenship for all Americans."

H. S. FERGUSON: "A good rest from the duties and problems of school life."

MISS J. E. IRVINE: "A 1959 Impala Chevrolet."

H. R. WATSON: "Students that are able to speak for themselves."

MRS. J. H. EARLY: "Students that are able to transfer knowledge gained from mathematical principles to everyday experiences."

MRS. F. S. WOMACK: "A group of students who really wish to become good citizens."

MISS D. GRAHAM: "A bundle of \$1000 bills."

H. C. WATERS: "A three terret camera."

C. F. PINN: "A perfect physical education class."

O. M. WASHINGTON: "A large number of students on the Honor Roll."

MRS. A. M. COLEMAN: "A chorus that would still remember their individual parts five minutes after they had been taught."

MRS. G. H. LEWIS: "About twenty students who are really interested in science."

Let's Read Awhile

By Betty M. Culpepper
Gown of Glory
By Agnes Sligh Turnbull

When Rev. David Lyall and his wife Mary came to Ladykirk they thought to stay only five years, but twenty-five years later they are still there.

The problems which beset this small town minister and his family are many and varied. They range from the funny, how to stop the local soda shop owner from getting drunk and dispensing free ice cream, to the serious, how to prove the innocence of a boy accused of stealing from the church.

Gown of Glory has many rich moments and a moral as well. It gives us an insight into the life of a minister and makes us realize that a minister is human also and has his cares and problems along with the rest of us.

Pride and Prejudice
By Jane Austin

Of the five Bennett children only the eldest two, Jane and Elizabeth, have the character and good sense of their father. The other three, Mary, Lydia, and Kitty are as vain and foolish as their mother.

Mrs. Bennett's greatest desire is to marry off her five daughters, preferably to wealthy men. When a Mr. Bingley, his sisters, and his friend, Mr. Darcy, converge on the neighborhood, she sees her chance to marry at least one well.

But the best laid plans of mice and men . . . Mr. Bingley is whisked away by Mr. Darcy when he realizes that Mrs. Bennett plans to marry Jane to Bingley. But perseverance pays off

place of worship. Gifts are given as if in competition with prices and not from the heart.

Christmas is a time for merry making, but such fun and folly should not be allowed to obscure the real significance of this great season.

**"Let Christmas not become a thing
Merely of merchants' trafficking of tinsel, bell,
and holly wreath**

**And surface pleasure, but beneath
The childish glamour, let us find
Nourishment for soul and mind."**

Buy Christmas Seals And Fight Tuberculosis

By GERAL TURNER

"It might have been a different story," the doctor told Mary the day she was well again and leaving the sanatorium. "You were lucky Mary," he said. "That chest x-ray you had last spring found your T. B. just when it was beginning."

Tuberculosis is one of the most serious infectious diseases and today it causes about one tenth of all human deaths and ranks seventh among the greatest cause of death. No drug has yet been discovered that will cure tuberculosis of the lungs. Streptomycin and promin, however, have been partially successful.

The National Tuberculosis Association has as its aim the study and prevention of tuberculosis. The members of the society include about 3,500 individuals, and more than 2,900 affiliated associations. The National Tuberculosis Association serves as a clearing house for research, information, advice, and literature on tuberculosis. Each year it sponsors a national sale of Christmas seals to raise funds for its work and for the work of local anti-tuberculosis groups.

Your Christmas seal contribution helps pay for the x-ray service that finds tuberculosis in time and many other important necessities in conquering T. B.

Please buy Christmas Seals. The cost is small—the return is in terms of priceless human lives. Every Christmas Seal is enabling us, slowly but surely, to conquer T. B. Won't you help?

let George do it.

University Chorus is one of the activities offered by the University which gives the student with an interest in music an opportunity for active participation. The chorus has a capacity for 320 persons. Of the 312 present members, 220 are women. Why aren't men participating?

"A good question," says Prof. Louis Diercks, director of the chorus. "I'm astounded that there should be a lack of male singers on a campus that is predominantly male."

He explained that the "let George do it" attitude is evident among the students. Records are an example. He said that students enjoy listening to records that somebody else has made, and after listening they feel more cultural.

Yet these students themselves have not done any actual participating in an area that they enjoy. Someone might argue that many people read books, yet few people ever write one.

But singing is a different proposition. Nearly everyone is born with an adequate singing voice; whereas not too many people can as easily write fiction.

