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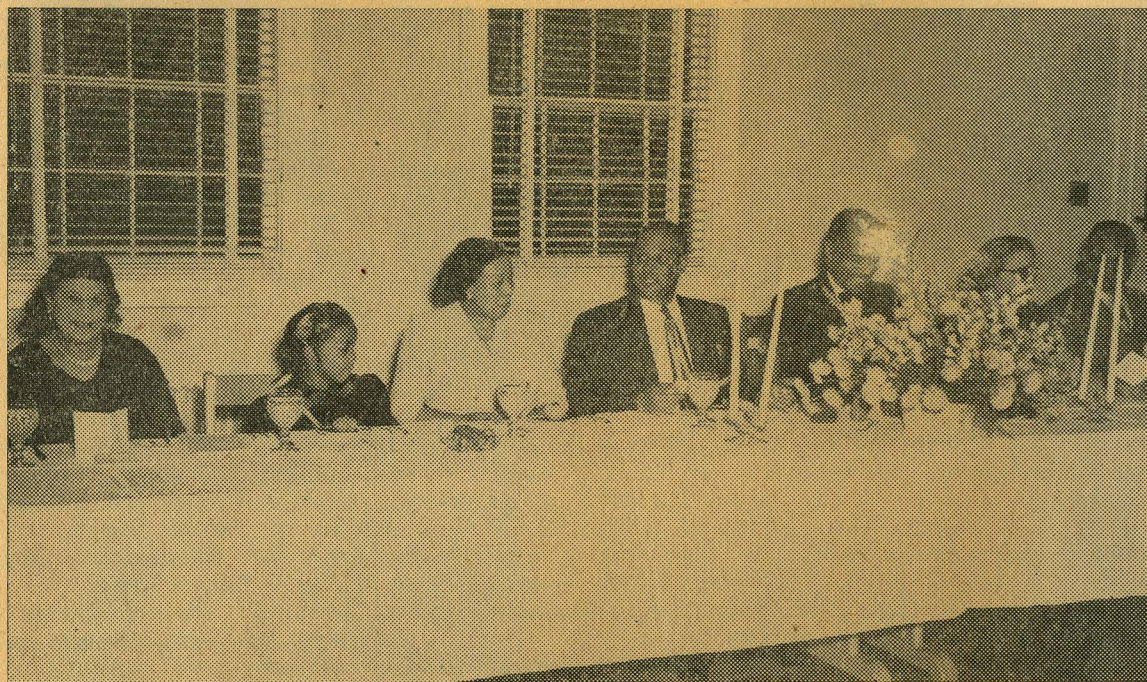
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## Vocational Department Honors Principal (6) (7)



THE VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT BANQUET

Left to right: Miss Ora S. Williams, retired Dunbar teacher, little Tommyzee Henderson, daughter of main speaker, Mrs. C. W. Seay, Principal C. W. Seay, honoree, Mr. O. M. Washington, toastmaster, Mrs. Henderson, and Mr. Thomas Henderson.

### Thanksgiving Program

By Pearl Sandifer

### Teachers Evaluate Curriculum

By Carolyn Lewis  
At the regular professional faculty meeting recently an

### Kids Day Observed

By William Womack  
Observance of Kids Day was

### Class of 1950 Commencement Planned for Feb.

For the first time in the history of Dunbar, Commencement Exercises will be held at the mid-term instead of in June. This is being done because there will be no June graduates in 1950.

This is the result of the inauguration of the 12 year plan in 1946.

The next June commencement will be in 1951 at which time the first students to receive 5 years of high school training at Dunbar will be graduated.

Regular graduation procedures are being planned with class night, Baccalaureate, and Junior-Senior Prom to be held at suitable intervals.

### The New Student Council

By George Martin

This year the Student Council is on the ball with its newly elected officers and members: President, Carrington Thomas; Vice-President, James L. ...

### Tenth Anniversary Banquet Held

On Saturday, December 3, in the Home Economics Cottage, the Vocational Department honored Mr. C. W. Seay's tenth anniversary as principal of Dunbar with an elaborate banquet.

This banquet, which was attended by the faculty and several close friends, was superbly planned. In addition to an elaborate repast, an evening of fun was enjoyed by all. Toastmaster for the occasion was Mr. O. M. Washington.

The highlight of the evening was an address by Dr. Thomas Henderson, Dean of Union University. Others appearing on the program were Miss E. E. Holmes, head of the Home Economics Department whose efficient planning made possible the party, Mr. N. O. White, instructor of Wood Shop and Miss Ora Williams, retired Dunbar teacher.

A beautiful tan leather chair and ottoman, a gift of the faculty, was presented to the honoree by Mr. N. O. White.

Mr. Seay, who holds the honor of being Dunbar's first full-time



Our theme for Thanksgiving this year was "What American Youth of Today Have to be Thankful For."

Our bulletin boards were decorated with famous people such as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Ralph Bunche whom we appreciate so much and for whom we are so grateful.

Each homeroom held special devotions during three days preceding Thanksgiving.

As is Dunbar's tradition, Thanksgiving baskets were sent to those less fortunate than we. There was a wishing well placed in front of the auditorium in which we could deposit our offerings and make our wish. A special basket was sent to Bruce Everette, a student of Dunbar who is now in the hospital as the result of a broken leg.

