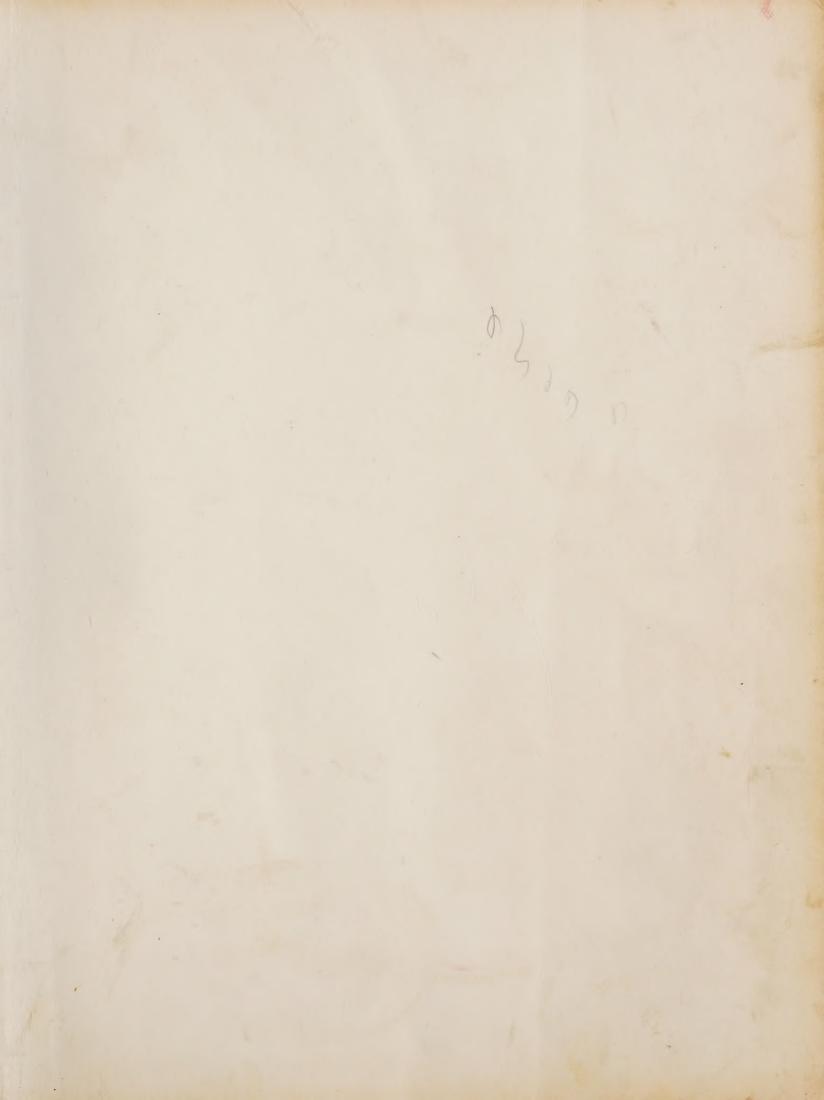


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FAIR PALMER

Fair Palmer, thy sons and thy daughters give cheer While their voices with rapture do thrill, Thy message so sweet shall forever echo Its harmony o'er vale and hill; Fair Palmer, the pride of each rural home Thus planted on soil all their own; Where the briar and the cactus once flourishing grew Stands a tower of wood and of stone.

Fair Palmer, thy children with fervor still sing Thy praises o'er mountain and lea; Thy light into darkness forever shall shine While the race pays its homage to thee; Each year as we come, new trophies we bring, At thy feet we will gladly lay down Til the stars in the heavens, each glittering gem Lend glory to bedeck thy crown.



MRS. OSBORN W. BRIGHT

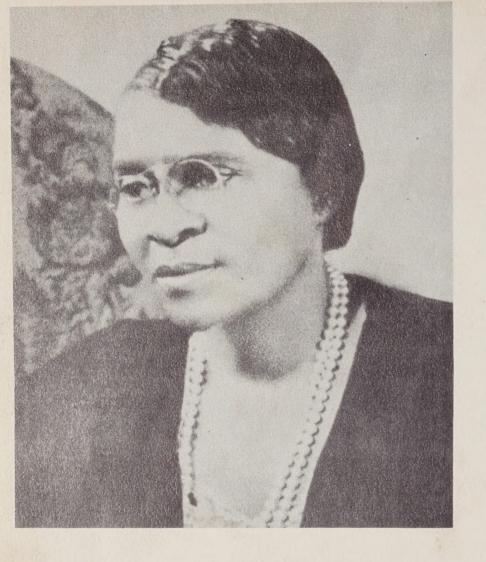
Dedication

The Class of 1953 is proud of its heritage and learns from our Founder - President Emerita that Mrs. Osburn W. Bright of New York City was a co-founder of Palmer Memorial Institute.

