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MARY POTTER ACADEMY

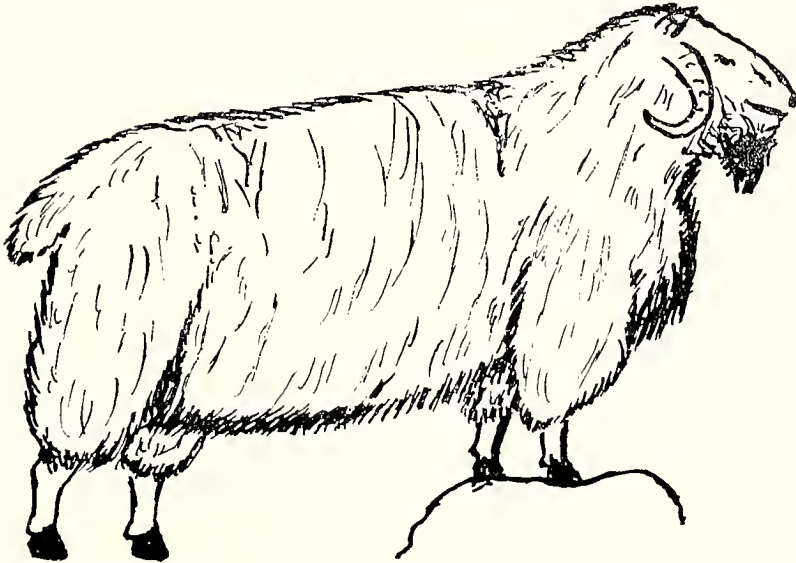
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## Dedication



In appreciation of the endeavor of Dr. Hermon Sylvester Davis, Sr. to help secure an excellent high school education for the students of Mary Potter School for the past twenty-two years, the Senior class dedicates its ninth annual to him. We pause to acknowledge a debt that we owe to Dr. Davis. He was our principal for four and one half years before his retirement in January of this year. We know that Dr. Davis was and still is deeply interested in the studies and activities of the boys and girls of this community. For this reason and because we know that he and Mary Potter School are closely linked, we, the class of 1955, affectionately dedicate this annual to Dr. Hermon S. Davis, Sr.





## Faculty



- Mrs. A. S. Anderson, A. B., St. Augustine College, B. L. S., North Carolina College—Librarian  
 Mrs. T. W. Anderson, A. B., St. Augustine College—Seventh Grade  
 Mrs. B. G. Barksdale, A. B., Virginia State College—English  
 Mr. R. L. Bass, B. S., A. and T. College—Mathematics  
 Mrs. I. S. Brennon, B. S., North Carolina College—Mathematics  
 Miss K. A. Davis, B. S., North Carolina College—Secretary  
 Mrs. B. E. Dunn, B. S., A. and T. College—Chemistry and Biology  
 Mrs. M. W. Gant, B. S., Shaw University, M. A., Atlanta University—Elementary Supervisor  
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 Mrs. M. C. Goode, A. B., North Carolina College—Seventh Grade  
 Mr. C. E. Gregory, A. B., South Carolina State College, M. A., Michigan University—Seventh Grade  
 Mrs. M. J. Holley, B. S., Virginia State College—Home Economics  
 Mrs. R. E. Howell, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, M. A., Michigan University—French, English, and Music  
 Mr. G. R. King, A. B., Lincoln University, Pa.—Principal and Science  
 Mr. R. A. Lewis, B. S., A. and T. College—Vocational Agriculture  
 Mrs. B. P. Lucas, A. B., Johnson C. Smith—Eighth Grade  
 Miss M. C. Morris, B. S. C., M. S. C., North Carolina College—Commercial Education  
 Mr. W. T. Moten, B. S., North Carolina College—Physical Education and General Science  
 Mrs. E. J. McGhee, A. B., Shaw University, M. A., Howard University—English and French  
 Mr. R. J. McNeill, B. S., A. and T. College—Industrial Arts  
 Mr. C. C. Powell, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University—Eighth Grade and Music  
 Mrs. M. H. Scott, A. B., Bennett College—Social Science  
 Mrs. M. H. Shepard, A. B., Shaw University—Eighth Grade  
 Miss H. E. Thomas, B. S., North Carolina College—Seventh Grade  
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MRS. R. E. HOWELL

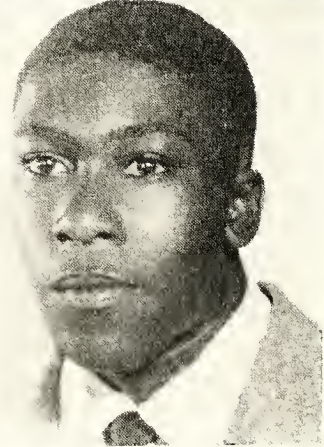
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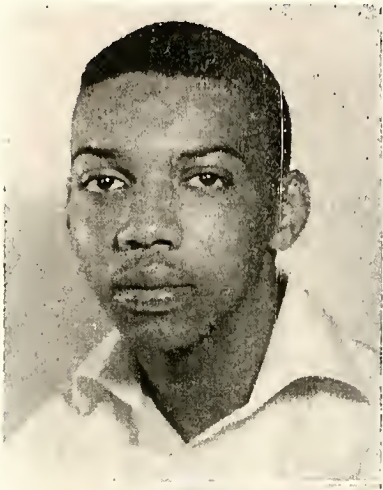


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HENRY ALSTON

"I recon"

" I learn today for tomorrow."

Basketball, Hi-Y, N. F. A.

Physical Education Teacher

Basketball and Talking



ELSIE ANDERSON

"Say Man"

"Live well today, for today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day."