On Wednesday our last day of school, the Student Council and Patrol Force presented a Thanksgiving program. Minnie Coles, president of the Student Council and Walter Hughes, Captain of the Patrol Force, introduced Mr. Seay who in turn introduced the speaker, Dr. Mary Lyman, Dean of Sweet Briar College. Dr. Lyman spoke from the theme.

## November P. T. A.

By Sara Shearer

Dunbar P. T. A. met Monday, November 28, at 8:00 p. m. There was a panel discussion on the topic, "Are Present Day Behavior Problems More Acute Now Than Ten Years Ago?" Speakers on the subject were: Mrs. A. P. Jordan, Mr. C. F. Pinn, Mrs. M. W. Harris, and Mr. J. L. Mitchell.

Mrs. Jordan and Mr. Pinn said present day behavior problems were more acute now than they were ten years ago. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Harris said they were not.

faculties meeting recently an evaluation of our curriculum was made by Mr. O. M. Washington and Mr. T. A. Entzminger when they discussed the subject "Does Dunbar's curriculum meet the needs of the students?"

The history of Dunbar curriculum shows that it began from only one course of study, the Academic. Everyone took this course regardless of his interest.

Today the needs of Dunbar's students are being met by a four-fold course of study which is as follows: Academic, General, Shop and Homemaking. The discussion lead by Mr. Entzminger and Mr. Washington was an attempt to determine the efficiency of this broadened curriculum.

Observance of Kids Day was marched at the Harrison Theatre to focus attention on accomplishments of youth. This was done to arouse public interest in the battle against juvenile delinquency; and assist less fortunate children to enjoy benefits normally occurring to young people.

The film shown was *Penrod and Sam*. There were short talks and an introduction of many children who had done outstanding work in the city during the last year.

Appearing at the Harrison Theatre were the following children: Harmon Glover and Garfield Reynolds from the Y. M. C. A.; Emmie Norvell Green, (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

gent, Carrington Thomas; Vice-President, James Tweedy; Secretary, Yvonne Beverly; Assistant Secretary, Louvella Brown; Business Manager, Wilbur Lewis; Assistant Business Manager, Matthew Bolding.

The new Student Council expects to be tops for '49 and '50; already they have contributed to the Thanksgiving offerings and they are planning to give a super Christmas party.

The remainder of the Student Council are the following: Minnie Coles, George Martin, Barbara Thurman, Rosco Pullen, Marvin Thorpe, Graham Marshall, Frieda McIvor and Gladys Sandifer.



THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to right, (seated): Gladys Sandifer, Wilbur Lewis, Matthew Bolding, James Tweedy, Carrington Thomas, Marion Beverly, Minnie Coles, Barbara Thurman. (Standing), Russell Pullen, Frieda McIvor, Roland Brown, George Martin, Marvin Thorpe, and Lovella Brown.

Negro principal, came to Lynchburg first in 1929. He held the position of coach and teacher until 1935 when he took over the post as principal of Peabody High School, Petersburg, Virginia. He returned to Dunbar in 1939, as assistant principal, and soon undertook full-time duties.

During his administration, Dunbar has witnessed many changes. He has truly made the words inscribed on our cornerstone "Forward not Backward" a reality.

## Chorus in Xmas Cantata

By Helen Scott

The annual Christmas program will be presented to the students Friday, December 16, at 2:00 o'clock. It will be in the form of a cantata entitled, "The Incarnate Word," and featuring the Dunbar chorus.

The cantata will be divided into four sections: Part I, The Prophecy; Part II, The Nativity; Part III, The Adoration of the Magi; and Part IV, The Eternal Manger.

William Bass will be narrator for the occasion while Mary and Joseph will be portrayed by Ollie Woodruff and Calvin Davis.

Other participants include Edward McDemon, Lowell Wright, Arthur Edmonds, Charles Gardner, Matthew Bolding, Walter Hughes, Gerhart Pendleton, Marie Smith, Sarah Shearer, Frances Scruggs, Kay Callo way, Vernice Scott, Gloria Hubbard and Gloria Williams.

A second performance will be held at 6:00 p. m., Sunday, December 18 for adults only.



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### A Thought For Christmas

By C. W. Seay, Principal

Another Christmas is at hand. Soon we shall be engulfed in feverish activity leading up to the celebration of this great Christian holiday. Some of us will buy expensive gifts for our friends and we shall breathlessly await similar tokens from them. Our families will lay in the best of foods and all the trimmings which give us the lazy satisfaction which comes from stomachs overfull. We shall dance, and sing, and make merry for this is the merriest season of all. But will we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child?

Christmas, like so many other

### The Spirit of Giving

By Calvin Davis

As a door opens and yarm air rushes out into the night, a frost bitten youth hands out his hand containing a gaily colored package. Another red nosed youngster trods through ankle deep snow clinging to a neatly wrapped gift. Yes, these are typical American Christmas scenes. Millions of American dollars are being spent annually in this national pastime. Thousands upon thousands of hearts are being made lighter by some thoughtful donor. Countless numbers of watches, rings, bracelets, and what have you are at this very moment being selected as gifts.

But are these really gifts? Do they come from the heart of the

### Christmas in The Heart

By Paul L. Dunbar

Presented by Louise Glass

The snow lies deep upon the ground,  
And winter's brightness all around  
Decks bravely out the forest sere,  
With jewels of the brave old year.  
The coasting crowd upon the hill  
With some new spirit seems to thrill;  
And all the temple bells achime  
Ring out the glee of Christmas time.

