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## Dunbar Basketeers Defeat Staunton

### Dunbar Observes Nat'l Negro History Week

Dr. Hubert G. Harrison, noted historian and staff lecturer of the Board of Education of New York City, addressed the students and teachers at the chapel Assembly Thursday, February 10. He spoke on the subject, "Who Are You?" He emphasized the importance of developing our gifts and stated that we cannot do that by running from the South to the North or to Europe, but "Let down your buckets where you are." Dr. Harrison threw a great light on Negro History during his visit to Lynchburg.

#### Teachers and Students Honor Mr. and Mrs. Thompson January 26

Prof. Thompson left Dunbar on January 27, and accepted the position as English teacher in the Summer High School, at St. Louis, Mo.

On Wednesday night, January 26, the Teachers' Club gave Prof. and Mrs. Thompson a farewell luncheon. The smell of the chicken salad and sandwiches on the evening of the luncheon, made the students wild for a taste.

As a token of appreciation of Prof. Thompson, the students gave him fifteen dollars in gold and two dollars in greenbacks to keep him in remembrance of Dunbar.

#### Dunbar Increase

Many new students enrolled in Dunbar at the beginning of the February term. Increased interest in and appreciation of school advantages have caused an unexpected increase and somewhat crowded conditions. Some are looking forward for more teachers and another story to the building.

#### February Graduates

The February graduating class of Dunbar consists of the following: Charles Bradley, Hubert Thaxton, Ruth Baratee, Lola Burton, Gaynelle Jones, Bernetta Lushington, Billy Scott, Letha Tucker, Mary Mell Willis. The following graduates returned to study chemistry II: Lola Burton, Gaynelle Jones, Bernetta Lushington, Billy Scott, Mary Mell Willis. Each of the grads plans to continue school elsewhere so as to be better prepared to serve.

#### Seniors Conduct Business Differently this Year

The February and June graduating classes met January 19 at the request of their sponsor, Mr. Jordan, and decided on a class budget for graduation exercises. The sponsor advised the class to hold expenses down to bare necessities. They did so. The DUNBARIAN congratulates them.

#### New Teacher at Dunbar

THE DUNBARIAN appreciates the new Science teacher, Mr. Herbert Davidson, and extends cordial greetings to him.

The Dunbar Five, due to the careful training of Coach W. Chafin, defeated B. T. W. Hi, of Staunton, Va., with a majority of thirty points.

The game grew exciting after a few seconds of play, when Zeke Hughes, Dunbar's flashy forward, dropped the leather sphere into the hoop. After this the opposing team made one shot, which was soon thrice trebled by the Dunbar five, Slow Patrick making the most spectacular shot ever witnessed in the Dunbar Gym. Excellent team work was displayed by "Crip" Chafin "Frengetta" Tanner, "Bob" Coleman, "Ginney," "Yellow" Patrick and the Little Dunbar Stars, composed of "Skinney" Burton, "Tom" Hughes, "Bob" Thornhill, "Midge" Brown, and "Ginney No. 2."

The final score was 44 14, in favor of Dunbar.

On same night the Little Dunbar Stars, defeated the Y. M. C. A. quint.

#### Dunbar Honor Roll For Entire Term

3B—Louise Davis, Gertrude Haynes, Olga Lomax, Rebecca Scott.

3A—Edna Mae Patrick.

2B—Rennice Fowler, Rosetta Mosby, Hazel Jones, Bessie Turpin, Evelena Payne.

2A—Lillie Mae Brown, Kathleen Manns.

#### Library News

Dr. Hubert Harrison of New York, visited the "Dunbar Library." He was very much pleased with the books on Negro literature.

Fredrick Douglas, Negro orator, was honored in Dunbar High School Feb. 14, 1927.

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## What Has Dunbar Lost?

We as a school, truly regret the loss of one of our best teachers, Prof. W. L. Thompson.

Prof. Thompson came to us as a teacher of Science in the fall of 1924. He stayed with us two years and five months. During his stay with us he not only improved our Science Department, but he also strengthened our Athletic Association, and fully brought it out of debt, by the Hippodrome, which aroused the curiosity of the whole city. Prof. Thompson beautified our campus with graceful trees, and sweet flowers. He painted a charming ocean scene, which now adorns our entrance.

Prof. Thompson made many friends among the students, especially the boys, and he encouraged many to stay in school.

As a teacher Prof. Thompson explained his work so well and made his classes so very interesting that he influenced students with very low grades, to work, to raise their scholarship high enough to receive a prize for its excellence.

Prof. Thompson was elected president of the Hill City Teachers' Club, which shows his standing among the teachers.

Since we can only be remembered

by the good that we have done, we are sure Prof. Thompson will always be remembered, for he has done us, our school and our city much good.

We wish him good luck!

Thou hast gone and left us,  
 When we'd just begun to live,  
 But all the same we wish to you  
 All success that God can give.

