

THE PIRATE — 1951





*Seniors*

of '51



*Present*

The Pirate



Hinton Kelly  
President

Margaret Dean  
Business Manager

Mrs. Gladys Denson Mays  
Sponsor and General Advisor



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# Foreword

This is the second "Pirate" to be published at Newport High School. The first appearing in May 1950.

In this yearbook we have tried to present a picture story of the school year 1950-1951.

We sincerely hope that the "Pirate" will serve as an inspiration, that all classes will strive to make each succeeding publication better than the ones before.

We hope that as you turn pages it will bring to your minds cherished memories.

## *Dedication*

Dedicated to our parents whose foresight and devotion have provided us with the opportunity of an education.





Under the leadership of Mr. W. W. Baker (left), superintendent of schools and Mr. J. N. Hout (right), president of School Board, our school has made rapid progress. They with other members of the board have shown their interest in developing a greater school for the colored youth of our county.



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## Ground Breaking

March 15, 1950, a few citizens gathered at school for the ground breaking of the new gymnasium. Our hopes were high and anticipations great for we knew that soon we would realize our dreams—a gymnasium. We were not only thinking of the gymnasium but other buildings which were included in the building program.

After a brief program which included remarks by Superintendent Baker, President Hout, Principal Craft and the Rev. H. G. Martin the groups sang "God Bless America".

Pictured above with the shovel in hand is the president of the school board, Mr. J. N. Hout. Supt. Baker is in the background to the left of the Rev. F. C. Reed. The group includes citizens and the school at large.

Other pictures are two snapshots made during the ceremony.



# Our Alma Mater



Air - "My Bonnie"

We're loyal to you Newport High School,  
We'll be loyal to you evermore,  
We'll remember the dear golden rule  
We learned as we entered your door.

Chorus:

Newport High School; School of my childhood days so fair:  
Alma Mater, we'll praise your name everywhere.  
True to our colors blue and old gold,  
Long may they mean beauty and fame,  
Emblems of vict'ries and joys untold  
We pledge never to cause you shame.

Chorus---

We laud your dear name Newport High School,  
We'll always feel your guiding hand,  
We can never stray from your dear rule  
Where e'er we are, on water or land.

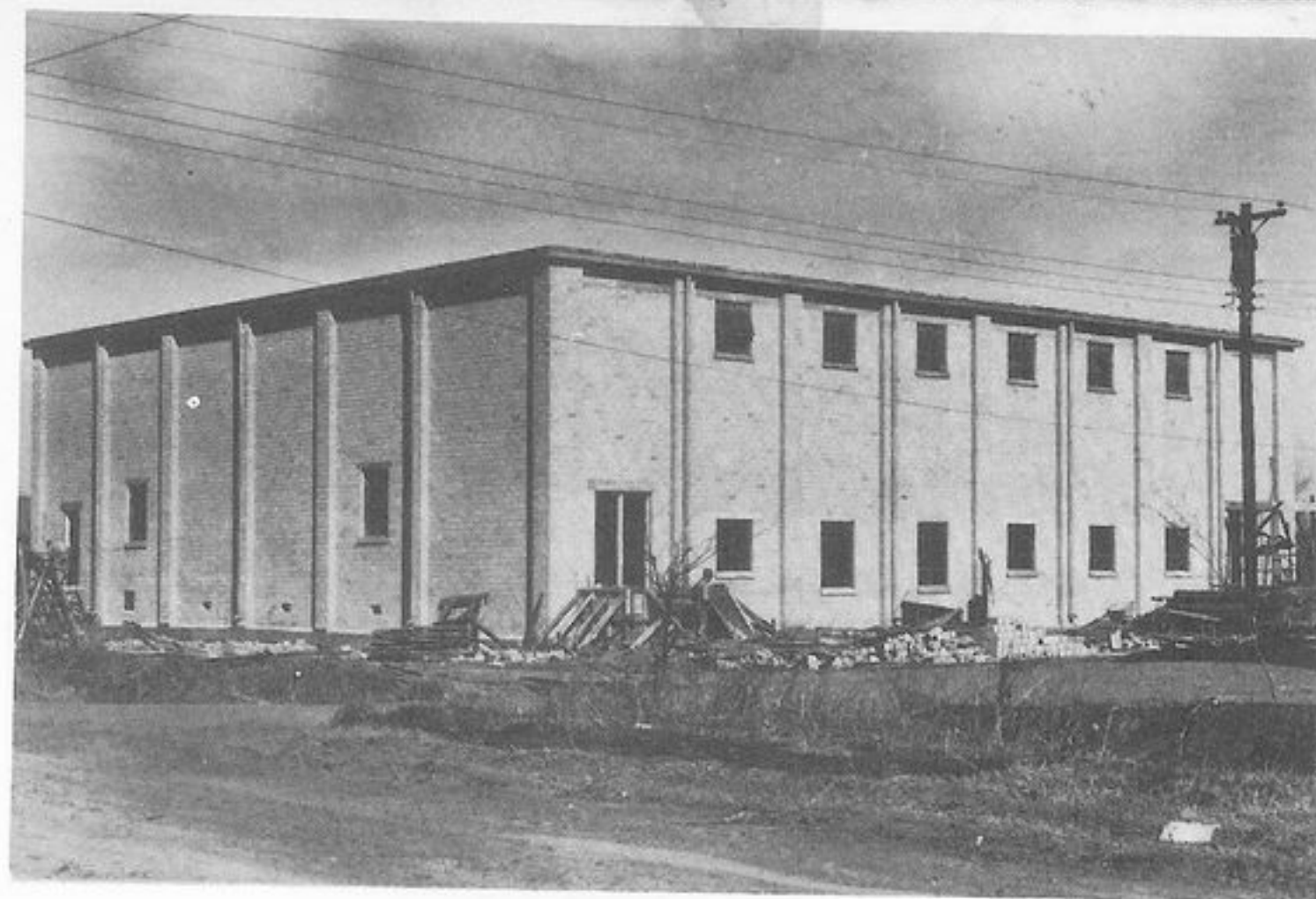
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Composed by