In happy homes the brown oak-bough  
Vies with the red-gemmed holly now;  
And here and there, like pears, there show  
The berries of the mistletoe.  
A sprig upon the chandelier  
Says to the maidens, "Come not here!"  
Even the pauper of the earth  
Some kindly gift has cheered to mirth!

Within his chamber, dim and cold,  
There sits a grasping miser old.  
He has no thought save one of gain—  
To grind and gather and grasp and drain.  
A peal of bells, a merry shout  
Assail his ear: he gazes out.  
Upon a world to him all gray,  
And snarls, "Why, this is Christmas Day!"

No, Man of ice—for shame, for shame!  
For "Christmas Day" is no mere name.  
No, not for you this ringing cheer,

### It Is Christmas Day

Here is a Christmas quiz to be served up to the whole family after the mince pie and plum pudding. It should provide fun for all who think themselves authorities upon the subject of Yule, and give them a chance to prove their knowledge:

Each correct answer counts 10. Those who make a score of 80 or better will qualify for the next vacancies in Santa's Information Bureau at the North Pole! The correct answers will be found on the next page.

1. Each of the following carols is of different origin. Classify as to which is (1) American, (2) English, (3) French, (4) German, (5) Welsh: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Holy Night," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," "Away in a Manger."

2. Gilbert K. Chesterton once claimed a certain English writer saved Christmas as our favorite national holiday. Is his name in the list: Henry Fielding, Sir Walter Scott, Thomas Hardy, Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Dickens?

3. Quite a number of years ago a little girl in New York City wrote to a newspaper, "Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?" What famous answer did it bring?

4. When Dr. Joel R. Poinsett returned from Mexico as the American Ambassador in 1828, he brought back to his South Carolina plantation a flower that has now become a Christmas favorite all over the United States. Can you name it?

### Dunbar High School Honor Roll

There are 66 students on the Dunbar High School honor roll for the second six weeks of the First Semester:

Room 101: Roscoe Pullen, Robert Penick, Emmie Green, Doris Shelton, Doris Carter, Jean Hubbard.

Room 102: Nancy Lee, Jolly Minor, Janice Robinson, Carolyn Taylor, Carolyn Lewis.

Room 103: Shirley Claxton, James Miller, Stanford Ferguson.

Room 201: Minnie Coles, Sara Shearer, Amy Taylor, Edith Ware.

Room 202: Daisy Ferguson, William Womack, Ernestine Ward, Clara Clarke, Emma Ross.

Room 203: Roosevelt Goode.

Room 204: Walter Abbott, Geraldine Bennett, Albert Thomas, Calvin Davis, Marvin Massie, Gerhart Pendelton.

Room 205: Fred Taylor, Harry Smith, Jr., Bessie Coleman, Bertha Coleman, Rudolph Lynch, Delores Douglas.

Room 206: Lucy Rucker, Jimmy Taylor, Emma Banks.

Room 301: Theodore Phelps.

Room 302: Anna Johnson, Ann Abbott.

Room 303: Violet Johnson, James L. Greene, Rosetta Johnson.

Room 304: Walter Hughes, William Bass, Ella Davis.

Room 305: Elizabeth Booker, Mary Scott, Roger Anderson, Gwendolyn Thornhill, Lawrence Johnson, Mildred Urquhart, Rosamond Anderson, Grace White, Nannie Brown.

Room 306: Wilbur Franklin, Harry Hill, Jr., Frances



Christmas, like so many other holidays, has been exploited by merchants for private gain to such an extent that it bears little resemblance to the sacred incident which inaugurated it. We believe that it is important to recapture the true spirit of this wonderful occasion, for this sick world is badly in need of the tolerance, the charity, the understanding and the good will of the "Babe of Bethlehem." Somewhere in our Christmas schedule there should be a place for a kind deed, a needed gift, an encouraging word to some one whose position in life makes it impossible to give us in return. Christ will smile upon us for such a gesture—a smile out of all proportion to the size of the deed—for this is the real Christmas spirit.

Those who dare to exercise this spirit will find an inner glow of satisfaction and a feeling of personal happiness which can never be achieved in any other way. "Peace on earth, good will to men" will come to America and to the world not because of the size of our pocketbooks but the size of our hearts. Let us make the Christmas season of 1949 a happier one for ourselves, because we have made it a happier one for someone else. This is a challenge to every member of the Dunbar family.

### Christmas Definitions

Presented by Walter Hughes

*Santa Claus*—a laughing little child.

*Mistletoe*—Joy and laughter kissing each other.

*Christmas Tree*—A glistening jewel in one of your presents.

*Snow*—Pieces of clouds floating down from above.

*Cards*—Emblems of friendship traveling through the mail.

*Carols*—Sweet perfume hanging on the air.

Do they come from the heart of the donor? Is the donor actually going out of his way to give something that he himself has sacrificed to give. I am afraid in most instances the answer is no. We seem to have the giving spirit but we do not have the "Spirit of Giving."

Can you and I do anything about this situation? We can do something about it. Have you picked your gift for that special someone yet? If not when you do ask yourself these questions: Am I giving something that I would like to receive myself? Is he or she really in need of this gift? Is this gift one which the assigned will cherish forever? And finally is this gift one that will augment in utilitarian value as the years go by? If your answer to these interrogations are yes, then you will have taken the first step in procuring that desperately needed spirit, that spirit of giving.

