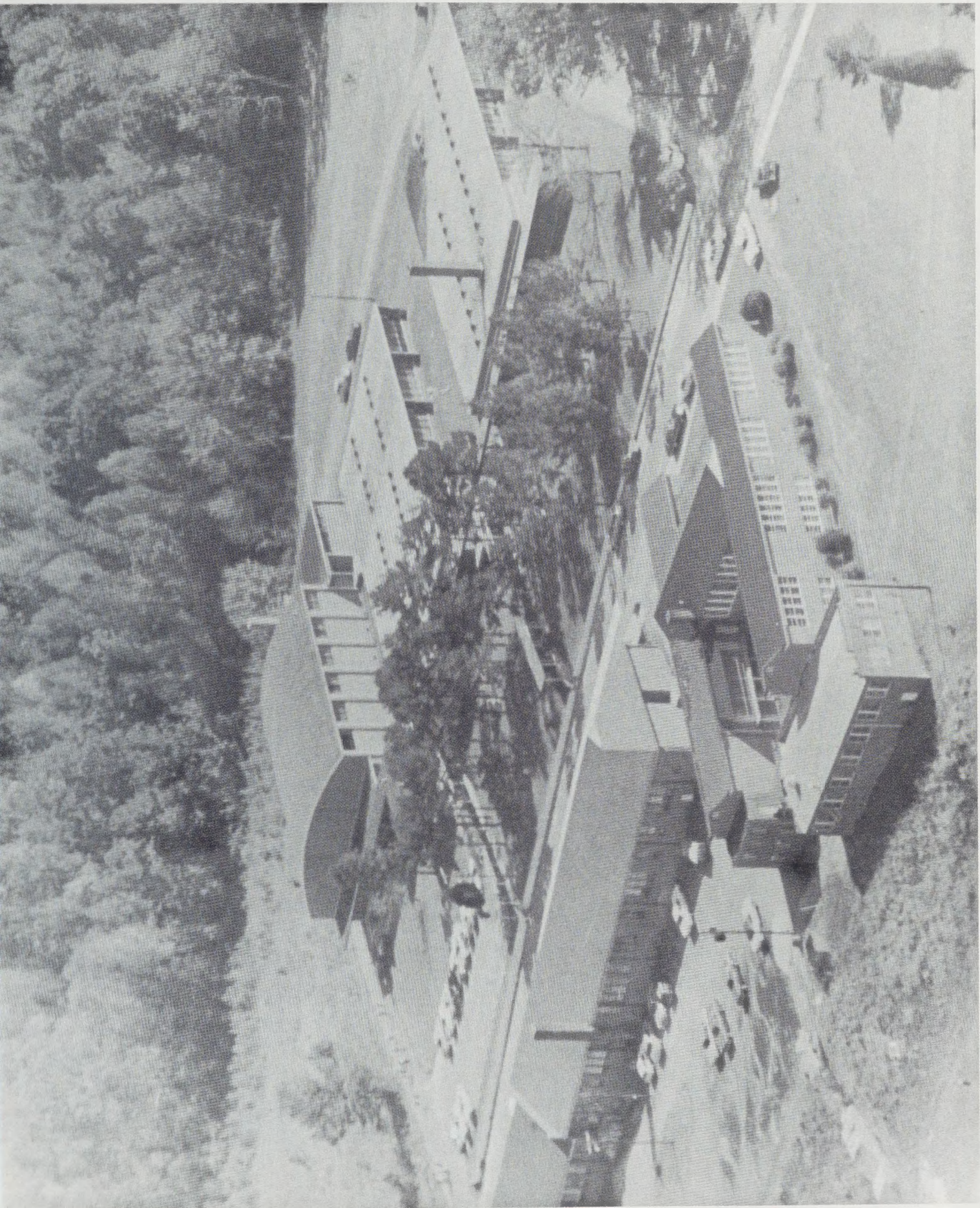




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*Dear ole Horton High we love you,
More and more each day.
And we thank the Lord above you,
For showing us the way.*

*Lead us onward, lead us ever,
Lead us day by day.
And we'll ever praise and love you,
Hail to thee today.*

*Oh, it's rah rah ole Horton High,
Rah rah Ole Horton High,
Rah rah Old Horton, Horton High.*

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To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, Rufus L. Edmisten, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina*, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (3 sheets) to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

the original of which was filed in this office on the 26th day of July, 1990.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in Office, at Raleigh, this twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord 1990

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JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

March 24, 1998

Horton High School Alumni Association
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of North Carolina, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate the Horton High School Alumni Association on its sixty-third anniversary. I know this celebration will be a fitting occasion to visit with longtime friends and reflect upon your school's special place in the life of your community.

Horton High School has produced many of North Carolina's finest leaders in all walks of life and has equipped countless young people with the skills necessary to be successful and fulfill their potential. You should feel proud to be part of its impressive legacy.

Nothing is more important to North Carolina's future than ensuring that children in our state receive a quality education, learn to make wise choices and become mature, responsible adults. You have worked tirelessly to serve as positive role models to youth and teach them the same valuable lessons you learned at Horton High School. I commend you for your efforts.

Carolyn joins me in congratulating you and in wishing you health, happiness and success in all of your future endeavors.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hunt".

James B. Hunt Jr.

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*Former Students at
Horton High School
Pittsboro, North Carolina*

Best wishes on the joyous occasion of your class reunion.

Given the important role Horton High School has played in the Chatham County community, I am sure that you, as former students, have much to celebrate and remember.

I wish all of you well and hope your lives are enriched by the festivities which will take place in conjunction with the reunion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Price".

DAVID PRICE
Member of Congress

THE FIRST WOMAN TO CHAIR THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mrs. Uva Holland

As Commissioner for Chatham Country, Uva Holland is an advocate for improving the quality of life for the citizens of Chatham. She has assisted in recruiting industry for new and better paying jobs for our county. She also lobbied for extended calling areas to Raleigh and Apex, North Carolina. She was instrumental in getting 150,000 dollars in matching funds for the Chatham Country Hospital Emergency Room. In addition, she helped bring in 2,000,000 dollars to assist the Chatham County Smart Start Program.

Uva, the daughter of parents who believed in striving for the better way of life, had instilled in her a desire to always be concerned for her fellow people. She has been involved in political, civic and religious activities for the majority of her life. She grew up in a family where welcoming and opening your front door for others was not just expected but was a standard practice. Mrs. Holland is a product of Durham Business College and has received additional training in the field of Applied Science from Durham Technical Community College.

She served as a judge in The New Hope Precinct, a member of the Board of Elections and First Vice Chairwoman of the Chatham Country Democratic Party. She became the first elected African American woman to the Board of Chatham County Commissioners. From this election, she served as Chairperson of the Board from 1995 to 1996.

MARGARET BRYANT POLLARD

Chatham County Commissioner



Margaret Bryant Pollard of Moncure, NC has displayed an impressionable impact throughout numerous counties in North Carolina and other states.

Growing up on a farm and experiencing many challenges prepared her as an outstanding leader in various capacities.

Margaret is a graduate of Horton High School. She also attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science in Public Health.

Her professional experiences include that of a public school teacher in Chatham County, Health Education Consultant in Patterson, NJ, Greensboro, NC and Baltimore, MD. She has also served as Executive Director of Northwest Baltimore Corporation, Director of Public Health and Wellness in the Wake Area Health Education Center and Adjunct Assistant Professor Health Behavior and Health Education in Wake County.

Affiliation in many organizations include the Chatham Education Foundation, Chatham County Board of Health, North Carolina Public Health Coalition, Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action Board, Volunteer for Chatham Together and Board Member of Chatham Trades, Inc.

Her leadership roles involve participation on the Chatham County Board of Social Services, North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, Chatham County Board of Elections, North Carolina Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee, Chatham County Planning Board, Chatham County Dispute Settlement, Secretary to National Council on Aging's Health Promotion Institute and Board of Trustees at Central Carolina Community College.

Margaret has also received numerous awards and recognition for her commitment and contributions in Chatham County, North Carolina and other states.

Margaret is currently a member on the Board of County Commissioners where she also served as Chairperson.

Margaret enjoys sharing her knowledge and skills in her church as she serves on numerous boards and committees.

Being chairperson of the T. H. McKay Memorial Scholarship Fund and Sunday School Teacher at Mt. View AME Zion Church in Moncure reflects the dedication and concern that she exhibits within her community.

ERNEST H. DARK, JR. Chatham County Board of Education



Ernest H. Dark, Jr. was born in Chatham County on September 4, 1947, to Ernest and Clara Dark. He finished his education at then Horton High School and later at A&T State University. In 1971, he returned home to work for the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, and later for Burroughs Wellcome, presently Glaxo Wellcome, where he has been currently employed for the past twenty-six years as a Research Specialist. In 1971 he married Helen Leach and they have two daughters, Kia age 26 and Kamille, age 18.

Ernest is a member of Mt. Sinai, A.M.E. Church. At Mt. Sinai, Ernest is President of the Lay Organization, a Trustee, and a member of the finance committee. In addition, he also served on the committee to establish the first library in the church. Ernest also gives the youth message every 4th Sunday focusing on Black History, in which he gives the youth the messages and inspiration of the modern day heroes and the ancestors upon whose shoulders we stand.

Being true to his unyielding belief that one must give back a portion of that which is given to him, Ernest established the Annual Black History Quiz Bowl for Chatham County. This Quiz Bowl has been held for the past three years, and it has given Black youth a foundation upon which to stand. This foundation is rooted firmly in Black history, culture, and tradition.

In the community, he was elected to the Chatham County Board of Education, and has served in that capacity for the past nine years. He is currently serving as its Vice-Chairman. As a member of the Board, Ernest has represented the community on both the State and National levels. Ernest is President of the Leach Educational Fund, Inc., a family oriented (now includes family and friends) organization that was established 20 years ago to financially help students in the family further their education. The Organization also provides educational counseling, tutoring, and mentoring services. To date, the Organization has helped over 35 young people go to college.

Ernest is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, St. Mark Masonic Lodge, G. Wesley Allen Consistory, Khalif Shrine Temple, and the NAACP. When not busy, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and is an avid sportsman-enjoys, fishing and practicing karate.

HISTORY

According to information handed down by “old timers,” what is now Horton Middle School, commenced with a framed building shaped like “a rabbit box.” Dr. John C. Stanton was principal, and Miss Rebecca Womack was the assistant. He taught the upper grades in the northern end of the building where the stage was located and she taught the lower grades in the southern end. In the afternoon, before school closed for the day, he would open the partition and everybody would participate in singing and praying. Dr. Stanton, a strict and compelling man, would sing, preach and pray. He kept a bunch of switches in the corner, and if one stepped out of line, he would give that person a sound whipping. The next principal was Mr. William Benjamin Markham. He, too, was a strong disciplinarian. His wife and a Miss Wilson taught with him.

Several years later, the Pittsboro High School was built. The old famed building that the white children once used was torn down and hauled to the site of the “rabbit box school.” They took the old lumber and built what was called the “Pittsboro Colored School.” It had four classrooms, a stage and several closets. Students attended classes in this building until 1934. The building was then destroyed by fire. The principals of that school were Henry Reaves, Ralph Lowe, Bud Hunter (who later named the school after George Moses Horton), and W. B. Easterling. Mr. B. J. Lee, the next principal, worked hard to develop a high school for black children. In 1934, under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Reid Thompson, Chatham County erected a brick building. This brick building became known as Horton Consolidated School, named for the Negro poet, George Moses Horton. In the same year, it also became a high school. Horton High School was born. The first graduates of Horton High School were in the Class of 1935.

In the fall of 1946, the Board of Education decided to consolidate several small schools in Chatham County. The idea behind the move was to get rid of the one teacher schools. At one time, there were 118 black schools in the county, 79 of these were one teacher schools, 25 were 2 teacher, 6 were 3 teachers and 3 had more than 3 teachers. Horton fell in the over 3 bracket. Schools in Eastern Chatham were consolidated with Horton. The schools and principals were: Buck Mountain-Mae D. Cotton, Mitchell Chapel-Lois Alston, St. Matthews-Jeanette Richardson, Gum Springs-Beulah Clegg, Hanks Chapel-Cassie Ridley, Haw River-Ethel Clark, Haywood-Owen Foster, Horton-B.J. Lee, Hinton Beckwith-Joe Shaw, Terrells-Lecila Avent, Shiloh, Stroud Mountain, and Wilson Schools.

In 1948, four new classrooms were built to the eastern side of the brick building. Soon they were overflowing with students, and in 1950, eleven more rooms were added, making a total of fifteen rooms. Consolidation caused the school to grow, so the Board of Education purchased land across the street to build more classrooms. In 1956, twelve classrooms were built and these rooms were designated for the lower grades. Shortly thereafter, four additional rooms were added to accommodate the overflowing crowd. The I. E. Taylor Gymnasium was built in 1958.

During the latter part of the fifties and early sixties, Horton High School had around 1400 students and 50 or more faculty members. The principals of Horton High School from the mid-forties to the end of the era were: Mr. Benjamin J. Lee succeeded by Mr. Carl Powell, followed by Mr. I. E. Taylor, who served as principal from 1946 to 1970. In the fall of 1970, Horton High School became Horton Middle School and housed all races under the direction of Mr. I. E. Taylor until 1976 when he retired. The three-day retirement celebration planted the seed of how Horton School Alumni could work together to keep the memories alive. Thus, the Horton High School Alumni Association was born.

GEORGE MOSES HORTON



Silhouette from "A Man Named Moses"

By: Mildred Bright Payton

June 24, 1978

George Moses Horton (1787-1883) was a slave in Chatham County who taught himself to read and write. He eventually gravitated to Chapel Hill where he composed love poems which undergraduates would purchase for up to 75 cents and send to their girlfriends. He specialized in acrostics, which spelled out the name of the girl by putting together the first letter of each line.

Several efforts were made to buy Horton's freedom through the sale of his collection of Poems. The first volume was a 22-page, 50-cent effort entitled "The Hope of Liberty" (1829). He also published "Poetical Works (1845) and "Naked Genius" (1865), but they only established his reputation as a literary curiosity who had overcome unusual obstacles to garner the tools of the literate. Sales were not large enough to procure his freedom.

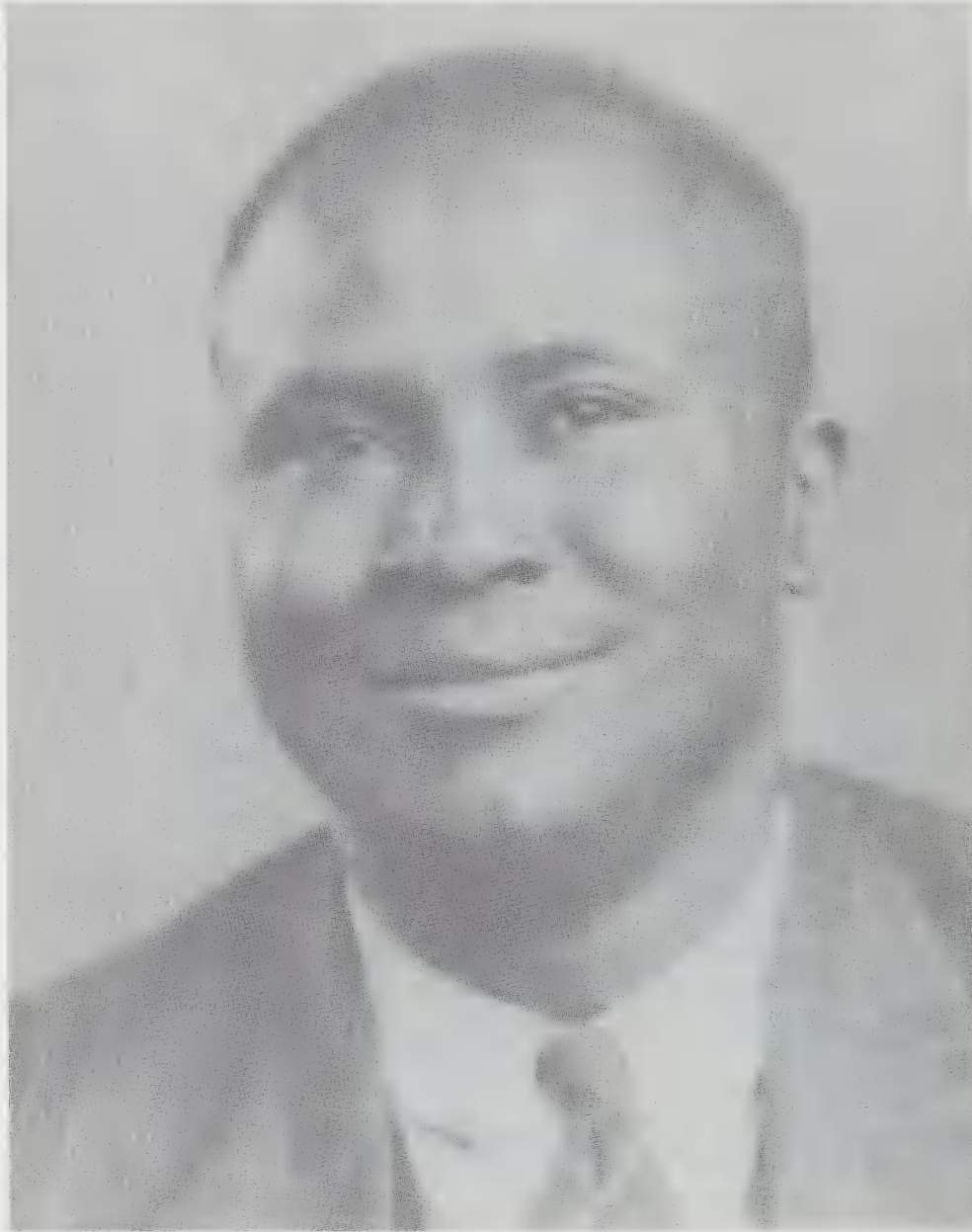
His freedom finally arrived in the aftermath of what in some quarters was known as "The War for Southern Independence" or the Civil War. Horton settled in Philadelphia while in his 70's and received a warm welcome initially. His literary star eventually faded and he died in 1883 virtually unknown.

From: [The Greensboro Daily News](#)

**HORTON
HIGH
SCHOOL**

**FACULTY
AND
STAFF**

PRINCIPAL BENJAMIN LEE



Benjamin Lee, the son of Lizzie Thompson Lee and William Lee was born in Chatham County. His educational training began in Chatham County school systems and continued at Berry O'Kelly School in Raleigh in order to prepare for college where he earned a teaching degree at Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina. His first job was a teacher in a one-room school setting. In 1935 several small one-room schools were consolidated, one of which was Horton High School. Benjamin Lee was the first person who was appointed principal at Horton High School. He died in 1944.

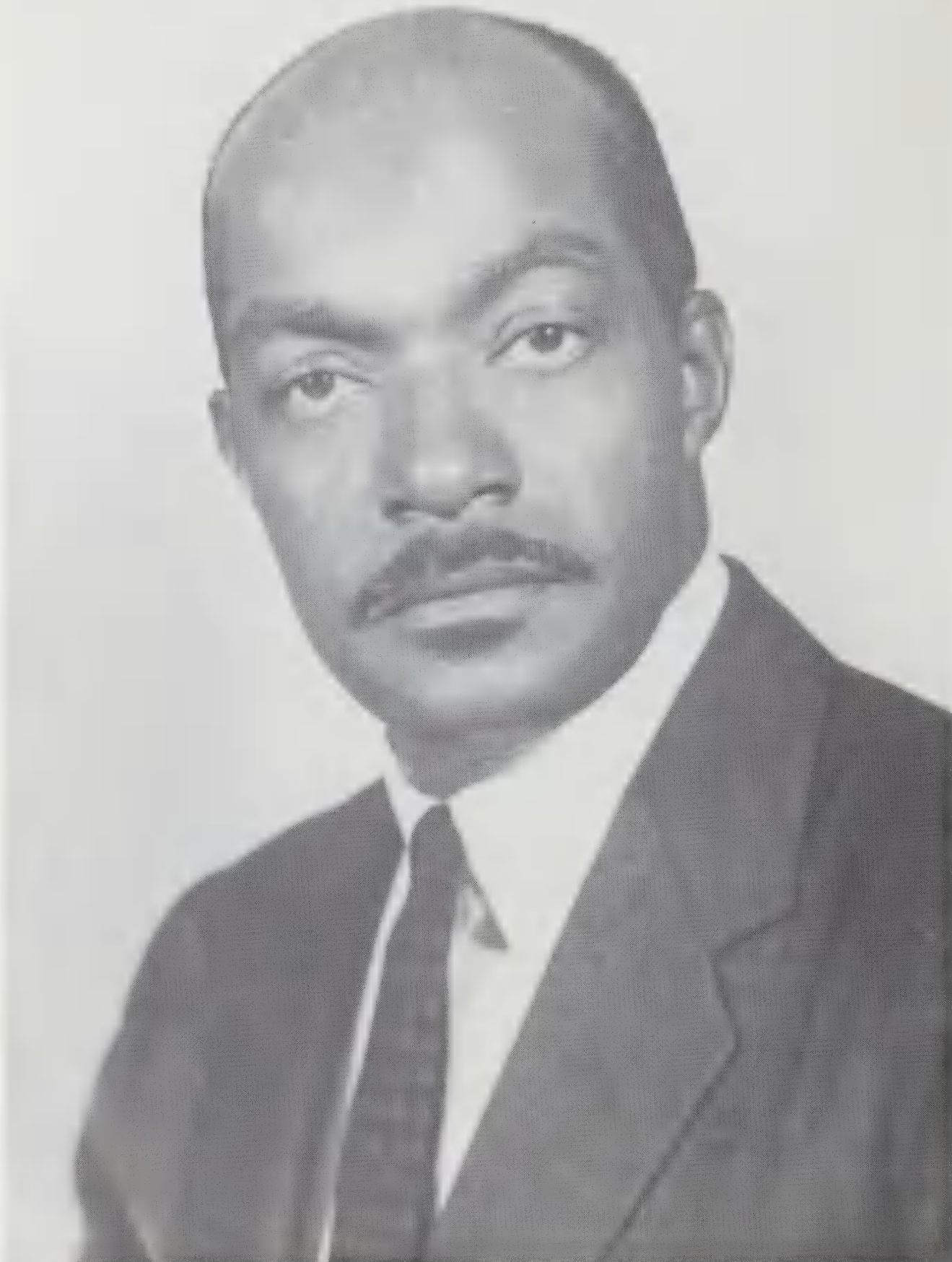
PRINCIPAL CARLIE LARENT POWELL



Carlie (Carl) Larent Powell, a Chatham County native, graduated from Hillside High School and received his BS Degree in Math and Science from North Carolina College in Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. Powell, a well-known mentor and educator, spent forty-two years as a teacher and principal in various schools across the state including Horton High School, Pittsboro, North Carolina. His philosophy is that all African Americans have a right to a good and decent education. He firmly believes that many avenues of employment are open to the student who has a strong academic background in Math and Science.

Currently, "Professor Powell" and his wife, Mary, reside in Warrenton, North Carolina. They have three sons Carlie, Leon and Reginald. He is an avid gardener, photographer, and rancher. Although he is ninety years old, he remains active in his community and wishes to be remembered as a humane trailblazer who sought to bring knowledge, light and wisdom to all he chanced to meet.



ISAIAH EUGENE TAYLOR, SR.

Principal

Isaiah Eugene Taylor, Sr., the son of Inda Taylor, was born on April 17, 1911, in Chatham County. He lived with his grandfather, William 'Billy' Taylor in a one-room log cabin near Pittsboro until age 10. After his grandfather, who was an ex-slave died, he lived with an aunt, Martha Taylor. As a youngster, he worked for Arthur London, where he got his first chance to drive a car at the age of 12. During this time, Blacks could only receive a seventh grade education in Pittsboro. Isaiah, called 'Ike' by family and friends, attended high school in Raleigh, NC, while living with his cousin Frances Jackson.

Because his grandfather had instilled in Isaiah a love of learning, Isaiah continued his education at Shaw University, majoring in English and History. While at Shaw, he worked as an elevator operator at Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel during the evenings. He used the elevator as a study hall, when the elevator was idle. He also joined the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity while attending Shaw. While at Shaw, he developed a love of the Bible that remained with him throughout the rest of his life.

