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## Marjorie Anderson Spelling Champ!

### Around Town

By Gloria Scott

The Gamma Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was represented by Mr. Charles A. Elliott at its Conclave in Atlanta, Georgia from December 27-31.

The Lynchburg Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was represented by Miss Shirley Harrison at its thirty-fourth annual Boule in Nashville, Tennessee from December 26-30.

Rev. Isaac Williams of Dearington Baptist Church was the guest speaker at the first anniversary celebration of the Red Circle Missionary Club of Dearington Baptist Church. All members of the club are teen-agers.

Twelve and One Club's Christmas gift was a party for approximately two hundred children from one to twelve years of age. Through donations and toys given by the citizens of Lynchburg the party was made possible.

The death of Mrs. Lillie Gilbert who was the director of the Payne playground was a great loss to the city.

The Armstrong P.T.A.'s State Rally closed Monday evening, January 10, 1955 at 8:00 P. M. The purpose of the rally was to

### The N. H. A. Dance

By E. L. Kidd

If you think that the Dunbar students are not interested in the latest fashions, you should have attended the New Homemakers of America's Dance in the gymnasium on January 28, 1955.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with blue and white balloons and with streamers of the same color. Even the members of the club had on the outstanding colors of blue and white.

Some of the members seen at the dance were Delores Ferguson, Claudette Blair, Joan Spencer, Elizabeth Hale, Elsie Wright, Naomi McDaniel, Barbara Marshall, Elva Kidd, Queen Burks, Sadie Farrow, and Edna Scruggs.

The N. H. A. wants to thank you for helping to make their dance a success.

### Band-Chorus Concert Planned

### '55 Revue

The Vocational Department is busy these days making plans for a special Valentine surprise for the students and the community in the form of the 1955 Revue.

That it is to be one of those satin and lace surprises so admired on Valentine Day is evidenced by the elaborate program which is in the making.

The main activity of the evening (which is, of course, February 14) will be a Fashion Show featuring the latest in men's, women's and children's styles, worn by the most handsome lads and the most attractive lassies west of the James River. (There's a hint that even the "cradle brigade" will be on hand.)

Several Lynchburg stores will provide attire for the occasion. They are Guggenheimers, Woods, Henry Ross and Edwards Man's Shop. This is the first time the men's stores named have participated. If you are fashion-wise, entertainment-wise, or just plain curious you can't afford to miss this event. The time is 8:15 P. M., Monday, February 14, 1955; the place, Dunbar auditorium.

Miss E. E. Holmes, Mr. N. O.



MARJORIE ANDERSON

### Hill City Teachers Club Meets

By Rosetta Brown

The Hill City Teachers Club of which Mrs. Amy Jordan is president, held its January meeting at Dunbar High School on January 10, 1955 at 3:20 P. M.

With Mr. H. S. Ferguson acting as chairman, a panel of Dunbar teachers, namely, Miss Elaine Chafin, Mrs. Maggie Harris, Mrs. Fannie Womack, Mr. Yarborough Williams and Mrs. Yvonne Ferguson, spoke on the subject of citizenship.

### The Ninth Annual Spelling Contest

By Freddie Y. Cunningham

The ninth annual Spelling Contest under the sponsorship of Mr. Washington was held on Thursday, January 13, 1955. The various home rooms were represented by the following students: Elaine Fore, 201; Betty Anderson, 204; Marjorie Anderson, 206; Queen Burks, D; Samuel Franklin, 302; James Brown, 303; Barbara Thomas, 305; Morris O'Kelly, 307; Violet Morris, 1; Lucille Withers, 2; Joseph Linthicum, 4; Charles Wynn, 5; Edna Featherston, 6; James Williams, 202; and Delores Colmore, 12.

Despite great competition, Marjorie Anderson, a Junior, was finally declared "First Semester Spelling Bee Champion" and was awarded two dollars in cash. The runner-up, Delores Colmore, a Freshman was awarded a dollar.

This spelling contest was conducted under National Spelling Rules. Four of the most important rules are as follows: (1) Any speller failing to spell a word correctly shall

furnish the faculty's rest room.  
The Women's Auxiliary Fifth Anniversary Program was held at the Diamond Hill Baptist Church Sunday, January 16, 1955 at 3:30 P. M. The guest speaker was Mrs. Raymond Moigan, Chaplain at Lynchburg State Cobny.

Mrs. Virginia Hughes, traffic director for Robert S. Paine School, is convalescing at her home after a recent operation.

## The February Graduates

By Jean Miller

Twenty-four of the members of the class of 1955 will graduate from Dunbar this February. These pupils have completed the necessary four years of secondary school work.

All courses offered at Dunbar are represented by these graduates. Those in the Academic Course are Betty Anderson, Shirley Carter, Grace Jeneron, Helen Lee, George Harris, and John Organ. In the General Course are Beverly Anderson, Carl Miller, James Miller, Garfield Reynolds, Jean Reid, and George Williams. In the Vocational Courses are John Hamlett, Luvern Christian, Bernice McCain, Evelyn Miller, Henry White, Jeanette Jackson, Robert Davis, Charles Ross and Shirley Tweedy.

I know that all of these pupils will be missed by the Dunbar Family in one capacity or another.

The Chorus will surely miss the voices of LuVern "Clooney" Christian, Grace "Birdie" Jeneron, Helen "Chirp" Lee, Betty "Crooner" Anderson, John "Commo" Hamlette, and Beverly "Mario" Anderson.

Preparations are being made for the annual Band-Chorus Concert to be presented this year on March 14 in Dunbar Auditorium.