### Christmas Reading List

By Barbara Brown

Make the following "musts" on your Christmas Reading List.

"A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens.

"The Fir Tree," by Hans Christian Anderson.

"Christmas in the Heart," by Paul L. Dunbar.

"The Gift of the Magi," by O'Henry.

"No Room at the Inn," by Edna Ferber.

"The Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke.

"The Tree That Didn't Get Trimmed," by Christopher Morely.

"Shadow," by Harry Stilwell Edwards.

"Ben Hur," by Lew Wallace.

"Legend of the Christmas Rose," by Selma Lagerfof.

"The Wind in the Willows," by Kenneth Grahame.

No, not for you this ringing cheer, This festal season of the year. And not for you the chime of bells From holy temple rolls and swells. In day and deed he has no part— Who holds not Christmas in his heart!

### What Makes Christmas Spirit?

Presented by Ella Davis

A flurry of snow, candles gleaming in every window, the sparkle of bright lights, or the thrill of a kiss under the mistletoe — are these the things that give us the Christmas feeling? Or is it that spirit of giving entering our hearts, leaving no room for hate or fear, but allowing happiness and the love of our fellow men to prevail. Is not this the spirit that was born that first Christmas Eve almost two thousand years ago, and has lived unto this day and will continue to live till the end of time?

We of this land of freedom and plenty have been given a goodly heritage and should therefore be willing to give freely of that which we have.

We know little of starvation or of being homeless, we have never watched helplessly as our homes were bombed or had our loved ones thrown in prison for their beliefs of what was right. But the people of many foreign nations know much of these things and are looking to us for help and guidance.

As we gather together around our Christmas trees, as there is laughter and happiness, let us let our thoughts drift for a few moments to some small child as she opens her Christmas box from the American Junior Red Cross; a cake of soap, a wash cloth, a

Can you name it?

5. Of what character in a famous Christmas story was it written: "Oh, but he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone—a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner?"

6. What is the well-known opening line of the Christmas poem from which this quotation is taken: "The children were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads?"

7. What great English queen is on record as having received as a Christmas gift the first pair of silk stockings ever to be made in Europe: Queen Anne, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth?

8. "O Tannenbaum" ("O Fir Tree") is a popular old German carol about the Christmas tree. Which of these American songs has the same tune: "Wuwanne River," "The Old Oaken Bucket," "Maryland, My Maryland?"

9. Many people suppose that the United States was the first nation to sell Christmas seals to aid tuberculosis sufferers. But those who have looked up the fact know differently. Which of these countries began it: France, Denmark, or Australia?

10. According to popular legend, what noted churchman cut a fir tree from the woods, set it up in his home and put candles on it for the delight of his children, thereby starting a popular Christmas custom in his own country: Roger Williams, John Wesley, Martin Luther?

tiny doll, and several other small gifts; such simple things to those who sent them, but to her they are Christmas and her love goes out to the giver. This love is all she has to give, let us receive it in the same spirit with which it was given.

—Exchanged.

Harry Hill, Jr., Frances Scruggs, Henrietta Martin, Elizabeth Morrison.

Room 307; Goldie Jones, Carolyn Hughes, John Shelton, John Hamler.

### Know Your Faculty

By Jean Wilson

Since the erection of Dunbar in 1923, the faculty, like everything else has increased nearly two fold. The coming of this school year, however found Dunbar with the largest faculty ever.

In the coming issues a biographical sketch of each of these members will be given. We are offering a prize to the first student who can identify these teachers correctly by the information given.

Here are the first in the series:

This person's birthday is in July. Is a graduate of Pearl High School, Nashville, Tennessee, and later attended Fisk University majoring in French and Science as a minor. This person has been in Dunbar more than 10 years, and has had his name on the detention book more often than any one teacher. Can you guess who this is?

Being in Dunbar less than ten years her birthday is in May. Her middle name is Alexandria. She was a former Dunbar student but took a post graduate course at Central High School in Brooklyn. She attended Hampton Institute and Virginia State College where she majored in General Science, and minored in mathematics.

This lady has been at Dunbar less than ten years. The first year after finishing college, she taught about 18 miles from Lynchburg. She attended Virginia State College and Columbia University and majored in Sociology.



## Inquiring Reporter

By Edith Ware

**If Santa Claus could come to Dunbar and bring one present, what would you want it to be?**

Barbara Thurman: "I would like for it to be a cafeteria so I wouldn't have to eat outdoors in the cold."

Melvyn Jackson: "I would like for Santa Claus to bring Dunbar (with the Student Council's help) benches or seats for the campus."

Olivia Hill: "I would like for Santa Claus to bring me better luck in my school work for the coming year."

Minnie Coles: "I would like for Santa Claus to bring me more time to do the things in school that I have to do."

David Penn: "I would like for Santa to bring some sharp new football uniforms for next year."

Delores Jones: "I wish Santa would bring us some more Band uniforms so we can have a larger and greater band than we have."

Mildred Walker: "I wish Santa Claus would bring to Dunbar the spirit of Christmas, more so than any special gift."

Charles Bradley: "I wish Santa Claus would bring us a winning basketball team."

