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## *Dedication*



We the Senior Class of 1955, with esteem, honor and praise, dedicate our annual to Mr. Fredrick Parks and Mr. James S. Midgette, our home-room teachers. We wish to say "Thank You" for your complete guidance and direction.

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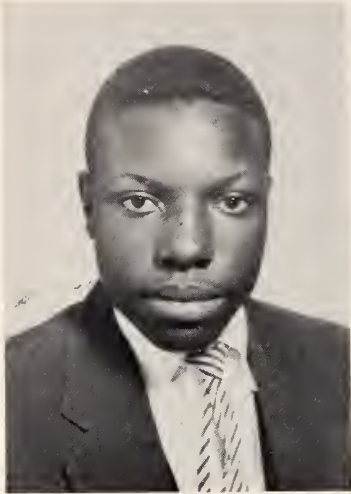
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"All the reasonings of men  
are not worth one sentiment of  
women."

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"Obedience is the mother of  
success, the wife of safety."

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"Great men are not always  
wise."

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**BERNICE GRANDY**  
"I labored not for myself only,  
but for all those that seek  
learning."

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"All that I am and all that I  
will ever be, I owe it to God  
and my sisters."

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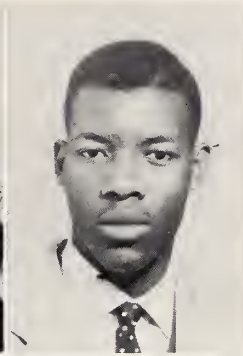




DeLOIS WIGGS  
"To receive honesty is the best thanks for a good thing."



THOMAS JONES  
"Men should be what they seem."



RENA DAVIS  
"Love many - trust few."



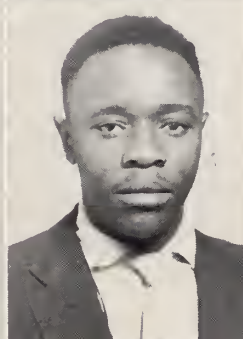
ANDREW McCRAY  
"A wise man sees as much as he ought, not as much as he can."



DARLEASE HODGES  
"Nothing without God."



EDWARD McEACHERN  
"Make the most of what you have."



KATHLEEN WATSON  
"Learning without thought is labor lost."



JOHN MADISON  
"A man is better unborn than untaught."



MARY MOORE  
"Not at the top."



JOHNNIE PEARCE  
"Nothing is gained without work."

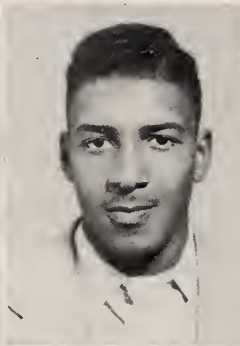




ALYCE JOHNSON  
"The past is gone, forget it,  
the present is here, use it."



MILLARD PEARSON  
"Every man meets his water-  
loo at the end."



YVONNE BARNES  
"Be sure you are right then go  
ahead."



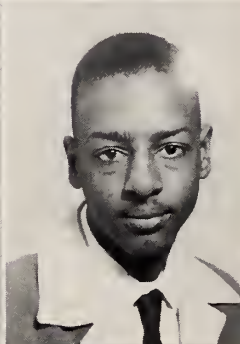
CLINTON BUNCHE  
"A man of courage is always  
full of faith."



DOROTHY PARKER  
"Experienced teachers slow  
at the cost of mistakes."



JAMES McIVER  
"Whoever lives a true life,  
will love true love."



HELLEN MAE GUILFORD  
"The wisdom and the experi-  
ence of ages may be perserved  
by quotation."



WILLIE McCIAIN  
"Eat, drink and be merry."

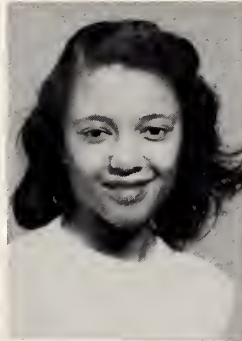


NETTIE SIMS  
"Learn to live, live to learn."



SYLVESTER LASSISTER  
"Friendship is the wine of life  
but friendship new is neither  
strong nor pure."