It was Mrs. Bright who brought guests from her winter residence, "Oak Lodge", just three miles from Sedalia, - prominent wealthy visitors from New York and New England who became interested in helping Dr. Brown consummate the vision she had for helping her people. Mrs. Bright's interest followed the promotion and progress of the Institution until her recent death.

It was through her friend, Mrs. Charles M. Confelt, that Mr. & Mrs. Galen L. Stone of Boston, the Institution's largest contributors, became deeply interested in the school.





Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown Founder President-Emerita 1901 - 1953 M. A. - Livingstone College
M. A. - N. C. State College
D. Ed. - Howard University
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College at Salem, Mass.
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the City of Boston
Candidate - Ed. M. - Boston University



faculty







MRS. RUTH C. PRIDE
English...always has a million things on
her mind...and a million places to be
...at the same time.



MR. RICHARD D. SKEETE, JR. Look-it kids...artistically temperamental...Boston bound...Take notes...Number from 1-10.



MR. RUFUS O. BRENT
Directs the Sedalia Singers in the dining
hall...beautiful tones of music in the
best possible shape.



MRS. LOTTIE P. KIMBLE
Dean of girls... and like living in Galen
Stone Hall... has a lively bunch to control... but always a good mother to the
girls.



MR. MAX DARDEAU
Knows all...sees all...hears all...I
have spoken and hope I have been heard



MR. JOHN A. BARBEE
Teaches Science...Math...Runs the
Tea-House...Laughs at his own jokes...
has a bouncing baby boy.



MR. BERNARD J. BATTLE
The man who knows us by our paid or
unpaid bills...brought a puppy named
Dude...good to know when vacation
comes.



MRS. ESTHER ALEXANDER
Teaches piano and music appreciation...
tries to imbue us with musical culture...
time will tell.



MR. EMANUEL HOGARTH
French ...Latin ...Spanish ...when he
wasn't in Haiti...Bon!...loves his food
...and his Sophomore class.





MISS IDA M. MAGEE
Teaches Civics when she isn't in the Gym
... or with her Sophomores... brains plus.



MRS. PRISCILLA TOBIN
Heads the Junior High Department...
authority on "Bringing up the Child"...
Second floor director..."Teenagers."



MR. RAYMOND PETTIFORD
Teaches and conducts the school orchestra...a walking advertisement of the latest bop recordings...his saxaphone is well known.

MRS. NELSON HIGGINBOTHAM Director of Massachusetts Congregational House...loved by all the girls...cooks delicious chocolate cakes.



MISS JESSIE BENTON
Doles out football pills...alcohol...
cough syrup...never a complaint...popular with everyone...and such a bright
smile.



MRS. LILLIAN BRYANT A secretary with ambition... kept everyone from the founder to the sub-freshmen content... and always looked so happy.



MISS ALMA ALEXANDER
English...keeps the Library in a modest
tone...such long hair.



MR. CHARLES W. BUNDRIDGE A history-teaching coach...7 wins and 7 losses...Not bad!...A ready smile... Baseball star.



MRS. MAMIE STEWART Director of Eliot Hall...Heartily interested in "making men out of intramural ball players.



MR. FRED MILLER
Dietitian...No interference...Where's
my headwaiter... reticent... As the
mood dictates.

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Somions





Today we stand together Our last time as a class; And on our graduation We think of days in past.

Our thoughts and dreams go backward To that very first phase, When we stood as Sub-Freshmen With all our childish ways.

To the Freshman class together We went with real high hopes, Twas' then that we discovered Our teachers were fine folks.

How soon to be a Sophomore With hearts that really swell; While patiently we waited For the gong of the very next bell.

And oh! To be a Junior, With dignity in the air: To feel that one is walking With culture everywhere.

Now the step is taken: We stand out from the rest. We think we've been a good class But by no means the best.

And yet it seems so unreal This class so good and strong Bows in this simple sweet farewell To say to you so-long

Good bye, Good luck, God bless you Each and everyone! We leave our fondest wishes As you face tomorrow's sun.

For you, dear Alma Mater, In hearts you'll ere remain We'll always love and cherish you And hope we'll meet again.

Rose Cobb

President's Message

THE PALMER MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

INCORPORATED

IN MEMORY OF ALICE FREEMAN PALMER

SEDALIA, NORTH CAROLINA (10 MILES EAST OF GREENSBORD)

May 30, 1953

The Senior Class of 1953 Palmer Memorial Institute Sedalia, North Carolina

My dear Seniors:

I am writing these last words of greeting to you with whom I have had both pleasant and profitable associations.

Notwithstanding my continual and urgent advice to study hard, I still expect you to achieve worthwhile goals.

I feel a little pull at my heart as I anticipate a "goodbye" to you whom I have learned to love. For you I hold the highest hopes of success in your future educational adventures toward full, fruitful and happy lives.

I shall need your loyalty and continuing interest to keep the banner of Palmer always aloft.