Let's not be a "beat generation" and walk through life without any goals or interests. Taking experiences vicariously is all right, if you're not talented on the football field, or able to write fiction, or sing a solo. But if you are, why not join a group that specializes in your interest? Your life will undoubtedly be enriched by the experience.

"Not what we give but what we share.

For the gift without the giver is bare."—Lowell.

twenty students who are really interested in science."

MRS. Y. T. FERGUSON: "More students interested in keeping our halls clean and their voices low while passing through the hall."

W. E. CLARK: "A group of students who wish to learn for the joy of learning."

MRS. D. L. OBEY: "A stereophonic Hi-Fidelity set with lots of records."

J. H. LEWIS: "Peace and goodwill to engulf a troubled world like a mighty tide."

A. F. THORNHILL: "A tape recorder, a hi-fi set, color T.V., a 1959 Dodge, plenty of money, and a vacation to enjoy all these things."

R. S. ROBINSON: "Students with respect and self-control."

J. L. RUSSELL: "A '59 Cadillac."

MISS S. E. FAIN: "Peace and harmony for all men."

J. L. MITCHELL: "More students who are conscientious in their work."

Patrol and Student Council Sponsor Thanksgiving Donations

By Billie Smith

Forty-five baskets of food were given to the community on Wednesday before Thanksgiving by the teachers and students under the sponsorship of the student patrol. Those to receive baskets were chosen from names submitted by the students.

This activity is a tradition at Dunbar and is in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving. The custom was started by the Patrol Force, but recently the Student Council has assisted.

Glimpses Of The N. H. A.

By Betty Stephens

The N. H. A. is an organization of the Dunbar Family which consists of 36 girls. At the beginning of the school term there were only 14 members. A membership drive was held during the month of September which added 22 girls to the organization.

In the month of October Miriam Thomas of the N.H.A. set up a display in the front hall of the Amelia Pride Cottage which represented the purposes of the N.H.A. This display is still up, and we are sure that you would find it well worth your while to stop and see it.

In this month of November the N. H. A. has had a very busy schedule. On November 7th we gave a dance in the study hall. A door prize was awarded to the person with the lucky number who this year happened to be Patricia Colmore.

The New Homemakers of America performed in the homecoming game during halftime. The girls in their club colors of navy blue and white led the homecoming procession. The exhibition on the field was the forming of the letters, and a rose placed at each point, when finished left the letters N. H. A. This was a memorable occasion for the club because Miss Dunbar is a member of the group.

Inquiring Reporter

By Annie Mae Sandidge

"Boys, what do you think about the leotards that the girls here at Dunbar are wearing?"

Lutheran Wiley: "I think they are quite attractive, since they come in various colors and can be worn with any outfit."

Herman Anderson: "I like them, because they are a change of scenery."

Ronald Ward: "I think they are real cool and much neater than socks."

Willard Scott: "They are wonderful, and I hope that the girls will continue wearing them."

Frank Poindexter: "I 'dig' them, because they look very collegiate on the girls here."

Jeff Davis: "I like them, because they make the legs look attractive."

Winfred Smith: "I love them!"

Howard Scott: "I think they are the greatest things since socks were invented."

Girls, since the boys like leotards so well, let's all buy some and be complimented for some attire that they finally like.

Barby's Notes

By Barbara Fletcher

Hello Everybody:

The upcoming holiday will definitely put everyone in a mood of thinking, wondering, and, of course, listening. Right now, let's give a listen to what some of us have to say

DOINGS IN LYNCHBURG

By Ann F. Jordan

Mr. Cardwell attended an interpretation conference of the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which was held in Roanoke, Virginia. The purpose of the conference was to assist school personnel in using the scorer for the Merit Scholarship Test for guidance purposes.

November 16-21, Rev. E. C. Griffin of Norfolk, Virginia, conducted a Youth Revival at Diamond Hill Baptist Church.

Annual recognition service was observed by the Y-Teens at Phyllis Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. Sunday, November 16. The yearly event is observed by Y-Teens throughout the country.

Miss Alma Irvine, a fifth grade teacher at R. S. Payne School, submitted to the November issue of the NEA Journal an article on Helpful Study Hints.

November 21 at 8:00 o'clock in the E. C. Glass Auditorium the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity sponsored the Virginia Union University Chorus from Richmond, Virginia.

The community was saddened by the recent deaths of Mrs. Thomas Hayes and Dr. Leon Braswell.

Mrs. Hayes was the mother of the school's dentist, Dr. Clarissa Wimbush, and Dr. Braswell was a well-known city physician.

