

The Seniors  
of  
1953  
Present  
‘‘The Pirate’’



Left to Right: Ruby Winters, Rebecca Wheeler, Ruthie Barnett,  
Mable Coburn, Ruth Henderson, and George Parrot.

Left to Right Standing: Joe Stephenson, Mrs. G. D. Mays, Edward  
Turner, and Mr. Hoover Williams.



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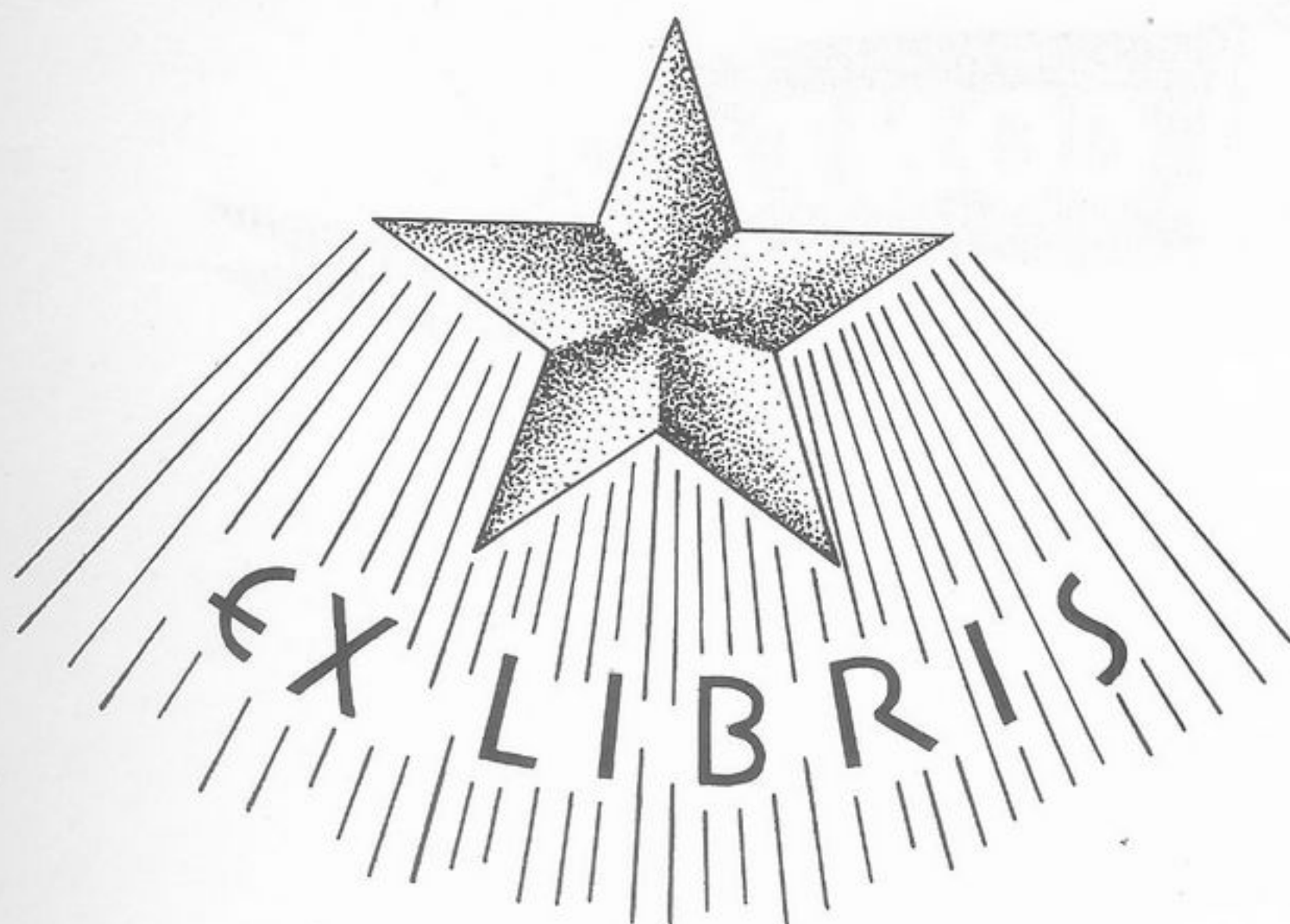
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# foreword

We the seniors of 1952 & 1953 have put forth a great effort to bring to you an interesting Annual in which the activities of the school have been presented.

This is the third "Pirate" to be published at this school. Although we have put forth much effort to compile a successful book, we hope that each year it will be just a little better; for we realize as the years pass, more and better work is demanded and expected of everyone.

We certainly hope you get as much enjoyment from this book, when you turn its pages, as we got in preparing it for you. We further hope that it will bring back pleasant memories of days gone by.

# dedication



To a kind and tolerant teacher

Mrs. L. C. Steele

With a promise of a life of honor, ambition,  
and reverence, we dedicate to you, the Pirate  
of 1953, with devotion for the ideals you have  
inspired.





Mr. J. N. Hout

For nine years Mr. J. N. Hout has served as president of the Newport School Board. Our acquaintance with him has given us an opportunity to know him. He has proven himself to be a friend to the youth of our county. During his administration, the school has experienced its greatest period of growth.

We wish to express our appreciation to other members of the Newport School Board for our educational opportunities.

In his honor the new Elementary Building will be called "Hout" Elementary School"

Superintendent of Newport Schools, Mr. Castleberry has served in this capacity for two years; under his able administration the schools of the district have made rapid progress.

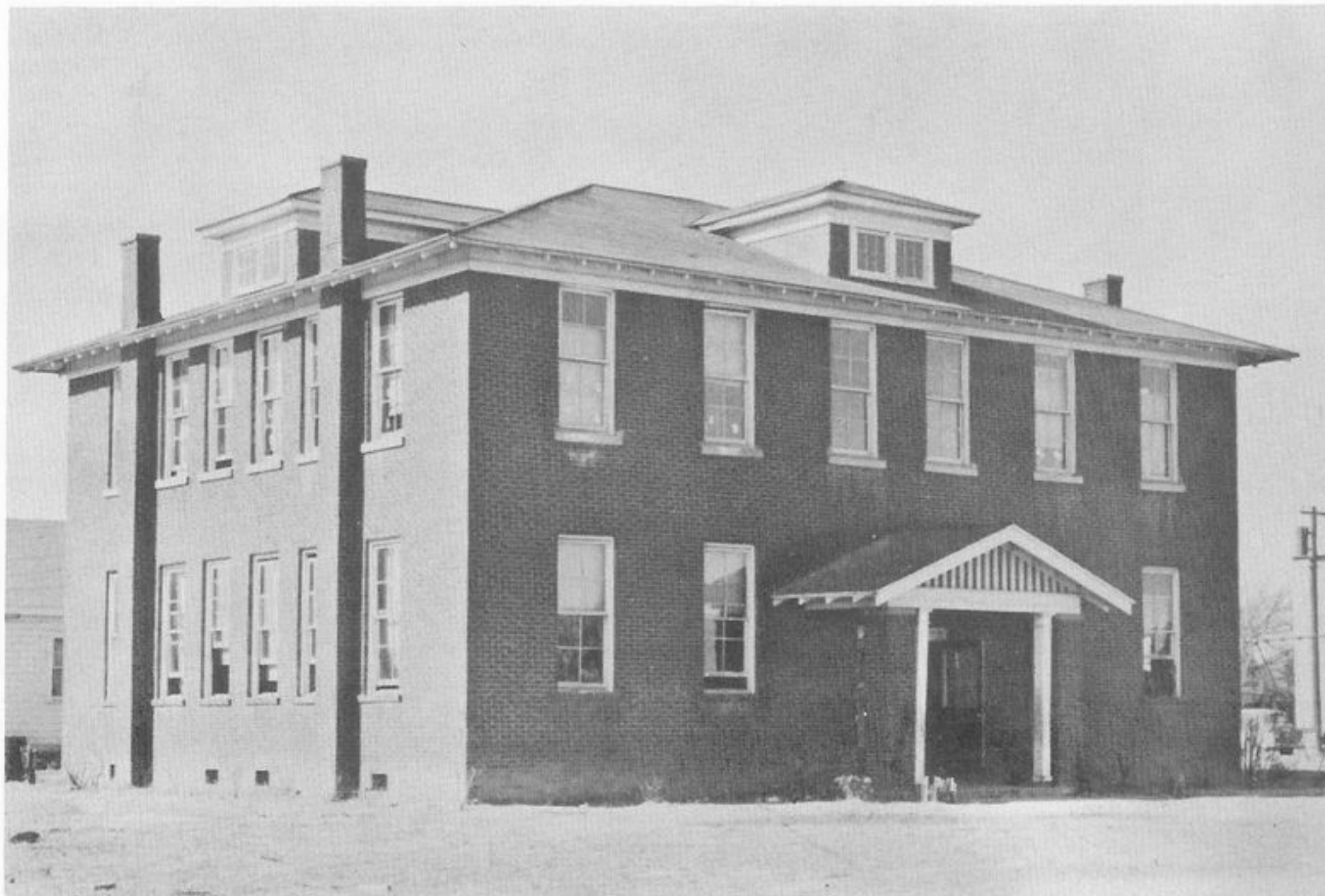
We wish to express our appreciation for the efforts put forth by him, to raise the educational standards of our schools, thereby offering greater opportunities to our youth.