Gladys Denson Mays



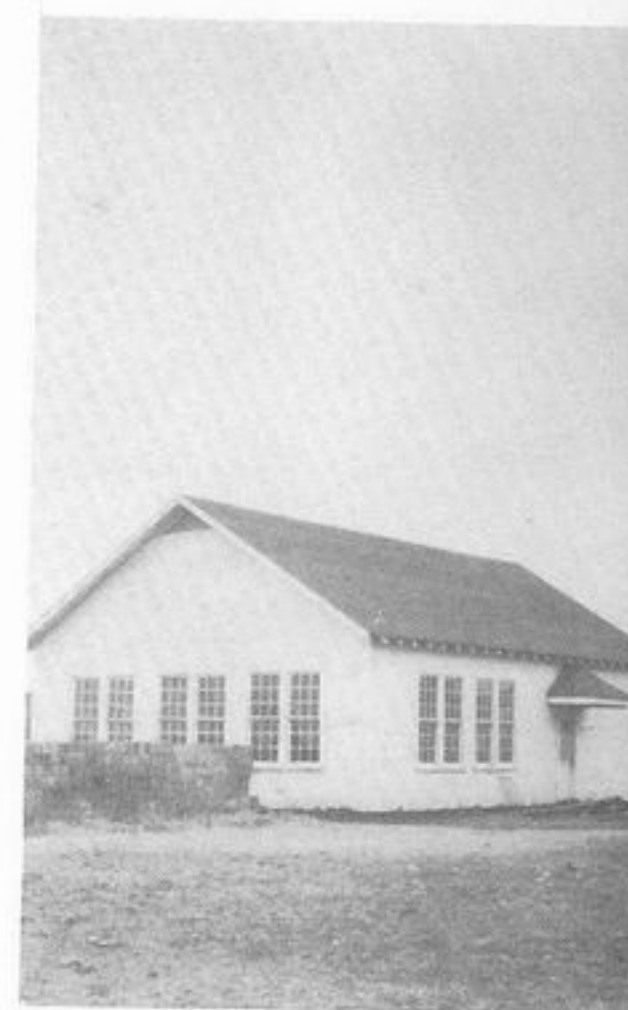
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Gymnasium



Home Economics Cottage  
High School Building



Trades and Industry Building



air:



# Administrative



PRINCIPAL C. B. CRAFT

The Newport Colored School began the 1950-51 school year with approximately four hundred students and twelve teachers.