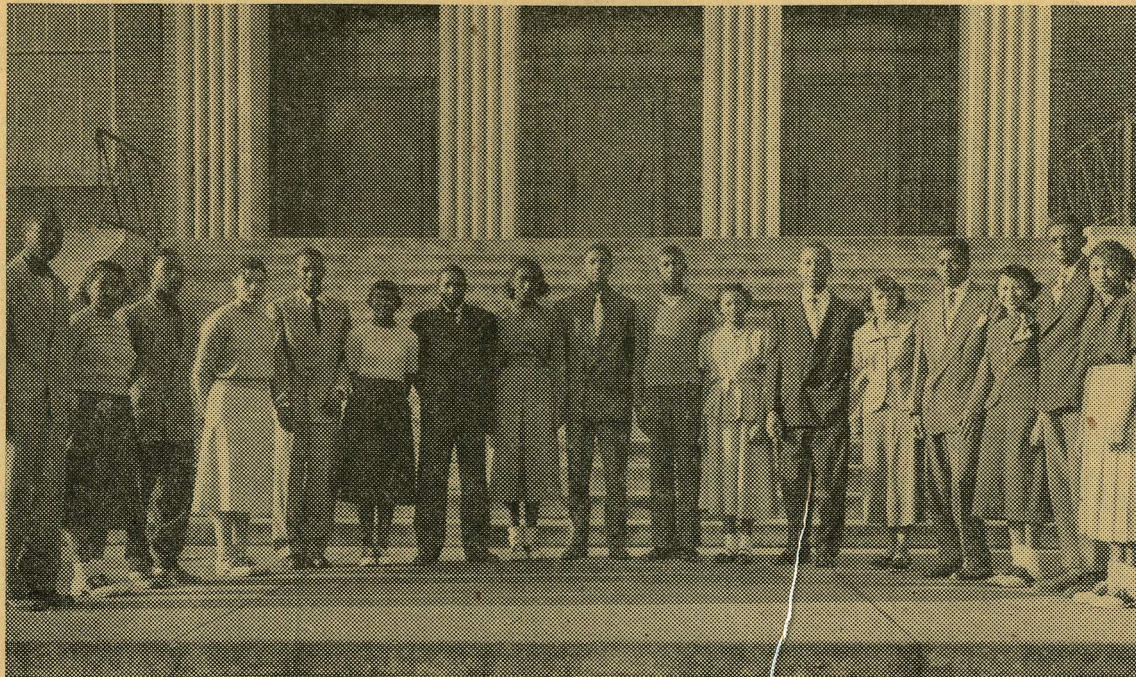
Sara Shearer: "I wish Santa Claus would bring me someone to help me with my homework."

Alice Morris: "I wish Santa Claus would bring us better and more willing Band members."

Willie Bennette: "Dear Santa Claus, all I want for Christmas is someone to do my school work for me next term."

Carolyn Lewis: "I wish Santa Claus would bring us a great

## Le Cercle Francais



## Voice of Democracy Contest

By Mildred Walker

The "Voice of Democracy" contest is held annually and is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This public speaking-radio script contest for high school students was to select by competition locally, state-wide, and nationally, four outstanding students who will be selected by national judges to represent the "Voice of Democracy" in America among school youth.

The purpose of the contest is to give the youth of America an

## Around Town

Mrs. Ruth Dabney Alexander, wife of Music instructor, R. L. Alexander, appeared in a Recital at Virginia Theological Seminary recently.

Hayward Robinson, honor graduate of Dunbar, directed the production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" in Dunbar Auditorium, December 7.

Congratulations to our band director, Mr. D. C. Mocre, on his recent marriage.

The Payne School P. T. A. entertained the Payne faculty at a banquet recently.

Miss Yvonne R. Thornhill, instructor of English, is planning to be married during the Yuletide season.

Mr. C. W. Seay, principal of

## Students Organize French Club

By Gloria Hubbard

The students of French I class have organized a French Club, which, they are hoping, will become a permanent part of organizations at Dunbar.

The club is called LeCercle Francais, and following are a list of the officers who diligently, plan its activities: President, Fred Taylor; Vice-President, Harry Smith; Secretary, Vernice Scott; Assistant Secretary, Geraldine Crews; Treasurer, Roosevelt Goode; Business Manager, Matthew Bolding; and Chairman of the Program Committee, Lucinda Anderson.

## "Spin the Platter"

By Mildred Walker

Hi there, guys and gals! I know that you have been waiting eagerly to read this session of "Spin the Platter" so that you can "let the joy begin." It seems that everybody is in love these days. And we all have our little love quarrels. There isn't a better way to make up than through songs. We're trying desperately to settle all differences between you and your true love—

To Marvin from Lovella: "For You My Love I'll Do Most Anything."

To Anthony from Delores: "Tonight I'm Alone."

To Lawrence from Mildred: "Forgive and Forget."

To William from Edith: "I Understand."

To Howard from Lucinda: "In the Evening When the Sun Goes Down."

To Carlton from Janie: "I Found a Dream."

To William from Barbara: "Blue Moon."

To Jimmie from Mary: "It's Too Soon to Know."

To Rudolph from Frances: "In the Middle of the Night."

To Mac from Ophelia: "So Long."

Well, this is the last issue of THE CHRONICLE for the year of 1949. As the King Cole Trio says, "Merry Christmas to You," and from Spike Jones here are hopes for a "Happy New Year."