- Mrs. B. G. Barksdale, A. B., Virginia State College, Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem
- Mr. R. L. Bass, B. S., A. and T. College—Math Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, N. F. A.,
- Mrs. I. S. Brennon, B. S., North Carolina College, Student Council
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- Mr. G. R. King, A. B., Lincoln University, Pa. Club, ANDERSON
- Mr. R. A. Lewis, B. S., A. and T. College—Vice President
- Mrs. B. P. Lucas, A. B., Johnson C. Smith—Eighth Grade, "I declare"
- Miss M. C. Morris, B. S. C., M. S. C., North Carolina College, your aims high and strive to reach the goal."
- Mr. W. T. Moten, B. S., North Carolina College, Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Y-Teens,
- Mrs. E. J. McGhee, A. B., Shaw University, Dramatics Club
- Mr. R. J. McNeill, B. S., A. and T. College—Secretary
- Mr. C. C. Powell, A. B., Johnson C. Smith University, Photographer
- Mrs. M. H. Scott, A. B., Bennett College—Society, Reading
- Mrs. M. H. Shepard, A. B., Shaw University—Society
- Miss H. E. Thomas, B. S., North Carolina College
- Mrs. L. L. White, A. B., Shaw University

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EVA BRASWELL "I mean everything is crazy"

*"That which is beautiful is not always good, but that which is good is always beautiful."*

Y-Teens, Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam Club, Dramatics Club, Patrol Force, Mixed Chorus, Ram Staff

Stenographer Sports and Talking



LUCY CATES "Child, le' me tell ya"

*"Education is a life's work: not a matter to be crowded into a few early years."*

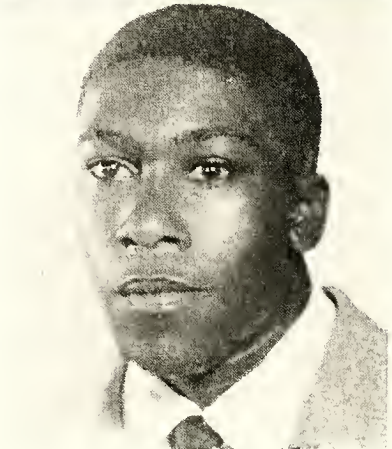
Commercial Co-ed Club, Y-Teens, Carver Chem Cam Club, Dramatics Club, Industrial Arts, Gazette Staff, Student Council, Library Club, Debating Club

Commercial Education Instructor Reading and Talking



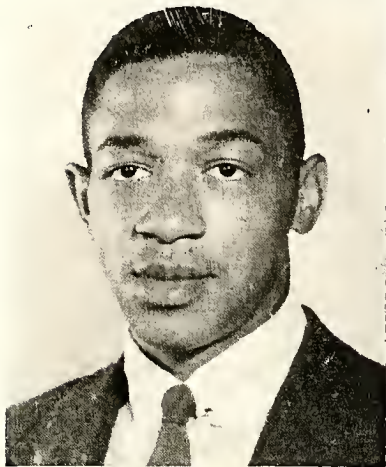
DAVID CLARK

*"Wisdom is knowing what to do next skill is knowing how to do it and virtue is doing it."*









CHARLES COOPER

"Hey, bro"

*"To live long is everyone's wish, but to live well is the ambition of few."*

N. F. A., Football, Commercial Co-ed Club  
Air Force Modeling Airplanes and Sports



ALICE COZART

"I 'clare"

*"Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come to you."*

Y-Teens, Industrial Arts, Basketball, Crew Cuts Club

Telephone Operator Driving and Sports



DORIS DANIEL

"You're some terrible"

*"He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself, for we all need to be forgiven."*

Y-Teens, Library Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Gazette Staff

Stenographer Sight Seeing



GRACE ALETHEA DAVIS

"Believe thee me"

*"The best preparation for the future is the past well seen to and the last duty done."*

Commercial Co-ed Club, Carver Chem Cam Club, Library Club, N. H. A., Girls' Trio, Gazette Staff, Ram Staff, Y-Teens, Dramatics Club, Accompanist for the Girls' Ensemble and the Mixed Chorus

Chemical Engineer

Jiving and Driving



LULA DAVIS

"Are you kidding?"

*"I never quarrel with the past neither do I fuss with the present for fear of destroying the future."*

Y-Teens, N. H. A., N. F. A., Industrial Arts

Telephone Operator

Sight Seeing



DAVID DOWNEY

"Some terrible"

*"It matters not how long we live, but how we live."*

N. H. A., N. F. A., Crew Cuts Club, Library Club

Barber

Driving and Swimming







SALLIE S. GRAHAM

"I swear"

*"I learn not for school, but for life."*

Industrial Arts, Crew Cuts Club, Basketball, Ram Staff, History Club

Business Manager      Sports, Driving and Dancing



CHARLES GREGORY

"I want to thank you"

*"He who comes to conquer me, will be conquered himself also."*

H. S. Davis Ensemble, Football, N. F. A.

Air Force      Sports



JACQUELINE HAMME

"Oh! She's on"

*"Everything I have, I owe to my dear parents."*

N. H. A., Dramatics Club, Y-Teens, Glee Club

Secretary      Writing



ELAINE HARGROVE

“Oh, yeah”

*“I never quarrel with the past neither do I fuss with the present for fear of destroying the future.”*

Glee Club

Missionary

Talking



HELEN C. HARGROVE

“No kidding”

*“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.”*

Glee Club, Y-Teens, Industrial Arts Club, N. H. A., N. F. A.

