

Our Story

Douglass School

Let Us Be Seen by Our Deeds

1892 – 1965



Slater School

The Strength of the Wolfe is the Pack

1900 – 1965

Introduction:

The roots for “Our Story” were started 125 years ago with the creation of “The Colored School” at the Colored Odd Fellows Hall in 1896 in Bristol, VA. Those roots spread across the state line in 1900 with the creation of the Bristol Normal Institute. Those divided roots soon became Douglass School and Slater School. It can be said that “Our Story” is a giant yearbook for each school. The alumni that represent the history of the two schools have gone to great lengths to put together this book giving a snapshot of their history and the legacy that came from them. The purpose is to record our history for ourselves and the generations to come. The time spent in the classrooms and halls of our beloved schools gave us pride in what we had.

There were many changes and challenges over the decades from the halls to the ball fields that each generation had to adjust to and grow from. Of course, we feel the current alumni had the biggest hurdle because the 60’s brought about integration and the dismantling of Black Schools throughout the country. Our communities were forever changed!

1965 was the year of change and we stepped up to the challenge and moved on. Today we look back and celebrate our school history with so many fond memories.

We will forever be a “Douglass Demon” and a “Slater Wolf”.

When the idea was presented to the joint association committee to put together a book about the history of our schools, we were not sure how we would accomplish this task, but we agreed that it should be done. We began the task by asking alumni and family for anything they could share with us about our school history. It was a much bigger task that we imagined. It has truly been a labor of love. Over the past year we have scoured every source we could think of to put our history into these pages. Unfortunately, we are missing information for some of the years, because of limited information. We learned things, and we remembered things forgotten. We hope you will enjoy this book about “Our Story” as much as we enjoyed presenting it to you.

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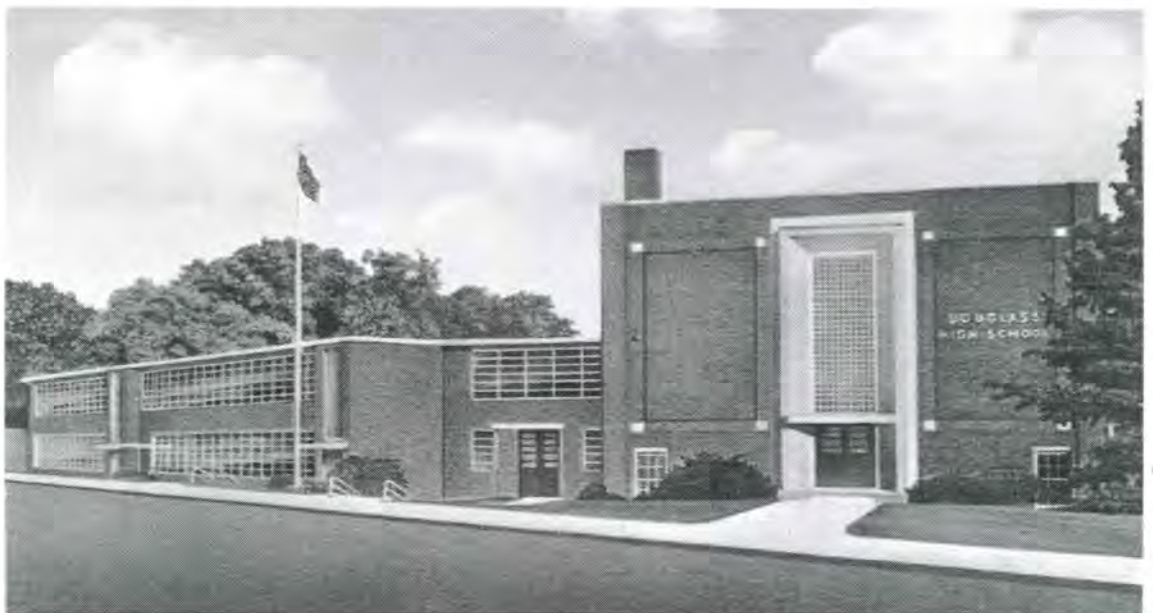
“HAIL! DEAR OLD DOUGLASS, PROUDLY YOU’VE BRAVED THE STRIFE THROUGH MANY WEARY YEARS AS TIME MARCHED ON. LOYAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS, TRUE. EVER WILL SING THY PRAISE; AND TO UPHOLD YOUR NAME DEAR DOUGLASS HAIL!”

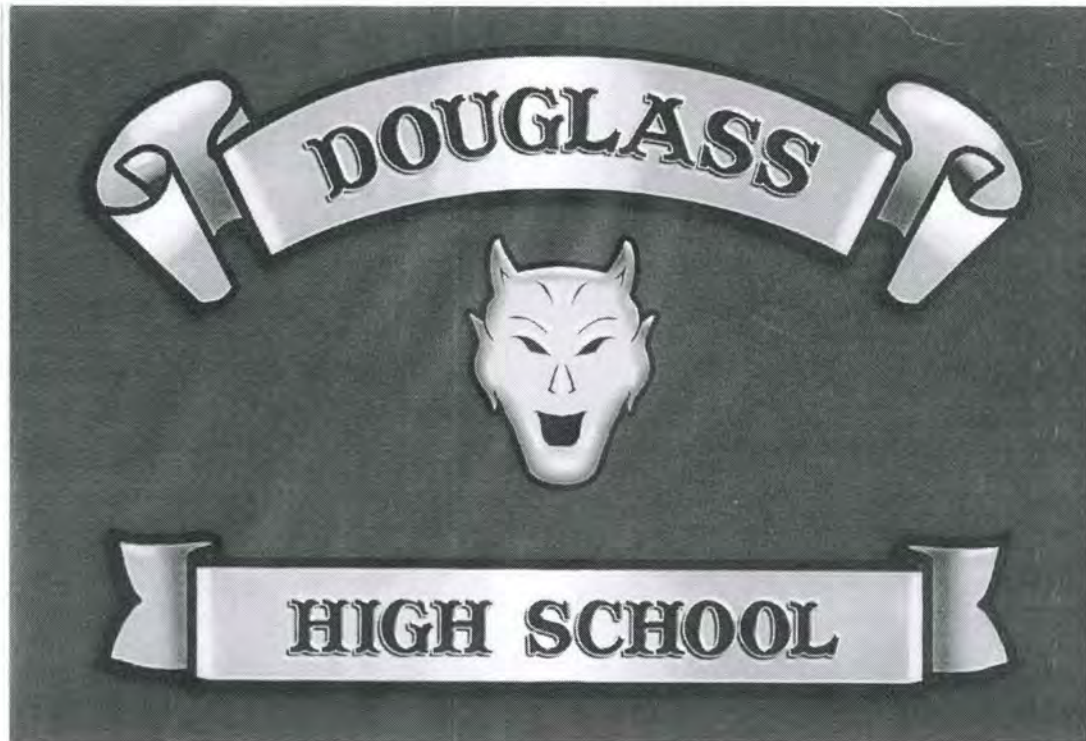


The written motto of Douglass School, “Let Us Be Seen by Our Deeds” reflects directly on the school’s namesake, Frederick Douglass, a man seen and recognized by his deeds. Born a slave in Maryland, Douglass taught himself to read and write. After escaping slavery, Douglass became the leading spokesman for its abolition and improving the lives of his people. President Lincoln discussed these problems with Frederick Douglass many times.

Douglass School served the Black population of Bristol, Virginia, for over four decades. The students gained a solid education, and the community came together for the activities at the school. Douglass School brought education to the Black population of Bristol and armed the students with the discipline and knowledge to succeed and meet the challenges that would face them in the world. The Douglass School stands as a testament to the academic opportunities for Black students and as a center of strength and connection to the Black community. The pride of the students and alumni in Douglass School is evident in the school legacy.

In 1966 the 12th Grade students were integrated into Virginia High School. Douglass became an elementary and middle school. Mr. Breedlove remained as principal giving dedicated and sage leadership until his retirement in 1977. Douglass School doors closed in 1991, leaving a Legacy all alumni are proud to call their own.





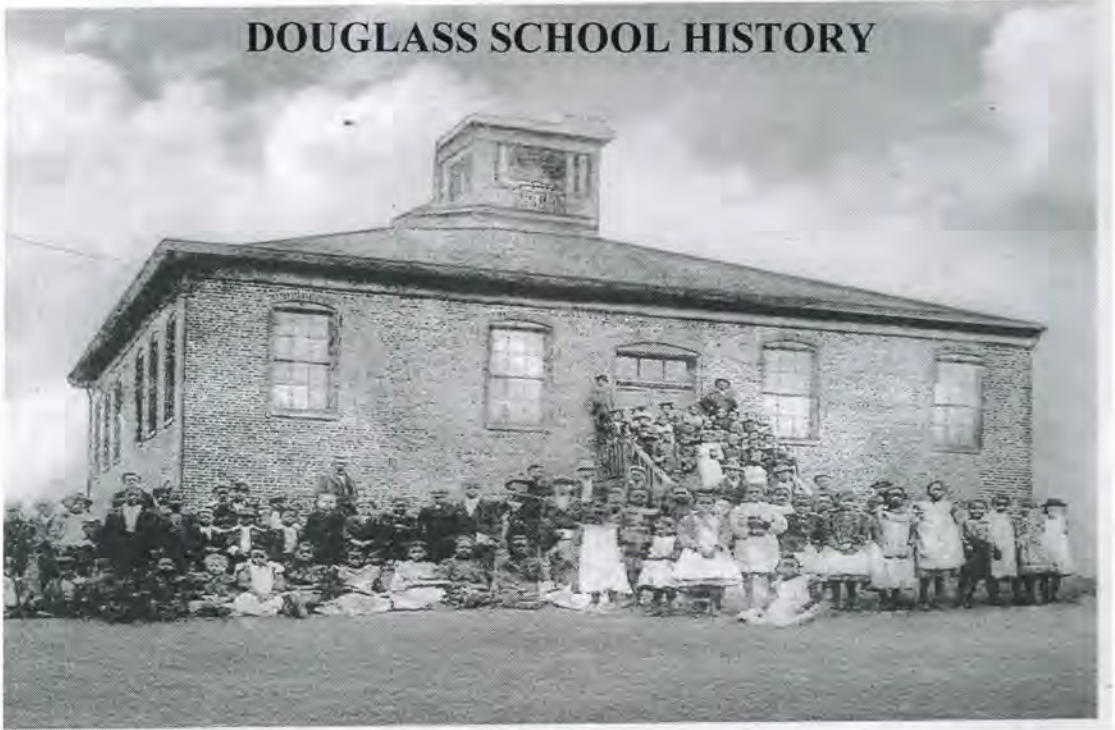
DOUGLASS ALMA MATER

Hail! Dear Old Douglass
Proudly you've braved the strife.
Through many weary years
as time marched on.
Loyal, Sons and Daughters true,
ever will sing thy praise;
and to uphold your name
Dear Douglass Hail!

Hail! Dear old Douglass,
Thy light of knowledge burns
Thy hearty friendship spreads
throughout the land.
Melodies of youths fair dreams
none shall our hearts outcast,
All rise and loud proclaim
AL-MA MA-TER, HAIL!

Written by the Class of 1953

DOUGLASS SCHOOL HISTORY



Originally founded in 1892, classes were held in the Colored Odd-Fellows Hall until the city acquired a building to house "The Colored School" in 1896. This building was located on Piedmont Avenue, across from what is known as the Courtesy Ice Cream building. Professor J.G. Irvin was names principal.

In the year of 1911 the name was changed to the Douglass School for Negro Students. According to records held by the United States Department of the Interior, there were only four public schools for the education of African American students in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia by the year 1910. By the year 1916, this number had increased to six.

In the year 1921, a new facility for Black students was built on Oakview Avenue. The location of Douglass School was on the hill that now overlooks Highway No. 11 and is in the proximity to the Bristol Iron and Steel Corporation. The one-story building's back view was a sloping side restricting the play space for exercise of the school children, as well as dangerous because of traffic passing to and from.

Professor Morris Johnson was the first principal to enjoy the change in location. He was the son of Rev. C. H. Johnson who pastored the Lee Street Baptist Church for 40 years. He was an intellectual scholar, possessed a mind full of educational projects and the power to distribute to an understanding degree his theory to his classes. His students claimed him to be a genius in mathematics. He was jolly socially and educationally.

The next principal was Mr. E.T. Buford who was an excellent instructor. His classroom methods were rich in importation and his manner of thought provoking in his students worthy of emulation. His wife was also an asset to the faculty of which she was a member. He resigned in the middle of the school year, turning over the principal ship to Reverend A. E. Anderson who retained until the end of the year.

Mrs. Sybil E. Wilson accepted the principal ship for the next year. With the rich music of her cultured voice, she pointed out the work the humblest and weakest hands may do. Her lecture periods to the students were inspirational. She demanded strict observance to school discipline and was qualified

from the standpoint to carry on the work assigned to her.

Prof. W. P. Boykin, the next to emerge on the educational stage of Douglass was a man of singular, delightful genius. The death of his wife caused a change in his career, and he felt the pressure and resigned at the close of the year.

Mr. W. W. Hayes, a former student of Douglass, succeeded Professor Boykin. During Mr. Hayes' administration the school was transformed. The curriculum was enriched with many additional departments. The departments of Home Economics and Manual Training were raised to be high levels and a well-equipped library was organized. Some of the other achievements of his administration are: 1. The observance of Negro Health Week. 2. The observance of Negro History Week. 3. The establishment of the school lunchroom with a paid supervisor. 4. The Ninth District School Community Workshop Conference. Douglass sustained a great loss when he was called to a more fertile field in the state.



Mr. Howard G. Wilson, a former student and teacher at Douglass, was appointed principal. Mr. Wilson's first priority was the students. He was always striving to make students (Grades 1-11) fully realize their potential by providing an environment where each could achieve optimal personal, social, intellectual, academic, and vocational development. Mr. Wilson's tenure was for the school years 1946-47 and 1947-48.

In 1948 Douglass School was consolidated with the African American school located in Abingdon, Virginia. The High School Departments of Washington County Virginia were merged with the students attending Douglass. Black students from throughout the county were transported to Bristol to attend school. The size of Douglass School was increased substantially, growing from sixteen graduates to 50 after consolidation. The principal was Mr. H.K. Breedlove, a remarkable man and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and the Columbia University in New York City. He served in that capacity until 1977.



In 1952 Douglass was completely renovated and classrooms were added. At this time each department was enlarged, and the Business Department was added.

A second addition was completed for use in 1963. This east wing housed the Clinic, Home Economics Suite, Music Hall, Teachers' Lounge, Guidance, English, Art, Social Studies and Business Departments.

The staff consisted of a principal, a guidance counselor, sixteen classroom teachers, a teacher-librarian, one full time secretary, three custodians and three cafeteria employees.

Douglass, in an addition to the regular curriculum, afforded opportunities for the development and strengthening of leadership qualities through student participation in assembly programs and meaningful club activities. Clubs and organizations related to some particular course of study as well as groups organized for the expression of a cultural or social interest.



FACULTY

				
Mr. Dalton Roberts English	Miss Loraine Henderson Home Economics	Mr. Stephen R. Harris Physical Education	Miss Georgia B. Polk 2nd & 3rd Grades	Mrs. Mary Redmon 6th & 7th Grades
				
Mrs. Ireta T. Wilson, B.S. Librarian J.C. Smith University N.Y. University	Miss Alice Mapp, B.S. Elementary Department VA State College, Hampton Inst. Morgan College	Miss Dorris N. Broady, B.S. Elementary Department Morristown College Bluefield State College	Mrs. Greutel H. Smith Primary Department Morristown College VA State College	Mrs. Fannie L. Pookrum, A.B. Primary Department Bennett College, Hampton Univ., A & T College
				
Miss Delia Hatcher, B.S. Music VA. State College	George E. Dawson, B.S. Industrial Arts TN State College Tuskegee Institute	Miss J.M. Fisher, B.S., M.S. Home Economics VA State College	Robert B. Weatherston, B.S. Physical Science TN State College Hampton Inst. University	Mrs. Mildred Williams Music



Helen Mitchell, Secretary



Mrs. Marcella Pattilo, Secy.

They Give To Us A Measure Of Knowledge
 Just as a simple melody grows into a mighty symphony
 At the hands of a gifted composer, so develops the
 Mind of a man in his search for truth
H.K. Breedlove, BA, MA

Mrs. Ireta Dawson

Our oldest living teacher is 102 years old and lives in Bristol, Virginia. Last year her birthday was celebrated with a parade provided by the city and a party that was attended by her closest family and friends. She received many, many birthday cards and wishes on her very special day. Mrs. Dawson is so very well loved by many.

Prior to teaching in Bristol, she attended Barber-Scotia Junior College in Concord, NC and then moved on to receive Bachelor of Science degree in 1940 from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC. Later, she earned a Master of Library Science degree at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. She began her teaching experience at Anne Chesnutt High School in Fayetteville, NC where she taught for five years. She also taught at a boarding school in Kings Mountain, NC for one year. In Bristol, she taught at Douglass School from 1946-1965, where she covered biology, math, and English, in addition to being the Librarian. She sponsored the drama club, student council, and several senior classes. WOW! In 1965, (and we all know why things changed in that year), she became the librarian at Virginia High School for two years. Her experience also took her to Washington-Lee Elementary School where she taught early childhood and later assigned to the Librarian position. After 30 years of teaching and library work, she retired from Bristol, VA school system.

Mrs. Dawson and her husband, George E. Dawson (deceased), have two daughters, and two grandchildren. The Dawsons' attended John Wesley United Methodist Church where they became very involved in the community.



We thank you and salute your service to the children you mentored and taught along the way.





**Loraine Henderson and
Mary Redmon**



Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson



Robert Weatherton, Ireta Dawson, Alice Mapp, Mildred Williams, and H.K. Breedlove

George Edward Dawson

Educated at Maury County Tennessee Public schools, and earned a B.S. degree at Tennessee State University, continuing his education at Virginia State University, East Tennessee State University, and the University of Virginia. He also serviced in the US Navy prior to coming to Douglass High School where he taught for 36 years. During his stay he taught shop, mechanical drawing math, and driver's education. He also dabbled in photography, woodworking, leather crafts, and electronics. Mr. Dawson was a faithful member of John Wesley United Methodist Church for over 66 years, departing this life at the age of 97.



Mrs. Mildred Simon Rhea graduated from Douglass School. She received her degree from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia. Mrs. Rhea taught private kindergarten at her home for twelve years and in the Bristol Virginia School System for over thirty-two years, teaching at both Douglass and Thomas Jefferson, where she retired in 1968. She also served as a Girl Scout Leader for over twenty-five years and was a loyal member of the Order of The Eastern Star. Mrs. Rhea was also a faithful member of Harris-Anderson AME Zion Church. She departed this life on January 14, 1976 at the age of 72 years.



Mrs. Loraine G. Henderson graduated from Douglass School in 1937 and received her B.S. degree in Home Economics from Virginia State University. She returned to Bristol where she taught Home Economics and 6th grade for 34 years before retiring in 1983. She was a faithful member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, departing this life at the age of 98 years.



Mrs. Mary Forrest Randolph Redmon was a graduate of Douglass School (class of 1939). She attended Morristown College, Bennett College and Temple University. She taught in the Bristol Virginia School System for thirty-seven years. Prior to her retirement in 1983, she taught 6th & 7th grades, Physical Education, Girl Scout Leader, and Director of the Summer Recreation Programs. Mrs. Redmon was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, departing this life in 2012 at the age of 91 years.





DOUGLASS TEACHERS HONORED—The Tenneva Neighborhood Club honored two retiring Douglass High School teachers with a luncheon at Holiday Inn No. 1. Shown above, left to right, Mrs. Mildred Rhea, who presented a bronze statue denoting leadership to Mrs. F. L. Pookrum and Miss Alice Mapp.

Two Weekend Events Pay Tribute To Retiring Douglass High Teachers

Two Douglass High School teachers with 58 years of combined service were honored Sunday at a reception at the school.

Mrs. F. L. Pookrum and Miss Alice Mapp are retiring from the school system at the end of the present school term.

White and gold colors carried out the theme of "Sunset of Teaching Years." The reception was held in the cafeteria where a bulletin board gave a classroom appearance.

A centerpiece of white and gold flowers were placed on a white lace tablecloth on a gold background. Adding a further touch of beauty were gold candelabras.

A decorated cake was included in the refreshments.

H. K. Breedlove, principal, presided, and the Rev. W. A. Johnson gave the invocation.

Tributes were given by Dr. Joseph VanPelt, superintendent; Mrs. P. H. Robinson Jr., alumna; David Schultz, Camilla Williams and Caroline Heath, student; and Mrs. Clem Redmon, teacher.

Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Lois Shelly, Mrs. Peyton Smith and Mrs. Richard Cowans, alumna. The school Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Rhea, presented a program of special music.

Other guests included the members of the board of education: Mrs. Violet Grimsley, Mrs. S. C. Wolfe, M. Mac King, Dr. Floyd Turner, Joe Tolley and Claude Crockett, Jack Holland, supervisor, and principals and faculty members of Bristol Virginia schools.

Mrs. George Dawson presented silver trays to the retiring teachers.

The Tenneva Neighborhood Club also honored the teachers at a luncheon at Holiday Inn No. 1.

Miss Mapp helped organize the Tenneva Neighborhood and

served as leader of Troop 99 for several years.

Mrs. Pookrum has served as a committee member for several years, and both are members of the National Girl Scout organization.

A retiring Neighborhood, Mrs. Mildred Rhea, presented each of the women with a bronze statue denoting leadership for their years of service.



Miss Georgia Polk, Announced Retirement, 1991

MISS GEORGIA B. POLK-- Graduated in 1951 from Kings Mountain School in Abingdon, VA. Received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Bluefield State College, Bluefield, WV. Received her Master's Degree from The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ms. Polk started her teaching career with Douglas School for African Americans in Bristol, VA. Not only did she teach, she drove the school bus for the Washington County area during segregation. On many occasions, she would drive school athletes to their games and back to their homes in the county.

After integration, she taught at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School and Stonewall Jackson Elementary School in Bristol, VA. During her tenure, she was named Teacher of the Year. She was a strong advocate for education. She considered all children her own. She retired from her love of teaching after 40 years of dedicated service.