Mr. Craft has his B. S. from A. M. & N. College and is a candidate for an M. S. Degree this summer from the University of Arkansas.

Under his administration a building program of approximately \$90,000 has begun. Two thousand dollars in improvements have been added to the Home Economics building making it equal with any in the state. An athletic field, "Hout Field" east of the school has been purchased. Audio-Visual aid has been added. The Athletic Program has been expanded. Plans are in the making for a good football team.

Mr. Craft and his staff have striven to raise the standards of the school and community to the extent that its quality of production and standards of performance together with its physical plant will merit a Class A rating in the near future.

The school operates on the 6-6 plan.



## History

Four years ago thirty-six green horns entered the ninth grade. Our class was called the "Unwanted Gang". We specialized in gang fights, spitballing and gossiping. We spent the first year in high school without a sponsor. Nobody wanted us.

When we were promoted to the tenth grade our principal, Mr. Craft said that someone would have to sponsor the class, and Mrs. Mays, poor Mrs. Mays, was chosen unanimously by the class. She started out trying to turn our energy into worthwhile activities. Such a job was almost impossible, but you know her, she tries to do the impossible. First, she tried to make us feel that we were somebody and were capable of doing some good. Well, we decided to mend our actions and commence being constructive instead of destructive.

Our first good deed worthy of mentioning, was to pay for the installment of a telephone in the principal's office which has proven to be quite serviceable to the faculty and student body.

Having succeeded in our first effort and having begun to realize that there was some good in us we began to look for something to do.

The school needed song books, we assumed the responsibility of supplying this need. In 1949 our class presented the principal fifty song books for school use.

Our class was a victorious one, winning places of honor in many events. We won first and second places at track meets, spelling B's, queen contests, basketball tournaments and beauty contests.



Virginia Hampton and Margaret Dean won second places in the beauty contest during school year 1949-50. Margaret Dean was Basketball Queen for 1948-49 and Gene Ann Walker 1949-50.

Winning second place in the county wide spelling in 1948 was Margaret Dean and the following year Cleaverter Smith was winner.

Winner of the Miss Home Economics 1949-50 was Virginia Hampton and in 1950-51 was Alice Harris.

Gene Ann Walker as district president of N.H.A. attended the national meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There she won a scholarship to Southern University.

Damon Braswill has been offered a scholarship to Shorter College after appearing on a program. Damon sings, you know.

With the armed forces are Jesse Swanson, O. T. Bratcher, Alee Rucker, J. C. Coburn, Abram Perkins and Eugene Coleman.

When our school was consolidated the following were added to the class roll: Roena Love, Cleaverter Smith, J. C. Colburn, Mary Brown, Abram Perkins, Vivian Wright, Wilma Kennerson, U. L. Jackson, Marion C. Moragne, Eugene Coleman, and Imogene Green. Julius Edwards of Marshall, Texas, Cordia Kidd of Pine City, Arkansas, Imogene Peters of Des Arc, Arkansas joined the class during the four year period.

Jerome Knox is now Pvt. Jerome Knox stationed in Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

Fifteen survivors of the crew are left to sail the ocean blue.

Compiled by

Alice Harris





DAMON BRAZWELL

"The Hoss"

Newport, Ark.  
Glee Club-1-2-3; Basketball-2-3; Track-2-3; Chorus -2-3; F. T. A. -3-4; Motto - "It isn't the motto that hangs on the wall but the motto you live that counts."

BASTON COWAM

"Bubber"

Newport, Ark.  
Basketball-2-3-4; Track 1; Choral-1-2-3; Vice Pres. of class-4; Student Council-4; Motto- "Right action is better than knowledge; but in order to do what is right, we must know what is right."

MARGARET DEAN

"Marge"

Newport, Ark.  
Choral Club-2-3; Basketball Trainer-4; Glee Club 2-3; Business Manager-3-4; F. T. A. Club-3-4; N. H. A. Club-3-4; Second place beauty contest-3; Track-2; Basketball Queen 2; Motto- "You better live your best and act your best today; for today is sure preparation for tomorrow that follows."