Telephone Operator

Movies and Fishing



ROY HARGROVE

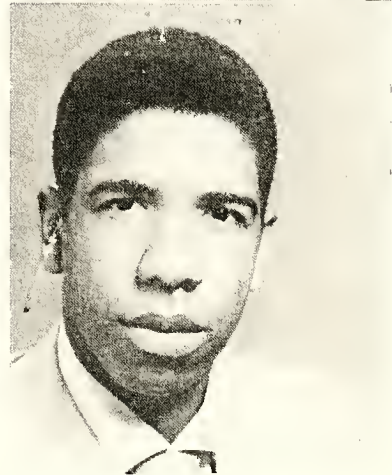
“I recon”

*“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”*

H. S. Davis Ensemble, N. F. A., Basketball, Football, N. H. A., Industrial Arts

Physical Education Instructor

Sports









ELOISE HESTER

“Oh, She’s On”

*“Everything I have, I owe to my dear parents.”*

N. H. A., Dramatics Club, Y-Teens, Glee Club

Secretary

Writing



WILLIE J. HUNT

“Alrightie ’ol sweetie”

*“It is easy to give up anything”*

N. H. A.

Laboratory Technician

Music



RUTH JOINSON

“What did you say”

*“To strive better for life through education”*

Y-Teens, N. H. A., N. F. A., Industrial Arts, Carver  
Chem Cam

Nurse

Movies



LETHIA DELORES JORDAN

“Sum’ Ter’ ”

*“Failures are with heroic minds the stepping stones to success”*

Commercial Co-ed Club, Y-Teens, Gazette Staff, Carver Chem Cam Club, Library Club, N. H. A., Accompanist to the H. S. Davis Ensemble, Senior Class Officer, Ram Staff

Secretary or P. H. Nurse      Music and Reading



MARY ELIZABETH JORDAN

“Now ain’t that terrible”

*“Nothing now is left but a majestic memory.”*

N. H. A., Library Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Gazette Staff, Carver Chem Cam Club, Y-Teens, Dramatics Club

Medical Technologist      Riding and Dramatics



DOROTHY KITRELL

“Oh, you don’t say”

*“A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; he who plants kindness gathers love.”*

Carver Chem Cam Club, N. F. A.

Laboratory Technician      Basketball and Reading







LILA LYON

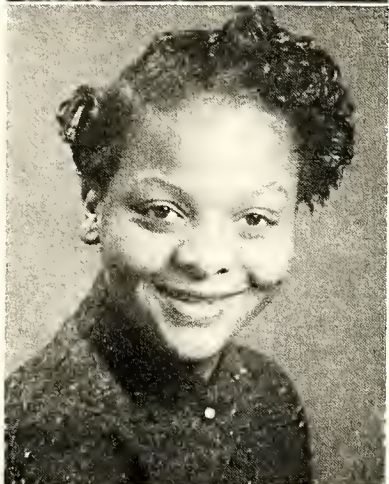
"I don't know"

*"What we are is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God"*

Y-Teens, Commercial Co-ed Club, Dramatics Club, N. H. A., Glee Club, Debating Club, Carver Chem Cam

Medical Technician

Scouting



SYLVIA MALLORY

"I recon"

*"What we are is God's gift to us, what we become is our gift to God"*

Dramatics Club, Industrial Arts, Basketball

Teacher

Typing



MALISSA MCCRAY

"Oh Goody"

*"He wishes, therefore he tries; he is persistent, therefore he wins."*

Commercial Co-ed Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Library Club, Patrol Force, Carver Chem Cam, Crew Cuts Club

Beautician

Singing and Dancing



BEATRICE MOORE

"Hush Child"

*"The luck that I believe in is that which comes with work."*

Y-Teens, Crew Cuts Club, Commercial Co-ed Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Cheer Leader, Patrol Force

Bookkeeper

Dancing and Talking



JERRY OTHA MORGAN, JR.

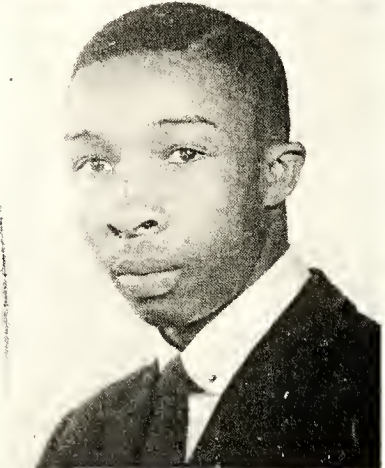
"My man"

*"Learn from mistakes of others for you cannot live long enough to make them all yourself."*

Carver Chem Cam, Commercial Co-ed Club, Hi-Y, Crew Cuts Club, Football

Radio and Television Technician

Sports and Dancing



MARIAN NEWEILL

"Let me tell you something"

*"All that I am and all that I want to be I owe to my parents."*

Basketball, Dramatics Club

Elementary Teacher

Driving









DOROTHY NUTALL

"Aw forget it"

*"It takes a long time for the truth to travel from a distance, but a lie flies on the wings of the wind."*

N. F. A., N. H. A., Library Club, Y-Teens

Barber

Riding



MARION PARKER

"Don't worry about it"

*"It takes the truth a long time to travel a distance, but a lie flies on the wings of the wind."*

Commercial Co-ed Club, Dramatics Club, Library Club, Debating, Y-Teens, Basketball, Gazette Staff

Physical Education Instructor Sports and Driving



ANNIE RICE

"Real Crazy"

*"I envy no man who knows more than I, but I pity he who knows less."*

N. H. A., Library Club, Y-Teens, N. F. A.

Nurse

Music



JOSEPH SATTERFIELD

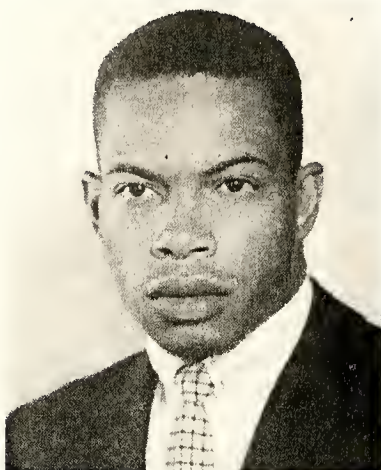
"Now Doll"

*"Take your troubles with a smile."*

Football, Hi-Y, H. S. Davis Ensemble, Crew Cuts Club, N. F. A., Mixed Chorus

Barber

Singing



BERNICE TAYLOR

"Believe Me Jim"