Supt. G. F. Castleberry



# Depicting Our Campus >>



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.

Chorus---

Composed by

Gladys Denson Mays





HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



HOME ECONOMIC COTTAGE



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AUVERGNE ELEMENTARY



BLACKVILLE JUNIOR HIGH

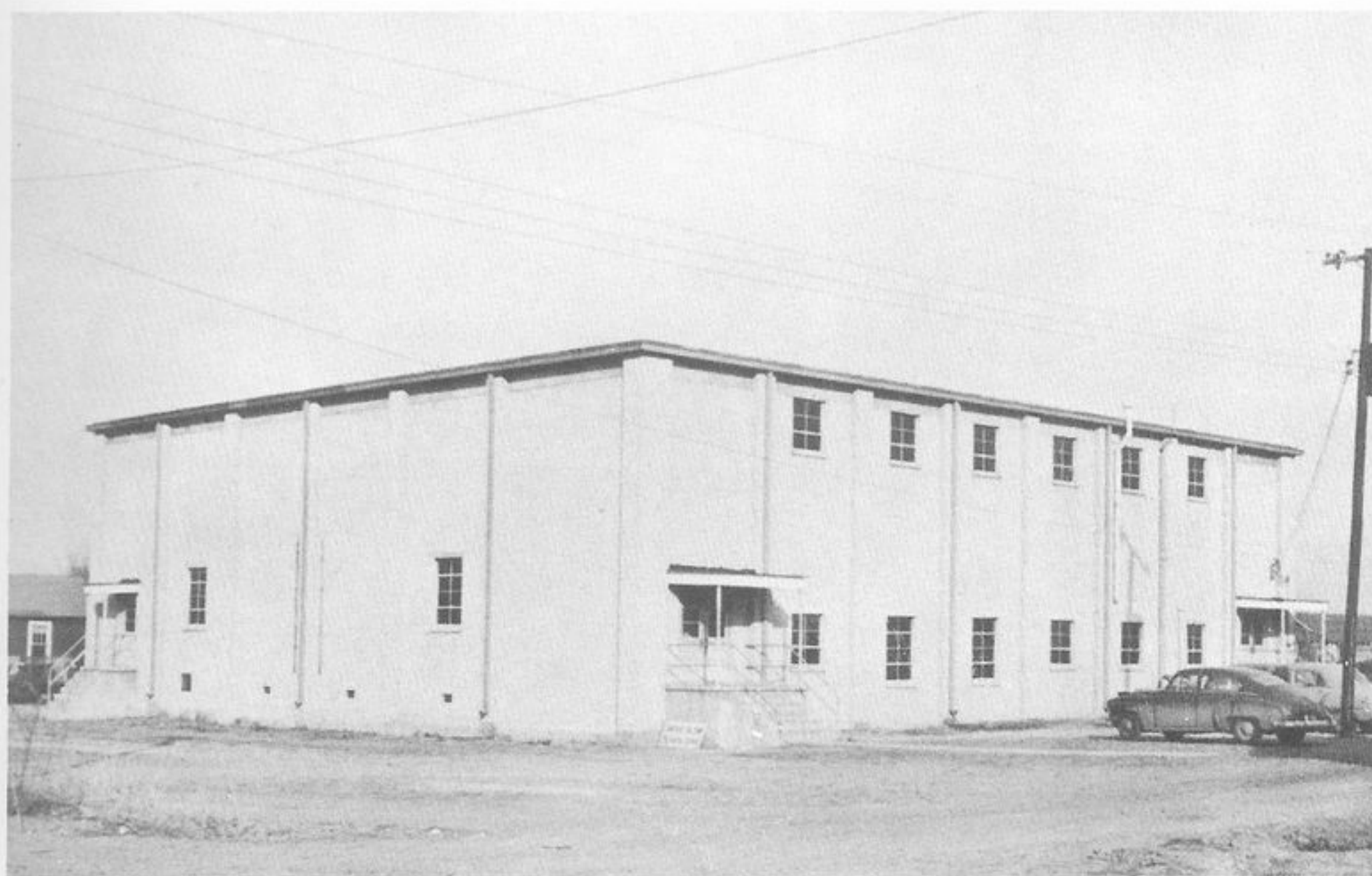
BLACKVILLE NEW JUNIOR HIGH  
Nearing Completion







AGRICULTURE BUILDING  
NEWPORT



GYMNASIUM  
NEWPORT

## HISTORICAL DATA AND PROGRESS OF NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The events and persons featuring in the development of the school, are given to you from the memory of this writer, and thru consulting a few of the older citizens.

Newport Grade School was established in the year 1883. For a number of years the sessions were held in the churches. St. Paul and First Baptist. Mr. Pickney, Principal.

In 1901 the school was moved to Main street. Rev. S. A. Mosley, Principal. The early leadership was under a number of persons namely, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robie, in 1906. In 1917 Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Howard, 1918. Mr. C. A. Gettis, whose administration was highlighted by a number of progressive changes. There were six teachers on the staff at this time. Under his supervision the eighth grade was added.

In 1922 Mr. Harrison succeeded Mr. Gettis. In 1923 Mr. Gregg, who was president of the school board at that time and had been for some time contending for a new building, was successful in having the present brick building erected.

In 1925 Prof. W. F. Branch was elected Principal. There were a number of teachers during the time added to the staff who did a tremendous job. The Parent Teacher Association was organized, the boys shop was built, the Home Ec. Building, in 1928 was added. Mr. Branch raised the standing of the school from the eighth grade to the tenth and finally to the twelfth. During the twenty-three (23) years as Principal he did much for the school and the community.



In 1948 Mr. Branch was succeeded by the present principal, Mr. C. B. Craft. Mr. Craft has a B. S. Degree from A. M. & N. College and a M. S. Degree from the University of Arkansas.

Under the leadership of Mr. Craft a building program of approximately \$90,000 has been completed, \$2,000 in improvements have been added to the Home Ec. Department, it is equal to any in the state. An athletic field east of the school has been purchased, Audio-Visual Aid has been added. A new building program has been started for the erection of a \$75,000 Elementary School Building.

There are now fourteen teachers on the faculty. Mr. Craft and his staff have striven to raise the standards of the school and the 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.

Having given to you my humble but earnest accounting of the events in the history of this school of yesterday, I gladly pass the task of recounting the progress of the school under the present administration to some younger and more comprehending mind, who can give you in a more colorful manner the description of this very faculty, improvements made in the physical property of the school, the outstanding records of our athletic teams, our new gym, the hot lunch project, and last but not least, the deep appreciation we have for our present president of the school board Mr. J. N. Hout, who has manifested his interest in helping us make a decent approach to normal standards in our school.

Information Compiled  
by Mrs. Bertha Woods  
Local Citizen



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Seniors:

Life is a fight that begins at birth and continues to the grave. Place all you have in this fight. Three rules to remember as you fight this battle are: (1) Be fair in dealing with your fighter (2) Be honest with your fighter (3) Be true with your fighter.

You should always seek God and not man to confine your troubles. Remember it is not how big the fight but how much fight is in you to control whatever the task may be.

Your best investment in life is an education.

