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Mr. H. A. M. Johns Honored At P. T. A.

Around Town

By Gloria Scott

On January 23, at 3:30 p.m., the annual meeting of the Y.W.-C.A. was held at the Jackson Street Methodist Church. Dr. Margaret Just Butcher of Washington was the guest speaker. Mrs. Edith Y. Davis, chairman of the branch and secretary at Yoder School presided.

On February 6, the young people of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church observed Youth Day in co-operation with the National Youth Week celebrations by the United Christian Movement. Edward Jackson was chairman of the program and Hayward Robinson was the speaker.

On February 6, from 4 until 6, at the Bethune Center, the Ministers' Wives Alliance held a tea.

The Virginia Seminary and College Club met Sunday, February 6 at the Bethune Center also.

On the morning of February 13, Mr. Wilcox H. Brandon, executive secretary of the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A., was the guest speaker at the Unitarian Church on Monument Terrace when it observed Race Relations Day.

The Patroness Club, affiliated with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, celebrated its anniversary with a tea at the Phyllis Wheatley Branch Y.W.C.A. on February 13 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Brotherhood Week

By Theresa Mosby

Brotherhood Week observances were climaxed with an assembly program which took place in the auditorium February 25.

Taking part on the program were Naomi McDaniel, Raymond Holmes, Vivian Pinn, Evelyn Freeman and Virginia Holmes.

Naomi McDaniel, in her speech on "The Meaning of Brotherhood," presented many thoughts which we should take with us through the year. She was the first speaker.

Raymond Holmes spoke on "Brotherhood at Dunbar" while Vivian Pinn climaxed the program with a further dissertation on the subject.

"The House By the Side of the Road" was recited by Virginia Holmes and Evelyn Freeman sang "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Devotions were led by Marjorie Tapley.

Mrs. Fannie S. Womack was in charge of the week's observance which included special programs in many classes. Speeches by students, compositions, and class discussions were used to emphasize the importance of brotherhood in other classes.

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Cadet Teachers Practice

By Shirley Gray and Ruth Nowlin

Again some students at Dunbar High School have new teachers. These new teachers are seniors from Virginia State College, who are doing their practice teaching.

Of the three teachers the only gentleman is Mr. Roger Rick Watson of Newport News, Virginia, who attended Huntington High School in Newport News. Mr. Watson is teaching both his major and his minor. His major, health and physical education, is under the supervision of Mr. Carl Pinn, while his minor is under the supervision of Mrs. Fannie Womack. Mr. Watson was influenced by some of his past teachers to become a teacher. He plans to teach and coach sports after graduation.

Also from Newport News, Virginia is Miss Freda Thompson who attended George Washington Carver High School there. Miss Thompson is teaching her major, Business Education, under the supervision of Mr. Thornhill. After graduation, she hopes to teach in one of the Secondary Schools in Virginia. Miss Thompson was influenced by her high school instructors to enter

The Miracles Of Electricity Discussed

By Jean Miller

On February 16, students had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Prince Thornton of the Appalachian Power Company lecture. Mr. Thornton used as his topic "The Magic of Electricity—Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow."

In his lecture, Mr. Thornton outlined the many uses of electricity. He named cooking, washing, ironing, entertaining and manufacturing. He then traced the history of electricity for us in order to show us how far we have advanced in the field.

Mr. Thornton said that Thales first discovered static electricity about 25,000 years ago; then in 1729, Stephen Gray devised a method of sending electricity; and in 1752, an American, Benjamin Franklin, discovered that lightning also contained electricity. We were told that Alessandro Volta made the first battery in 1800 and William Sturgeon, the magnet in 1825. Joseph Henry later improved on Sturgeon's battery, making it possible to use the magnet to pick up heavy objects. He told us of various discoveries made up to the time of Thomas Edison's first practical electric light bulb.

Mr. Thornton showed how the prices have changed on electrical rates. He also pointed out how

P. T. A. DAY

By Gwendolyn Green

The twenty-third anniversary of the Dunbar P.T.A. was celebrated February 8, 1955 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium with Mrs. Womack presiding.

At that time the present president, Mr. H. A. Johns and the past and present officers were honored by Mr. C. W. Seay, the principal of Dunbar.

Devotions were lead by Mrs. Eselweiss Rosser Jones, and the music was rendered by the Scott Zion Harmony Groups. The guest speaker for the evening, introduced by Mr. William Alexander, was Miss Edmonia Manns, a teacher at Payne School. Her subject was "The Role of the P.T.A. in a Growing School." Taking an active part on the program was the graduating class of 1932 of which Miss Manns and Mr. William Alexander were members.

Mrs. Amy Jordan gave a short history of the P.T.A. of Dunbar and Mrs. Mildred Brown's talk was "What the P.T.A. is Doing and Has Done for Dunbar."

The class of 1932 participated in a candle lighting ceremony for the officers. This class was the first to graduate under Mr. Johns' leadership of the P.T.A.

February 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.
Rev. Willie J. Hodge was guest speaker on Sunday afternoon of February 13, at the Dearington Baptist Church.

Brotherhood Week was observed in the city schools February 20, through 27, with assemblies, speeches, the showing of films, classroom discussions, displays and other activities.