After retiring, she continued to work for the betterment of children by serving on the Library Board, the Mental Health Board of Directors, and would substitute teach whenever asked. Ms. Georgia will always be lovingly remembered by her hundreds of students and all others who knew her.

TEACHER PROFILES:

Miss Mapp Has Taught At Douglass Since '26

Miss Alice Mapp, a native of Cape Charles, Va., has been a member of the teaching staff at Douglass High School since 1926.

Miss Mapp attended Tide Water Institute and received a BS degree from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. Miss Mapp is a member of the Union Baptist Church, Eastville, Va., and has been associated with it since 1926.

Miss Mapp has been connected with Girl Scouting since it was first organized in Bristol, Virginia. She is a leader of Girl Scout Cadette Troop No. 99. Her hobbies are working crossword puzzles, reading and sewing.



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Douglass. Before coming to Bristol, she taught for one year at Winston-Salem, N.C.
In accepting the award, Miss Mapp, choked with emotion, said: "Thank you . . . Thank you all so very much."
Letters nominating the Douglass teacher lauded her "inspiration to other teachers," her work in creating activities and loyalty to the Lee Street Baptist Church.

Miss Alice Mapp Leading Teacher

Veteran Member Of Douglass High Faculty Wins VFW's Annual Award

By GEORGE NELSON
The close of Class Night exercises at the school. The award Douglass School and veteran of 39 years in the Bristol Virginia Crosswhite Post #875, Veterans school system, was named of Foreign Wars.

Bristol's outstanding teacher of the VFW teacher nominating 1964-65 last night. Miss Mapp's award came at committee, made the surprise announcement at the evening's close, after outstanding seniors of the school's graduating class had received honors.
Ferrell presented Miss Mapp with a plaque.
Pastor-Groveswhite Post Commander Charles Allen presented the winner with flowers and Old Mapower, past Virginia VFW commander, gave Miss Mapp "a cup for your merriment to match the plaque on your wall."

Many Nominations

Miss Mapp was chosen by the veterans at a recent meeting after scores of nominating letters from teachers, former students, and citizens of the Bristol area were screened. After some six hours of deliberation, Ferrell said, Miss Mapp was named the winner.

Miss Mapp, who will retire at the end of this year, was born in Eastville, Va., attended Tide Water Institute, and completed high school at what is now Virginia State College. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Virginia State College.

Miss Mapp has taught her entire 39 years in Bristol. See TEACHER, page 2

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CHARLES ALLEN and MISS ALICE MAPP



EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Douglass School remembered

Former students join Bristol, Va., officials to remember alma mater's place in city's good, bad times

BY KEVIN CASTLE
BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

BRISTOL, Va. — It was a time when kids of color went to different schools. Those who walked the halls of Fredrick Douglass High School in Bristol knew the strife and struggle outside might one day get them a unified city school. Until that day, they insisted they got the best of both worlds inside that facility.

"You felt love and you felt determination, and you better make sure you behaved," said Fred Delaney, vice president of the Douglass Alumni Association and a speaker at Saturday's gallery opening of an exhibit that features yearbook pages, banners and a vast collection of photos from Bristol's only black high school.

In fact, Douglass High was one of only four African-American public schools in Virginia in 1910. The others were in Newport News, Roanoke and Richmond, ac-

cording to school board member Randy White, who organized the exhibit, on display at the Bristol Virginia School Board office on Lee Street.

School board members agreed to present the exhibit, which will display the items until the end of the month, in honor of the school and for the occasion of Black History Month. The school was originally founded in 1896 and later consolidated with another African-American high school in Abingdon in 1948.

"You could say this day began because we had nothing here at the school board office, except for some yearbooks, that commemorated Douglass," White said. "After I attended a reunion of the students last year, I found a wealth of information and a new excitement about having things on display at the office."

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Douglass School alumnus Don Charles points out some of the photos he took when he was the school yearbook photographer. Those and other photos comprised much of a display Saturday at the Lee Street Bristol School Board offices commemorating the school's role in Bristol's history.

Douglass

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Aisle after aisle, you see snapshots in time from the school. One reveals faces with hard-as-nails looks and leather-stitched helmets, but no face masks, as the Blue Demons football team takes a knee on a dirt lot near what is now known as the Johnson Court Apartments.

Other items include a replica of a Douglass High Blue Demon banner, reproduced from a photograph unearthed years ago that features cheerleaders at a pep rally leaping below the streamer, and a copy of the school alma mater that began with the line, "Hail, Dear Old Douglass."

One photo that White says, "tore me up," pictures two smiling girls near the back bumper of a driver's education car.

"Do you realize that these girls were forced to drive a different car than other students in the city? It just shows how wrong and how far apart things were then," White said.

Across the wall from the football team photo hangs a handsome, pint-size bride and groom taking part in a "Tom Thumb wedding," according to Don Charles, a Douglass graduate and the little man in the photograph.

"You had those all the time. They were like plays or a production done for fun," Charles said.

Charles later became the school photographer at Douglass, also participating in the school newspaper and about every athletic team the Blue Demons fielded.

"You hear the saying 'it takes a village to raise a child.' Well, that's what we got at Douglass," Charles said. "All those parents who sent us to school kept us in line and we had strict but loving teachers there. It was an environment where everyone expected you to do your best, to be challenged. It made us better people. It was a school that was big enough to get lost in, but small enough where you knew everyone."

Dr. Jerry Jones, a Douglass class of 1965 graduate and now a professor at Emory & Henry College near his hometown of Glade Spring, spent two hours a day on the school bus to attend the school. He said he cherished his high school days.

"I was glad I had a high school to go to," Jones said. "There were only certain parts of the state that had schools for African-Americans, so I was thankful I had the opportunity."

Jones also recalled being part of a team that made an appearance on the WCYB-TV show "Classroom Quiz" in the 1960s. And he remembered the dedication of a new wing at the school being postponed until the next year due to the death of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

"The times were challenging, but worth the effort," Jones said.

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ROSTER OF GRADUATES 1926 - 1938

1926 Caldwell, Mrs. Edith, Bristol, VA	Housewife	1933 Martin, Mrs. Elsie, Leesburg, VA	Housewife
Epps, Mrs. Lillie, Richmond, VA	YWCA Work	Pritchett, Ulyses D., Chicago, IL	Shipping Clk
Franklin, Mrs. Margaret, Bristol, TN	Housewife	Wright, Mrs. Mary Selma, Baltimore, MD	Housewife
Goolsby, Miss Sussie, New York, NY	Technician		
Lee, Mrs. Lottie, Bristol, VA	Housewife	1934 Carter, Mrs. Charlotte, New York, NY	Housewife
Mayo, Curtis P., New York, NY	Gov. Work	Dykes, Miss Flora, Gate City, VA	*Domestic
Miller, Paul R., Fairmont, WVA	Teaching	Robinson, Patric H., Bristol, TN	Business
Swann, James, Woodstock, VA	Business	Smith, Miss Mary, Bristol, VA	Domestic
Weatherston, Robert B, Bristol, VA	Teaching	Wilson, Howard G., Cleveland, OH	Teaching
White, Mrs. Nelson, Bristol, VA	Housewife		
		1935 Brown, Russell, Bristol, VA	Business
1927 Morrison, Mrs. Beatrice, New York, NY	Housewife	Clay, Monroe, Washington, DC	Student
Pritchett, Wilbur	Deceased	Franklin, Rev. Tearle, Ann Arbor, MI	Minister
Spencer, Mrs. Lacy, Washington, DC	Student	Gilbert, Napoleon, Johnson City, TN	*Custodian
		Hampton, Mrs. Henly, Bristol, VA	Housewife
1928 Brown, Mrs. Mayo, Marion, VA	Housewife	Henderson, Leroy, Bristol, VA	Porter
Hughes, Miss Juanita, Washington, DC	*Domestic	Hollins, James, Bristol, VA	Truck Driver
Jenkins, Miss Ester, Cleveland, OH	*Domestic	Huntley, Charles, Bristol, VA	Mechanic
Turner, Miss Sussie, Abingdon, VA	*Domestic	Pope, James, Bristol, VA	Ry. Employee
		Robinson, Charles F., Richmond, VA	Bookkeeper
1929 Jenkins, Miss Eleanora, Cleveland, OH	*Domestic	Thomas, Miss Marie, Philadelphia, PA	*Domestic
Mathews, Mrs. Aurelia, Baltimore, MD	Cashier	Turner, Leon, Knoxville, TN	Ry. Employee
Morton, Miss Louise, Brooklyn, NY	*Domestic	Wheeler, Ellis, Bristol, VA	Ry. Employee
		Wilson, Charles, Bristol, VA	Baker
1930 Akers, Hiram, Hampton, VA	Gov. Work	Wise, William, Bristol, VA	Mechanic
Austin, Mrs. Ruth, Bristol, VA	Housewife		
Clay, Rev. Henry, Marion, VA	Minister	1936 Burks, Vincent, Detroit, Mich.	Custodian
Davis, Osler, Philadelphia, PA	Housewife	Lacy, Frank, New York, N.Y.	Porter
Davis, Mrs. Cornetta, Philadelphia, PA	Housewife	Miller, Miss Virginia, Richmond, VA	Beautician
Goins, Robert	Teaching	Rawley, Mrs. Eunice, Bristol, VA.	Housewife
Harper, Miss Margaret, Philadelphia, PA	Business	Robinson, Mrs. Betty, Bristol, TN	Housewife
Mathews, Walter C., Bristol, TN	Maint. Eng	Smith, Mrs. Ada, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Turner, Elijah, Nashville, TN	Teaching	Washington, Mrs. Odessa, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Preston, Mrs. Natalee, Detroit, MI	Housewife		
		1937 Brown, Charles, Bristol, Va.	Mechanic
1931 Brown, Miss Edwilda, Abingdon, VA	Domestic	Henderson, Miss Loraine, Petersburg, VA	Student
Brown, Mrs. Burnice, Washington, DC	Housewife	Lawson, Mrs. Margaret, Bristol, Va	Housewife
Brown, Mrs. Hythen, Washington, DC	Housewife	Longley, Donald	Deceased
Hollins, Mrs. Evelyn	Deceased	Miller, Thomas, U. S. Navy Seaman, 1st Class	
Mitchell, James, Detroit, MI	*Custodian	Ganaway, Mrs. Edith, Bluefield, WVA	Housewife
Nobelton, Mrs. Janie, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Pope, B., New York, N. Y.	Chauffeur
Wise, Miss Ardelia, Bristol, VA	*Domestic	Rawley, Lloyd, Bristol, Va	Baker
Wise, Mrs. Hazel, New York, NY	Housewife	St. Claire, Lloyd, Pittsburg, Pa.	Custodian
		Wheeler, Mrs. Pauline, Bristol, Va	Housewife
1932 Franklin, Mrs. Daphne, Ann Arbor, MI	Housewife		
Lacy, Mrs. Doris Ann, Ann Arbor, MI	Housewife	1938 Akers, Mrs. Mary, Hampton, VA.	Housewife
Mayo, Mrs. Ida, Detroit, MI	Housewife	Burks, Miss Ollie, New York, N. Y	Domestic
Weatherston, Mrs. Lucile, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Carter, Paul, Bristol, VA	Custodian
		Carrington, Mrs. Lois, Bristol, VA	Housewife
1933 Black, Miss Mary Lee, Bristol, VA	Beautician	Dixon, Mrs. Vivian, Bristol, TN	Housewife
Campbell, Miss Willie, Washington, DC	Domestic	Hataway, Mrs. Rosetta, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Delapp, Miss Katie Lee, Washington, DC	*Domestic	Hopkins, Miss Geneva, Bristol, VA	Domestic
Hampton, John, Bristol, VA	Custodian	Porter, Miss Louise, Bristol, VA	Domestic
Harper, Floyd, Bristol, VA	Mortician	Jenkins, Mrs. Lillian, Bristol, VA	Housewife
		Jackson, Mrs. Dorothy, Petersburg, VA	Student

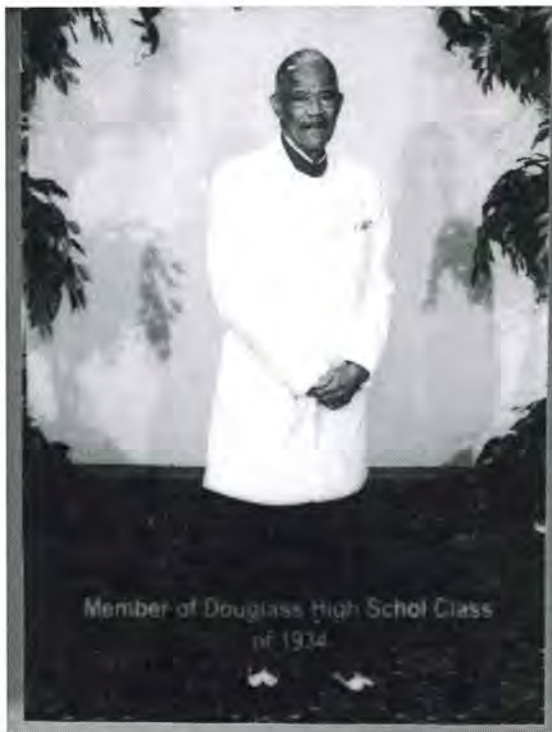
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ROSTER OF GRADUATES 1939 - 1948

1939 Banks, Mrs. Daisy, Norfolk, VA	Housewife	1943 Porter, Harold, Portland, OR	Construction
Brown, Mrs. Frances, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Powell, William, Springfield, OH	*Custodian
Lacy, Alvin, New York, NY	Custodian	Preston, Robert, Bristol, VA	Business
Randolph, Mrs. Mary, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Preston, William, Bluefield, WVA	Student
Robinson, Miss Inez, Chicago, IL	Domestic	Robinson, Mrs. Flora, Bristol, TN	Housewife
Calloway, Mrs. Virginia, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Warren, Miss Anna Ruth, Bristol, VA	Teaching
Wilson, Mrs. Mary, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Woodson, Fred, Bluefield, WVA	Student
1940 Banks, Elwood, Newark, NJ	Student	1944 Cockrum, Ivy, Washington, DC	Student
Banks, Mrs. Aquilla, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Broady, Miss Dorris, Bristol, VA	Teaching
Clay, Miss Frances, Bristol, VA	Beautician	Clark, Miss Willie Mae, Bristol, VA	Teaching
Delapp, Clarence, Washington, DC	*Custodian	Foots, Mrs. Mary, Marion, VA	Housewife
Glenn, Mrs. Rosella, Plainfield, N J	Housewife	Morris, John C. Bristol, VA	*Custodian
Martin, Mrs. Mary, Reeding, PA.	Housewife	Montgomery, Mrs. Ann, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Martin, Mrs. Feolia, Harrisburg, PA	Housewife	Preston, Mrs. Myrtle L., Bristol, VA	Housewife
Miller, Mrs. Annie Mae, Chicago, IL	Housewife	Richmond, Mrs. Frankie, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Morrison, Mrs. Maudeline, Bristol, VA	Housewife	1945 Aaron, Edwards, Washington, DC	Student
Watson, Robert, Columbus, OH	Lawyer	Beverly, Miss Clarice, Bristol, VA	Domestic
Williams, Oleta, Bristol, VA	Domestic	Bell, Miss Willie Lee, Knoxville, TN	Student
1941 Bell, Lawrence, Springfield, OH	Custodian	Blair, Mrs. Lila Wilson, Cleveland, OH	Housewife
Beidleman, Mrs. Dorothy, Washington, DC	Housewife	Broady, Paul, Charlotte, NC	Student
Broady, King, Lawrenceville, VA	Student	Edwards, Mrs. Edna, New York, NY	Housewife
Lacy, Miss Edith, Bristol, VA	Beautician	Gibson, Miss Virginia, Petersburg, VA	Student
Lacy, Miss Eva, Bristol, VA	Beautician	Nelson, Mrs. Verna, Bristol, VA	Beautician
Love, Clarence, Washington, DC	Student	Porter, Mrs. Vivian New York, NY	Housewife
Patron, Lewis, Bristol, TN	Custodian	Smith, Miss Mae Ella, Bluefield, WVA	Student
Wilson, Miss Willie Mae, Bristol, VA	Domestic	Spears, Mrs. Mary, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Wilson, Albert, Bristol, TN	Custodian	Wilson, Mrs. Allice, New York, NY	Housewife
1942 Bell, Peter Paul, Pearl Harbor	Construction	1946 Charles, Rufus, Bristol, VA	Shipping Clk
Bird' well, Mrs. 'Lottie, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Taylor, Harvey, Atlanta, GA	Student
Blake, Miss Eleanor, FL	Teaching	Randolph, Andrew, Atlanta, GA	Student
Cowan, Miss Ollie, Washington, DC	Housewife	Williams, Garvin, Rochester, NY	*Custodian
Cowan, Richard, Detroit, MI	Chauffeur	1947 Austin, Miss Clarice, Petersburg, VA	Student
Delapp, Mrs. Evelyn, Washington, DC	Housewife	Ellison, Eugene, **Ft Bragg, NC	US Army
Hardy, Lawrence, Bristol, VA	Chauffeur	Cockrum, Sylvester, Bristol, VA	Laundry Svc
Hatcher, James, Bristol, VA	Drayman	Green, Miss Sue, Bristol VA	*Domestic
Law, Thomas, Lawrenceville, VA	Student	Morrison, William, Bristol, VA	*Custodian
Smith, Mrs. Luvenia, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Pelham, James, Morristown, TN	Student
Martin, Miss Beatrice, Christiansburg, VA	Teaching	Wilson, Miss Betty, Bristol, VA	*Domestic
Mitchell, Abey Bristol, VA	Custodian	1948 Baker, Miss Marie, Morristown, TN	Student
Fulp, M s. Charlotte, Bristol, VA	Housewife	Bell, Miss Dorothy, Knoxville, TN	Student
Peck, Miss Viola, Philadelphia, PA	Housewife	Chappel, Samuel, Petersburg, VA	Student
Porter, Miss Marie, Bristol, VA	* Domestic	Davis, Mrs. Virginia, Morristown, TN	Housewife
Prince, Joseph, Bristol, VA	Custodian	Delapp, Miss Joan, Washington, DC	Gov. Work
Valentine, John, Washington, DC.	Custodian	Ervin, Miss Senella, Bristol, VA	*Domestic
1943 Birdwell, William, Bristol, VA	Custodian	Hazzard, Miss Monticello, Nashville, TN	Student
Cox, Miss Madeline, Bristol, VA	Floral Designer	Lee, Mrs. Mary, Bristol, VA	Housewife
Edwards, Mrs. Jeannette, Bristol, VA	Housewife	McKinney, Miss Omega, Tuskegee, AL	Student
Ervin, Joseph, Bristol, VA	Custodian	Porter, Anderson, Bristol, VA	Custodian
Graves, Timothy, Nashville, TN..	Student	Randolph, James, Morristown, TN	Student
Hazzard, Joshua, Bristol, VA	Custodian	Wilson, Miss Pauline, Bristol, VA	*Domestic
		Wise, Miss Peggy, New York, NY	Student

**Address Uncertain *Occupation Uncertain

PH Robinson, Class of 1934



Patrick Henry Robinson owned and operated Robinson's Mortuary in his hometown of Bristol, Va., for more than 50 years, died Monday. He was 94.

"He was a model, especially in the black community," the Rev. W.A. Johnson, a longtime friend, of Lee Street Baptist Church said Tuesday. "He was down to earth, a tremendous church man, a great businessman, a great family man and great man for the community."

Patrick Henry Robinson initially labored as a shipping clerk for an appliance distributor and later began working part-time at Brown's Funeral Home. He earned his funeral director's license in 1948 and opened a funeral home with a partner. Later, he attended the Atlanta School of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1954, establishing Robinson Mortuary in 1955. He later became co-owner of Robinson Funeral Services in Kingsport, Tenn. The success of Robinson and his family also struck Eric Clark, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol, where Robinson served on

the board of directors for more than 30 years. Robinson's role and influence in the black community helped attract new members to the Boys & Girls Club and his friendship with members of the Kiwanis Club helped attract needed financial support, Clark said.

"He was so respected in the African American community, he helped promote us and get our message out to some folks," Clark said.

Both men said Robinson quietly helped the less fortunate, providing funerals at reduced cost and oftentimes serving as a de facto bail bondsmen when none was available.

"He was a true gentleman. Mr. P.H. was always the best dressed man in Bristol," Clark said. "He always wore a suit and tie, and he always had a kind word for everyone. He was a good man who did a great deal in the community."



Douglas Graduates Have Set Precedent

Only Class in Virginia to Undergo Thorough Physical Examination

The 1937 graduating class of Douglas high school for colored in Bristol, Va., has set a precedent in the state of Virginia.

It is the only graduating class in the state, as far as Bristol health department can ascertain, whose students have undergone complete physical examinations, including the Wasserman test, before leaving high school to embark upon their future careers.

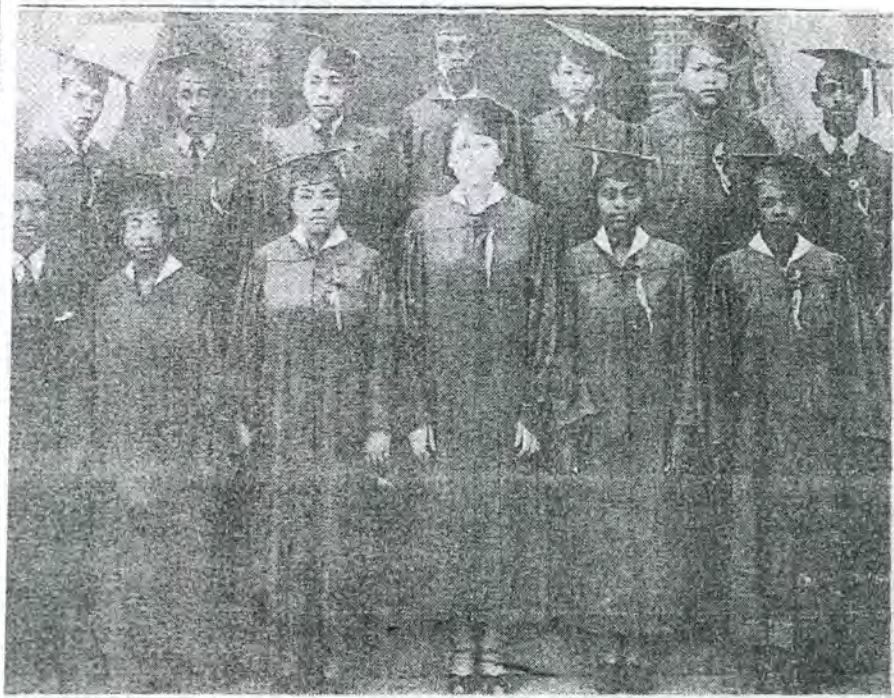
The incentive for the physical examinations, in addition to the scholastic examinations, came from two sources. One was the excellent program conducted here in observance of National Negro Health Week, bringing emphasis upon the need for physical soundness. The other was a movement, headed by Mrs. F. J. Walker, of the Bristol, Va., PTA organization, to have every boy and girl who finishes high school in the city qualified physically as well as mentally to meet the problems of life.

Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz, director of the Bristol health unit, stated last night that the tests given the Douglas high students showed that not a "single major disease" existed among them.

Dr. Shanholtz stated that this health record would compare favorably with that of any high school class in the United States.

Professor Wallace Hayes, principal of Douglas high school, said that the 1937 graduating class had "set a very definite standard for future graduating classes." And that it was "to be hoped that the entire high school next year will avail itself of the opportunity of taking this physical examination."

The examinations were given by Dr. Shanholtz.



Above is the 1937 class of Douglas high school of Bristol, Va. Reading from left to right: back row, Lloyd St. Clair, Thomas H. Miller, Donald Longley, Lloyd F. Rawley, George Hope, James A. Smith, Charles M. Brown, Jr.; front row, Professor W. W. Hayes, principal of the school, Pauline H. Carter, Margaret Harden, Lorraine Henderson, Edith E. Mitchell, Martha Riley.

CLASS OF 1938



Mary Charles Akers, Ollie Mae Burks, Paul Revere Carter, Lois Adrena Clay, Vivian Ellawease Goley, Gordon Geneva Hopkins, Aaron Oyerinde Martin, Erma Louise Porter, Rosa Etta Robinson, Lillian Dorethelia Robertson, Dorothy Mae Woodson

The Rev. E. H. Forest, pastor of the John Wesley Methodist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the eleven members of the Douglas high school graduating class in the school auditorium at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Graduating exercises will be held at the school on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the graduating class will present a program on the theme, "Preparation for Community Service," as follows:

Music, "Swing Low Sweet

Chariot," by girls' glee club; "Education for Citizenship and Home Membership," Vivian Ellawease Goley; "Moral Training and Health Education," Vivian Geneva Hopkins; piano solo, "Humoresque," by Mary Charles Akers; "Worthy Use of Leisure," Lillian Dorethelia Robertson; "Training for Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce," Aaron Oyerinde Martin, and music, "Sylvia," by choral club.

Prizes to outstanding members of the graduating class will be presented by Max Rice, chairman

of the Bristol, Va., school board, and B. D. French, superintendent, will award diplomas to the following graduates pictured above:

Mary Charles Akers, Ollie Mae Burks, Paul Revere Carter, Lois Adrena Clay, Vivian Ellawease Goley, Gordon Geneva Hopkins, Aaron Oyerinde Martin, Erma Louise Porter, Rosa Etta Robinson, Lillian Dorethelia Robertson, and Dorothy Mae Woodson. W. W. Hayes, principal of the school, is pictured at the extreme right in the bottom row.

CLASS OF 1939

DOUGLASS HIGH PROGRAM HELD

Diplomas Awarded Seven Students; Virginia Sue Woodson Given Medal

Douglas high school commencement exercise, at which seven students received diplomas, was held at the school last night.

A symposium, "The Challenge of Modern Youth," was presented by members of the graduating class.

An award for the ranking scholar, donated by the Masonic lodge, Macedonia, 85, was presented to Virginia Sue Woodson by Max Rice, chairman of school board. She also won a medal for her talk, "Youth's Responsibility to a Democratic Society." Inez Thersa Robinson received honorable mention for scholarship. Mention was also made of Dasie Inez Charles' perfect attendance during her four years of high school.

Superintendent B. D. French, who presented diplomas, made a talk on "Needs and Accomplishments of Douglas High School." He read a letter from the state department of education which called attention to the fact that Douglas high had been placed on the certified list for the ensuing year. At the end of this year, the school will become accredited.

Special mention was given of 32 years of splendid service of Mrs. E. P. Mayo in the school system.

One of the main accomplishments praised by Mr. French was the passing of the state examination by the entire senior class. A similar record was made in the physical examination.

Mr. French cited the necessity of a science laboratory as an important need in Douglas' becoming an accredited school.

Other board members present were Mrs. J. F. Clark and Mrs. J. C. Horner.

Music was furnished by the choral club of the school.

Those who received diploma were: Daisie Inez Charles, Mary Frances Avilda Charles, France Luella Harper, Alvin Russell Lacy, Mary Forrest Randolph, Inez Thersa Robinson, and Virginia Sue Woodson.

DOUGLAS HIGH SENIOR CLASS



Members of the Douglas high school senior class are pictured above. Front row, left to right, Mary Forrest Randolph, vice-president; Daisy Charles, treasurer; Alvin Russell Lacy, president, and Inez Thersa Robinson, assistant secretary. Back row, left to right, Virginia Sue Woodson, ranking student; Mary Frances Charles, and Frances Harper, secretary.

DOUGLAS SENIORS HAVE GOOD RECORD

Entire Class Passes the Standard Entrance Test For Virginia Colleges

A splendid record has been made by the senior class of Douglas high school in Bristol, Va.

The entire group passed the state of Virginia college entrance examination recently given by Superintendent of Schools B. D. French.

The class members also underwent physical examinations which included the Wasserman test, retaining the record of two previous classes in having a 100 per cent negative reaction to the blood test. The class generally was found to be in sound physical condition and is completing a 24-hour home-nursing course which is being taught by Miss Liberia Jones of the local health department.

Commencement exercises at the school will be continued at the school with baccalaureate services in the school auditorium on Sunday, June 4, at 8 p. m., with the Rev. B. B. Eubank, chaplain of Knoxville College, preaching.

Graduation exercises will be held on Thursday, June 8, at 7:30 p. m. Class members will present the theme, "Challenge of Modern Youth" in the form of a symposium.

Primary department of the school is presenting an opera, "A Visit to Fairyland," at the school auditorium next Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. under the direction of Mildred Simon.

CLASS OF 1940

Elwood Freeman Banks
Rosa Ella Broady
Clara Frances Clay
Clarence Tyler DeLapp
Maude Lena Ervin
Louise Feolia Martin

Mary Frances Martin
Anna Mae Miller
Emily Aquilla Smith
Robert Anthony Watson
Oleta Violet Williams

DOUGLASS SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Panel Discussion by Grad- uates Features Grad- uating Exercises

Douglass high school of Bristol, Va., at its graduation exercises last night awarded diplomas to 11 students at a program featured by a round-table discussion of "School-Community Relationships" by members of the senior class.

Prof. Wallace Hayes, principal, announced scholastic awards to Mary Frances Martin, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, for highest scholarship attainment; to Aquilla Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edna Smith, as second ranking student and for the highest achievement in oratory; to King Broady, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. King Broady, for student leadership; the Sycamore Shoals DAR chapter citizenship medal to Miss Feolia Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin.

The awards were presented by Mrs. John F. Clark, a member of the city school board.

The outgoing senior class presented a telephone table to the school, Miss Mary Frances Martin, president of the class, making the award.

Capacity Audience At the Exercises

A capacity audience attended the graduation exercise and Prof. B. D. French, superintendent of schools, presented diplomas to the following seniors: Elwood Freeman Banks, Rosa Ella Broady, Clara Frances Clay, Clarence Tyler DeLapp, Maude Lena Ervin, Louise Feolia Martin, Mary Frances Martin, Anna Mae Miller, Emily Aquilla Smith, Robert Anthony Watson and Oleta Violet Williams.

Superintendent French read a letter to the audience from Dr. Fred Alexander, of the state department of education, stating that Douglass had been placed on the list of State accredited high schools because of the outstanding records made by its graduates, the unusually high standard attained by last year's senior class members in their standard college entrance examinations, their averages in these examinations ranking among the highest registered with the state department.

Roy B. Bowers, former superintendent of Bristol, Va., schools, in a brief address congratulated Douglass on its progress.

Douglass' senior class this year is the first to finish the full high school course under Virginia's modernized and revised curriculum program, and the commencement program last night—a panel discussion—reflected the students' thorough investigation of manufacturing, retail and other resources of the city.

Mrs. George Furrow presented the DAR medal, after which the school choral club sang, "God Bless America." The choral club also excellently rendered, "Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler," by Dett.

CLASS OF 1941 – PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR W.W. HAYES



Willie Mae Wilson, Dorothy Mae Wilson, Edith Mason, Louise Howard Patton, Clarence Wade Love, Albert Wilson, Jr., King W. Broady, Jr., Lawrence Bell

CLASS OF 1942, PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR W.W. HAYES



Douglass High School senior class of Bristol, VA, will have its baccalaureate service today at 4pm with the Rev. B.B. Evans, college pastor and director of the Department of Religion of Knoxville College delivering the address. Commencement exercises will be held Monday at 7:30 pm with seniors holding a panel discussion on "The Challenge Today and The Task Tomorrow." Members of the senior class are pictured above. Front row, left to right, Beatrice Martin, Evelyn Delapp, Charlotte Randolph, Lottie Law, Elnora Blake, W.W. Hayes, Principal. Second row, Viola Peck, Ollie Cowan, Marie Porter, Luvenia Smith, Thomas Law, Peter Bell. Back row, Richard Cowan, Joseph Prince, Lawrence Hardy, Fred Mitchell, James Riley, John Valentine. Source: Bristol Virginia Tennessee Newspaper, May 31, 1942

CLASS OF 1943

William Robert Powell
Timothy Thaddeus Graves
Joshua Paris Hazzard
James Robert Preston
Joseph Carl Ervin
William Henry Allen
Harold Lloyd Porter
Madeline Cox
William Snyder Preston
Floria Lee Bell
Jeanette Marie Gammon
Fred Benjamin Woodson
Anna Ruth Warren

FINAL EXERCISES AT DOUGLASS HIGH

Members of Senior Class Hold Joint Meet With the Victory Corps

Final exercises were held last night at Douglass high school as members of the senior class met with the school's victory corps. Seniors or other students taking part in the program were James Preston, representing the student council; Jeanette Gammon, community service; Joseph Ervin, physical fitness; William Birdwell and Anner Ruth Warren, production division (shop and home economics, respectively); Joshua Hazzard, commander, presided over the meeting while Fred Woodson and Timothy Graves gave the introductory remarks and resumé.

Members of the advisory committee present were Supt. B. D. French; Mrs. Martin Hassinger, citizen's service corps; Robert E. Kell, school board member; Miss Myra Jane Thompson, home economics teacher, and Harry Law, representing the Douglass P. T. A.

Diplomas were awarded to Fred Benjamin Woodson, Timothy Thaddeus Graves, Floria Lee Bell, Madeline Cox, Jeanette Gammon, Anner Ruth Warren, William Henry Allen, Birdwell, Joseph Carl Ervin, William Robert Powell, Harold Lloyd Porter, William Snyder Preston, Robert Henry Preston, and Joshua Paris Hazzard.

Mrs. J. F. Clark, member of the Bristol, Va., school board, made the following awards: Fred Woodson, best speaker; Anner Ruth Warren, scholarship to Bennett college, Greensboro, N. C.; James Preston, honorable mention for second best speaker; William Birdwell and William Powell, outstanding in industrial arts.

Joshua Hazzard received a citizenship medal from Mrs. K. A. Grandstaff, in behalf of the Fort Chiswell Chapter of the D. A. R., and Verna Rose Preston, of the sophomore class, received one from Mrs. Cash, of the Sycamore Shoals D. A. R.

Members of the senior class presented to the faculty two bird baths, and the juniors gave faculty members a book of toasts.

DOUGLASS SERMON AT 3:30 P. M. TODAY

Dr. William Lloyd Imes, President of Knoxville College, Will Speak

Baccalaureate services for Douglass high school's senior class will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the school auditorium with the sermon being delivered by Dr. William Lloyd Imes, former pastor of St. James Presbyterian church in New York city and newly elected president of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. Imes has been honored by being elected to numerous positions of responsibility and trust. Some of his present connections are: member of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, member of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of the board of trustees of Fisk University and visiting preacher for a number of leading negro colleges and universities.

The complete baccalaureate program includes: Processional, invocation by Rev. J. S. Davenport; "Hew Round the Tree," by the choral club; scripture reading by the Rev. J. R. Washington; "Communion" sermon by Dr. Imes; "Come to Me," by the choral club; recessional, and benediction by the Rev. L. D. Marshall.

The graduation exercises will be held on Thursday evening, June 3, at 7:30 o'clock. The theme this year is "The Role of the High School Victory Corps."

CLASS OF 1944
6-29-1944 BHC

BACCALAUREATE FOR DOUGLASS SENIORS

Dr. Charlotte Brown is Speaker; Graduation on Thursday Night

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C., bringing the baccalaureate message to the seniors of Douglass high school in the school's auditorium yesterday afternoon, emphasized the importance of "self analyses and the reward of diligent study."

She ably elaborated on the Biblical phrase, "Study to show thyself approved as a workman who needeth not be ashamed," advising the seniors to study to develop moral character, intelligent minds, refined tastes, and to find achievement and fellowship with God.

Dr. Brown advised the seniors to "Think of yourselves as negroes and be proud of the same; but first think of yourself as the image of God. Stop crying about what you do not have and do something with what you have."

Graduation exercises for Douglass high will be held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, with the seniors discussing "Responsibilities of the Builders of the New World" in round-table forum.

There are seven members of the 1944 graduating class. They are Frankie Clarissa Broady, Anna Loretta Whiteside, Myrtle Lee Carter, Mary Charles Lee, Doris Broady, Willie May Clark and John Charles Morris.

John Charles Morris
Frances Clarissa Broady
Anna Loretta Whiteside
Myrtle Lee Carter
Mary Charles Lee
Doris Broady
Willie May Clark

CLASS OF 1945
6-3-1945 BHC

DYKES WILL GIVE DOUGLASS SERMON

Chattanooga Minister to Speak Today; Graduation Exercises Monday

Dr. D. S. Dykes, pastor of Wiley Memorial Methodist church, Chattanooga, Tenn., will deliver the baccalaureate address for seniors of Douglass high school at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the high school auditorium. Finals will be held at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the same place, featured by a discussion by six members of the senior class on the subject, "After Victory, What?"

Dr. Dykes, pastor of Wiley Memorial for nine years, is a graduate of Morristown college, Clark College Alumni association, Cal Seminary and Boston University. For several years he has served as national president of Clark College Alumni association.

The afternoon's program will include: Invocation, Rev. J. A. Martin; music by choral club; scripture reading, Rev. J. R. Washington; address, Rev. Dykes; benediction, Rev. S. J. Ellis.

Tomorrow's commencement program will be as follows: Introduction, Paul Lawrence Broady; "What the American Youth Expects in the Post-War World", Virginia Gibson; "Home Economics, Its Implications for New Fields", Mae Ella Smith; "Good Government, A Basis for Universal Brotherhood", Clarence Beverly; "Labor's Contribution to a Lasting Peace", Vernon Rosa Preston; "Useful Arts and the Shape of Things to Come", Edward Flynn Aarons.

Members of the senior class other than those appearing on the program are Willie Lee Bell, Lila George Blair, Edna Reed Edwards, Mary Louise Mathes, Vivian Eloise Porter and Alice Mae Wilson.

B. D. French, superintendent of schools, will award diplomas to the graduates.

Mary Louise Mathes
Paul Broady
Willie Lee Bell
Lila Wilson Blair
Virginia Gibson
Mary Ella Smith
Clarice Beverly
Verna Rose Preston
Edward Flynn Aarons
Edna Reed Edwards
Vivian Eloise Porter
Alice Mae Wilson

CLASS OF 1946
6-3-1946 BHC

COMMENCEMENT AT DOUGLASS TONIGHT

Theme Of Finals Is Discussion On Responsibilities Of Youth

"Youth's Responsibility in a World at Peace," will be the theme of the commencement exercises at Douglass high school tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The following seniors will take part in the discussion of the theme: Rufus Perry Charles, "Youth and Occupational Adjustment"; Garvin Nathaniel Williams, "Youth's Future in the New World"; Harvey Leroy Taylor, "The Role of Human Relations in a Transitional Era"; and Andrew William Randolph, "Youth's Place in a World of Peace."

Other features of the program are as follows: Invocation, Rev. J. A. Martin; "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters," Cadmen girls' glee club and "Passing By," Purcell-Den, church club.

Suplt. J. B. VanPelt will award the senior class its diploma and R. E. Kell, member of the school board, will award the prizes.

Rufus Perry Charles
Harvey Leroy Taylor
Andrew William Randolph
Garvin Nathaniel Williams

Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1947

E. A. Paul Speaker At Douglass Finals

Knoxville College Pastor Uses Nails to Illustrate Lessons
for Life; Diplomas Conferred on Seven Seniors;
W. H. Brown Presents Books to School

DOUGLASS
HIGH SCHOOL
BRISTOL, VA
CLASS OF 1947

Clarice Austin
Eugene Ellison
Sylvester Cockrum
Sue Green
William Morrison
James Pelham
Betty Wilson

"I told your principal that my topic for this evening would be 'Lessons for Life.' Your teachers have been telling you for years how to live a successful life, and I want to extend, just a little, what they have told you," the Rev. E. A. Paul, pastor of Knoxville College Church and professor of religious education at Knoxville College, told Douglass High School seniors at commencement exercises last night at the school auditorium.

Remarking that he had brought his speech wrapped in a piece of old newspaper, Paul displayed a handful of nails. "These are nails—just common nails," he told his audience.

"I have brought them to illustrate certain definite comparisons that can be made between nails and people."

Exhibiting a very large nail and a small one, Paul pointed out that there are big people and small people in the world, as well as all variations of size between the two extremes. "There are people so small that you can hardly see them, and others who tower high in the community," he said. "Just remember one thing as you go through life: big people don't think of themselves as big—they think of themselves as small. While I have seldom known a small man who did not think of himself as big. The big people of the world don't go around showing off how big they are. It is the little man who constantly tells you of his merits."

"Remember that size has nothing to do with usefulness in life," he counseled graduates. "The small nail is as useful in its place as the large. Each of us has something to do in this world, no matter how the world rates us. There are places that you can't use a small nail, of course, but there are also many places where you can't use anything else."

"Every one of us has his place in this world no matter what his size. It takes all sizes to make a world," he pointed out.

"People are of all shapes, physically, and it takes all sorts of

shape-variations to make a world, as there are nails with square, round, and triangular ends," he told the seniors.

"This nail is straight, and this one is crooked," Paul said, displaying the two nails. "There are people in Bristol, as there are everywhere else in the world, of both shapes. There are too many of the crooked, unfortunately, and not enough of the straight, for there are many uses for a straight nail, but very few for one that is crooked."

Any carpenter knows that if a nail is crooked, even though he expends the time and effort necessary to straighten it, it will bend again at the very same place if the wood through which he is attempting to drive it is at all tough. Young people can get bent very easily, and if they are not straightened out early in life, they will bend again when the job is difficult or the going is hard. Don't get bent," he emphasized.

Good Material Requisite For People As For Nails

Good material is requisite for a valuable nail or a valuable person, he told the graduates. "Some people seem born to be somebody, and they will be somebody, no matter how hard the way up, while others seem born to be nothing no matter what is done with or for them. If there is not good material in the nail you won't get much use from it, no matter what its size or shape."

Paul pointed out to the graduates that the function of a nail is to hold. "If it won't hold, it's not worthy of the name of nail, for holding is its job in this world. We are supposed to do some holding, too. Times get hard, life gets cruel, dangers come—a person who isn't performing his work in the world can't hold."

"Go to school if you are going to hold your place in the world. You must have an education. You can't make it on a high school certificate in this atomic age," he counseled them. "Remember that the nail shows its value most when it is holding under a strain."

Paul displayed nails with heads of various sizes. "We can't use

many uses for big-headed people, either," he pointed out. "There are people known to all of us who would be highly useful in this world if it were not that their heads are too big. Don't get the big-head-people get tired of looking at your head," he reminded them. "Here is a finishing nail with a small head for which there are hundreds of uses. Have a finished head, not a big head," he emphasized.

Showing the graduates a nail which had lost its head, Paul warned the seniors that anyone who loses his head is worthless. "Keep your head, wherever you are, no matter what happens to you—keep your head and use it," he told them.

His last display was a shining nail, contrasted with one almost consumed by rust. "Keep yourselves bright and shining through study, through reading, through high thoughts and good associations. Don't let the rust of bad associations eat into your soul. It is just as easy for you to rust morally and intellectually as it is for a nail to rust physically," he warned them. "Don't rust. Keep yourselves bright and shining in intellectually, morally, and religiously," he concluded.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. H. M. Clay, and the benediction by the Rev. Joshua Ingram. A feature of the program was the music furnished by Mrs. Rose Ella Hattaway, pianist, Dorothy Bell, student pianist, and the glee club under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Peoples, singing "Old Ark's A-Moverin'," "Peter, Go Ring-a-Don Bell," and "In the Still of the Night." Diplomas and prizes were awarded by Virginia Bristol Superintendent of Schools Joseph B. Van Pelt.

Clarice Austin Wins Bennett Scholarship

The list of graduates at last night's ceremony included Sylvester Cockrum, Betty Wilson, William Morrison, Clarice Austin, Eugene Ellison, Sue Green, and James Pelham.