## Hill City Teachers' Club Holds Mass Meeting

The Hill City's Teachers' Club, Mr. W. L. Thompson, President, held a mass meeting of patrons January 14, for purpose of creating better health among students. Special discussions dealt with tuberculosis. The school nurse, Miss Smith, furnished a paper dealing with health.

Points emphasized by patrons and teachers were: Good food, especially a good-breakfast; comfortable clothing, dry feet, proper ventilation, sufficient exercise, sleep, and general sanitary conditions.

Hill City Teachers' Club held its regular monthly meeting Friday night, Feb. 11. The round table talk, led by Mrs. Ora Williams, the president, was very interesting. Many problems of the pupil, parent and teacher were brought out.

A competent committee was appointed to look after a program for the meeting to be held March 11, at which time it is expected that a large number of parents will be present. We are looking forward to large things under the present leadership.

The club welcomed Mr. Davidson, the new Science teacher.

## Literary Dept.

The students of Dunbar were given a very interesting and exceedingly different program in chapel by the 2B class during January. The object planned and carried out by the class was to bring back the spirits of six famous persons born in January, and have the students guess whom each spirit represented. The names of persons who were represented by their

spirit or ghost were written and passed in at the end of chapel period. A prize was offered to the student writing the most names correctly, and Gaynelle Jones a senior, had the highest number correct which was four.

## Regret

Why don't you stop your regretting?  
 Find some worthy thing you may do.  
 Start at once to forgetting  
 The things that are worrying you.

Why regret the joys that are past:  
 And the things that might have been?  
 One joy will not always last,  
 So to regret would be a sin.

The wise don't stay to mope  
 Over the show they did not see;  
 Instead they are filled with hope  
 For the ones that still may be.

But the unwise stop to worry  
 With regrets that are all in vain:  
 Nor remember the sunshine in a hurry  
 Comes close after the rain.

Regrets should be like Jack Frost  
 That vanishes in a day;  
 Although it comes, it soon is lost,  
 And sunshine holds its sway.

Then tell old Regret to fly,  
 Nor tarry on the way;  
 Go to its cold home and die.  
 And in its cold grave stay!

ALMA FOWLER.

## Patron of Graduates Meet

Parents of February and June graduates met by special invitation January 26, at 3 P. M., to learn the exact standing of their children. The parents were made welcome by the principal and teachers.

The class standing of each student was furnished the parents.

The Seniors voted January 19 to adopt a budget for graduation expenses. The budget adopted at the suggestions of the Senior sponsor is limited to necessities.

The parents expressed hearty approval of the budget system and of the meeting which brought teachers and parents together in mutual understanding.

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## CLASS NEWS

### X4B CLASS NEWS

The members of the expiring 4B class were glad to finish their high school course on Feb. 4, 1927, at Dunbar High School.

Miss Letha Tucker royally entertained the members of the 4B class and some other friends at her home Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, 1927. Everybody spent a happy evening. Miss Tucker has left the city, but will return to graduate.

### 4B CLASS NEWS

Our former classmate, Peter Greene is improving rapidly. We are sending him a year's subscription of THE DUNBARIAN with our best wishes.

Skinny Gayles and T. Reid have an idea that chemistry will not be taught since Prof. Thompson left.

"To bob or not to bob that's the question," says Dot Jones.

Slow Pat is such a "heavy" senior, he refuses to sit by a Junior in study hall.

Jane Carter put the senior class on the bricks for V. T. S. & C.

Skinny Gayles has been skating to Bocock (accompanied by Babe Smith) recently, trying to eliminate the title "Skinny."

A certain senior talking to one of the gentler sex of the same class:

M. J.—Who are you going with?

S. P.—Why? Do you want to send in your application?

### 4A

Madleyn Jones has been coming to school tardy for three years. She was so proud of being a Senior that she came to school on a holiday to be sure that she would be there on time for next day. Yet amid all her dumbness we are proud of her as a classmate because of the application of skill and taste that she produces in drawing according to aesthetic principles. Madlyn incognito was highly praised by Doctor Hubert Harrison for her paintings of Roland Hayes and Contee Cullen.

The 4A class is glad to have Prof.

Davidson as its teacher and we hope he will be able to survive the terrors that he will go through in the future.

### 3B CLASS REPORT

Our class is glad Examinations are over with the majority of the class on the promotion list. The 3B class boasts of being the youngest class to have Chemistry in the Dunbar High School and hopes to make a good showing in it.

The boys of the 3B class thought that they would be minus one of their most beloved classmates, Prescott King, but he scrambled some way and got back with them.

Robt. Stewart and Lawrence Spencer entered the Oratorical Contest which will be held in the Dunbar Auditorium.

### 3A CLASS REPORT

The 3A class holds the honor of having the largest percentage of promotions. We are also very glad to have Eva Rucker, who has been out of school a year back with us again.