The Lynchburg Chapter of Links, Inc. presented its first annual Cotillion at the Sportsman Club on Friday, March 14. At this time 18 debutantes and 5 subdebs were presented to Lynchburg society. Honorary Chairmen of the event were Mrs. M. C. Allen and Mr. C. W. Seay.

Y.M.C.A. Speaker From India

By Margaret Douglass

The February 8, 1955 assembly program was opened by Raymond Holmes, the president of the Student Council. He read the "Twenty-fourth Psalm" and led the audience in the repeating of the "Lord's Prayer," and in singing one stanza of "America."

At this assembly our principal, Mr. Seay, presented Mr. Brandon, executive secretary of the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A., who introduced Mr. J. F. Dunderdale, the guest speaker, who has been engaged in Y.M.C.A. work in India for several years.

To interest persons in foreign service with the Y.M.C.A. was the purpose of Mr. Dunderdale's speech. Among the many things that he told us were that boys and girls attend separate schools in India, that the life span is shorter in India than in America and that hockey is the national sport.

Charcoal and Pink Ball!

Royal Twins At Conference

By Rosetta Marie Brown

"It was one of the greatest thrills we have ever experienced," said Harry and Frank Royal who attended the National Youth Legislature Conference which was held in Washington, D. C. on February 3rd through the 6th at the American University.

About four hundred delegates from all over the United States were gathered at this inter-racial conference to discuss the conference theme, "Youth and the Challenge of Integration."

Harry and Frank lived at the Hotel Martinique, which is only five blocks from the White House. Eight floors of that particular hotel were occupied by Conference delegates. Harry and Frank shared a room with two delegates from New York City.

Some of the outstanding speakers at the conference were Vice-President Nixon, Dr. Channing Tobias, Dr. Roy Wilkins, Dr. John Davis, Attorney Clarence Mitchell, and Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell.

Special sessions and socials were held at the American University, the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Twelfth Street Y.M.C.A., the Delta Sigma Theta House and the Tropical Room of the Dunbar Hotel.

An informative and interesting event was a trip to Capitol Hill, made by the conference delegates. This trip included visits to the Senate Chamber, and the House of Representatives.

the teaching profession. Of her first impression of Lynchburg Miss Thompson says: "It was more than I had expected."

Miss Dorothy Ghee of Kenbridge, Virginia who attended Lunenburg High School is the third teacher. She is teaching her major subject under the direction of Mr. Ferguson, and after graduation hopes to teach for two years, then study further at Columbia University in the field of Guidance. Miss Ghee decided to become a teacher in the field of history because she feels that it is very important that the youth of today have some historical knowledge to prepare them for better living in our democratic society.

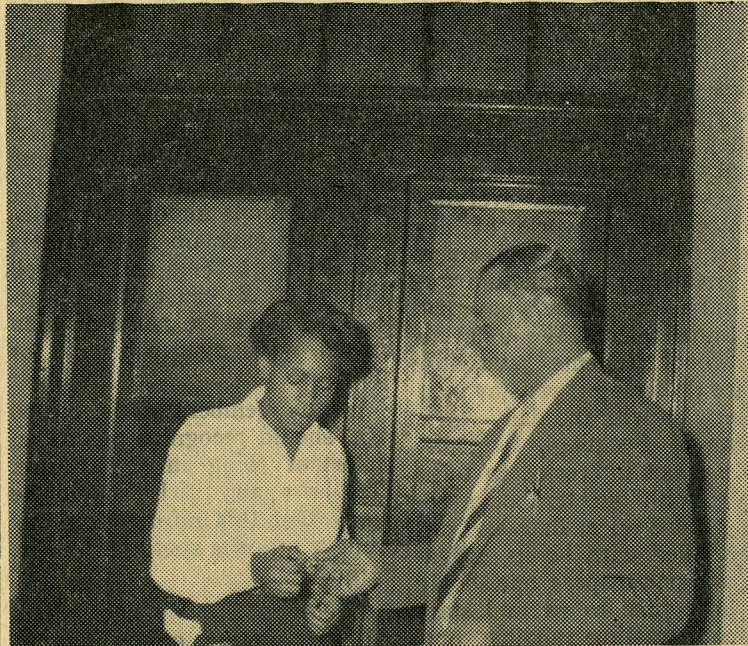
the range of electrical power had broadened.

The electric iron, toaster, washing machine, dryer and many other things were pointed out as being the various medians in which electrical power is used today.

As we look at tomorrow, we see electricity in a stage which can really be called magic. Electricity will heat our homes in winter and cool them in summer. We will no longer have to mow our lawns in the yard but from a chair on the porch. Our lighting will be easier on the eyes and decorative too.

Electricity can really be called magic.

In 1952, Mr. Thornton was selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as "The Outstanding Young Man of Bluefield, West Virginia."



Principal C. W. Seay presents Jean Colmore, Senior, the Betty Crocker Award.
PHOTO BY MISS E. HOLMES.

Johns leadership of the P.T.A. Gifts were presented to him in appreciation of his service and to Mrs. Mildred Brown in appreciation of 16 years as secretary of the Dunbar P.T.A.

On the fourth Monday night in March Mr. Colson Steward will be the P.T.A. speaker.