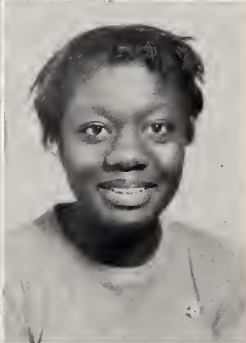
LEONA PEACOCK  
"Doing with what you have is what pays off in the end."



WILMA JONES  
"A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance."



CLARA CLARKE  
"I rather be chosen than to be seen."



PEARLIE McDUFFIE  
"No matter what you do, let your heart be true."



MARY WILLIAMS  
"We are the mortal, and each one if for himself."



MARTHA McEACHERN  
"Smiles from the channel of a future tear."



SHIRLEY WIGGS  
"Silence is more eloquent than worlds."



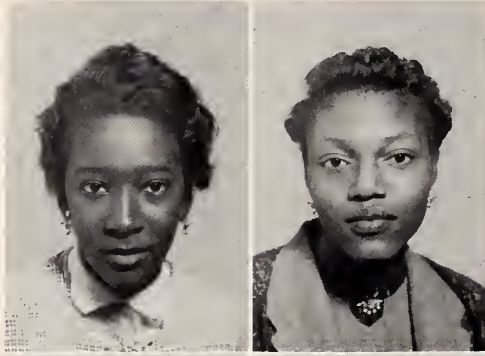
DOROTHY JOYNER  
"I have kept my promise I shall end this strife."



MARGARET RICHARDSON  
"A book which has both been called from the flowers of all books."

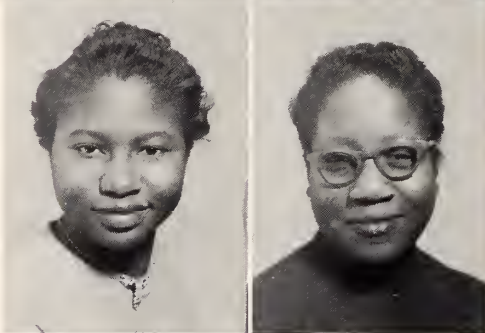


BEATRICE RICHARDSON  
"Speech is great, but silence is greater."



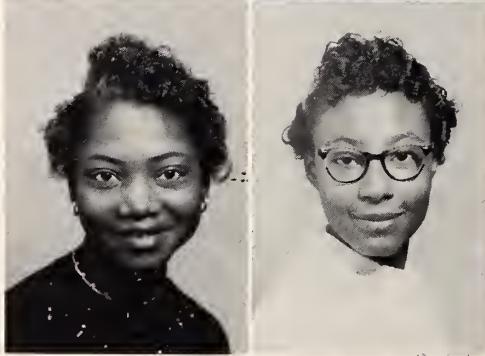
BERNICE HOLDER  
"To love is to Know."

MILDRED HOCUTT  
"Only so much do I know, as I have lived."



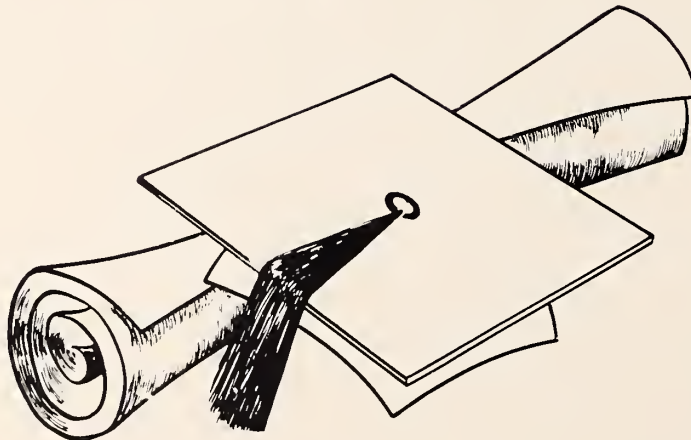
GEORGIA STOKES  
"Today's best is not good enough for tomorrow."

SHIRLEY LANEY  
"The secret of happiness is not in doing what you like but in liking what you do."