Prizes awarded included \$5 from Dr. Grace Cairns, Sullins College, for most cooperative girl, Dorothy Bell; \$5 from Miss Edith S. Blackwell, Sullins College, for most cooperative boy, Anderson Porter; \$100 scholarship to Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C., Clarice Austin; a book, "I Dare You," from the Danforth Foundation, for qualities of leadership, Sylvester Cockrum; complimentary subscription to "Readers Digest" for one year, Betty Wilson; \$5 from Mrs. Mary J. Thompson, \$2.50 for best student in food, Julia Mathes, \$2.50 for best all-round student in homemaking, Vervaline Lindsey; \$5 from Mrs. I. T. Wilson for outstanding work in the science department, Samuel Chappell; \$2.50 from Howard G. Wilson for outstanding work in social studies, Wilhelmina Pelham.

Charles French received the Sycamore Shoals Chapter, D. A. B. medal for 1946 citizenship. William H. Brown presented a number of volumes to the school library. Mrs. Brown is a former member of the school faculty. A list of names of the Class of 1947, and a list of names of the Class of 1948, will be published by the school.

TODAY



INTRIGUE!

NUMBER AFFAIR

MORROW

MR. TROMBONE!



DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS—Fourteen seniors of Douglass High School will receive diplomas next Friday in graduation exercises in the school auditorium. Left to right are Howard G. Wilson, principal of the school; Monticello A. Hazzard;

Peggy E. Wise, Omega B. McKinney, Virginia Mae Lacy, Mary Louise McDonnell, Julia Mae Mathes, Pauline Wilson, Senella Ervin, Joanne S. Delapp, Dorothy Mae Bell, Pearl Marie Baker, Samuel E. Chappell, James R. Randolph and Anderson Porter.

Douglass Seniors Hear John Hope II

A 1948 graduate's chances for good jobs are splendid now and improving in the immediate future, John Hope II, specialist in industrial relations at Fisk University, told the seniors and congregation at the Baccalaureate Service yesterday afternoon for Douglass High School.

Hope spoke on "Your Chances For A Good Job." The Baccalaureate exercises were at 3 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The speaker said the reason for the excellent job chances now is due to America's participation in the rehabilitation of the world.

"Seek Good Job"

Explaining that the graduates should seek a "good job," he defined it as one which "uses your highest ability, skill and training."

"You are obligated to the dead, to your parents and to the nation as citizens to get a good job."

He said the determining factors for obtaining a good job included both "you" and the "community." The latter he explained as being flexible in that the term could be like a circle, spiralling, such as Bristol, or Virginia, or United States or world.

He emphasized preparedness for a job by recognizing opportunity when it comes and by knowing how to shop for a good job. He cited three Negroes who have "good jobs": today, as Ralph Bunch, on the United Nations committee for partitioning of Palestine; Maurice Ellis, actor and radio artist; and Victoria Winfred, inspector of telephone equipment for Western Electric Company.

Glee Club Sings

Following the processional, the Rev. J. S. Davenport, pastor of Hood Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered the invocation. The Girls' Glee Club sang Ma-lotte's "The Lord's Prayer"; the Rev. J. G. J. Nash, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church, read the Scripture; then the Boys' Glee Club sang "My God And I" and the Girls' Glee Club sang "God Is A Spirit." The music was under the direction of Miss Janie Belle Thompson. Principal Howard G. Wilson introduced Hope.

Following the sermon, the Mixed Chorus sang "L'Envoi," after which came the offertory and the recessional. The Rev. Mr. Davenport said the benediction.

There are 13 seniors graduating this year from Douglass. They will receive their diplomas from Superintendent Joseph B. VanFelt of Bristol, Va., schools at 7 p. m. Friday.

Ushers yesterday were James Austin, Benjamin Beverly, Robert Carson, William Hughes, Norris Robinson and George Valentine.

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

BRISTOL, VA

CLASS OF 1948

Monticello A. Hazzard, Peggy E. Wise

Omega B. McKinney, Virginia Mae Lacy

Mary Louise McDonnell, Julia Mae Mathes

Pauline Wilson, Senella Ervin, Joanne Delapp

Dorothy Mae Bell, Pearl Marie Baker

Samuel E. Chappell, James R. Randolph

Anderson Porter

Negro Pupils Of County To Come To City

An agreement for enrolling colored high school students of Abingdon and Washington County in Douglass School in Bristol, Va., has been reached between the school boards of Abingdon and Washington County and the Virginia Bristol School Board.

The plan agreed upon has been approved by G. Tyler Miller, state superintendent of public instruction; R. G. Preston, chairman of the Washington County School Board; A. J. Latture, chairman of the Abingdon School Board; K. P. Birckhead, Washington County superintendent of schools; Robert E. Kell, chairman of the Bristol, Va., School Board; and Joseph B. VanFelt, Bristol school superintendent.

Pay Actual Cost

Terms of the agreement, which can be terminated by either party after a notice of two school sessions has been given, provide that Abingdon and Washington County Negro students of high school classes shall be enrolled in the Douglass School upon payment by the Abingdon School Board and the school board of Washington County, respectively, of a tuition charge to be based on the actual instructional and operational cost. The principal of Douglass School is to report on the pupil enrollment and cost each month.

The contract defines instructional costs as the actual amount paid to teachers, principal and supervisors, while the operational cost is to be determined by the cost of administration, other instructional cost, coordinated activities, auxiliary agencies, operation of the school plant and maintenance of the school plant.

Under Bristol Board

The A. D. A. appropriation from the state and for the Negro high school students of Abingdon and Washington County, and the state and federal appropriation for vocational and other classes is to be deducted from the total per pupil cost of instruction and operation of Douglass School. The total of the per pupil cost of instruction and cost of operation, less the above deductions, shall be the amount of tuition, per pupil, to be paid by the Bristol, Va., schools by the school boards of Abingdon and Washington County.

Supervision and administration of the consolidated school in Bristol are to be under the direction of the Bristol, Va., School Board, using the present building facilities and personnel.

Tuition charges are to be paid in two installments, on January 1 and June 15.

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CLASS OF 1949 THE FIRST 12TH GRADE CLASS OF DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

First we see a group of young boys and girls beginning their public school education in Washington County. Gladys Beverly, Donald Hutcherson, Elizabeth Johnson is going to the grade school in Glade Springs; Eugene Hill and Lillian Davis are going to the grade school in Meadow View; Margaret Debose, Katherine Anderson, Betty Anderson, Mary Ellison, Bill Anderson, Anna Lee Young, Yvonne Clark and Herbert Hunt are beginning their education at King's Mountain Training School; Charles French, Dorothy Davis, Wilhemina Pelham, Velvaline Lindsey and Annie Mae Booth are starting to school at Douglass. Our first few years of school are spent in absorbing grammar, literature, arithmetic, geography, history, spelling. We had our difficulties and trials, but we succeeded in reaching High School, picking up and dropping many students.

In the second scene we see the students from Glade and Meadow View enrolled with the Abingdon Students at King's Mountain Training School. It is their first day of school and they are eager to become acquainted, especially Eugene and Gladys. Lillian is wearing glasses now and showing all the appearance of a good student. Margaret and Elizabeth are busy gossiping about one thing and another. Bill, Herbert, and Donald are merely innocent bystanders, glancing from one place to another. But let us journey to Bristol for these students too are a part of this history. Here we find Charles and Annie Mae fussing as usual and Dorothy trying to catch a certain boy's eye while Velvaline and Wilhemina are busy mapping out their plans for the future in high school. All and all, these boys and girls are merely playing the part of eager Freshmen.

After three years in High School these children have transformed in character and ambition for they are beginning to pave a great road which will someday be called success.

This is really the climax of our history for fate has stepped in and placed us all together under the same roof as Seniors in the Douglass Consolidated High School of Washington County. We are to be the first students at the school to be graduated under the present conditions. We also have with us now an addition to our Class roll, a Mr. Peyton Fitzsimmons who spent three years in the Chester High School of Pennsylvania. We all work together in harmony for we are nineteen Seniors who are about to form a new first in our school. We are to be the first to be graduated from the twelfth grade and we represent the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

With regret we leave the stage with the satisfaction of knowing that we have helped to raise the name of the school in the eyes of the public, both in Athletic and Scholastic circles.

June 5, 1949



DOUGLASS HIGH GRADUATES—Nineteen seniors were awarded diplomas as commencement exercises were held Friday night at Douglass High School of Bristol, Va. Front row, left to right, are pictured Principal H. K. Breedlove, Lillian M. Davis, valedictorian; Yvonne Clark, Velvaline Lindsey, Dorothy Davis, Betty Mae Anderson and Catherine Anderson. Second row, Lillian M. Davis, Elizabeth Johnson, Wilhelmina Pelham, Margaret Debose, Mary Helen Ellison, Annie Lee Young and Gladys Beverly. Third row, William Anderson, Herbert Hunt, Eugene Hill, Donald Hutcherson, Charles French, salutatorian, and Peyton FitzSimmons.

SENIORS IN THE CLASS OF 1949, THE FIRST TO GRADUATE 12TH GRADE



BETTY MAE ANDERSON
"Cherry"
Clubs—N. H. A., Sec. of Library
Club, V. Pres. of Class
Sports—Basketball
Ambition—Nurse



CATHERINE L. ANDERSON
Clubs—N. H. A.
Sports—Tennis
Ambition—Seamstress



GLADYS P. BEVERLY
"Glad"
Clubs—Pres. of Student Council, Sec. of Sen. Class, Treas. of Demon Staff
Ambition—Vocalist



WILLIAM E. ANDERSON
"Bill"
Sports—Football
Hobbies—Modeling
Ambition—Engineer



ANNA MAE BOOTH
"Mae"
Sports—Basketball
Hobbies—Card Playing
Ambition—Phys. Ed. Teacher
Clubs—Library and N. H. A.



LILLIAN YVONNE CLARK
"Shore"
Sports—Tennis
Ambition—Nutting



DOROTHY LOUISE DAVIS
"Dot"
Sports—Basketball
Hobbies—Dancing
Ambition—Phys. Ed. Teacher



LILLIAN MAIDEN DAVIS
"Li"
Clubs—Pres. of N. H. A., Rep. of Student Council
Ambition—To become a Nurse



MARGARETTE R. DEBOSE
"Richie"
Clubs—N. H. A., Cheerleader
Sports—Basketball
Ambition—Vocalist



MARY HELEN ELLISON
"Little Bio"
Sports—Skating and Swimming
Hobbies—Reading and Movies
Ambition—Interior Decorator



ELIZABETH G. JOHNSON
"Babe Su"
Clubs—N. H. A., Cheerleader
Sports—Basketball
Hobbies—Dancing, Collecting
Love Poems
Ambition—To become Mrs. Hill



VELVALINE LINDSEY
"Weasel"
Clubs—N. H. A.
Sports—Basketball
Hobbies—Reading
Ambition—Unknown



WILHELMINA S. PELHAM
"Mimi"
Clubs—N. H. A.
Sports—Basketball
Ambition—Teacher
"Ann"



ANNIE LEE YOUNG
Clubs—N. H. A.
Sports—Tennis
Hobbies—Reading
Ambition—To become Mrs. Foster



PEYTON L. FITZSIMMONS, JR.
"Pitz"
Clubs—Editor in Chief of Demon
Sports—Basketball, Football
Hobbies—Science Work
Ambition—Mortician



EUGENE PERKINS HILL
"Grae"
Clubs—Choir, Safety Patrol
Sports—Basketball, Football
Ambition—Engineer



CHARLES JAMES FRENCH
"Pretty Boy"
Clubs—Pres. of Senior Class
Sports—Football, Basketball
Ambition—Artist



HERBERT R. HUNT, JR.
"The Gator"
Clubs—Safety Patrol
Sports—Basketball, Football
Ambition—Dentist



DONALD E. HUTCHINSON
"Legs"
Clubs—Choir
Sports—Basketball, Football
Ambition—Lawyer

CLASS OF 1949



When Wilhelmina Banks was a child, she told her teacher she wanted to open a museum when she grew up.

"When I was a child, the teacher went around the room and asked each one of us what we would like to do when we grew up. When it came my turn I said, 'I want to open a museum.' And all the other children turned around at once and said 'A museum. What's a museum?' You see I wanted to educate people about Africa, educate children about the rich art and culture of Africa," she says.

Banks spent a great deal of her adult life in Brooklyn, New York. In the '90s when she returned to her hometown, Bristol, Virginia, she fulfilled her childhood dream. She opened the Nyumba Ya Tausi-Peacock Museum in her family home. Built in 1896, it contains a remarkable collection of over 6,000 pieces of African and African-American art, Bristol collectibles (including those from African-American doctors and herbal remedies), instruments of slavery, family heirlooms and other memorabilia, collected and preserved over a period of 50 years. This museum, created and maintained by Banks, is a resource to many in this region, from Elizabethton, Tennessee, to Roanoke and Honaker, Virginia. She created her museum with no staff, no underwriters and no corporate funding.

Banks utilizes her inner educator to bring Kwanzaa to the citizens of Bristol. Understanding the principles of Kwanzaa is key to realizing how she has contributed to Bristol. Her life is guided by Kwanzaa principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, purpose, creativity and faith.

She brought the slave's experience of the Underground Railroad to life in 2008 with a quilt exhibit at the YWCA, with her storytelling at the Bristol Historical Society and with the Beaver Creek Storytellers. Her historical stories of the local railroad bring to life the experiences of African-American workers, who performed the most dangerous jobs. To provide youth of the present and future with the seldom heard perspective of Bristol's history, preserving and understanding the Black experience is essential. To this end, Banks also helped the Board of the Citizens' Cemetery achieve its Historical Landmark sign. She held workshops in Black History in her ministry to women at the Honaker Correctional Facility and to the youth at the Jacobs Creek Job Corps.

"The way to change a community is to start with the young ones. Give them something constructive to do, give them direction and purpose and patience. Don't let them run wild or just sit in front of their electronic devices. Start working with them when they are small, and they will grow and blossom into a responsible community member. That's what I did here.

"When I first moved back here, one could be frightened to walk around at night, but now it's transformed. Sometimes young adults come up and introduce themselves to me, saying 'I was one of those children you spent time working with and teaching.'

"I'm not 16 anymore, I'm not a spring chicken. It's time for me to rest on my laurels a bit. I can lay my head down on my pillow at night knowing I have worked hard; I have done my part. People want to hear the stories about the times I was arrested (advocating for equal rights). The work is not done, but I have done my part," she says.

For years, she marched with others in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade and still supports that effort. Mixing history, education and her quest for justice, Banks led the effort to rename two streets for a man whose message was equality and peaceful change. Using the principles of unity, purpose and justice through peaceful resolution, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is the only street that has the same name on both sides of the state line.

Bank's research also brought about the creation of the Frederick Douglass School historical plaque, the school which she graduated from in 1949.

Banks was born across from Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, which she was not allowed to attend due to segregation, two blocks from Virginia Intermont College, which she was not allowed to attend due to segregation. Instead, she attended Frederick Douglass School, the only school for black children in Bristol, Virginia, and the surrounding region until integration in 1965.

"She has been the keeper of Bristol's stories through the eyes of a native citizen, of the uncomfortable changes we have grown through. She educated hundreds, perhaps thousands of school children and citizens, at no cost to them. She is one of Bristol's most steadfast supporters of the arts and education," says Val Lyle, artist.

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CLASS OF 1950 – PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER, Tuesday, June 6, 1950.

27 Douglass High Seniors Receive Diplomas Tonight

Five members of the graduating class will conduct a panel discussion on the theme "The Hour of Challenge" prior to the awarding of diplomas to 27 Douglass High School seniors this evening. The program will begin at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Those who will conduct the discussion, and their topics, are: McDonald Byrd, "Social Implications of Atomic Energy"; Doris Harden, "Leadership in the Atomic Age"; Vincent Porter, "Challenge to Health"; Jo Ann Gammon, "Peacetime Uses of Atomic Energy"; Clarence Barber, resume.

The Douglass Choir will present special music for the finals. The choir will sing "Fierce Was the Wild Billow," Nobel; "Spirit Flower," Tipton, will be sung by the Girls Trio, and "Awake Beloved," Edwards, will feature Virginia Ryan as soloist.

O. R. Galtner, Jr., chairman of the Bristol, Va. School Board, will present special awards, and Superintendent of Schools Joseph B. Van Pelt will award diplomas to the Class of 1950. The Rev. Henry Clay will pronounce the invocation.

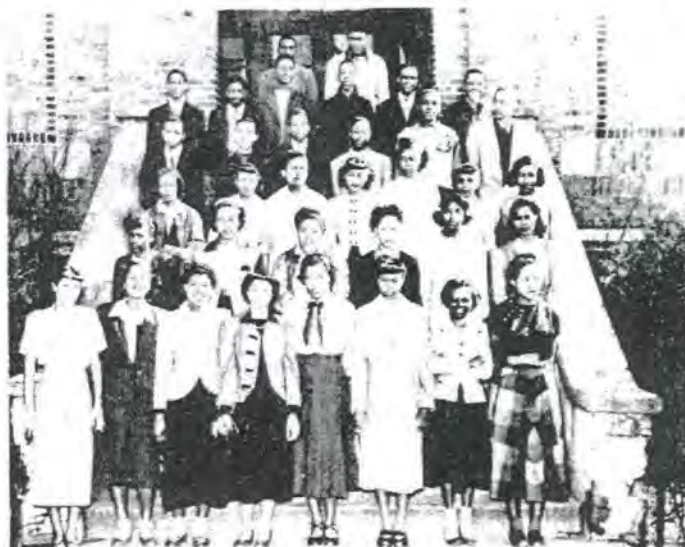
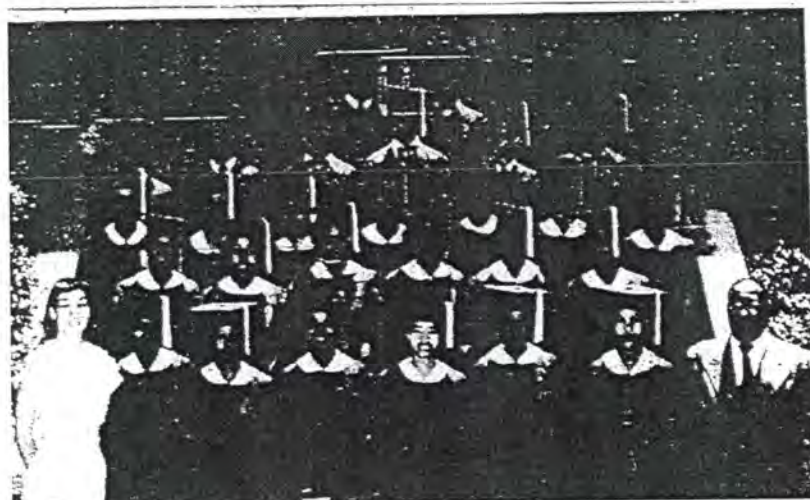
Tonight's graduates are: Gary Baker, Shirley Boyd, McDonald Byrd, Margaret Davis, Veola Ervin, Rose Foster, Jo Ann Gammon, Doris Harden, Rose Hayes, Lucille Hollins, Regis Madison, Hattie Newton, Shirley Newton, Carolyn Paige, Isabelle Sales, Sarah Stewart, Vivian Watkins, Virginia Wilson, Pauline Young, Clarence Barber, Benjamin Beverly, Henry Franklin, Milton Jones, Clarence Millner, Robert Mitchell, Vincent Porter, and Robert Young.

Class Day Exercises

Class Day exercises, in the form of a play with the entire action taking place in a garden, were held by the seniors in the school auditorium at 1:45 p. m. yesterday.

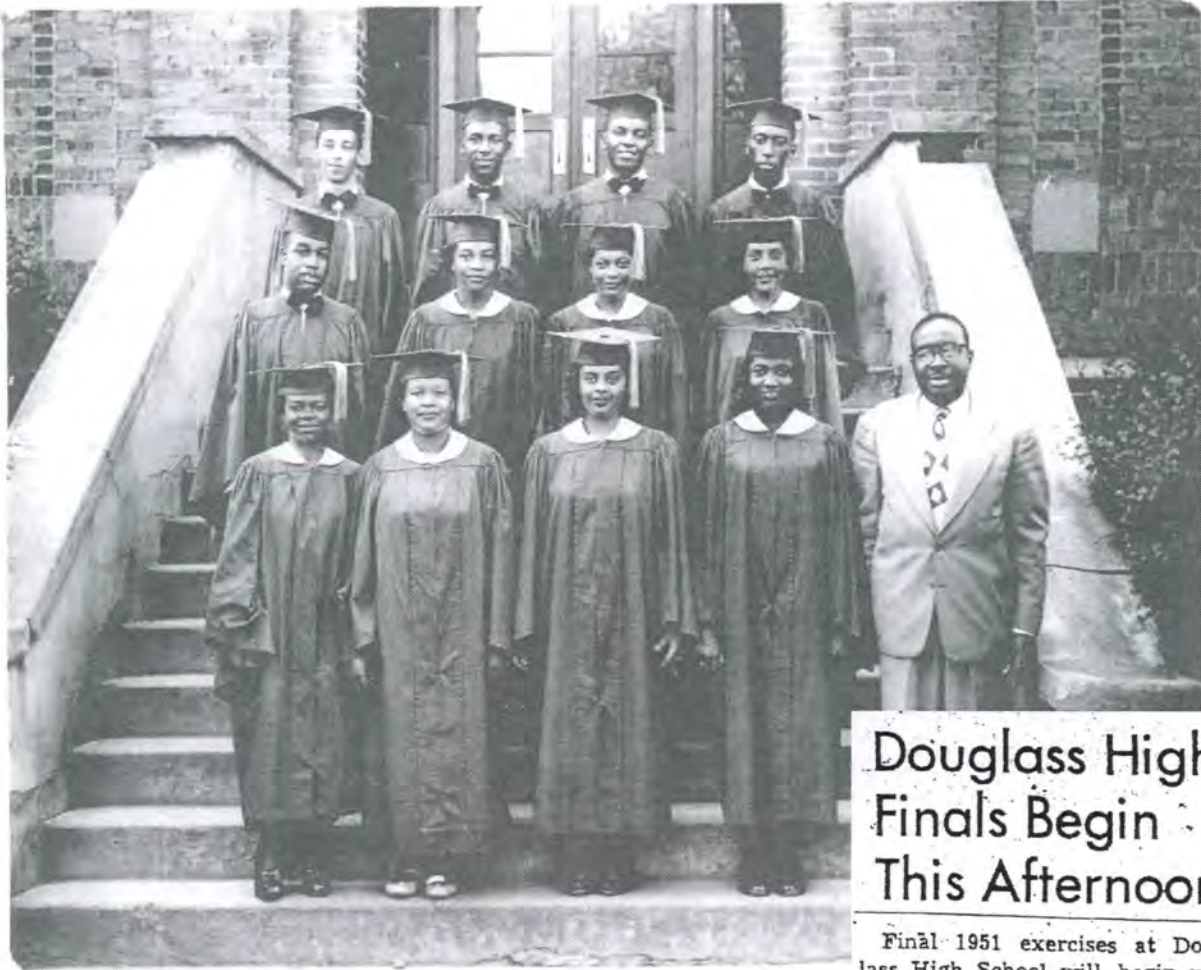
Seniors taking leading parts in the play were Rose Hayes, Vivian Watkins, Margaret Davis and Vincent Porter. The welcome address was given by Hattie Newton; Rose Foster was class historian; Lucille Hollins, statistician; Shirley Boyd, giftorian; Gary Barker, class

First Row: Mrs. I.T. Wilson, Senior Sponsor, Hattie Newton, Margaret Davis, Virginia Wilson, JoAnn Gammon, Regis Madison, Isabel Sales
Second Row: Sara Stewart, Doris Harden, Lucille Hollins, Rose Foster, Rose Hayes, Vivian Watkins
Third Row: McDonald Byrd, Gary Baker, Shirley Boyd, Veola Ervin, Shirley Newton, Carolyn Pace
Fourth Row: Clarence Barbere, Milton Jones, Vincent Porter, Henry Franklin, Benjamin Beverly, Robert Young
Top Row: Clarence Millner, Robert Mitchell, Not pictured Pauline Young



THE CLASS OF 1950

Left to right, bottom row: Miss Juanita Fisher, Veola Ervin, Virginia Wilson, Jo-Ann Gammons, Lucile Hollins, Regis Maddison, Chiquita English, Sara Stewart. Second row: Hattie Newton, McDonald Byrd, Doris Hardin, Isabelle Sales, Rose Foster, Carolyn Page. Third row: Margaret Davis, Shirley Boyd, Rose Hayes, Gary Baker, Shirley Newton, Pauline Young, Vivian Watkins. Fourth row: Jack Jones, Fred Beverly, Vincent Porter, Clarence Barber, Thomas Lee, Robert Carson. Fifth row: Robert Mitchell, Robert Young, Clarence Millner, Henry Franklin, Walter Wilson, Ezekiel Thomas. Top: John Brown, Howard Stewart.