The concert will follow the pattern of past years with one-half of the program devoted to selections by the band, and the other half to the chorus. This will be the choral group's first appearance in a concert under the direction of their new maestro, Mr. Yarborough Williams.

According to Mr. Williams, the chorus will probably present a program in five sections featuring early 18th century numbers, folk music, contemporary selections, and spirituals.

A highlight of the evening will be "The Testament of Freedom" by the male chorus.

Featured soloists for the occasion will be two or three of the following: Evelyn Freeman, Clarence Irvine, Elaine Fore, John Miller.

Mr. Moore could not be reached for comment on the band's program at this writing, but, from all indications a similar program will be presented.

Admission to the concert will be 65c for everyone.

I know everyone will miss Jean Reid, "Miss Dunbar of 1954-55," Theater Guild actress, and a friend of all.

Beverly Anderson, Henry White and Shirley Carter will no longer be among us with their beautiful smiles.

The shop boys will miss Robert Davis, Charles Ross and Beverly Anderson, don't you think?

We extend congratulations to all these pupils, and wish them all success now and all the years to come.

White and Miss E. L. Chafin are the "V. I. P.'s" of the occasion and, of course, all of us Dunbarians will be in there "pitching." It's a date, then, for you and your only "Valentine!" Admission 65c.

## P. T. A. Founder's Day

By Margaret Douglas

The P. T. A. Founder's Day celebration in the state of Virginia will be held February 28, 1955 in all schools. This day provides splendid opportunity for P. T. A. units to come together in a public celebration in order to "look backward" on their work with great pride and profound gratitude and to "look forward" with renewed interest.

Some of the purposes of the P. T. A. Founder's Day Program are to express gratitude to the founders and other diligent workers in all units and to show to the community that the P. T. A. is accepting its responsibilities for social progress through continuous efforts to improve the home, enrich the school, and elevate the entire community environment.

In November of 1926 Mrs. Clara L. K. Bailey organized the Virginia State Congress of the Parent Teachers Association and was the first president, serving for a term of fourteen years. On December 10, 1953 Mrs. Bailey, the founder, died, having had the joy of seeing our State Congress grow from two hundred and fifty to eleven thousand nine hundred and five.

on the subject of citizenship. Miss Chafin spoke on "Developing Citizenship in the Vocational Education Department." She concluded her speech by saying that we must teach students to work independently, independence based on logic.

Mrs. Harris spoke on "Developing Citizenship in the English Department." She said that the English class is one of the best classes in which to teach such training.

Mrs. Womack, who spoke on "Developing Citizenship in the Social Science Department," said that department has a primary duty of training citizens through socialized work.

Mr. Williams, whose topic was "Developing Citizenship Training Through the Fine Arts," said that participation is the key to citizenship, and the study of the Fine Arts is based on participation.

Mrs. Ferguson, speaking on "Developing Citizenship through Extra-Curricular Activities," said that we can train students for group work and also teach students how to solve problems through these activities.

After the discussion, these Dunbar teachers were thanked by Mrs. Amy Jordan, in behalf of all the teachers, and the meeting was adjourned.

## CLASS OFFICERS

Homeroom 4 elected officers for the first semester. They are as follows:

Chairman, Joyce Braxton; Vice-Chairman, Joseph Linthicum; Secretary, Eleanor Reid; Asst. Secretary, Doretha Arter; Bus. Manager, Patricia McDaniel; Asst. Manager, James Smith; Class Reporter, Frank Poindexter; Asst. Reporter, Barbara Brew.

drop out of the contest, and another word shall be given to the next in line. (2) Having started to spell a word a contestant shall be given no opportunity to change letters once pronounced. A speller may retrace, providing letters are not changed in retracing. (3) A contestant may request that a word be pronounced or defined or used in a sentence. (4) When the contestants are reduced to two the procedure changes. As soon as one misspells a word the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell it. If the second contestant spells the word correctly, he shall be declared champion upon spelling the next word on the list. If the second contestant misspells the new word, the first contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell it. If the second contestant spells the word correctly and spells the next word on the list, then he shall be declared champion. If both misspells the same word, both shall continue in the contest.

Introductory remarks were made by Yvonne Payne, mistress of ceremonies. The judges for the contest were Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Womack.

## Senior Party

The Class of 1955 held their annual Senior Party in the dining room of the Commercial Foods Department on January 27.

Seniors and their guests, after partaking of a sumptuous repast, enjoyed an evening of fun and dancing.

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#### Till We Meet

To the twenty-four Dunbarians who have completed their scholastic requirements at Dunbar we say, "Congratulations!" It has been a pleasure knowing you and working with you.

Since you are members of our Dunbar family, you shall be missed just as the members of any family are missed when they leave to undertake new tasks. Certain organizations to which you have given your best in service and loyalty will not only miss you, but will, in some instances, regret your departure.

We know that it is with great satisfaction that you have reached the top of the first hill in your journey for knowledge. We shall not say to you, "Well

#### Preparing For Examinations

Submitted by Carolyn Price

It becomes a yearly resolution: Students make a promise to themselves to keep up in their studies so that when time for tests and examinations arrive, they will only have to refresh their memories on material they already know. During the first two or three weeks they start off fine. Then as the weeks progress, obstacles get in their path; they simply must see that picture playing tonight or they must go to that dance or game. By and by, they find themselves rushing to school in the mornings in order to prepare their lessons in the few minutes during activity period or waiting for the bell to ring to summon them to a meet-

### ANOTHER CHANCE

Submitted by Queen E. Burks

"The chimes of time ring out the New, another day is through." Yes, another day is through and so is another year. This is 1955, A. D. The only one there has ever been and the only one there will ever be. Before 1955 arrived, I'm sure many of you made resolutions for the New Year, varying according to the personality, but I sincerely hope that each of you topped your list with one that started out like this, "This year I resolve to be a better person mentally, socially, physically and spiritually." If you did, I'm sure the rest of your endeavors will be realized.