Please Give Five Minutes

By Betty M. Culpepper

Perhaps you have never stood outside an open classroom door and observed the class conduct devotions. Certainly all of the classes do not conduct their devotions in a haphazard, careless way; but it is a fact that many do. The person in charge will rise and say, "We'll repeat the Lord's Prayer" or "We'll say Bible verses and then repeat the Lord's Prayer." The same procedure will be followed every day with very little variation. The inattention of the students during this meager devotional period is the worst part. Sometimes they are trying to finish homework or just staring out into space.

If you have not finished your homework five minutes will not make that much difference, while five minutes devoted to God will give a good start to every day. Therefore, in private or in public when you recite a verse from the Bible or repeat the Lord's Prayer, do it with earnestness and deliberation.



Fashion Flashes

By Barbara M. Fletcher

The fashion focal point now is legs. And walking away with all the honors—the girl whose legs are lovely in view, not only from the knee down, under rising hemlines, but from the knee up, in tights! We can see on any campus across the country how pretty the new tights look under school skirts, skating outfits, Bermuda shorts, and short kilts, and even under bulky sweaters at pajama parties being given. They are prevalent since basically "tight," tights tend to firm the legs.

The new hues—royal blue, red, black, rustic-orange and moss green make a new you—a you whose legs just can't be ignored.

Silhouettes still make headlines. They are easier and skirts are shorter. Choose your outlines from these pacesellers: the highly important Empire line, present or implied in everything from sportswear to our big-occasion dance dresses, the semi-fitted shaft, defining bosom, hips, or the front of your waistline . . . or the shaped-skirt date dress, domed or bubbled beneath a clinging middle.

It's T-time and the T-strap is there with smart tapered toe and wonderful low and little heels. The "Boot" shoe is making a big debut in this season also.

You'll be the "belle of the ball" this Christmas, in short or long, cocktail or formal wear. Fabrics going big all

The Poets Speak

CHRISTMAS

By James Giles

Christmas may be a time of happiness and Santa Claus; That's fine, but is it just because We wish only to receive and not to give; Only to profit and to live, to live?

Christmas extends to everyone blessings of solemn joy, Brought to us by that little infant boy Sent so humbly with righteousness to unfurl; Who was destined through God to save the world.

There also was that brightly guiding star Which guided shepherds and kings from afar To kneel and praise the Prince of Men While angel choirs from heaven descend.

Christmas happens to be the Prince's birthday, Peaceful and wholesome in a holy way. Would you give Him your love and soul, Or pledges of silver, gems or gold?

When this Christmas season rolls around, Let us fashion within our hearts a holy crown. And on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day Let us to God the Father kneel and pray.

THIS WEARY SOUL

By James Giles

and, of course, listening. Right now, let's give a listen to what some of us have to say about the latest discs spinning around. Speak into the mike:

I like:

"I Tried So Hard" by the Quintones because I tried so hard for Pat Boptop.

"A Whole Lot of Loving" by Fats Domino because of its rhythm. I also like the words and because Fats Domino is one of my favorite recording artists Dorothy Davis.

"So Much" by Little Anthony and The Imperials because of its beat and mainly because of its words . . Vernell Thornton.

"It's All in the Game" by Tommy Edwards because of the true meaning of its words. Josephine Anderson.

"The End" by Earl Grant because the words are so meaningful and it's good to dance to Annette Lee.

"I Need Your Love" by Bobby Freeman because of the words, beat, and because it's by Bobby Freeman, who I think is so cute . . . Charlene Cobbins.

"Love Me" by Jerry Butler because it makes me think of a certain fellow . . . Patricia Thaxton.

"Ten Commandments of Love" by the Moonglows . . . Dedicated to "Snook" from "Kitten."

"We Have Love" by Jackie Wilson . . . Dedicated to Gerald Y. from Constance J.

"One Night With You" by Elvis Presley . . . Dedicated to Raymond Featherston from Phyllis Pullen.

"So Much" by Little Anthony and the Imperials . . . Dedicated to Gus, Raymond, and Louis from "Babs," "Sis," and Virginia, respectively.



J. L. Russell, band director, discusses his arrangement of a selection with senior band president, Reuben McCoy.

HATS OFF TO THE BANDS!

By Rosa Lee Shepherd

When band director, J. L. Russell, was asked in what condition he found the elementary band when he came to Lynchburg, he stated, "There was no band, only instrumental students."

After witnessing the excellent performance of this group at two recent games, our hats are off to Mr. Russell for the fine training he has given these students in such a short time.