Isaiah was twenty-six years old when he graduated from Shaw University. He returned to Pittsboro to teach at Horton High School under the leadership of Benjamin Lee. He left Horton five years later to become interim principal at J. S. Waters School in Goldston, NC, while the school's principal, Walter McLaughlin, served in the military. After Mr. McLaughlin's return, Isaiah was appointed principal to Horton High School upon the death of Benjamin Lee who was principal at the time. During his tenure at Horton High School, Isaiah saw the campus emerge from a one-building facility to a campus of three buildings. A gymnasium bearing his name and an agricultural building were constructed. The school population benefited from a very active Parent Teacher Association, headed by Mrs. Roxie Small. Homecoming activities brought back former students, parents and teachers. Isaiah was a dedicated organizer. He safely and efficiently directed the students as they arrived and departed on the school buses. One of the highlights of each week was a Thursday assembly program, with students being exposed to the prominent and not so prominent, in an effort to broaden their horizons and to encourage them to become productive citizens. He once had the pleasure of introducing the Honorable Terry Sanford, who was the governor of North Carolina at the time. Horton High School was the first school in the county to purchase its own activity bus through the efforts of a very active PTA. The school population exceeded 1300 students before integration. After integration in 1970, Horton became a middle school. Having worked over thirty-three years in the public schools, Mr. Taylor retired in 1976. When he retired, the community rewarded his dedicated leadership of Horton High School with a three-day celebration. At the retirement celebration, "High John the Conqueror" was retired also. Many former students who represented the communities of Bynum, Farrington, Hickory Mountain, Hinton Beckwith, Apex and other surrounding townships attended the celebration.

Mr. Taylor was also dedicated to his church. He served many years as Mt. Sinai AME Church's Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher and a member of the Trustee Board. He was also instrumental in organizing annual Sunday School recreational outings for the children of the church family and community. He was extremely proud of his efforts to care and maintain the church cemetery.

After retirement, Mr. Taylor remained active in the community. He was appointed to the town board in 1976 to fill a vacancy, and was elected to a full term in 1979. After completing one full term, he declined to run for re-election, however write-in votes on his behalf nearly won him another full term.

Mr. Taylor died peacefully, after a period of declining health, in his home on September 3, 1983. Including his wife and children, he was also survived by six grandchildren: Isaiah E. Taylor, III, Christopher Dion Taylor, Milton Armand Taylor, Nicole Elizabeth Alexandria Henry, Malcolm Eugene Alexander Henry and Don Mims; and a sister, Sarah Taylor Williams, who resides in Miami, Florida. His wife, Laura, died in June 1988.



BISHOP LEACH

Bishop Leach was born in Pittsboro, North Carolina on September 17, 1924 to the late Bishop and Margaret Leach. He was married to the former Myrtle Alston and had two sons, Bernard and Jimmy.

He graduated from Horton Public School in 1940. The fact that he graduated at the top of his class and at the youthful age of 15 made his graduation quite unique.

He served in the army from 1944 to 1946, and was a proud soldier in the European Theater World War II.

After service time in the army, Bishop attended North Carolina College, which is now known as North Carolina Central University. He received a B. S. Degree in Social Studies in 1952. He accomplished this in only three years. He later pursued a Master's Degree at North Carolina Central University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His career in the Chatham County School System began as teacher at Horton High School. He taught there for 18 years before advancing to Assistant Principal at Northwood High School in 1971. He retired in 1985 after 33 years of service.

Retirement from the school system afforded him time to better serve Chatham-Lee Credit Union. The Credit Union was organized in 1956. He became Secretary-Manager in 1958 and continued that position until his "Home Going" in 1997.

Although his professional career was quite busy, Bishop found time for "extra curricular activities." For example, he helped organize the Leach Educational Fund, Inc., which is a scholarship program designed to provide financial assistance to students who desire to continue their education beyond high school. He was also a member of the Executive Board for the Leach Educational Fund. Additional civic and community involvements provided him the opportunity to serve as Vice-President and Board Member of the North Carolina Minority Support Center, which provides numerous types of assistance to Minority Credit Unions. Bishop, a respected community leader, was a member of the Town Planning Board and worked with various political and community groups. He was the proud author of Chapter 13, *The Negro* which was published in the book Chatham County 1771-1971 for the Bicentennial Celebration. In addition, he was a dedicated and loyal member of Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church and served on the Trustee Board and as a Class Leader.

FACULTY

1935 - 1970

Baldwin, Lucille	Hunt, Henry
Bowden, Sim	Jones, Wallace
Brown, Junious Douglas	Klutz, James
Bryant, Thomas	Knotts, Nettie
Bumpass, Alberta	Laws, Addie Sellars
Burnette, Delois De Vaughn	Leach, Bishop
Burton, Revelle	Leggett, Mattie
Byrd, Joe	Lightsey, Josephine Lynn
Byrd, Mrs.	Long, James
Campbell, Leo	Lunsford, Hazel White
Cotton, Mae	Marsh, Odessa Elliott
Council, Carrie	Matthews, Annie Lee Womble
Council, Estelle	McCallum, Estella
Crutchfield, Ruby	McCauley, Esther
Daniel, Edsel	McKay, Thelma Ruffin
Daniel, Virginia	McQueen, Shirley Degraffenreidt
Dark, Clara	Pittman, Marlene
Dark, Ernest	Price, Fleta Boone
Echols, Bertha Joyner	Ramsey, Salome
Elliott, Emmett	Ray, Reba, Secretary
Elliott, Helen Kennedy	Renrick, Hayden
Emerson, Marian Nettles	Richardson, Dovie
Farrar, Annie Myrtle	Rodgers, Lillie Freeman
Fikes, Ernestine	Samuels, Delois Judd
Ford, Luthenia Alston	Sanders, Naomia
Glasco, Almeta Bryant Wilkins	Siler, Hattie
Green, Charles	Siler, Thelma
Green, Hermenia Harris	Stone, Bettie
Harris, Annie Belle	Taylor, I. E., Principal
Harris, Lovie Cotton	Taylor, Ralph
Harris, Odessa A.	Thomas, Fannie Mae
Herndon, Bertha	Townsend, John Ethel
Herndon, Kathleen	Turner, Helen
Hicks, Roy	Turner, Thelma G.
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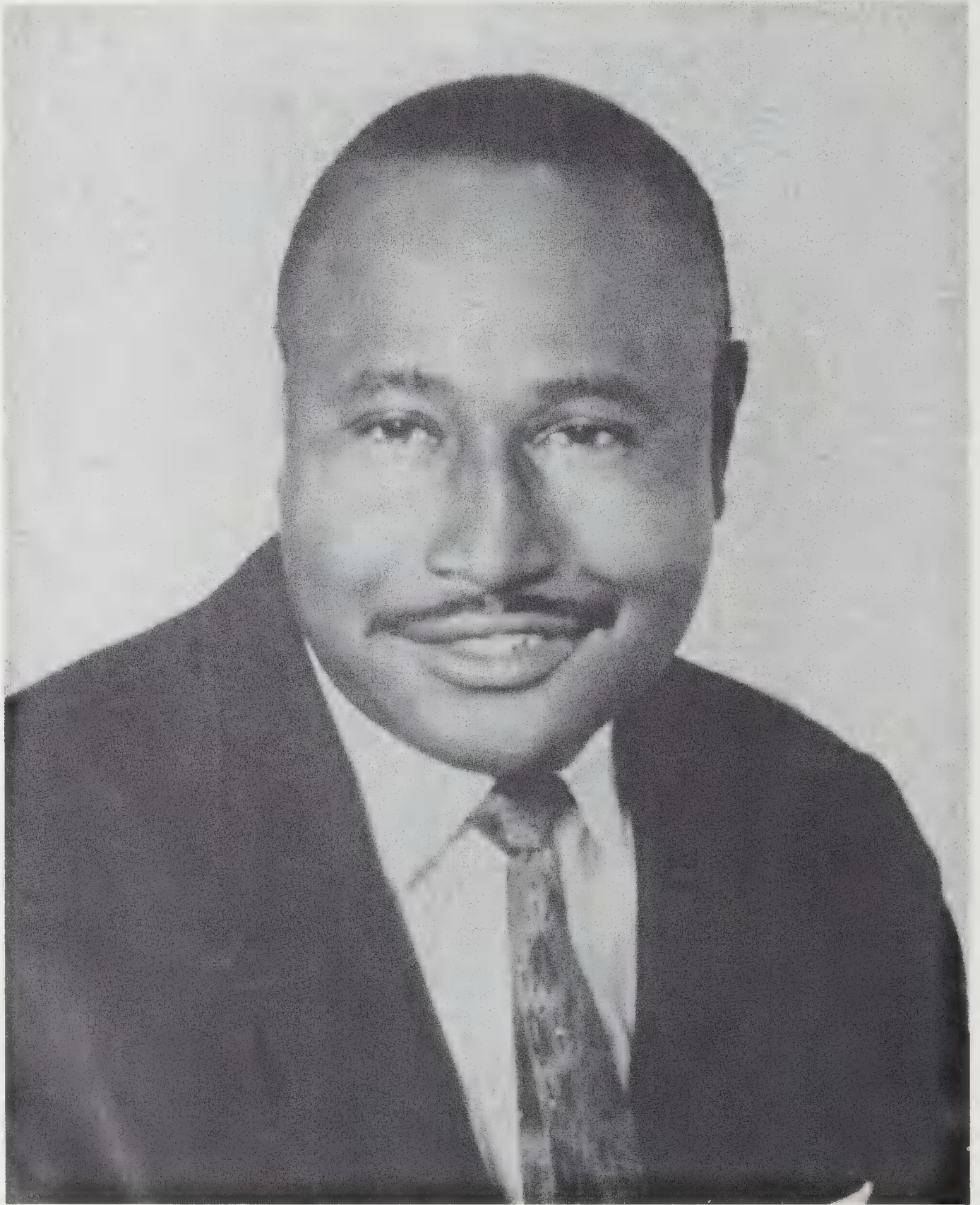


HHS FACULTY

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR OWN DEDICATED TEACHERS

We are grateful for the accomplishments that we have made in life.
We Love You All

THE HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



REFLECTIONS

Growing up as a child, I knew what I wanted to do in life - coach and teach. If you teach good fundamentals in any sport, you will get good results.

After graduating from Shaw University in 1949, I was eager to go to work. I soon had an interview with Mr. Taylor about teaching at Horton High. From the very beginning, Mr. Taylor made me feel at home.

During the interview, Mr. Taylor told me that football would be new to Horton High School. Believe it or not, I was glad to hear that. I knew that I would not have to reteach anything that may have been taught incorrectly.

Before the opening of school, we had to find uniforms for the team. I called my football coach at Shaw University and asked him to give us some old practice uniforms. He told me to come down to get the uniforms. I told Mr. Taylor the good news. He asked Mrs. O. A. Harris and Miss A. B. Harris to ride to Raleigh where we received three trunk loads of old uniforms. We were very happy to get the outfits.

Mr. Taylor assigned Mr. Dark to work with me. When school began, the first day of practice was more of getting to know the team. We issued light garments. In fact, we did not put on anything heavy for two weeks or more. We did a lot of running – trying to get in shape. To my surprise, most of the players were in fairly good shape. We did a lot of demonstrating, kicking, passing drills and lots of exercising. I did not want to run anyone off, so I made sure we had a good time. I could see early on that we were going to become a good team. Everyone was eager to learn and interested in everything we showed them. There was no playing around at all. We were serious about becoming a winning team.

We spent several hours on fundamentals before passing out the heavy stuff. When we issued the heavy stuff, we really had fun. I could see early on that there were some smart players out there. I was very pleased. It takes “smarts” to play football. I really enjoyed working with the team from day one.

I am not saying that every day was easy. Sometimes, I knew the team thought I was crazy or mad. Football isn't easy. It can be hard. We worked through the rough times, the soreness, the bumps and long period of running.

Later on some of the players told me that I was too light on them. That was what I wanted to hear. From that day on, we really started hitting. To my surprise, no one quit.

During that year, my coach from Shaw brought some of his football players down to scrimmage with us. They hit us hard and we hit hard. I was very pleased with our performance. Afterwards, my coach mailed a written report about the plays that needed extra work.

The players experienced what real football was all about and we really started getting serious about the game. We had two more practices that year. The next year we had a full schedule. The team played very well in several games, however, we were not winning. I was very pleased with our progress. I could see lots of improvement even in defeat.

The last game was the turning point for the football program at Horton High School. We played W. B. Wicker High School in Sanford. On the way to Sanford, our bus caught on fire. Many of our uniforms were burned. When we arrived in Sanford, I asked the players to have a meeting to decide who would be willing to give up parts of their uniforms in order for us to suit up enough players to play. They did just that and we defeated W. B. Wicker, 32-0. I was really proud of the team that night, first because of the unselfishness of the players who gave up their uniforms and lastly because we won the game – our first.

The next year Horton High defeated all opponents with little difficulty. We surprised many people at home and elsewhere. I regret that no records were kept of our games. However, I do know that Horton High defeated all opponents except Lincoln High School in Chapel Hill during the decade 1951 – 1960.

I really wanted to talk about a few outstanding football players. However, since I cannot talk about all the players, I decided not to talk about individual players. I am sorry fellows.

To the students of Horton High School, my former co-workers and parents, I thank you for the way you treated me. I love all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Emmitt Elliott “Chick”

THE BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mrs. Clara Dark

The Business Department was implemented and started by Mrs. Clara Dark, a former elementary teacher, who was also certified as a Business Education Teacher. Her first class was an after school program of seven students (Phyllis Cotton, Brenda Farrar, Cynthia Lassiter, Ann Leach, Willie Mae Leach, Frances Richardson and Brenda Waddell) which she volunteered her time.

She, the principal, students and faculty saw the need for a vocational department at Horton High School. Mrs. Dark visited several companies to solicit assistance with equipment. The school purchased twenty-five typewriters.

With the approval of the superintendent and the State Department for a Business Program, classes were begun. Everyone supported the program wholeheartedly. Needless to say, it was a success.

Mrs. Dark retired from 48 years of teaching. It was the second longest tenure in Chatham County History with only Virginia Cross of Siler City surpassing her with 50 years.

This book was prepared, in part, by one of her former students, Frances Richardson Nettles.

Hats off to you, Mrs. Dark, for a job well done!!

1949 – 1999



Mrs. Marian Nettles Emerson, a dedicated mother, educator, and friend.

Congratulations, Mother and Grandmother for having been blessed to celebrate your fiftieth class anniversary from Horton High School

We applaud you for your dedication to education, for completing forty years in the classroom, nurturing, loving, and caring for the children who passed your way in the Chatham County School System. May your retirement continue to be enjoyable.

Most of all, we are happy that God chose you to be our mother and grandmother. We love you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God continue to keep you in His care.

Lovingly we will remain,

Your daughters and granddaughters –

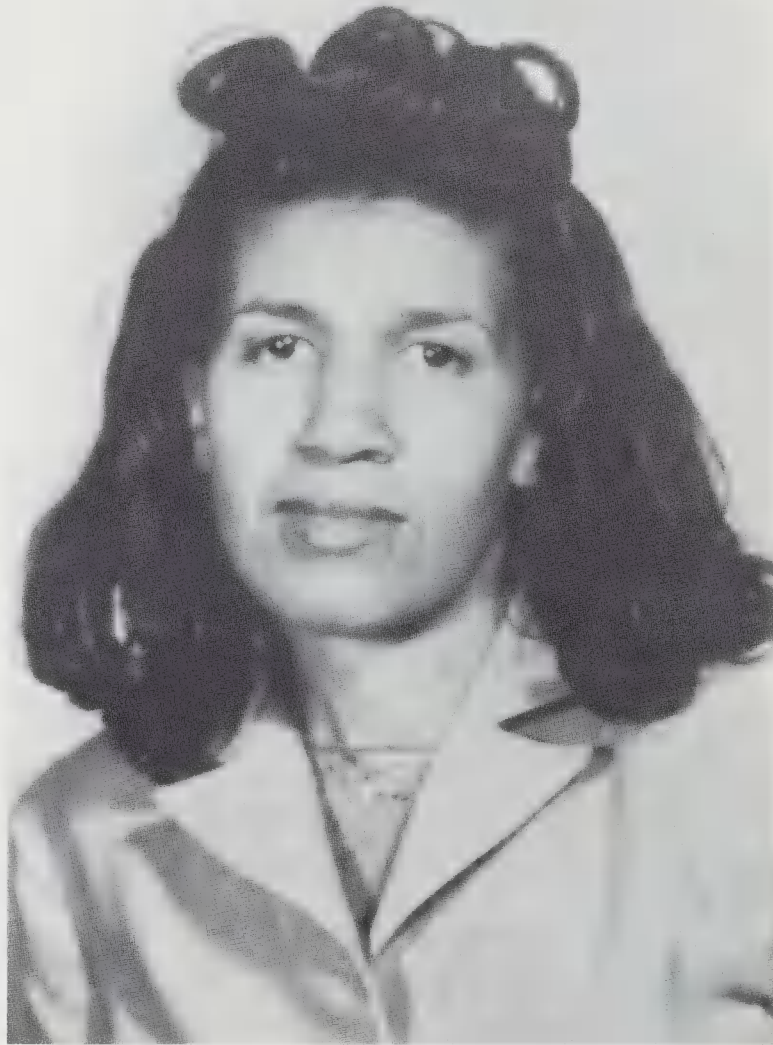
Melanie Emerson Sanders

Angrid Emerson Myles

Jillian Armayne Sanders

Morgan Marguetta Myles

OTHER DEDICATED FACULTY



Mrs. Thelma Turner
Taught Home Economics at Horton High School
from 1942 - 1954 a period of eight years.

J. Wallace Jones

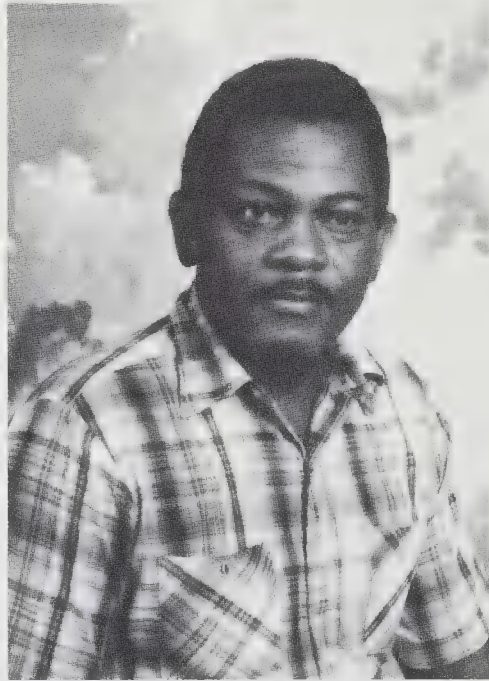


I served in the Chatham County School system from 1951 to 1988, a total of 37 years.

I spent 32 years at Horton High School. Within that time, I was assistant football coach to Mr. Elliott, and five (5) years at Chatham Central High School. I spent 25 years in the classroom and 12 years as a principal at Horton Middle School. Those 25 years in the classroom were the best of years. I truly enjoyed teaching.

Many thanks to Chatham County for allowing me to spend all of those years in my home county.

LEO CAMPBELL



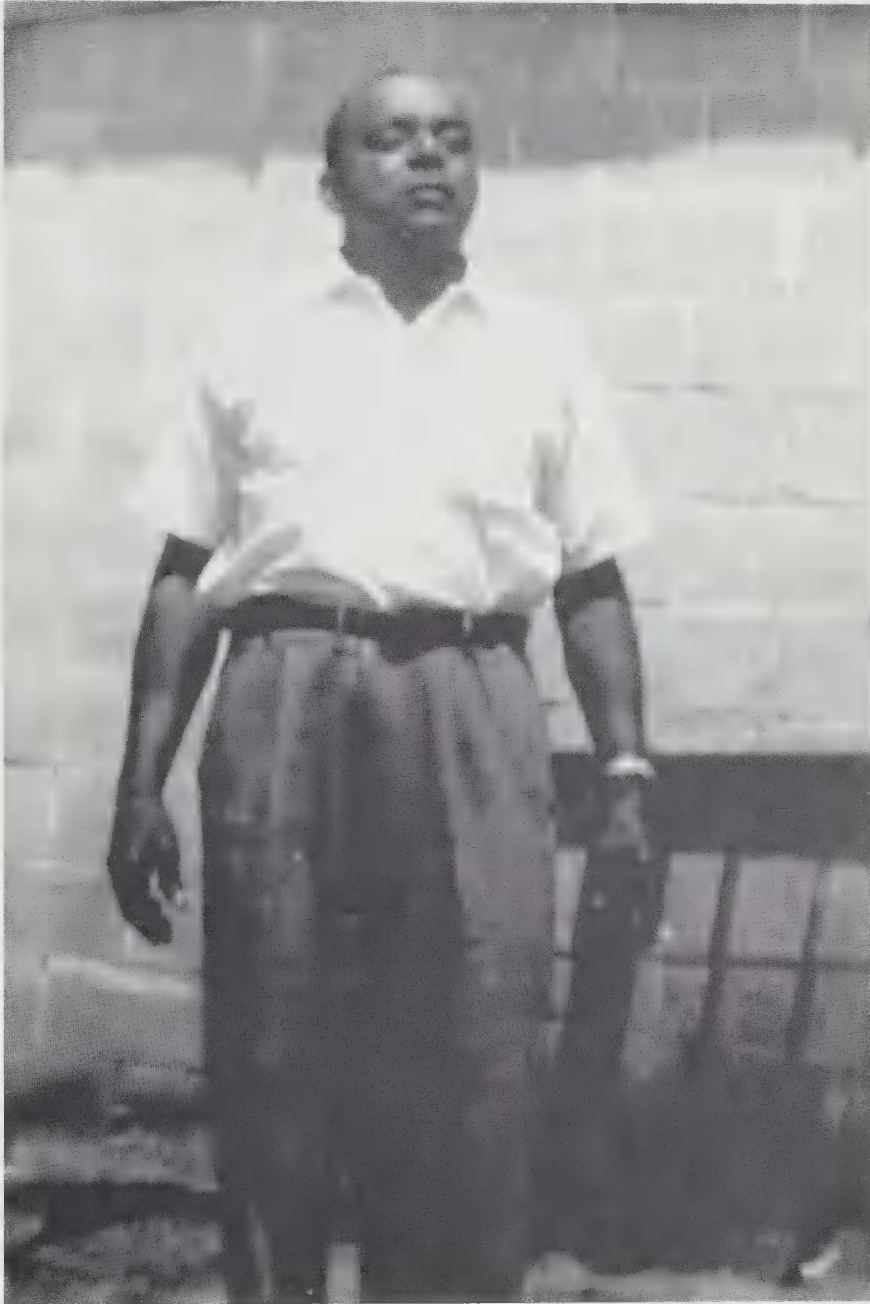
My Year in Chatham County beginning at Horton School

I began my teaching career at Horton School as an educator of 8th grade students. At that time grades were not departmentalized at the elementary level. Consequently, teachers taught all courses. There my duties included teaching as well as assisting with football and basketball. Later I was named to lead the basketball program.

In 1969 children were given the "Freedom of Choice" plan to attend school wherever they chose. The plan was rejected and in 1969 all children were forced to come together.

In 1969 I was moved to Northwest, a new high school constructed to bring the high school students together. At the beginning of my 19th year I was moved to J.S. Waters school where I taught Special Education courses for 4 years. My time was spent between J.S. Waters and Chatham Central Schools.

Later I was placed permanently at Chatham Central High School where I retired after 33 years as an educator.



Mr. James "Bo" Perry

Mr. Perry and the Horton High School Bus Drivers were dedicated to the safety of the children.