Each of us has been given another opportunity to accomplish our goals and realize our ambitions and ideals, but what are we doing with this opportunity? Are we gently but definitely going to slip back into the old rut of habit and conventionality without attempting to alter ourselves?

This is another opportunity to develop our usefulness as members of the family, the school, the church and the community; to set up a definite life-time purpose; to develop the will to work; to decide what we want from life; to cultivate in ourselves good desirable habits; to live the fullest, happiest life possible.

#### What They'll Miss

When asked the question: "What will you do from February to June?" most of the February graduates gave the same reply: "I plan to work." Some of these

### Saint Valentine's Day

By Carolyn Price

St. Valentine's Day is a festival popularly called Valentine or Sweetheart Day and falls on February 14. The origin of the observance of this day is altogether uncertain. Equally vague are the circumstances that led to its connection with Saint Valentine. Among the many interesting folk customs of medieval France and England was a gathering of young people on Saint Valentine's eve. Names were drawn by chance from a receptacle, the person whose name was on a slip becoming the "valentine" or "sweetheart" of the holder for the ensuing year. Some antiquarians find a precedent also in certain similar customs connected with the ancient Lupercalial which occurred in February.

#### JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Evelyn Freeman

Man to friend: "Last night I was talking to my wife . . . you know how you do when the TV is broken . . ."

Weary host to guests in small hours of the morning: "Nice of you folks to drop in last night."

Sue: "When I applied for a job, the manager had the nerve to ask if my punctuation was good."

Pru: "What did you tell him?"

Sue: "I said I'd never been late for work in my life."

### Inquiring Reporter

Should Freshmen and Sub-Freshmen be given invitations to the Junior-Senior Prom?

—Mildred Payne.

**Merlean Carter:** "Frankly yes, because I think they should be given the same opportunities that were given to me."

**Ruth Johnson:** "Yes, because I think these little ones should become acquainted with the proms."

**Oscar "Nelson" Booker:** "Yes, I think so if they are willing to pay a third of the "do-re-me" to have it."

**Howard Brown:** "No."

**Carey A. Blair:** "I think the Freshmen and Sub-Freshmen should not be invited."

**Lillian Jones:** "Yes, if any person desires to invite them they should be given the opportunity to attend."

**Billy Spencer:** "Yes, because when they arrived at Dunbar they became Dunbar students and should be able to participate in all Dunbar activities."

**Delores Johnson:** "Yes, because it gives them the same chance we were offered."

**James Allan:** "Yes, because some Juniors and Seniors have girl friends in the Freshmen and Sub-Freshmen class, for instance, B. C. and J. C."

**Betty York:** "No. Because if it were a Freshman and Sub-Freshman dance we wouldn't be invited. I think it should be for Juniors and Seniors and their escorts."

#### Color

By Mavis B. Mixon

Submitted by Ruth Nowlin

I am the color of the Earth.

We shall not say to you, "Well done," for we believe the words of the philosopher, are more fitting here: "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." We shall say, however, that we hope you will continue your journey, and that you may some day reach a higher level in your educational journey, that level which we call "success." This is our wish.

No doubt you will now recall your wish four, or perhaps, five years ago. It was to complete your training at Dunbar, to graduate. Now that wish has come true because you, through your labors, **made** it come true. So shall it be with our wish for your success.

Aloha!

## PLEASE COUNT FIVE

By Marion Langhorne

It's assembly time and the patrolmen have taken their places in the aisles to see that we enter our places orderly and quietly, to see that we fill **every seat**.

There are quite a few of us at Dunbar. I don't really know how many, but from the looks of things, there are many more than our auditorium seats. Now, that's why I'm writing this.

Of course everyone knows we enter the auditorium by the side doors. (Please don't enter the center door.) If the person in front takes the middle aisle, the one directly behind him

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ring to summon them to a meeting. Then they begin to find themselves getting behind in their lessons, but they manage to pass in their assignments on time, although they are rush jobs and sometimes incomplete.

Suddenly the semester is at an end and examinations begin. Many students bring books home, miss that show, miss that dance and sit down to start learning a semester full of work in one night.

They cram and cram and cram until they cannot cram any more. Finally about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning they decide to go to bed. Arising at 8 o'clock they hurry to school where they cram some more before going to the examination room. After exams, they worry about whether they passed.

On the day report cards are given, they sigh with relief when they see they have made the grade.

If you see them about two days later and ask a question which they had answered on the examination, they couldn't tell you because crammed information lasts only until the test is over and sometimes not that long.

So when you make your resolution to keep up in your studies next semester, stick with it and when the term ends, you will only need to refresh your memories on what you have learned and you will not have to cram for tests.

*Give To The*

*March of Dimes!*

"I plan to work. Some of these pupils will work and try to earn extra money for college in the fall; however, George Williams plans to go to Virginia Seminary or Virginia State College during this year's second semester.

The question, "What or Whom will you miss most at Dunbar?" brought a variety of interesting answers as follows:

Henry White: "I will miss the Mossball."

George Williams: "I will miss my work in the Southside office and the cafeteria."

Lu Vern Christian: "I will miss my best girl friends: Jean, Shirley, Grace and Bonnie. I also will miss Miss Chafin who has taught me much."

Bernice McCain: "I will miss the chorus."

Donald Hubbard: "I'll miss the school in every respect."