WILLIE GLIPPERPIE

"Wet"

Entered from Fitzhugh  
Dramatic Club-4; Basketball-3; Motto- "A year today and a leader tomorrow."

VIRGINIA HAMPTON

"Jeannie"

Newport, Ark.  
Sec'y. of class -2-3-4; N H A Club-1-2-3-4; F T A Club-3-4; Glee Club-1-2-3; Choral Club-1-2-3; Basketball-2-3; Track-3; Motto- "Reputation is what men and women think of us; Character is what God and the angels know of us."

ALICE HARRIS

"Al"

Newport, Ark.  
Choral-1-2-3-4; Glee Club-2-3; N H A Club-1-2-3-4; F. T. A. Club-3-4; Motto- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

ULYSSES LEROY JACKSON

"Creeper"

Auvergne, Ark.  
Entered from Blackville  
Basketball-4; Choral Club; Club-4; Pres. of class 3-4; F. T. A. Club-3-4; Motto- "Education is one of the surest ways of enlightening and giving just ways of thinking to our citizens."

HINTON KELLY

"Yam"

Newport, Ark.  
Basketball-3; Drama 3-4; F T A-3-4; Chorus 3; Pres. of Dramatic Club 4; Motto- "Into each life some rain must fall."

Seniors





WILMA KENNERSON  
"Will"

Blacksville, Ark.  
Glee Club-3; N. H. A.-3-4; Basketball-3-4; F T A Club-3-4; Motto- "Learn to say kind things, nobody ever resents them."



MARION C. MORGME  
"Gable"

Entered from Weldon, Ark. Choral Club -2-3; F T A -3-4; Motto- "He that knows and knows that he knows is wise; follow him."

JEROME KNOX  
"Sheik"

Newport, Ark.  
Basketball-2-3-4; Volunteered for army Jan. 1951; Motto- "The best education in the world is that got by struggling to obtain a living."

ROENA LOVE  
"Ena"

Auvergne, Ark.  
Chorus-1-2-3-4; F T A-3-4; N H A -1-2-3-4; Glee Club-3; Motto- "Holding one's temper is worth more than a strong hold on to a thousand dollar bill."

EUGENE MOPPS  
"Me"

Newport, Ark.  
Choral Club-2-3; Pres. of F T A Club-4; Track-2-3; Basketball-2-3-4; Motto- "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

CLEVESTER SMITH, JR.  
"June Bug"

Entered from Auvergne, Ark.  
Motto- "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

GENE ANN WALKER  
"Ann"

Newport, Ark.  
Choral Club-1-2-3-4; Basketball-2-3-4; Basketball Queen-3; Vice-Pres. N H A-3-4; State Officer N H A-3-4; Class Treasurer-2-3-4; N H A Club -1-2-3-4; F. T. A. Club-3-4; Motto- "The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear."

VIVIAN WRIGHT  
"Vip"

Entered from Auvergne, Ark.  
Choral Club-1-2-3-4; Basketball-3; N H A Club-1-2-3-4; F T A Club; Dramatic Club-4; Motto- "They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts."

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from Fitzhugh Club-4; Basketball-3-4; Motto- "A young man should be a leader"