First Row

Chiquita English, Betty Vannoy of Bristol, VA,
Jeanette Brown of Abingdon, Jeanette Stuart of Glade Spring

Second Row

Author Hill of Emory, Marie Brown of Glade Spring,
Peggy Smith of Glade Spring, Marjorie McNichols of Glade Spring

Third Row

Robert Gentry of Abingdon, Prince Coleman of Emory,
Thomas Lee of Bristol, John Brown of Glade Spring

Not Pictured: George Hayes of Glade Spring and
Graham Newton of Emory

Douglass High Finals Begin This Afternoon

Final 1951 exercises at Douglass High School will begin with the baccalaureate service at 3:30 p. m., today in the school auditorium with Dr. W. F. Blackard, pastor of State Street Methodist Church, delivering the sermon.

Graduation exercises for the 14 seniors scheduled to end their high school careers will be held Thursday evening in the school auditorium.

Four top-ranking graduates will present papers on the theme "Virginia Leads"—"Because of Its Location," Jeanette Brown of Abingdon; "Because of Its Founders," Robert Gentry, also of Abingdon; "Because of Its Natural Resources" Jeanette Stuart of Glade Spring; and "Because of Its Culture," Marjorie McNichols, also of Glade Spring.

Joseph VanPelt, superintendent of Virginia Bristol Schools, will present diplomas to the graduates.

In addition to the four students named above, seniors scheduled to graduate are Chiquita English, Thomas Lee and Betty Vannoy of Bristol; Prince Coleman, Arthur Hill and Graham Newton of Emory; and Marie Brown, Peggy Smith, John Brown and George Hayes of Glade Spring.



DOUGLASS HIGH GRADUATES—Thirteen seniors will bid adieu to Douglass High School as the school term closes with graduation exercises at 8 o'clock tonight. First row, left to right, Juanita McKinney, Clara Stuart, Dorothea Foster; second row, Daisy Horton, Charlene Harrol, Sewilla Black, Shirley Reamey, Kermit Hardy; third row, Richard French, Henry Green, Lafayette Lee, Carlton English, Ann Douglas Dickerson.

First Row

Juanita McKinney, Clara Stuart, Dorothea Foster

Second Row

Daisy Horton, Charlene Harrol, Sewilla Black, Shirley Reamey, Kermit Hardy

Third Row

Richard French, Henry Green, Lafayette Lee, Carlton English, Douglas Dickerson

DOUGLASS HIGH GRADUATION SET TONIGHT

The theme, "Life Is Worth Living," will highlight the Douglass High School commencement exercises at 8 o'clock tonight in the school auditorium.

The school chorus will open the program with a selection, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," followed by invocation by the Rev. J.L. Moon.

The choral selection, "Father In Heaven," will precede brief talks on the theme, "Life Is Worth Living," by the following seniors:

Lafayette Lee, "If We Have Knowledge"; Juanita McKinney, "If We Have Love"; Geneva Porter, "If We Have Vision"; and Dorothea Foster, "If We Have Faith".

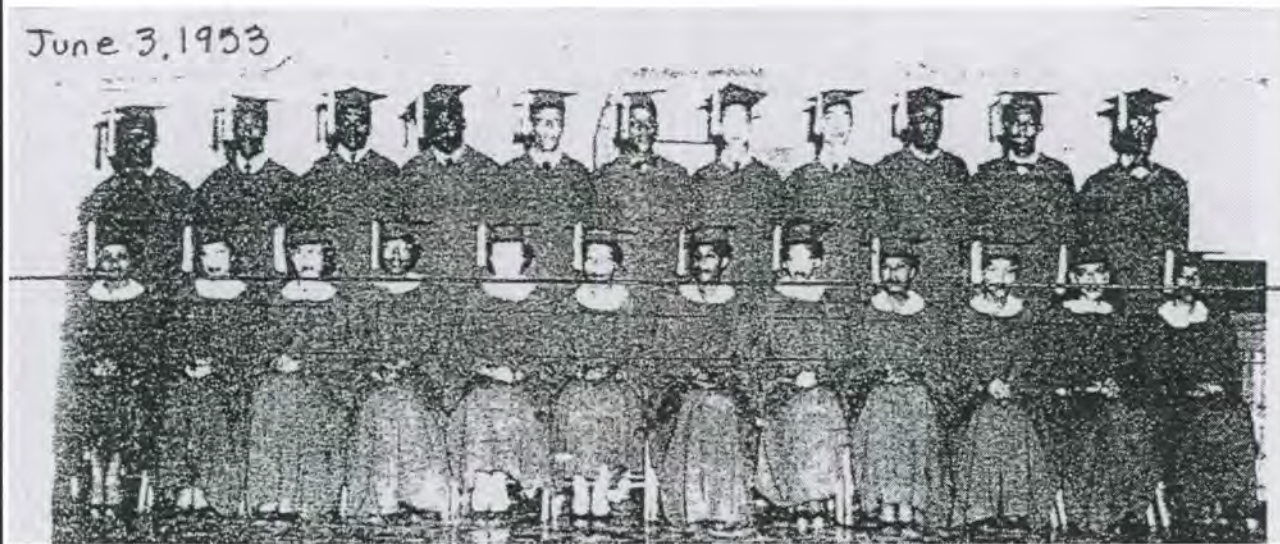
The concluding choral selection will be "Santus", featuring Shirley Reamey, soloist.

Presentation of awards will be made by O.B. Galliher.

Diplomas will be presented by Joseph Van Pelt, Superintendent Of Bristol, Va. Schools.

Exercises will conclude with benediction.

CLASS OF 1953 – PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE



DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS—Pictured above are the seniors of Douglass High School who will receive their diplomas Thursday, June 4. They are, seated, left to right: Vivian Davis, Virginia Coleman, Phyllis Thomas, Rebecca Newton, Bertha French, Betty Jo Hughes, Nellie Hill, Mary Young, Edith Foster, Carrie Lee, Doris Broady and Bettye Mathes. Standing, left to right: Norris Robinson, Erving Paige, Charles Wise, James Duff, Richard Beverly, Walter Cowan, William Anderson, Fred Beverly, Melvin Carter, Richard Hutcherson and James Austin.

First Row

Vivian Davis, Virginia Coleman, Phyllis Thomas, Rebecca Newton, Bertha French, Betty Jo Hughes, Nellie Hill, Mary Young, Edith Foster, Carrie Lee, Doris Broady, Bettye Mathes

Second Row

Norris Robinson, Erving Paige, Charles Wise, James Duff, Richard Beverly, Walter Cowan, William Anderson, Fred Beverly, Melvin Carter, Richard Hutcherson, James Austin

CLASS OF 1954 – PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE



CLASS OF 1954

Nancy Austin
 Mary Delores Black
 Eugene Cox
 Fred Delaney
 Mary Ervin
 Palmyria Hampton
 Ann Hounshell
 Ezekiel Johnson
 Mary Ann Johnson
 Geraldine Jones
 Harry Law
 Barbara Lockett
 Mae West Lockett
 Betty Matthews
 Kenneth Page
 George Valentine

Douglass High Graduation Set Tonight

Graduation exercises for 16 seniors of Douglass High School will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the school auditorium.

Dr. James A. Colston, president of Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address.

Dr. Colston, a native of Florida, received the B. S. degree from Morehouse College, the M. A. degree from Atlanta University and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from New York University.

He is the first Negro recipient of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from Monmouth College.

Dr. Colston is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa, and holds membership in the American Association of School

Administrators.

Fred Delaney, a member of the graduating class, will give the invocation. Palmyria Hampton, another senior, will sing and other music will be furnished by the Mixed Chorus.

The Rev. J. L. Moon, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church, will offer the benediction.

Dorothy Ann Hounshell is the highest ranking student in the class, with Mary Delores Black, second and Palmyria Hampton, third.

“Larger Than Life”

Fred was born and raised in Bristol, Virginia and as many of you know, he was very proud and dedicated to Douglass High School. After graduating with the class of 1954, he attended and graduated from Knoxville College in 1958 and went on to serve in the United States Army where he was stationed at Ft. Lee, VA and West Point Academy, NY. His career with IBM took him to many states and gave him the time to earn his master's degree in business administration from Pace University, NY. After his long career with IBM, he retired and returned to Bristol.

Fred was very committed to his church and the citizens of the community. He served on many boards in Bristol as well as the Retirement & Health Care Centers of Marysville, TN. Fred served on the Executive Board for Douglass Alumni Association for many years and played a major role in our wonderful reunions over the years. He was totally committed to the DAA and loved by everyone who knew and worked with him.

We love and miss you, “the glue” that held us together, the Douglass Alumni Association



November 20, 1926—September 20, 2014

Comments made about Fred in our 2014 Newsletter: Fred and I always called each other “Best Buddies”! When I called him or he called me, we always addressed each other as “Hey Best Buddie”. Now my Best Buddie is gone. I say good-bye and I’ll miss you.

Your “Best Buddie”, Val

When it came to making sure that every “t” was crossed and every “I” was dotted, Fred was on the job. He never left anything undone. He made sure the finances were right when it came to paying the bills for the reunion and I never had a worry about a thing.

Hattye Broady

I didn’t know Fred as many of you did. I know that he was very devoted to Douglass High School. Fred was very passionate about being a Douglass alumnus. His obituary said that he was a loving, caring, and devoted husband, father, brother-in-law, mentor and friend, who was known as “Uncle Fred” to many throughout the years. He was like a big brother and a mentor to me. With his guidance and patience, I have learned a lot about putting a newsletter and souvenir booklet together. I have learned the importance of a budget when you are working with an organization that puts on big affairs and totally depends on its members for help and funds. He knew how to give you the confident you needed to get the job done. He was never too busy to talk, listen or help.

I truly miss “My Big Brother”, Penny

CLASS OF 1955 -- THE LARGEST CLASS TO GRADUATE DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

Ann Cooley
Virginia Houston
Jewell McCollum
Elsie Preston
Jennette Hardin
Clara Ellison
Dorothy Austin
Mary Sue Turner
Geraldine Cotten
Barbara Love
Edith DeLapp
Mildred Newton
Ruth Austin
Della Preston
Bouyer Baker
Joe Lewis Lockett
Eugene Hale
Moses Pelham
Ruby Austin
Frances Foster
Alberta Lampkins
Althea Duff

John Davis
Joan Fuller
David Hughes
Robert Jones
Paul Ervin
Jack Stuart
Oscar Harrell
Thomas James
Kenneth Ballard
Harry Cooley
Elbert Shelton
Robert Weatherton
Joe Lee Bowers
McArthur Sneed
Rufus McCollum
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David Boyd
Landon Brown
Charles Foster
Ellis Polk
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Donald Murphy

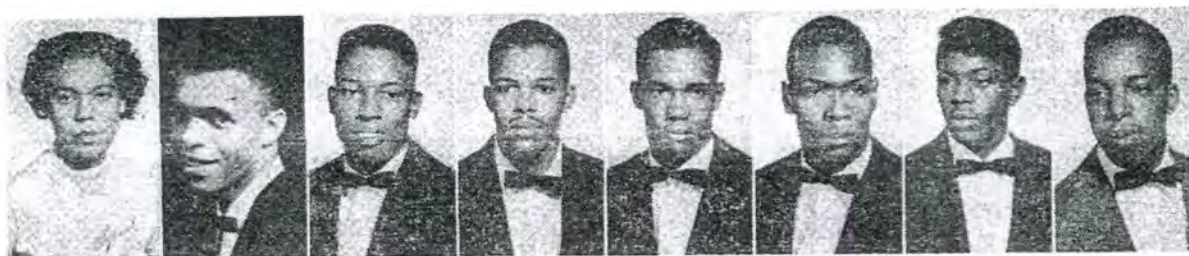


CLASS OF 1956 - PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE

SENIOR CLASS OF 1956



Mary Hill	Nancy Hill	Violet James	Shirley	Margaret	Elizabeth	Anelia
Emory, Va.	Emory, Va.	Abingdon, Va.	Horton	Preston	Sanders	Woods
			Emory,	Glade	Abingdon,	Bristol,
			Va.	Spring, Va.	Va.	Va.



Lorelle	Arthur	Jack Cole	Raymond	Robert R.	James	Fred	Marshall
Pharr	Taylor	Glade	Coleman	Cotton	Dehosc	Delapp	Fuqua
Abingdon,	Bristol,	Spring, Va.	Emory,	Abingdon,	Bristol,	Bristol,	Abingdon
Va.	Va.		Va.	Va.	Va.	Va.	Va.



Louis	William	Earl	Billy	Donald	William	Kenneth	Thomas
Gillen-	Hardin	Hutcherson	Johnson	James	McWilliam	Paige	Preston
water	Abingdon,	Glade	Glade	Abingdon,	Bristol,	Abingdon,	Glade
Abingdon,	Va.	Spring, Va.	Spring, Va.	Va.	Va.	Va.	Spring,
Va.							Va.



Charles	George Young	Nanni Austin	Jean Eleanor	Alma Byrd	Katie Dehose	Beatrice	Juanita Hardi
Roberts			Beverly				

CLASS OF 1957 – PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE

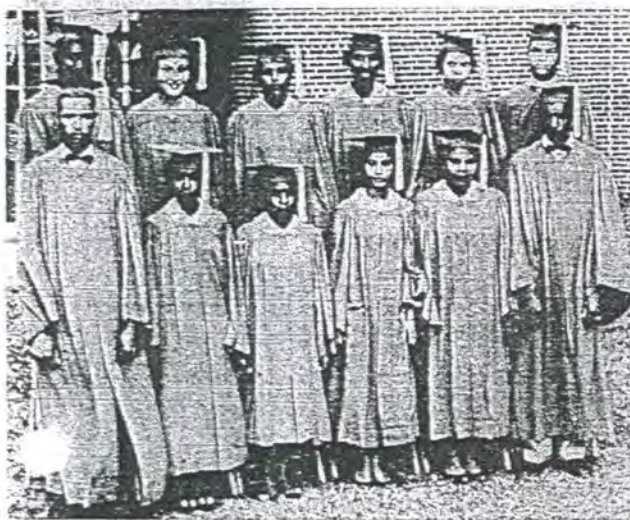
James Fullen, Nannetta Hampton, Peggy Mathes, Miriam Ellison, Betty Cook, Harry Fullen, Charles Trent, Rose Walton, Katie Stewart, Barbara Clark, Opal McNichols, Eugene Brown

JoAnn Shozier, Yvonne Lee, Delores Page, Samuel McCoo, Jane Sheffey, Barbara Hughes, Sylvia Sanders, Fred D. Hill, Johnnie Stewart, Dorothy Fields, Louis Shelley, Jr., Carolyn Beverly, Albert Riddle

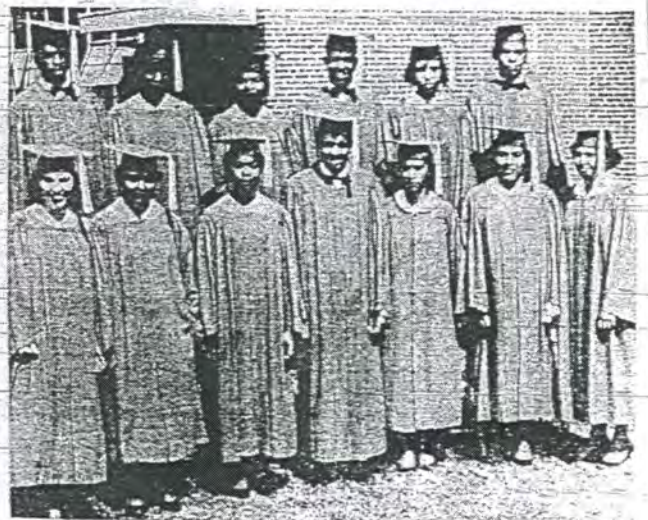


Class of 1957

Douglass Completes Plans For Graduation June 6



TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS—Pictured here is part of the graduating class at Douglass High School. Front row, left to right, are James Fullen, Nannetta Hampton, Peggy Mathes, Miriam Ellison, Betty Cook and Harry Fullen. Back row, left to right, are Charles Trent, Rose Walton, Katie Stewart, Barbara Clark, Opal McNichols and Eugene Brown.



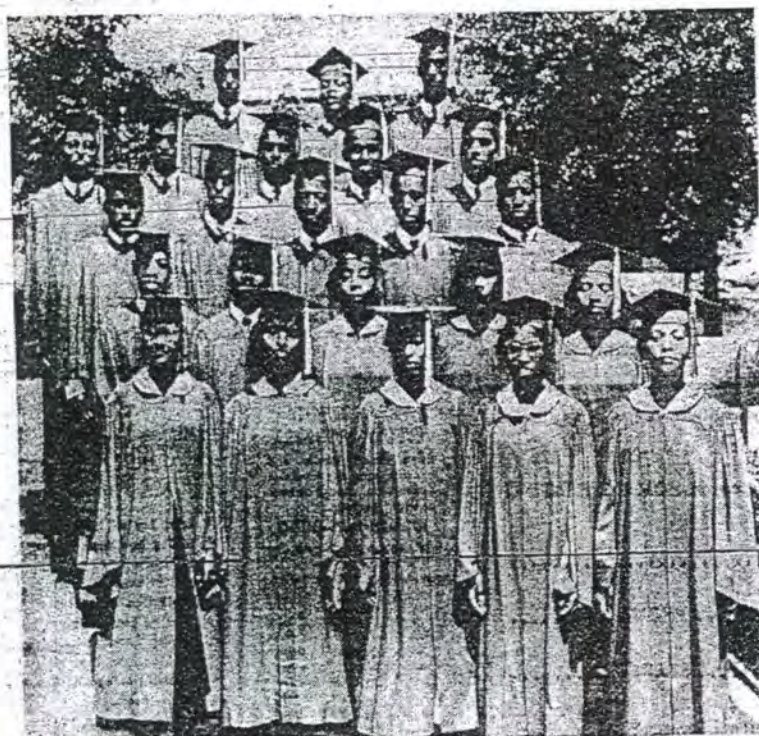
GRADUATION AHEAD—Members of the Douglass High School class of 1957 include, front row, left to right, Jo Ann Shozier, Yvonne Lee, Delores Page, Samuel McCoo, Jane Sheffey, Barbara Hughes and Sylvia Sanders. Back row, left to right, are Fred D. Hill, Johnnie Stewart, Dorothy Fields, Louis Shelley, Jr., Carolyn Beverly and Albert Riddle.

CLASS OF 1958



20 Seniors To Get Diplomas

Douglass Baccalaureate Today



The Baccalaureate sermon for Douglass High School will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the school auditorium.

The Rev. B. G. Ragsdale, pastor of the Lee-Street Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the service.

Dr. Leonard L. Haynes, Jr., president of Morristown College, will be speaker for the commencement exercises in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Twenty seniors will be given diplomas during commencement activities.

Dr. Haynes was educated at Samuel Houston College, Austin, Texas, the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and Boston University, Boston, Mass.

He served as dean of students at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas, director of humanities at Arkansas State College, and dean of instruction at Clifton College, Grangeburg, S. C.

He is the author of "The Negro Community Within Protestantism," and has also held pastorates in Arkansas and is a member of the Georgia Conference Board of Education.

First Row: Eleanor Gregory, Delphine Fuller, Luvenia McCoo, Mona Gregory, Peggy Clark
 Second Row: Robert Matthews, Louis Jones, Alfreda Hall, Brooklyn Watkins, Emma Jean Yancy
 Third Row: Lemuel Stokley, William Lawson, Douglas Foster, John Coleman, Kenwood James
 Fourth Row: Herbert Smith, Ben Foster, Robert Butler, Alfred Thomas, Peyton Smith



28 To Graduate

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Douglass High School Graduation Set Today

Commencement exercises for Douglass High School will be held at 8 p.m. today in the Virginia High School auditorium.