Carl Miller: "I will miss all my friends."

Shirley Tweedy: "I'll miss the basketball team."

Shirley Carter: "I'll miss my friends and my Chemistry II Class."

Betty Anderson: "I will miss my English classes."

Elizabeth Stone: "I will miss most of all being with F. A. S."

## From Poor Richard's Almanac

By Barbara Marshall

In commemoration of Benjamin Franklin's birthday January 17, we select the following quotations from "Poor Richard's Almanac":

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him."

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

"Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead."

A girl: "Why did you slap that senior?"

Another girl: "He asked me for an anatomical juxtaposition of the two oricularis oris muscles in a state of contraction. How was I to know he was asking for a kiss?"

Professor: "So, you said I was a learned jackass, did you?"

Freshie: "No, sir. I merely remarked that you were a burro of information."

Judge: "What's your profession?"

Witness: "Agricultural expert."

Judge: "What's your father's?"

Witness: "A farmer."

Judge: "And your grandfather?"

Witness: "A peasant."

Jesse: "My teeth need attention. Is the Dentist in?"

Attendant: "No he's out just now."

Jesse: "When do you expect him to be out again?"

Teacher: "How many sets of teeth does a person have?"

Pupil: "Three."

Teacher: "Three? What are they?"

Pupil: "Temporary, permanent, and false."

An elderly preacher tells the secret of his success: "Well, each time I enter the pulpit I say a silent prayer: Lord fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff and nudge me when I've said enough."

"Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended."

"A truly great man will neither trample on a worm nor sneak to an emperor."

I have rested on her shoulders;  
Wept tears on her bosom;  
Sung songs at her heart.  
I am the color of the Earth.

I am the color of the Road  
I have shaped tired feet in its  
dust;

Trod on its rocks;  
Stumbled up its hills;  
Sped down its straight stretch.  
I am the color of the Road.

I am the color of the Sun.  
I have waked to his lusty call;  
Dreamed in his mooning;  
Toiled in his afterglow.  
I am the color of the Sun.

Sun,  
Earth,  
And shining Road!  
Brown,  
Tan,  
And golden glow  
God-given  
To the Negro!

## Graduation

By William Spencer

- G—is for gratefulness for the opportunity to attend school.
- R—is for your responsibility to your school and the community.
- A—is for ability which you have achieved.
- D—is for desire to go forward in life.
- U—is for usefulness—The benefits that your education will bring.
- A—is for Anxiety—The eagerness to reach your goal in life.
- T—is for Time—The time spent in preparing you for your future.
- I—is for Inspiration—The desire to learn more that will benefit you in the future.
- O—is for Opportunity—Able to show his knowledge to others.
- N—is for Necessity—Things that are needed to further his knowledge.

## Guess Who?

By Theresa Mosby

It seems as though all the persons in our "Guess Who" column have been Seniors, but they have been the outstanding factors in our school.

This month's "Guess Who" is very much athletically inclined. During his stay at Dunbar he has participated in basketball, football, and track.

His other activities are working with the **Chronicle**, N.A.A.C.P. (Jr. Division), Dramatic Club, Student Council, Y.M.C.A., Intramurals, and the Choir.

Last month's "Guess Who" was Jean Reid.

## It's Gabbing Time

Hello hep cats and young lovers!

Again in '55 all of the latest social news will be brought to you in this column of our **Chronicle**.

To start the new year off right, L. B.'s patience and perseverance finally paid off in winning the prize, R. J. H. W. didn't waste time finding new interests such as S. M.

W. S. seems to be quite an attraction to many Dunbar girls.

B. P. and P. H. started the new year off with a bang.

E. Y. goofed at the Carver-Dunbar basketball game, but came back with high spirits to win it.

C. I. must be trying to acquire the nickname of Casanova.

Senior E. S. is seen constantly in the company of Freshman F. S.

"Cat," do you still purr for "Kitten?"

Are M. O'K and M. T. as fervent lovers as they used to be?

Our roving eyes caught R. P. and S. F. at the Mecca together.

## A Bit O' Nonsense

With Apologies to the Masters  
A. Nony Mous

Gather ye workbooks while ye may,  
Old Time is still a flying,  
And these same books ye garner today,  
Tomorrow—

Don't kid yourself!

Is this a Senior which I see before me,  
A chemistry book in his hand?  
Come, let me clutch it . . . then  
He can take his exam.

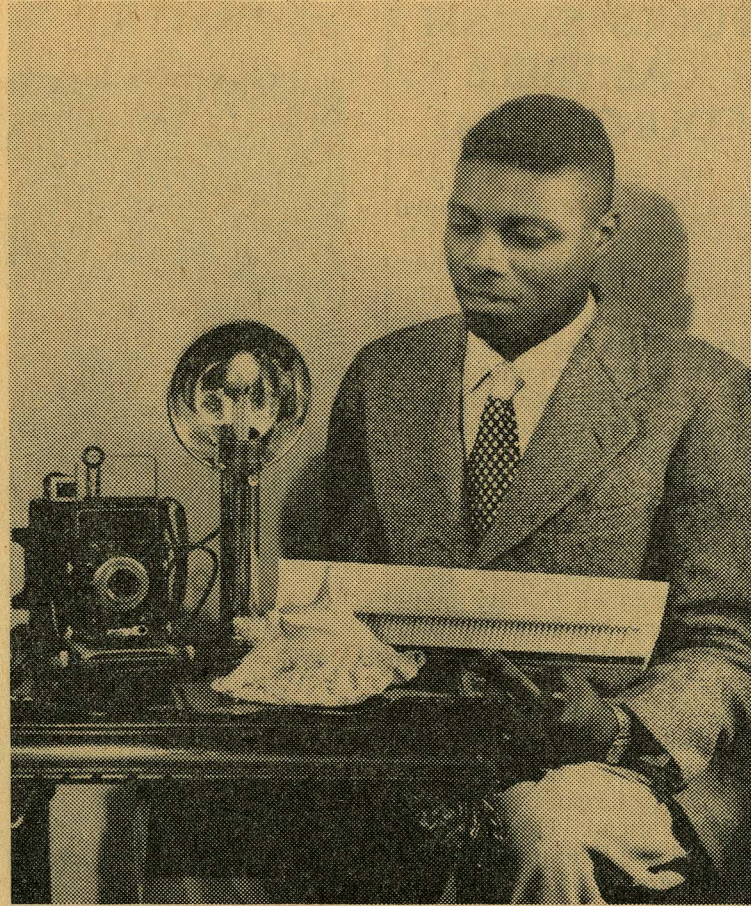
Lines of "Cut-ups" all remind us,  
We can make our lines sublime  
And at 3:30 leave behind us,  
Schoolmates who refuse to mind.