OLD SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DAYS

Alston, Arthur	Davis, Rosa
Alston, Dewitt	Davis, Shirley Dowdy
Alston, George	Dillard, Geneva Alston
Alston, Harvey	Dowdy, Ronnell
Alston, Jerry	Ellerby, Gwendolyn Richardson
Alston, Joe, Jr.	Elliott, Judy Dowdy
Alston, John Henry	Farrar, George Clinton
Alston, Lennon	Farrar, Stella Richardson
Alston, Pearl, Jr.	Fearrington, Clarence Ray
Alston, V.G.	Fearrington, Eunice
Atwater, William Thomas	Goins, L.C.
Baldwin, Robert	Goins, Paul
Baldwin, Rosa	Gray, Burnice
Baldwin, Thomas Earl	Gunter, Carolyn
Bland, Barbara Sue	Hackney, Edith Moore
Bland, Bobby	Hadley, Edward
Bland, Jackie	Hall, Maxine Laster
Bland, John Henry	Harris, Shirley Murray
Bland, Thomas Ross	Hatley, Arthur Ray
Brooks, Billie Jean	Hatley, Elbert
Brooks, Jerry	Hatley, Gene
Bryant, Carl	Headen, Coy
Bryant, Ward	Headen, Delaine
Burnett, Raymond	Headen, Jr., Walter
Bynum, Clarence	Headen, Mary
Bynum, Cornell	Headen, Mary Frances Brooks
Bynum, Margaret Bynum	Headen, Raymond
Cameron, Phyllis Perry	Hedgepeth, Carolyn Fearrington
Celmons, Edward	Henry, Martha Taylor
Clemons, Ronnie	Herndon, Leon
Cotton, John	Herndon, M.H.
Cotton, Linda	Hooker, Claude
Cotton, Phyllis	Horton, Brenda Hill
Cotton, Willard	Horton, Floyd
Dark, E.H.	Horton, Jim
Dark, George	Horton, Leon
Dark, Jimmy	Horton, Robert Louis
Dark, John	Horton, Tommy

OLD SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DAYS

Johnson, Lossell	Ragland, Joe
Judd, George	Ragland, Lewis
Keith, Ed	Ramsey, Gene
Kirby, Franklin	Richardson, Harold
Kirby, Jr., Oscar	Richardson, Henry Gordon
Lassiter, Lewis	Riggsbee, Evelyn Williams
Lassiter, Raymond	Roberson, Earl
Lassiter, Sr., Avon	Rountree, Frankie
Lassiter, Sr., William Cecil	Sellars, Basel, Jr.
Laster, Edward	Seymour, Clyde
Laster, Ira	Seymour, Curlie
Laster, Majorie	Seymour, James
Leach, Thomas	Smith, Cathy Taylor
Leake, Norman	Smith, Derry, Jr.
Lee, Herman	Smith, Willie Earl
Lee, Norris	Stone, Frankie
Lee, Tyrone	Stone, Joe
Lee, Wallace	Stone, Robert
Lynn, Fred	Stroud, Charles
Lynn, John P.	Stroud, Leander
Marsh, Vincent	Stroud, Otis
Massey, Homer	Swann, Brenda Toomer
McQuillan, Shad	Taylor, Burnice
Moore, Allen	Taylor, Harold
Nettles, Augustus	Taylor, Isaiah, Jr.
Nettles, Clinton	Taylor, Richard
Nettles, Frances Richardson	Thomas, Baxter
Nettles, Herman	Thomas, Carolyn
Nettles, Jessie	Thomas, Johnny
Nixon, Alford	Thomas, Kelly
Nunn, Delois Headen	Thomas, Larry
Nunn, Maurice	Thomas, Oliver
Page, Alvis	Watson, George
Parker, Bobby	Williams, Clyde
Parker, Ernest	Williams, Roosevelt, Jr.
Patterson, John C.	Willington, Kenneth
Perry, Bud	Wilson, Leon
Perry, Jimmy	

MRS. EDNA JOHNSON NETTLES
A dedicated Nutritional Conscious Heroine



Mrs. Edna Johnson Nettles was the first officially selected manager of Horton High School's Cafeteria.

Mrs. Nettles' cafeteria assignment began in September of 1950. Her tenure as cafeteria manager continued until her health failed in 1956.

She thoroughly enjoyed planning nutritional meals for everyone who passed through the lunch lines during this time.

Mrs. Thelma G. Turner, Home Economics Instructor served as her mentor.

During the summers she attended nutritional workshops at A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, in order, to heighten her skills as a nutritionist.

The students and staff of whom she dearly loved affectionately called her "Miss Edna".

During her tenure, the staff included the following loyal and dedicated ladies: Mrs. Rena Phillips Bland, Mrs. Alene Headen Brooks, Mrs. Moleta Kirby Freeman, Mrs. Mary "Polly" Alston Headen, Mrs. Margaret Reaves Leach, Mrs. Joyce Hadley McKissick, Mrs. Sadie Horton Pattisall, Mrs. Laura Lee Taylor.

MRS. LAURA ELIZABETH LEE TAYLOR



Affectionately known as “Babe” by her family and friends, and “Laura” only by her husband and Aunt Katie, Laura Elizabeth Lee Taylor was born to Richard and Lucy Dowd Lee on November 16, 1919, in Chatham County. Laura had two younger siblings, George Richard Lee and Patience Doretha Geroski, both of are now deceased. The oldest of three children, her father, having been the first born of the union of Richard and Lucy Lee lovingly called her “Son”. She attended Horton School in Pittsboro, graduating in 1937, when the school’s highest grade was eleventh. In January of 1938, Laura married Isaiah Eugene Taylor. To this union were born four children: Isaiah Jr. (1938), Richard Edward (1942), Phyllis Ann (1943) and Martha Patience (1944).

After all of her children began public school, Laura worked at various jobs in the Pittsboro. She sat with the elderly, housecleaned, performed dry cleaning, washed and ironed to help supplement her husband’s salary. She eventually began supporting her husband’s school lunch program by working as a substitute in Horton School’s cafeteria. Laura was soon elevated to the position of school cafeteria manager. Because Laura loved to cook and see people eat well, she operated the school cafeteria that was second to none in Chatham County. Superintendents of the school system visited the school’s cafeteria just to eat her famous yeast rolls. Former students can attest to their popularity as they recall the pans of extra rolls placed on the counter, free for the taking. Former teachers can also remember teacher workdays when they were treated to special lunches compliments of the school administration and cafeteria workers. For medical reasons, Laura retired from the school’s cafeteria in 1968.

After retiring, Laura continued to serve her family, community, and her church with her excellent cooking skills and her ability to grow state-of-the-art vegetable gardens. Both she and her husband planted enough vegetables to supply a neighborhood. And each year, she filled two large freezers with bounty from the gardens to give to family and friends. She and her husband enjoyed dispensing the frozen peas, corns, okra, and limas, etc. to family and friends as much as they enjoyed seeing them grow! Laura was also an expert cake maker! Her famous cold oven pound cake was a hit with everyone who tasted it. She and her good friend and cousin, Florence Bland, perfected the cake recipe. She tried selling her cakes (pineapple, black walnut, pound chocolate, caramel), but did not profit from the venture because should would only charge \$5.00 for the cakes.

Laura loved her church and was one of its most faithful supporters. For many years, she taught the Beginner’s Sunday school Class at Mt. Sinai AME Church. For several years, she helped organize the feeding of workers who annually cleaned the church’s cemetery. She kept children around her all of the time. In fact, Bennie Bland, a cousin moved in with her when he returned to Pittsboro from serving in the US Marines. Those who knew her will remember her fondly as “Miss Babe.” Laura died on June 8, 1988 at NC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

MRS. ALEAN HEADEN BROOKS



Lunch Room Supervisor
1956- 1967

Staff Members

Ms. Sadie Horton

Ms. Laura Taylor

Ms. Mamie Lynn

Ms. Joyce Hadley

Ms. Polly Alston

Ms. Rena Bland

Ms. Molita Waddell

• Ms. Etta Mae Alston

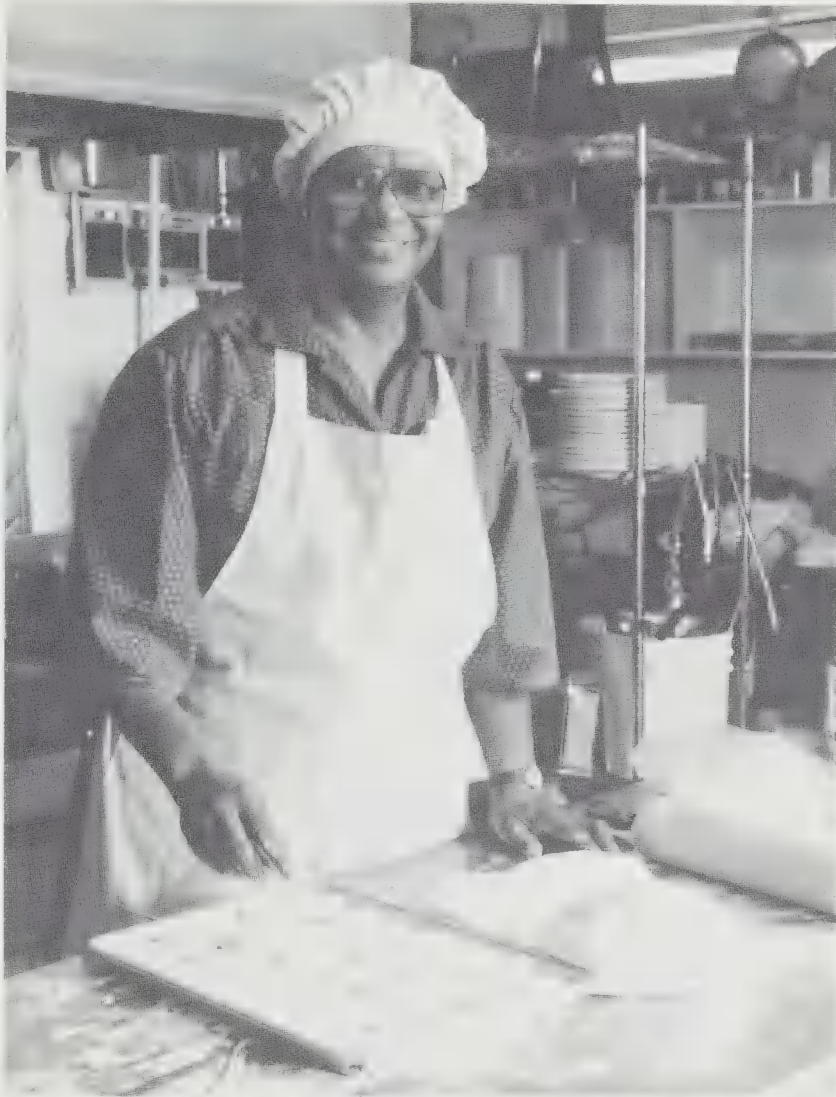
Ms. Elizabeth Alston

Ms. Mamie Brewer

Ms. Verna Mae Bland

Ms. Mary Lois Chalmers

MRS. MILDRED COTTON COUNCIL



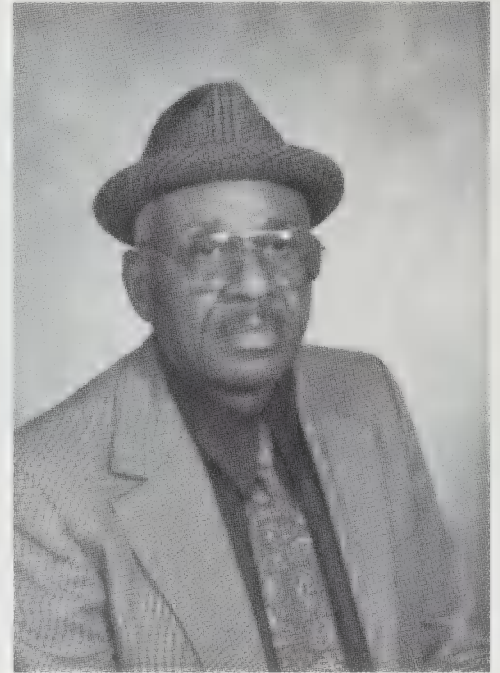
Mildred Cotton Council, a graduate of 1948 is better known as “Mama DIP” of Dips Country Kitchen, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Mildred had an enjoyable working experience at Horton High School. She was one of the ladies to be chosen to work in the new lunchroom by one of the staff members, Ms. Lunette Lambert. Mildred recalls the menu, which consisted of stew beef, spinach, potatoes, lemon pie and iced tea. During that time, she realized that she would like to own a restaurant.

According to Mildred, after 50 years, “My restaurant will always prepare those five items which was the first meal that was served to the administrative staff of Horton High School.

OTHER DEDICATED THUNDERBOLTS!



Henry Jackson Bland
(Jack)



Fulton Headen

Mr. Jake Bland began his career at Horton High in 1944. He worked independently until his health began to fail him in 1948.

Henry (Jack) began his janitorial career in 1949. This endeavor began as a substitute position. His father, Jake Bland, held this position until he became ill. So, being the dutiful son that he was, he began substituting for his father. Sadly, Henry's father died that year and he was awarded the position. Henry or "Jack" as he was known maintained the original high school building independently. Other employees later hired, Ms. Lorene Harrington, Ms. Bertha Burton, Ms. Ceil Alston, Ms. Annie Pugh and Mr. Fulton Headen, performed their duties diligently and joyfully. They took great pride in Horton High School.

Fulton Headen, a graduate of Horton High School, worked as custodian after serving in the United States Army. Fulton is a friendly and pleasant gentleman who enjoys people. His job as custodian was one of the many ways that he displayed his respect and humanitarian concern for mankind. He worked diligently from 1953 – 1970 to improve and maintain an acceptable environment at Horton High School. He was greatly appreciated!

CLASSES



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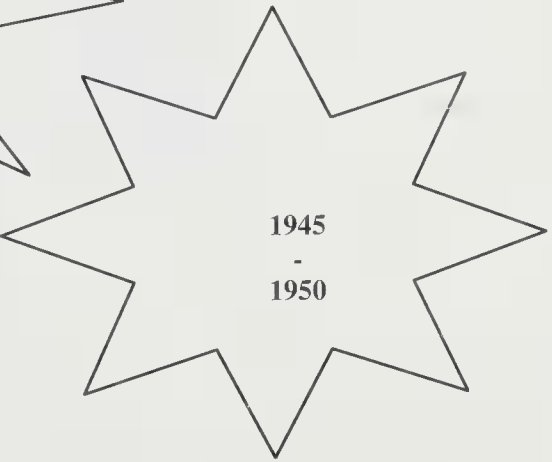
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1945



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1955



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1960
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1965

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MRS. MABLE TAYLOR COBLE



Mrs. Coble is a native of Pittsboro and a graduate of the first class of Horton High School in 1935. She is the daughter of the late Mr. June and Mrs. Georgia Richardson Taylor. She attends Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church, along with her family. She is a former member of the church choir and the Usher Board.

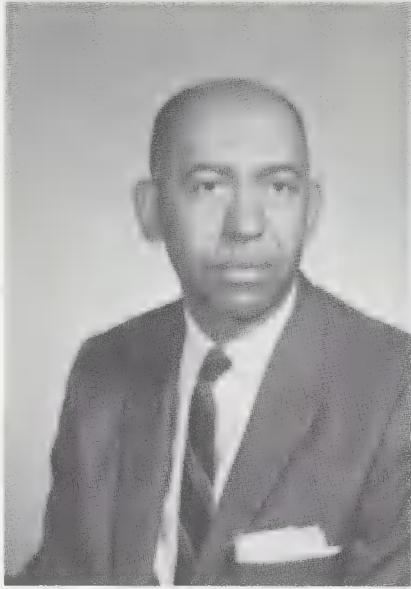
There were no buses during her years in school, she had to walk three miles twice a day.

Mr. Benjamin J. Lee was school principal at that time. Her classmates say, Mable was a very quiet and loving person who was determined to get her education.

Congratulations and Best Wishes,

Horton High School Alumni Association

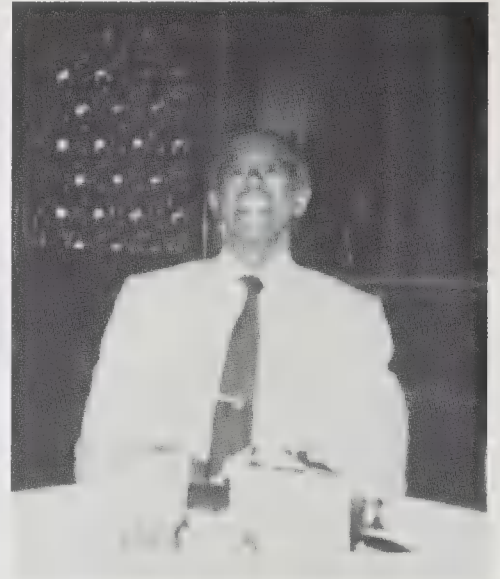
CLASSES OF 1935 AND 1936



Ernest Ramsey



Joanna Leach



Thomas Leach



Martha Elizabeth Lee



Fred Lee

CLASS OF 1937



Luthenia Craig Alston

Nora Lee Alston

Sarah Alma Alston

Nancy Aline Burnett

Ruth Hazel Burnett

Nathaniel Lea Bryan

Nellie Grace Bynum

Annie Ruth Cross

George William Small

Minnie Gladys Ellis

Earnest Lee Holland

John Daniel Holland

Annie Alberta Leach

Laura Elizabeth Lee

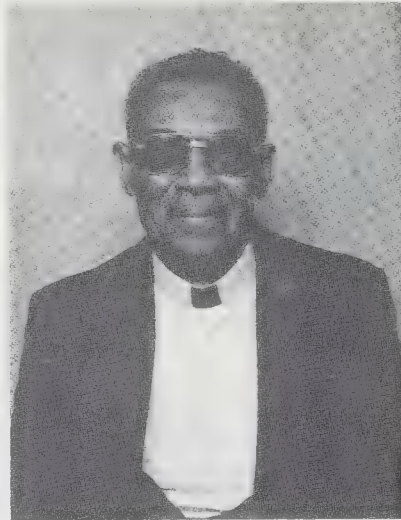
Maude Emily Lee

Fidelia Juanita Parnell

Mary Elizabeth Scurlock

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CLASS OF 1938



Advisors

Benjamin Lee-Principal
I.E. Taylor-Teacher
Mary Catherine Caldwell-Teacher

Class Officers

Lucy Ridley-President
Bunlee Brunette-Vice President
Louise Cross-Secretary
Mary Burnette-Treasurer

Classmates

Nellie Baldwin
Peter Bell*
Rufus Brunette
Mary Burnette
Bonlee Burnette
Elizabeth Burnette
Bernice Burnette
Bland Baldwin
Roy Leach
Irene Horton
Dolley Headen
Edward Foxx
Katie Mae Lee
Annie Tyson
Viola Womble
Lucy J. Ridley
Madjie Lee Farrar
Louise Cross
Jurdie Mae Ellis
Julian C. Lee

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1939



*

Laburn Austin
Alma Thompson Bland
Julia Compton
Ernest Dark
Myrtle H. Dorsett
Florence G. Dowdy
Annie Louise Edwards
Edward Foxx
Foye C. Honeycutt
Edna Riddley*
Callie Stroud
Marie Sellars Williams

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1940

Joe Alston

Sally Alston

Edgar Bland

Carrie Boone

Erma Brooks

Theodore Bryant

Lucille Burnett

Louise Burnett

M. H. Headen

Arron Hopkins

Charlie Horton

Clifton Lasater

James Lasater

Bishop Leach

Pearl Leach

Earl Lee

George Lee

Patience Lee

Thomas Lee

Oliver Lynn

Ethelene Pattisall

L. D. Pattisall

Perry Ramsey

Camilla Scurlock

Margie Scurlock

Bertha Taylor

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1941



Motto: Launched But Not Anchored

Gertrude Florence Bryant

Clara Lee Burnett

Simm Wilson Cotton

Mary Ann Crump

Mamie Louise Dowdy

George Franklin Evans

Louise Grace Glover

Maybell Virginia Harris

Beth Lee Hedgepath

Madison Henry Herndon

Mary Louise Hill

Clifton Daniel Lasater

Lorene Furtha Lasater

Grace Lucille Lee

Inez Carrena Lee

Myrtle Elvira Lee

Thelma Jeanette Lee

Vallie Eloise Massey

Annie Burnette Perry

Clara Elizabeth Ramsey

Mattie Slade

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1942

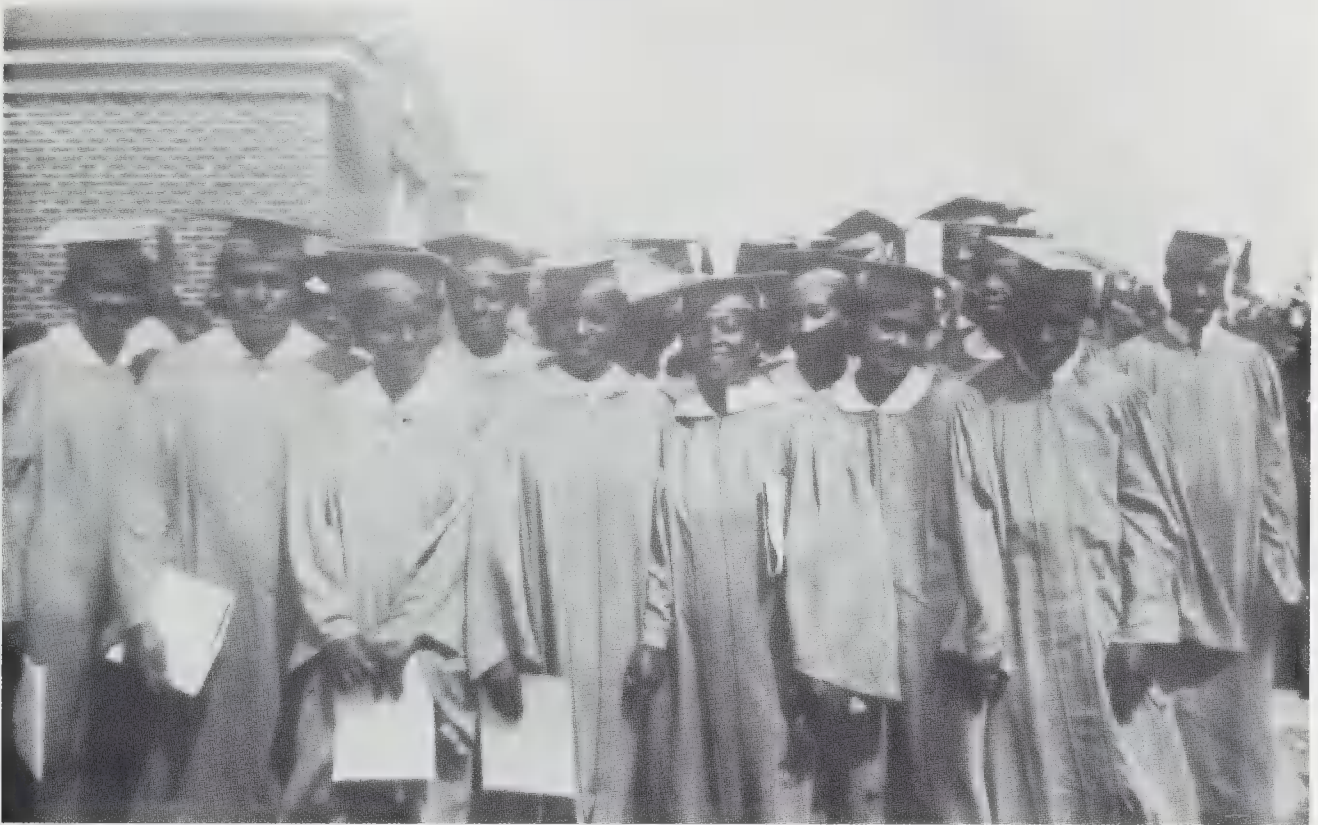


Hazel Fearington
Mildred Horton
Margaret DeGraffenreidt
Elizabeth Durham
Myrtle Lassiter
Ruth Waddell
Warren Thomas
Minnie Mae Alston
Tommy Horton

Johnny Atwater
Frank Atwater
Laura Perry
Minnie Fikes
Charlotte Harris
Evelyn Baldwin
Marie Melvinton
Clifton Stone
Coperry Farrar
Charles Farrington

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1943



Evelyn Council
Percy Junior Fearington
Tommie Robertson Horton
DeLois Elizabeth Judd
Margie Lee Judge
Gurtha Lorene Laster
Myrtle Louise Laster
Grace Lynn
Viola Lynn
Annie Ruth Massey

Elna Scurlock
Nettie Rebecca Sellars
Lou Alice Snipes
Annie Bettie Stone
Clifton Isaiah Stone
Mamie Rebecca Thomas
Warren George Thomas
Hattie Mae Wombles
Jessie Ross Wombles
Julia Lee Wombles

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CLASS OF 1944

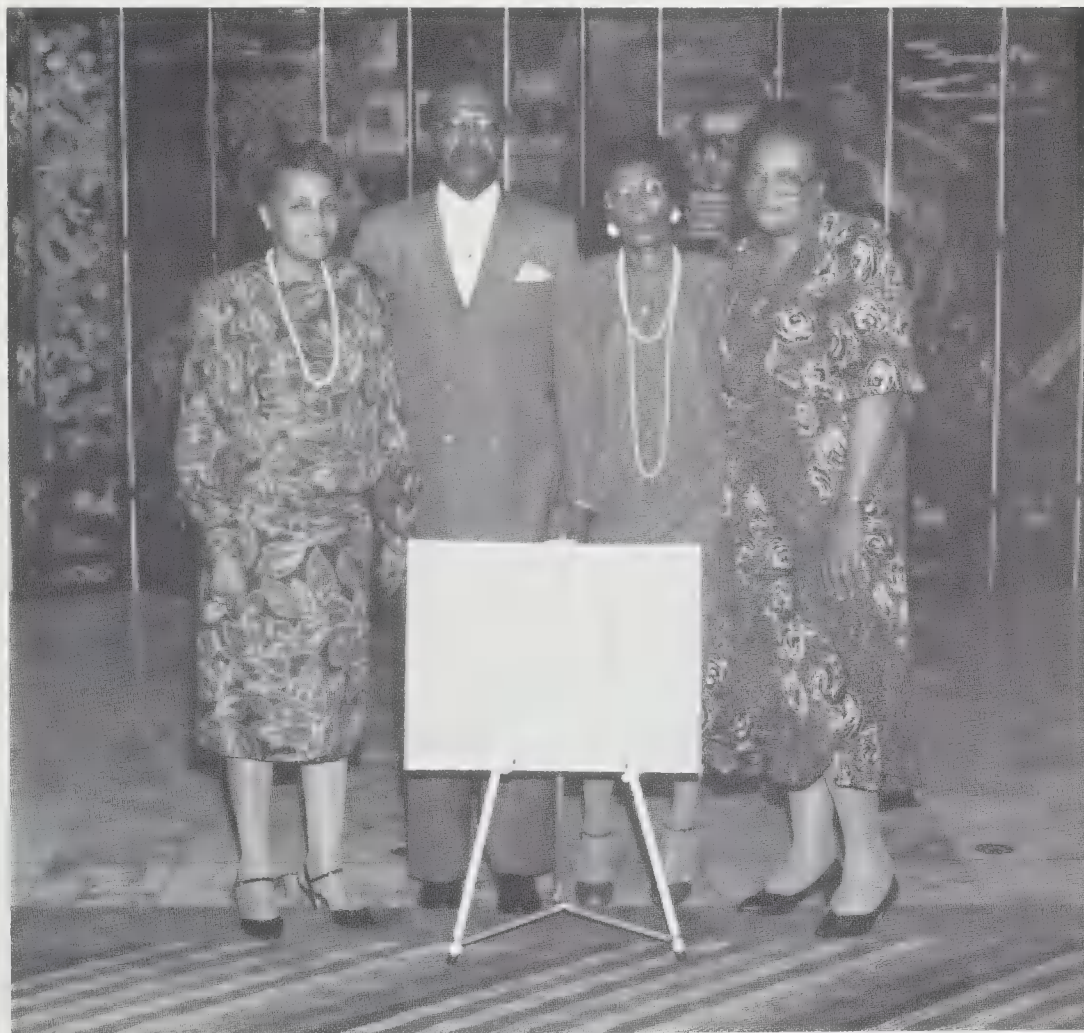


Ruth Alston
Henry J. Bland
Elma Brooks
Anniel B. Burnette
Grizell Farrington
John T. Farrington
Percy Farrington
Lois Farrow
Lillian Holland
Doris Horton
Willie Holland
John W. Horton

Bernice Lee
P. C. Lewter
Annie R. Massey
L.D. Pattisall
Ruby B. Philyaw
Alphonza Riggsbee
Henrietta Scurlock
Lillie B. Turner
Effie H. Thomas
George Thomas
Hettie Womble
Lillian D. Yarborough

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1945



Barbara Odessa Battle
Carrie Louise Britt
Caroll Burnett
Dorothy Leo Burnett
Bertha Farvah Burton
Addie Cross
Caesar Cross
Freddie Caldwell
Mildred Rebecca Douglas
Charles Burnette Farrington
Cora Lee Farrington

Bettye Mae Hicks
Mildred Judd
Willie Gilford Laster
Myrtle Alston Leach
Audrey Lee
Ivory Levander Lee
Sophia Bland Lynn
Issac Eugene Moore
Rita Thomas Richardson
Eugene Small
Bettye Cooper Waddell

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

DEDICATED

TO

THE

CLASS OF 1946

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1947

Annie Lee Alston

Georgia Belle Alston

Macie Gray Alston

James Garland Alston

Lula Elizabeth Bynum

Beatrice De Graffenreidt

Fred Dowdy, Jr.