May this Year Book constantly remind you of the high standards your Institution has set before you in the years of which, I sincerely hope, you will always have happy memories.

With love and esteem, Your President,

(Miss) Wilhelmina M. Crosson

Helhelmina M. Crosson



TEDDY ALLEN
"Tea"...sophistication almost unlimited
...whiz at the 88 keys...small, but
bossy...what a wierd hat.



SHIRLEY ADAMS
"Sherry"...best-dressed Senior girl...a
southern drawl...what she can't do with
a basketball.



CECILY BAXLEY
"Cecil"...gee, she's cute...teach me
that new dance step...South Carolina
belle.



PEGGY BAILEY
"Peggy Do"...don't mistake that quiet
manner...bop before Beethoven...what
an energetic laugh.



YVONNE BENTON
"Bonnie"...product of the Sunshine State
...temperaments...watch out, her tickle
box just turned over.



WILLIE MAE BECK
"Willie"...true friend...hidden humor
...she goes to the Mardi Gras.



CURTIS BROOKS
"Moody"...music is the craze if it's cool
...too, too, suave...authority on jazz.



EDITH BLUE
"Telitha"...those eyes!...give me that
geometry book...good brain...common
sense too.

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RICHARD BROWN
"Dicky"... dramatic in words, deeds, actions...temperament to match...do not disturb - task to fulfill.



LORIS BROOKS
"Bobbie"...captain of the girls basketball team...good sport...sudden fits of
hilarity.



KATHERINE BULLS
"Kate" ... dependable ... efficient...
most likely to succeed...the Charleston
is all the rage.



LILLIAN BROWN "Bootlums"...Ah, the sweet tones of a clarinet...music sets the moods...practical jokes.



ROSE COBB
"Puge"...out-talks the radio...poetically inclined...future Broadway attraction.



TROY CHAPMAN "Troy"...Gene Krupa in the rough... progressive jazz all the way...moods galore.



CALISTA DENNIS
"Denny"... unassuming ... how is this new world... interpretation of dance.



CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM
"Marty"... everything original...safe in the Art Room...undecided in big issues.

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MURIEL DIGGS
"Skipper"...frank...craves athletics...
loves slang ... blues ... bop ... boogie.



DELORES DICKENS
"De-de"...live for the present...French
enthusiast...she loves to mambo.



MILDRED DWIGGINS
"Midge"... inspirational... enthusiastic
... exaggeration for effect... personality
plus.



MARY DORSEY
"Eve"...vacillating...I love food...
pianist of first magnitude.



"Shorty"... makes the bandroom his home...reliable behind a wheel...presides over "The Four Horsemen".



GWENDOLYN GATEWOOD "Gatey"...winning smiles...not lost, just misplaced...I love life and I feel wonderful (a-choo!).



JANICE GREEN
"Jan"...typewriter walking...oh, for a stick of gum...listen hard, you'll catch the joke.



EDWARD GOODMAN
"Fats"...humorous...goes for a good time...white pants when working, hot or cold weather.

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LILLIAN HAMILTON
"Lil"...give me a paint brush and some ideas ... double idemnity ... what you don't know won't hurt you.



EDNA GREGORY
"Sweetie"...not as quiet as you think...
plain and out noisy...true as the sky
above.



EDWARD JACQUET
"Jacks"...bell-ringer...we used to think he was shy...loves his sleep...always getting a good laugh.



JOAN HUNTER
"Jo"...never a dull moment...composer
of her own tunes...study hour - bah!



JOYCE JONES
"Jackie"...horns stick thru her halo...
PEST...just give up - she won't!



GWENDOLYN JOHNSON
"Gwynnie"... future member of Ballet
Russe...Jill of all trades...respect me
when I'm in authority.



LESLIE LACY
"Head One"...prexy...attempted dignification...really businesslike...tries to be a cool breeze.



SUZANNE JONES
"Susie Q"...fun-loving...must learn that new dance step...from Penn. but not a Quaker.

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RAPHAEL MACHIN
"Pasquali"...eagerness becomes irritating occasionally...persistent talker...
Cuba his home.



FRANK LEFTWICH
"Left"...head-waiter...Jackie Robinson
fan...blows a sax?...would make a
good physical education teacher.



ADOLPHUS PLUMP "Adolph"...greatest vacillator...those smart comments...he'll die laughing.



THEODORE PINCKNEY
"Teddy"...adoration of the Senior girls
...modest...pleasing personality...always encouraging.



NATHANIEL ROACHE "Nate"... best dresser ... crazy about sports...knows his potentialities.



OLIVE REYNOLDS
"Tootsie"...moods and music take up
most of her time...say fellows, she can



GLENDA TALBOT
"Ga-ga"...sailed over from Bermuda...
good sense of humor...occasional cases
of laryngitis...of course, silence is golden.



CRYSTAL ROSS
"Chris"... model's stroll...mixture of humorous satire and quiet...a couple of dashes of pessimism thrown in. 19



WALTER TURNER
"Bro"...cheerful...he and blues go well together...ye clarinetist.