Students Address Teachers

By Audrey Scruggs

"Developing Citizenship Through Student Activities Outside of the Classroom and Through Community Resources" was the theme of the professional meeting of the Dunbar faculty for this semester. The initial meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the home Economics Cottage. The phase of theme discussed at the meeting was "Developing Citizenship Through Student Activities Outside of the Classroom."

A panel, made up of seven students, spoke on citizenship training through athletics, office training, the library, clubs, and organizations. These students were, James Allen, Doris Edmonds, Elva Kidd, Hayes Banks, Madlyn White, Elizabeth Hale, and Samuel Franklin. After the panel had finished, there were questions and observations from the faculty.

Members of the committee on professional meetings are Mrs. D. L. Obey, Mr. C. F. Pinn, Mr. W. E. Clark, Mrs. P. F. Weeden, co-ordinator, and Miss J. E. Irvine, general chairman.

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"Welcome Sweet Springtime"

"Children's faces looking up
Holding wonder like a cup"

These lines by Sara Teasdale express the sentiment with which each of us greet this season of the year. It's Spring!

It's Spring and all around us we see signs of beauty: blue skies, budding greens, blossoming flowers, and sprouting grass.

It's Spring in our hearts and minds as we concentrate on new wardrobes to replace our winter ones, plans for Easter "holidaying," and even on the ending of this semester, which after all is just "over the hill."

At Dunbar, all the above mentioned wonders are present. (Of course, you've noticed the forsythia and japonica which grace

The Future— A Challenge

By Georgia Wilson

During this period of unrest, the eyes of the world are focused on the school, particularly the schools in the south. Do the Negro students face a challenge? While observing Negro History Week a few weeks ago, this question came up in our class discussion. My answer to this question would be definitely "No." As far as education is concerned; Negro students are well instructed. There are however other traits that will be a hindrance. There lies the challenge. These traits I am sure can be, and must be eliminated.

Let us, fellow Dunbar students, determine:

1. to be neat and clean in our appearance

I'll Get By

By Gwen Burks

This is a statement all of us have heard many times and many of us have used it many times. When a person says, "I'll get by," what exactly is he saying? Isn't he saying he has stopped putting forth an effort? Isn't he saying, "I don't want to be one of the best? Anything is good enough for me as long as I don't have to work for it?" Isn't he saying, "I don't care how the world goes, I don't care if it goes to ruins, I don't care if it is corrupting as long as I get by."

People who carry this attitude think that they are smart. They think that they can master any situation as long as they are able to get by. A person who only wants to get by has no respect for those who teach him.

That old song says, "I'll Get By As Long As I Have You" but friends, you won't always have someone on which you can depend. If you are "getting by" with the help of someone, what is going to happen if that someone no longer helps?

From this moment on, cease to be satisfied with just "getting by." Be thorough in whatever you endeavor and discard the old attitude "I'll get by."

Mr. Ferguson Speaks

By Curley Sayles

During "Negro History Week," which is set aside each year for the purpose of giving the Negro credit for his contributions to humanity, Mr. Harry S. Ferguson spoke on "The Sparks from the Y Anvil," a program on WWOD.

The Negro History Week Tea

By Ernestyne Woods

On February 18, 1955, the 5th period English VI Class was host to the English III Class at "Negro History Week" tea in the Commercial Foods dining rooms.

With Ernestyne Woods as chairman, and Hayes Banks as co-chairman of the reception the following program was presented.

Devotions, Ernest Mosby; "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," The English VI Chorus; Introduction, Ernestyne Woods; "Negro History Week and Its Significance," Avis Jones; Biography of Langston Hughes, Hayes Banks; "I've Known Rivers," Madlyn White; "The Negro's Contribution To Brotherhood," Delores Johnson; "The Negro in Sports," Joyce Claiborne; "The Negro in Science," Ida Johnson; "Let Us Break Bread Together," the English VI Chorus; "The Negro in Politics," Marie Reid; "The Negro in Music," Claudette Blair; "Ode Theopia," Ernestyne Woods; "Star Spangled Banner."

The English VI Chorus was directed by Reginald Nash.

"What Is It?"

By Rose Jenerson

On the southside of Dunbar there is a display which consists of scientific articles. By each article there is a card which has a jingle written on it to hint what the object is. For example, "Light, wood, and water, what Science can achieve to make this thread, it's hard to believe." Of course we were talking about nylon.

THE STUDENTS SPEAK

What Can I Do To Promote The Spirit of Brotherhood In My Community?

By Harold Douglas

As a citizen of Lynchburg, it is my responsibility to endeavor to do all in my power to promote Brotherhood in my community.

However, it is not sufficient just to say this but to strive to kindle the brotherly spirit where it is lacking in my community.

My community, being small, is an ideal place for gossip. Idle talk never promotes the spirit of brotherhood; on the contrary, it minimizes it. Therefore, it is my duty to shun all gossip, and to warn my friends against such a useless folly.

There is always a chance to show kindness to a neighbor in my community. I can welcome new neighbors to my community.

Above all, I can stimulate a greater interest in the church by attending and encouraging others to attend, by participating in church organizations and by helping to make the church activities a success.

Last, but most important, I can show common every day respect to the elders of my community and give them the consideration and thoughtfulness that I would want for myself.