C. B. Craft  
Principal

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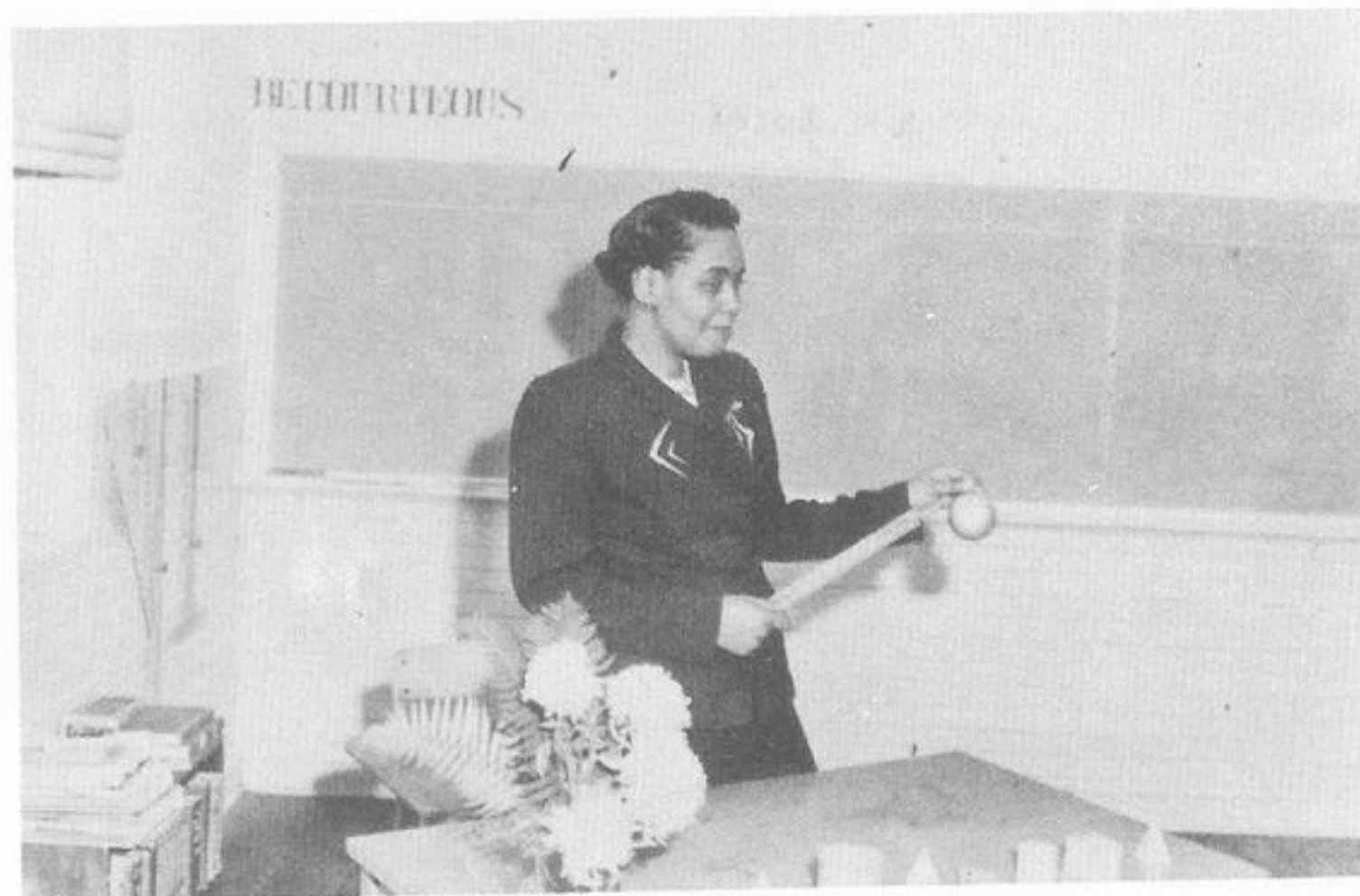
# FACULTY

J. N. ALCORN  
Sr. Philander Smith  
College  
"Now children, you are  
not acting as seventh  
graders should."

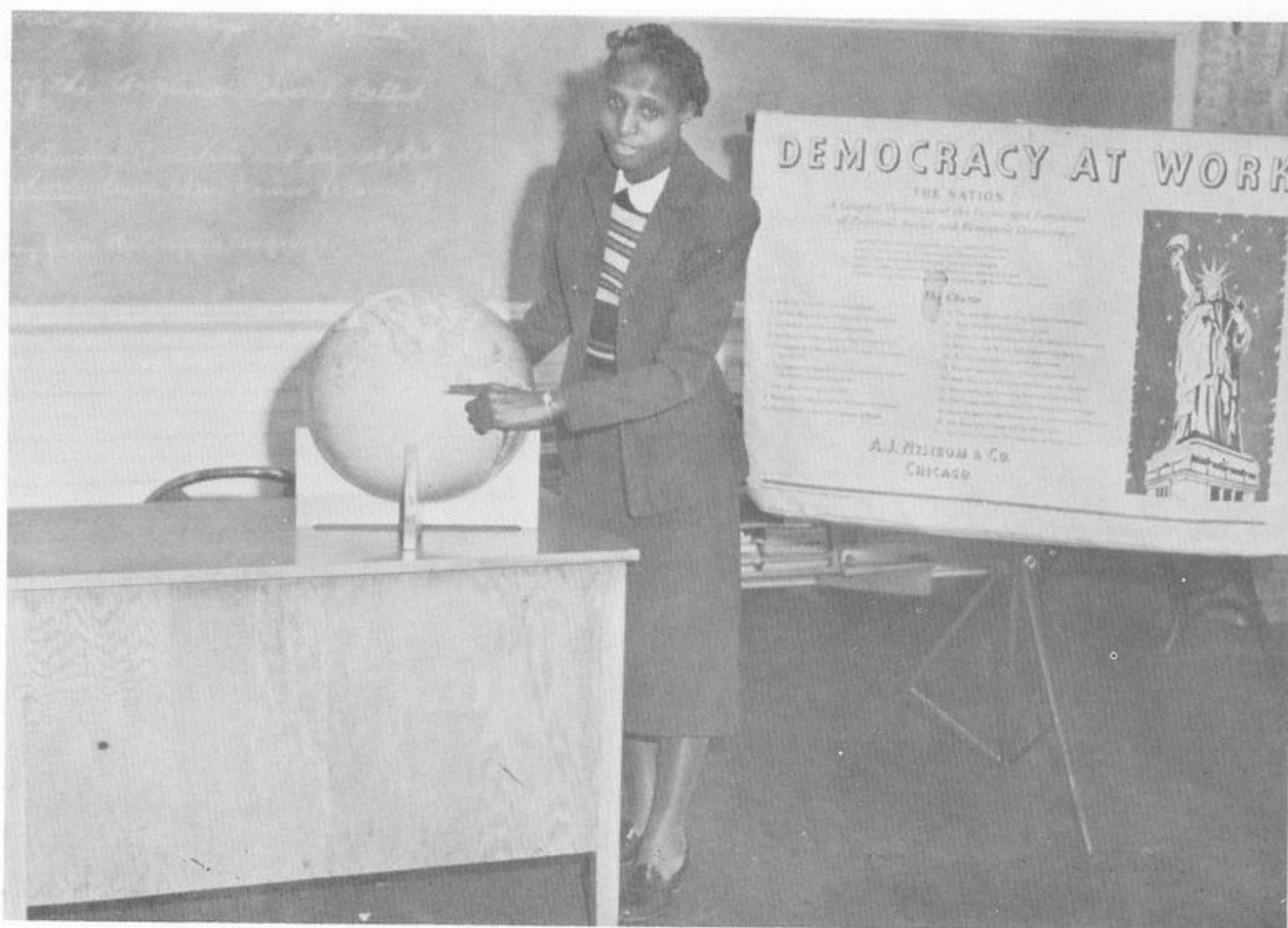


NORMAN S. CALHOUN  
Coach and science-  
"Mr. Chemistry"  
B.S. in Education,  
Lincoln University  
Graduate work-Uni-  
versity of Minnesota  
Graduate work-Western  
Reserve  
"If you can stay out of  
school and make an 'A',  
you must be a genius."

MRS. GLADYS DENSON  
MAYS, Mathematics-  
Chairman of Finance  
B.A. Philander Smith  
College  
"I can't imagine anyone  
going to a math class  
without pencil or paper.  
You may be excused."