YVETTE TUCKER
"Tuck"...exotic...temper, temper...
gift of gab...D. C. is the place to live.



BARBARA WARRICK "Bobbie"...a breeze just blew in...everybody's friend...few outward smiles, but many inward chuckles.



JANET WALKER
"Jay"...soft voice ...sweet smiles ...
artistic...loves to doodle.



DELORES WESLEY
"De"...walking for her MRS...from the
Lone Star State...at home on both ranges.



TORRAINE WEAVER
"Terry"...overflowing talent...a gleeclub tenor with an alto voice...always
ready for a laugh.



LENA WOOD
"Lena Mat"...Colgate toothpaste advertisement...look for the silver lining...
popularity plus.



DOLORES WILLIAMS
"Dolo"...quiet by nature...shy by instinct...hardly know she's here. 20

CLASS PERSONALITY PATTERNS

Shirley Adams orderly	Edna Gregory loyal
Teddy Allen domineering	Lillian Hamilton original
Peggy Bailey brave	Joan Hunter enthusiastic
Cecily Baxley sensible	Edward Jacquet loyal
Willie Mae Beck unselfish	Gwendolyn Johnson versatile
Yvonne Benton frank	Joyce Jones optimistic
Edith Blue modest	Suzanne Jones cheerful
Curtis Brooks respectful	Leslie Lacy ambitious
Loris Brooks appreciative	Frank Leftwich scoiable
Lillian Brown intelligent	Raphael Machin conscientious
Richard Brown alert	Theodore Pinckney reasonable
Kate Bulls dependable	Adolphus Plump vacillating
Rose Marie Cobb talkative	Olive Reynolds vacillating
Troy Chapman original	Nathaniel Roache orderly
Carol Cunningham modest	Crystal Ross sarcastic
Calista Dennis frank	Glenda Talbot sociable
Delores Dickens namby-pamby	Yvette Tucker friendly
Muriel Diggs frank	Walter Turner thoughtful
Mary Dorsey vacillating	Janet Walker affectionate
Mildred Dwiggins sensible	Barbara Warrick frank
Gwendolyn Gatewood affectionate	Torraine Weaver versatile
Clyde Golden boastful	Delores Wesley sociable
Edward Goodman frank	Dolores Williams quiet
Janice Green intelligent	Lena Wood understanding

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Frank Leftwich Box 726 Tuskegee Inst. Ala.

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Last Will and Testament

We, the forty-eight souls in the graduating class of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three; in the town of Sedalia, County of Guilford and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and body, do hereby make this, our last will and testament now to our heirs and benefactors.

Article I

To our illustrous founder and president emerita, Dr. Brown, we leave profound love and gratitude for what she has tried to instill in character, and loyalty of purpose.

Article II

To our president, Miss Crosson, we bequeath love and prayers for her success in the years ahead.

Article III

To our faculty members, we bequeath a student body that will be obedient, charming and industrious.

Article IV

To our competitive Juniors, we leave sincere good wishes for your success next year in the fulfillment of everything moral and dignified.

Article V

To our dear sister class, the Sophomores, we leave a clean slate for you to fill with accomplishments next year.

Article VI

To the Freshmen, we will a compass for your maneuvers outside Room 13 next year.

Article VII

To the little Sub-Freshmen we leave four years of rapid passing time so that you may sit in our senior seats in 1957.

Article VIII

Shirley Adams wills to LaVerne Gee all of her forth coming duty works.

Teddy Allen wills to Joyce Styles her outstanding hats and shoes and her ability to play the piano to Olga Black.

Peggy Bailey wills to Eleanor Deloatch her ability to keep her eyes wide open. Cecily Baxley wills her place in the Ensemble to Trixie Clement.

Yvonne Benton wills Muriel Darrell her tenor voice.

Edith Blue wills her interest in the campus activities to Laconia King.

Curtis Brooks wills the remnants of his combo to Talmadge Lewis with hopes of success that he will soon perform in Birdland.

Loris Brooks wills to Grace Pryce her ability to play basketball.

Richard Brown wills to Robert LeSueur his dramatic personality and his ability to keep his head high.

Lillian Brown wills her place in the Sedalia Singers to Betty Jean Rhodes.

Kate Bulls wills to Johnnie Mae Robinson her office as President of the Stone Hall Council.

Rose Marie Cobb bequeaths to Will Ann Mays her everlasting quiet manner.

Troy Chapman wills to Calvin Humphrey his suaveness. Carol Cunningham wills Hollis Frederick her pint size.

Calista Dennis wills her singing ability to Loyce Fairfax.

Delores Dickens wills Ellen Boyd her ability to successfully decline the Latin verb, "bonus" in all genders.

Muriel Diggs wills her skill in playing basketball to Sandra Stewart and her skat-

ing skill to Mary Hillyer.