By Pauline McDaniel

I can promote brotherhood in my community by working together with other people because brotherhood means working together. I can learn how to act in relation to others, also I must treat others as I want to be treated. I must share things with other people in my neighborhood

our yards.) Yes, all these signs of Spring are present at Dunbar, and though they display untold beauty they also serve as a warning for many things to come.

Many of us have assumed the "dreamy" attitude in our classes, and, moved by the beauty of our surroundings, yearn to get outside and enjoy ourselves. This is evidenced by the decrease in the Honor Roll for these six weeks. To those of you who are suffering from this malady which is commonly known as "Spring Fever" a paraphrase of these familiar lines may serve as a warning: "When Spring comes, can final exams be far behind?"

Along about this time every year our thoughts turn to the National Honor Society and its induction which is a highlight of Spring activities at Dunbar. To those of us who aspire for membership in this organization, this season of the year is a challenge—a challenge to fight off the many activities which beckon us, and concentrate upon our classroom work, though our classification may be that of a Sub-Freshman.

As prophetic as the forecast of the coming final examinations is the forecast of everyone's graduation. As Spring this year has brought the standings of the class of 1955, so will it someday bring that of other classes—'56, '57, '58 and on. You may decide now where you wish your name to be when your class's standing is finally published and work toward that goal. It is our sincere wish that when that time does come, when that particular Spring does arrive, your achievements will enable you to say heartily, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime."

appearance.
2. to curtail our loud and boisterous talking at home, at school, and in all public places.

3. to abolish all use of profanity.

4. to avoid following the crowd into doing something that we ourselves are ashamed of.

5. to complete, to the best of our ability, any job we are given.

6. to respect and value time.

7. to report promptly for school and work.

If we wish to be well thought of and respected in an integrated society we must improve in these ways. If we do, we shall have made an excellent achievement.

LOST MOTION

By Laura L. Irvine

We consider lost motion as day dreaming. Most people day dream about something that is going to take place in the future. Some just sit and stare into space. I think that is one of the reasons why so few people make honor roll. Some have the ability but they just don't try. There is a tendency in most of us to sometimes escape from our everyday existence into a world of day dreams. True, many dreamers have risen high in fame and fortune, but these dreamers have had exceptional talent. We today as high school students have little time for dreaming if we stay alert and keep up with the daily world happenings. Seemingly too many of us are not interested in these things. With our textbooks becoming more up to date and our library filled with books, magazines, and newspapers, one should have little time to sit and stare into space wasting valuable time. Oh, yes! we can become lost, lost in a world of exciting knowledge.

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In his speech he mentioned some of the outstanding American Negroes like Ralph Bunche, Marian Anderson, Paul Robinson, Phyllis Wheatley and others.

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that Negroes learned what they know from being enslaved, and were brought up under hardships. The Negro didn't have the opportunity nor the education of the white man. However, "the Africans had a civilization all of their own before the white man appeared." Many worthwhile accomplishments may be contributed to the Africans. They helped to discover and explore our country, an illustration is that of Benjamin Banneker, who helped survey and plan our present capitol of Washington, D. C., along with Charles Pierce L'Enfant. He also brought out the fact that Crispus Attucks, a Negro, was the first person to shed blood in the American Revolutionary War. Also mentioned were the men who helped Negroes and stood out for the Negro. Men such as William Lloyd Garrison who was almost hanged, and Lewis and Arthur Tappan who provided funds for organizations. Men who gave up their careers like Theodore Weld and Wendell Phillips, to the cause of the Negro, and finally the name of John Brown, who gave up his life for the cause.

We, as members of the Negro race, should recognize this as an important thing in our future. The boys and girls should be happy that this information was brought into the spotlight by Mr. Ferguson.

We hope that he and others will get another opportunity to emphasize these accomplishments since the Supreme Court's decision was handed down on segregation in schools.

tion thread. This project is created to help stimulate science interest among the pupils. The idea is to identify a number of mystifying articles pertaining to many fields of Science which the Science Club and teachers feel that it would create the interest they feel lacking in the pupils.

Realizing there would be considerable variation in exposure by contestants, a prize is to be given to each class.

We, the members of the Science Club, are asking not only the co-operation of the teachers and the students, we hope that you will be awakened to an awareness of the presence of science in all phases of our daily life.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

By Janet Hill

The representatives of the Junior Red Cross met in room 12 on March 2, 1955. A film entitled "All Together" was shown and some of the main activities of the Junior Red Cross were introduced.

Also a discussion was conducted on how to increase interest at our school in concern with Junior Red Cross work.

Mrs. Webster gave a report on the Junior Red Cross convention which she attended in the summer of 1954 at Hood College, a training institution for Junior Red Cross workers, in Maryland. Some of the discussions conducted at the convention were water safety, home care of sick, first aid, international relationship.

Also activity groups were formed at the convention. Such activities as swimming, choral groups, dramatics, movies, talent shows, banquets, and square dances were carried on.

less fortunate than I am. I must practice brotherhood at all times because the object of brotherhood is to spread Christianity among men. In order to be helpful in my neighborhood I must contribute to the Community Chest, Red Cross and any other helpful campaigns in my community. We must share and share alike.

By Waddell Thomas

When we speak of Brotherhood Week, we think of it as a World Wide affair, but we should first think of brotherhood in our community. That is where it gets its origin. If we strive to help one another in our community and try not to be prejudiced toward each other, we would form a habit of brotherly love and no special week would have to be set aside. It has been stated that brotherhood will not be complete until everyone co-operates and does away with prejudice.