DOROTHY CARPENTER  
"A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

GRACE ELIZABETH WILSON  
"A friend indeed is a friend in need."



## Seniors



KENNETH REID-"One enemy can do more than ten friends can do good."  
ALYCE RICHARDSON-"Protect me from my friends, and I'll protect myself from my enemies."  
LEATHA O'NEAL-"Look for the straight things in life and when you do shoot straight at your goal."  
BOBBY REVELLS-"There are no seats in the road of success so don't sit down."

## Class Poem

School life! Ah! the charm that lingers  
'Round earth's Morn, as unseen fingers  
Touch the chords that thrill our being  
To its depth, till eyes unseeing  
For the tears, look back recalling  
All the joys of old entralling  
Heart and mind. Classmates, tonight  
Let us prize our Red and White!

May the red blood that flows  
Through our hearts, be as true  
As the color for which it stands.  
Let the white so pure and stainless  
Keep us ever so true and right!  
May our lives be long and painless  
Guarded by our Red and White.

Red and White! Go with us forever  
As the Ideal of our dreams'  
May we find life, as we sever,  
Just as worth while as it seems'  
May we each accept the Mission  
Fate holds covered from our sight  
Sure, whatever its condition,  
Victory'll crown our Red and White.

--Johnnie Pearce  
Clinton Bunch

## *Class History*

"We bow not our necks, we bend not our knees, but our hearts Oh Harrison we surrender to thee."

Between the year of 1951 and 1955 various things have happened. There has been joy, sorrow, understandings and misunderstandings, achievements and failures. In spite of all these things, there was a goal in view, so the class of '55 traveled on. Approximately ninety-eight students made up the freshmen class. We realized that all our movements at Harrison would not be happy ones; therefore we expected sadness and disappointments.

With the assistance of our principal and high school faculty, we finally chose our subjects as freshmen. After choosing our subjects, we were divided into two groups. Our advisors were Mr. J.S. Midgette and Miss V. Boyd. Each section selected its officers. The officers of Mr. Midgette's section were: president, Darlease Hodges; vice president, Joe Lewis; secretary, Lillar Stewart; and treasurer, Yvonne Barnes. The officers in Miss Boyd's section were: President, John Holloman; vice president, Millard Pearson; secretary, Leatha O'Neal and treasurer, Sylvester Lassiter.

During the year our class was very active in participating in the school organizations and activities. Sylvester Lassiter and Thomas Jones were outstanding in basketball. Darlease Hodges won honors in two speaking contests.

The spring of the year came very quickly, bringing beautiful scenery. As for us we will always remember our lovely party held April 26th.

Students maintaining highest averages were: Yvonne Barnes, DeLoris Wiggs, and Sylvester Lassiter.

Beginning a new year as sophomores, we felt as full members of the Harrison family. We organized having the following officers: president, Darlease Hodges; vice president, Joe Lewis; secretary, Helen Guilford; and treasurer, Lillar Stewart. We still had a large group, so the officers of the other section were: president, John Holloman; secretary, DeLoris Wiggs; and treasurer, Bettye Cooley. Our advisors were Mr. J.S. Midgette and Mr. F. Parks.

Quite a few juniors traveled to Elizabeth City, North Carolina in March for competitive classroom work. Those taking the venturing trip were: DeLoris Wiggs, Charles Sanders, Leatha O'Neal, Clinton Bunche, James McIver, Yvonne Barnes and Darlease Hodges. Each student did a fair job in his field of subject matter.

In 1954, around September, we entered school to end our journey. Although we were two classes, we elected officers as a single group. They were: president, Charles Sanders; vice president, John Holloman; secretary, Bettye Cooley, assistant secretary, Bernice Grandy and treasurer, Lillar Stewart. Our advisors were the same.

In November, Deloris Wiggs was crowned "Miss Richard B. Harrison." We also had two senior attendants. They were Lillar Stewart and Yvonne Barnes

## *Last Will And Testament*

We the graduating class of Richard B. Harrison School, being of normal intelligence and supernatural bodies, and realizing that we are by far the most important class ever to leave the beloved portals, do bequeath and publish this, our last will and testimony, and these, our after persons, to be our true and lawful heirs.