Mary Dorsey wills to Bettie Carpenter her ability to play the piano. Mildred Dwiggins wills her loquaciousness to Victorine Hinson. Gwendolyn Gatewood wills her singing ability to Lucy Spriggs. Clyde Golden wills his captaincy of the Troopers to George Mattocks.

Edward Goodman wills his ability to wait the teachers tables to Robert Galloway.

Janice Green wills her position as official barber of Stone Hall to Florence Simpkins.

Edna Gregory wills to Hope Gray her position as Vice-president of the Glee Club. Lillian Hamilton wills her artistic ability to Angela Spencer.

Joan Hunter wills Shirley Artis her sense of humor.
Edward Jacquet wills to William Carpenter his captaincy of the basketball team. Gwendolyn Johnson wills her dancing ability to Barbara Gravely.

Joyce Jones wills a complete set of encyclopedias on "Personality" to Marva Hightower.

Suzanne Jones wills the Junior girls the 2nd floor ironing board.

Leslie Lacy wills the presidency of the Senior Class to any Junior who is capable of the office.

Frank Leftwich wills his position as head-waiter to Arthur Robinson.

Raphael Machin wills to the underclassmen his perserverance and conscientiousness in his work and studies.

Theodore Pinckney wills his ability to drive to George Terrell. Adolphus Plump wills his two injured knees to Robert Smith. Olive Reynolds wills her sewing ability to Carol Johnson. Nathaniel Roache wills his height to Harold Herndon.

Crystal Ross wills Beatrice Lacy her soft voice.

Glenda Talbot wills her laryngitis to Will Ann Mays.

Yvette Tucker wills her ability to play the drums to Narell Dillard and her jollification programs to Andrades Alexander.

Walter Turner wills the cleaning of the gym to Aspry Jones. Janet Walker wills her northern accent to Barbara McFarland. Barbara Warrick wills her nonchalantness to Jane Henderson Torraine Weaver wills her versatility to Lottie Gerst. Delores Wesley wills Carmen Swain her dancing ability.

Dolores Williams wills her quietness to Betty Blayton. Lena Wood wills her pleasant smile and ability to learn new dance steps to Amanda Robinson.

Witnesses:

Testators:

Rose Marie Cobb Richard D. Skeete, Jr. Mildred Dwiggins Curtis Brooks

Class Song

TUNE - I'LL BE SEEING YOU

We'll be seeing you-For now 'tis time that we must part, We'll always keep you in our hearts where 'ere we go. Yet, we know so well, our traits will one day tell, And thru the years you'll know, Just what it means to love you so. We'll remember well, the times we had were really swell, We've laughed and cried and all that too-We cannot help but think of you. May morning's rays shine on you, And may evening-tide come smooth; For your light will always shine, our glorious P. M. I.

We shall think of you-In everything we try to do,
Your gleam of hope shall guide us through each day and night.
President and Founder, we'll try hard to follow
Things you say and do,
To keep our hearts so warm and true.
Our bright twinkling star, you've been our everything in one,
Our love so true has grown for you,
Dear P. M. I. our hearts are blue;
We'll love you thru the coming years
And shall return someday,
Bringing trophies from afar, illumining thy star.

Richard A. Brown, Jr.

CLASS MOTTO

"Excepting for knowledge nothing has any meaning, and to have no meaning is to be non-existent.

CLASS COLORS CLASS FLOWER

Aqua and Yellow

Yellow Rose

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President Leslie Lacy
Vice-President Mildred Dwigging
Secretary Carolyn Cunningham
Assistant Secretary Lillian Brown
Treasurer Katherine Bulls
Assistant Treasurer Lillian Hamilton
Chairman of Program Committee Yvonne Benton
Sergeants-at-Arms Suzanne Jones
Walter Turner

SENIOR CLASS CODE

"To be a Senior at Palmer Memorial Institute means to uphold "To be a Senior at Palmer Memorial Institute means to uphold the virtues of womanhood; to exemplify good character traits and habits at all times; to honor, respect and obey all those in authority; to lead so as to be a guiding light to the underclassmen; to be able to trust ourselves and gain the trust of others; to be faithful, loyal and honest to ourselves and our fellowmen; to honor and revere the school by not degrading it in any way either by word, deed or thought; to love God and to live in a christianlike manner."