*"Never predict on the future for the present is still going on."*

Telephone Operator or Nurse Clowning and Sports



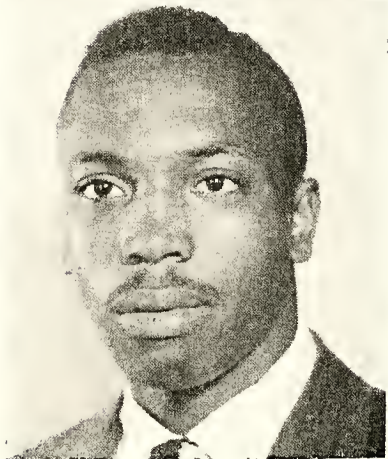
JOSEPH TAYLOR

"I Going"

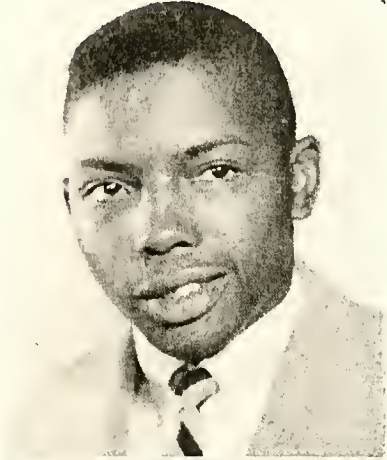
*"Act well your part; there all the honor lies."*

Hi-Y, Football, Basketball, Library Club, History Club, Patrol Force, Carver Chem Cam, Ram Staff

Star for the Harlem Globetrotters  
Working Chemistry and Dancing







RALPH THORPE

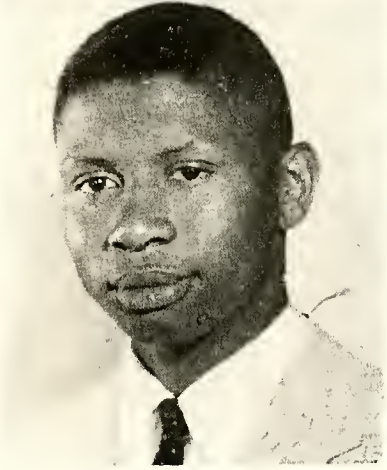
"Say Baby"

*"I envy no man who knows more than I, but I pity him who knows less."*

Football, Carver Chem Cam, Commercial Co-ed Club, Hi-Y, Crew Cuts Club, Ensemble, Mixed Chorus, Ram Staff

Engineering

Sports and Dancing



WILLIE WILKINS

"Baby"

*"A good beginning is half the race."*

Carver Chem Cam, Hi-Y, Commercial Co-ed Club, Football, Crew Cuts Club, Ram Staff

Aviator

Sports

CLASS OFFICERS

President.....	Joseph Rankin
Vice President.....	Roy Hargrove
Secretary.....	Lila M. Lyon
Assistant Secretary.....	Lethia D. Jordan
Treasurer.....	Lucy M. Cates
Sgt.-at-Arms.....	Armstead Morgan
Assis't. Sgt.-at-Arms.....	Willie Wilkins
Reporter.....	Lucille Landis









## Senior Superlatives

(Determined by Class Votes)

Most Co-operative .....	Ralph Thorpe, Lethia Jordan
Most Musical .....	Joseph Satterfield, Malissa McCray
Most Studious .....	Joseph Rankins, Doris Daniels
Most Honest .....	Joseph Taylor, Lila Lyon
Most Dependable .....	Joseph Rankin, Grace Davis
Most Handsome .....	Thomas Norman
Most Attractive .....	Eva Braswell
Most Romantic .....	Lula Davis, Joseph Taylor
Most Dramatic .....	Grace Davis, Joseph Rankin
Most Ambitious .....	Lethia Jordan, Joseph Rankin
Most Dignified .....	Lucille Landis, Matthew Couch
Most Talkative .....	Sylvia Mallory, Roy Hargrove
Best Athlete .....	Joseph Taylor, Sallie Graham
Best Figure .....	Dorothy Nutall
Best Physique .....	Ralph Thorpe
Best Dancing Partner .....	Sylvia Mallory, Roy Hargrove
Best Personality .....	Joseph Taylor, Lula Davis
Most Versatile .....	Marion Parker, Joseph Rankin



### Ram Staff



Editor-in-Chief ..... Sallie S. Grabam  
 Assistant Editor ..... Grace A. Davis  
 Business Manager ..... Eva Braswell

#### ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Doris Daniel  
 Willie Wilkins  
 Ralph Thorpe

Lethia Jordan  
 Joseph Taylor  
 Charles Cooper



### The Student Council Officers



- Lucy Cates ..... President
- John McAden ..... Vice President
- Elsie Anderson ..... Secretary
- Pearlene Hunter ..... Treasurer

#### THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

- |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rose Allen      | Vivian Daye     | Ethel Jeffers   |
| Brenda Anderson | Martha Fields   | Decosta Lindsey |
| Elsie Anderson  | Yvonne Hester   | Joyce Lyons     |
| Jessie Banks    | Gloria Holman   | John McAden     |
| Lucy Cates      | Pearlene Hunter | Lucy Ross       |
|                 | Helen Thomas    | Joan Trotter    |

#### THE STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORS

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|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mrs. I. S. Breannon | Mrs. B. P. Lucas | Mr. R. L. Bass |
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## The Commercial Co-Ed Club Officers



President .....	Lucy Cates
Vice President .....	Talmadge Hunt
Corresponding Secretary .....	Doris Daniel
Recording Secretary .....	Lila M. Lyon
Treasurer .....	Otha Morgan
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Willie Wilkins
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Charles Cooper
Dean of Club .....	Minnie Anderson
Reporter .....	Joseph Rankin

### THE COMMERCIAL CO-ED CLUB ROSTER

Christine Allen	Elnora Fields	Malissa McCray
Lillie Allen	Yvonne Floyd	Thelma J. Mitz
Elsie Anderson	Marianna Hawkins	Beatrice Moore
Juanita Anderson	Eloise Hester	Otha Morgan
Minnie Anderson	Talmadge Hunt	Marion Parker
Eva Braswell	Lethia Jordan	Joseph Rankin
Lucy Cates	Mary Jordan	Lucy Ross
Charles Cooper	Bertha King	Ralph Thorpe
Ernestine Currin	Lucille Landis	Martha Umstead
Doris Daniel	Lila Lyon	Willie Wilkins
Grace Davis	Iola Martin	

CLUB MOTTO: "WE BUILD OUR VOCABULARY BY THE KEYBOARD OF THE TYPEWRITER."