And the night shall be filled with music,  
When the Seniors that infest my day,  
Shall fold their books and notebooks,  
And noisily romp away!

## Elegy Written In An Empty Classroom

The schoolbell tolls the knell of parting day;  
The scampering coeds rush pell mell o'er the lea;  
The teachers homeward plod their weary way  
And leave the silent room entirely to me.

Hard by yon window, a pile of notebooks stand,  
Their covers marred by many an idle pen,  
Each page the work of an experienced hand,  
Skilled in the art of copying works of men.



THOMAS MACK

## My Hobbies

By Thomas R. Mack

In 1947 I was at a beach and I happened to see some beautiful shells about so I thought it would be an interesting pastime to collect them. By going to a beach each summer my collection grew. I have shells from many different areas such as, Virginia Beach, Buckroe Beach, Nagshead Beach, Sea View and even the Hawaiian Islands. Some of my most valuable shells include Juno's Volute, King Kock,

hobby began in the Fall of 1952 when a friend of mine was crowned "Miss Dunbar." As a friendly gesture, I took Miss Dunbar's picture the night of the homecoming game . . . my first photograph. My hobby has now extended greatly. In 1953 I entered the N. H. S. P. A. at Minneapolis, Minn. After reading and studying Commercial Photography, I began taking pictures at weddings, proms, receptions, dances, banquets, etc. My most fascinating opportunity was when I took pictures at the former

## POETS' CORNER

### Dedicated To Seniors

By James E. Johnson

The path you traveled now far behind  
Rests in your daydreams as you ponder,  
You only sought to find peace of mind  
Never giving thought to things out yonder.

Through the Freshman and teeming Sophomore years  
Through the jolly Junior days now gone,  
You've found a boundless joy so dear  
The richness of a king upon his throne.

Here on the steps of knowledge you are standing  
With education's goal now in sight,  
Your skill the world is surely demanding  
To know this makes you smile in broad daylight.

The struggle, or was it a struggle at all?  
The situation, so clearly becomes unfurled,  
That which you've done is comparatively small  
In preparing yourself to face a new world.

It is best that the decision you shall make  
Should never let your feet a wrong path touch,  
But keep you striving for life's dear sake  
To earn and possess the things you love so much.

In your head you have a million

The J. N., M. C. affair has lasted longer than most expectations.

One of our young teachers is engaged. We all like her very much and wish her many years of happiness.

So long for now. Remember this Shakespearean quotation: "A light heart lives long."

Oh, by the way, have you noticed Mr. C. W. S.'s new car? Sharp isn't it?

## CURTAIN CALL

By Evelyn Freeman

The Dunbar Theater Guild presented its annual Christmas play in our auditorium on Thursday, December 16, 1954 for the public and on Friday, December 17, 1954 for the student body. The title of the play was "They That Sit in Darkness" and it was very well received by all who viewed it. Many new theater guild members were presented for the first time in this play. Jean Reid, as usual, gave a splendid performance.

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 13, 1955 to elect officers for the year 1955. Those elected were President, Alpha Coles; Vice-President, James Thornhill; Secretary, Elizabeth Hale; Assistant Secretary, Octavia Payne; Treasurer, Frank Royal; and Business Manager, Delores Johnson.

Out-going president, John Hamlett thanked the members for the support given him during his year in office and on behalf of all of the graduating members wished us as much success in our future endeavors as we have had in the past.

The Dunbar Theater Guild members are deeply grateful to Jeanette Jackson for her services rendered over the past year as the writer of "Curtain Call."

With joy I start a story of Gawain,  
And turn the page to see his fight for life,  
But, lack-a-day, instead I groan with pain,  
To see a paragraph on Shakespeare's wife.

My pencil red is poised above the page,  
Ready to indicate what I have seen;  
I struggle hard to check my pent up rage,  
For all the errors have been marked in green!

Copious was his copying, nothing did he shirk,  
I must a recompense as largely add,  
He gave to his book, one whole night's work,  
He gained for his pains,  
(O, Dear!) how sad!  
How sad!

## Spin The Platter

By Lacy Blair

Here is a list of records which are being played regularly in New York:

1. "Earth Angel," the Penguins
2. "Sincerely," Moonglows
3. "White Christmas," Drifters
4. "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons," Revaleers
5. "Be Faithful," Crickets
6. "Tweedle Dee Dum," La Verne Baker
7. "You're Mine," Shirley Gunther and the Queens
8. "Run Around," Three Chuckers
9. "Love You Madly," Charley and Ray
10. "Since I Fell For You," Harp-Tones
11. "Ling Ting Tong," Five Keys

Julius' Violet, King Rock, Globose Violet and Variable Conch. During the first two years of my collecting shells, the number increased to over two hundred and fifty with a variety of shapes and sizes. In the year of 1949, I was fortunate to win first prize at Yoder School and in the same year, second prize at Payne School. My collection has grown tremendously as a result of my visiting the beaches.