The elementary band consists of forty-three members from Payne, Yoder, and Armstrong Schools, as well as a few Eighth Graders from Dunbar. (In order to become a member of this group a student must have acquired the ability to read music.)

The snappy uniforms worn by the group were designed by Mrs. P. F. Barnette, Mrs. O. S. Fisher, and Mr. Russell.

What does he think lies ahead for this group? "A band is as strong as the support given it by the community," he remarked. "The elementary band and the senior band have tremendous potential because of the cooperative spirit of the parents and the teachers."

The senior band has fifty-seven members. "There is no comparison between the two groups," said Mr. Russell. "The senior group is trying to build a more solid foundation for the promotion of a better playing and marching band."

What is the greatest problem that the senior group has? According to Mr. Russell it is the ability to be sincere. Generally the band members are not as serious as they should be.

or long, cocktail or formal wear. Fabrics going big all over are nylon, taffeta, net, peu de soir, lace, organza, rayon, and chiffon in this season's most popular colors: white, black, mauze, agva, royal blue, bitter green, and spice pink.

To be really cute and dainty, try a head-ache band, sequined of course, or a tiara on for size.

Student Council Notes

By Rosa Shepherd

The Student Council has planned as one of its projects for the year, many visitations to civil and municipal groups in the city. Many students of Dunbar attended the last meeting of the School Board. Their visitations are designed to give first hand information in parliamentary procedure, committee work, governmental structure of the city, and general organization. Other groups to be visited are the Voters League, Y.W.C.A., and the Y.M.C.A.

A tutorial program to help Eighth Graders in their studies is already in operation. The tutors are students who voluntarily use their study hall periods to tutor Eighth Graders during their study periods. A survey will be made soon to see if there is a real need of extending the use of the library longer after school. Aiding the Safety Patrol with the Thanksgiving offering is a project of previous years and was continued this year.

Mrs. Y. T. Ferguson and Mr. John Cardwell, sponsors, accompanied the group to the School Board meeting.

By James Giles

*This weary soul, so alone, so frail;
Faces the world, but does not falter.
Though weak and worn, almost conquered;
I'll stumble on; my course won't alter.*

*If among the dangers of the sea,
I'm enclosed by dungeon or by sword;
This weary soul will continue on,
Trusting in itself and in its Lord.*

*Searching, searching o'er land and sea
For a resting place for my soul;
But it seems as though there is a void
Which keeps me stumbling for my goal.*

*But one great day I'll reach that land.
Of freedom, peace, and humble worth;
Then kneel to pray in the consoling sand
To the wonderful Master of the earth.*

THE IMMORTAL NIGHT

By A. Conrad Trimmier
(Class of '52)

*Silently the stars kept vigil o're
David's Royal City that night
When suddenly streamed a glorious beam
Of immortal holy light.
Men traversed from afar
Bringing gifts of riches untold,
Guided onward through the night
by this Holy Light
To a Babe in a manger to behold
On Christmas night still beams
this light
Of God's immortality,
O'er village sands throughout
the land
Bearing faith, good cheer, and
prosperity.*

Sports Highlights

By Ann Jordan

For the past five days Coach Harry Waters has been working on fundamentals and readying his cagers to meet the Maggie Walker quintet on December 5 in the school gymnasium. Although the starting line-up has not been picked, the squad, which includes a number of veterans, will probably be cut to fifteen players. Returning from last year's line-up will be Melvin Brown, Lutheran Wiley, John Jones, David Harris, James Penn, John Richardson, Paul Williams, Charles Wynn, and Willie Hill.

Heading the list of new recruits are Danny McCain, Melvin Hawkins, James Harmon, Eddie Claiborne, Melvin Fleshman, Howard Scott, Robert Barbour and Wilbert Andrews.

The Junior Varsity will play the preliminary game which will get under way at 7 P. M. According to Coach E. W. Skinner, the starting five will be James Brown, Hillary York, Robert Saunders, Harry Saunders, and Robert Jackson.

Other players, who may see action are McKinley Marshall, Gordon Robinson, Douglas Fowler, Philip Davis, Melvin Johnson, William Dean, McGustavus Miller, Warren Canada, Calvin Hull, Frederick Reynolds, Melvin Early and Arnold Johnson.

The schedule for the year is as follows:

Home

Poets Bow To Maggie Walker

By Melvin "Moose" Brown

Dunbar High School's football team played the once-beaten Maggie L. Walker High School of Richmond, a team with a 5-1 record. The Richmonders were rated favorites and won by a score of 19-0.