Annie Margaret Farrar

Pearl Lee Holland

Ollie Ruth McQuillar

George Moses

Carrie Lee Patterson

Annie Mae Riggsbee

Claudia Mae Rogers

Martha Pearl Russell

Irene Velma Snipes

Billy Thompson

Sarah Evelyn Turk

Harold Williams

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1948



Juanita B. Bain
Alean Brooks
Lenon Brooks
Irene Brown
Harvey Bryant
Lucy Farrington
Alford Goldston
Henrietta Judd

Lincoln Lee
Betsy Scurlock
Daniel B. Scurlock
Christine R. Trice
Robert Toomer
Samuel Toomer
Helen M. Williams
Matthew Womble



THE "1949" GRADUATING CLASS
"One Step At A Time, But Always Forward"



We the undersigned members of this great class are happy to be celebrating our Golden Anniversary, during this "Reunion of the Classes". "Thanks Be to God!"

We congratulate the Year Book Staff for a job well done in assembling this masterpiece of Horton High School Memories.

Lovingly Submitted,

Mattie Alston Bryant
William "Boe" Cotton
Rosa Johnson Goins
Bernice Taylor Siler

Jennie Burnett Chavis
Marion Nettles Emerson
Loraine Crutchfield Ratliff

Marie Turk Coates
Estelle Patterson Goines
Frinco Scurlock Reaves

TIDBITS OF THE PAST FOR THE "1949" GRADUATES

CLASS COLOR

Pink and Blue

CLASS FLOWER

Pink Carnation

PROM NIGHT

April 22, 1949

GRADUATION DATE

June 8, 1949



CLASS ADVISOR: Mrs. Lovie C. Harris

CLASS OFFICERS: Stafford Battle, President; Thomas Leo Fikes, Vice-President; William Hinton Cotton, Secretary; Marian Helen Nettles, Assistant Secretary; Mary Patsy Watson, Treasurer

CLASS ROSTER

Frances Alston
Mattie Mae Alston
Stafford Battle
Lou Pearl Burnett
Jennie Myrtle Burnett
Bertha Mae Bynum
Clarence "Snook" Bynum
John Adolphus Clark
William Hinton Cotton
Lizzie Loraine Crutchfield

Joseph Wade DeGraffenreidt
Thomas Leo Fikes
Arthur Ray Hadley
Rosa Lee Johnson
Edward Key
James Lee
Cora Lottie McQuillar
Marian Helen Nettles
Estelle Patterson
Frances Rodgers

Frinco Lucille Scurlock
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Robert Toomer
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Mary Patsy Watson
Ruby Lee Womble

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1950



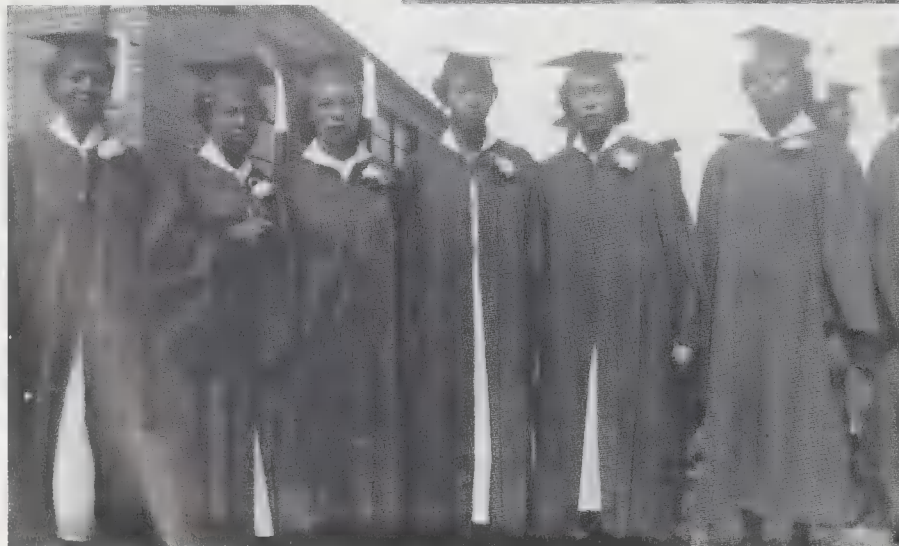
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CLASS OF 1951



HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1952

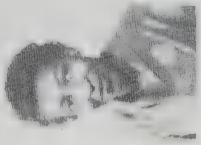


HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1953





Bertha L. Alston



Catherine Alston



Geneva Baldwin



Shirley M. Bland



Helen L. Brown



Georgia Brown



Karl Bryant



Addie J. Burnett



Mr. Isaiah Taylor
Principal

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

Class of '54

Pittsboro, N.C.



Miss L. C. Alston
Class Adviser



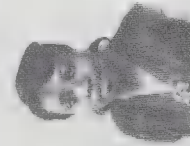
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Rosa J. Fynum



Thomas Clark



Ava Lee Fikes



Camp Horton



Willie J. Johnson



Mattie Leach



Samuel Lassiter



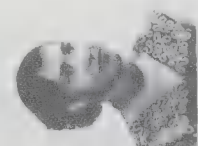
Maxine Laster



Walter Pattison



William C. Pettiford



Elizabeth Powell



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Catherine Scurlock



DeAlbert Shee



Charles A. Stronard



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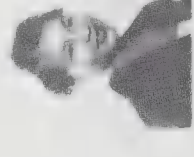
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NELSON LINNHARD



ROBERTA DAVIS



CONSTANCE MANN



BARBARA SENTER



SELMA HINKEL



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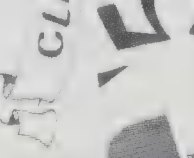
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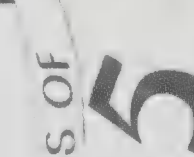
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E. J. BAKER



E. DRAKE



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MARLEY MOORE



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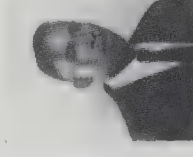
SHELMA NETTLES



MARY JUSTICE



DORA PETTARD



AHMAD BINWELL



HAZEL STONE



ORBI STARN



GARRY TAYLOR



DORA TAYLOR

THE BRON High School

CLASS OF '55

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1956



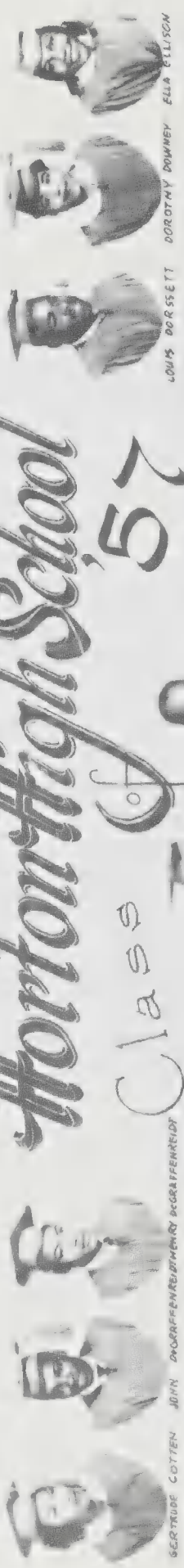
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Front row, kneeling (left): Leon Harrington, Wilbert Riggsbee, Walter Headen, George Watson, Raymond Headen, Robert Revels, Gene Ramsey, Avon Lassiter, Rudolph Stone, Louis Lassiter

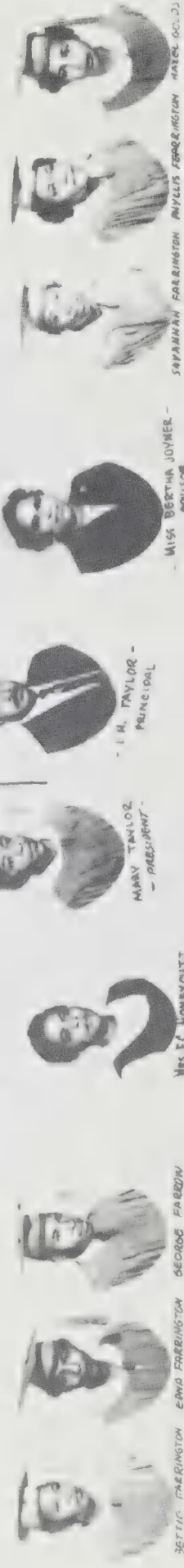
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Class '57



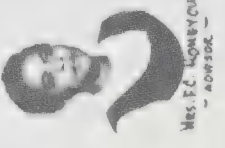
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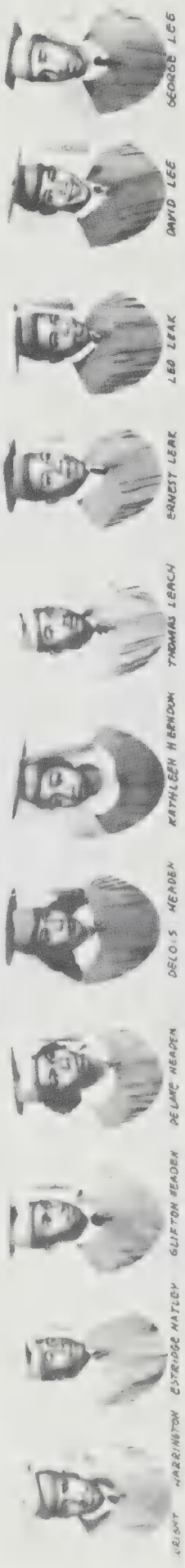
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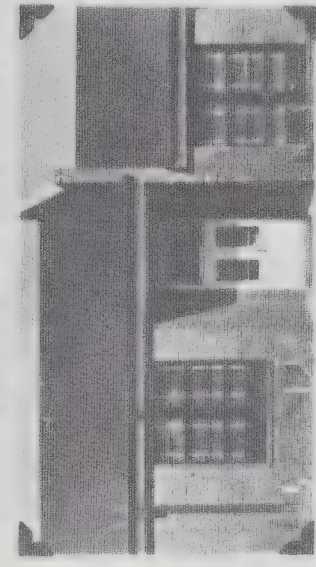
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GRADUATING CLASS OF
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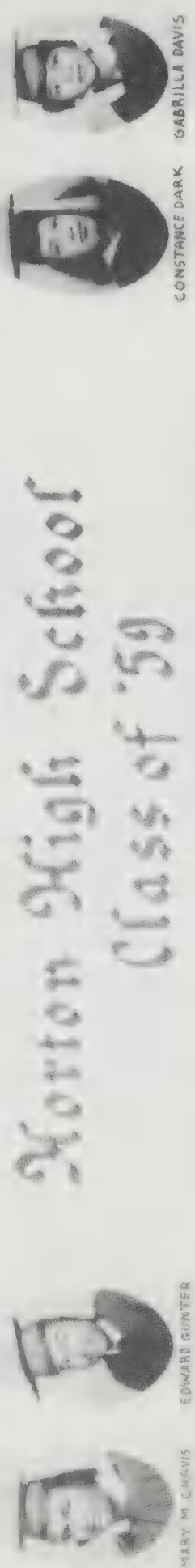
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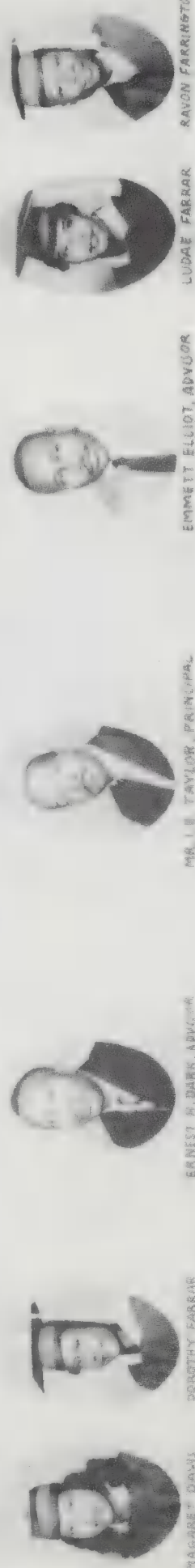
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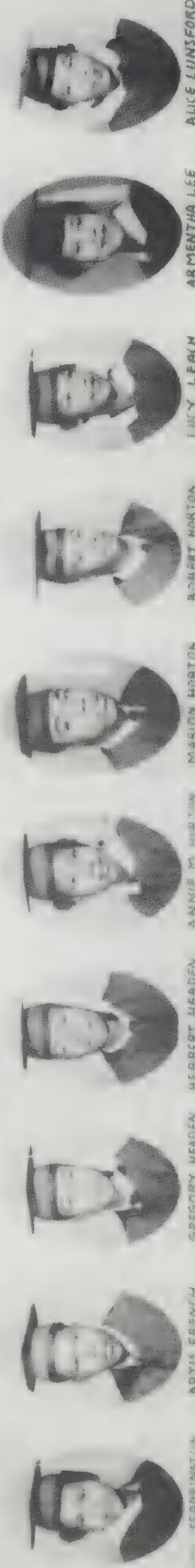
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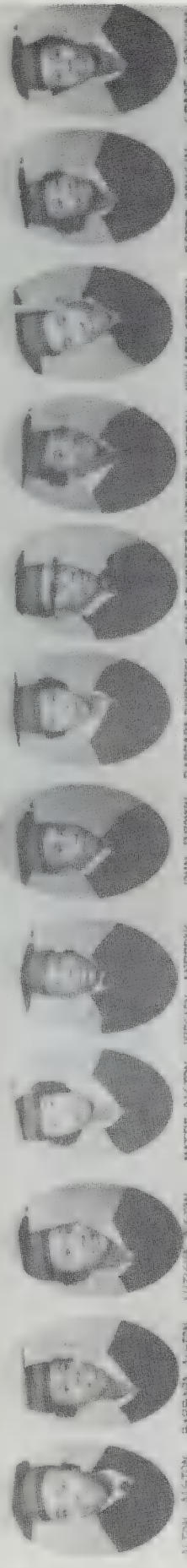
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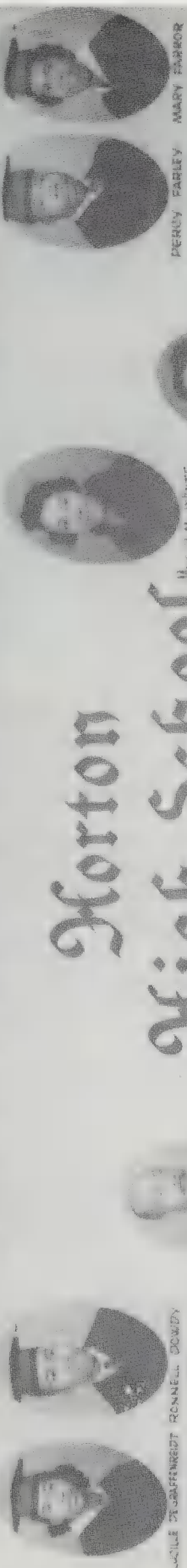
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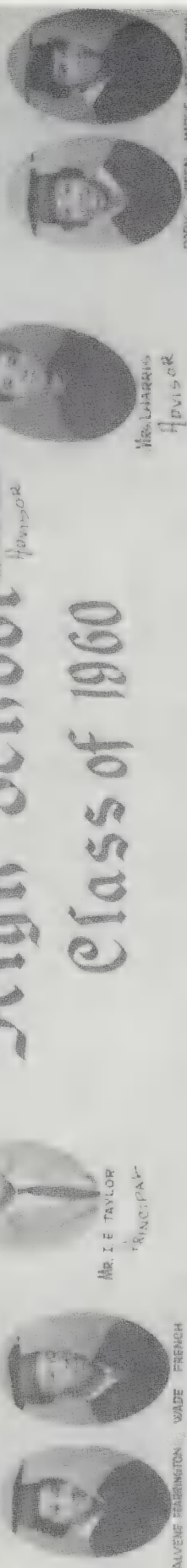
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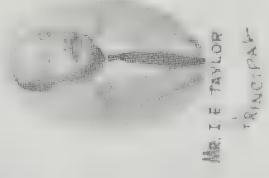


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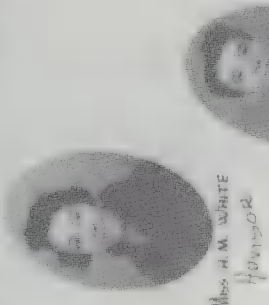


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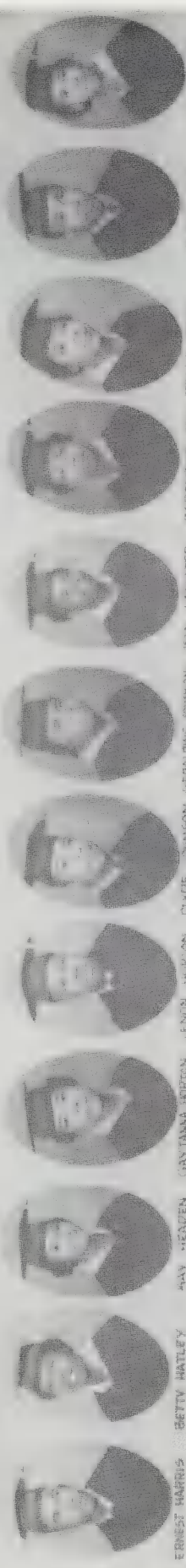
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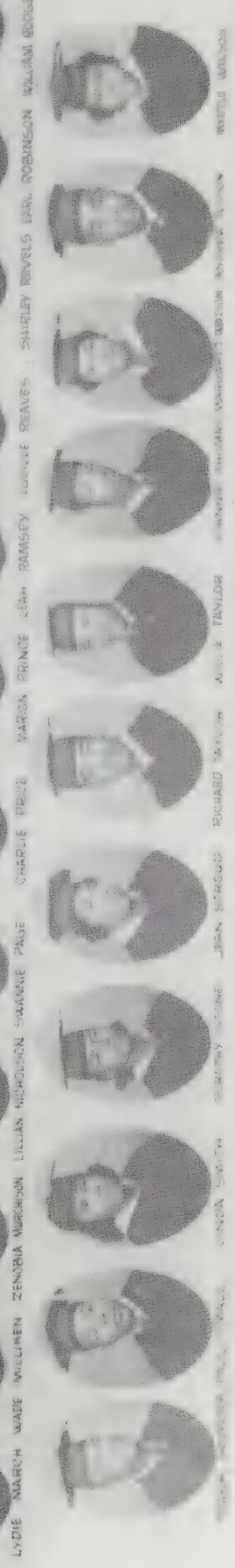
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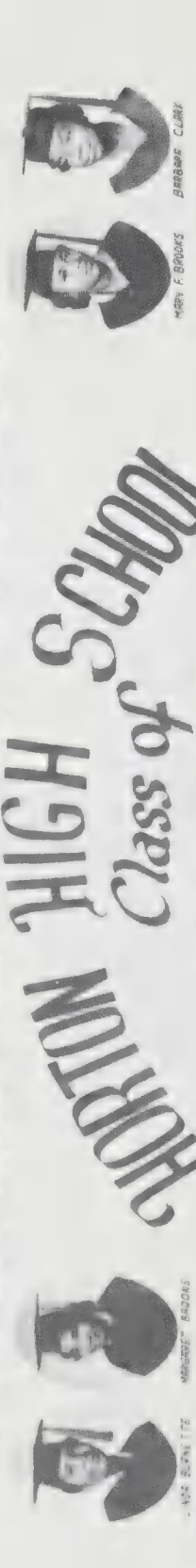
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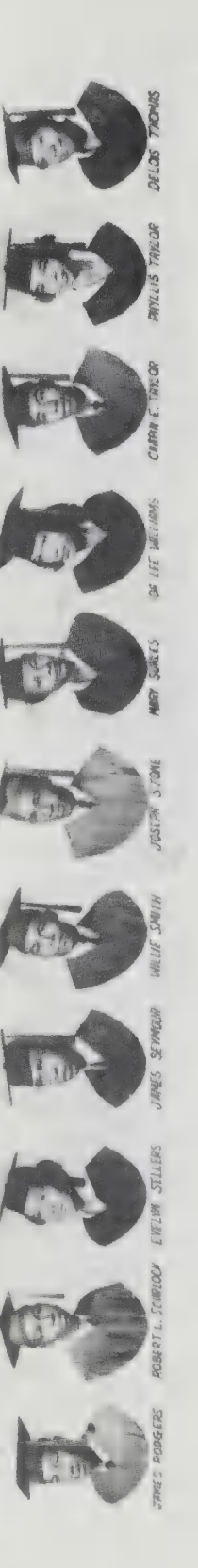
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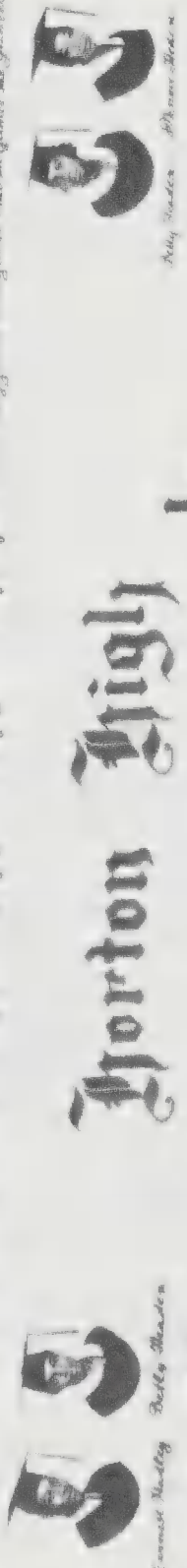
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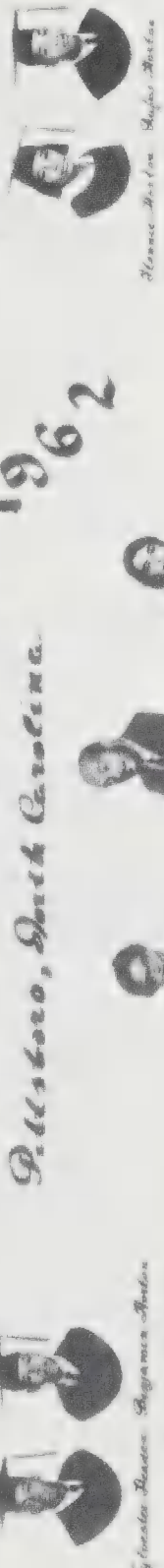
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1962