In 1949 I began another hobby. This time I decided to try my hand at collecting match books. The books included ones from California, Washington, D. C., Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Florida. From foreign areas, there are some from Italy, Japan, Canada, and South America. Again for my efforts, I was awarded first prize at Payne School for having the most outstanding hobby in 1950; however, a tragedy occurred. In the summer of 1951 spontaneous combustion eliminated this hobby. I shall never forget my thrilling display, however.

As my dearest hobby, I choose photography. This

12. "Hearts of Stone," Jewels
  13. "Never Let Me Go," Johnny Ace
  14. "Shoo Doo—Be Doo," Moonlighters
  15. "Chances I've Taken," Solitaires
  16. "Thinking of You," Fats Domino
  17. "That's My Desire," Opals
  18. "Darling I'm Yours," Scarlets
  19. "Hurt," Roy Hamilton
  20. "Stingy Little Thing," Midnighters.
- Johnny Ace shot himself during the holidays. Those who loved his vocals will miss him very much.—R. S.

dollars, Governor John S. Battle's son's wedding reception held at Martinsville, Va. in November 1953. Over a period of five years I have acquired five cameras. Namely a Brownie Hawkeye, American Model; Kinax, French Model; Toyo, Japanese Model; Graflex, American Model and Mighty, Japanese Model. I have purchased three stands with flood lights and a tripod. After experience through high school and extra-curriculars, I hope to extend my ambition (photography) until I have reached the top.

Every high school boy and girl should begin today, and in later years you can look back at some of the work that you may have accomplished. Why don't you choose a hobby today?

## Dig Lames!

By John Noble and Phillip Harris  
Say, fellows, the gals always know what to wear, how and when, because there are so many articles telling them. Now it's our turn.

From head to toe, daddy, here we go. "Stingy brims" are really the latest in head-gear, so from now on "top" one. The "tab" or "choke-neck" with pins to match, set off by a "T.V." stripe are really versatile, whether sport or dress. If dress, the color of your suit should be charcoal brown. (Your suit should have a center-vent and three button front.) The cuffs should be semi-draped to bring a neater appearance about the shoe.

As usual, argyles are still the rage in hose, but worn with "low-cut" and "tussel" shoes, which have the spotlight in footwear. In sportswear you might see the "dog-cats" cooling their "tabs" with slipover cashmere sweaters or with crazy sport coats which are styled much like suit coats

There's not a thief to ever steal your savings,  
Not only you, but a million other scholars  
Can cling to something stronger than your cravings.

As a Senior you stand in an open door  
The future stretches far into the distance,  
When you pass through the door to return never more  
Life will offer you complex resistance.

So never forget the goals of education,  
Live a good life; serve others every day,  
And remember these lines: The Senior's Dedication,  
May they give some help along your way.

## "Conscious of Him"

By James E. Johnson

It is again that I open my heart  
To speak those words which so imply,  
Not those words desired from earthly factors  
But words of worship from Him on-high.  
O, rejoice in the Lord O, ye righteous  
Sing unto Him a joyfull new song,  
Play but skillfully with a loud noise  
Find never indulge in anything wrong.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good

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(center vent and three button front.)

Well, let's see if we can make the girls notice a difference now that we know the "haps." So let's dog now and "keep getting up."

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Varsity Organized

By Marie Shelton

After try-outs and eliminations, coaches H. C. Waters and T. D. Moultrie organized the Varsity and Junior Varsity.

The "55" season for the Poets and "Baby Poets" officially began January 4, and January 7, respectively. As for the Poets, their first conference game, which was played with West End, resulted in a 48-49 defeat. The Poets compensated for this loss by narrowly defeating the defending Champions, Carver High of Salem, Virginia, 40-42. After being defeated by Northside of Gretna, the Poets now hold a 2-1 record, while the J. V.'s after defeating the Northside J. V.'s hold a 1-1 record.

The two co-captains of the Varsity are John Miller and John Organ. Other members include Cary Blair, Carlton Ferguson, Howard Brown, Waddell Thomas, Warwick Scott, George Harris, John Thurman, Clarence Irvine, Clifton Turner, Robert McCory, Edwin Yancey and Earnest Mosby.

Members of the Junior Varsity are James Allen and Alfred Cunningham, co-captains; Bobby Glass, Glenn Culpepper, Harold Graves, Randolph Davis, Graham Jennings, Aubrey Ross, Otis Tucker, Melvin York, Clarence Christian, Paul Williams, James Muller, and Roger Reid.

## FOULS SMASH CAMPBELL COUNTY 49-42

By Thomas R. Mack

The Dunbar Poets downed the Wildcats of Rustburg, by sinking 27 foul shots to their 14 thus breaking the winning streak of 9 games over the opponents. Both teams played a rugged game throughout the night, but the Poets managed to keep the lead until the horn sounded.

Despite the fast-breaking of the Wildcats, the purple and gold managed to get a 3 point lead in the first quarter. Johnson of Campbell County managed to pull his team upward by downing 9 points to his teammate Lewis 5 fouls, which ended the second quarter 24-17 in Dunbar's favor.