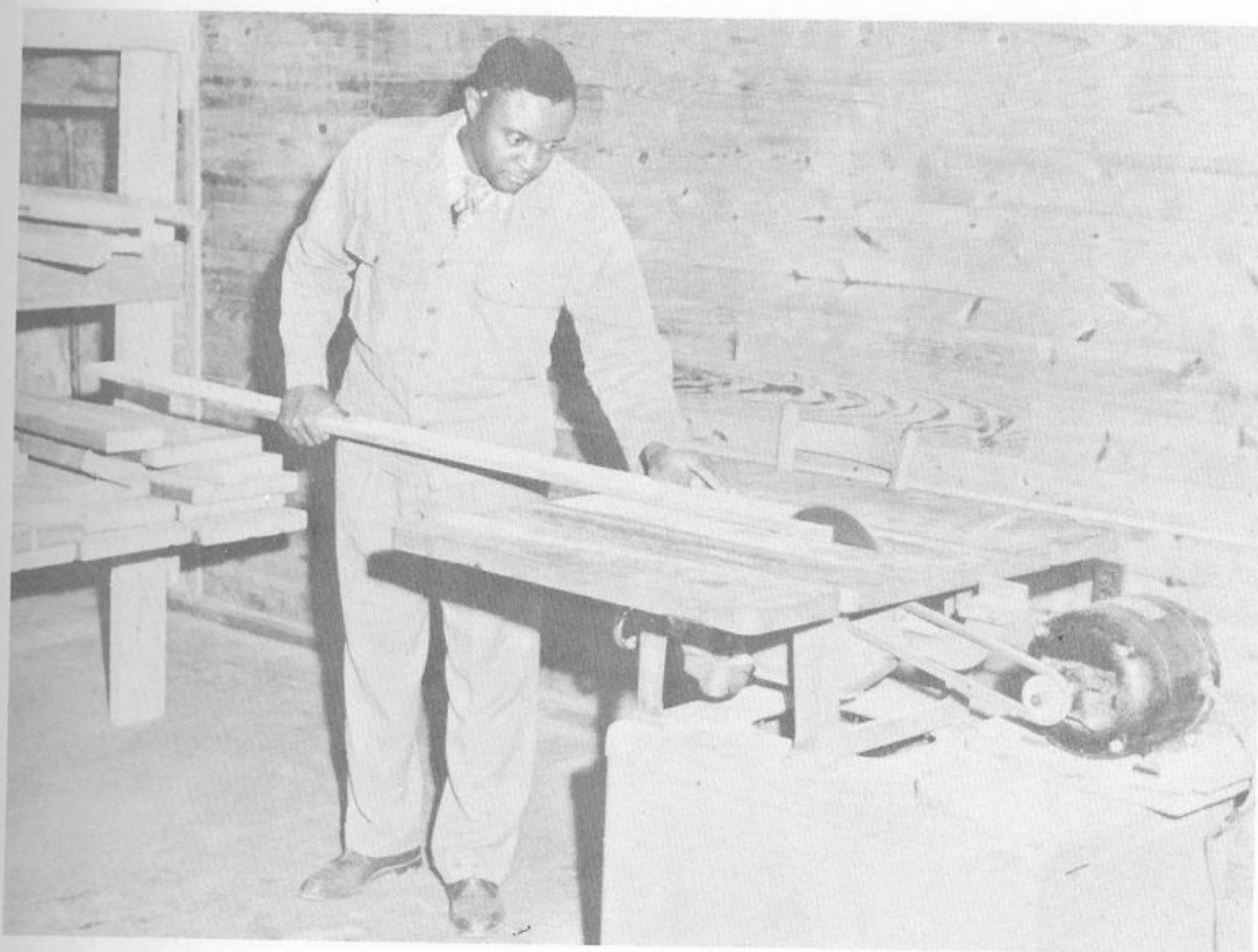


MRS. IONA J. OATES - Social Science  
 B. A. Philander Smith College  
 "I tell you boys and girls, you must read to do well in  
 your social studies."

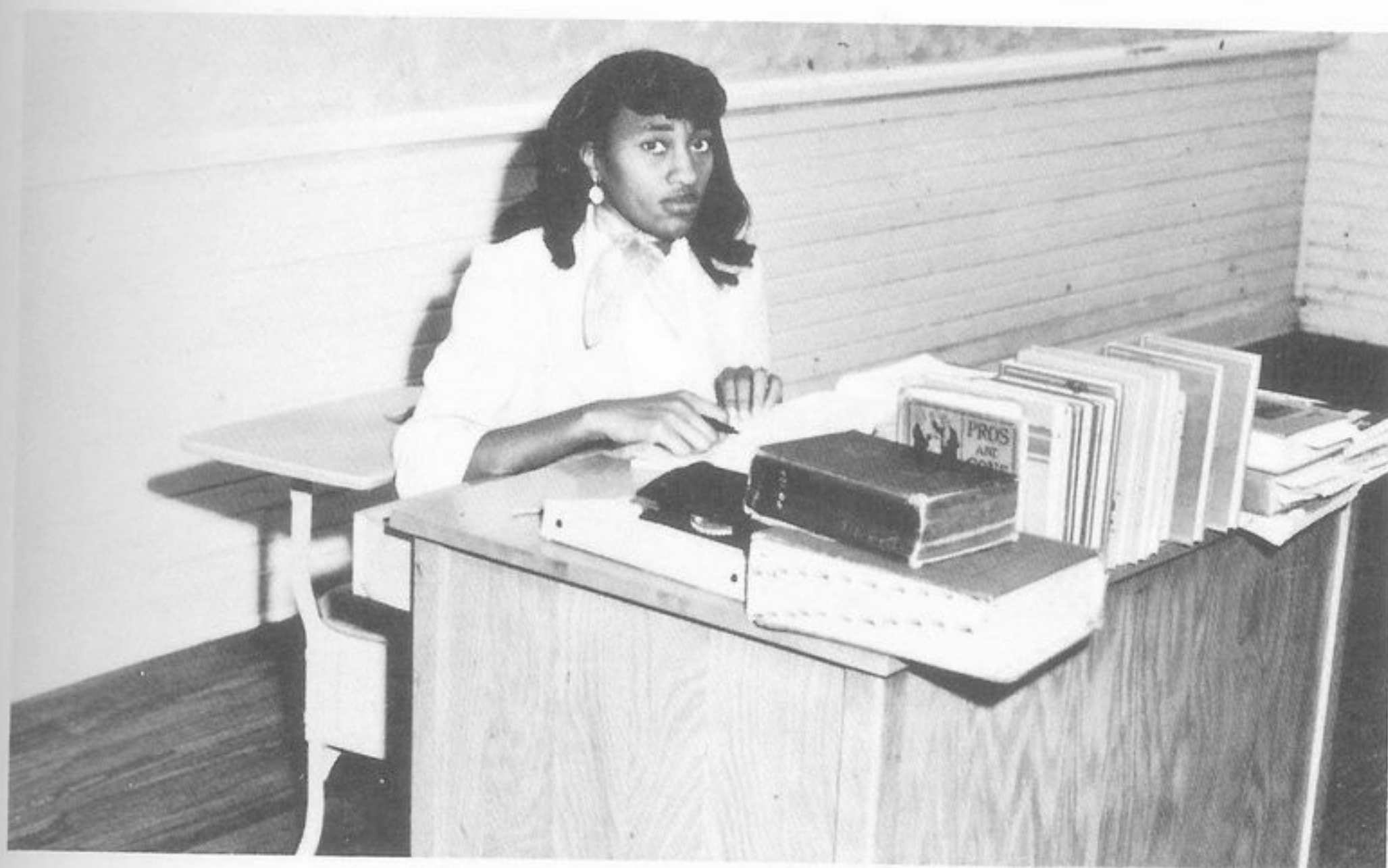


MRS. A. V. SMITH - Home Economics  
 B. S., A. M. & N. College  
 M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University  
 "Didn't bring anything to work on? I guess you will make  
 "F" Today."





MR. HOOVER WILLIAMS - Agriculture  
B. S., A. M. & N. College  
"You must keep this shop clean."



MISS DELMA LOIS SUTTON - English  
B. A. Philander Smith College  
"Will you please empty your mouth?"



It is my fondest wish for each of you that you will become responsible citizens in your community, accepting both as a privilege and a responsibility, the opportunity to contribute to all of its constructive programs.

Responsible citizens become leaders of the community and in due time, honor and respect comes as a reward. Your honor reflects honor on your Alma Mater.

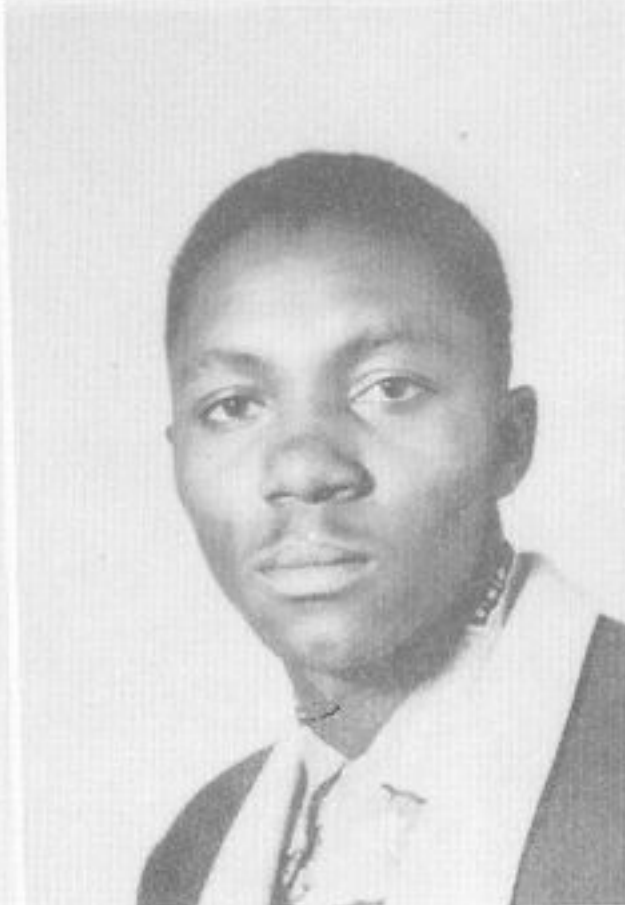
It has been a pleasure knowing and working with you these past years.

"For yesterday is but a dream,  
And tomorrow is only a vision  
And today well-lived makes  
Every yesterday a dream of happiness,  
And every tomorrow a vision of hopes."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gladys Denson Mays





Ruth L. Barnett  
 Nickname - "Red"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Track 2-3; Glee Club  
 1-2-3; Dramatics 1-  
 2-3.  
 Motto: "Look for  
 the good in people  
 then, you shall grow  
 better yourself."

Bobby Clay  
 Nickname - "Slow"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 N.F.A. 3-4; Track 1.  
 Motto: "A little  
 learning is danger-  
 ous."

Evelyn Clay  
 Nickname - "Jack"  
 Basketball 1-2; F.T.  
 A. 1-2.  
 Motto: "Good better  
 best, never let it  
 rest, until your good  
 is better and your  
 better is best."

Mable Coburn  
 Nickname - "Sis"  
 Basketball 1-2-3.  
 Choral 2-3-4; Track  
 1-2; F.T.A. 2.  
 Motto: It's not the  
 number of hours that  
 a man puts in, but  
 what he puts in the  
 hours that count."