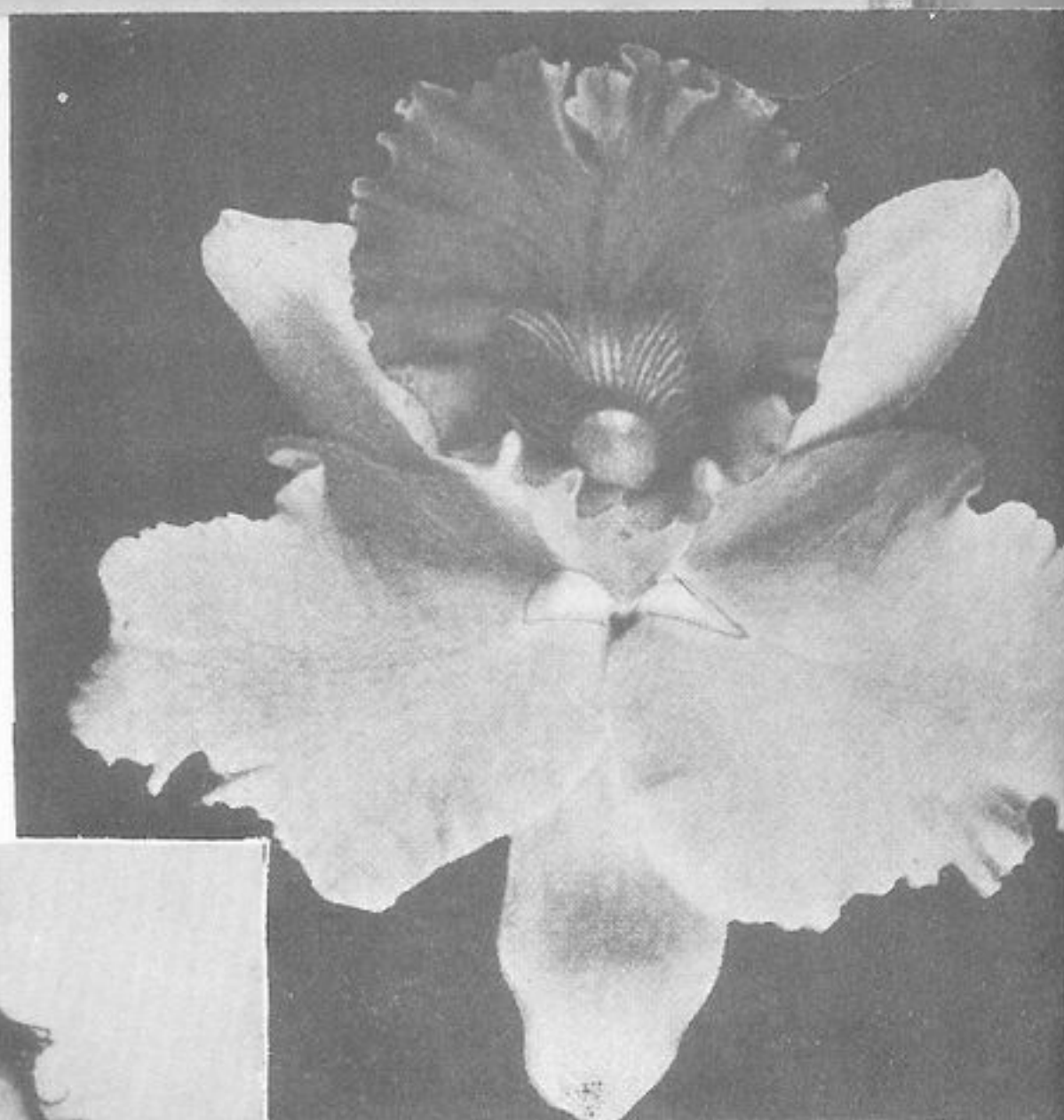
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rk.  
1-3; Dramatic Club-3-4; Chorus-3-4; F T A Club-3-4; Motto- "Into each life must fall."





## AN ORCHID TO OUR SPONSOR



Mrs. Gladys Denson Mays

Because you were tolerant of childish behavior, because you knew better, with your emotional maturity and intellect---

Because you were inspiring, when you should have been indifferent, because we were so fatuous and thoughtless---

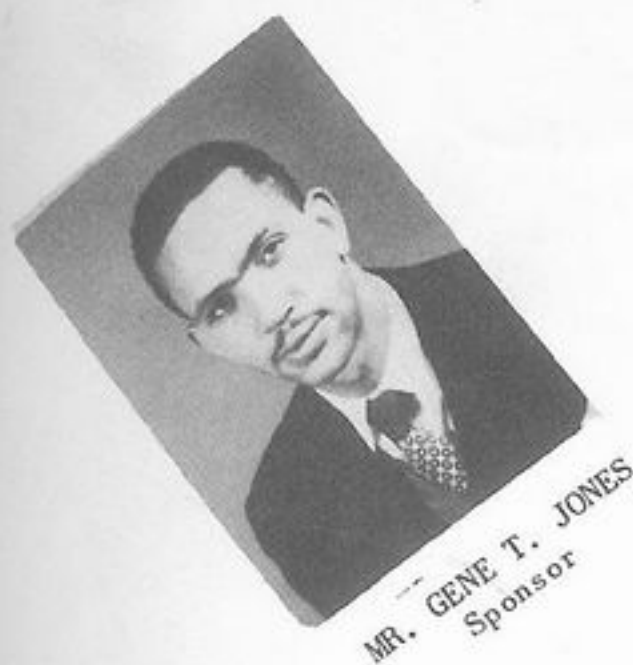
Because you were forbearing, when you should have been harsh with us, we were so insubordinate and crude in our conduct---