Look for me next year,  
And have no fear  
Because I'll be right here  
With loads of good cheer.

Bye now.

## GIGGLES



school work for the next term.  
Carolyn Lewis: "I wish Santa Claus would bring us a great girls' basketball team."

Robert Tarkersley and Howard Brown: "I wish Santa Claus would let us keep our same English teacher."

Grace White: "I wish Santa Claus would bring Dunbar a new building with all necessary facilities."

Jeanne Noble and Mary Miller: "I wish Santa Claus would bring us another gymnasium."

## Student Council Party

By Matthew Bolding

On December 15, 1949, at 7:00 P. M., the Dunbar Student Council presented its annual Christmas Party in the gymnasium. Highlighting this party was a thirty-minute pre-party spiritual service which was conducted from the High School steps. The Dunbar Band played a selection and the students sang Christmas carols. The trees on the Dunbar front lawn were decorated with Christmas lights and confetti, courtesy of the Community Funeral Home, Inc. All students possessing activity cards brought their guests inside the building where they were served and permitted to enjoy an evening of care-free entertainment.

## Thanksgiving Baskets Distributed

Every year the Patrol Force and the Student Council collect and distribute the Thanksgiving offerings at Dunbar. This has been an annual event for more than twenty years.

Twenty-five baskets were delivered to the needy this year.

The purpose of the contest is to give the youth of America an opportunity to express an appreciation for our American way of life, and to instill in the minds of others the importance of Democracy working for leadership in world affairs.

The local contest eliminations were conducted during the week of November 6-13.

At that time WWOD recorded each entry.

Any high school student in grades 10, 11, 12 in good standing scholastically, morally were eligible to enter.

Winners at Dunbar were Calvin Davis and Ella Davis. Calvin

Yuletide season.

Mr. C. W. Seay, principal of Dunbar attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in Daytona, Florida, recently.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will present the three-act play, "Claudia," in Dunbar Auditorium, January 30.

Davis also won second place in Lynchburg, Va.

Other students entering this contest were Gladys Sandifer, Gloria Hubbard, Lucinda Anderson, Matthew Bolding, Shirley Davis, Constance Kimbrough, Amy Taylor and Yvonne Beverly.

gram Committee, Lucinda Anderson.

The first of the club's activities was held Wednesday, December 14, when they entertained the Senior French class and Faculty at their Christmas Party.

At this time many enjoyed the exhibitions of French posters, the rendition of French poems and songs, and a delightful repast.

The membership of LeCercle Francais will be increased when members of the incoming French classes express their desire to become members by passing a small "test" which has been set up by the club.



PATROL DISTRIBUTING THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Left to right: Charles Bradley, Dallas Crews, Graham Marshall, Robert Turner, Louis Hill, and Purnest Johnson.

## GIGGLES

By Shirley Davis

Dolly: "I wonder why our ministers always say Amen and never say A-woman?"

Dimples: "I'm sure I don't know but I guess its because the song we sing is a hymn and not a her."

Lady: "Are you chewing gum?"

Boy: "No, I'm Pete Jones."

Teacher: "Give me a sentence using the name 'De Sota?'"

Student: "De Sota I drank in the drug store was strawberry."

Ruth: "I'll take these two pictures, please."

Clerk: "That will be \$1 and 10c for tax."

Ruth: "Never mind the tacks. I'll hang them on a nail."

## Orchids

To Mr. C. W. Seay for the completion of ten successful years as principal of Dunbar.

To Calvin and Ella Davis for winning first and second prizes, respectively, in "I Speak for Democracy."

To Marvin Massie for coming out tops after four years of hard work.

To Dunbar's football squad for bringing home the bacon after the Thanksgiving game.

To the Seniors for sponsoring such a wonderful play and to Miss Elizabeth Jordan for her direction of this superb presentation.

To Haywood Robinson for his most successful production of the "Tragedy of Macbeth," by William Shakespeare, at Dunbar on December 7.

To the band for their spectacular performance at the "Mighty Mites" game.



## Dunbar Edges Out Seminary in Bowl

By Carrington Thomas

The Dunbar High Poets eked out a 13-12 victory over Va. Seminary Dragons in the first Hill City Bowl game before 2,500 fans at the City Stadium Thanksgiving.

Most surprised were the Dragons from Seminary who outplayed the high school team for three periods. Dunbar's tailback, Carrington Thomas, however, sparked the Poets to two quick touchdowns in the last quarter.

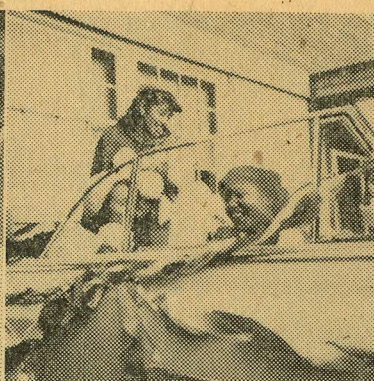
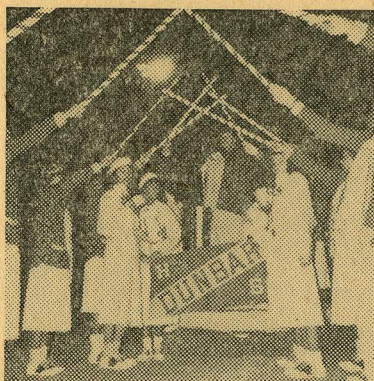
In the final period, Thomas and left end Charles Gardner, collaborated on a series of pass plays that carried the ball to the Dragon's 40 yard stripe. Then Thomas completed a long pass to Marvin Thorpe good for 35 yards on the Dragon's five. On the following play, Thomas passed to Thorpe in the end zone for six points. Try for the extra point was no good.