Ruth Henderson  
 Nickname - "Ann"  
 N.H.A. 1-2-3-4; F.T.A.  
 4; Glee Club 2; Bas-  
 ketball Queen 3.  
 Chorus 1.  
 Motto: "Never stand  
 begging for that  
 which you have the  
 power to earn."

Leon Jackson  
 Nickname - "Plukey"  
 Basketball 2-3-4.  
 N.F.A. 2-3-4; Busi-  
 ness Manager 3-4.  
 Motto: "No man is  
 a failure who has  
 helped others."

Walter Jenkins  
 Nickname - "Buzzie"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Track 1-2-3; Baseball  
 1-2-3.

Dorce Lott  
 Nickname - "Poochy"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 F.T.A. 1-2.  
 Motto: "Be the best  
 of whatever you are."





George C. Parrott  
 Nickname - "Temp"  
 Basketball 1; President 2; N.F.A. 3-4.  
 Vice President 1.  
 Motto: "To thine own self be true."

Armanda Reynolds  
 Nickname - "Honey"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 N.H.A. 1-2-3; Dramatic Club 1; Cheerleader 4; Track 1.  
 Motto: "Have no time to judge my neighbors, keeps me busy watching me."

Udell Robinson  
 Nickname - "Rob"  
 Motto: "You can't push a fellow up unless he is willing to climb."

Mary Nell Russell  
 Nickname - "Little Nell"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Cheerleader 1-2-3.  
 Track 1-2.  
 Motto: "It is easy to be critical of my neighbor and his ways."

Margaret Scott  
 Nickname - "Marge"  
 Chorus 1-2; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Pep Squad 1; F.T.A. 3-4.  
 N.H.A. 1-2-3-4.

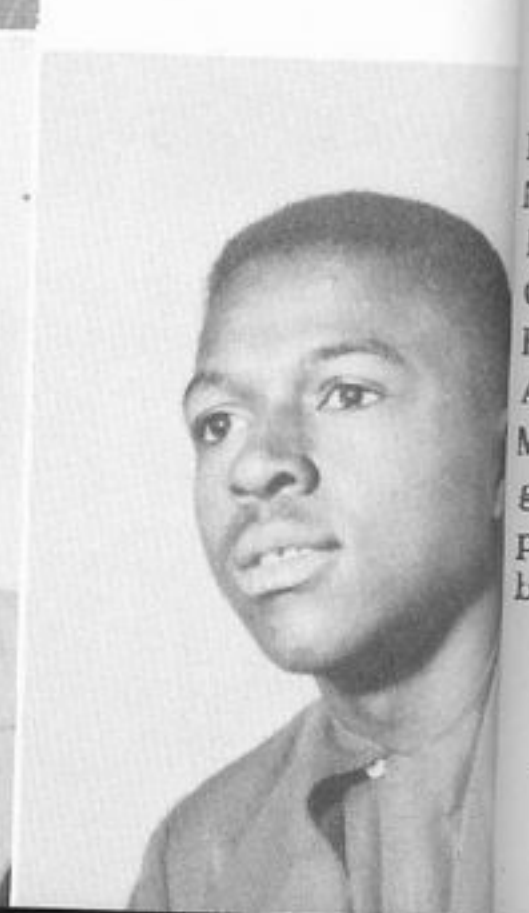
Francoine Shell  
 Nickname - "Sweetie"  
 Glee Club 1-2-3-4.  
 Basketball 1-2-3.  
 Home Ec. 1-2; F.T.A. 1-2-3; Track 1.  
 Motto: "For fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

Wilma Shepherd  
 Nickname - "Cat"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Dramatics 1; F.T.A. 1-2; N.H.A. 1-2-3.  
 Motto: "He who knows and knows that he knows, he is wise; follow him."

Joe E. Stephenson  
 Nickname - "Steve"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 N.F.A. 1-2; Student Council 1; F.T.A. 1-2.  
 Motto: "Have more than thou showest; speak less than thou knowest; lend less than thou owest."



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 cil 1; F.T.A.  
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Edward Turner  
 Track 1-2-3; Baseball  
 1-2; Dramatics 1-2-3.  
 Glee Club 1-2; N.F.A.  
 1-2-3-4.  
 Motto: "A rolling  
 stone gathers no  
 moss."

Mary L. Thompson  
 Nickname - "Thom"  
 Transferred from  
 Carver High School,  
 Clarendon.  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Track 1-2; N.F.A. 1-  
 2-3-4; Student Coun-  
 cil 1-2; Debate Team  
 1-2-3.  
 Motto: "The only  
 person who really  
 succeeds is the one  
 who tries to make the  
 best a little  
 better."

Louis West  
 Nickname - "Shilo"  
 Basketball; N.F.A.  
 Motto: "He who runs  
 away always live to  
 fight another day."

Rebecca Wheeler  
 Nickname - "Bec"  
 Asst. Sec. 1-2;  
 N.H.A. 1-2-3; Class  
 Rep. 4; Typing 1.  
 Motto: "Its always  
 better believe in  
 something than to  
 believe in nothing."

Lillie Mae Whorton  
 Nickname - "Lil"  
 Basketball 1-2-3-4.  
 Glee Club 1-2; Home  
 Economics 1-2-3; F.T.  
 A. 1;2.  
 Motto: "Life is a  
 grind stone that  
 polishes some people  
 but grinds others."

Minnie Wilson  
 Nickname - "Tootsie"  
 Basketball 1-2-3.  
 Home Economics 1; Dra-  
 matics 1.  
 Motto: "A little  
 learning is a danger-  
 ous thing."

Ruby Jewel Winters  
 Nickname - "Queaky"  
 Sec. of Class 1-3-4-  
 Sec. Of Glee Club  
 2; N.H.A. 1-2-3-4.  
 Basketball 1-2-3.  
 Track 1; Chorus 1.  
 Motto: "Be the best  
 of whatever you  
 are."

Nathaniel Yancy  
 Nickname - "Hip"  
 N.F.A. 1-2; Basket-  
 1-2.  
 Motto: "Conscience  
 is that thing that  
 hurts when every  
 thing else feels  
 so good."