Because you were so foresighted that you saw us, when we couldn't see it ourselves, the possibility that one day we would be men and women grown up like yourself---

We give you, our sponsor, this orchid. No one in our lives deserves one more. You see, we are

YOUR PUPILS





MR. GENE T. JONES  
Sponsor

## JUNIORS

CLASS OFFICERS



ANNIE S. ALCORN



BETTY L. ALCORN



ADOLPH ANDERS



CORA L. BROWN



WILLIE RUTH BROWN



IRMA DENTON



FRED DENTON



MARGARET DILLINGHAM



DORRIS HATCHETT



ROSIE LEE JACKSON



NORMAN KELLY



L. A. PATTERSON



WILLIE RUTH PERKINS



ROSIE LEE PERSON



VERNARD ROBINSON



LEAH LEE SPEARMAN



DOLORES TOLERSON



FANNIE WILLIAMS



FRESHMEN



PROFESSOR C. B. CRAFT  
Sponsor

CLASS OFFICERS



First Row:  
MILDRED DEAN, VERNEDA CONLEY, MARION KING, WILALI PERSON, JAMES PHILLIPS  
Second Row:  
PAUL RICHARDSON, EARL S. ROBINSON, EMMA J. STEWARD, THEODIST TYLER, HENRY  
WALKER.



# SOPHOMORES



First Row: Miss A. Y. Williams-Sponsor, Class Officers-Naomi Brown, Bobby Clay.  
 Second Row: Everlyn Clay, Tom Dillingham, Verlinzie Gatlin, John Henry Green, Lela Hatchett, Jimmy Hatchett.  
 Third Row: Ruth Henderson, Dorris Lott, Billy Numm, Susie Phillips, Amanda Reynolds, Udell Robinson.  
 Fourth Row: Mary Russell, Wilma Sheppard, Gloria Slaughter, Henry Stephenson, Edward Turner, Louis Henry West.  
 Fifth Row: Rebecca Wheeler, Cornelius Williams, Ruby Winters, Minnie Wilson, Nathaniel Yancy, Mary Lou Young.





Mrs. Floy Blake  
Sponsor



John Henry Balentine  
Class Officer



## Seventh Grade

First Row: Gilbert Bramlett, Ruby Lee Brown, Jewelene Calamese, Willie Mae Clark, Constance Y. Craft.

Second Row: James Foster, Polly Gene Foster, Charles Green, Mary Ruth Hampton, Georgia Hatchett, Joe Louis Johnson.

Third Row: Mammie Jones, Doris King, John Jr. Love, Flora Martin, Lucille Patrick, Jimmy Phillips.

Fourth Row: Ethel B. Reynolds, Violet Tompkins, Theoplis Waston, Lucille Williams, Velva Raye Williamson, Gene Louis Winters.





Mrs. I. O. Oates  
Sponsor



Jesse W. Anthony  
Class Officer



## Eighth Grade

First Row: Corene Borders, Eddie Balentine, Beatrice Clay, J. E. Clark, Emogene Donaldson, Erma Francis.

Second Row: James Hatchett, Benny Hall, Gene Harrington, Vera Hardison, Willie Edward Howard, Cornelius Howell.

Third Row: David Jackson, Ruell Jackson, Eula Jenkins, Perlean Johnson, Jessie D. Jones, Loretta Livingston.

Fourth Row: L. B. Patterson, L

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Gene Ann Walker

*Campus Queen*



# Organizations



THE NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA, 'with Mrs. A. V. Smith, teacher. It is affiliated with State and National Organizations.