The graduation address will be given by the Rev. L. A. Alexander, pastor of Rogers Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Alexander finished high school at the demonstration school of Virginia State College and re-

ceived his A.B. and B.D. degrees from the Virginia State College Seminary. He is a native of Norfolk County.

During World War II he served as a chaplain with the U.S. Army, and at the present time is secretary-treasurer of the Knoxville Ministerial Association. He has been pastor of Rogers Memorial Baptist Church for 22 years.

Music for the ceremony will be furnished by students. The Girls' Glee Club will sing "Red, White and Blue"; and "Born to be Free" will be rendered by the chorus and band. Daniel Chappell, George Delapp and Ralph Foston, accompanied by the band, will sing a selection entitled "Triad."

The Rev. S. L. Hall will give the invocation and benediction, and Dr. W. W. Martin, chairman of the school board, will present awards to outstanding students.

Diplomas will be presented to the 28 graduating seniors by School Superintendent J. B. VanPelt.



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DOUGLASS HIGH SENIORS—Members of the graduating class of Douglass High School are, left to right: First row, Nellie Mae Jones, Mary E. Jordan, Billie Dickerson, Betty Huntley, Ellen Baker, Shirley Golacky, Janie Brown; second row, Loretta Rawley, Margaret C. Delapp, Ruth Fields, Stella Hounshell, Lillian K. Law, Judith Hall, Evelyn Anderson; third row, Jesse

Butler, John Sheffey, George Delapp, Ralph Foston, Allen Hughes, Natalie Wheeler, Gwendolyn Turner; fourth row, Daniel Chapell, James Dulaney, Richard Houston, Oliver Gammon, Hurley Steele, Hezekiah Delapp. Another member of the class, not pictured, is Sandra Butler.

Douglass Juniors Entertain Seniors

The Junior Class of Douglass High School entertained the seniors and faculty at the annual junior-senior Banquet and Prom Friday evening. The theme of the fair was "On A Tropical Island."

The program included toasts to a faculty and both classes. Gifts

from the Junior Class were given to the class sponsors, Miss Bettye Degraphenreed and George Dawson.

The theme was carried out during the evening with Hawaiian centerpieces. As everyone went into the gymnasium Hawaiian leis were given out.

The music consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers by "Burnett and His All Stars" of Bluefield.

The prom featured a Hawaiian scene with a sky overhead and palm trees and beach scene below. The balloon bag placed in

the center of sky resembled a giant pineapple.

Guests included School Supt. Joseph B. Van Pelt, Mrs. Billie Debord, Mrs. Van Pelt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Belcher, faculty, PTA officers, Band Booster officers, substitute teachers, and others.

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Douglass Entry

The Tunettes of Douglas High School won first place in their school's preliminary contest to enter the Jaycee Annual Talent Show. The Tunettes, left

to right, are: Rose Walton, Miriam Ellison, Nanetta Hampton and Delores Paige.



Do You Remember the Summer Recreation Program at Douglass School?

Mr. Steve Harris and Mrs. Mary Redmon were the directors. Mr. Harris Supervised the outside and more physical activities. There were indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a tennis court, baseball field, shuffleboard, dodge ball, kick ball – you name it! We had a merry-go-round, swings and seesaws.

Mrs. Redmon supervised the indoor activities located in the cafeteria area and in the hallway. We played jump rope, dodge ball, jack rocks, board games – any activity safe for inside.

Remember the large wooden blocks? We would get on our hands and knees and build houses with furniture. Or remember the smaller red plastic blocks with white windows and doors. They were similar to the interlocking “LEGO” blocks.

Mr. Dawson opened his shop on special days. We would paint the plaster of Paris figurines and wall hangings. We also painted on metal. We made key chains from plastic rope, popsicles stick baskets and many other crafts.

Mrs. Dawson supervised the library on the 2nd floor. We were not allowed to go any farther than the library. Mrs. Dawson was there to help the children maintain their reading skills during the summer. We colored and played board games. “Animal Lotto” was a favorite game. It was basically Bingo with larger boards with pictures of animals. Each child was allowed to be “caller” to enhance their reading skills. The Match Game was another favorite.

The facility was closed an hour for lunch break and reopened later. We occasionally had snacks. The outdoor court was open in the evening hours. I remember the older folks playing tennis basketball and shuffleboard. There are so many fond memories of Douglass School and the fine educators who so proudly taught us the life skills that have remained with us to this day. So, go back to your childhood and young adult years and recall all the beautiful years at Douglass School. Send pictures and written accounts of your memories to the Douglass Alumni Association. We have not completed “OUR STORY”.



RIGHT TO LEFT: Wanda Redmon, Linda Fulp, Gloria English, Joyce Denny, Janice Denny, Anna Eury, Ella Tabb, Charlie Duff, Michael Charles, Dwight Denny, Margaret Brown, Helen Stewart holding David Johnson, Thelma Blevins, Billy Stewart, (?), George Thomas, Jim Ross, Dewey King, (?), Leroy King, Thomas Dulaney, Manuel Prince, Mary Redmon, Doris Foster, James Taylor

CLASS OF 1960 – PRINCIPAL, H.K. BREEDLOVE



Mary Auslin Yvonne Banks Marvin Birdwell Lois Blavin Johnny Brown Maggie Brown Mary Byrd Don Charles



Julia Clark Roberts Clay Allie Coleman Clyde Cook Je Ann Dulaney Charles Foster Rose Fraction Mattie Fullen



Ruby Fullen Bessie Glass John Hammon Je Ann Hill Rosanna Jones Dorothy Lee Shirley Lee Edward Mathes



Leonard Milliner Laura Porter Daniel Preston Jimmy Roberts Mary Rosa James Scott Alford Smith Jon Ann Smith



Bertha Stokley Lucinda Thomas David Weatherton Nadine Weatherton Robert Wheeler

Graduation At Douglass Slated June 8

Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, recently appointed president of Virginia Union University, will be the speaker at commencement exercises for Douglass High School in Bristol June 8.

The graduation ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Virginia Junior High School.

A total of 40 seniors are scheduled to receive diplomas.

Baccalaureate services for the seniors will be held Sunday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m. in the Douglass High auditorium.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Marshall H. Strickland, pastor of Hood Memorial Methodist Church of Bristol.

Class and Awards Night exercises will be held Monday, June 6, at 8 p.m., in the Douglass auditorium.

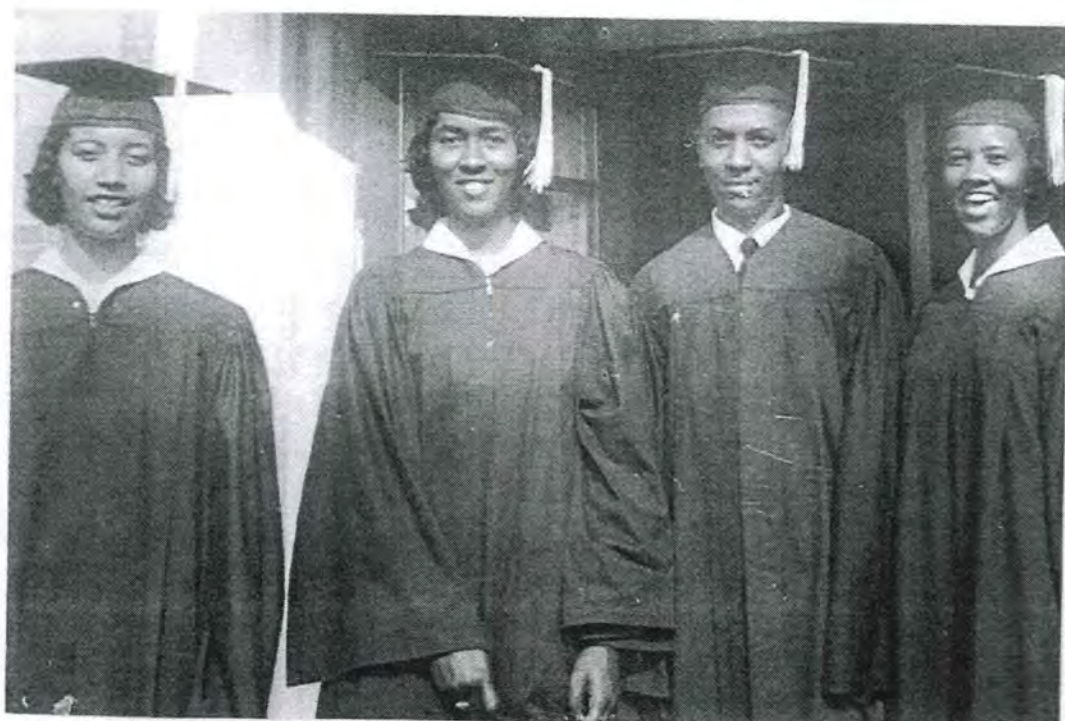


Dr. Thomas Henderson

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Dorothy Lee, Julia Clark, Maravin Birdwell, and JoAnn Dulaney



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William Austin Melvin Baker Doris Branch Beverly Brown Paul Carter Joseph Cole Linda Davis Frank Foster



Jerry Fobus Marge Gregory Jonathan Hall Ethel Higgins Mary Jackson Ethel Preston Barbara Ross Rhoda Sales



Pauline Wheeler Orris Skeggs Ada Smith Lura Trent Albert Weathers

COMMENCEMENT JUNE 7

Douglass High School Sets Graduation For 21 Seniors

Douglass High School's 21 seniors begin their last march toward graduation when Baccalaureate services are held next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Commencement exercises are scheduled the following Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p.m., in the Virginia Junior High School auditorium.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. J. F. Birchette, Jr., pastor of Thankful Church.

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Lawyers To Be Honored By Tazewell Plaque

TAZEWELL, Va., May 27.—The Hon. A. C. Buchanan, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, will be the speaker for the unveiling ceremonies of the Memorial Plaque honoring the 64 members of the Tazewell Bar whose deaths have occurred since the turn of a century.

The service will be held in the Tazewell Court room beginning at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day.

The plaque will hang on the east wall, near the door of the chambers of Judge V. L. Sexton Jr.

John R. Boggess, president of the Tazewell Bar Association, will unveil the plaque and make the presentation, and Dan W. Lynn, chairman of the Tazewell Court



William Banks, Shirley Blevins, Patricia Broady, Mary A. Brown, William Carrington, Maryland Carter, Gary Clark, Clarence Coleman, Irene Coleman, John Edwards III, Clara English, Mary Fields, Buddy Fullen, Jake Fullen, Mary Hale, Robert Hill, Leroy King, Fred Matthews, Richard Milliner, Sandra Newton, Henry Lampkins, Paris Lindsey, William Ross, Jane Skaggs, Barbara Williams, John H. Smith

Douglass Sets Final Programs

Final plans have been completed for baccalaureate and graduation exercises for the 29 seniors of Douglass High School, Principal H. K. Breedlove announced yesterday.

The baccalaureate service will be conducted at 3 p.m. June 3, in the Douglass auditorium, followed by Class Night at the school at 8 p.m. on June 4 and commencement in the Virginia Junior High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on June 5.

Principal speaker at graduation exercises will be Dr. Leroy B. Allen, president of Bluefield State College. He will be introduced by Principal Breedlove.

The commencement program will include:

Processional; invocation by the Rev. Henry Clay, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Radford, Va.; choral numbers by the Douglass Chorus, featuring selections from the 17th Century—"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," "Praise for Peace," an arrangement by the Chorus director, Mrs. M. T. Williams; and Wilbur's arrangement of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Diplomas will be awarded by School Supt. Joseph B. Vancoll, with the program ending with the class song, followed by benediction.

Dr. Allen, the commencement speaker, received his BS degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in 1944, his Master of Arts degree from Atlanta University in 1947, and his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1952. He also has studied at Howard University and Boston University.

The baccalaureate program June 3 will include:

Processional; invocation by the Rev. T. E. Flowers, pastor of Harris Memorial AME Zion Church of Bristol Virginia; special music by the Douglass Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Williams, including "The Voice of Praise," by Mozart, and a medley of spirituals as arranged by Mrs. Williams.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dogan Williams, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church of Bristol Virginia.

The service will end with the recessional, followed by a choral benediction by the mixed chorus.

Immediately following the baccalaureate service, an exhibit will

be presented by the departments of Industrial Arts and Home Economics in the school cafeteria. This will be sponsored by George Dawson and Miss Loraine Henderson, teachers of vocational education.

Class night on June 4 in the school will include presentation of awards to seniors and other students for outstanding work in scholarship, citizenship and extra-curricular activities.

The Senior Class is sponsored by Mrs. Mary Redmon, who has been counselor and adviser of the class for five consecutive years.



Irene Coleman Wells, Mayor of Bluff City, TN
Billy Wells, Former Mayor of Bluff City, TN

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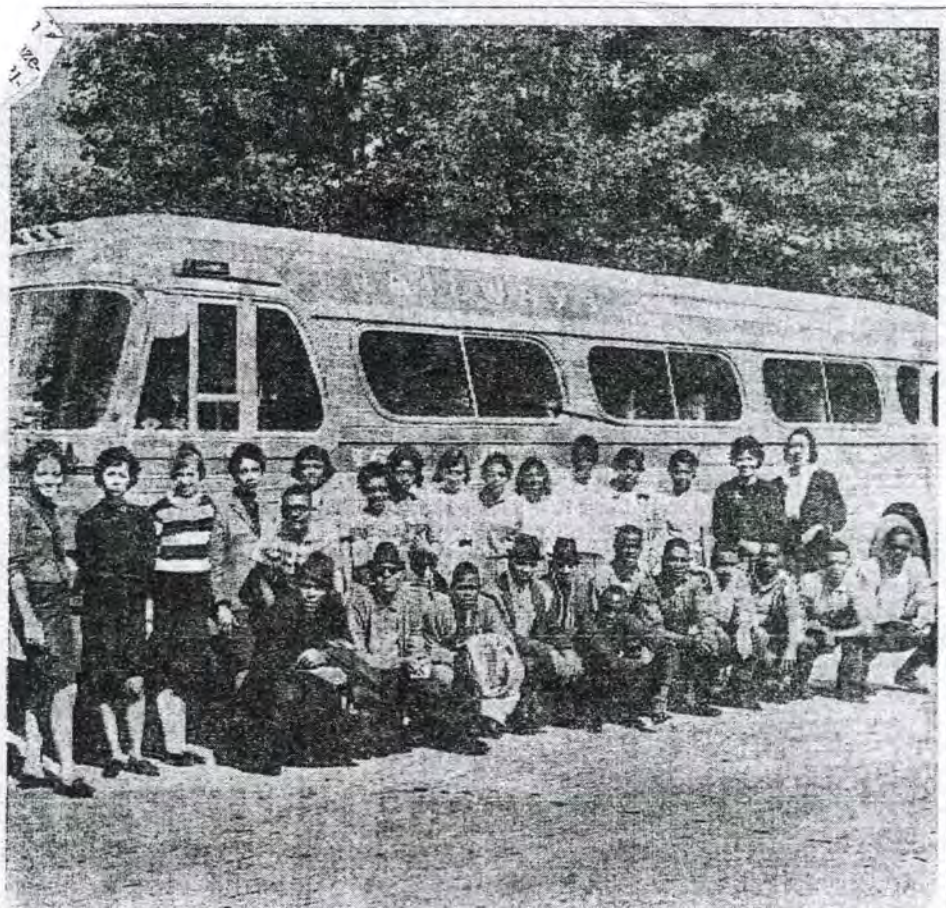


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David Riddle,
Floyd "Curly" Clark,
Peggy Riddle and
Carolyn Riddle



CLASS OF 1963 FIELD TRIP



DOUGLASS SENIORS BEGIN TRIP—Twenty-four Douglass High School seniors and four adults left Bristol yesterday for a weekend trip to Virginia State College in Petersburg, Va., for today's High School Day program. The day includes a tour of the campus, a supper social and dance and a football game between Virginia State and North Carolina College. Accompanying the students were Principal H. K. Breedlove, Stephen R. Harris and class sponsors Loraine G. Henderson and Mrs. Ireta T. Dawson. The group will return Sunday.

CLASS OF 1963 May 26 DHS BRISTOL, VA

Dr. Thomas Law, Former Douglass Student, To Be High School Commencement Speaker

Dr. Thomas M. Law, a former student at Douglass High School, will be commencement speaker for the Douglass High School graduation program. The commencement program will be held June 5, at 8 p. m. in the Virginia Junior High School auditorium.

Dr. Law is a native of Bristol and is now on the staff of St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va. At St. Paul's he is treasurer-business manager of the college, along with being associate professor in the Department of Education.

He graduated from St. Paul's in 1950 and did graduate study at New York University, the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, Omaha University and Cornell University. He was the recipient of the United Negro College Fund Faculty Graduate Fellowship and the Alpha Phi Alpha Graduate Fellowship during the academic year 1961-62. He received his degree of Doctor of Education from Cornell University, and is listed in "Who Who in American Education."



DR. THOMAS LAW

In addition to Dr. Law's address, student awards will be presented and School Superintendent Dr. Joseph Van Pelt will award diplomas.

The school baccalaureate service will be held at 3 p. m. June 13 in the school auditorium. The



REV. PAUL T. TRAVIS

Rev. Paul Travis, pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Radford, Va., will be the speaker.

Mr. Travis is on the executive board of the Southwest Virginia Valley Baptist Association.

The invocation for the baccalaureate service will be given by Dr. Van Pelt.

The top ranking student at Douglass is Frances Ann Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Thomas of Bristol. She plans to attend Berea College where she will major in social work. She is president of the Y-Teens, a member of the New Homemakers of America, the Glee Club,

Dramatic Club, editor of the school paper, a member of the Student Council and a member of the band.

Second ranking student is Frances Elnora Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Bristol. She plans to attend Knoxville College where she will study social work. Her activities at school include vice president of her class. She is the school poet and artist.

The members of the senior class include the following:

Sandra Lee Beverly, John Thomas Blevins, Frances Elnora Brown, Paul Edward Coffey, Eugene Dixon, Gertrude Ellison, Vivian Mae English, Donald Wilson Foster, Doris Ann Foster, Edith Marie Foster, Emma Jean Foston, Mary Ann Fullen, Marian Helen Fuqua, David Cornelius Hayes and Charles Alvin Isom. Margaret Anne Jones, Samuel Kirkpatrick, Ballard P. Lee, Norma Gilbert Lee, Arthur Windel Livingston, Gertrude Livingston, George Patterson, Carolyn Dorella Riddle, David A. Riddle, Izetta Clark Robinson, William Houston Stewart, Frances Ann Thomas and George Horace Watkins.

During 1961, each person in the U.S. used wood equivalent to a tree 19 inches in diameter at the stump and 110 feet tall.



Izetta Robinson William Stewart Frances Thomas George Watkins



Mary Fullen Donald Foster Doris Foster Edith Foster Emma Foston David Hayes Charles Isom Margaret Jones



Samuel Kirkpatrick Ballard Lee Norma Lee Arthur Livingston Gertrude Livingston George Patterson Carolyn Riddle David Riddle



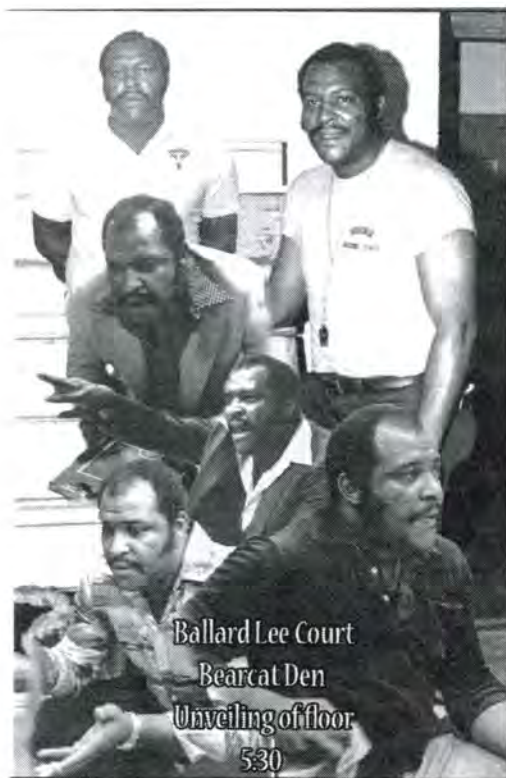
Sandra Lee Beverly John Thomas Blevins Frances Elnora Brown Paul Edward Coffey Eugene Dixon Gertrude Ellison Vivian Mae English Donald Wilson Foster

“Coach” Ballard born in Bristol Virginia and graduated with the Class of 1963.

He was an outstanding athlete and excelled in all areas. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from King College. There he played basketball as the team's center and was later inducted into the King College Hall of Fame. Ballard Lee was just the second African-American basketball player in King history. According to former King teammate and longtime Tennessee High School basketball coach Dale Burns, Lee was an instant force in the old Volunteer State Athletic Conference from 1969-71. Lee, who played for coach Al Nida, earned a place in the King Athletics Hall of Fame for everything he did both on and off the court. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a sergeant during the Vietnam War. Ballard was a member of the Lee Street Baptist Church in Bristol. Also known as Coach Lee, he was employed with the Bristol Virginia City Schools as an educator for 32 years and served nearly 18 years as the Virginia High boys' basketball coach. He retired from Jacob's Creek Job Corps Bristol, Va. in 2008. He departed this life at age 64, died at his home on April 29, 2009. A great teacher and loving father, Ballard commanded respect through his enormous heart and stature.



He helped so many to reach their full potential and he demonstrated through his service to others the true essence of God's love.



Cop Easy 73-58 Win

Douglas Demons Surprise Slater

Douglas' Demons roared out to a 22-10 first quarter lead and were never pushed in recording a resounding 73-58 win over city rival Slater.

The Demons' Tommy Horton dropped in 29 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as Douglas took a giant step in its defense of the city championship.

Ballard Lee played an important part in the Demons' scoring parade by tossing in 17. Lee hit seven points from the charity line in 12 attempts.

The Demons led at all quarter stops, 36-22 at intermission and 57-38 going into the final period in scoring their fifth straight win over the Wolves.

Along with Isom in the rebound department, Lee also took credit for a total of 15 to lead the Demons in that category.