- CLUB COLORS: Black and White
- CLUB FLOWER: White Carnation
- CLUB ADVISOR: Miss Margie C. Morris
- CLUB MOTHER: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Chavis





## A Retrospect of The Commercial Co-Ed Club

Time seems short and to pass very rapidly when the things you do are a source of pleasure to you. So it is with The Commercial Co-ed Club. When we think of a school year as such, time seems to creep along, but when we stop and ponder our activities and times together in The Commercial Club, nine months seem to dwindle down to four or five months because we enjoy what we do in our organization. We believe this to be true because the traditions that were begun with the organization of this Club have had no chance to wither with no thought of their dying. Won't you try to reminisce with us as we take a backward glance at the activities of this Club?

With a complete ritualistic ceremony, the first members of The Commercial Co-ed Club were initiated on September 26, 1946. Every year since then a closed candlelight ceremony has been conducted at which time the members are presented their membership cards, certificates and ribbons. Miss Margie C. Morris, our commercial teacher and Club advisor presided over the first ceremony but since that time the president has served in that position and Miss Morris serves strictly in the capacity of an advisor and witness only to the ceremonies and signatures. As a review of that year's accomplishments, you will note that the group selected the white carnation for its Club flower, black and white for its colors and "We Build Our Vocabulary By The Keyboard of The Typewriter" for its motto.

This first year was the year that Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley Chavis of Oxford was proclaimed the Mother of The Commercial Co-ed Club. This was an outgrowth of the keen interest and love she manifested in our Club as exhibited by no others. We commemorate her interest by presenting a corsage, greetings, handkerchiefs or some symbolic token of our appreciation and love to her each year on Mother's Day. We feel—and we are certain that she does too—that our most precious and durable gift was the White Bible presented her at our Mother's Day program, Wednesday, May 7, 1952. She was our guest of honor and it was to her that our program was dedicated. This Bible was presented to her following her challenging and most impressive message to the faculty, patrons and students. This Bible bore the gold inscription "Mother Elizabeth R. Chavis" on the front cover. Along with this Bible, she was presented a beautiful orchid. For this occasion, a song was written honoring her and entitled "Dear Mother Chavis." As part of her Mother's Day gift this year, The Club will present her a copy of this year book along with a copy of the Club handbook.

With due credit to our charter members and all others we sincerely believe that our Club made more history that first year than any other year since. Probably that can be attributed to the fact that everything was to be done then and since that time chiefly additions and improvements have been made during the succeeding years. However, we would not have you feel that the Club has been stagnant for it has not. At that time, we were overflowing with bright and ardent ideas in an endeavor to see all our plans materialized. During the school year 1946-47, the first annual spring outing was held at the Oxford Recreation Park with refreshments served at Mother Chavis' home. Since then hikes or picnics have been held annually on her spacious lawn and once at Buggs Island. Several programs are presented annually by this group varying from skits and programs to the Devil's Funeral.

To the most deserving student in the Commercial Club a small cash award is given at Commencement with the hope that that student will continue his work in the field of commercial education. Prior to 1953 this award was given by the Club but is now made possible through the graciousness of our Club Mother and her family in memory of their late sister who was an alumna of Mary Potter. They have also increased this award from five dollars to ten dollars. All recipients of this award have either graduated from college or are still enrolled in college.

The chief project annually of The Club is the publication of its Club paper—The Black and White Dispatch at least twice—Christmas and Mother's Day.

After the laying of this firm foundation the first year, the building—so to speak—was completed and renovations have been made yearly. One of the most outstanding renovations or additions to the activities in the history of The Commercial Co-ed Club is that of the Black and White Ball. This Ball was the first of its kind to be given by any organization at Mary Potter. In spite of the biting cold winds of February 11, 1955, many of our guests responded to our invitations to this dance held in the school gymnasium.

The most important moment of the evening was the crowning of the sweetheart of 1955, Eva Mae Braswell and her escort Charles Cooper by the sweetheart of 1954, Marion Parker and her escort Talmadge Hunt. The crowning took place in the center of a heart formed by the members of The Club and their guests as their names were called. Our Club president, Lucy Mae Cates, placed a black velvet cape around the sweetheart of 1954, who in turn placed a similar cape around the sweetheart of 1955. The sweetheart song in the tune of Dear Old Girl was sung by The Club members following the crowning. The orchestra played The Stars and Stripes Forever while the sweethearts and escorts, followed by the other members and their guests stepped off the platform to the music for the grand march. The ever popular





Howell's Combo rendered the music for this occasion. During intermission, we listened to an inspiring message from Mother Chavis. The invitations, dance programs, complimentary cards, and noise makers will serve as souvenirs of this occasion for many years to come. To culminate this honor to our sweetheart, we presented a Valentine Musicales in the assembly Monday, February 14, 1955 using red and white as the color scheme.

The school year 1954-55 will also be remembered for the school closing program presented Friday, May 13 in the assembly. The senior Club members portrayed the careers they anticipate entering. Included on this program were farewell songs—some original and others traditional—to the Senior Co-eds by the Junior Co-eds and vice versa; messages of appreciation to the faculty, juniors and seniors.

While our activities have changed considerably we feel that they have not decreased by any means. However, we do feel that since the experiences have been so great and varied that it seems only a couple of years ago that we were first organized into The Commercial Co-ed Club and only a few weeks ago that this school year began. May our successors continue on the upward march for the good of our Organization.

Lucy M. Cates  
Elsie Anderson





# Gazette



The Mary Potter Gazette, our school paper has sought, through the years to bring to our student body and the members of our community, the best of all the news worth printing. We have done this with the co-operation of our staff members, and the advisors of the paper. We have as our motto: To ever serve better, is our aim.