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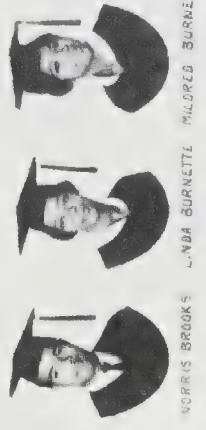
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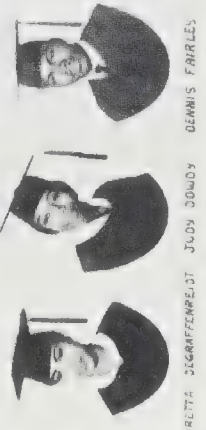
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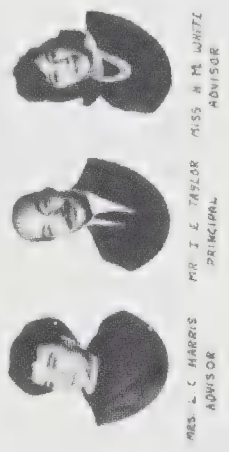
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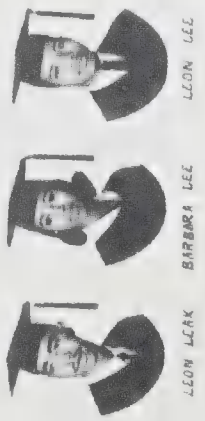
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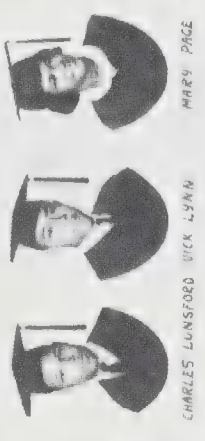
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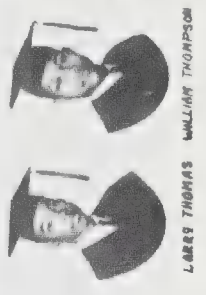
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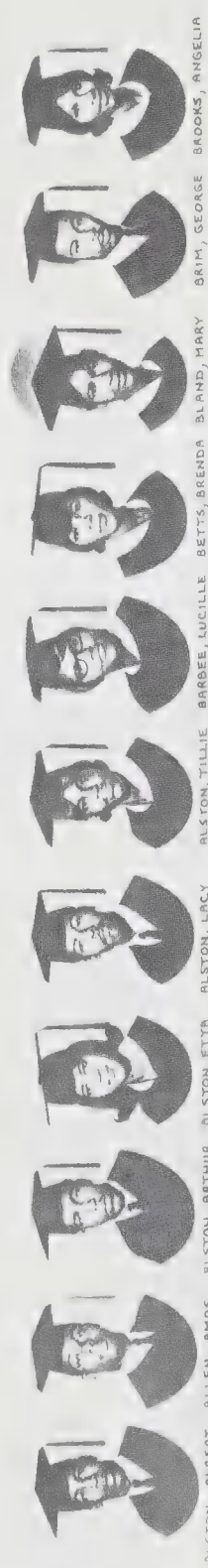
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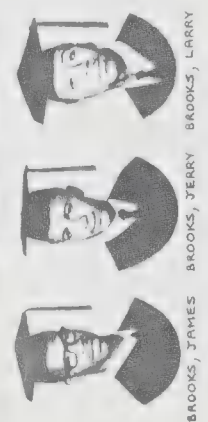


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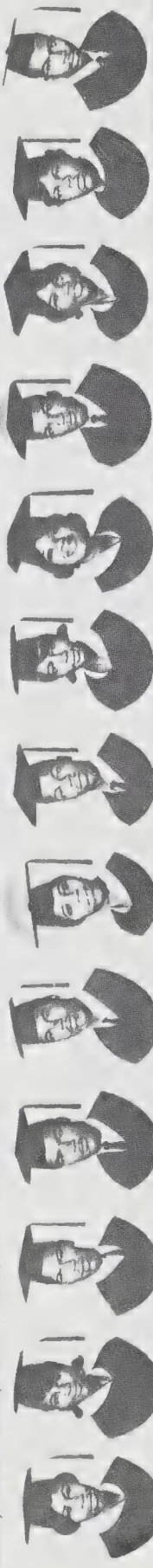
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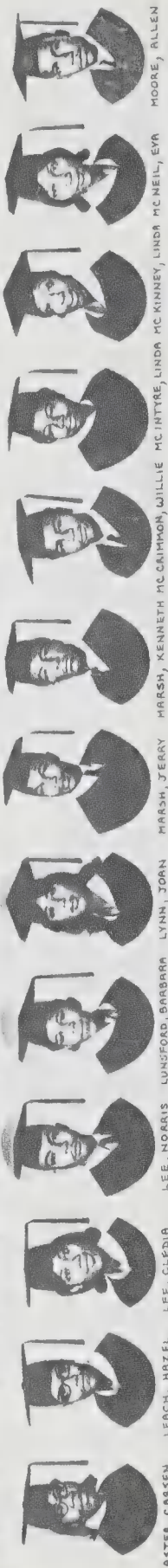
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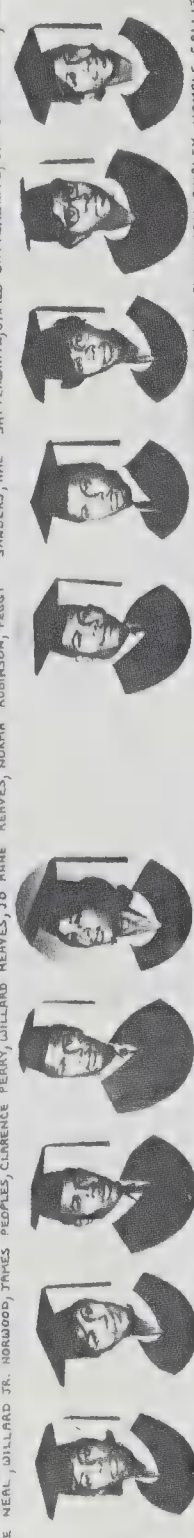
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Sports

Okay Team.
Let's Go.
Play to win!

And the Thunderbolts shall reign forever!!!!

Mr. Dark



“FOOTBALL TEAM”

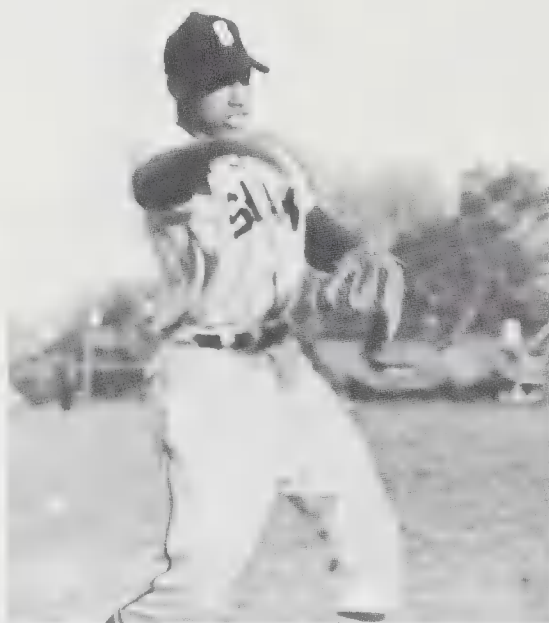


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Edward Lassiter; Charles Stroud; Roland C. Horton; Willie J. Johnson; Floyd Horton; Willis Clark; Franklin Goins; Arthur L. Alston; Gene H. Ramsey.

Coach - Emmitt Elliott; Asst. Coach - Wallace Jones; Trainer - Joe Taylor



CLASS OF 1962

WILLIE FRENCH, JR.
"Horn"

Hustling for Shaw University
April 1966

Class of 1955

Roy E. Alston

Played Football- 1954
Left End and Right End



CHEERLEADERS – 1950s

The First Cheerleaders (not pictured): Julia Taylor Marsh; Nancy Horton Sweet; Martha Scurlock Watson; Margaret Bryant Pollard and Thelma Leach Commodore.



Lillian Taylor; Phyllis Fearington; Ernestine Horton; Corine Toomer; Peggy Johnson; Laura Mae Dark and Kermit DeGraffenreidt



Lillian Taylor; Shirley Brooks; Florence Bland; Vallie Stroud and Laura M. Dark



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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FFA

GLEE CLUB

BROWNIES

BOY SCOUTS

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THE GIRL RESERVE

Mrs. O. A. Harris, Advisor



Can you name them ????

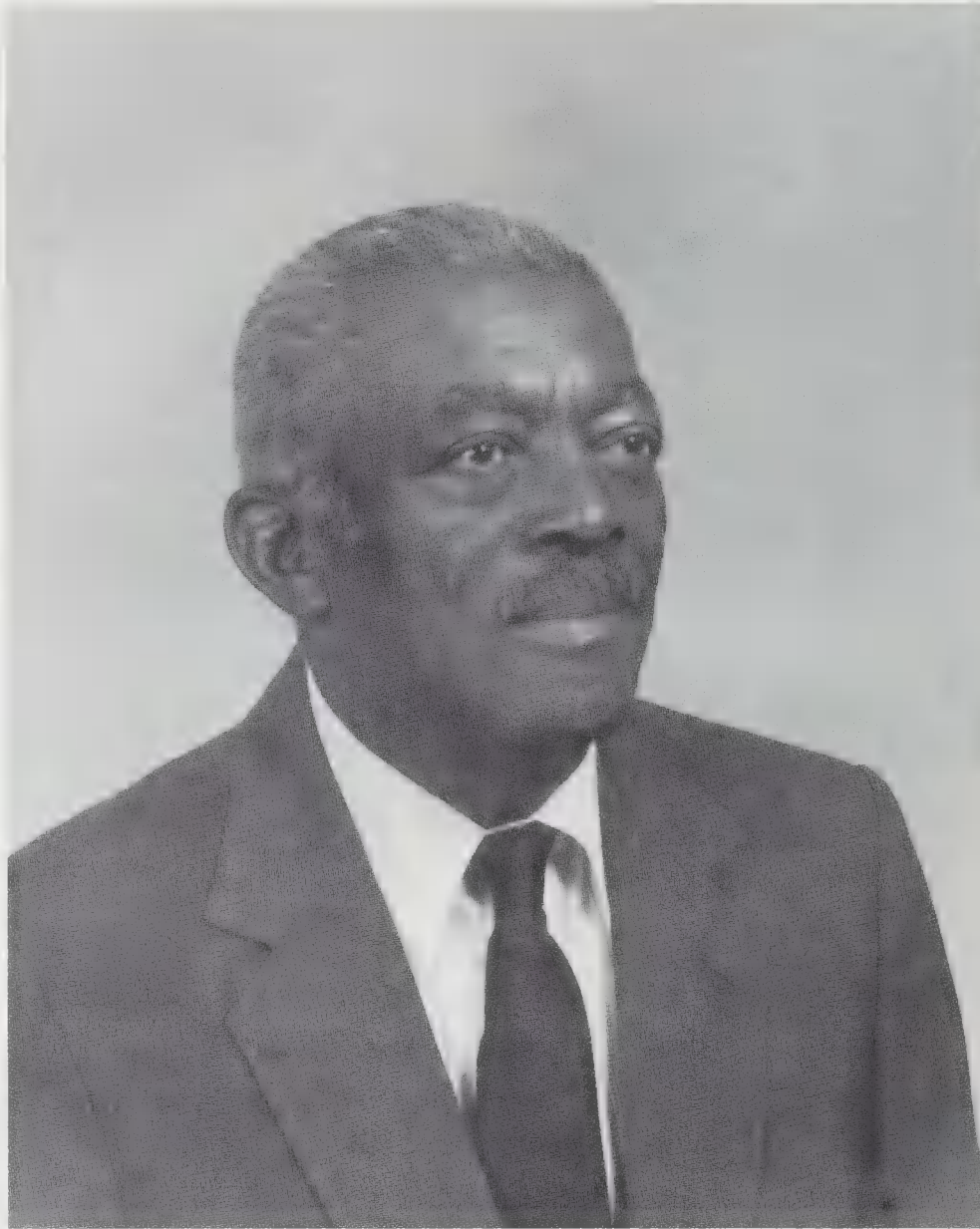
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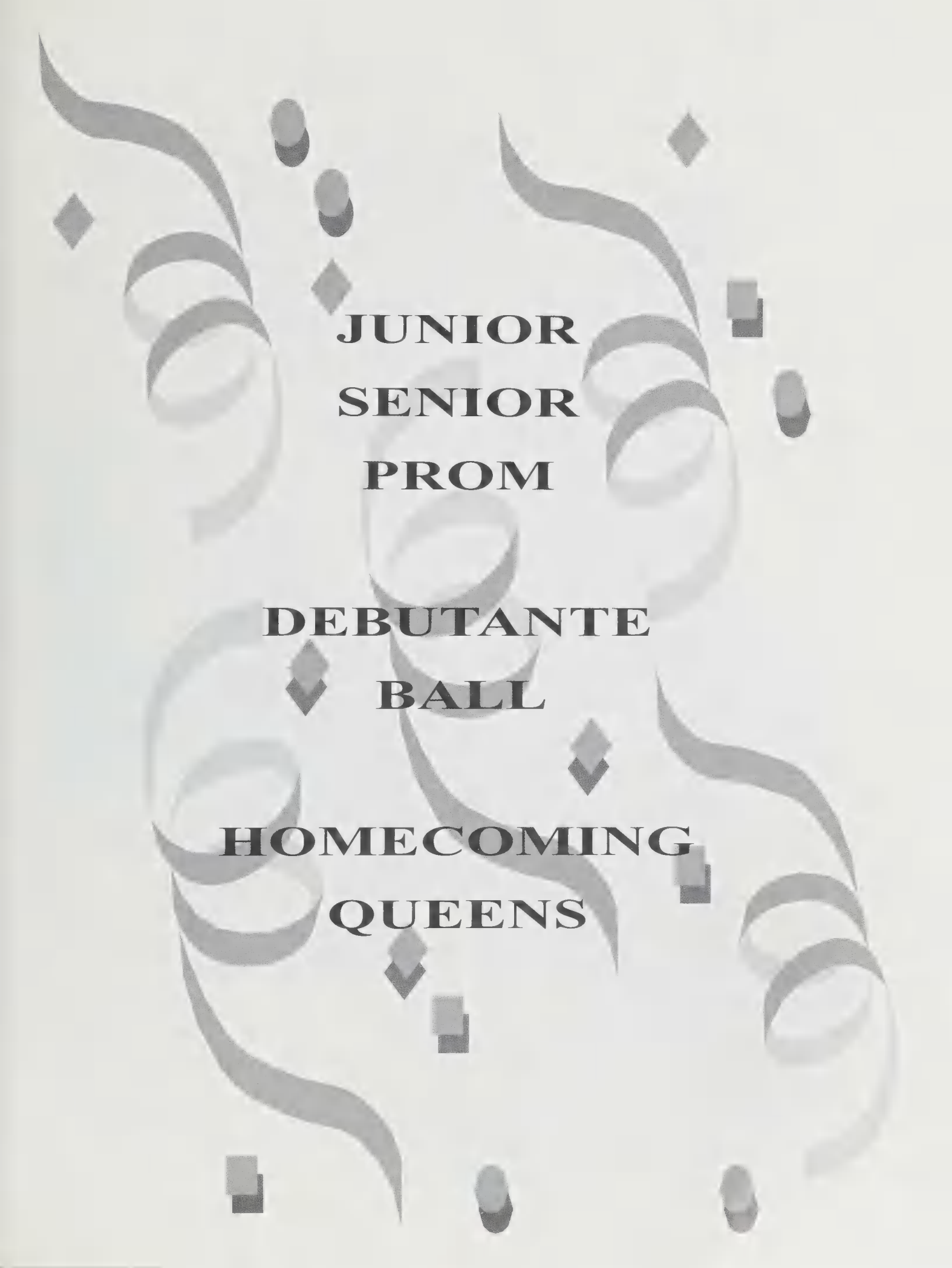
ANOTHER PIONEER PAVED THE WAY FOR THE THUNDERBOLTS



MR. HENRY AUBURN RICHARDSON

The foursome, Mrs. Roxie Small, Mr. Henry A. Richardson, Mr. Harry Oliver Clark and Mrs. Bertha Thomas, (among others) will always be remembered and appreciated for their active role as Presidents of the Horton High School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The parents and teachers worked together in preparing the students for the future. The PTA leaders were energetic and adamant in the welfare of the children. Some goals achieved under their leadership were, but not limited to, raising funds for purchasing the first county-wide activity bus, business machines, equipment for football, basketball and band. Realizing that in order for the School to continue to promote educational growth and improve their curriculum, they were instrumental in providing an agriculture curriculum that would continue to enhance the School and the community.

A salute to all active participants in the PTA.

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JUNIOR SENIOR PROM



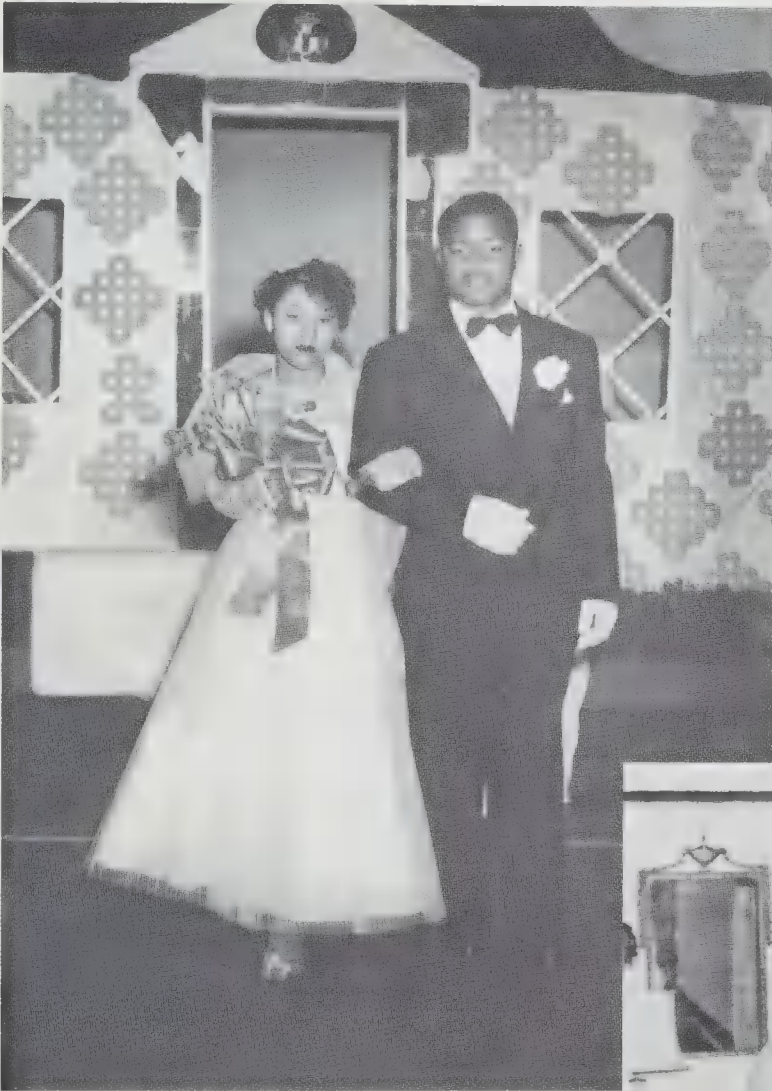
Class of 1964

Loretta DeGraffenreidt and Ralph French

"Etta"

"Butch"

DEBUTANTES AND ESCORTS



Gene and Frances Taylor



David and Earnestine Reaves

DEBUTANTES



HOMECOMING QUEENS

WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE?



DO YOU REMEMBER??

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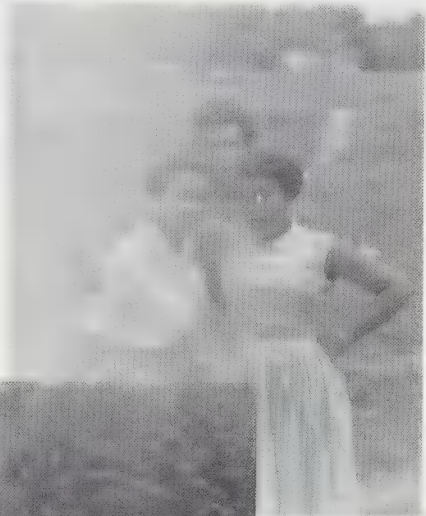
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STUDENTS WHO BECAME MINISTERS



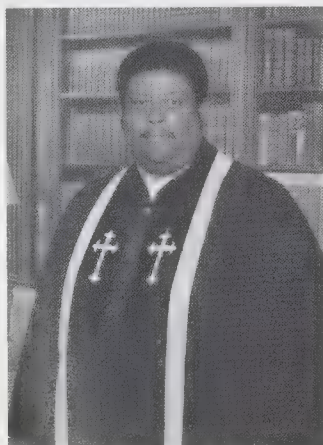
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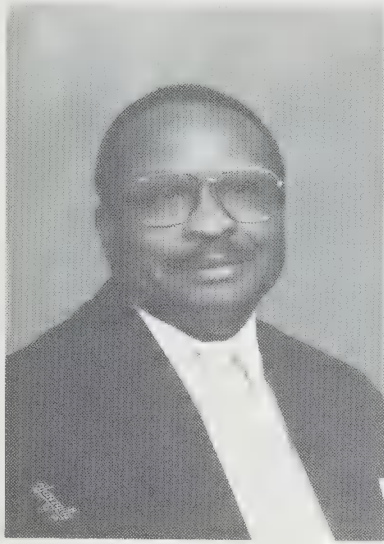


Rev. Gene A. Horton
Class of 1967

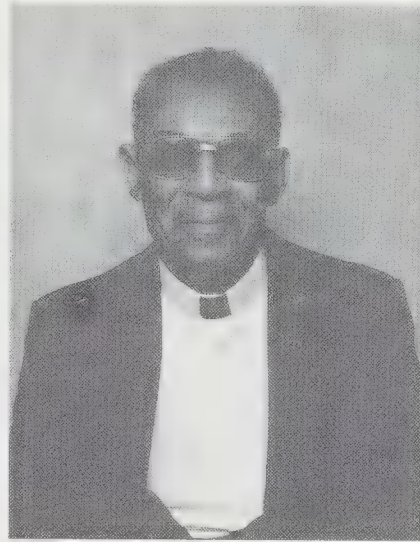


Elder Nancy Horton Sweet
Class of 1950

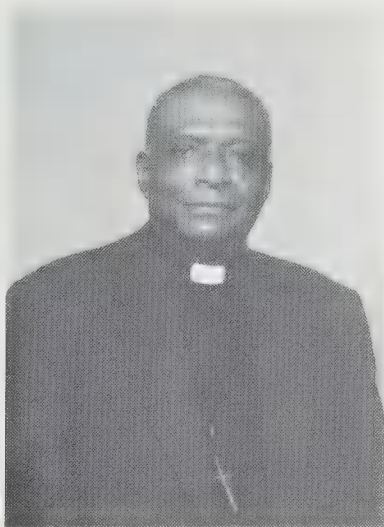
STUDENTS WHO BECAME MINISTERS



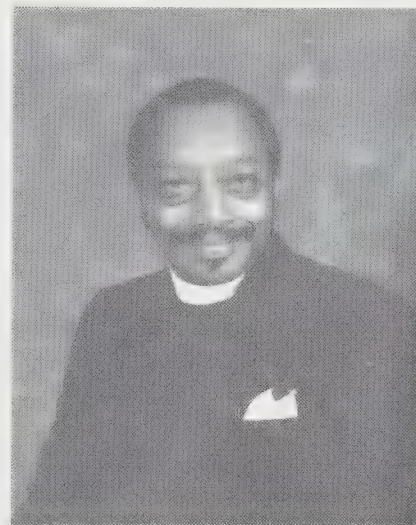
Rev. Gary Alston



Elder Peter Bell, Jr.



Rev. James H. Cotton



Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreidt

The Reverend L. Gene Hatley

FAMILY:

- Married to the former Mary Elizabeth Arnold
- Five children, Anthony, Diana, Larry, Lonnicuc, and Lomar
- One of six (6) sons born to the late Percy and Clara Hatley of Chatham County, N. C.