The question is will we ever have true brotherhood? We, as human beings, just have human faults and we will have them until the end of the world. Therefore the world will never develop real brotherhood. We can, however, improve the situation by joining activities and learning to get along with each other and make allowances for other's faults. We can get to mingle with each other in organizations such as Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.'s, churches, Social Women's Service Organization, Fraternal Groups, and Social Welfare Associations. If we know of a cultural organization or are members of one we should inform others and try to persuade them to join.

Brotherhood is a two-way affair. One should try to get along with others and try to make others get along with oneself.

It's Gabbing Time

Hello "cool" kids,

Things have been moving slowly around Dunbar lately and there is not much to gab about.

E. C. and D. M.'s "hot" romance seems to be cooling off a bit.

J. "Phil" T. is content to have C. O. and E. C. vie for his attention.

G. H. is currently interested in G. B.

T. M. and E. M. had a wonderful party at the Mecca. Just about everyone was there and had a nice time.

C. B. finds Va. Seminary fellows very interesting.

R. H., better known as "Bobby," has many admirers, one of whom is a cute sophomore.

L. J. and J. M. seem to be inseparable now.

What attractive senior has been constantly seen with an alumnus of Dunbar?

S. B. and E. W. take in the movies every Sunday now.

J. C. finally caught up with C. McC.

So long for now "hepcats" and "real gone guys" and don't forget to pep things up before the next issue.

Curtain Call

By Evelyn Freeman

Some of the members of the Theater Guild were fortunate enough to be able to sit in on the dress rehearsal of the Little Theatre production of "The Great Big Doorstep." The Spanish moss hanging from the well constructed oak tree enhanced the picturesque, realistic setting. It was the first time most of us had seen "real Spanish moss." Everyone that attended thor-

1955 Sub-debs and Debutantes



POETS' CORNER

"Debutantes' Delight"

By James E. Johnson

There bathed in beauty as like the night

Pacing slowly in all their ardent endurance

Slowly with pride, joy and rapturous delight

The Debutantes make their grand appearance.

Out of the glaze of deep anxiety new

Their dainty feet make faint echoes in the hall,

As they glide out into the lights of pink and blue

To music, as gently it makes its fables call.

Their smiles seem wiggly painted by an artist

Beams across their faces warm and serene,

While they gracefully dance, looking their smartest

In a more, glamorous than one has ever seen.

Here they are now bowing to the patrons

While their escorts hurry to take their hands,

We all admire these kind and lovely Matrons

Their daintiness comes in with our demands.

They dance and swirl with pure perfection

Capturing admiration through every motion,

Pride, honor and joy are their protection,

Love to them is our one true devotion.

So as their hearts began to swell and swell

And pride within tends to beam so bright,

Everyone that attended thoroughly enjoyed the play.

A meeting was held on February 23, 1955 to discuss time and place for tryouts for new members. The Guild particularly needs additional male members. Any person who was already a member of the Theater Guild and was not present at or excused from the meeting was dropped from the roll. It is our desire to have a good organization and we cannot do so unless our members attend regularly.

Preparations are being made for the annual Theater Guild Easter play. The title is "It Is I," a Biblical drama in seven scenes by Ethel Rochwell. The major characters are to be selected through try-outs. Appropriate Easter music will be rendered by the Dunbar Chorus.

My Air Force Hero

By Yvonne R. Johnson

When you first went into the Air Force,
You proved yourself a man,
Yet you are still young, my love
I know you'll serve the best you can.

I have all my faith in you
And I'm sure your friends do too,
Because you will always be our
favorite guy
And we can depend on you.

And if things should get kind of
rough
Just do the best you can,
For we know you can conquer it
Because you're considered a man.

So now that you're a soldier, my
love
I really hope you know
That you'll be always in my
thoughts,
And always my "Air Force
Hero."



These beautiful Dunbar girls made their formal bow to society at the Links' Cotillion Ball recently. Mr. C. W. Seay, principal, was honorary chairman of the affair.

Suppose

By Nona Braxton

Shirley was Yellow instead of Gray

Janet was River instead of Hill
Madlyn was Pink instead of White

Jean was Cook instead of Miller
Elaine was Eight instead of Fore
Shirley was Fern instead of Moss
James was Burbank instead of Thornhill

Alpha was Wood instead of Cole(s)

Hayes was Hills instead of Banks

Elva was Child instead of Kidd
Levonne was Pictures instead of Stamps

Raymond was Houses instead of Holmes

Francis was Lessboy instead of Moorman

Alma was Pushing instead of Pullen,

Charles was Costella instead of Abbott,

Harold was Cemeteries instead of Graves

Loretta was Hatfield instead of McCory

John was Royal instead of Noble,

Curtis was Virginia instead of Washington

Jimmie was Anglo-Saxon instead of Norman

Carolyn was Nile instead of Jordan

Gwendolyn was Grant instead of Lee

Geraldine was Hotgirl instead of Coleman

And Mr. Seay was Ocean instead of Seay.

Wouldn't it be funny?

Fashion Flashes

By Jimmie Turner

Welcome sweet springtime! Greeting you this year are many lovely new fashions.