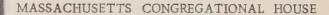
ELIOT HALL BOY'S DORMITORY

KIMBALL HALL DINING HALL



STONE HALL GIRL'S DORMITORY









CANARY COTTAGE FOUNDER-PRESIDENT'S HOME

ALICE FREEMAN PALMER BUILDING



CLASS ALPHABET

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A is for Adams, quiet and neat, in basketball she's hard to beat.
    is for Allen, a girl of the class, quite a sophisticated lass.
    is for Bailey, always around, but when there's work she can't be found.
    is for Baxley, a cute minx, tops with ole "Chopsticks,"
   is for Beck, Willie seems best, she's always well dressed.
   is for Benton, from Florida she hails, as a friend she never fails.
   is for Blue, a Palmerite true, she finishes everything she attempts to do.
    is for Brooks, music is his theme, to head a combo is his dream. is for Brooks, Georgia's her state, attending Clark College is her fate.
    is for Brown, Lillian by name, one day she'll bring much fame.
    is for Brown, the boy with ideas, a true Palmerite for four long years.
   is for Bulls, a dependable child, never associated with anything wild.
C is for Cobb, a lawyer she'll be, Guilty or not guilty will be her plea.
    is for Chapman, a cool, calm boy to be widely read is his private joy.
    is for Cunningham, very shy, you'd never think she's harm a fly.
    is for Dennis, Calista to us, nice and friendly willing to fuss. is for Dickens who entered this year, when one is sad she's nice to be near.
D is for Diggs, who hates to part, but will love Fisk once she gets her start. D is for Dorsey, at the piano she's alert, around boys she's never a flirt.
D is for Dwiggins, a gay lass, in drama she's never last.
Ε
   is for Efficiency, to us a must, needed as Seniors if we want to gain trust.
F
     is for the Farewell, we say to you, wishing students success in all you do.
   is for Gatewood, known as Gwen, a wonderful person, everyone's friend. is for Golden, just a short sprout, when he speaks to be heard he has to shout. is for Goodman one so dear, loyal and quite nice to be near.
G is for Green, who chews gum, a smile for business and ready for fun.
G is for Gregory, we think her quiet, around her friends she causes a riot.
H is for Hamilton, modest and shy, once you see her art you'll wonder why.
H is for Hunter, humorous as can be, in our history class you could really see.
     is for Inatiative, a quality of aim, which is necessary for us to maintain.
     is for Jacquet, a nice lad, mischievous and playful not really bad.
    is for Johnson, a girl you should know, asked for advice she'll never say "no." is for Jones, personality plus, to laugh and joke with her is a must. is for Jones, better known as Suzy, about her friends she isn't choosy.
K is for Knowledge, a handy tool, it's one of the reasons we came to this school.
L is for Lacy, a prexy for sure, a good leader and 100% pure.
    is for Leftwich, our baseball star, spurred by Jackie Robinson in the world he'll go.
M is for Machin, from Cuba he came, in the world of Science he'll make Fame.
N is for Negligence, a quality we lack, if you doubt us check this fact.
O is for the many opportunities we hold in our hands, we'll use them we know we can.
   is for Pinckney, chucked so full of joy, a smile and good word for each girl and boy.
   is for Plump, a boy of many moods, it must be the weather it can't be the food. is for Queries, to teachers we asked, in hopes they'll know we're learning fast.
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    is for Reynolds, versatility so high, her aim in life is as high as the sky.
    is for Roache, so tall and slim, lazy in all classes excepting gym.
    is for Ross, with such a soft voice, when she speaks she leaves you no choice is for Skeete, one you must meet, as our advisor he's hard to beat.
    is for Talbot, who whispered around, excitement came thus a murmuring sound.
   is for Tucker, one of the greatest, her attire you'll always see the latest.
    is for Turner, a miser of knowledge, if he keeps it up he'll fly through college.
U is for Unity, together we stand we've come a long way hand in hand.
V is for Victory, this last one to win, our ultimate aim remain to the end. W is for Walker, New York's her state, ask anybody she's really up to date.
W is for Warrick, the girl of our heart, we hope in life she'll get a good start.
W is for Weaver, a talented lass, she came from Connecticut to enter our class.
W is for Wesley, Dee to us, to be a Mrs. for her is a must.
    is for Williams. Dolo in the dorm, to rules and regulations she'll always conform.
W is for Wood, an optimist indeed, never failing to help one in need.
XYZ Affair, as we studied in history, we hope to be a success but that too is a mystery.
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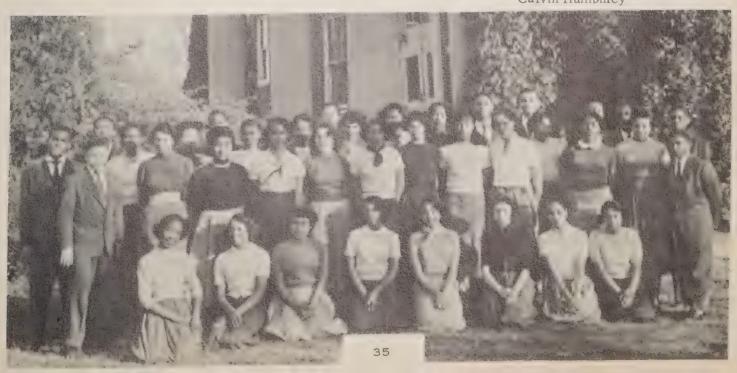
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In keeping with the cultural atmosphere of this Institution, this society presents to the entire student body various forms of cultural material. The Music Department, the English Department, the Physical Education Department and the Art Department all contribute programs to make them enjoyable as well as educational. This society is under the competent direction of Mrs. R. C. Pride.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

No school, regardless of size, could be complete without a Sunday School. It is a Christian organization in which all students participate wholeheartedly in religious matters.