Robert Brown



Henry Cooper



Verneda Conley



Maxine Guinn



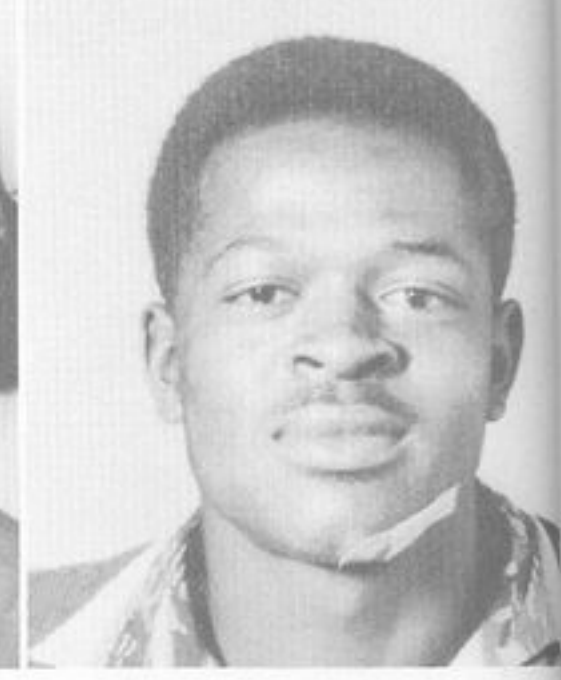
Henry Graham



Alneda Hill



Marian King



Jimmy Parrot



Wilalice Person



James Phillips



Robert Ridley



Harvey Slayton



Emogene Steward



Calvin Stitt



Elizabeth Walker



Henry Walker



# SOPHOMORE CLASS



Jesse Willie Anthony Corene Borders Josephine Brown



Beatrice Clay



Irma Ruth Francis



Carrie Mae Glenn



Vera Lee Hardison



Gene Harrington



Ruell Jackson



Eula Jenkins



Pearlene Johnson



Jessie Dean Jones



Irene Lott



Minnie Fred Mabins



Vergie Lee Perkins



Betty Roddy



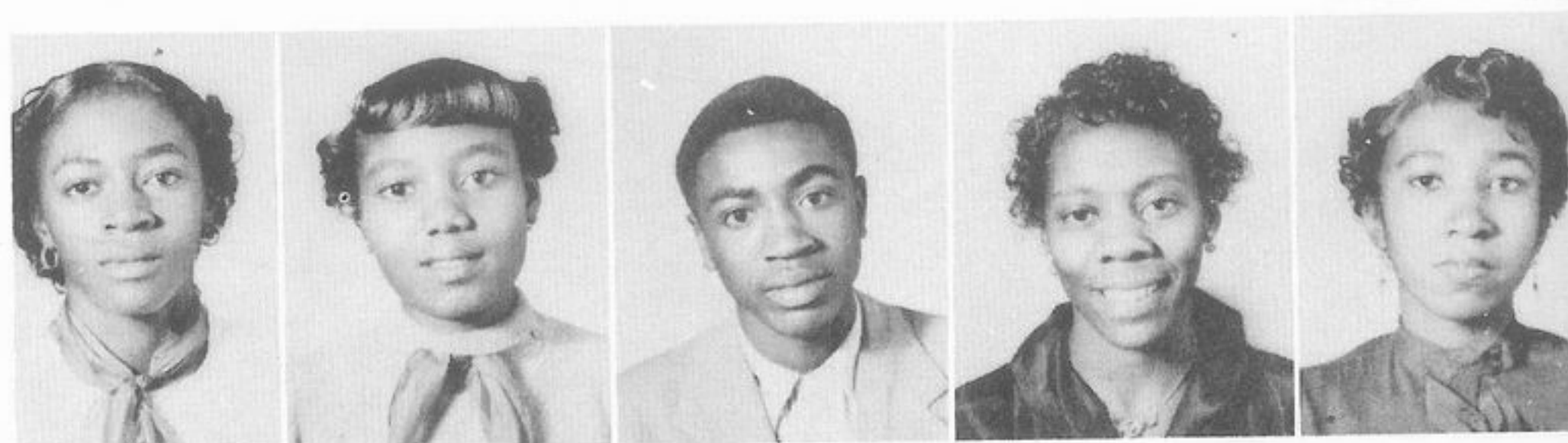
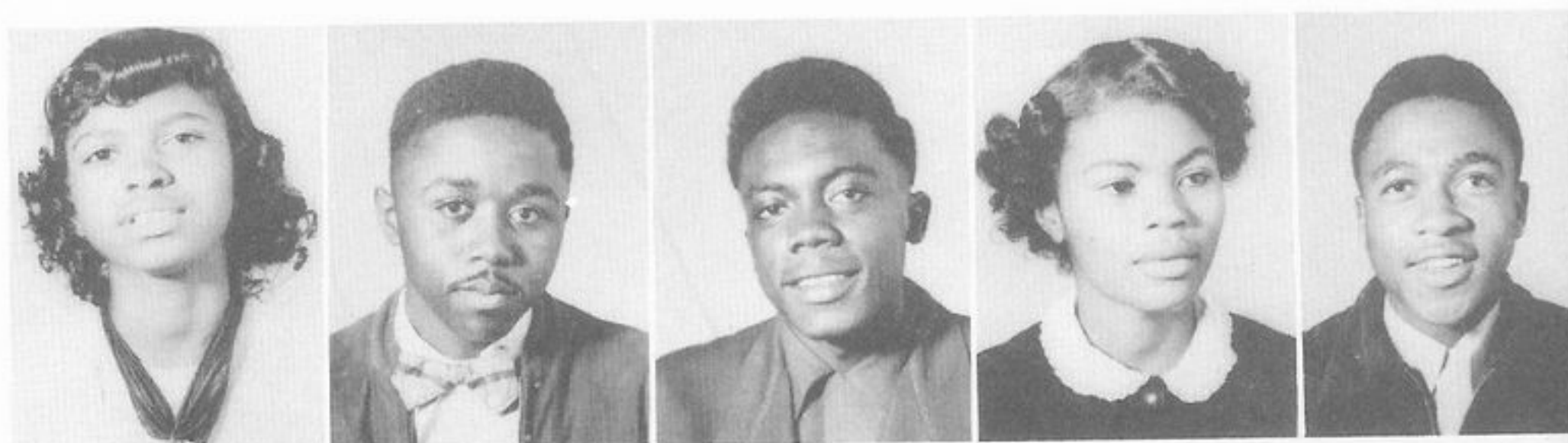
Estella Winston



Jo Ann Williams



## FRESHMAN CLASS



First row: John Henry Balentine, Ruby Brown, Jewelene Calamese, Martha Coburn.

Second row: Constance Craft, Henry Dillingham, James E. Foster, Gerogia Hatchett, Joe Louis Johnson.

Third row: Mamie Lee Jones, Samuel Jones, James Lee, Flora Lee Martin, Bobby Moreland.

Fourth row: Lucille Patrick, Cora Ann Phillips, Theoplis Watson, Lucille Williams, Rachel Lee Williams.



# Beauties



Ruby Jewel Winters

Senior



# Beauties<sup>h</sup>



Marian King  
Junior

Eula Jenkins  
Sophomore

Emogene Steward  
Junior





# Beauties<sub>2</sub>



Ruell Jackson

Ruby Brown  
Freshman

Sophomore

Georgia Hatchett  
Freshman





# Beauties<sub>2</sub>



Mary Thompson  
Senior



# Who Who's

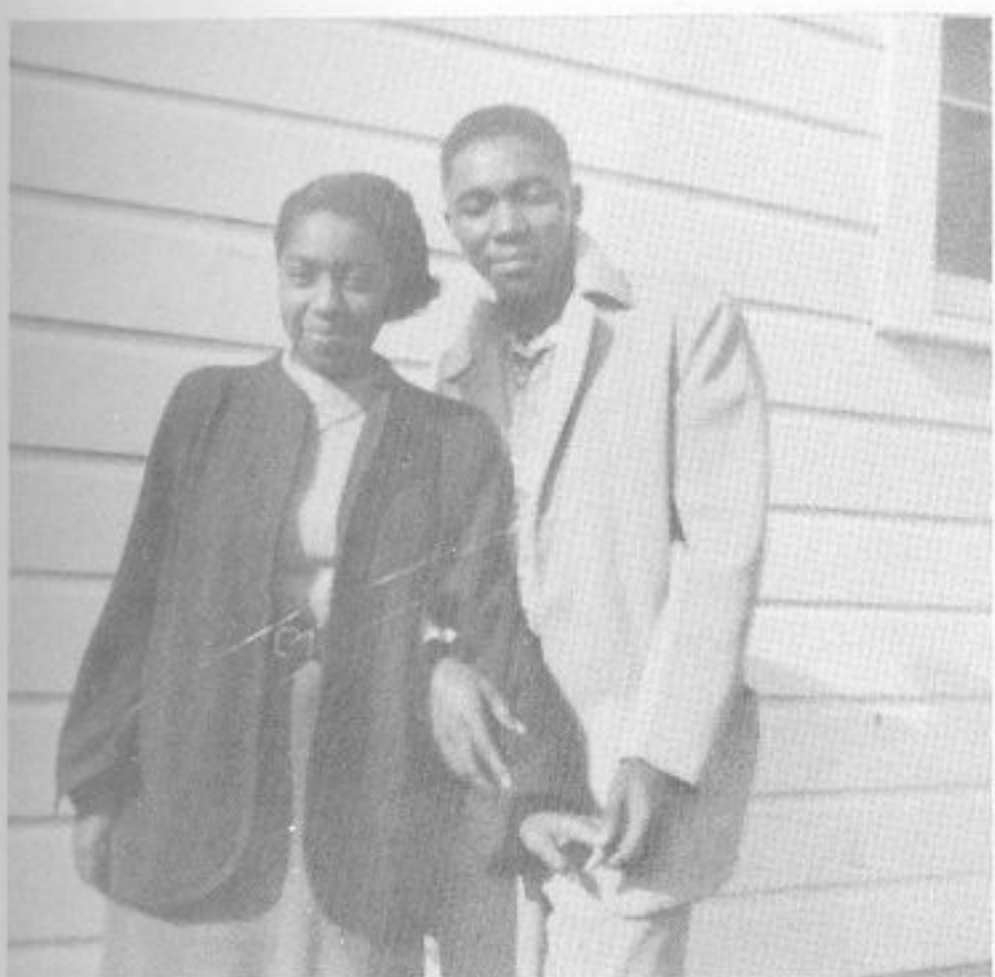
## SENIORS



Shortest and Tallest  
Armanda Reynolds - Bobby Clay



Handsome  
Leon Jackson



Most Loving Couple  
Ruth Henderson - Leon Jackson



Friendliest  
Mable Coburn - Bobby Clay



Seniors at Study -- Aren't they dignified?





# FEATURES



(1) Arkansas Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi gives \$100 Scholarship to worthy scholar (2) Walter Garner - Custodian and bus driver. (3) J. C. Clay - Tuckerman bus driver (4) Taking Home Economics (5) Basketball stars - Thompson and Jenkins (6) Field Day on campus (7) In the Shop (8) Supt. Castleberry speaks at annual dinner for board members and faculty (9) Watching Jones Hi lose to the Pirates (10) Annual dinner (11) Mother Parks (12) Chaperons at Freshman Ball (13) Harvest Carnival (14) Still dinner time (15) School bus.



# H O M E C O M M I N G



(1) Contestants in parade, Convertible driven by Miss Vernell Tolerson, Teacher (2) In the Parade - Main Street (3) Before the Coronation (4) Captain Stephenson crowns his class mate, Rebecca Wheeler. (5) After the Coronation.





The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new \$75,000 elementary school was held Friday, January 30, 1953. Among the visitors were Supt. Castleberry, Mayor Hunt, Mr. A. Minor, Mr. Moore, Federal Coordinator of school funds, Mr. E. A. Stueck, Architect, Principal

Craft, Mother Parks, Mr. A. W. Ford, Arkansas Commissioner of Education, Mr. Ed Mc Couston, Supervisor of Negro Education, breaking the Ground, Elder D. C. Brown, Rev. H. Fitzhugh, Rev. L. I. Thompson, and Elder O. A. Oates.