Our officers are as follows:

Mary Jordan	-----	Editor-in-Chief
Grace Davis	-----	Associate Editor
Lethia Jordan	-----	Associate Editor
Raleigh Greene	-----	Business Manager
Leo Mallory	-----	Circulation Manager
Leroy Greene	-----	Business Manager
Clarence Mallory	-----	Circulation Manager
Dorothea Harris	-----	Secretary
Margaret Hamme	-----	Special Editor
Mabel Davis	-----	Fashion Editor
Lucy Ross	-----	City Editor
Shepherd Yancey	-----	Business Manager

TYPISTS

Lila Lyon  
Beatrice Moore

Marian Parker  
Lucy Cates

Hannah Long



## The Library Club



### CLUB OFFICERS

President .....	Grace A. Davis
Vice-President .....	Ernestine Currin
Secretary .....	Lucy Cates
Assistant Secretary .....	Thelma Mitz
Treasurer .....	Carlyle Banks
Reporter .....	Minnie Anderson
Advisor .....	Mrs. A. S. Anderson

### MEMBERS

Anderson, Minnie	Edwards, Carrie	McCray, Malissa
Banks, Carlyle	Fields, Annie	Mitz, Thelma
Burroughs, Marthelia	Greene, Raleigh	Nutall, Dorothy
Currin, Ernestine	Hester, Eloise	Parker, Marion
Currin, Flora	Hunt, Talmadge	Ross, Lucy
Cates, Lucy	Jordan, Mary E.	Speight, Mary
Daniel, Doris	Jordan, Lethia	Taylor, Joseph
Davis, Grace	King, Bertha	Yancey, Nannie Ruth
Davis, Pauline	Latta, Annie Ruth	

MOTTO: "Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is good books."





### Carver Chem Cam Science Club



MOTTO: "To Strive For Better Living Through Science"

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Colors—White and Blue

Flower—White Carnation

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Eva Braswell	Mary Jordan	Dorothy Nutall
Lucy Cates	Bertha King	Marion Parker
Ernestine Currin	Annie Latta	Ida Yancey
Flora Currin	Hannah Long	Nannie Yancey
Doris Daniels	Lila Lyon	Ola Yancey

Advisor—Mrs. R. E. Howell



## The Choral Club



Motto: "Ready To Perform"

### SOPRANOS

Allen, Lillie	Edwards, Carrie	Hawkins, Mary Anna
Allen, Juanita	Fields, Annie	Howell, Jean
Anderson, Juanita	Fields, Elnora	Hunter, Ethel
Anderson, Minnie	Hall, Lottie	Landis, Lucille
Burroughs, Marthelia	Harris, Dorothea	McCray, Malissa
Currin, Ernestine	Hargrove, Helen	Moore, Beatrice
	Moore, Marjorie	Parker, Barbara

### ALTOS

Anderson, Elsie	Hargrove, Elaine	Lyons, Lila
Braswell, Eva	King, Bertha	Martin, Iola
Collette, Addie	Kirkland, Carol	Mitz, Thelma
Greene, Nora	Latta, Annie	Oakley, Anna
	Paschall, Betty	Umstead, Martha

### TENORS

Banks, Carlyle	Carr, Chester	Latta, Clarence
Baskerville, Hayes	Greene, Leroy	Mallory, Clarence
	McAden, John	Yancey, Shepherd

### BASSES

Baskerville, Norven	Edwards, Lundy	Peace, Grant
Braswell, Ernest	Greene, Wilson	Royster, Isaac
Clark, David	Hedgepeth, Benjamin	Satterfield, Joseph
Crews, Philip	Lyons, Chester	Thorpe, Ralph

Grace Davis	-----	Pianist
Mrs. Roberta Howell	-----	Director





## H. S. Davis Ensemble



The H. S. Davis Boys' Ensemble had its beginning in 1947 as a quartet. It later changed to a quintet; to a sextette; then to an octette. Because of the interest in singing on the part of so many boys at Mary Potter Mr. C. C. Powell conceived the idea of organizing a Boys' Glee Club. The response was tremendous and the Group named itself the H. S. Davis Boys' Ensemble in honor of Dr. H. S. Davis retired Principal of Mary Potter. The group under the direction of C. C. Powell has been highly acclaimed. It has given a total of 147 concerts throughout the State of North Carolina during the past five years.

The group annually gives its home concert, and "Ensemble Ball." The two events are looked forward to by many persons in the school and community.

The present officers are:

President .....	Isaac Royster
Vice President .....	Phillip Crews
Secretary and Accompanist .....	Lethia Jordan
Treasurer .....	Frank Yancey
Publicity Director .....	Chester Carr
Stage Director .....	Leo Mallory
Assistant Director .....	Hayes Baskerville
Director .....	C. C. Powell
Principal .....	G. R. King



### New Homemakers of America



MOTTO: Better Homes for a Better Nation

COLORS: Blue and White

CLUB FLOWER: Red Rose

#### OFFICERS

President .....	Mary E. Jordan
Vice President .....	Grace Davis
Secretary .....	Lethia Jordan
Treasurer .....	Annie Fields
Reporter .....	Elnora Fields
Advisor .....	Mrs. M. J. Holley

#### ACTIVITIES FOR 1955

1. Observed N. H. A. Week, April 16-22.
  - A. Saturday—Attended N. H. A. Rally at N. C. C.
  - B. Sunday—Attended Church Services
  - C. Monday—Assembly Program
  - D. Tuesday—Weiner Roast
  - E. Wednesday—Theater Party
  - F. Thursday—Took cookies to County Home
2. Sold sandwiches at the lunch hour to students.



### N. F. A.



The New Farmers of America is a National organization for Negro students studying vocational agriculture. The Mary Potter Chapter was organized in 1937. It has grown from a few students to a membership of 75.

Students in agriculture are taught scientific agriculture, dealing with crops, vegetables, livestock, insects and diseases.

Home projects, and Supervised Farm practices are carried out on the home farms which serve to learn by practice the many agricultural virtues.