With the score 13-6 in favor of the Dragons, Booker kicked off for Dunbar to the Dragons' five. Jerry Dillard took the ball on the five and ran it to the seventeen where he was hit and fumbled the ball. A fast Poet fell on the ball. A Thomas-to-Gardner pass carried the ball to the Seminary 10-yard stripe.

On the next play Thomas faked a pass and ran around left end for the tying score. Carroll Anderson plunged the all-important extra point, and this meant the ball game.

The first Seminary touchdown came when Seminary's left guard broke through and plucked a fumble out of the air and raced 45 yards for a score. Racklev's

## HOMECOMING SCENES



### Room 306 Elects Officers

By Susie Kimbrough

The following officers were elected at the recent organization of Home Room 306:

President—Henrietta Martin.

Vice-President—Helen Cox.

Secretary—Elizabeth Morrison.

Assistant Secretary—Eloise Pullen.

Chairman of Program Committee—Ora Shaw.

Chairman of Courtesy Committee—Elizabeth Jeffries.

Reporter to CHRONICLE—Susie Kimbrough.

### Students Hear Story of Booker T. Washington

By Frances Scruggs

Dunbar students were thrilled recently by the presentation of the story of Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute.

This story, entitled the Burn-ing Bush, was presented by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Jackson, representatives of the Nehi Bottling Company, and the Dupont Com-pany.

Washington's struggle for edu-cation and his ambition to educate his people were vividly portrayed.

## CLASS NEWS

### Seniors

By Dock Reid

January the 12th has been set aside as Senior Day. We of the Senior class have looked forward to this special occasion since we were Freshmen and after four long years of

### Freshman News

By Kay Calloway and Minnie Coles

Well here we are again to give you more news of the Fresh-man class.

Our officers and members of the class have learned the funda-mentals of a class meeting from

## Girls in Sports At Dunbar

By Amy Taylor

The girls' basketball team started practice in mid-October. We had about fifty girls present for the first tryout but in a few weeks without elimination the number fell to about twenty-five.

At our first tryout we had some girls who were good at basket-ball, some who did not know any-thing about it, some who knew little but were willing to learn, and some members of last year's team.

Six of last year's team were graduated. They were Helen Mundy, Mollie Ware, Barbara Shelton, Mattie Coleman, Ida Abbott, and Dorothy Carter. Last year's members who are practicing this year are Anez Stratton, Barbara Thurman, Lyn-dell Higginbotham, Catherine Robey, Helen Irvine, Gladys Sandifer, Leomia Johnson, Mar-ion Beverly, and Amy Taylor.

The varsity squad has not been picked yet but the present group is shaping up well.

Miss Armistead, our coach is working with the team and we hope to turn out a winning team.

## Cheering Squad Of Dunbar High

By Jeanne Noble

This year on the Dunbar High School cheering squad, we had ten energetic people. Nine girls and one mighty boy. Rain or shine, they were always there ready to give their whole hearted support to the team as well as the school. The cheer leaders were a beautiful sight to behold, uni-formly dressed down to the last shoe string. The girls wore white

## The Gift of the Magi

By O'Henry

Christmas Eve in New York and a furnished flat at \$8 per week make the setting of this perfect little story.

One dollar and eighty-seven cents—three times Della counted it—and the next day would be Christmas.

There was nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl, so Della did it.

Della finished her cry and at-tended to her cheeks with the powder rag.

Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. Expenses had been greater than she had calcu-lated. Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him.

Now, there were two posses-sions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her, rippling and shin-ing like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her.

She sold her hair to Mme. Sofromie and received twenty dollars for it. She bought Jim a platinum fob chain simple and chaste in design.

Della hurried home and covered her head with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant school-boy.

When Jim came home and found Della had sold her hair, he drew a package from his over-coat pocket and threw it upon the



tumble out of the air and raced 45-yards for a score. Rackley's attempt for the extra point was low and wide.

The Dragons gathered another six points on what seemed to be a safe lead. On the last play of the first half, Donald Rackley tossed a 30-yard pass to right end Watson in the end zone. Again the try for extra point was no good. Both teams had many scoring opportunities, but could convert only two of these into scores. The results of penalties hurt both teams with Seminary getting the greater edge.

One of the most spectacular highlights of the game was the kicking of the Dragons' Donald Rackley. He averaged 45-yards kicking with one of his boots traveling 78 yards. Another outstanding highlight was the playing of two brothers, Ben Copeland of Dunbar, and Lawrence of Seminary, with Ben getting the nod over Lawrence.

Dunbar received a large trophy which will be placed in the trophy case in the school. There were no individual stars but the teamwork of the Dunbar eleven in the second-half was outstanding.

### Patron's Day

By Ernestine Ward

On November 10, Patron's Day was observed by the teachers and students of Dunbar.

On this day many parents and members visited our school and became acquainted with the faculty members, the new buildings and school activities.