Mother Parks, oldest citizen, says "Good Morning" at the Ground Breaking.

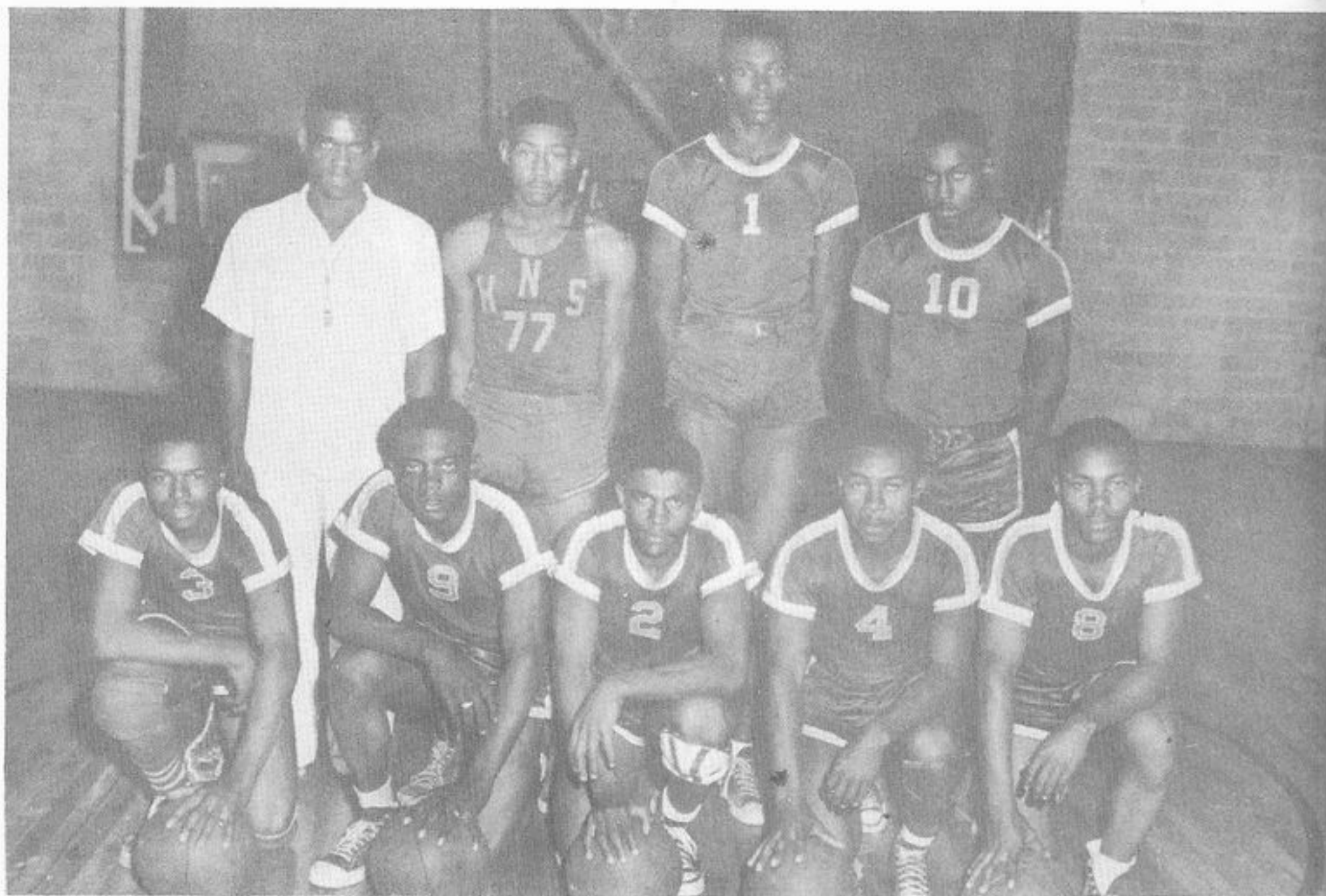




REBECCA WHEELER  
SENIOR  
BASKETBALL QUEEN 1953



# BASKET BALL



## Seniors

Standing: Coach N. S. Calhoun, Nathaniel Yancy, Bobby Joe Clay, Louis West.

Kneeling: Joe Stephenson, James Foster, Henry Cooper, Walter Jenkins, Leon Jackson.

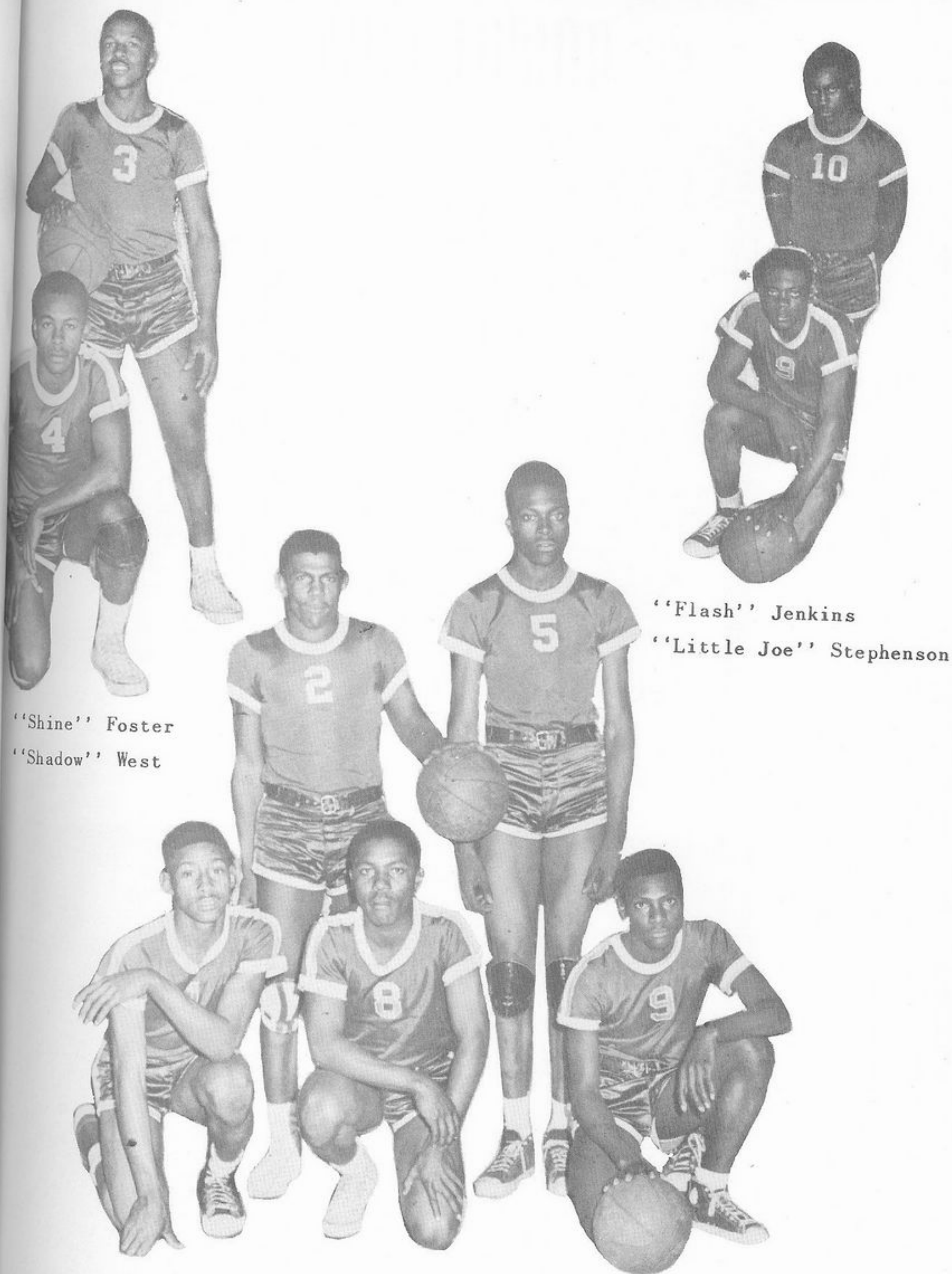


## Juniors

Kneeling: Henry Walker. First row, Left to Right: L. D. Brown, N. S. Calhoun, Jr., Lorenzo Jenkins, Robert Ridley.

Second row: S. Calhoun, Sr., Coach, Richard H. Smith, Perry Parott, Cleveland Brown, Henry Dillingham, Bobby Moreland.





"Shine" Foster  
"Shadow" West

"Flash" Jenkins  
"Little Joe" Stephenson

Standing- "Tarzan" Cooper,  
"Easy" Clay.  
Kneeling- "River" Yancey,  
"Pluky" Jackson and "Pop eye"  
Leggison.