# ORGANIZATIONS



THE FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, the Booker T. Washington Club of the Newport High School was organized in 1950, the first to be organized among Colored Schools of Arkansas.

Sponsored by Mrs. L. C. Steele  
Mrs. I. J. Oates

Front Row, Left to Right: Willie R. Perkins, Margaret Dillingham, Annie S. Alcorn, Alice Harris, Rosie L. Jackson, Betty L. Alcorn, Willie R. Brown, Cora L. Brown.  
Second Row, Left to Right: Jerome Knox, Vivian Wright, Deloris Tolerson, Wilma Kennerson, Emma Denton, Rose M. Person, Fannie Williams, Roeno Love, Gene A. Walker, Virginia Hampton, Margaret Dean.



## THE MIXED CHORUS

Seated, Left to Right: Willie Ruth Perkins, Pearline Johnson, Betty Roddy, Corene Borders, Lela Hatchett, Ruby Winters, Willie Brown, Rebecca Wheeler.  
Second Row, Standing, Left to Right: Edward Turner, Vera Hardison, Beatrice Clay, O'Deal West, Susie Phillips, Ruth Henderson, Alice Harris, Loretta Livingston, Jesse D. Jones, Cora Lee Brown.  
Third Row, Standing, Left to Right: Marylyn Young, Margaret Dillingham, Cornelius Williams, Verlinzie Gatlin, Norman Kelly, Willie Clark, Cleavester Smith, Lee Patterson, Miss Tremilla Blye, instructor.





Newport High  
of Arkansas.  
L. C. Steele  
I. J. Oates  
corn, Alice  
Kennerson,  
ampton, Mar-



ders, Lela  
Deal West,  
Cora Lee  
Williams,  
Tremilla



THE DRAMATIC CLUB, organized during the month of October as one of the several activities, provides for the intellectual growth of its members.

The club's aim is to seek, find and develop those persons having or desiring to have talent in the amateur dramatic arts. It also offers a remedy to those persons suffering from stage-fright and timidity through participating in plays which will be presented during the school year.

The club's officers are as follows: Hinton Kelly, President; Jessie Anthony, Vice President; Mary Ruth Hampton, Secretary; Jimmie Hatchett, Business Manager; Constance Craft and Georgia Hatchett, Stage Managers; Vivian Wright and Delores Tolerson, Costume Designers; Willie Gillespie, Treasurer; Louis West, Publicity Manager and Miss A. Y. Williams, sponsor.

Lastly, the club hopes to create an appreciation for and an enjoyment of the finer arts.