PRESENT POSITIONS:

- Pastor, Barbee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
- Former President Chapel Hill/Carrboro Branch of the NAACP
- President, U-BAM Services (an audio and video recording and duplication ministry)
- Former Co-Chair of the Coalition of Chapel Hill/Carrboro Clergy
- Media Specialist for the General Baptist State Convention
- Guest Columnist for the Chapel Hill News
- Managing Consultant for the Bushbuckridge Reconstruction and Development Human Services Consortium (BRDHSC) of South Africa
- Liaison and Board member of VUMBA Business and Management Ltd. of South Africa
- Liaison & Contractor for Job American Management Export/Import, Newport News. VA.
- Program Chairperson of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Ministerial Alliance
- Executive Board Member of the New Hope Union
- Member of the Evangelism Committee of the General Baptist State Convention
- Member of the Prison Ministry Committee of the General Baptist State Convention
- Member of the Midway Development Commission, Chapel Hill, NC
- Member of the South Orange Black Caucus, Chapel Hill, NC
- Member of the Appropriations Committee, Orange County United Way

EDUCATION:

- Bachelor of Arts
- North Carolina Central University
- Certificate of Merit and Completion/Continuing Education for Pastors, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
- Additional Studies for Master of Divinity
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Pittsburgh, PA
- Graduate of Management Training, National Executive Institute. Mendham, NJ
- Graduate of Sterling and Xicon Schools for Management, New York City
- Graduate of Horton High School, Pittsboro, NC

OTHER EXPERIENCES:

- Community and business groups organized in South Africa November, 1994 and March, 1995
- Travels include Africa (Senegal, Liberia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Swaziland), Bermuda, the Caribbean Islands, and Canada
- Formerly served as Vice President of New Hope Union, Recording Secretary of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, President of the Western Region of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, Vice President of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Ministerial Alliance, President of the Beaver Valley Ministerial Fellowship, Organizer and Coordinator of the Beaver Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, Gospel Announcer for radio stations WBVP (Beaver Falls, PA), WJLY (Pittsburgh, PA), WXLL (Decatur, GA), and WCLY (Raleigh, NC)
- Pastor Barbee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC 1988-99
- Has served in the Pastoral Ministry for 26 years
- Graduated Horton High School, 1963
- Graduated North Carolina Central University, 1967
- Attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1971-76 part-time
- Married with 5 children
- Serves as President and CEO of U-BAM Services, Inc.

Associate Bishop Sylvester Headen

Horton High School Memories:

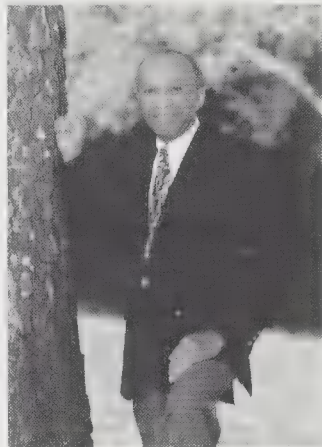
- Played football, basketball, baseball, for 4 years
- Senior year co-captain in all 3 sports
- Broke the school record in football as a wide receiver. Scored 17 touchdowns in 6 games. I had 5-90 yard runs during that same year. Scored 6 touchdowns in one game. One of the only persons to score two times against Lincoln High School in Chapel Hill in 1962.
- Had a full scholarship to play football at Shaw University.
- At Shaw I started every game as a freshman. Caught a touchdown pass with the clock running out on Homecoming game that tied with Elizabeth City State University. Caught a pass on the 1 foot yard line to win a game against St. Augustine's College. Did not play in a game without catching at least 5 passes while in college. Named as 'honorable mentioned' candidate as a freshman. Looked on as a possible candidate for the New York Giants as a NFL draft choice provided I stayed in school and continued to do well. However, I dropped out of school.
- All the accomplishments in my early years are due to Mr. Renwick, Mr. Dark, and Mr. Elliott, my coaches at Horton High School.

Clergy accomplishments:

- Called to preach in 1973.
- Attended Shaw University Divinity School 1973-76. Obtained a degree in Health and Physical Education and Philosophy and Religion. Worked on Master's of Divinity 1974-76. Graduated in 1976.
- Ordained Vice-Bishop in 1978
- Set up classes to train preachers in 1975-85.
- Set up school for all ministers in 1985.
- Set up school under satellite program with Virginia Union Theological Seminary.
- At present have 50 ministers of different denominations working under me.
- Have trained nationally known ministers.
- 19 years of service as Superintendent of Deliverance Tabernacle Fellowship of Churches, Inc. and 22 years as superintendent of the Sunday School Convention of the Deliverance Fellowship of Churches.

REFLECTIONS

From Horton High to Horton Middle



Ernest Alston, Class of '63

In August of 1988, I was appointed principal of Horton Middle School. On the opening day of school that year, it had been almost thirty-six years since I entered Horton as a scared little first grader.

My life had been influenced by some wonderful teachers in my twelve years at Horton and I returned as a proud alumnus of my alma mater. However, things had changed. The old building that housed the auditorium had been replaced. Only, the old cafeteria stood as a reminder of the old building, and it was being used for classrooms. The high school building that we called "the new building" was now being called "the old building", and only two of the teachers who were on the staff when I graduated were still there.

The question that I have been asked most frequently is, "Did you think you would become principal of Horton when you were a student here?" The answer is, "I never thought about it." When I graduated from high school I had remotely thought about teaching, but becoming an educator was not my primary career goal. However, circumstances and events in my life led me down this pathway. I do not regret becoming a teacher. For me, there is no greater reward than having a former student to come to you, years later, and express their appreciation for some small way in which you influenced their life. On the other hand, there are unpleasant moments. Many times I have heard parent say, "my child wouldn't do that" or "you are picking on my child." I have learned that the best way to determine the true character of a person is to deal with their children and/or their money.

There is no doubt that violence and crime are prevalent in our schools today, but the majority of the students in any school are great young people. Most of them will become good productive citizens only day. Unfortunately, far too many of them lack the respect and pride it takes to become good citizens.

The most heartbreaking thing about my job is to see youngsters headed down the wrong road and realize that there is very little that I can do to turn them around. A large percentage of these students are black, especially black males.

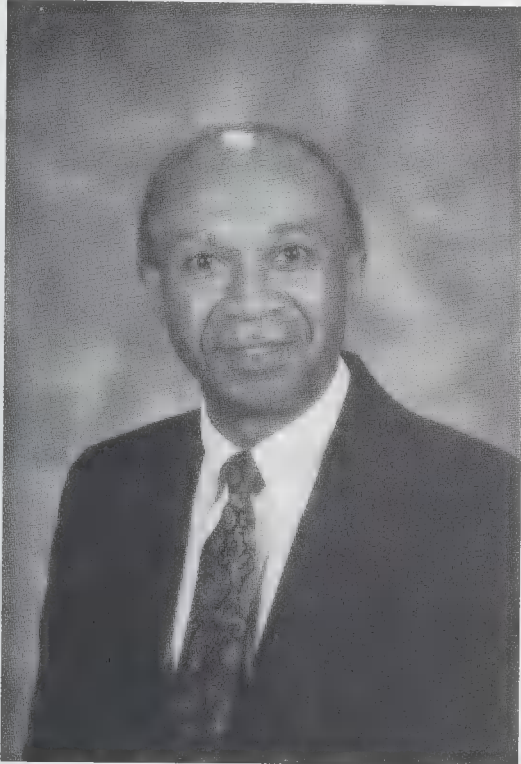
When I was a student at Horton, the black male students took pride in their dress and their grades. Today, many of them take pride in being sloppy. They come to school with their hair uncombed wearing expensive baggy jeans without a belt and expensive, untied sneakers. The sad truth is that some parents have substituted money for love and discipline.

I appeal to you to help bring back the pride in our young people, especially the black male. I realize that the sons and daughters of most of you, the Horton High alumni, have reached adulthood, but you have grandchildren, and young nieces, nephews, cousins, and neighbors that need your guidance. Remember that children are our future.

During my senior year in high school, I met a member of the junior class named Anne Thomas. She turned out to be a loving wife and other. We have two wonderful children, Vaneka and Kevin.

I thank the album committee for giving me the opportunity to express some of my thoughts in this album, and for their commitment to keeping the legacy of Horton High School alive. Let's continue to invest in our future.

FROM HORTON HIGH TO HORTON MIDDLE





A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ALICE FAYDEAN ALSTON RICHARDSON

Horton High School Album, Chairperson (1935-1970)

May 7, 1940 was a proud day for Clyde and Margie Alston. Their new baby girl, Alice Faydean, was born. This little was named after her paternal grandmother, Alice, from whom she inherited a "unique laugh". Along with Alice and Enoch Alston, Faydean is also the granddaughter of Frank and Bertha Atwater of Chatham County.

Reared in a Christian home, Faydean joined New Hope Baptist Church during childhood where she continues to participate in numerous organizations. She has worked faithfully on the Usher Board, served as chairperson for the Maintenance Building Fund and sang with several choirs within the church.

Her education began at Hinton Beckwith Elementary School. After consolidation of smaller schools with the country, she graduated from Horton High School in 1959. Two years later, in 1961, Faydean was united in Holy Matrimony to Theolphus Richardson of Apex, North Carolina.

Faydean serves many communities while employed at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Exhibiting a Christian atmosphere among all people, Faydean's personality and graciousness as a friend comes naturally. She works diligently to do a thorough job in any situation and dedicates her life to improving the quality of life for others.

She has been blessed with a high level of energy, which has enabled her to be an ambitious individual, as she portrays her motto, "The Future is Ours!"

We all salute this outstanding graduate of Horton High School.

May God Continue to Bless Her!

LOYAL TO THEIR SCHOOL AND THEIR COUNTRY

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA



Ernest Parker
Air Force



Richard Taylor
Air Force



Raymond Lassiter
Air Force



Wade Farrington, Jr.
Army



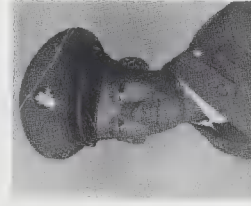
Harold Richardson
Army



Benjamin Horton
Army



George Reaves
Army



Robert Horton
Army



Chapin Horton
Army



Jaque Bland
Army



Clyde Williams
Army



Roosevelt Williams
Army



John Cross
Army



Baxter Thomas
Army

LOYAL TO THEIR SCHOOL AND THEIR COUNTRY

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA



Marion Horton
Army



George C. Farrow
Army



Roy Moore
Army



John P. Lynn



Sam Lassiter
Army



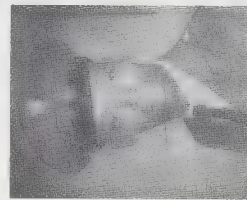
Bobby Bland
Air Force



Joe Alston, Jr.
Army



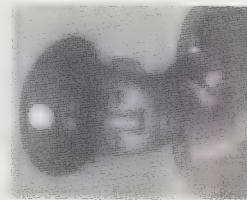
Tommie Horton
Air Force



Leon Horton
Army



Lonnie Davis
Army



Bennie Horton
Air Force



George Watson
Army



Charles Stroud
Army



Isaiah Taylor, Jr.
Army



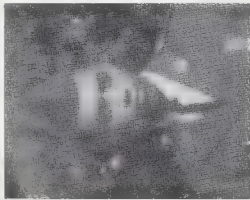
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Army



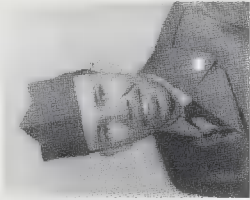
Artis French
Army

LOYAL TO THEIR SCHOOL AND THEIR COUNTRY

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA



Wallace Lee
Army



Elijah Powell, Jr.
Army



Ralph Piggie
Army



Eugene Taylor
Army



Robert Farrar
Army



Bobby Taylor
Army



Willie Eugene Taylor
Army



Louis Nunn
Army



Bishop Leach
Army



William Lee
Army



Burnice Taylor
Army



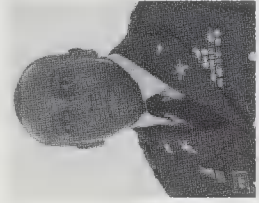
Joe Taylor
Army



Willie French
Army



Clifton Headen, Jr.
Army



Vernon Hatley
Army



Hattie Alston Parker
Air Force



Cato L. Reaves
Air Force

LOYAL TO THEIR SCHOOL AND THEIR COUNTRY

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA



William Nettles
Army



Phillip Clark
Navy



Roland Riggsbee
Army



Roy E. Alston
Army



Edward Laster
Army



James Laster
Army



Helen B. Brooks
Air Force



Thomas Leach
Air Force



Leonard Scurlock
Army



Adolphus Davis, Jr.
Army



James Leach
Army



Richard Leach
Army



John Fearrington
Army



Melvin Rone
Army



Arthur Hatley
Army



Ben Marsh, Jr.
Army

BIOGRAPHY

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HATTIE ALSTON PARKER, USAF, RETIRED

Chief Master Sergeant Hattie Alston Parker, a native of Pittsboro, North Carolina, graduated from Horton High School in 1965. She is the daughter of George Allen Alston and the late Annie Octavia Alston. She entered the Air Force on 23 August 1974. Her first permanent assignment was to the 351st Strategic Missile Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, as Base Administrative Clerk, Base Operations. During this assignment she also served as Operations and Training Administrative Specialist. Chief Parker was transferred to the 354 Tactical Fighter Wing at Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina, November 1978. While there she carried out duties as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Technical Administration.

She then moved to Izmir, Turkey, in January 1981 and was assigned to the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force (SIXATAF) as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Classified Documentation Branch. As one of the first female noncommissioned officers assigned in this capacity, Chief Parker planned and participated in the largest field exercises in NATO. The Chief also served as a member of the Joint SIXATAF Honor Guard.

Chief Parker returned to the United States January 1983 to the Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. She was initially assigned to the 480th Reconnaissance Technical Group as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Administrative Services. In this position, she also provided career guidance for over 200 junior enlisted personnel.

In May 1985, Chief Parker progressed to the position of Executive Officer to the Director of Intelligence Systems. Chief Parker masterfully managed a myriad of programs to include budgetary issues, travel expenditures, administration, personnel, training, and security matters. In addition to these tasks, Chief Parker inspected, reviewed, and revised subordinate division information management procedures to improve administrative support.

In November 1987, Chief Parker was chosen to become an inspector with the HQ Tactical Air Command Inspector General's Office. During this period of her career, she evaluated over 150 personnel related and administrative functions. In addition, she served as Superintendent, Complaints, Review and Oversight. While in this position she responded to Congressional Inquiries, Fraud Waste and Abuse Disclosures and complaints forwarded to the Inspector General pertaining to equal opportunity, family advocacy, and affirmative actions.

Chief Parker was posted to the Pentagon in 1994 with duty at the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York with the Office of the Military Advisor. She served as a principal liaison of the U. S. Joint Chief of Staff and primary point of contact between the U. S. Military and the United Nations Secretary General. She also provided the Ambassador, the Secretary General and the Joint Staff with assistance and advice concerning items of military interest that involved the United Nations.

Chief Parker retired December 1, 1996. Her decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with 2 Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Silver Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with 4 Clusters, USAFNCO Professional Military Graduate Ribbon with 1 Cluster, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

BIOGRAPHY

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HATTIE ALSTON PARKER, USAF, RETIRED

In addition to the Chiefs numerous achievements and contributions to the military, she volunteered in her local community to assist with the Laubach Literacy Council, Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, and providing homeless. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Administration from Saint Leo College, an Associates Degree from the Community College of the Air Force, and she has attended seminars at Troy State University with emphasis on Human Resources management.

Chief Parker married Ernest T. Parker, also a graduate of Horton High School. She is the mother of two sons, Ernest who resides in Desoto, Texas, and Leighton who resides in Hill Air Force Base, Utah. ~n June 1997, she was blessed with a granddaughter, Sydney Ashten Parker, who lives in Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hadley are Chief Parker's godparents.



BIOGRAPHY OF CHAPIN HORTON

Chapin Horton is a graduate of Horton High School Class of 1956. He entered North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina in 1957, graduating with honors in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Chapin entered active duty with the Army immediately upon graduation, retiring in 1989 as a full Colonel after completing a career spanning 27 years. During his Army career he served in many high level command and staff positions involving the research, development, and operation of army radar and missile systems. His assignments took him to a number of stateside and overseas assignments, including Germany, Panama, Vietnam, St. Louis, Missouri, Philadelphia, PA, Mountain View, CA, and Washington, DC. Chapin is a graduate of the Army's most selective schools, including the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth, Kansas and Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington DC. In 1970, he was selected by the Army to attend graduate school at the University of Texas at El Paso, where he graduated in 1971 with a Master's of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Since retiring from the Army in 1989, he has been employed as a manager of the Washington DC office of COLSA Corporation, an engineering services and information technology firm located in Huntsville, AL. Chapin is married to the former Rosita (Rose) Glover of Philadelphia, PA. They reside in Springfield VA and have two children. Joel is a 1991 Electrical Engineering graduate of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC and is currently serving as a Captain in the United States Army in Atlanta GA; and Jennifer is a 1994 Psychology graduate of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA and a 1997 graduate of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA where she earned a Master of Teaching degree. Jennifer is currently employed as an Elementary School teacher in Waldolf, MD.



BIOGRAPHY OF VERNON W. HATLEY

Vernon W. Hatley, born in Raleigh, North Carolina on June 8, 1948, was reared and attended secondary school in Chatham County where he graduated class valedictorian at Horton High School in 1966. He entered North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina and enrolled in Army ROTC. While studying at North Carolina A&T University, he also founded the nationally recognized North Carolina A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir. In June 1971, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Mathematics and was recognized a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROCC program while he simultaneously accepting a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army's Air Defense Artillery Branch.

During his initial tour, young Lieutenant Hatley served as a platoon leader and later commanded a HAWK missile battery located fifteen miles from the West Germany - Czechoslovakian border which had the responsibility for keeping enemy aircraft from crossing the border into Germany. He also earned the honor of "TOP TACTICAL CONTROL OFFICER" in Europe for being the best officer at setting up a HAWK missile site and accurately engaging targets in record time. Throughout his illustrious 23-year military career, Colonel Hatley made many phenomenal contributions such as commanding an 820-person HAWK missile battalion which deployed from Tacoma, Washington to Korea for two weeks of field training traveling more than 150,000 miles over Korean roadways without an accident. Toward the end of the training, the unit prepared its equipment for live missile firings and used data transmitted electronically from an Air Force aircraft to hit targets flying twenty miles away (a first by an United States unit). The Battalion then redeployed to the United States without accident or injury.

Other assignments took him to graduate school at North Carolina Central University where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Psychology then to Fort Bliss, Texas as a Senior Instructor in Tactics followed by attendance at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. Colonel Hatley next served in several challenging positions at Fort Lewis, Washington culminating as a Battalion Commander (Chief Executive Officer). He was assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Howard University, Washington, DC, subsequently attended the Army War College (the Army's most prestigious School) followed by appointment as Personnel Branch Chief, managing over 3,500 officers in the Army's Air Defense Artillery Branch in Alexandria, Virginia during OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. In this capacity he made critical decisions about which officers would serve as replacements if key leaders were disabled in battle. To culminate a remarkable career, he returned to his alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University as Professor Military Science to give something back to the great institution which imbued him with the skills to guarantee success. Perhaps most people who came in contact with him will remember his love of life, unswerving discipline, zest for learning, and his ability to motivate others toward excellence.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Parachutist Badge.

God blessed him with a charming wife, the former Willie Mae Smaw of Chocowinity, North Carolina and from this angelic union produced two wonderful children; a son, Jermaine (attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a daughter, Cherie (a tenth grader at Millbrook High School, Raleigh, North Carolina).

Clifton Headen, Jr.

Graduated from Horton High School in 1957 and entered NC A&T State University the following fall. Graduated from college in the summer of 1962 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Mathematics. Having completed the ROTC Program was commissioned as an Artillery Officer upon graduation. Entered the active Army in October 1962 and remained on active duty until October 1990. Retired in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

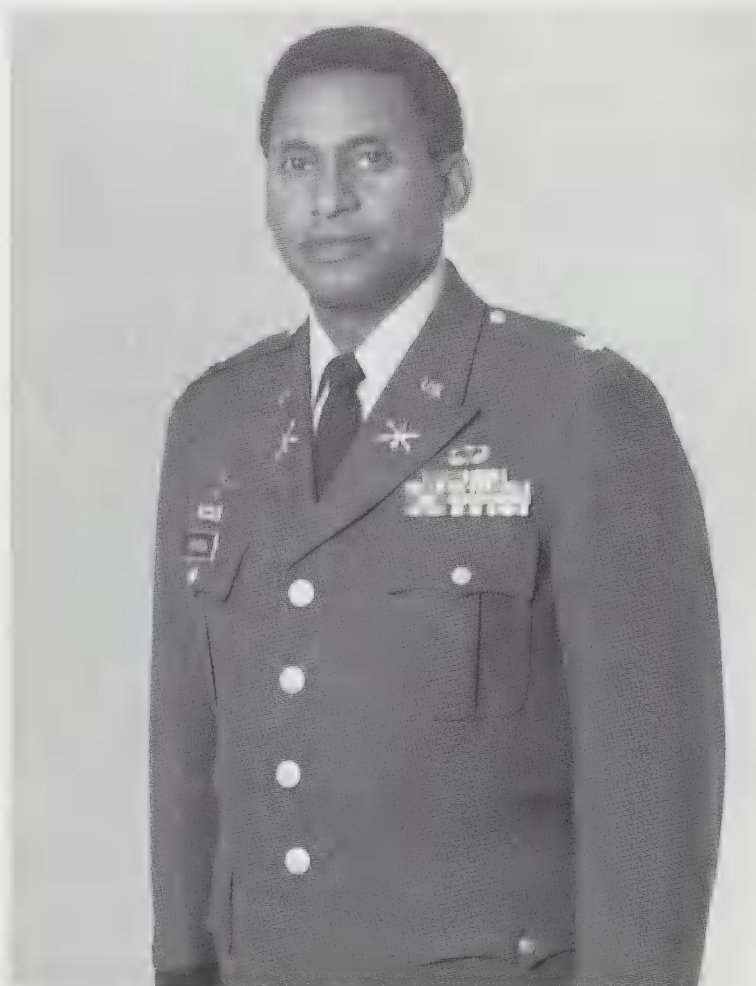
Major stateside assignments included service at Ft. Bragg, NC, Columbus, OH, Concord, NH and Bethesda, MD.

Overseas assignments included the Republic of South Vietnam (two tours), Germany (two tours), and Turkey.

Major Military Decorations: Legion Of Merit, Bronze Star (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Award (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Commendation Medal. Medals awarded in connection with service in Vietnam and the Parachutist Badge.

Major Military courses completed were the Air Defense Officer Basic Course (1962), Artillery Officer Advance Course (1968), and the *9-Command and General Staff College Courses (1975). Received a Master's of Art degree from New Mexico State University, 1972.

Married for 35 years to the former Mary Frances Brooks and have two children Kevin, age 22 and Catherine, age 17. Resides in Rockville, MD.



BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL CATO L. REAVES



Colonel Cato L. Reaves is the Director of Contingency Plans, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA.

Colonel Reaves was born March 6, 1941, in Pittsboro, NC, and graduated from Horton Public School in Pittsboro. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in 1964. He earned a Master's degree in psychology, guidance and counseling from the University of Northern Colorado in 1983. He completed Squadron Officer School in residence in 1968, Air Command and Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces by correspondence.

He began his military career in November 1964, as a student pilot at Williams Air Force Base, AZ, earning his wings in December 1965. After several survival and training schools, Colonel Reaves upgraded in the F-4C aircraft.

The colonel flew more than 133 combat missions over North and South Vietnam in 1966 and 1967. Returning from Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam, he was assigned to Suffolk County Air Force Base, NY, flying the F-101 Voodoo for the Air Defense Command.

In January 1970, Colonel Reaves was assigned as a T-38 instructor at Williams Air Force Base, AZ. Two years later he was selected as the social actions officer at the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, TX, as well as continuing with his T-38 instructor duties.

From June 1973 to August 1975, he was assigned to the U. S. Air Force Academy as an air officer commanding and military training instructor. While serving on an Air Force improvement group in the summer of 1975, he was selected to be aide-de-camp to the commander in chief of the North American Air Defense Command/Air Defense Command, General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr.

Colonel Reaves remained General James' aide-de-camp from August 1975 until the general's retirement in January 1978. In October 1978, he was assigned to the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, VA, flying F-106 aircraft. After two years, he was assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command as an action officer in the Directorate of Requirements for Ammunition and Avionics as chief of aerial targets for the command.

In June 1982, the colonel was assigned to the Republic of Korea as the fighter liaison officer to the Combined Field Army Camp, Red Cloud, Korea. He departed Korea in June 1983. He spent the next four years at Fort Hood, TX, as the 2nd Armored Division's air liaison officer and the commander of Detachment 1, 602nd Tactical Air Control Wing. He was also the 3rd Corps air liaison officer. He became the director for Air Land Forces Application (ALFA) Agency in December 1987 after serving five months as the deputy director. He assumed his present position in August 1989.

Colonel Reaves is a command pilot with approximately 3,000 flying hours in F-106, T-39, F-101, F-102, F-4, T-38, and T-37 aircraft.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation with one oak leaf cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal.