In the third period John "Archibald" Organ's fouls kept his team ahead. He racked 6 fouls and one field goal. Fighting desperately for a lead in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats shot craps, hooks, layups and set shots.

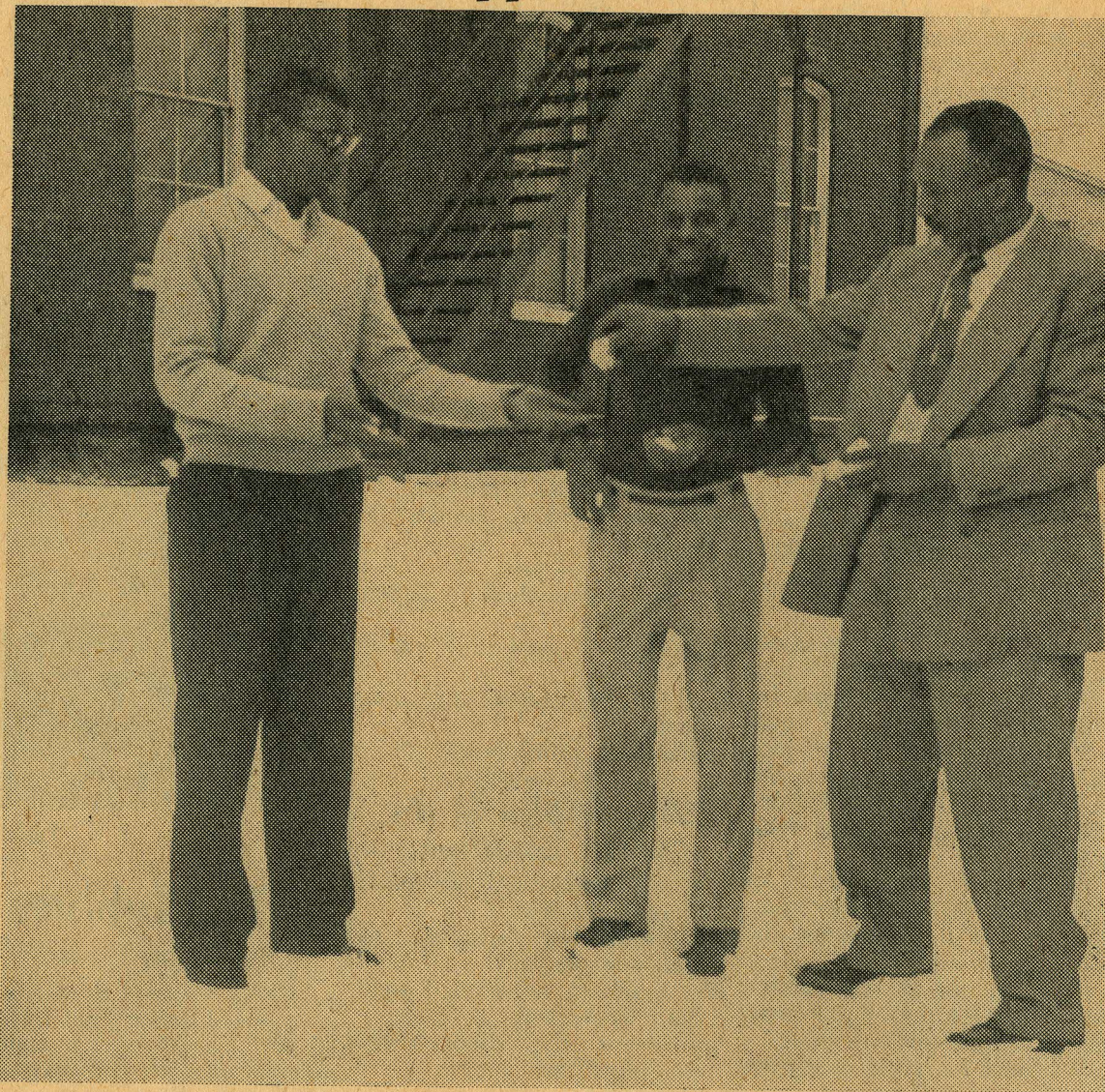
The spectators, sitting and standing with enthusiasm, watched the Poets with their second home game.

John Organ (co-capt.) led the Poets in points by dropping 23 to Lewis of Campbell County's 21.

### Time Table

Dunbar 42	.....Carver 40
	Home
Dunbar 27	.....Northside 36
	Away
Dunbar 48	.....West End 49
	Away
Dunbar 49	.....Campbell Co. 42

## Disappointment?



Coach Harry Waters tells Co-Captains John Miller and John Organ that the Lexington team will not play because of snow.

## January and February Birthdays

By Marjorie Anderson

January is known as one of the

Farmer, Lillie Garland, Carol Goode, Mildred Green, George Green, Freida Harris, Audrey Hawkins, Barbara Head.

## Fashion Flashes

By Jimmie Turner

Just around the corner . . . the

# Poets Win Opener

By Thomas R. Mack

Fast-braking, five feet, four inches, Carlton Ferguson playing varsity for his first year, scored 14 points to push his team to a 42-40 victory over Carver of Salem, Virginia at the City Armory January 7, 1955.

Both teams were slow getting started in the first period. Carver sank only five points to Dunbar's 10.

Despite the close score neither team showed much display of offensive playing. Carver never managed to capture the lead until late in the fourth quarter.

The most exciting period was the fourth. Both teams were tied 32-32 when Yancey, (The Goat) tipped a foul shot into the opponents goal giving them their first lead of the night.

With two minutes to play J. Miller dropped two foul shots to tie the score 39-39. A foul was called on Miller, and number "00" of Salem converted when he made one out of two shots giving them their third lead 40-39. Then Yancey of Dunbar stole the ball and made a lay up shot thus ending the scoring.