As far as colors are concerned, pastel shades are the rage in every form of fashion. Particularly pastel-colored shoes for the girls. They are very attractive and can be worn with formal wear as well as daytime.

The miracle pongee fabric has made a hit with all of us. These are some of its finer points: washable, easy-to-care-for, and lightweight. Now, doesn't that sound wonderful?

Avocado green is still as popular and pretty as ever. This neutral shade goes well with so many different colors.

The long-torso look is very attractive in dresses. It lengthens the waist-line as well as extenuating the hips.

I hope these ideas will help you in choosing your spring wardrobe. So, goodbye for now.

Guess Who?

By Theressa Mosby

This month's "Guess Who" is a well-known Junior. He's active in the Band, Chorus, Track Team, F.B.L.A., Student Council, Hi Y, Library, and the Annual Staff. He is also a great asset in Junior Class meetings and the "Y Dance Band."

Last month's "Guess Who" was John Organ.

WANTED!

400 interested persons—male or female—to buy '54-'55 Dunbarian. First come, first served.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Evelyn Freeman

Sign on a country grocery store: "Fresh Picnics, 39c a lb."

Last spring a Washington State taxpayer living on a neglected muddy road put up this sign: "These road conditions were caused by an act of God. Somebody ought to tell the county that He don't intend to fix them." It brought results.

When it comes to tax reduction, never was so little waited for by so many for so long.

On Name That Tune, emcee Red Benson asked a sailor whether he liked blonde, brunettes, or redheads.

Answered the sailor, "Yes."

Host to visiting couple: "We took one of those 'all-expense tours'—and that's just what it was."

Garage attendant to woman driver of badly battered car: "Sorry lady, we just wash cars—we don't iron them!"

May there always be this story to tell
Society loves them with earnest might.

Prove We're Dunbarians

By Yvonne Johnson

As we rise early in the morning,
To acknowledge another day,
We hurry to eat our breakfast
Because we know school is on its way.

We get to school just before the bell sounds

And we're almost out of breath,
When we know we can start out earlier

And it'll even be better for our health.

Then our first period class finally comes,

And we're racing through the halls,

Yet we know someone can get hurt

By not abiding by school laws.

And soon the periods swiftly go by

Then recess is our next call,
Some of us when we're supposed to be outside,

Are inside disturbing the Study Hall.

And when we are someday in the gym,

We get carried away with our voices,

Not realizing that,
Other classes cannot concentrate with our noises.

And soon our last class finally comes

And we're all anxious to go,
But alas we're making all sorts of noise

And must stay back a minute or more.

So let me tell you, Dunbarians
We've got to do better than this,
If we ever want to get our names "Detention" off our list.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS Tournament News

By Thomas R. Mack

Halifax Training School won the Western District Group 1 Basketball Tournament at the Armory March 5, 1955. The Langston "Wild Cats" took second place, losing by one point in the finals.

South Side played Danville in the opening game. In the first half Danville racked 36 points to South Side's 12. In the last quarter Danville continued to push ahead and ended the game 59-31.

This gave the Wildcats an opportunity to play Addison in the semi-finals.

Playing the second edition of the quarter finals, Dunbar favored West End.

In the first period both teams were slow getting started, with the Poets leading 13-10.

Eugene "Hot Dog" Pennick kept his team ahead in the last period by tossing six of 13 points, giving them their win 47-40.

Addison's first place team faced an upset in the semi-finals when they bowed to Langston of Danville 58-54.

In the first period Addison really scrambled their eggs and ham well when they racked 20 to Langston's 7 points.

The second quarter was Wild Fire for Langston. They regained conscious and narrowed the score 34-22 in honor of Addison.

Point for point was the suspense in the last period when Langston caught up and out scored the Bulldogs, thus ending their semi-finals 58-54.

Dunbar captured 12 points to Halifax in the first quarter of the semi-finals. Both teams were slow getting adjusted.

Our Flag Is Us!

By E. L. Kidd

Have you recently noticed something different in front of Dunbar on the Northside? It was raised Monday, February 21, 1955, after a long absence. If you haven't noticed, it is the American flag. The flag had not been up for almost two years.

Many of you have asked questions of its whereabouts and never received a definite answer. Maybe this will answer your questions.

Mr. Seay said that at one time the pulley on the flag pole was broken. It took sometime before it was repaired. When the Southside of Dunbar was annexed, there was a dispute about where the flag should hang. Some wanted it where it was, others wanted it on the Southside. I suppose an agreement was finally made.

Since it is the duty of the janitors to put the flag up, "many thanks" to them for putting it up.

sweep in the running event by taking first place in all.

We offer, at Dunbar, Track and field events. The Track events are 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 880 yard dash, one mile run, quarter mile relay, mile relay, and two mile relay.

Field events are for boys who can run and the ones that cannot, giving each an equal chance to become a Track Star.

The Field events are shot put, high jump, discus throw, broad jump, and pole vault.

Last year the Track team arranged to have four meets, which they hope to expand this year. They are namely Penn Relays held in Philadelphia annually, Virginia State held at Virginia

Lincoln University Representative Visits

By Harold Douglas

On Wednesday, February 16, 1955, Dr. Farrel, a representative from Lincoln University of Chester, Pennsylvania, spoke to the Dunbar High School Seniors.