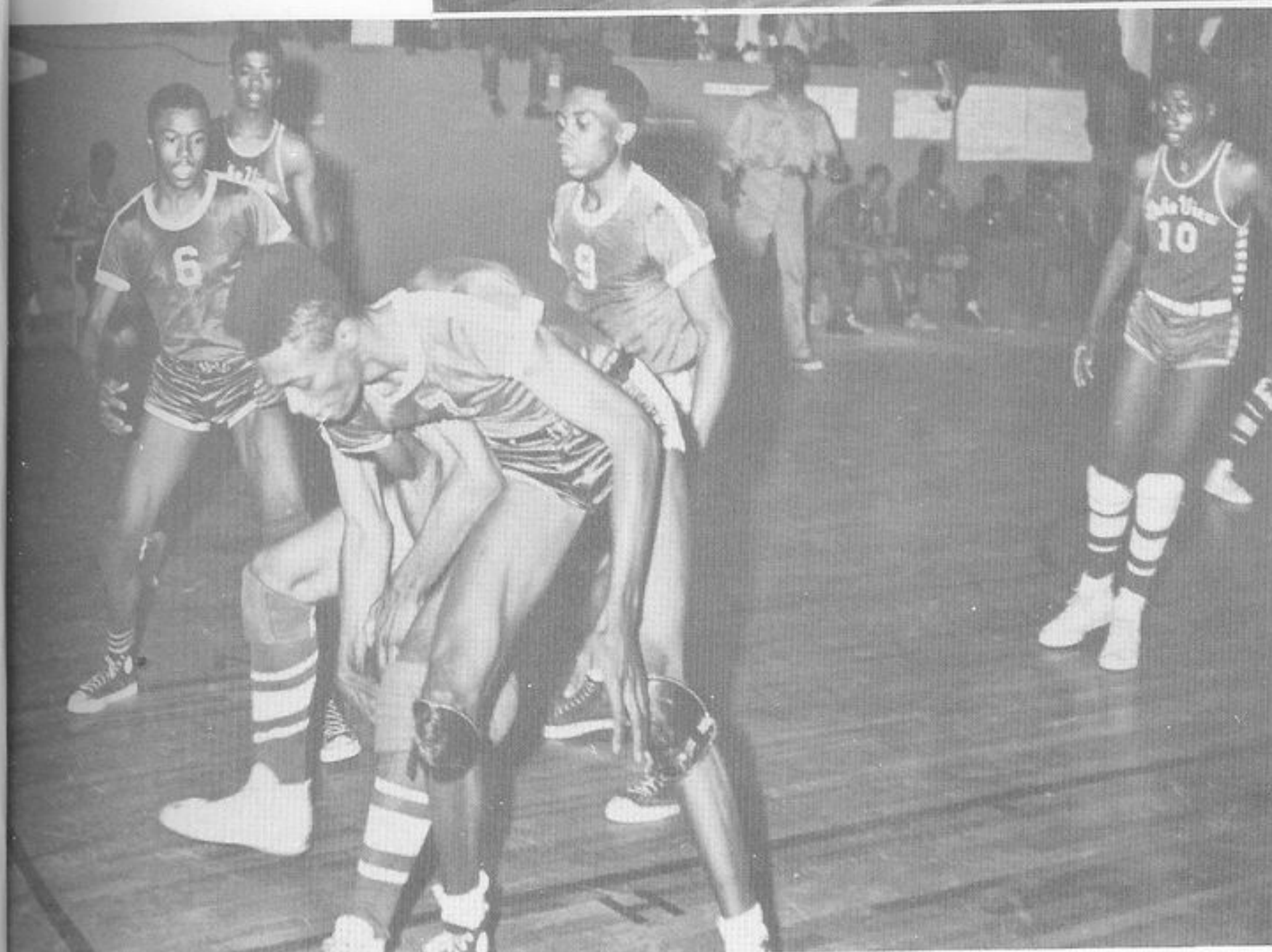
Standing: Verneda Conley, Estella Winston, Mary Thompson, Ruthie Barnett, Mable Coburn, Margaret Scott, Maxine Guinn, and Eula Jenkins.  
Kneeling: Josephine Brown, Betty Roddy, Mary Russell, Martha Coburn, and Francine Shell  
Sitting: Minnie Mabins and Dorce Lott.



Standing: Verneda Conley, Ruth Donaldson, Wilma Shepherd, Mary Young, Ollie Adams, Lucille Patrick, Shirlean Walton, and Lillie Whorton.  
Kneeling: Glenn Flemings, Flossie Anders, Connie Craft.  
Sitting: Cora Phillips and Irene Lott.



Walker, No. 1 Newport attempts to block a lay-up shot by Phillips of Lakeview as Captain Stephenson No. 8 of Newport and Jordon No. 4 of Lakeview wait for the rebound.

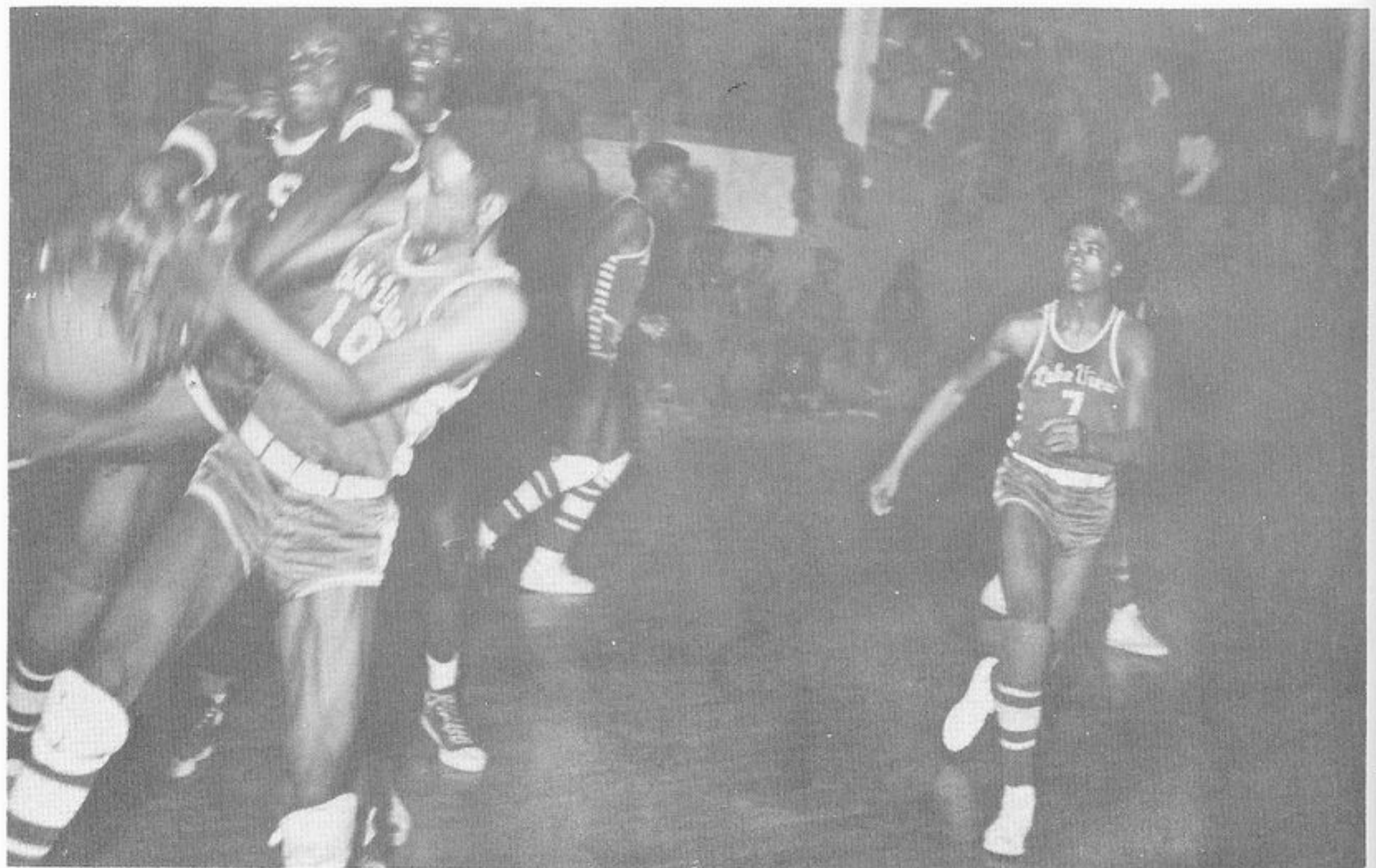


Jump ball, Tils of Lakeview is tied up by "Easy" Bobby Clay Newport Center No. 10 with Captain Stephenson and "Buddy" Foster ready to help if needed.





Eula Jenkins, Newport Forward, drives around Gillespie Augusta, guard for two points in 1953 finals of District B Tourney, Newport won 35-34.



Tie ball between Foster number 9 Newport Freshman, guard and Rivers No. 10, guard for Lakeview, Clay Newport 6'7" Center Looks on. Newport won 67 to 36.





Senior Girls Squad Wins "B" Section of District Tourney. Sitting: Mary Nell Russell, Estella Winston, and Betty Jean Roddy. Standing: Mr. C. B. Craft, coach, Ruthie Barnett, Eula R. Jenkins, Margaret Scott, Wilma R. Shepherd, and Mary Thompson.