- To Goldie Richardson, Margaret Richardson wills her ability to strive to finish school.
- To Vera McIver, Clara Clarke wills her gray suede loafers.
- To Lucille Ellis, Dorothy Carpenter wills her old English notes.
- To Clara Holt, Bernice Grandy wills her place on the HARRISONIAN staff.
- To Jessie Wilson, Grace Wilson wills her ability to come to school.
- To Robert Johnson, Edward McEachern wills his ability to charge low in football games.
- To Jessie and Lessie Womack, Mary Moore wills her ability to not cut class.
- To Pollie Womack, Georgia Stokes wills her ability to speak French.
- To Emma Johnson, Martha McEachern wills her ability to relax and be herself.
- To Bobby Jean Eatmon, Nettie Sims wills her hips and hair cut.
- To Earl Watson, Johnnie Pearce wills his ability to sit in class and act dignified.
- To Robert Warrick, Clinton Bunch wills his ability to remain calm in tight squeezes on the gridiron.
- To Alice Eatmon, Kenneth Reid wills his typing speed.
- To James Stewart, Lillar Stewart wills her ability not to cut class, and her position on the HARRISONIAN staff to Clara Holt.
- To Peggy Davis, Rena Davis wills her ability not to cut class, and her majoring ability to Dorothy Jenkins.
- To Carnell Bryant, Millard Pearson wills him his age and line of jive.
- To Ella Mae Davis, Hellen Guilford wills her beautiful shirts and sweaters.
- To Alexander Holder, Bernice Holder wills her ability to go to class and act dignified at all times.
- To Doris Jean Sanders, Alice Johnson wills her ability to get home Economics, and her hair-do to Lula Lassiter.
- To Jannie Hocutt, Mildred Hocutt wills her pleasing personality.
- To Chessie Scarboro, Bettie Cooley wills her ability to get to school on time.
- To Odell Holder, Leatha O'Neal wills her chemistry notebook.
- To Robert Warrick, Sylvester Lassiter wills his height.
- To Carnell Bryant, John Holloman wills his ability to get the good looking girls.
- To Cora Bethea, Yvonne Barnes wills her neatness.
- To Scarlet Griffin, Wilma Jones wills her shortness.
- To Billie Jean Adams, Dorothy Joyner wills her ability to be quiet.
- To McKenly Rayner, Fannie Lane wills her place where she parks her 55' Pontiac.
- To Velvia Lassiter, Shirley Laney wills her ability to play basketball.
- To Luvey Batts, John Madison wills his love.
- To Harris Jenkins, Willie McClain wills his ability to play football.

# Prophecy

I was awakened one morning by the ringing of my door bell. And as I opened the door, I almost fainted. Who could it be other than Yvonne Barnes? Realizing that we are now living in the 21st century, seeing her turned my thoughts back to A.D. 1955 and our last days at Richard B. Harrison, our dear old Alma Mater.

We had breakfast at Cooley's Luncheonette, owned by Bettye Cooley. Mildred Hocutt is acting as her chief dietitian. Leaving Cooley's we boarded a plane to Selma, North Carolina. We were very happy as well as surprised to see Willie McClain, main pilot on the plane.

Upon our arrival in Selma, we were greeted by Johnnie Pearce, who is now the principal of Richard B. Harrison High School. Checking the faculty list we found Rena Davis, Darlease Hodges, Dorothy Parker and Georgia Stokes all having their Master Degrees. All of us had lunch together and then we checked upon the remainder of our classmates and teachers.

Mr. Parks is now president of Meharry Medical College and Mr. Midgette is a judge in the highest court in the Nation. He is also considering an opportunity to run for president of New Guinea.

Reading over the social page of the HARRISONIAN, a national known paper, whose editor in chief is Lillar Stewart, we found that Dr. Sylvester Lassiter (PHD) is engaged to Alice Williams. Clara Clarke and Grace Wilson are celebrating their silver anniversaries. John Holloman, vocational agriculture teacher at R. B. Harrison, is a settled bachelor.

On the following pages of the HARRISONIAN, we found many interesting facts. Charles Sanders is now head of a research project at the AEC. Bobby Revells is a county agent in Wake County. Leona Peacock, a model, is now working for Millard Pearce, a famous artist.