Coach Harry Waters was still without the services of starting halfback, James Harmon and tackle "Big Side," both of whom were injured a few weeks ago.

Coach Waters said Dunbar was outsped, outplayed, and outfought, but one thing he left out, they were outscored. But that didn't stop Coach Waters and his boys because on November 1, they met the Burley Bears of Charlottesville on a mud-covered gridiron and defeated them by a score of 20-0. That marked the first time in 7 years that the Poets have overcome the Bears of Charlottesville. Coach Water's explanation for the Poet's victory was: "We wanted to win the game so badly that it didn't make any difference whom we were playing."

Maybe it was because Burley had beaten us so badly in the past years. Maybe because it was that they were such big favorites; but we had the desire and determination to win and I am proud of them."

VARSITY CLUB ELECTS FOUR

By Edythe Y. Shepherd

To be eligible for membership in the Varsity Club in addition to being a letter man, one must be outstanding in scholarship, athletics, citizenship and character.

MISS DUNBAR CROWNED IN GALA CEREMONY

By Catherine Gilbert

Bernice Thomas, a senior, was crowned "Miss Dunbar" during the half time of the homecoming game, Thursday, November 13. Dressed in a gold suit with brown accessories, she was carried to the field in a purple and gold sedan chair. Her attendants, Alberta Johnson, Patricia Patrick, Alfreda Carter, and Joyce Jordan, followed. Leading the procession, which included the majorettes and the Senior and elementary bands, were the members of the N.H.A. Attired in navy blue skirts, white sweaters and black and white shoes, they marched until they formed the letters N, H, and A on the field with white paper roses.

Miss Dunbar was escorted to the platform by J. L. Russell, band director, while four of her attendants followed. The cheerleaders formed the purple and gold arch through which Principal C. W. Seay and two of the attendants, Mary Carol Hutcherson and Hattie Penick passed carrying the crown and cape. The attendants, dressed in white corduroy suits and black suede shoes, as well as Miss Dunbar, had bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums with gold streamers.

After Mr. Seay had crowned "Miss Dunbar," the band played the Alma Mater.

This occasion will be a memorable one for Miss Thomas and her attendants as well as everyone who saw it. Looking back when years have gone by she will always remember the



Bernice Thomas, newly crowned "Miss Dunbar," leaves the field with Principal C. W. Seay, after spectacular homecoming activities.

F. B. L. A. PLANS YEAR'S PROGRAM

By Catherine Gilbert

Future Business Leaders of America, an organization composed of members of the business department, has three

Sophomore Class Hears Panel On Conduct

In the sophomore class meeting held November 3, in the study hall, a panel discussion

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| Home | |
| Walker | Dec. 5 |
| Rosenwald | Dec. 12 |
| Addison | Jan. 9 |
| West End | Jan. 16 |
| Southside | Jan. 29 |
| Halifax | Jan. 30 |
| Burley | Feb. 4 |
| Campbell County | Feb. 11 |
| Langston | Feb. 20 |

Away

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| Walker | Dec. 16 |
| West End | Jan. 2 |
| Rosenwald | Jan. 14 |
| Campbell County | Jan. 23 |
| Halifax | Jan. 27 |
| Langston | Feb. 6 |
| Burley | Feb. 10 |
| Addison | Feb. 13 |
| Southside | Feb. 17 |

Poets Top Alumni 13-12

The Poets closed the football season by defeating the Alumni 13-12 in a benefit game at Municipal Stadium on November 21. Alumni seeing action included Eugene Penick, George Harris, Wyatt Wilson, Carrington Thomas, and many former Dunbar stars.

Intercepting a pass meant for Willard Scott, George Harris made a two yard plunge for a touchdown, scoring the Alumni early in the game. The Poets, however, to the surprise of the coaches and the spectators, soon came back to tie the score on a pass from Howard Johnson to Frank Lee. The game winning extra point was scored on an off tackle plunge by Charles Wynn.

It was all in all a good, clean hard hitting game and was enjoyed by many fans.

scholarship, athletics, citizenship and character. Out of eighteen possible juniors and seniors these four: Howard Johnson, Charles Wynn, John Jones and James Harmon were elected. Miss Dunbar, Bernice Thomas, as was customary with the former Miss Dunbars, was elected an honorary member.

At the present time there are thirty-two enrollees in the Varsity Club. Only nine happen to be in Lynchburg. The others are either in the service or in college.