John Organ (co-capt.) was second in scoring, sinking 13 points.

**V.I.A.L. Tournament**  
  
**Saturday**  
  
**March 5, 1955**

Dunbar 49	.....	Campbell Co. 42
		Home
Dunbar 58	.....	Halifax 74
		Away

## INTRA-MURAL SPORTS

Intra-mural sports are held for the purpose of giving boys who are not playing any of the inter-scholastic sports the experience of competitive sport. The only active intra-mural sport at Dunbar is basketball. There are four teams in the leagues. These teams compete against each other every Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Their standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
1. Hawks .....	3	1
2. Flyer .....	3	1
3. Panthers .....	1	3
4. Shotguns .....	1	3

In the past there have been numerous intra-mural sports here at Dunbar such as ping-pong, tennis, tumbling, etc. Perhaps, if students would show enough interest in these sports, they could be started again.

## VARSITY NEW WARM-UP UNIFORMS

By Edith Coleman

Didn't those new warm-up uniforms add zest to the appearance of the Varsity Friday Night?

All robed in gold jackets with the large sailor collars, they are set off with purple trimming which can be converted into a hood. Their gold pants have purple stripes. (The Poets put on their best performance in them too.)

No one can say the Poets aren't well-groomed!

January is known as one of the months in which many famous men were born. Many Dunbarians were also born in this month and we sincerely hope they too will become famous. They are as follows:

### January

Margaret Banks, Claudette Blair, Arthur Booker, Oscar Booker, Ruth Bradley, Clara Brown, Elinor Brown, Maxine Brown, Ronnie Brown, Vivian Calloway, Shirley Carter, Genevieve Christian, James Covington, Betty Culpepper, Freddie Cunningham, Robert Davis, Frana Everete, Fleshman Lindsay, Paul Ford, Margaret Fuqua, John Hamlett.

Phillip Harris, Nathaniel Harris, Eugene Harvey, John Hughes, III, Joyce Johnson, Edna Jones, Wanda Jones, Welford Jones, Gwendolyn Lee, James Lee, Arnetha Lewis, Kay Lynch, Danny McCain, Richard McCoy, Thomas Mack, Raymond Manns, John Miller, Violet Morris, David Mosby, John Noble, Jimmie Norman.

Barbara Parsons, Macon Patterson, Mildren Penn, Elizabeth Reeves, John Reynolds, Bertha Robey, John Rogers, Thomas Ross, Corrine Rucker, Maxine Sandidge, Rebecca Scott, Marie Shelton, Mary Smith, Robert Stamps, Eugene Thompson, Vergie Townes, Shirley Tweedy, Lucille Waller, Helen Williams, James Williams, Georgia Wilson, Nellie Younger.

### February

These students will celebrate their birthdays in February along with many of our greatest Presidents:

Benjamin Alexander, Nathaniel Alexander, Louise Anderson, Martha Bolling, James Brown, Howard Brown, Joe Cardwell, Thomas Cardwell, Charles Davis, Mary Davis, Ida Eubanks, Louis

Melvin Hicks, Yvonne Johnson, Ann Jordan, Thomas Langhorne, Frank Lee, Naomi McDaniel, Jessie Mack, Barbara Marshall, Ernest Marshall, Edward Miller, Jean Miller, Barbara Morris, Doris Morris, Milton Morrison, Ernest Mosby, Theresa Mosby, Reginald Nash, Emma Pannell, Marva Parker, Bertha Payne, James Pollard, Elsie Redd, Moselle Sayles.

Virginia Shelton, James Smith, William Spencer, Edward Taliaferro, Dorothy Thomas, Ronald Tinsley, Monica Tyler, Ronald Tyler, Wilbert Wade, Dorothy Ward, Gwendolyn Webster, Carey West, Paul Williams, Robert Williams, Constance Withers, Marva Wright, Charles Wynn.

## "Conscious of Him"

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Blessed is the man that trusted Him,

O fear the Lord ye His Saints  
His light shall never, never be dim.

For when I walk in paths of danger

Someone lifts me up and turns me around,

So firmly doth He press me to His bosom

Thy Father never lets His children down.

He talks to me at times when I am lonely

He watches over me gently through the night,

He keeps me ever Conscious of His presence

He protects me with His ever-loving might.

great rush toward spring, the scramble for clothes inspired by spring. Looking forward to this wonderful season, we notice the long, slim silhouette in spring coats. They are pastel shades, styled in tweeds and fleece.

Similar to last year, the linen-look is found in almost every type of clothing including suits, dresses, dress ensembles, and, of course, separates. In the January issue of *Seventeen*, I noticed a very cute outfit which included a linen-like jumper and woven checked dress. Both attractive pieces can be worn separately.

The dress and sweater combinations are as popular and pretty as ever. (The sweater is trimmed to match the dress.)

For church-going or what ever similar situation you might face, you'll want a suit to wear. The hip-length jacket over a pencil-slim skirt would be just the thing for such an occasion. Some styles have cotton print blouses of the same material to match the lining.

With all these new togs in the making we shall be glad to welcome Spring. How happy we are that "when winter comes can Spring be far behind?"

## Please Count Five

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takes the side aisle. He goes down as far as he can and then goes in five seats—one, two, three, four, **five!**

Here's where the trouble starts. "I want to sit on the end seat." "Let me sit next to Julia Jones." "I can't see in this seat." All these things we tell our patrolmen when all they tell us to do is count five—Count five so that every seat will be filled, so that fewer students will have to stand.

Won't you please, please count five!