The Officers for the organization are as follows:

- President ----- Charles Gregory
- Vice President ----- Thomas Norman
- Secretary ----- David L. Clarke
- Treasurer ----- Roosevelt Ross
- Reporter ----- James Hicks
- Advisor ----- Mr. R. A. Lewis



### The Crew Cuts Club



The Crew Cut Club organized a club for 1954-55. We organized as follows:

- President ----- Joseph Taylor
- Vice President ----- Willie Wilkins
- Secretary ----- Sallie Graham
- Assistant Secretary ----- Otha Morgan
- Treasurer ----- Ralph Thorpe
- Sergeant-at-Arms ----- Armstead Morgan

#### MEMBERS

Alice M. Cozart  
 Mary E. Hunt  
 Lila Lyon

Malissa McCray  
 Beatrice Moore  
 Eva Braswell

Jackie Hamme  
 Talmadge Hunt  
 Joseph Satterfield  
 David Downey

Motto—"Once Together Always Together"

#### THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLUB IS:

- A. To give service.
- B. To assure order and good conduct.

#### BY LAWS:

- A. A person must be in this school five years.
- B. The membership shall not exceed sixteen.

Reporter—Sallie Graham  
 Advisor—Mr. H. K. Gilreath





### The Rams



- |                     |                  |                      |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Allen, Ernest       | Gregory, Charles | Peace, Johnnie       |
| Baskerville, Norven | Hamme, Freeman   | Rose, Lonnie         |
| Bass, George        | Hargrove, Roy    | Satterfield, Alfonso |
| Bowden, Mack        | Haskins, Arnold  | Satterfield, Joseph  |
| Boyd, Oscar         | Hester, Randolph | Smith, Frank         |
| Cooper, Charles     | Holman, Charles  | Taylor, Earl         |
| Cotten, James       | Hunt, Talmadge   | Taylor, Joseph       |
| Davis, Samuel       | Lyon, Chester    | Thorpe, Isaiah       |
| Dickey, Walter      | Morgan, Armstead | Thorpe, Ralph        |
| Greene, Wilson      | Morgan, Otha     | Ward, Amos           |
| Greenwood, John     | Norman, Thomas   | Wilkins, Willie      |

TRAINERS

- |             |                    |                 |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Boyd, Billy | Harris, Don Ameche | Strater, Elijah |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|

COACHES

- |                |                   |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mr. G. R. King | Mr. R. J. McNeill | Mr. W. T. Moten |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|



### Varsity Basketball



WINNER OF FALL LINE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

- |                            |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| *Sallie Graham, Captain    | Thelma Umstead   | *Alice M. Cozart |
| ‡Marion Parker, Co-Captain | Derothea Hamme   | Lizzie Hawkins   |
| Maryanna Hawkins           | Odesa Thorpe     | Nobara Cotton    |
| *Marian Newell             | Mildred Norman   | Clara Smith      |
| Marion Anderson            | *Lillie Elderson | Barbara Lewis    |
| Delois Norman              | Peggie Hamme     | Lucy Graham      |

\* Denotes Seniors

Coaches: Mr. H. K. Gilreath      Mrs. L. L. White



### Varsity Basketball



The Mary Potter Rams have had a 50% season this year. They won 10 and lost 10. The Rams' team was composed of mostly seniors. There were nine seniors and three juniors.

#### SENIOR LINE-UP

Henry Alston  
 Matthew Couch  
 Don Ameche Harris

Roy Hargrove  
 Talmadge Hunt  
 Thomas Norman

Harold Rollins  
 Frank Smith  
 Joseph Taylor

#### JUNIOR LINE-UP

Mack Bowden

Phillip Crews

Thomas Daniels

#### COACH

W. Thomas Moten



## Last Will and Testament of The Class of 1955

We, the class of 1955, of the City of Oxford, County of Granville, and State of North Carolina, being of legal ages and sound minds and memories, do make, publish, and declare this our LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, hereby revoking and annulling any and all Will or Wills by us made heretofore:

### ARTICLE I.

- Item 1. To the Junior Class, we give reluctantly, but out of necessity, our mantle of dignity. We realize that the class can never fill it, but since it is expected of them, our advice is "Grin and wear it."
- Item 2. To our good friends the Sophomore Class, we leave our patience. It will be useful as the only means by which they can endure the Juniors.
- Item 3. To the young, unsophisticated Freshmen, we leave our little book entitled, "How To Tell The Teachers." A pamphlet compiled by us after four years of arduous study.
- Item 4. To our principal, in recognition of his kindness and generosity to us, we leave our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation.
- Item 5. To our teachers, we give and bequeath our very kindest regards and our sincere gratitude for their unflinching kindness.

### ARTICLE II

Henry Alston leaves his ability to play basketball to Frank Yancey and Norven Baskerville his jersey "Number 11."

Lillie Allen bequeaths her ability to finish high school to her nephew James W. Allen and to Minnie Anderson she leaves her ability to work Geometry.

Elsie Anderson wills to Barbara Anderson her ability to finish high school and to Mable Hunter her ability to smile most of the time.

Eva Braswell leaves to Rosa Daniel and Rosa Allen her attractive and neat looking hair styles.

Lucy Cates bequeaths her position as president of the student council to John McAden and her ability to stay on the honor roll to her brothers, John and Wesley Cates.

Charles Cooper wills to Wilson Green his ability to make love to Barbara J. Parker and to Mack Bowden he leaves his sugar foot.

Alice Cozart bequeaths her girlish figure to Juanita Allen.

Doris Daniel leaves her ability to make the honor roll to her sisters and to Annie Latta her license to drive a bus.

Lula Davis wills her ability to refrain from flirting with every boy who passes to Rose Vass.

David Downey leaves Toney Cotton the 2C bus and to Charles Hester the ability to make love to all girls.

Lillie Elkerson bequeaths to Marjorie Moore her figure and her shapely legs.

Sallie S. Graham wills her ability to finish high school to her sister Lucy and her basketball suit "Number 25" to the big wheel of Mary Potter School, Gracie Cheatham.