The former English professor at Lincoln University gave the seniors general information concerning university and college entrance requirements. Speaking of college entrance requirements, he said that high school students need to read more and especially do they need to read the newspaper.

He spoke to both the girls and boys because he said that although Lincoln is predominately a school for males, in a few years it will be co-educational.

After the speech there was a question period.

Assembly Program

By Gwendolyn Green

The program held on March 11, 1955 was about "How Students Use Their Ex-Time" and "Improving Your Talent" convocations were led by Betty Brown.

The speakers, who were introduced by Mildred Jenson, and their subjects were Raymond Featherson, ("How My Ex-Time Is Used,") who is employed as a barber's helper; Frank Royal, ("Summer Camp Work,") who goes to Connecticut to work on a tobacco farm in the summer; Jack Bayes and Starling Merritt whose respective topics were "Veterinary Hospital Aid," and "Disc Jockey." As a hospital helper, Jack learns to associate with many people. Starling Merritt says radio gives him wonderful opportunities. Morris

Spin The Platter

By Lacy Blair

There's Mambo Music Too!

Every dance craze inspires a new type of music and mambo is no exception. A rash of mambo tunes have flooded the music marts these days bearing such titles as: "South of the Border," "Papa Loves Mambo," "Tempting," "Koo-Koo Mambo," "Jingle Bells Mambo," "Oink, Oink Mumbo," "I Saw Mammy Do the Mambo With You Know Who," "Loop-De-Loop Mambo," "Mambo Baby," "Limehouse," "Rock, Moan and Cry," "Mam-bro Italiano," "Stardust," "Nursery Mambo," "Just Don't Care," "Mambostic," "Teach Me To Do the Mambo," "Mambo Jumbo," "Dark Eyes," "Chop Suey," "St. Louis Blues Mambo," "Ling Ting Tong," "Hey Senorita," "Mambo No. 8, No. 5, No. 40," and many others.

Can you mambo? Can you mambo? Can you mambo? Everyone seems to say yes "Yes!"

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

By Marjorie Anderson

With the coming of Spring, I send a fresh, blossomy greeting to these boys and girls who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of March:

Frances Anderson, Gloria Anderson, Aubrey Barbour, Queen Beasley, Joyce Braxton, Betty Brown, Mary Burley, Barbara Carter, Charles Carter, Jeanne Carter, McKinley Caul, Norman Clark, Edith Coleman, Delores Colmore, Lawrence Early, Juanita Evans, Josephine Ferguson, Frances Fuller, Effie Hubbard, Clarence Irvine, Ella Mae Isbell.

James Jackson, Carolyn Johnson, Howard Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Dorothy Jones, Nathaniel Lacy, Hilda Lee, Elizabeth

The Inquiring Reporter

"Should Teen-agers, High School Students, have one special girl or boy friend?"

—"Milly" Payne.

Lucille Withers: "No, teenagers should have the privilege of several boy or girl friends."

Joyce Braxton: "No, because teenagers should have several boy or girl friends before they choose a steady."

George Harris: "No, because here at Dunbar if a student is going steady it is too much like being married."

Marion Langhorne: "At this age they should have a large selection and then later on choose a steady."

Leon Braswell: "Yes."

Veora Marshall: "No, because jealousy plays a great part in most couples lives."

Jimmie Turner: "Personally, I enjoy 'playing the field' except when it comes to 'Sandy'."

Florence Spinner: "Yes. If they have more than one and are caught dating the other they will probably lose them all."

Elsie Wright: "Yes, because they are at the age where they are choosing their life's work so why not choose you a steady now. The chance may not come later on."

Miss Ghee: "I believe that teenagers should be more interested in group activities. They should not be associating with one boy only because they haven't as yet been exposed to enough of the different types of fellows to settle down with one. They should be going out in groups so as to learn group living. If they settle down to one special fellow they won't get the chance to learn what other fellows are like."

Jean S. Beverley: "No, be-

slow getting adjusted. Halifax moved slowly but surely past us in the second and third quarters scrambling 48 to 38 points.

In the fourth period McCory's set shots helped the Poets to move closer, but they were nosed out 64 to 63 with Halifax honoring the first time to reach the finals.

Trent Harris was high pointer for the winners with 22 points to McCory's of Dunbar 15.

In the Consolation game Dunbar lost desperately to the Roanokers.

They fought fiercely throughout the game trying to maintain the opportunity to go to the State Tournament.

The end was a breathtaking one. Langston led throughout the game until the last period where Halifax poured it on.

Halifax's fast breaking, lay ups, field goals and clean play led them to their first Western District V. I. A. victory over Langston High, 64 to 63.

The same score with which they defeated the Poets in the semi-finals.

Track At Dunbar

By Thomas R. Mack

The season has arrived for the 1955 members of the Track team to defend their honors and continue to maintain the title "Champs."

Our Alma Mater has allowed us to extend our sports so that every boy could engage himself in some extracurricular activity.

Track has been in practice at Dunbar for 6 years. Over this period we have acquired one trophy, which was won at the Western District Meet, May 6, 1954. The Poets made a clean

Virginia State held at Virginia State College, Journal and Guide meet held in Portsmouth, Virginia, and the Western District meet held at the City Stadium.