We are profoundly grateful for superb guidance rendered by Mr. B. J. Battle and Edward Jacquet, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent respectively.

THE JUNIOR TOWN MEETING LEAGUE

The Junior Town Meeting League encourages students to discuss current affairs. This league, under the supervision of Mr. Skeete, consists of students of all classes.

Here the students are able to discuss a topic which is presented by a panel of two or three students and tends to provide a medium through which public speaking can be exercised.

THE OWL'S CLUB

This group consists of 25 members who have attended Palmer over a period of 4 or 5 years, who are sworn in to abide by Palmer's triangle of achievement.

The initiation of these members is held annually on October 31, at the Halloween party held in the gym by the Sophomore class.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

Alas! What school would be complete without this organization that allows its members to exhibit individuality in acting? Each class is represented and its plays are always well received. The Dramatic Club is under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Pride.

THE CHARM GROUP

The Charm Group, better known as a Teen-age Club, was organized by our Dormitory Director, Mrs. Kimble to bring the girls closer together as far as social contact is concerned.

This club has given fashion shows, and short skits in the Dormitory which have been well received by the girls.

"LE CERCLE FRANCAIS"

"Le Cercle Français" is comprised of those students in French maintaining a certain scholastic standing. It is under the direction of the two language instructors, Mr. Max Dardeau and Mr. Emanuel Hogarth. The main purpose is to better acquaint the students with the civilization, customs and language of the French people.

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITY NOTES

THE SEDALIA SINGERS

In art there is the pen or brush; in music the piano, violin or other instruments; but in song we have the voice. The Sedalia Singers, one of the most popular organizations on the campus, blends together a group of mixed voices which has helped give this Institution it's great fame in music. Its aid or delicate harmony is hard to surpass. It is under the superb influence of Mr. Rufus Brent.

THE PALMER BAND

This year marked the 31st year of the Instrumental Department of Palmer Memorial Institute. The Orchestra, consisting of 26 pieces, heralded to success in high standards of music. It enriches the students musical abilities and their appreciation of the essence of instrumental music. Outstanding members were: Lillian Brown, Walter Turner, Eleanor Deloatch and Curtis Brooks. This group is directed by Mr. Raymond Pettiford.

THE BOYS QUARTETT

This organization was originated because of the genuine love and enthusiasm for religious and classical singing. Even though we are parting, the spirit of brotherhood shall always remain on the highest level. The group is supervised by Mr. Rufus Brent.

THE MIXED CHOIR

The Mixed Choir is a small group of selected singers united to render selections during various religious services. It is under the direction of Mr. Rufus Brent.

THE ENSEMBLE

Under the graceful and unfailing direction of Mrs. Esther Alexander, this small organization has honored the Palmer family at various occasions with songs never to be forgotten.

THE GIRLS GLEE CLUB

This organization is composed of students who are not members of the Sedalia Singers. Since they come under the influence of Mrs. Esther Alexander, the girls voices have been taught to blend harmoniously together.

THE STONE HALL COUNCIL

The Stone Hall Council was formed to bring about better fellowship among the girls. It consists of representatives from each class whose main purpose is to aid the director in solving problems which arrive in the dormitory.

THE ELIOT HALL COUNCIL

The purpose of this council is to become acquainted with the problems of the boys in the dormitory. This group of young men is selected from four classes. The president, Adolphus Plump, works earnestly with the director and the Dean of Boys. The council stands ready to aid the boys by helping them become an integram part of the dormitory.





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GRIDIRON EPISODES

"'52" seemed to have been a year of unlucky breaks and misfortune for the Palmer Pirates on the gridiron, although the boys never lacked for one moment courage and team spirit.

The Palmer eleven was sparked by the brilliant coaching of Mr. Earnest Dewberry and the splendid guidance of Captain Frank Leftwich. The "pint-sized" quarterback and co-captain, Nathaniel Roache, handled the ball with top form, with the excellent performance of fleet-footed half-backs such as DeLafayette Davis and George Terrell. The getting of those needed "two-yards" was left to full-back James Brown.

The Pirates pass-snatching combination was led by Captain Frank Leftwich, left end, and Leslie Lacy, right end, with quarter-back Nathaniel Roache doing the slinging. We give great praise to Leslie Lacy because of injuries received in defense of his team.

Getting off to a slow start the boys dropped the first game on home grounds to Danville, Virginia, by a thirteen to twelve score, after the Pirates led up to the last quarter.

Fate then turned against the Palmer eleven as they went on to lose three in succession to Siler City, North Carolina, Danville, Virginia, and Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Those acquiring fame through defensive action were Edward Jacquet, guard; Walter Turner, center; Edward Goodman, guard; and Charles Jackson, end.