Clinton Bunche, the owner of a large rubber factory, is now a prominent business-man and is married to Yvonne Barnes, a dietitian. John Madison and Andrew McCray are five-star generals in the U. S. Army. Wilam Jones is owner of a beauty salon. Kenneth Reid is a prominent engineer with five Cadilacs. Hazel Lewis and Bernice Grandy are secretaries in Bunche's factory. Kathleen Watson and Shirley Wiggs are owners of a large night club in New York. Nettie Simms is laboratory assistant to Charles Sanders. Dorothy Carpenter and Felton Holder have decided they are cheaper by the dozen. James Richardson is a prominent farmer in Anson County. Alice Johnson and Alice Richardson are teaching at Howard University. No one seems to know where Helen Guilford, Shirley Laney and Fannie Lane are. Thomas Jones is now playing with the Globe Trotters. Leatha O'Neal is happily married to blues singer, Charles Whitaker. Margaret Richardson is private secretary to her husband. James McIver and Edward McEachern are jet flyers in the U.S.A.F.

After finding that all my classmates had reached their life's ambition, I decided to return to my job at John Hopkin's Hospital where I am superintendent of Nurses.

Testators:  
De Loris Wiggs  
Yvonne Barnes



## *Superlatives*

|                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Best Dressed . . . . .           | Alice Johnson, Kenneth Reid          |
| Neatest . . . . .                | Yvonne Barnes, Clinton Bunche        |
| Most Business Like . . . . .     | John Holloman, Georgia Stokes        |
| Most Likely To Succeed . . . . . | Darlease Hodges, Clara Clark         |
| Most Humorous . . . . .          | Kathleen Watson, John Madison        |
| Most Talkative . . . . .         | Lillar Stewart, Willie McClain       |
| Best Dancers . . . . .           | Wilma Jones, Bobby Revels            |
| Most Popular . . . . .           | Clinton Bunche, Charles Sanders      |
| Most Bashful . . . . .           | Johnnie Pearce, Pearlie McDuffie     |
| Tallest . . . . .                | Sylvester Lassiter, Hazel Lewis      |
| Most Talented . . . . .          | Leona Peacock, Beatrice Richardson   |
| Shortest . . . . .               | James McIver, Rena Davis             |
| Best Athletes . . . . .          | Thomas Jones, Shirley Laney          |
| Most Intelligent . . . . .       | Delois Wiggs, Andrew McCray          |
| Comical . . . . .                | Clinton Bunche, Hazel Lewis          |
| Most Religious . . . . .         | Beatrice Richardson, Darlease Hodges |
| Most Lady Like . . . . .         | Betty Cooley, Mildred Hocutt         |
| Quietest . . . . .               | Margaret Richardson, Dorothy Joyner  |
| Babyish . . . . .                | Mary Moore, Hazel Lewis              |
| Class Pest . . . . .             | Clinton Bunche, Willie McClain       |
| Frankest . . . . .               | Helen Guilford, Alice Richardson     |

# Juniors

Edith Raiford  
James Jones  
Henry Pearce  
Willie Newsome  
Hattie Smith  
Earl Watson

Cora M. Bethea  
Willard Howard  
Robert Warrick  
Cecila Belle  
Shirley Barnes  
Roberta Turner

Lucy Yellowdy  
Bobbie Eatmon  
McKinley Raynor  
Audrey McCullers  
Doris Watson  
Mollie Yellowdy

Dorothy Jenkins  
Ropert Jones  
Charles Spells  
Minnie Dublin  
Janie Hocutt  
Joyce Revells

Joyce Dudley  
Alice Eatmon  
Odell Holder  
David Raynor  
Jessie Lewis  
Ada Raynor

Willie Ward  
Emma Johnson  
Lucille Ellis  
Willie McCray  
Mable Manning  
Helen Joyner

Velvia Lassiter  
Edith McDougle  
Billie Adams  
Clifton Hocutt  
Rachel Howell  
Scarlett Griffin