Don Ameche Harris leaves Lenwood Flemming his athletic ability.

Helen C. Hargrove bequeaths to Lottie Hall her shortness and to Marthelia Burroughs her seat in Law Class.

Elaine Hargrove wills to Nora Greene her ability to sing alto and second soprano in tune.

Eloise Hester leaves her pleasant ways to Virginia Hart.

Jean Hunt wills her seat in Chemistry to Ann Hunt.

Mary E. Hunt leaves her ability to stay in the office every 4th and 5th period to Louise Robinson, and her typing ability to Katherine Davis.

Ruth Johnson bequeaths her quietness to Ola Mae Yancey and her ability to study to Joyce Lyon.

Lethia Jordan wills her ability to become Mrs. Gant's student assistant to her sister, Rosalyn and to Mable Hicks, her seat at the piano as pianist to the H. S. Davis Ensemble.

Mary E. Jordan wills her ability to be Salutatorian to her sister, Carolyn, and her position as Editor of the school paper to Gloria Burton.

Dorothy Kittrell leaves to Johnny Chambers and Otis Kittrell the ability to finish school.

Lila Lyon wills to Thelma Mitz her stumpy height of four feet.

Sylvia Mallory bequeaths her vivaciousness to Minnie Anderson and her crazy laugh to Mary Marrow.

Malissa McCray bequeaths her patrol badge to Ida Yancey and her melodious voice to Jean Howell.





so well that they returned to finish with the class in spite of the fact that the boarding department had closed.

Now to the third year! This to be sure, was a big year for us. We were Juniors! And of course, if you were ever a Junior, you know just how important we felt. To the girls, we boys were growing more handsome. Whether we were handsome or not, we were eager to have the girls think of us as such. So we began to make our appearances neater by keeping our suits pressed, our shoes polished, and our hair neatly styled in the "German bush" (some of us). The girls too, found favor in the boys' eyesight, and they began to improve their appearance. We saw no more pigtailed, but beautiful hair styles. They seemed to have found some of the most beautiful dresses! And their complexion was the "skin you love to touch". I do believe that we have the most beautiful girls in our class than there has been in a long, long time.

Although our attentions were attracted to the opposite sex, many of us didn't let that interfere with our school work. We struggled and wrestled with those difficult subjects like Jacob did with the angel and came at last to the best year of all—our senior year!

We have struggled hard this year, and we are proud that our struggle has not been in vain. But a sad note rings in our heart, because we are leaving behind some of our classmates. The going proved too hard for these few, and they chose to fall by the wayside. Maybe they loved our dear Mary Potter too well. I can't say, but those of us who sit here feel that we love our Alma Mater better, for our graduation brings honor to her name.

When we leave, we take away with us so much of the talent—Lethia Jordan was accompanist for the H. S. Davis Ensemble for two years. Grace Davis was accompanist for the Girls' Glee Club and the Mixed Chorus for three years. The trio was composed of only members of our class. We are sorry to deprive the school of these worthy students, but we are so happy that they are members of our class. Especially are we proud of Grace Davis, the valedictorian of our class and Mary Jordan, the salutatorian.

These have been the outstanding events in my observation of this class of 1955. It is my sincere hope that fate will set our feet firmly on the magic carpet of success.

## Class Song

Tune: Unchained Melody  
 M. P. M. our dear school,  
 The parting now has come  
 A sad sad farewell  
 Alma Mater by your rule  
 Our courses we will run  
 And it will dwell  
 E'er in our heart  
 A guiding star  
 For us 'twill ever be.

Steadily we'll climb, reaching high,  
 Reaching high  
 And our promises made for thee  
 That what ever our fame as we  
 Climb reaching high,  
 Honors to your name they shall be.

So dear school, our parting  
 Brings sorrow to our heart  
 But time marches on  
 So we know we must part  
 But wither we may roam  
 Our love for you  
 Will e'er be true  
 Dear M. P. M.  
 Our dear old school  
 Farewell — —

Mary Jordan



## Class Poem

Dear Alma Mater, we hate to leave you,  
 You have meant so much to us these long years through.  
 We will always think of Thee with a sense of pride,  
 And our love for Thee we will never hide.

We will miss our dear teachers one and all;  
 But we are climbing upward, Never to fall.  
 We have travelled to and fro' through sunshine and rain,  
 For we know our trips have not been in vain.

Whatever we are, Or whatever we may chance to be,  
 We know we gained it all from Thee.  
 Our days spent here have been so dear—  
 Pleasant days filled with laughter and cheer.

We shall forever cherish thy dear sweet name,  
 If we shall fail, Thou art not to blame.  
 We will regret the hardships we've met,  
 And our dear friends we will never forget.

Though we may travel far or near,  
 We'll always remember our days spent here.  
 Though oppressions may come our way,  
 Thoughts of Thee will brighten our day.

And now, dear school, we say "farewell".  
 No more within these halls we'll dwell,  
 What'er success we win or fame,  
 Shall be to honor your great name.

Lucy Cates

## How Do I Love Mary Potter

How do I love Mary Potter? Let me count the ways  
 I love Potter to the memories and the height  
 My soul can reach, when it's lost in sight  
 For the ends of being and ideal grace:  
 I love Potter to the level of all its day's  
 Most dearly indeed, by faith and sunlight.  
 I love Potter freely, as I fought for my right  
 I love Potter dearly, as it stood in ways.  
 I love Potter with thoughts I put to use  
 In my old griefs, and with my schooldays faith.  
 I love Potter with a love I seemed to lose  
 With my last classmates, I love Potter  
 With smiles, tears, of all my life! And if  
 I choose in ways,  
 I shall but love Potter for the rest of the days.

Sallie Graham

Patterned by the Sonnet 143—Elizabeth Browning.



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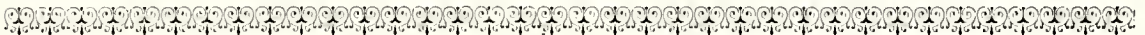
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