Regretfully, the following will leave the squad this year; Edward Jacquet, Edward Goodman, Leslie Lacy, Walter Turner, Frank Leftwich and Nathaniel Roache.

To next year's eleven we leave these words, "We may lose but not without a try, and if we lose, we lift our heads up high!"

PIRATETTES IN BASKETBALL

The "Piratettes of 53" were the trailblazers for that famed American sport-basketball. In previous years the Palmer girls have not been an active figure in the "hardwood activities."

Under the general direction, of Miss I. M. Magee, the girls were taught to play the game. Assisting Miss Magee was Teddy Allen, a senior, who gave the team pointers on basketball. Edith Blue and Barbara Warrick were given the task of trainers.

Loris Brooks and Grace Pryce were captain and co-captain, respectively and were outstanding in their performance on the hardwood. Others on the team exemplifying good sportsmanship were: Muriel Diggs, Georgia Guile, Gwendolyn Johnson, Ellen Wells and Barbara McFarland.

The Piratettes of "53" were:

Forward ' Capt. Loris Brooks Forward Muriel Diggs Forward Glenda Talbot Guard Gwendolyn Johnson Guard Edna Gregory Guard Lillian Brown Guard Cecily Baxley Forward Co-Capt. Grace Pryce
Betty Rhodes Guard Olga Black Forward Forward Georgia Guile Guard Barbara McFarland Guard Ellen Wells Guard Mariah Roberts

HARDWOOD HAPPENINGS

Taking over as basketball coach, Mr. Charles W. Bundridge steered the Palmer five to an excellent season.

Under the captainship of Edward Jacquet, a tall 6'3" guard, the Pirates got off to a rousing start. The first victory was obtained by downing Lutheran Junior College of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Boys exemplifying notable skill on the hardwood were: Gregory Marshall, a set shot artist; DeLafayette Davis; Edward Jacquet; Nathaniel Roache and George Terrell. These boys got the fans accustomed to the familiar "popping of the strings."

The quintet marched on to one of the best seasons in the school's history. The Palmer five defeated Dudley High, a Greensboro, N. C. rival of the school for years, in an overtime score of 51-50. The season closed with the team holding a .500 average, with a record of 7 wins and 7 losses.

The season closed with the following cagers leading the team in scoring: Gregory Marshall, DeLafayette Davis, Nathaniel Roache and Edward Jacquet.

The '53 Varsity was composed of:

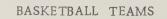
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Calvin Humphrey
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"We of the Varsity who say goodbye, wish the best of luck and success to the oncoming team. We hope that you will always play a good sporting game and constantly strive to win. So long fellows---and good luck!"











JUNIOR CHEER LEADERS



DRILL TEAM

The Dance Team is divided into three groups, under the instruction of Miss I. M. Magee, Miss J. Moffat and Miss G. Johnson.

All groups are taught according to size and what type of dance they can best interpret.

These groups exhibit this particular art during the Physical Education Demonstrattion and on various special occasions.

This outstanding group is composed of sixteen members. The promoter was Mr. B. J. Battle. The officers are Captain Clyde Golden, Lieutenant Theodore Pinckney, Lieutenant Edward Goodman and Lieutenant Talmadge Lewis. They perform before the students of Palmer during Gym Exhibitions.



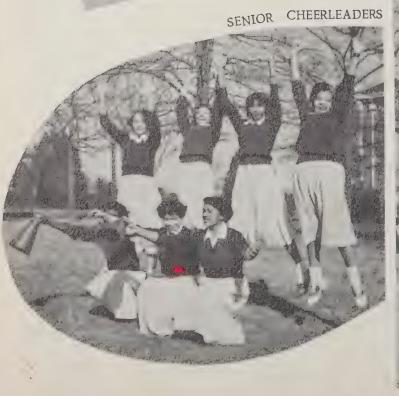
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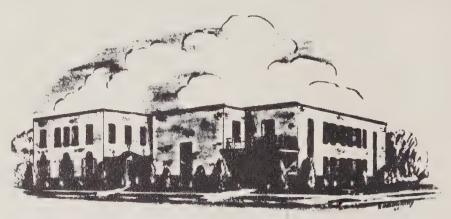
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Florence, S.C. Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams (Primary teacher) Columbia Terrace	1935
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Hartwell, Ga. House, Mrs. Henrietta Bozer (Bradford Model)	1947
Fort Chester, N.Y. Stirrup Ricardo (Student-Senior) Harris, Geraldine S. (Student-Junior) Hampton Institute	1949 1950
Hampton, Va. Jones, Raymona A. (Student-Junior) Fisk University	1950
Nashville, Tenn. Barnhill, Robert (Student-Sophomore) Fisk University	1951
Nashville, Tenn. Daniels, John T. (Student-Sophomore) Howard University	1951
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