He was promoted to colonel July 1, 1985, with same date of rank.

Colonel Reaves is married to the former Elaine Crawley of South Boston, VA. They have two sons, Cato "Larry", Jr., and Brian Keith.

IN
LOVING
MEMORY
OF
OUR
DECEASED
FACULTY, STAFF, CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. LILLIE FREEMAN RODGERS

“A Dedicated and Outstanding Mother, Educator, and Friend”



She Touched Somebody's Life

She touched somebody's life with her goodness
She touched somebody's life with love
She touched somebody's life with understanding
Because that was her way of showing the Master's Love.

She touched somebody's life with her mercy
She touched somebody's life with peace
She touched somebody's life with her directions
For that's the only way her whole life increased.

She touched somebody's life as she passed them by
Because she knew she might never pass them again.
She just reached out and touched somebody and
God's love came back not in vain.

Humbly Submitted,

The Children and Grandchildren

Lucinda R. Jones, Kurt and Rory Jones
Lucille R. Graf, Aaron, Alicia, Darryl
and Dacia Graf, Gaither Rodgers, Jr.,
Freeman Rodgers, Erik and Kimberly Rodgers

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
KAY FRANCES HEADEN LATTIMORE
Graduated from Horton High School in 1960



Kay Frances was the daughter of Mr. Clifton and Mrs. Leola Reaves Headen. She drove school bus #2, the Pittsboro-Moncure route, while attending high school. After graduation, she attended NC A&T State University and was on the Dean's List for four consecutive years. As a freshman, she was part of the sit-in demonstrations and arrested for sitting in at the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro. This arrest would be a part of her permanent record, which would become an issue when she would apply for a job requiring high-level security clearance. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Zeta Alpha Chapter. She came in second place her senior year for Miss A&T. She was listed in the "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities with an overall grade point average of 3.4, and 3.79 in her major, which was Electrical Engineering. She was the first female to graduate in Electrical Engineering from NC A & T. She was hired by McDonald Douglas Aircraft in Los Angeles, California. When she walked into the office on the first day of work, they were expecting a man, making her the first female Electrical Engineer ever at that site. She worked for McDonald Douglas Aircraft for nearly four years as a senior engineer on the Super Sonic Transport Plane project.

Kay married Conrad Lattimore, who was a football star at A&T and was drafted to the San Francisco 49ers. Being wounded in Vietnam, he was unable to play pro football. From this union they had two children, Monique and Kiesha.

Kay moved back to North Carolina and was a senior engineer at the Sharon Harris Nuclear Plant. She also ran a successful catering business, giving the proceeds to her church as a measure of her service. She departed this life on March 27, 1996. During her illness, she only missed two church services and ushered with a walker until she was unable to walk. To God be the glory for the life of one so dear.

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONE



EVELYN PARTHENIA SELLARS

Cherished memories never die,
As days roll on and years pass by.
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept
Of the ones we loved and will never forget.

Lovingly Missed By,
Basel Sellars, Sr., Father
Lucille Sellars, Mother
Todd Sellars, Son
Addie Sellars Laws, Sister
Basel Sellars, Jr., Brother

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BENJAMIN WESLEY LYNN

SEPTEMBER, 1944 — FEBRUARY 1989

Graduated from Horton High School in 1963

Benjamin's greatest enjoyment was playing football with the THUNDERBOLTS



Submitted by family members:

Son — Kevin Lynn

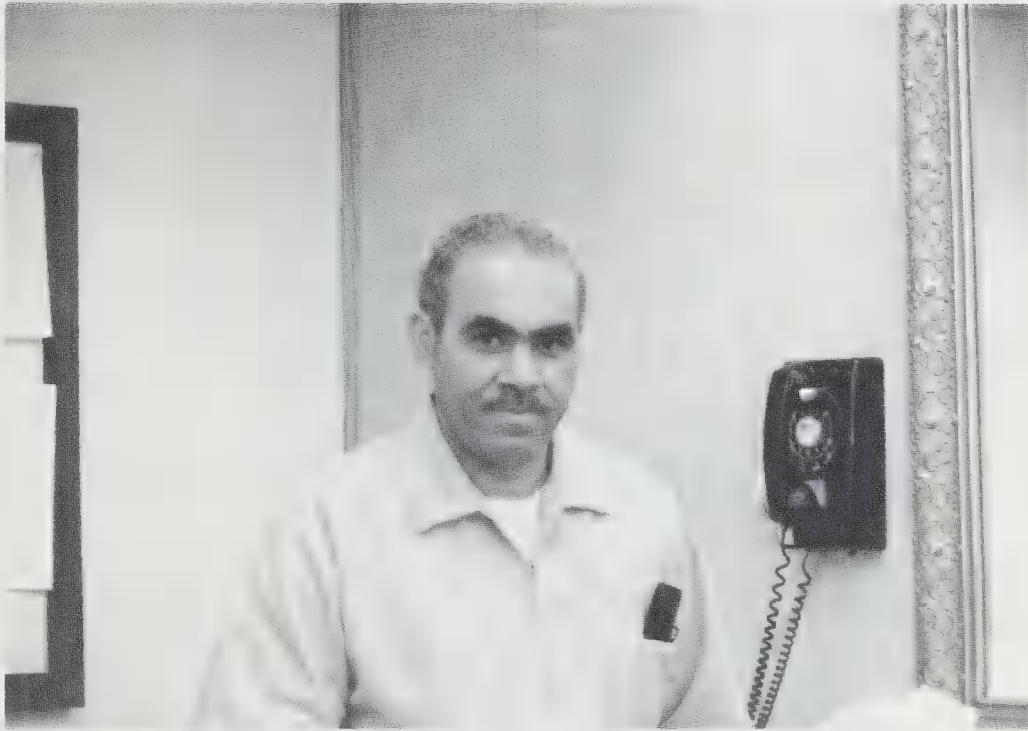
Brother — John P. Lynn

Sisters — Mary L. Reaves

Josephine Lightsey and

Mamie Lynn

IN MEMORY
OF
THOMAS E. BALDWIN
1930 – 1993



“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus Blood and Righteous”

These words conveyed the sentiments of Thomas Earl Baldwin and those who knew him. Born and educated in Pittsboro, he spent his early years working for and serving the elderly in his community.

He was honorably discharged from the Military. Afterwards, he went to Barber School in Durham, North Carolina and pursued his career as a barber. He worked on several military bases and retired from the Quantico, Virginia Military Base in 1992.

His life was a tribute to Jesus Christ and to all that knew him. He became an ordained deacon in 1967 and exemplified his salvation by letting his life bring glory to his Savior.

Missed immensely by his widow, Gracie Baldwin, his son, Tyrone Baldwin, his family and friends, we salute him today and look forward to the “reunion” promised to us by our Savior; a “reunion” that will be eternal.

IN MEMORY OF
THEIMA H. RUFFIN-McKAY
A DEDICATED HORTON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

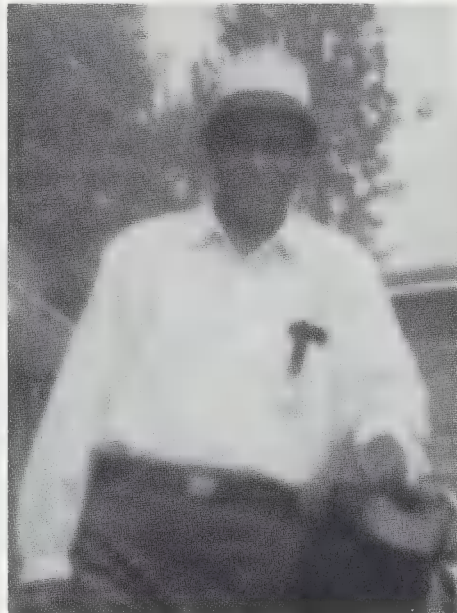


Your Children and Grandchildren
John, Dorothy, Jonathan and Jehan Ruffin



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
MR. JUNE REAVES, SR.

Owner and Operator of June's Café



Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile. —
—Sir W. Grenfell

Congratulations to the Horton High Alumni Album Committee

Submitted by

Cato Reaves



IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS
MAUDE LEE BRYANT AND ROBERT G. BRYANT



Congratulations to the officers and other leadership on this occasion. Your work serves a continuing tower of strength necessary to maintain and build a strong Chatham County Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn B. Drake

Nannie B. Gillespie

Nathaniel L. Bryant (deceased)

Robert S. Bryant (deceased)

Theodore R. Bryant (deceased)

Gertrude B. Turrentine

Henry L. Bryant

Harvey B. Bryant (deceased)

Margaret B. Pollard

C. Wilbur Bryant

Carl Bryant

ALMA AUGUSTA THOMPSON BLAND
September 27, 1922 – September 21, 1997
Class of 1939



You nurtured us in an atmosphere wrapped in faith, love, an understanding of sharing and the importance of family and friends.

We All Love You.

BERTIE ELLIS LAMBERT HARTSFIELD
March 3, 1920 – December 13, 1997
Class of 1935



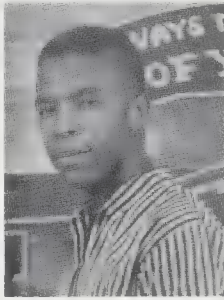
Your smile was created by angels

Your heart made in heaven

You will always be a part of our lives.

Your loving and devoted children, your God sister, Ernestine Horton Reaves and
nephew, Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreidt

PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES
WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS



Earl Robinson



Annie M. Horton



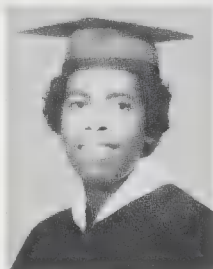
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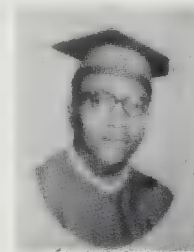
Gloria Burnette Gray



Herman Nettles



Mary Farrar



Gordon Stroud

THERE IS A GATE

There is an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there is light we can not see
As Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate our loved ones
Find happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.
Precious Memories of our loved
Ones will always be in our hearts.

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
CLIFTON D. LASTER
CLASS OF 1941

Grand Marshal Horton Alumni Parade 1993
PTA Member
Band Booster Club

We Love You: Myrtle Laster, Cynthia L. Hatten, Donnese
Laster, Quentin Laster, Charlene Laster and Dechona Bullock



ANNIE B. REAVES-DUKES
IN LOVING MEMORY

Mom, you have always been so dear
to us. We will keep your loving
memory with us wherever we go.
You left us too soon but we know
you are in a better place. There will
come a day when we will be
together again.

Forever in our hearts, Sharon, Frankie and Gerald



Sarah Jane, William "Buster" and Annie "Sister" will always be remembered with love. They inspired their family and friends with their warmth and kindness. A face, a voice or a country scene brings warm memories to mind as I recall Buster walking through the woods with his chain saw or riding across a field on his tractor.

We love you, but God loved you best.

The Nash Horton family

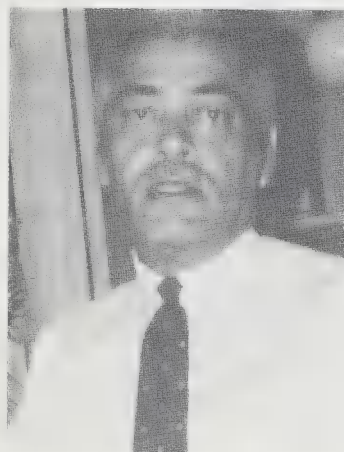


IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
HERMAN NETTLES
CLASS OF 1959



We love you and will always miss you.

Love Ida



Willis Cotton



Herman Nettles, Jr.

MAMA

Thank you for the wonderful impact you've had on so many lives.
Your classmates and friends miss you as much as your family.
We all love you!

Martha Mozelle Headen Fair

May 29, 1933-November 25, 1990

Class of 1950



Still, we see your smile
Still we hear your laugh
Still, we feel your presence
We Love You!
Still!

H-HONEST
O-ORIGINAL
R-REALISTIC
T-TRIUMPANT
O-ORGANIZED
N-NO NONSENSE

H-HUMBLE
I-INSPIRATIONAL
G-GRACIOUS
H-HAPPY

Bettie Lee Stone

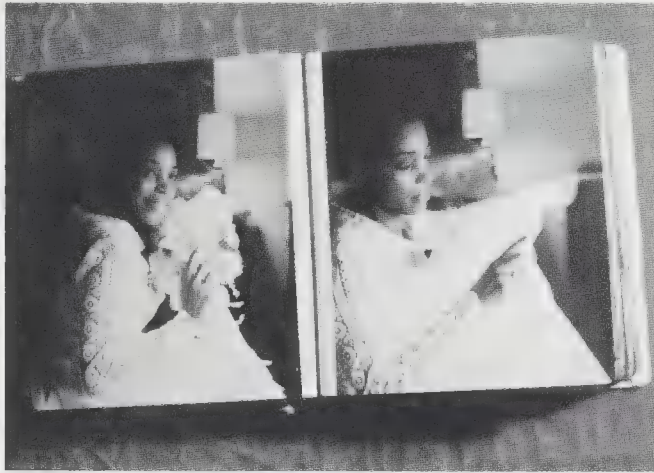
July 6, 1938 - December 3, 1994

Class of 1956



T-TRUSTING
H-HONEST
U-UNDERSTANDING
N-NEVER TIRING
D-DETERMINED
E-ENTHUSIASTIC
R-RESPONSIBLE
B-BEAUTIFUL
O-OPEN MINDED
L-LOVING
T-TRIUMPHANT
S-SWEET, SWEET, SPIRIT

In Loving Memory
Of
Mrs. Hearlie Moore Davis
Class of 1955



Our dear one has only passed into the sunset's glow,
Leaving precious memories that nothing can take away.

Submitted by the Moore Family

*In Loving Memory
of our Grandparents*

The Late

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. and Florence H. Lee

(Horton High Graduates)

*Whose love and sacrifice paved
the way for the love, peace, and happiness we enjoy today.*

We will never forget You.

Your Grandchildren,

*Ojeda, Amigo, Threnodiez, Clytaemnastra,
Juandiego and Andante.*

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR
PARENTS



The Late

Rev. James Richard Wade
and

Mrs. Marian Lee Wade

Horton High Graduate

"We're Everything We Are Because You Loved Us"

Your Children,
Ojeda, Amigo, Threnodiez, Clytaemnastra,
Juandiego, and Andante

MORE

TO

COME

JOAN RICHARDSON TERRELL – ANESTHESIA SERVICES
Class of 1959

Our God is a “God of Second Chance.” He loves you and cares about you. A relationship with Him will change your life beyond anything you can imagine.

I Love You All!



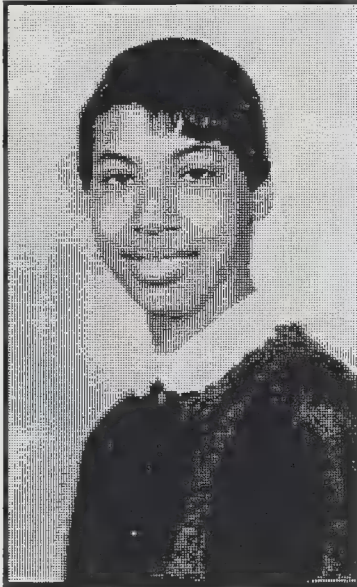
To all of our children with love and prayers, whether by adoption or birth.

Respectfully,

Aunt Barb and Uncle Henry



From 1958 to 1998



Corene
(Toomer) Richardson

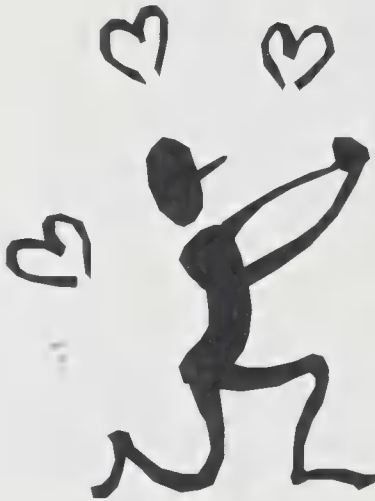


*Best Wishes to all of
Our Teachers,
Friends,
Classmates
and Alumni
from
Good Old
Horton High School*



Harold
Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS
HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph French
Class of 1964

Thank you for keeping the memories alive!



Allister D. Horton



Patricia H. Barbee

TO JOHN AND CHRISTINE HORTON,
EDUCATION WAS A FAMILY AFFAIR



Christine H. Holmes



John W. Horton, Sr.
HHS Bus Driver



Christine C. Horton
Berry O'Kelly HS

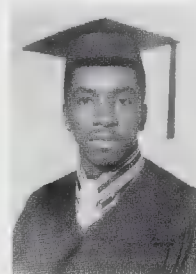


Shirley H. Jenkins

AND THE LEGACY CONTINUES WITH THEIR GRANDCHILDREN
AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN



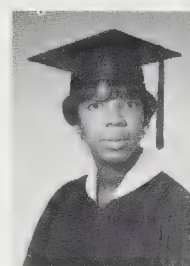
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John W. Horton, Jr.



Felicia H. Hankins



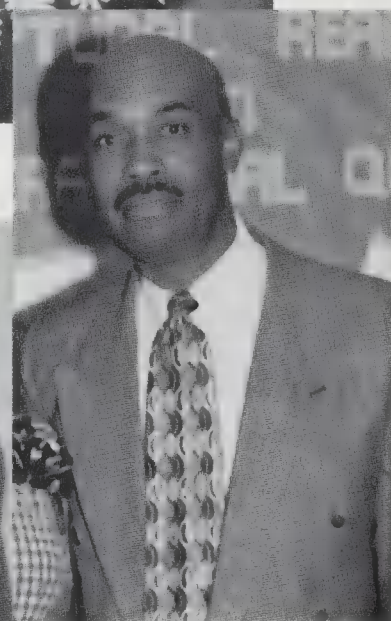
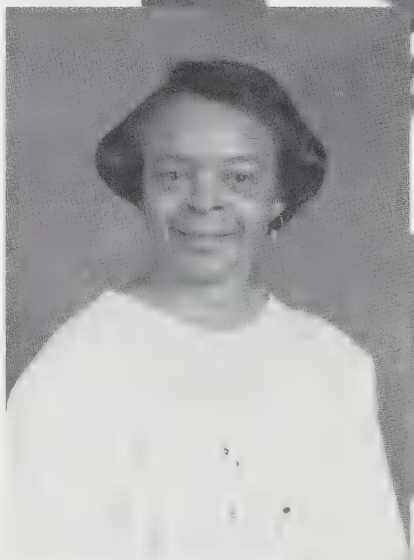
Veronica H. Ragsdale

CONGRATULATIONS!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
ISAIAH E. & LAURA E. TAYLOR

The Taylor Family would like to wish all Horton High School Students
continued success in meeting and accomplishing your goals.

Children — Sonny, Richard, Phyllis and Martha
and Grandchildren — Ike, Chris and Milton Taylor and Nicole and
Malcolm Henry.



WISHING YOU WELL IN CONGRATULATIONS
HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

From the Alstons
in loving memory of
Margie & Clyde Alston
and their children
Helen, Faydean, Ola Mae, Carolyn and Julia



CONGRATULATIONS
 HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
 CLASS OF 1955



GERALD MASKEY



EVELYN JORDAN



ROBERT FOSTER



ANN DITTFORD



GREGORY SPRITER



DOREY HAYDEN



RICHARD HESTON



MARY DATTKEISEN



JACQUELINE JONES



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UELMA WHITTLE



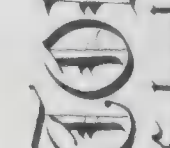
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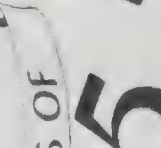
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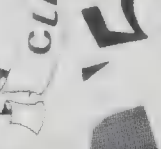
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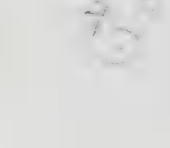
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HELEN HESTON



WALTER LYNN



RICHARD HESTON



JAMES DALTON



FRANK HESTON



GERALD MASKEY



HELEN LEE

HORTON
 High School
 CLASS OF
 '55



**BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 7TH REUNION OF
THE HORTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
THE CLASS OF 1959**

First Row: Julie Wynn, Marget Davis, Faydean Alston, Gabrilla Davis, Delois Fearington, Joan Richardson, Lillie Reaves

Second Row: Left to Right: Mrs. Helen Elliott, Mrs. Clara Dark, Carolyn Williams, Armentah Lee, Luch Leach, Constance Dark, Genevee Alston, Dorothy Farrar, Lucinda Rogers

Third Row: Left to Right: Mr. Emmett Elliott, Advisor, Mr. Ernest Dark, Advisor, Edward Gunter, Eura Stroud, John Sanders, Artis French, Addie Laws, Pearlle Alston, Ravo Farrington, James Alston, John Toomer, Herbert Headen, Gregory Headen, Howard Snipes, John Ruffin, Robert Horton, Cato Reaves, Florence Bland, Wallace Stroud, David Baldwin, Marion Horton and Andrew Wilson.

BEST WISHES TO
HORTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Stella Horton
1962



Ruth Horton
1942



Margie Horton Ellison
1968



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IN MEMORY OF
JOHN WAYNE DOWNEY
CLASS OF '58

Your memory is like a keepsake with which we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our HEARTS!

Your family: Harry Downey, Henry Downey, Barbara Downey Kirby
and Mother



GEORGE WATSON

Class of 1956

HELD ON TO HIS DREAM FOR 42 YEARS!

According to the "Pacific Flyer", December 1997, it's not every retired Army First Sergeant who spends his free time flying T-34's at the local Air Force Aero Club. But, George Watson is not your ordinary pilot. As far as flying goes, he's a classic "late-bloomer". Born in Chatham County near Apex in 1938, he got his first exposure to airplanes at the age of five when he saw a P-38 Lightning fly over his father's farm. In 1964, Watson was drafted into the Army at the age of 25 years. He was four months short of being ineligible at age 26. He retired in 1986 after 22 years in the army, and settled in New Jersey. Taking advantage of his military experience, Watson works as an Account Manager for Wells Fargo Security Service. What's he doing with the money? He is broadening his flying horizons!

CLASS OF 1960



Class Motto: "Forward Ever, Backward Never"
Class Colors: Pink and Black

First Row: Margaret Watson, Barbara Burnette Hairston, Bettie Jo Alston, Shirley Revels Edwards, Barbara Alston Lott, Guytanna Horton DeGraffenreidt

Second Row: Richard Taylor, Lillian Nickerson Latta, Lucille DeGraffenreidt, Jean Stroud Killett, Alton Alston

Third Row: Wesley Andrews, Zeb Evans, Marlon Denny, William M. Rodgers, James Burnette. Not Pictured: Charlie Burnette, Wade French, Walter Hackney and Walter Rone.

My Fellow Alumni,

A graduate of Horton High School in 1956, I feel tremendously blessed to have been claimed as one of her sons who was most impressed with the difference that schooling could make in the life of others. So enthralled was I with my experiences at Horton, that I too decided to enrich my life as a public school educator. After my graduation from Horton High, I immediately enrolled in Shaw University, from which I received the Bachelor of Science degree in Science Education in 1960. While at Shaw I discovered that the experiences that I had gained while I was in high school more than adequately prepared me for the challenge of successfully matriculating as a student through the hallowed halls of university life.

Not only did I find this to be true in terms of the various academic disciplines undertaken by me at Horton High, I discovered that the skills and experiences that I had there in athletics, prepared me to compete in football at the collegiate level as well. My football playing days ended following my sophomore year at Shaw, but I will always credit my football coach at Horton High. Coach Emmett Elliott, to have been mostly responsible for the opportunity afforded me to transfer my knowledge of the game to college. Beyond my professional training at Shaw, I received the Master of Science degree from North Carolina College in 1961 and later, the Principal's Certificate from UNC-Chapel Hill.

I am mindful of many other staff members at Horton who played significant roles in motivating me and being sure that I was indeed prepared to compete the classroom at the college and university levels. One of my favorites was my biology teacher, Mrs. Sarah Deberry, whom I credit with my decision to major in Biology. Of course, my teachers at every level played significant roles in my development, and I applaud each of them for their efforts and dedication. Taking this fact into account, there is one teacher, more than any other, who gave me the inspiration to become a public school teacher and later a school administrator. She was, and still remains, an excellent role model and a master teacher, although she retired in 1972, after teaching 38 years in Chatham County. I will not deny the fact that there might be a slight bit of bias here, since she is my mother, Mrs. Bertha Herndon. We are most grateful to God that she still remains with us today, and still receives commendations from students that she taught more than three-fourths a century ago. She and my father remain tops among the list of persons who have made the greatest contributions to any measure of success that I have enjoyed to date and any that I will experience in the future. Both of my parents believed that family was second only to God. The values that they instilled in me remain with me today and serve as a model as I too have been blessed with a family of my own. My wife, Shirley, and I were joined together in holy matrimony in 1963. Since that time we have been blessed with three children: Lisa, Leon Jr., and Linwood. In addition, we currently have three grandchildren-Brandon, Jalen and Jordan Nicole.