Slater's unsuccessful attack was centered around forward Sam White. The tanky fore-court man pumped in 16 points while teammate Wayne Biggs contributed 13.

The two teams will meet again at the Slater gym Jan. 19.

For the season, the Demons have a sparkling over-all record of 7-1 while the Wolves stand 7-4 against all comers.

DOUGLAS: F—Lee 17, Blevins 8; C—Isom 6; G—Horton 29, King 7. Subs—Riddle 6, Cowan.

SLATER: F—R. White 2, S. White 16; C—Sensabaugh; G—Meade 6, Dickerson 3. Subs—McCurdy 10, Gudger, Roller, Baggs 13, Wislorn, Biedleman 8.

Douglas 22 14 21 16—73
Slater 10 12 16 20—58

Two Former Douglass Students Will Be Graduation Speakers

5/31/64

Two former graduates of Douglass High School will be principal speakers during the graduating exercises at Douglass this year.

The Rev. Anderson Porter, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church, West Chester, Pennsylvania, who graduated from Douglass in 1948, will be the baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Sam Chappell, also a 1948 graduate of Douglass, will be the Commencement speaker.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given at 3 p.m. today in the school auditorium. The

commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. June 3 in the Virginia Junior High School auditorium.

After graduating from Douglass the Rev. Mr. Porter served three years in the Air Force. He then entered Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. He has served as pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church since completing his seminary work.

He is currently vice moderator of his church Presbytery, president of the West Chester

Ministerial Association and is active in many civic and community affairs.

Dr. Chappell received the Bachelor of Science degree in physics at Virginia State College in 1952. He later attended the University of Rochester on an Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship in health physics. After serving in the Army, as a health physicist, he attended Pennsylvania State University, where he held both teaching and research assistantships and received his Master of Science degree in 1959 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1962.

He has worked for the United States Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, and is currently in the X-ray Section of the Radiation Physics Division of the National Bureau of Standards where he is engaged in an experimental study of the basic interactions of high energy radi-

ation with matter. The closing graduation activity will be Awards Day to be held at the school June 4.



REV. ANDERSON PORTER



Carolyn A. Stokely Daniel L. Watkins Robert L. Wells Gordon F. Wheeler



Charles C. Huntley Glendora M. Lewis Claude H. Lindsay Carol J. Mathes William F. Pace James A. Patterson Lillie I. Smith Bonvalia A. Stewart



Loraine A. Delapp David K. Dulaney Peggy A. Fuqua Sandra K. Hale Constance V. Hill Willie J. Hopkins Thomas T. Horton Wilbur C. Hutcheson



Charles R. Author Janet F. Barber Thelma J. Blevins Walter A. Branch Deborah E. Brown Carolyn S. Butler Norman K. Cook Arthur Cowans

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Baccalaureate Scheduled Today

Ronald Anderson, Carolyn Austin, Arthur Black, Kyle Bradley, Manuel Brown, Kenneth Carter, Mary Carter, William Carter, Frederica Clark, Mary Clark, Sylvia Cochran, Hilda Coleman, Bettye Cooley, Ollie Cox, William Duff, Theresa English, George Foote, Nancy Foster, George Fullen, Victor Fulp, Joseph Fuqua, Leona Hayes, David Jones, Jerry Jones, Calvin Lee, Erkward Logan, Robert Lowe, Nina Porter, Barbara Rawley, Katie Trent, James Washington, Isaac Watkins

Baccalaureate Scheduled Today

Class of 65

Douglass Finals Set Friday

Dr. Kenneth Raynor Williams, president of Winston-Salem Teachers College at Winston-Salem, N. C., will be the principal speaker Friday night at commencement exercises for the Senior Class of Douglass High School.

The program will be held in Virginia Junior High School Auditorium beginning at 8 p. m.

Baccalaureate services for the 33 members of the Senior Class will be conducted at 3 p. m. today in the school gymnasium.

The Rev. Richard J. Harris II, of Wilkesboro, N. C., will deliver the sermon. He is pastor of Denny Grove AME Zion Church and head of the Science Department and assistant principal of Lincoln Heights High School in Wilkesboro.

Mr. Harris received his BS and BD degrees from Livingstone College in Salisbury, N. C., and also has studied at the University of North Carolina and Boston University.

Class Night exercises will be held Tuesday in the gymnasium with Mary Clark, Senior Class president, presiding. Principal H. K. Breedlove and representatives of various Bristol organizations will present awards to members of the class.

Dr. Williams, the commencement speaker, was graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, and received his M.A., S.T.D., and Ph.D. degrees from



DR. WILLIAMS



REV. HARRIS

Boston University. He received the LL.D. degree from Wake Forest College.

In May, 1963, Dr. Williams was sent to Poland by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education to study Polish colleges and universities.

with emphasis on teacher-training programs.

Diplomas will be awarded by Bristol Virginia School Supt. Joseph B. VanPelt and School Board Chairman Mac King.

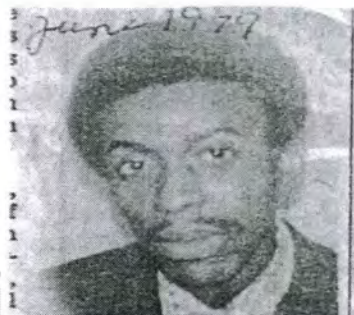
The invocation will be given by the Rev. Dugan W. Williams.

Top ranking student in the graduating class is Jerry Lee Jones, son of Mrs. Mary Jones. He is president of Student Council, a five-year member of the Mixed Chorus, captain of the Safety Patrol and a member of the Douglass Gazette staff.

Second ranking student is Frederick Clark, daughter of Fred Clark and the late Mrs. Katherine Clark. She is a five-year member of the Mixed Chorus, head majorette of the marching band, a member of Student Council and the NRA.

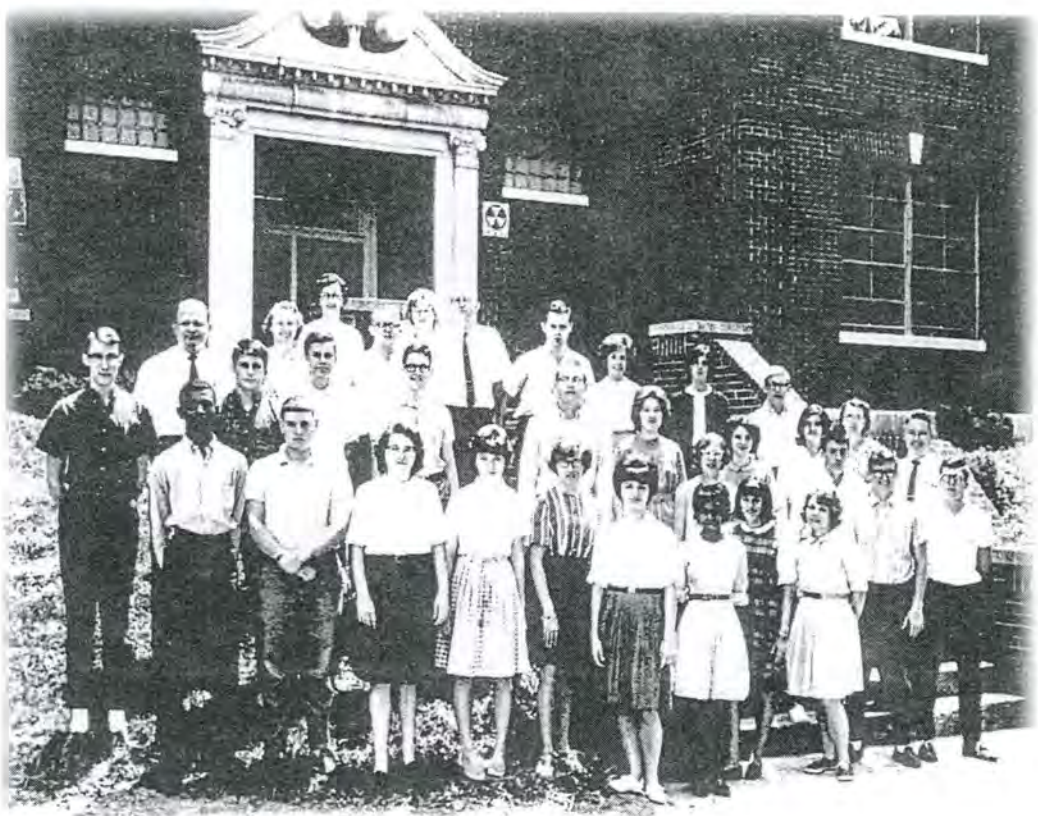
Both honor students plan to attend Virginia State College.

The Boys Glee Club will provide special music for the commencement program.



Jerry L. Jones

Jerry L. Jones, Associate Professor of Data Processing at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Va., was among those receiving doctoral degrees during the 197th Commencement at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., recently. Jones, who received the Doctor of Education Degree in Vocational and Technical Education, is a graduate of the former Douglas High School in Bristol Virginia. He earned the Bachelor of Science (1969) and Master of Education (1973) degrees in Business Education from Virginia State College in Petersburg. He also has studied at East Tennessee State University, Morgan State, and Virginia Commonwealth Universities. Dr. Jones is the son of Mrs. Mary Vaughn Jones of Glade Spring, Va.



Jerry Jones (Douglass) and Flora Penn (Slater) 'Integrate' Emory & Henry College June – July 1964

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL REMEMBERING THE CLASS OF 1965

This is a tribute to the young men and women of this class,
 Coming together for five years; an enjoyable experience to recall,
 Having the time of our lives we thought, a youthful natural ball.
 Growing up; physically, and mentally, thanks to our parents and staff,
 Preparing for the future years to come,
 Accepted by most, and as usual, challenged by some.
 We survived those years with expected highs and lows,
 Eventually, there'd be that long awaited day,
 Senior Prom! "Treasure Island" our theme, by the way.
 Graduation ahead, now clearly in view,
 We were soon to achieve one long awaited goal indeed,
 What next? An answer to this question, we all would surely need.
 Exploring new adventures,
 Expanding on foundations laid,
 Remembrances of friends and acquaintances, those never to fade.
 A salute to all class members, though some have passed away,
 Yes, we studied and graduated, just as many had done before,
 Proudly took our place as seniors to loudly proclaim, "Hail! Dear Old Douglass".
 Then with mixed emotions, exit through that schoolhouse door.
 Douglass High School, as we had come to know it,
 No longer a high school, the place where we would get our start,
 We cherish what it stood for, that's embedded in our heart.
 Douglass High School, Blue and Gold forever,
 A chapter book of memories, each class so vividly kept alive,
 The final chapter of those high school days, planned and written by,
 The Class of 1965.

Calvin C. Lee
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 Class of 1965

The end of an era

It was the final clash in a historical high school football rivalry. At the time, however, nobody knew it was the end.

"We didn't have a clue," said Bristol native Tommy McDaniel.

On Nov. 5, 1964, Slater and Douglass high schools would play football against one other for the last time.

In the days of segregation, the two Bristol schools had both found athletic success and been part of several memorable battles since the 1920s.

"We always had big crowds," said Slater team member Harold Roller. "It was a big rivalry."



TIM HAYES
HISTORY WITH HAYES

Integration would come in 1965 and the final graduation ceremonies would be held for both schools in June. Yet, nobody knew that when they renewed their rivalry on the gridiron on that November day 35 years ago.

There was a huge crowd and plenty of excitement – the teams always played in November and met several times on Thanksgiving weekend – when the teams were once again involved in a battle for city pride at the Stone Castle.

"We didn't worry about any record or schedule, everything was out," said McDaniel, who played for the final Slater team. "Douglass would be fired up and we'd be fired up. We had a big parade. That gave us bragging rights for the whole year."

"We could lose to everybody else, but if you lost to Douglass ... they would rub it in. We made sure they didn't do that."

Slater dominated that last game as the Wolves got two touchdowns apiece from Jake Sanders and Rufus Chadwell in taking a 34-6 victory over Douglass. Hugh Porter also scored for Slater, which finished the season with a 5-3 mark.

Douglass, which posted a 3-4 record, got a touchdown from Kyle Bradley.

Local resident Bill Campbell recently passed along a list of known players in the last Douglass-Slater showdown. Here were the participants:

HAYES:

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Theron Broady, William Carter, Mike Charles, Charles Duff, Gary Foster, Joe Fuqua, S.L. Hall, Benny Harrison, Charles Jones, David Jones, Calvin Lee, Edward Logan, Robert Lowe, Harvey Montgomery, Carl Preston, Rollin Ross, Harvey Tabb, George Thomas, James Washington, Fred Watkins, Steve Harris (head coach), Benjamin Morgan (assistant coach), Hubert Cox (manager) and John Broady (trainer).

The 1964 Slater squad: Mike Anderson, Lawrence Bell, Charles Bradley, Rufus Chadwell, Eddie Daggs, Joe Fraction, Cecil Franklin, Paul Goins, Terry Goins, Johnny Gudger, Arthur Henderson, Ralph Horton, Tommy McDaniel, Frank McMillan, James McMillan, James Meade, Bobby Misher, Mike Morton, Hugh Porter, Letcher Rogers, Harold Roller, Jake Saunders, Charles Simpson, Sam White, George Washington, Bruce Wells, Harlen Wells, Larry Wells, Joe Saunders, Richard Henderson, Skip Wyatt, Robbie Robinson, Chris McMillan, Dorsey Sims (head coach) and Melvin Shofner (assistant coach).

Now, for a look at historical high school football moments that occurred this week in history:

Nov. 24, 1955

Charles Silas scored on a touchdown run in the final minutes, giving Slater a 13-8 victory over Douglass. Silas' game-winning score was set up after Slater's Junior Cansler blocked a punt by Louis Shelley. Robert Gudger also scored for Slater. Sammy McCoo's TD pass to Kenneth Paige accounted for Douglass' lone TD.



DOUGLASS HIGH CLASS WILL PRESENT PLAYS

The Seventh Grade of Douglass High School will present two plays in the school auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Monday.

The productions are "Dick Whittington" by Louise Housman and Edward T Koehler, and "I Remember Mama", by John Van Druten.

Students with roles in "Dick Whittington" include James Washington, Harvey Montgomery, Margaret Huntley, Pete Redmon, Hermida King, Charles Davis, Jody Bridewell, Sharon Robertson, Gwen Fulp, Ellen Bridewell, Jackie Mays, Helen Isom, Alexander Dixon, Margaret Brown, Brazil Hunt, Barbara Edwards, Debra Eury and Jerry Foster.

Taking part in "I Remember Mama" will be Jimmy Lou Fullwood, Pete Redmon, Debra Eury, James Banks, Brazil Hunt, Verdina Boyd, Jody Bridwell, Frances Rawley and Michael Charles.

The public is invited to attend.

1966 First Graduating Class from Virginia High School Former DHS students

				
				
				
				
				
Margaret Alexander Margaret Brown Jimmie Fullwood Hermida King Frances Rawley	James Banks Marie Carter Brazil Hunt Jackie Mays Sharon Roberts	Ellen Birdwell Barbara Edwards Margaret Huntley Francis Meade Nathaniel Wells	Jody Birdwell Deborah Eury Helen Isom Harvey Montgomery Robert Worley	Verdia Boyd Gwen Fulp Charles Jones Kathryn Pace Richard Williams

Missing from pictures: Joseph Fraction, Jerry Foster, James Redmon, and James Ross

Douglass High Students who were split up in senior – Bristol Herald Courier (VA)

November 28, 2013 | ALLIE ROBINSON GIBSON | BRISTOL HERALD COURIER (VA).

They graduated from different high schools – Abingdon, Marion, Virginia High, Patrick Henry. But they were always classmates. The students of Douglass High School who were set to start their senior year there in 1965 were split up, sent to graduate from White high schools in their communities as part of integration efforts.

And last week, more than 20 of them met again for a reunion, many for the first time in 40 years. Their lives have taken different paths, to be sure, but they're all Douglass High School Demons at heart. "They didn't tell us we were going to Virginia High (School) until just as school was getting out in '65", said Jerry Foster, who lived in Bristol, VA at the time. "We were basically looking forward to the football and basketball and we didn't realize what was going on at the time."

Douglass High School, founded in 1892, was one of the African American schools in the region. Foster, and others who were integrated into local schools that year, said they didn't realize how important integration would be. "All we wanted to do as high school students was graduate," said Charles Jones, who now lives in San Antonio, TX, and also graduated from Virginia High School. "I was more worried about, 'Hurry up and get out of here.'" That doesn't mean it was easy. "The thing I found was the stigma was still there," Jones said. "There were only a few organizations we were allowed to join – glee, football, basketball. There were some students that received us quite well and befriended us." Jones and Foster both played football. "Looking back over the years I think going to Virginia High was a good experience," Foster said, "It was an eye-opener. We didn't have any of the problems there like places had farther south."

After graduation, both men joined the military. Jones served in the Air Force for more than 24 years and Foster served in the Army for two years in Vietnam.

Jones said it was a different world in the military, racially speaking. "I'd lived in Abingdon most of my life," he said. "During that time, I didn't know what prejudice, bigotry was. Until I jointed the service and saw other guys doing different things – that's the way it should have been all along. The adults [in this area] went along with it, too – what we put up with as a child."

Foster made a friend while fighting in Vietnam who he still visits today. "We looked at each other, and we didn't look at black or white, we just looked at the individual," he said. "And I think that's going back to integration." And classmate Brazil Hunt-Davis, who went to East Tennessee State University, spent time in Germany and four decades in Knoxville, recently moved back home. She said the experiences the students dealt with during the time of integration helped them learn how to get along for the rest of their lives.

I think it's all for the better," she said. "Coming together, not just [because of] our race, but one in unity. But the men said their integration experiences didn't define them in the future. There were lessons to be learned, they said, but the bulk of their school memories take them back to the little school in Bristol, VA.

"At Douglass, it was one big family," Foster said. "The teachers took us under their wing, and they were wanting us to do better than them."

SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION - 1962

DOUGLASS SCHOOL – Bristol, Virginia
7th Grade Graduation 1962

Nancy Arthur
Kathryn Foote
Diane Washington
Judy Thomas
Vernell Dixon
Laverne Brown
Deborah Roberts
Sally Carter
Barbara Bass
Wanda Redmon
Eula Isom
Mary Dulaney



Homecoming Queens and Attendants

Queens

Attendants



1948	Betty M. Anderson	Isabelle Sales Betty Vannoy
1949	Carol Page	Bertha French
1950	Ann Newton	
1951	Rose Walton	Betty Dickerson
1952	Ann Cooley	Alma Byrd, Geraldine Cotton, Virginia Coleman, Mary Ervin, Ann Hounshell, Carrie Lee, Yvonne Lee
1953	Mary Black	Nancy Austin, Katie Deboise, Jo Ann Fullen, Beatrice Fugua
1954	Heab Beverkt	Peggy Clark, Freda Hall, Alberta Lampkin, Opal McNickles, Sylvia Saunders
1955	Sandra Butler	Barbara Clard, Peggy Clark, Katie Deboise
1956	Miriam Ellison	Delores Page, Margaret Clark, Brooklyn Watkins, Martha King Jo Ann Dulaney
1957	Mona J. Gregory	Emma J. Young
1958	Mary E. Jordan	Betty Huntley, Rose Jones, Maggie Brown, Ada Smith, Patricia Broady
1959	Jo Ann Dulaney	Jo Ann Hill, Bervely Brown, Pauline Wheeler Irene Coleman, Gertrude Ellison
1960	Pauline Wheeler	Rhoda Sales, Carolyn Riddle, Mary Hale, Effie Lindsey, Carolyn Butler
1961	Patricia Broady	Irene Coleman, Doris Foster, Connie Hill Mary Fullen, Mary Clark
1962	Vivian English	Doris Foster, Barbara Rawley, Evelyn Coleman, Francis Rawley, Glendora Lewis
1963	Peggy Fuqua	Carol Mathes, Katie Trent, Mary Dulaney Mary Carter, Romelll Dunnaville
1964	Katie Trent	Margaret Williams, Mary Clark, Patricia Ellison, Carolyn Clark, Bernettna Shazor



HOMEcoming COURT 1952

Successful Homecoming Tops Week At Douglass Hi School

Homecoming and preparations for the entertainment of Old Grads occupied most of the time this week at Douglass High School.

The cheerleaders, clubs and classes at Douglass started the ball rolling Monday by "talking it up" throughout the school and the enthusiasm caught fire and kept going right up to the final events last night.

Yesterday, of course, keynoted the entire week of preparation and the activities picked up speed with the parade through Bristol.

At the game, with Hazard in Municipal Stadium, the final climax came with the coronation ceremonies at halftime of the contest.

Ann Cooley, of Abingdon, was crowned Homecoming Queen and will reign until next season. Ann

Jean Beverley, an attractive junior, was crowned Homecoming Queen in a gala halftime celebration. She was escorted onto the field by co-captains Coleman Ballard. Coleman placed the crown on her head. Members of the queen's court were Alfreda B. Peggy Clark, Joan Fullen, Alberta Lampkins, Yvonne Lee, Opal Nickles, and Sylvia Sanders. Virginia High's Big Orange band, the Douglass High drill squad, the direction of Jack Trent and had an important part in the ceremony.

KINGSPORT 6 0 6 0
BRISTOL 0 14 0 13

Kingsport scoring — Touchdown Graves 2.

Bristol scoring—Touchdowns: Paige Ballard, Hale; conversions: Harrell Paige.

Officials — Referee, Kovacs; umpires, Peoples; linesman, Bundy; field judge, Powers.

HOMEcoming 1954

Jean Beverley Named Queen At Douglass

By LORRELLE PHARR

Douglass High students have elected the "Homecoming Queen" Jean Beverley, for the big affair October 14.

Jean is a member of the junior class and a resident of Glen Spring, Virginia. Her attendants will be Joan Fullen (runner-up), Alberta Lampkins, Yvonne Lee, Opal Nickles, Sylvia Sanders, Alfreda B. Clark, and Peggy Clark.

The coronation will be held at the half-time of the football game. The band of Virginia High will be our guest and provide music for the half-time ceremony.

We are all busy preparing our annual All Clubs Chapel Program. The date has been set for October 16 and the public is



Jean Beverley

invited to attend. Our Douglass NHA held a social in the Gym Friday evening for the club members, the football team and their guests.