Agatha White loves Mrs. Jordan so much that she went in her room the other morning instead of the 3A class.

Viola Hicks was excused on Latin. What's going to happen next???

Miss Williams, our teacher, has forbidden tardiness; too bad for Christine Thurman—she will surely miss her beauty naps now.

Selena Langhorne has so many books that she uses a handbag to bring 'em in. Indeed, she looks as if she's about to take a trip.

News seems to be rather scarce this week; you see, we've been so busy. Ahem!! Look for us next time.

### NEWS FROM THE 2B CLASS

The 2B class is almost equally divided. There are 12 boys and 15 girls. The boys of the 2B class are trying

very hard to get three more boys in order that the class be equal. If it is not possible to get them here we will have to send off and get them, but we are afraid that the express will cost too much.

The 2B class is very glad to have with them again Carl Pinn after a delay in the 2A class for two days.

Tinsley Spraggens lost some sense, when he came into the 2B class. If found please return to Room 4 and receive a reward.

The class is very smart in Latin (So far.) Mrs. Williams says we are slow but sure. Some of the pupils have received a penny for being so smart in the class.

### 1B CLASS NEWS

Our class feels very proud of the large number of pupils promoted to the 1B, but regrets having to leave seven behind. We do not want them to feel discouraged because there is yet time for them to catch some of us.

The class motto for this term is "100 percent promotion in June and from then on!"

### STATION IA

Station IA is now signing off its first period.

Sorry to leave our dear teacher, but glad to tune in on station IB. We are also very sorry to leave our dear failing students especially Mr. Douglas Spencer and Mr. Jacob Tynes, because we will not have any one to hold our rear seats. Since Mr. Thompson, our former science teacher left, we are broken-hearted as we had anticipated taking science under him this year.

Good bye. STATION IA.

We will now broadcast from station IB.

### NOTICE

Lost, strayed or stolen—Two English books, a Soharab and Rustrum, and a

### CIRCULATION MANAGER:

Please find enclosed fifty cents to pay for one term subscription to THE DUNBARIAN:

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### IA CLASS NEWS

The IA class entertained the School quite delightfully Thursday Jan. 20, 1927. They exhibited a series of lantern slides depicting Home Economics in Negro Schools. These slides were secured by the IA class from the Office of Agricultural Instruction, Washington, D. C. These slides were prepared in co-operation with teachers and supervisors of home economics in Negro schools.

### HIGH-7

The H-7 class of Dunbar is very proud of the fact that in recent posture contest, Shelley Spencer won the first honor among the 7th year girls. Oscie Johnson won the third among the boys.

The grammar grades classes were asked to send to the office the best oral and the best written composition in the class. Ethel Carr had the best oral composition in the H-7, "A Disappointment," and Rosa Buchner had the best written composition, "How I Lost My Faith in Santa Claus."

Grammar: "Name three cases."

Joe: "Objective case, Nominative and Book case."

History:

Teacher: "Why couldn't the 18th amendment be amended?"

Shelley: "Because they didn't have enough patches."

### 2A NEWS

The promotion of the 1B's was not as successful as we hoped, but those who passed have already vowed to work still harder in the 2A. Among the promotions was only one boy, William Spencer.

We regret very, very much the fact

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that our wonderful Science Teacher left us. (Mr. Thompson.)

We are also sorry that we do not go to Miss Meredith this term.

Although we are sorry Mr. Thompson left us we are striving to study and leave a clean and good record under Mr. Davidson. Miss Peters is our teacher now, and we dearly love her.

### SAD NEWS FROM THE L-7

Twenty-five pleasing words and seven sad ones were the cause of the confusion in the L-7's room Friday.

Who's sorry now? The seven who failed are, but they are not going to be sorry again; at least not in that class room. They have decided to get down to business.

### THE L-7

The few L-7's that failed to make the H-7 Grade are very pleased to have new classmates. We hope they are going to like our grade and study hard so that we all shall be H-7's in June.

### Alumni Notes

Vivian Flagg '24, is now in the city on vacation for a rest after teaching in North Carolina.

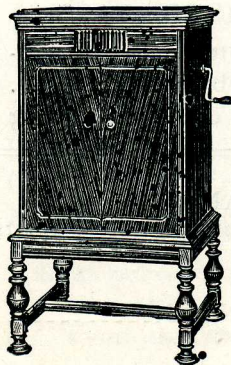
Duval Penn '25 spent St. Valentine's Day in the city visiting friends.

Samuel Burford '24, is in Union University.

Orean Miller '24 is now in Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Moore '24, is in Pratt University, studying art.

Ruby Smith '25, is in Hampton College.



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### Personals

Misses Fannie Scott, Fannie Smith, and Nancy Goldsberry attended the Interracial Conference in Richmond last week.

Miss Ora Williams is very busy managing the basketball games at present.

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