We ask each boy to allow himself to become a member of this team. We have won, and we will continue to win with full hearted faith of each member.

Dunbar Chronicle
presents

a
**"Charcoal and Pink
Ball"**

Friday, March 25, 1955
7:30 - 10:30 — Gym

O'Kelly, who is the leader of the "Knights of Jazz" says he plans to enter into the music profession.

The next half of the program, "Improving Your Talent" consisted of the Sombrosos who sang "Earth Angel" and "To Be Alone"; Phyllis Davis who recited "It's Up to You"; a piano solo, "The High and The Mighty," was played by Joyce Haskins; the Melodettes sang "Zing Went the Strings of My Heart." The Cavaliers sang "Love Will Make Your Mind Go Wild," and some selections by the Knights of Jazz.

Announcements were made by Mrs. Weeden and Mr. Seay.

McDaniel, Delores Palmer, Lorenzo Parks, Beatrice Reid, Roger Reid, Maxine Reynolds, Clarence Smith, David Snead, Clyde Steptoe, Bernice Thomas, Mildred Tweedy, Gerald York.

Jean Colmore Wins

By Ruth Nowlin

Jean Colmore has been named the "Betty Crocker of Tomorrow" at Dunbar High. She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking ability of the Senior girls.

Jean will compete with the other winners from Virginia to

be named Virginia's candidate for "All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow." She received a lovely pin and a cookbook.

General Mills is the sponsor of this contest designed to help schools better prepare the young women to have a deeper interest and understanding of the home and the qualities needed in order to make a successful homemaker.

A scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to each state winner.

The young woman who will be named "All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow" will receive a scholarship of \$5,000.

The 50-minute examination was designed and judged by Science Research Associates of Chicago. Each girl who took the test will receive a cookbook.

LOST MOTION

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Another kind of lost motion is trying to be popular but not in the right way. Most of the boys and girls spend most of their time being loud while they should be getting their work. Somehow the idea has gotten around that in order for one to be popular or well thought of, he must be loud and try to be a big show-off. So, let us be popular, but in the right way, not loud and showing off, but by being quiet, studious, and reserved. Be polite, have a nice way about you, and above all do not talk back to your teacher. That is the worst thing that you could do because that goes along with your record. Don't be impudent and smart, but be courteous and get your lesson. Let us see how many more we can have to make honor roll this six weeks.

They Use Their Talents

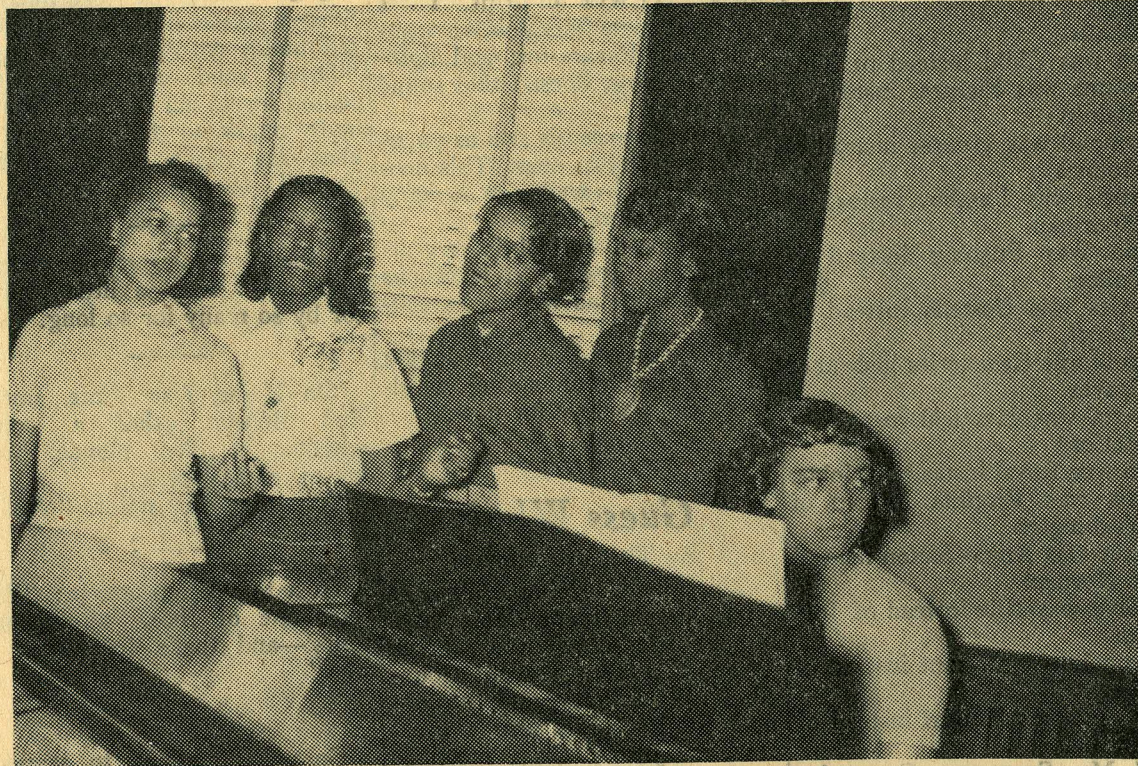


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