Nellie Patrick  
Theodoris Revells



# Sophomores





*Class*



*Of 1958*





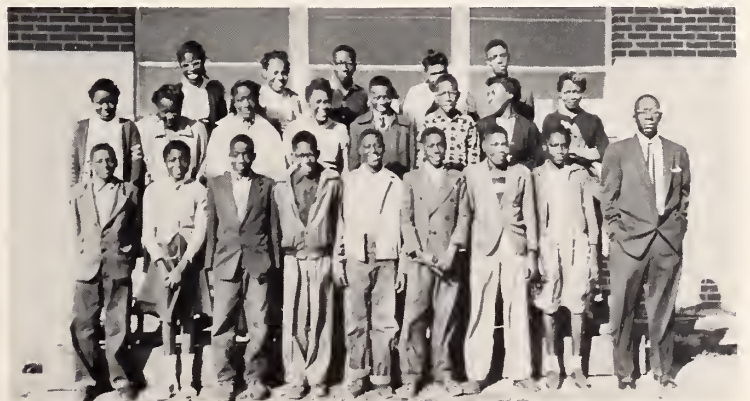
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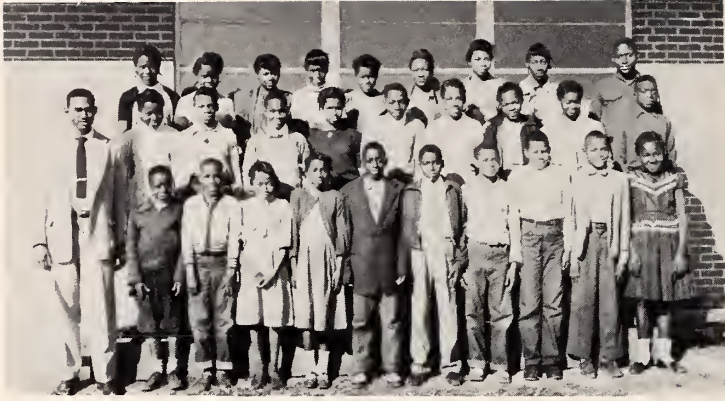
*Eighth Grade*



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*Seventh Grade*



*Sixth Grade*



*Fifth Grade*



*Fourth Grade*



*Fourth Grade*

*Third Grade*



*Third Grade*

*Second Grade*

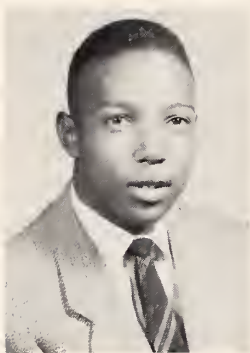


*Second Grade*

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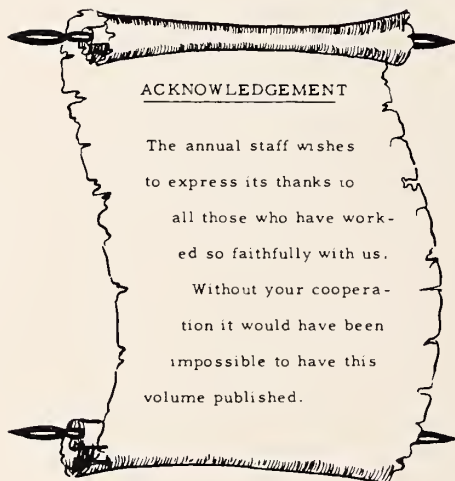
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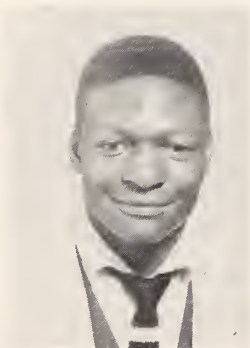


Darlease Hodges  
Associate Editor

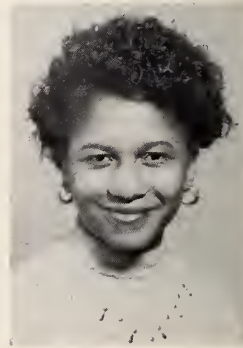


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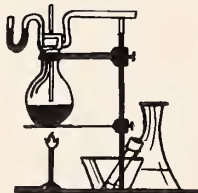
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