Finally, as an institution, I will always be indebted to Horton High School and all of the people there who impacted so positively on the accomplishment of my career objectives. May Horton High School spirit continue to abide in the hearts and minds of all her sons and daughters forever.

Leon Herndon



CLASS OF 1968



Charles Raines

First Row: Shirley Goins, Erma Farrington, Linda Alston, Margie Horton Ellison, Melvina Harris Brimm, Brenda Horton Peoples

Second Row: Mary Rone Lawrence, Shirley Taylor Edwards, Emma Brooks, Joyce M. Marsh, Julia Alston, Belinda Small Caldwell

Third Row: Richard Sanders, Michael Perry, Bobby Bland, Claude Hooker

HONOR

We dedicate this page in honor of our living moms and to honor the loving memory of all of the moms of North Chatham who demonstrated the love of God for us through the struggles and joys of true, and complete motherhood...We thank almighty God for the good gift of their lives through our own!

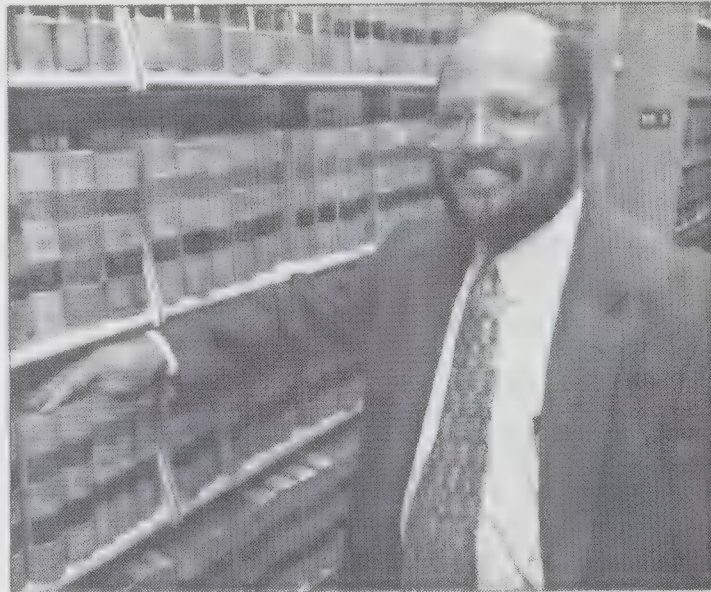


Love,

*The Girls of North Chatham
Participants of the "Women
of the Hood" Retreat ..Held
8-16-1997*



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI COMMITTEE
AS YOU REFLECT AND REMINISCE ON THE LEADERSHIP AND
PROGRESS OF OUR HISTORICAL INSTITUTION



At N.C. Central University's law library, David Harris contemplates his leaving the Land Loss Prevention Project in Durham for his new post in Washington.

David Harris, Jr. — formerly of Moncure, North Carolina
Associate General Counsel
United States Department of Agriculture

HORTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1950

Graduate of NCA&T University, Teacher's Certificate from Temple University, Master's Degrees from Cheney University in the Elementary Education and Elementary Administration and Supervision. After 30 years of teaching and being a Certified Principal, she retired in 1988. She was married to the late William Sweet, Sr. They had five children and one grandchild. She is presently completing her studies for ordination of Elder in the AME Church and plans someday to complete studies for her nursing degree.

Nancy is the CEO of the Marcus Horton Sweet African American Culture Center (MCHSAACC). This is a not-for-profit educational organizational based in suburban Philadelphia. It is an institution of vision and purpose. Its goal is to educate the individual interested in exploring the diversity inherent to this society. It consist of three branches, publishing, education and curriculum design and research. This organization has published four books all written by Nancy. *Oh Africa, My Africa; Come, We Can Reason Together; Gift of the Spirit and Footprints in the Sands of Time* which can be purchased by contacting NANCY SWEET HORTON AT 4 Holy Lane, Malvern, PA 19355 (610) 647-1481.



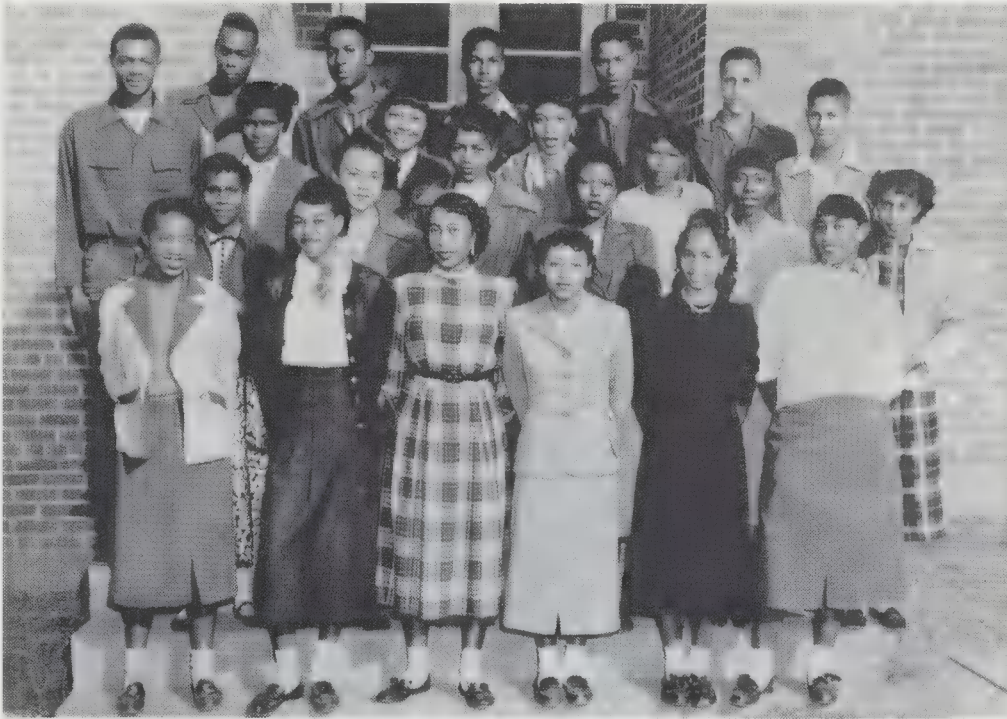


WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE THIS PAGE WITH **MRS. ARNETA DAVIS**,
the mother of Charles Stroud (1954); Delois Stroud Burnett (1955)
and Willie Jean Stroud Taylor (1956);
Chris, Ike III, and Milton Taylor, the sons of
Willie Jean Stroud and Isaiah Jr., Class of 1956



Thanks to Faydean Alston Richardson and the committee
for a job well done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI



BEST WISHES FROM MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1953
David Reaves, Mary Reaves, Mary Ruth Seymour, Minnie Byers, Oscar Kirby, Jr. & Francis Taylor

WISHING ALL HORTON SCHOOL ALUMNI CONTINUED SUCCESS FROM ERNEST T. PARKER



1953
First Grade



1965
HS Graduation



1985
USAF



1997
First Grandchild
Sydney Ashten Parker

CONGRATULATIONS to the classmates of Horton High. You have gathered together as a group to renew old friendships and to begin new ones. You are to be commended for continuing this meeting of classes, which builds a bond between classmates of Horton High School and their families as we go through life and this busy world.

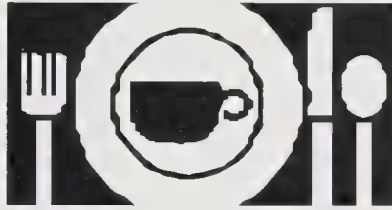
You should always stop and “take five” to remember our past friendships and the little things that made us what we are today. We must always stand together, because no person survives alone. May you continue the reunions of the Classes of Horton High and recalling the memories of your school years that are so precious to us all.

May God bless and keep you.

MAYOR GERALD W. HOLLEMAN AND WIFE, MARGARET E. WATSON

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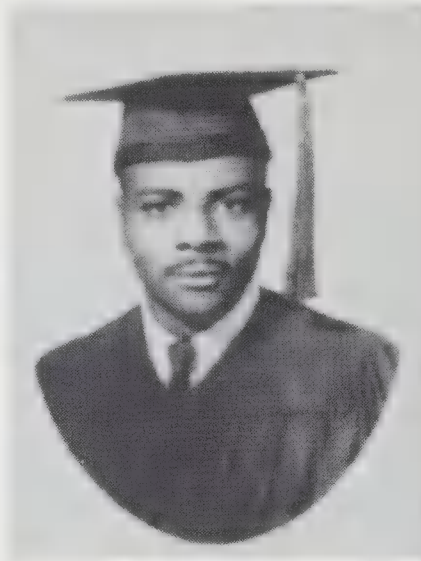
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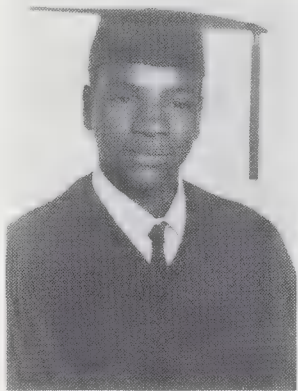
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FATHER

William Cecil Lassiter, Jr.
and his Brothers, all
Graduates of Horton High School

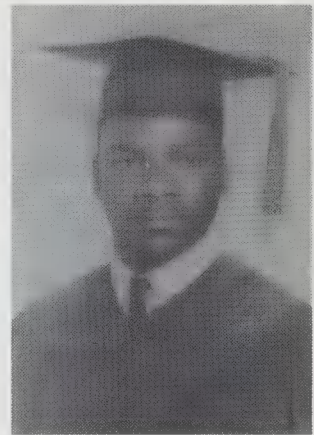
William Cecil Lassiter, Jr.



Carl Ray Lassiter
(Brother)



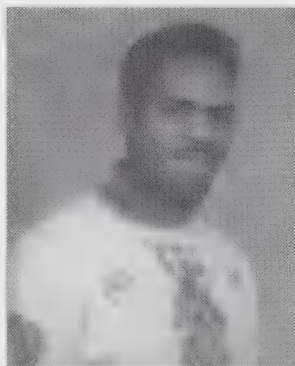
Marvin Lassiter
(Brother)



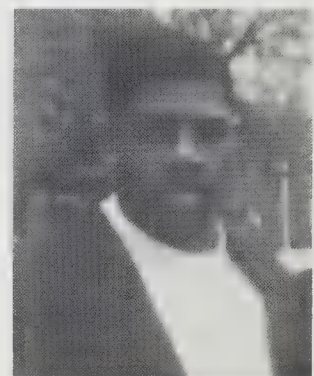
Dr. Winifred Cecilia Lassiter
(Daughter)



William Cecil Lassiter, III
(Son)



Eno Frank Lassiter
(Son)



**CONGRATULATIONS
HORTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI**



**Oliver and Julia Marsh
Former Owners and Operators of Marsh's Restaurant**

We extend deep appreciation and gratitude to our friends and relatives who supported us during our 38 years at the restaurant.

Friends Among Friends Social Club

Motto: WE ARE ONE!



CONGRATULATIONS

Frances Richardson Nettles, President
Edith Reaves Strickland, Secretary
Lillie Harris Brooks, Treasurer
Billie Gene Brooks
Virginia Ruth Alston
Willie Ann Pattisall

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CHARLES STROUD — CLASS OF '54
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Thunderbolts and an occasional recipient of the
wrath of "High John the Conqueror",
now living a sedate life in San Jose, California

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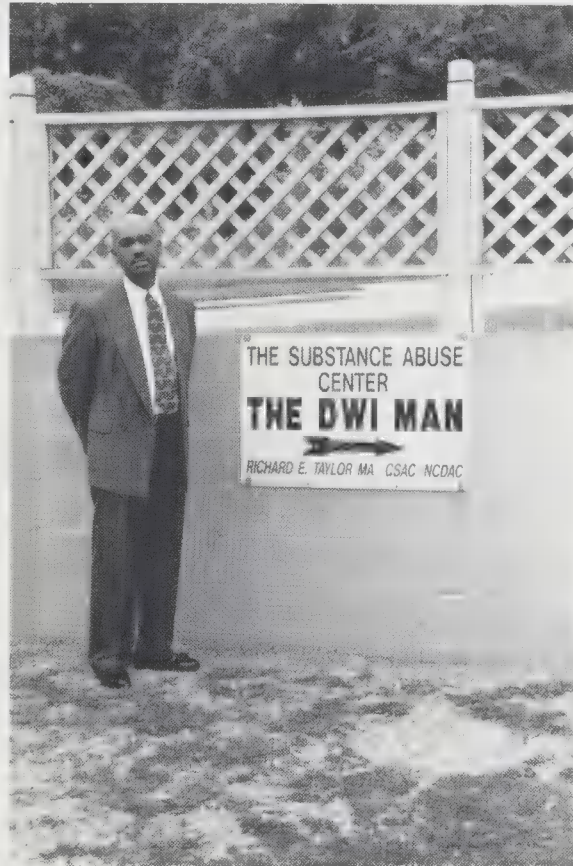
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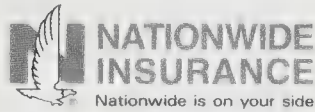
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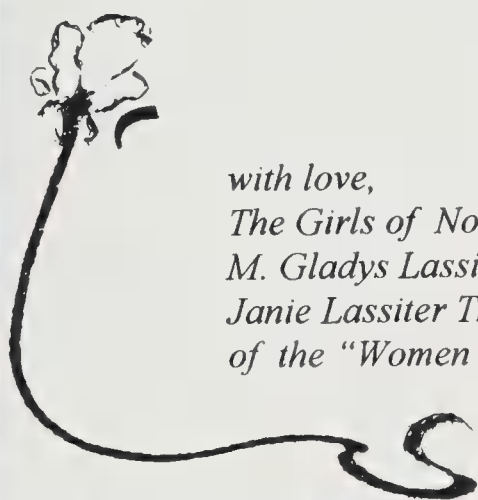


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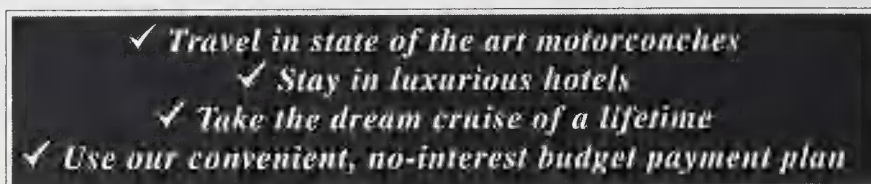
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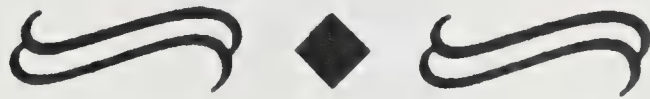
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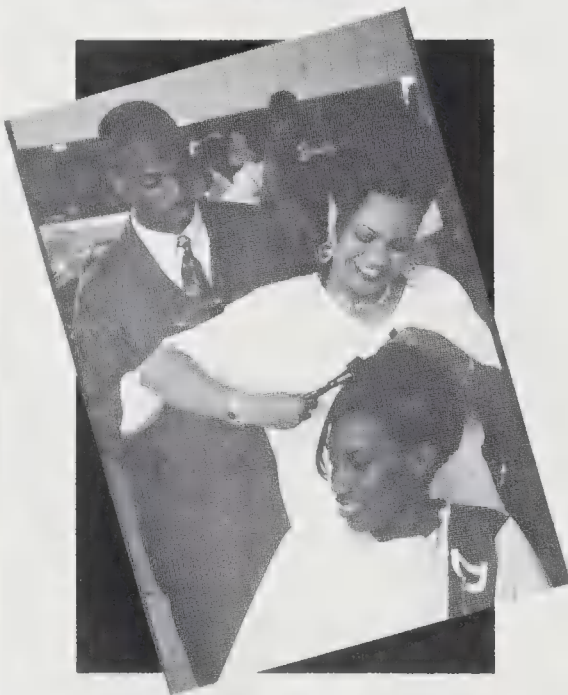
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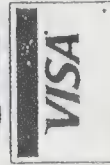
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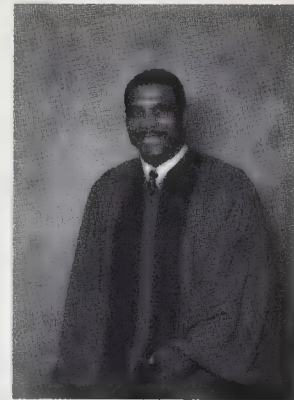
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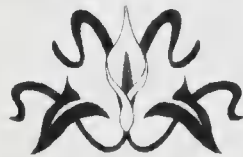
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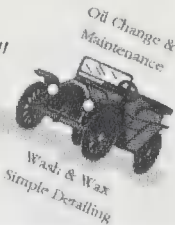
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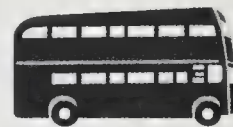
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A MESSAGE

FROM THE FORMER REUNION OF THE CLASSES CHAIRPERSON

Greetings to each of you,

It was a pleasure to be involved with the inception of the Reunion of the Classes from dear Ole Horton High. As we reflect on our heritage, let us be reminded of Robert Fulgham's essay "All I really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." The things that I learned:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don't hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your own mess
- Don't take things that aren't yours
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody
- Wash your hands before you eat
- Flush
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you
- Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday
- When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together
- Be aware of wonder
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
- And remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned. The biggest word of all - look.

Horton High cultivated and nurtured these things and extrapolated them into sophisticated adult terms to apply to our family life or work place.

Let us be proud of what Horton High was. Each of us had made a contribution to the Horton High legacy and we have made a contribution to society with the knowledge, tools, skills and values obtained at Horton High.

As former students and graduates, we have a responsibility to make the Reunion of Classes a blessing to others by supporting the scholarship fund. As we move up and forward, please remember to reach back-pull up and forward.

Yours in the Horton High Spirit,

Erseldine Herndon Bailey, '52





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Oliver Marsh

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(not pictured)

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Margie Horton-Ellison

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Mary Patterson Farrar

Lonnie Rone

Pearlie Alston
Assistant Vice President



Success results from connections, your beliefs, your participation and activities in your community, church, lodge and schools.

On behalf of my wife and myself, I am extremely delighted and honored to extend warm wishes to the Horton High Family for their continued success on this most historical occasion – the attainment of a memorable book.

As to all my Horton friends, please know that my heart and thoughts are always with each of you. You were always very supportive of me, as your drum major and in this position – thanks for the memories. I love all of you so very much and in do so, I encourage each of you that if you have a friend, as we all do, tell him or her you love them, tell them now. Let the words of encouragement be said now. Do not wait until they are dead, for then it is too late.

Mary Lynn Reaves
Treasurer



Mary attended and graduated from Horton High School in 1953. She was employed by North Carolina Memorial Hospital for 19 years and retired in 1992. She is married to Walter Reaves and they have one son, Pierre. Mary is very active with the Reunion of the Classes. She has served as treasurer for the past six years.

THE ALUMNI CHOIR
LET THERE BE MUSIC



Front Row:

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Mary Rone Lawrence
Faydean Alston Richardson
Mattie Leach Myrie
Annie Myrtle Farrar

Back Row:

Florence Bland Rone
Helen Leach Dark
Dan Hadley

THE WAY WE WERE



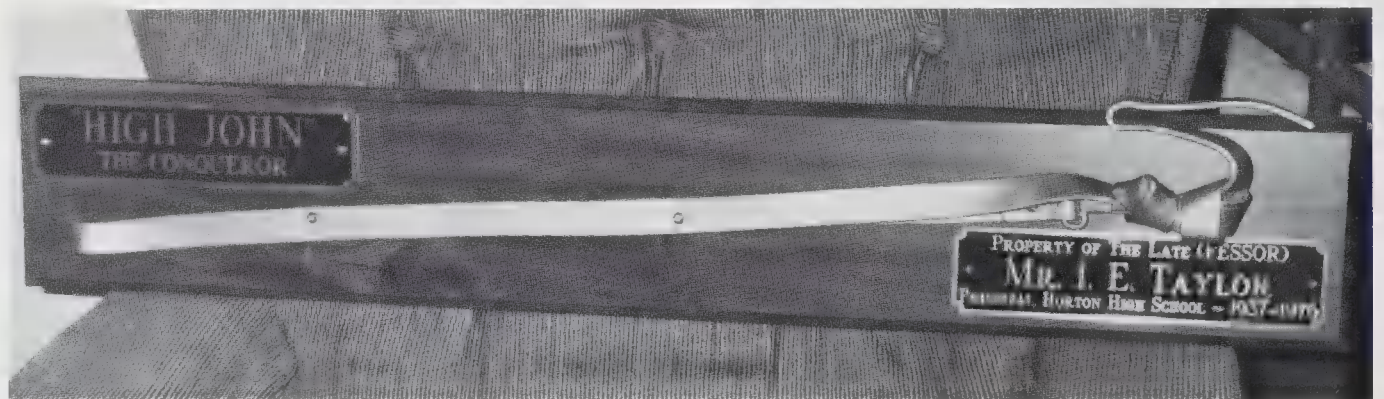
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HIGH JOHN



THE CONQUERER



Business Department
Horton High School

The Business Department was implemented and started by Clara Dark, a former elementary teacher who was also certified as a Business Education Teacher. Her first class was an after school class of five students (Ann Leach, Cynthia Lassiter, Phyllis Cotton, May Leach and Brenda Farrar) which she volunteered her time.

She, the principal, students and faculty saw the need for a vocational department at Horton High School. With this in mind, Mrs. Dark visited several companies to solicit help with equipment. After this was done, 25 typewriters were purchased by the school.

With the approval of the superintendent and the State Department for a Business Program, classes were begun.

The school and community supported the program wholeheartedly. Needless to say, it was a success.

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Long-time teacher retires after almost half century

By Milburn Gibbs

"Clara Dark has a genuine caring and feeling for young people," Northwood High School Principal Wade Lehman said of the retiring business teacher.

"I've never seen her upset with a student. She is a very consistent person.

"She has the same demeanor now and later."

Dark retired this spring from 48 years of teaching. It is the second longest tenure in Chatham County history, with only Virginia Cross of Siler City surpassing her with 50 years of teaching.

"I made up my mind it was time for a change," she said. "It was not an easy decision to retire.

"If I had pondered through it, I might not have done it. I really liked working with students. It was a learning process for them and me."

She admits retirement will be bittersweet.

"I have a bit of sadness along with the happiness," Clara said. "It will be different to be away from students and faculty."

Her family cannot remember when she did not teach.

"She taught all of my life," son Ernest Jr. said. "She always encouraged me to do things.

"The teaching process didn't stop (for any of the three children) at home."

Ernest Jr. remembers once he ran afoul of his mother's rules at school. She played no favorites.

"In the seventh grade, my future wife and I were cutting up in my mother's class," Ernest Jr. said. "Both of us got sent to the office at the same time."

Dr. Larry Mabe, now Superintendent of the Chatham County Schools, was principal at Northwood in the 1970's. He remembers Clara's dedication to children.

"In this day and time, it is difficult to find an individual who will teach for 48 years," Mabe said. "That is a tremendous length of service.

"Between Clara Dark and her husband, Ernest, Sr., they have over a long lifetime of teaching devotion."

Among the many highlights of her career, she said seeing many of

her students become successful in school — and afterward — was her greatest reward.

"That makes me feel good," she said. "I know I touched them in some ways."

Clara does not feel the average student today has greater native intelligence than half a century ago.

"They are exposed to more," she said. "So many students have a computer at home. It is so easy to correct on a computer that they may look smarter than before."

Her advice to students?

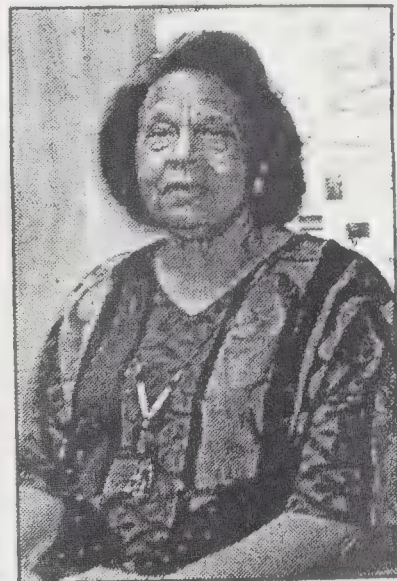
"Stay in school. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Do the best you can do," the former teacher urged.

"Seek help.

"Teachers are always willing to help."

The Darks have three children: Ernest Jr. is a long-time member of the Chatham County School Board; John is a Telecommunicator Two dispatcher with the Chatham County Sheriff's Department and twin sister Mattie Smith is a fourth grade teacher at Perry Harrison School.

The couple have six grandchildren.



Milburn Gibbs photo

CLARA DARK . . .

Clara Dark has taught for nearly 50 years. Her career teaching "business" has progressed from manual typewriters and carbon paper to the computers of today.

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