A very nice program was presented by Mrs. C. W. Seay. It included solos by members of the Band and a play entitled "A Mighty Mysterious Tree." A reception was held in the new Home Economics Cottage afterwards.

Since we were Freshmen and after four long years of tormenting the teachers, we are going to take the driver's test just to see how many gray hairs we will receive.

The day following this is another occasion which is expected by every Senior and that is the Senior Party. This will take place in the Home Economic Cottage and will be considered the big hit of the year.

Since we are the only class in the history of Dunbar to have Commencement Exercises in February, we are striving to make it a success.

Well! We'll be seeing you and we wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a very happy New Year.

### Juniors

By Robert Turner and Edward Brown

The Juniors stole the Senior oats . . . with a mere old billy goat. Watch the Juniors in "fifty" they'll be really quite nifty.

Away with the poetry and on with the news. Representing the Junior Class on the Student Council are, Matthew Bolding, Marvin Thorpe, Graham Marshall and George Martin. Likely prospects of the Basketball squad are Charles Bradley, Fred Taylor, and Marvin Thorpe. The "Miss Rita Hayworth of Dunbar" Mary Terry truly looked like Rita Hayworth herself, as an attendant to "Miss Dunbar."

To one of our sponsors who tied the knot, "Congratulations."

Yours truly, Robert Turner has become a full member of the band.

To the owners of the cars used in the parade the Juniors say, "Thank You."

Watch the Juniors in "Fifty."

The class have learned the fundamentals of a class meeting from a speech by Mr. Mosby of the Y. M. C. A. presented to us on the topic, "How to Conduct a Better Meeting."

At our next meeting we had a film on "Parliamentary Procedures" to which we invited the 8th graders.

We feel that these series of programs will be very helpful to us in our school meetings as well as in other organizations.

### Sophomore News

The Sophomores will really finish up the year of '49 with a bang. The class of this year has been great in every activity the school offers.

In the recent election for a new Student Council, we had from our class elected for officers: President, Carrington Thomas; Vice-President, James Tweedy; Secretary, Marion Beverly; Assistant Secretary, Lovella Brown; others are Barbara Thurman, Minnie Coles and Roland Brown.

Starting off in the year '49-'50, the basketball team has many representatives who are sophomores.

Representatives from our class are great in number for various extra-curriculars, such as band, chorus, dramatic club, school newspaper and others.

This class shall be now and in the future a class that has and will be great in building our school.

### Kids Day Observed

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Barbara King and Anna Johnson from the Y. W. C. A.; Lewis Hill and John Scott, Boy Scouts; and from Eighth Street Community House, Phyllis Clark. Billy Martin Womack was Master of Ceremonies.

They dressed down to the last shoe string. The girls wore white skirts, thick white sweaters with big eight-inch D's, white wool socks, black and white saddle oxfords and Peter Pan collared dickeys. The boy wore the same except for the dickeys and the skirts. He wore white shirt and white pants.

The cheer leaders kept the atmosphere alive with spirit. When the team was behind, then they were at their best.

The cheer leaders are: Captain, Ollie York, Lyndell Higginbotham, Lucinda Anderson, Mary Beverley, Barbara Thurman, Anez Stratton, Josephine Cobbs, Lovella Brown, Marcia Wright, and last but not least Thomas Preston.

Let's give a cheer for the cheer leaders and their sponsor, Miss Rosa Armistead.

### It Is Christmas Day

ANSWERS:

1. American: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; English: "Good Christian Men Rejoice"; French: "O Holy Night"; German: "Away in a Manger"; Welsh: "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly."

2. Yes—Charles Dickens.

3. The *New York Sun's* delightful editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus?" of which Francis P. Church was the author.

4. The poinsettia.

5. Ebenezer Scrooge, villain and hero of Charles Dickens' perennially popular "A Christmas Carol."

6. "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house," from "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement C. Moore.

7. Queen Elizabeth.

8. "Maryland, My Maryland."

9. Denmark in 1904. The U. S. A. did not start selling Christmas seals until 1907.

10. Martin Luther—in Germany.

coat pocket and threw it upon the table. Della opened the package with great anxiety.

There lay the combs, the set of combs, side and lack, that Della had worshipped so long in a Broadway window. And now, they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

When she gave Jim his present she found that he had sold his watch to buy the combs.

### Senior Play Given

By Anna Johnson

The Dunbar Seniors presented a play entitled "Almost Summer" in the Dunbar Auditorium on November 21.

"Almost Summer" is a comedy in three acts written by Christopher Sergel. Each act takes place in the living room of the Jones home.

The characters were as follows:

Paul Jones, Frank Bondurant; Mrs. Jones, his mother, Annis Lynch; Mr. Jones, his father, Calvin Davis; Junior, the kid brother, Marvin Massie; Mary, his sister, Gloria Williams; Jack, Mary's boy friend, Albert Thomas; Jane, Paul's girl friend, Ella Davis; Mr. Smudgley, the principal, Arthur Edmonds; Anna, the maid, Elaine Smith; Lila Johnson, Geraldine Bennett.

When the play opened, the Jones family had finished dinner and were making plans for an enjoyable vacation at the lake.

It seemed that a thousand things happened to keep Paul from going with his family and girl friend to the lake. In the end Paul won out over his many difficulties.

The senior class appreciates the help given them by their production staff and the director, Miss E. H. Jordan.

According to the audience the play was a great success.