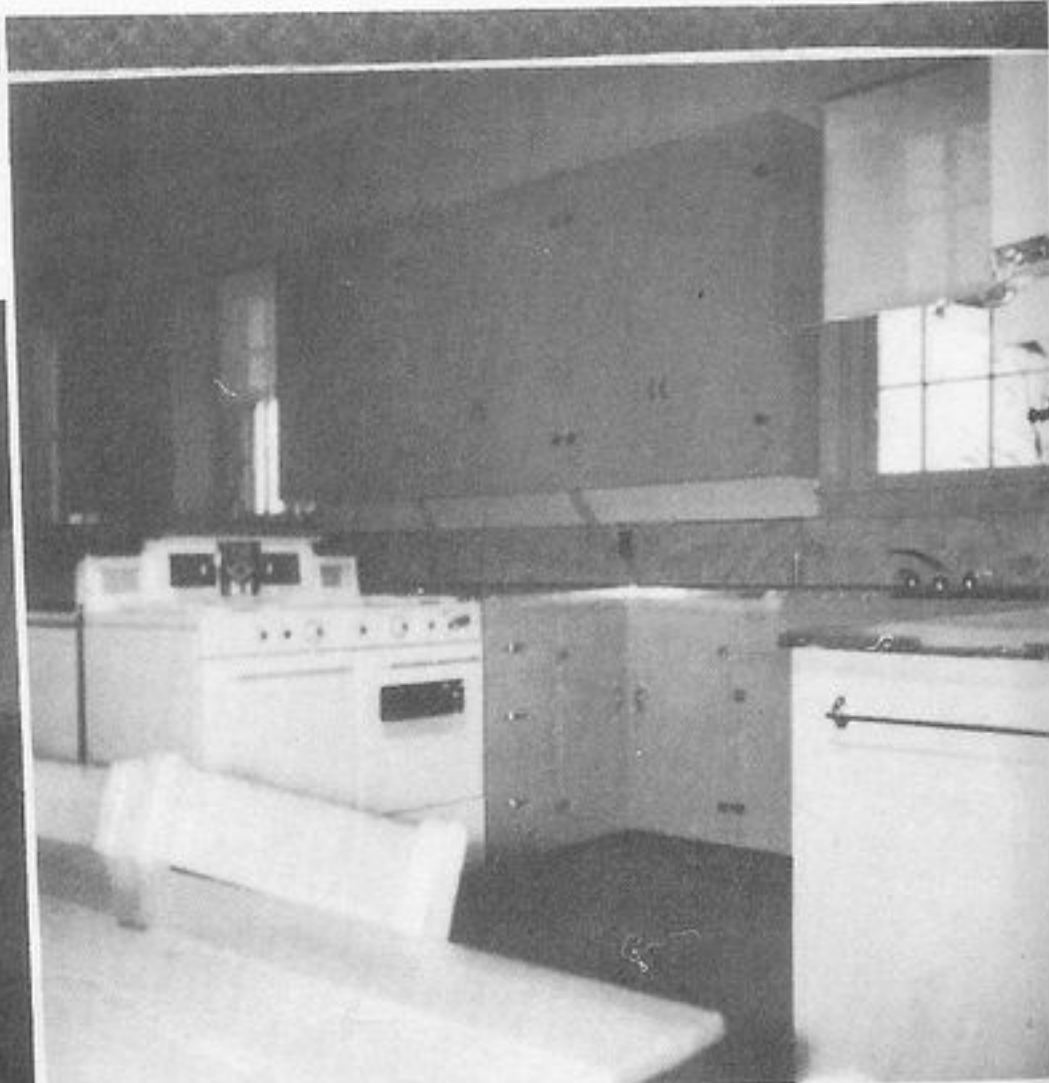


#### TYPING CLASS

Front Row, Left to Right: Gilbert Bramlet, Velva R. Williamson, Constance Y. Craft, Corene Borders, and Rebecca Wheeler.

Back Row, Left to Right: Marion C. Moragne, Delores D. Tolerson, Mrs. Lena C. Steele, Georgia M. Hatchett, and Jesse W. Anthony. Mrs. F. T. Blake, instructor.

#### Interior of Home Economics Building





# Snapshots—



1. Citizens at the ground breaking of gym
2. Rev. H. G. Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church
3. Teachers - on campus
4. Mother Parks
5. Ridley - bus driver
6. Coach Gene Jones

Y. Craft,  
Lena C.  
structor.



# Activities



1. Senior class presents "Now Everybody's Crazy"
2. Initiation Day - N. H. A.
3. Home Economic girls study "Child Care"
4. Junior class presents "Murder Mansion"
5. Students elected for Student Council
6. Alcorn Twins - Annie Sue and Betty Lou
7. Balentine Twins - James Henry and John E.
8. Safety patrol - following installation



# BASKET BALL



BOY'S SQUAD

Front Row, Left to Right: Nathaniel Yancy, Venard Robinson, Baston Cowan, Jerome Knox, Eugene Mopps, Walter Jenkins.

Second Row, Left to Right: Coach-Gene Jones, Adolph Anders, U. L. Jackson, Bobby Clay, Willie E. Howard, Joe Stephenson.



GIRL'S SQUAD

First Row, Left to Right: Virginia Hampton, Ruell Jackson.

Second Row, Left to Right: Amanda Reynolds, Rose M. Person, Wilma Shepherd, Rosie L. Jackson, Wilma Kennerson, Mary Nell Russel, Wilalice Person.

Third Row, Left to Right: Coach-Miss Zelma Barr, Annie Sue Alcorn, Betty L. Alcorn, Fannie L. Williams, Estella Winston, Eula Jenkins, Mildred Dean, Emogene Donaldson, Lere L. Spearman, Margaret Dean-trainer.