These four young men deserve a great deal of credit for having been active in sports as well as being a credit to Dunbar with high scholarships, well-rounded character and a knowledge of the principles of good citizenship.

Playmakers Present "Halloween Drama"

By Billie Smith

At an assembly preceding Halloween the Playmakers presented a play "Under the Harvest Moon," by Mildred Hark and Noel McQueen. The Pumpkin (Lillian Roane) and The Black Cat (Joan Davis), were the main characters who did not want to take part in Halloween. The closing scene showed Ruth, Thelma Banks, and Teeny, Alease Ferguson, persuading the Black Cat and Pumpkin that they were needed to keep the Halloween spirit alive.

Other characters were the Ghost, Ellen Vaden; the Witch, Veronica Saunders; and the Owl, Doris Jones. Dorothy Swain was the narrator.

Devotions consisted of a "Prayer of Faith" by Jacqueline Dean and the song "America," by the school. The accompanist at the piano was Anne Cobbs.

posed of members of the business department, has three purposes for the year. They are to develop competent, aggressive business leadership, to participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of business and community, and to provide, and encourage the development of organized recreational activities.

With these purposes in mind, F. B. L. A. has planned a fourpoint program for the year. This program will include a fund raising project, which was carried out through the sale of programs at the homecoming game. Plans are being made to publish a handbook about the business department so that students may have a better understanding of purposes and offerings in the department. This is an example of the second project which will deal with the school.

The third phase of the program is labeled public relations. One speaker from a major insurance company has already addressed some members of the organizations, and plans are being made to present demonstrations and lectures by sponsors of businesses in the community.

The organization plans to do something for itself in the fourth phase of its program. A party later in the school year will culminate this activity.

F. B. L. A. officers are as follows: President, Ann Hatwood; Vice-President, Josephine Ferguson; Secretary, Hattie Pennick, Assistant Secretary, Catherine Gilbert; Treasurer, James Jones; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph Linthicum; Chaplain, Sandra Ivory; and Reporter, Mary Anderson.

ing held November 3, in the study hall a panel discussion on "The General Conduct of High School Students" was presented by Rev. Virgil Wood, pastor of Diamond Hill Baptist Church, Mrs. Maggie Harris, a faculty member, Mr. C. C. Moore, executive director of the Y.M.C.A., and Handy Withers, a sophomore student.

Rev. Wood defined conduct as character put into action. "Most behavior or misbehavior," he said, "is caused by group-expectations." He urged students to have the courage to be themselves and do what they know is right on all occasions.

Mrs. Harris gave points on good behavior. She said that knowing when to applaud, cheer and laugh are very important. The students were asked to answer the following questions for themselves.

- (1) Do I have good sportsmanship?
- (2) Am I good-natured?
- (3) Do I have self-confidence without conceit?
- (4) Do I take criticism and teasing good-naturedly?
- (5) Do I control my temper?

"Boys should remove their hats and top coats at indoor parties," Mr. Moore said. "Those articles of clothing are used for protection," he added. "Boys should show proper respect for themselves and others at all times." Handy closed the panel discussion by speaking on "Areas In Which Teenagers' Conduct Can Be Improved." He said that he felt that teenagers should place special emphasis on improving their conduct.

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THE 1958 CHEER-LEADING SQUAD

By Gordon Stanley Robinson

This year seemingly is a good year for the cheer-leading squad. They have quite a few new members, two of them boys, plus a third grader from Robert S. Payne School as the mascot. The mascot, Mary Anne Spinner, is the sister of captain of the squad. Mary, who is only eight years old, is doing an exceedingly good job on the squad. The boys, Junius Hill and Gordon Robinson are the first persons of their sex ever to join a cheer-leading squad of Dunbar. They are also doing a splendid job as cheer-leaders. The rest of the squad consists of Ann Hatwood, captain, Frances Fuller, co-captain, Mary Anderson, Constance Johnson, Phyllis Jackson, Veronica Brown, Patricia Colmore, Josephine Ferguson, and Sheila Carter.

This year we the cheer-leaders had something different. We had a Cheer-leader's Day, during which we spent our spare time together, such as in Study Hall, if taking the same period, and recess. This was on the day of the Homecoming, November 13, 1958. We think it was a grand success.

The Dunbar 1958 Cheer-leading squad expects not only to top every other squad of Dunbar in the past, but to set a goal for the squads for years to come. We will then be able to say that Dunbar has always had the best Cheerleading squad in Virginia.