The cheerleaders have undertaken the task of getting the team's jerseys in A-I shape. This includes mending, washing and pressing. We are quite impressed with the results produced for the task was difficult but worthwhile.

It is our sincere hope that our newly organized drilling squad at Douglass will be able to perform for us in the near future. Jack Trent, of Virginia High, is doing an excellent job of training the more than 25 members.

We, at Douglass, extend best wishes to Virginia High School and Tennessee High School bands as they perform in the annual band festival Saturday.

HOME COMING COURT 1955



THE HOMECOMING COURT

MISS HOMECOMING
LADY IN WAITING
ATTENDANTS
RING BEARER

Miss Sandra Butler
Miss Katie Debose
Miss Barbara Clark
Miss Peggy Clark
Little Miss Billie English

..... F O R		
MISS HOMECOMING		
DeBoise, Katie	..47...	Grade 12
Clark, Barbara	..41...	Grade 11
Clark, Peggy	..82...	Grade 10
Butler, Sandra	..54...	Grade 9





HOMECOMING QUEEN—Miriam Ellison, center, will be crowned Douglass High School Homecoming Queen tonight at halftime activities in the Douglass-Bland High School of Big Stone Gap, football game. Ladies in waiting are Delores Page, Margaret Clark and Brooklyn Watkins. Jo Ann Dulaney, lady in waiting, and Martha King, crown bearer, are not pictured.

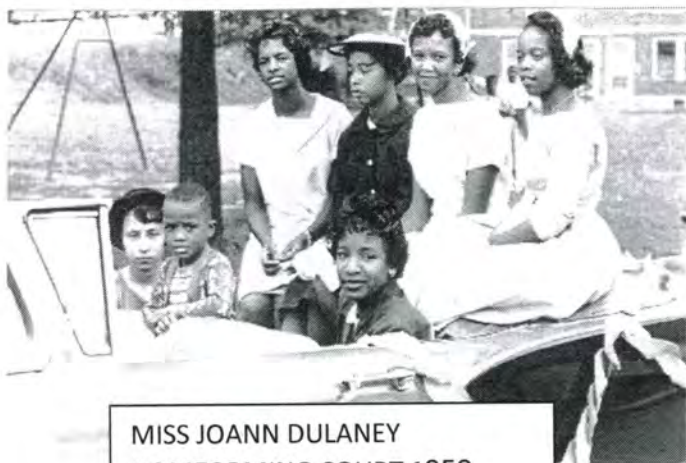
MISS MIRIAM ELLISON AND
HOMECOMING COURT 1956



MISS MONA J. GREGORY AND MISS EMMA J. YOUNG
HOMECOMING COURT 1957



MISS MARY E. JORDAN AND
HOMECOMING COURT 1958



MISS JOANN DULANEY
HOMECOMING COURT 1959



MISS PAULINE WHEELER
HOMECOMING 1960



QUEEN AND COURT—Patricia Broady, Douglass High's homecoming queen, is shown with her court during a pep rally at the school yesterday. She will reign during the homecoming game at Municipal Stadium tonight between Douglass and Elizabethton. From left to right, first row—Diane Huntley, Queen Patricia Broady, Carol Daxson; second row—Doris Foster, Mary Ann Fuller, Irene Coleman, Connie Hill, Mary Ellen Clark.

MISS PATRICIA BROADY
HOMECOMING COURT 1961



Douglass Homecoming Court

Douglass High School's 1962 Homecoming Court apparently brought the Demons a little luck last night—they defeated Bland of Big Stone Gap, 15-6. Queen Vivian English was crowned at halftime. Shown here are

crowns-bearers Jean Fulp and Craig Charles and attendants Frances Rowley, Fay Rowley, Doris Foster, Evelyn Coleman and Glendora Lewis. (Staff Photo)

MISS VIVIAN ENGLISH
HOMECOMING COURT 1962



MISS PEGGY FUQUA – HOMECOMING QUEEN
HOMECOMING COURT 1963

Katie Trent, Mary Dulaney, Peggy Fuqua, Carol Mathes, Mary Carter, Romell Dunnville



MISS KATIE TRENT
HOMECOMING COURT 1964

NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



MISS NADINE LOWE, MISS NHA

NEW HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA
September 19*59*

This is to certify that
Viwan M. English
 is a member in good standing until *June* 19*60*
 of the *Bristol* chapter *NHA* association
Douglass school at *Bristol, Va*
Jo Ann Dabney
 member's signature chapter



MISS DOUGLASS Y-QUEEN 1965



Y-TEENS SING AT WORLD FELLOWSHIP DINNER — Miss June Allen, left in the first row, Teen-Age Program Director at the YWCA is shown with the Y-Teens from the Senior Y-Teen Clubs who sang and served at the World Fellowship Dinner Thursday evening in the Recreation Room at the YW. The girls in the first row are Katherine Rogers, Katherine Foote, Mary Dulaney, Anne Leslie, Sandy Beckham and Diane Beldleman. Standing on the steps, left to right, are Paula Moad, Judy Horne, Judy Thomas, Vernell Dixon, Ina Faye Preston and Susan Tissot. Debby Bays, Pianist was not present when the picture was made.



Y-TEEN

The Y-Teen is a voluntary membership organization with a christian purpose. The organization strives to make this purpose effective both in the program it carries out and in the way it acts in its own organizational life. It strives to justify its existence by rendering service where ever possible.



FIRE PATROL

SAFETY PATROL



DOUGLASS SCHOOL PROM "TREASURE ISLAND" WAS THE THEME OF THE JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM HELD LAST WEEK AT THE SCHOOL



AMONG THOSE AT THE EVENT WERE, LEFT TO RIGHT: ERKWARD LOGAN, MARY CARTER, JAMES WASHINGTON, FREDERICK CLARK, NORMAN COOK, HILDA COLEMAN, AND WILLIAM CARTER. MUSIC WAS FURNIHD BY THE TRUE TONES BAND, PULASKI, VA.

NHA DANCE, AJPRIL 22, 1960



BARBARA, JON ANN, PAULLINE, MARY, MAGGIE

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA
A SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DEMOCRACY ELECTIONS

1949 – 1965

SCHOOL YEAR	PRESIDENT	PARTY
1949-1950	GLADYS BEVERLY	RIGHT
1950-1951	CLARENCE BARBER	LEADERSHIP
1951-1952	PRINCE COLEMAN	RIGHT
1952-1953	WALTER COWAN	CRUSADER
1953-1954	FRED DELANEY	PROGRESSIVE
1954-1955	ORCAR HARRELL	RIGHT
1955-1956	AUTHUR TAYLOR	LEADERSHIP
1956-1957	MIRIAM ELLISON	LEADERSHIP
1957-1958	WILLIAM LAWSON	PROGRESSIVE
1958-1959	RICHARD HOUSTON	PROGRESSIVE
1959-1960	MARVIN BIRDWELL	PROGRESSIVE
1960-1961	FRANK FOSTER	PROGRESSIVE
1961-1962	JOHN EDWARDS III	PROGRESSIVE
1962-1963	DAVID RIDDLE	PROGRESSIVE
1963-1964	WILLIAM PACE	PROGRESSIVE
1964-1965	JERRY JONES	PROGRESSIVE

The Nominating Committee of the Douglass School Democracy offers the following candidates for 1955-56

***Leadership Party**
 Arthur Taylor--Pres.
 Miriam Ellison--Vice Pres.

Progressive Party
 Naomi Austin--Pres.
 Opal McNichols--Vice Pres.

Right Party
 Lorelle Pharr--Pres.
 Albert Riddle--Vice Pres.

Crusaders Party
 Kenneth Paige--Pres.
 Delores Paige--Vice Pres.

Committee Oscar Harrel Pres. School Democracy '55

Earl Hutcheson----11th Grade Louis Shelly----10th Grade
 William Lawson----9th Grade Richard Houston--8th Grade

*Election will be held in school library April 21st 1:30-2:30

DOUGLASS NEW CORRESPONDENTS



PAULINE WHEELER

Pauline Wheeler Is Appointed New H-C Correspondent

Pauline Wheeler, a junior at Douglass High School has been named the new correspondent handling all news of Negro activities in Bristol and the surrounding area.

Pauline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler, 14 Euclid Avenue. She is a commercial student working under the Diversified Occupation program.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this column please contact Miss Wheeler by calling NO-9-5884.

The column will run each Sunday in the combined edition of the Herald Courier and Virginia-Tennessean.

News Of Negro Activities

Club Slates

Sept. 30, 1954

'Harvest Tea'

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

Sunday, May 22, 1960

Negro News And Activities

J-S Prom At Douglass Has Japanese Setting

By PAULINE WHEELER

"Oriental Gardens" was the theme for the Douglass Junior-Senior Prom.

The setting was a lovely, colorful and picturesque outdoor Japanese Tea Garden enclosed in fieldstone garden walls along

which oriental poppies and chrysanthemums bloomed in profusion. Time: 'tis springtime and the Japanese Cherry Trees are in full bloom in all their glory, and we dine and chat beneath them in the cozy, informal, private atmosphere of "Tea for Two".

The refreshment table was decorated with red crepe paper with gold gilt stars. A white table cloth and red flowers and red candles had an exquisite oriental centerpiece.

The Junior Class colors are blue and white, and the Senior Class colors are red and white.

All the Juniors helped decorate the gym, with the assistance of Mrs. Redmon, Percy Davis and the sponsor, R. B. Weatherston.

The Douglass School Chorus took part in the Musft Festival given at Virginia Junior High School. The songs they sang were "Homing", "Faith" and "The Rosary".

The Douglass High School Band will present a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at Virginia Junior High under the direction of Roland Seward.

Everyone is invited to come out and see what a wonderful job the hand is doing.

By Helen Mitchell

The Improvement Club of Lee Street Baptist Church will sponsor a Harvest Tea this afternoon from 4 to 6 in the home of Mrs. C. E. Lowry, 202 East State St. An interesting program has been planned and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The John Wesley Methodist Church will be host to the promotional meeting to be held by the East Tennessee Conference October 5, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Ministers and laymen from all churches of the East Tennessee Conference will attend. Bishop Edgar A. Love of Baltimore, Md., will preside over the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to acquaint leaders with the quadrennial program of the Methodist church. Visitors are welcome.

The Theresia Hoover Circle of John Wesley Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Julia Martin, Danville Avenue, Thursday at 4:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

Douglass PTA Meets

The Douglass School PTA held its first meeting of the year Tuesday evening in the school library, with Mrs. Mildred Rhea presiding. Following devotions, the business session was opened and the PTA calendar for the year was approved by the 45 members present. Interesting remarks were given by the principal, H. K. Breedlove.

Bristol Native

Of special interest to the citizens of Bristol is an article which appeared in the New York Times magazine for Sunday, Sept. 23, entitled "The Southern Negro View of the South." The author, Dr. Charles S. Johnson is a native of Bristol, Va. He is a brilliant scholar, an eminent sociologist and has held the presidency of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., since 1946. Dr. Johnson is an authority on social problems and his many books are used as source material in the leading colleges and universities of the country. Recently the University of Scotland awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. He is the son of the late Dr. C. H. Johnson, who served the Lee Street Baptist Church as pastor for 42 years.

Revival Scheduled

A week of cottage prayer services will begin Monday, preceding a revival service at the Lee Street Baptist Church, beginning October 7.

The services will continue through October 13, with nightly services held at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Martin said services will be held at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. on the day the revival begins.

The Rev. W. J. Pride, New River, Va., will conduct the services.

DOUGLASS NEW CORRESPONDENTS

May 3, 1959
News Of Negro Activities

Douglass Class Hol

By Bertha Stokley

The diversified Occupations class at Douglass School held its first annual banquet Friday at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

A welcome speech was given by Oliver Gammons, a senior at Douglass and president of the D.O. class. An honor poem was given by Hurley Steele. Early history of the class was given by Betty Huntley.

Evelyn Anderson introduced the guest speaker. Mrs. Frances Boyd, diversified occupations coordinator of Virginia Senior High School.

Refreshments were served buffet style. Members included Ellen Baker, Lillian Law, Evelyn Anderson, Betty Huntley, Mary Austin, Laura Ann Porter, Bertha Stokley, Thomas Stewart, Johnny Mack Brown, Allen Hughes, Richard Houston, John Shetfey, Clyde Cook, Hurley Steele and Oliver Gammons.

Spring Festival

The Slater student body will present an Outdoor Spring Festival Wednesday afternoon, May 6, 1959 on the school campus. The activities will start at 1:30 p.m. and will include grades one through 12.

Hattie Brown and Ralph Horton both sixth grade pupils will reign as king and queen.

The first-grade students under the direction of Miss L. Meade will wrap the maypole; the third and fourth grades along with the special class will do a folk dance and Indian Luni Dance under Miss P. Pender and Mrs. Lillian Newton.

The fifth grade will present Haydn's Minuet under Mrs. Dorothy Harris. The sixth grade will present a Swedish dance, Custof Skoal under Mrs. I. Brown.

Grades seven, eight and nine will perform stunts and a modern dance. Grades ten, 11 and 12 will also do stunts, all under the direction of Mrs. F. Houston, D. Saunders and Mrs. Virginia Jenkins, music director.



GREETINGS



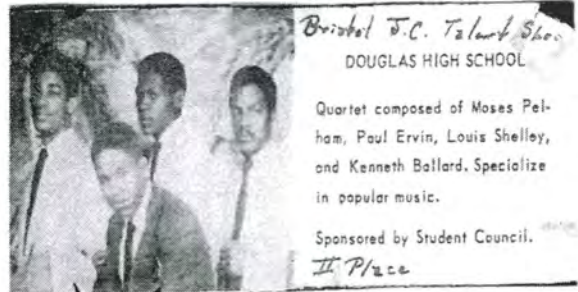
WILLIAM PACE

Parents, Alumni, Fellow Students, and Friends, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our annual Douglass "Demon" Homecoming. It is the sincere desire of the Student Council that you visit with us at all of our activities.

The new addition to Douglass is an inspiration to us. As we walk through the corridors of our fine building, we are striving to obtain a quality education in order that we may prepare ourselves to become leaders in the struggle for a better world.

We are looking forward to another successful year, thus, we are asking you to continue your good school spirit and faithful support as we endeavor to make this truly another outstanding year for the "Gold and Blue."

William F. Pace
President Student Council



Bristol F.C. Talant Show
DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

Quartet composed of Moses Pelham, Paul Ervin, Louis Shelley, and Kenneth Ballard. Specialize in popular music.

Sponsored by Student Council.

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Student Council Is 'Boss' During 'No More Homework'

The Student Council will take over at Douglass High School for two hours tonight and "run things as they see fit."

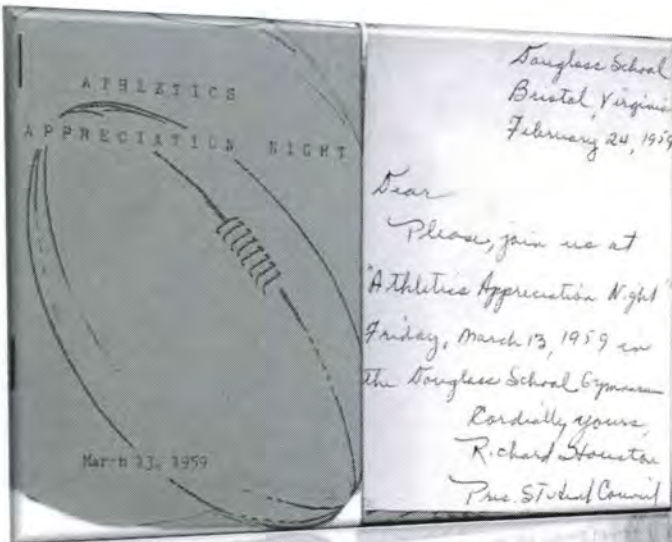
At least, that is the plan according to the senior class play, "No More Homework," by John Henderson.

The presentation will begin promptly at 8:20 p. m.

The play is described as a "perfect scream," especially when false alarms sound, a limburger and onion sandwich gets locked in the costume trunk, the janitor and his helper, Mrs. Ratchet, have a feud and opposition rises among several members of the faculty at "Ames High School."

The entire senior class will have had an opportunity to perform between curtain time and the finale.

Included in the cast are Phyllis Thomas, "Pam" Jones; Norris Robinson, "Buzz" Bailey; Vivian Davis, "Midge" Murphy; Bertha French, Shalimar Ames; Carrie Lee, Tallulah Plotz; Melvin Carter, Faversham; William Anderson, Ronald Sassoon; Bettye Mathes, Miss Ogilvie; Bettye Hughes, Miss Goodin; Rebecca Newton, Mrs. Clendenning; Irving Paige, Mr. Harper; James Austin, Principal Lundquist; Walter Cowan, Elmer B. Ames; Virginia Coleman, Miss Dill; Fred Beverly, "Tick" Tok; Edith Foster, Mrs. Ratchet; Charles Wise, Coach Guthrie.



NO MORE HOMEWORK—This is a part of the cast which will present "No More Homework," the senior class play at Douglass High, at 8:20 p. m. today. Left to right, Norris Robinson as "Buzz," Walter Cowan as "Mr. Ames," William Anderson as "Roland Saxon," and Phyllis Thomas as "Pamela."

The Virginia Interscholastic Association

This certifies that

DOUGLASS

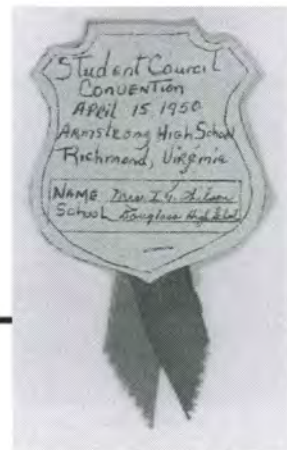
High School is a member of the Virginia Interscholastic Association and is hereby granted all privileges and charged with all responsibilities of membership.

This school has participated in:

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| ☐ All State Band | ☐ Basketball | ☐ Math Science |
| ☐ All State Choir | ☐ Dramatics | ☐ Student Participation |
| ☐ All State Orchestra | ☐ Football | ☐ Tennis |
| ☐ Baseball | ☐ Golf | ☐ Track |

G. D. Paige
Executive Secretary

Session of 1952-53



THE STUDENT COUNCIL COUNCIL PERSONNEL

Gladys Beverly	President
Clarence Barber	Vice President
MacDonald Byrd	Secretary
Vincent Porter	Treasurer

Elizabeth Johnson, Charles French, Lillian Davis, Mary Black,
Isabel Sales, George Hayes, Oscar Harrell, Charlene Harrell.

Designed to promote student activities, the Student Council was organized in November, 1948, with Mrs. I. T. Wilson as its sponsor.

This organization encourages a closer relationship between the Student Body and the Faculty and serves as a governing body in all matters pertaining to discipline and the common interest of the students.



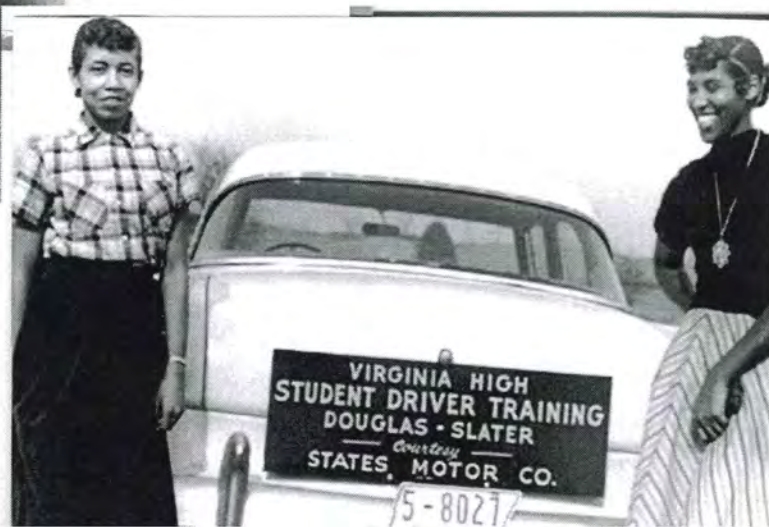
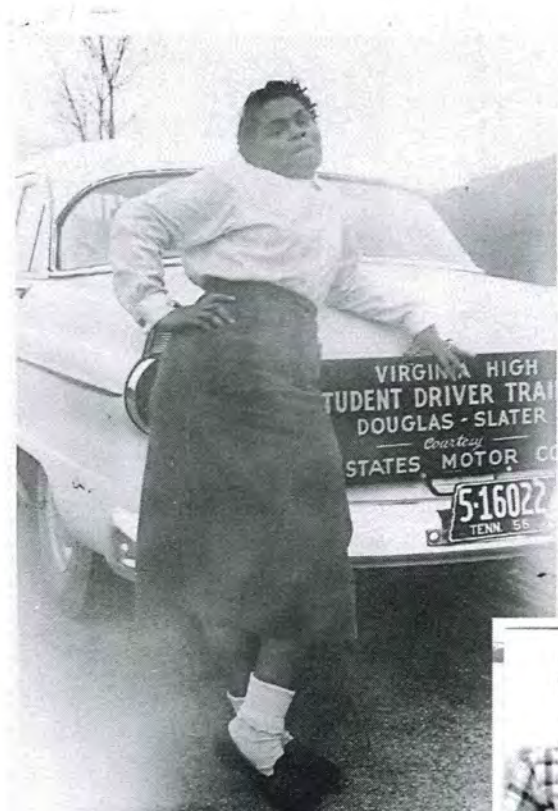
IT'S EASY—Students participating in the photography class offered at Douglass High School as part of the summer recreation program are learning that it isn't really complicated once you know how. Shown in the school darkroom are, left to right, instructor George Dawson, Pauline Wheeler, Mary Ross and John Hampton.



SCIENCE FAIR—The Annual Bristol, Va., School Science Fair is scheduled this afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock at the Virginia Junior High Gym. In this picture, Johnny Mark Brown of Bristol, and Nadine Love, of Sainsdon, study the principle of the telephone, one of the exhibits to be seen at the Fair. Both students attend Douglass School.



DRIVERS EDUCATION



Mr. Dawson's Shop Class



THE CAFETERIA



A CLASS IN HOME ECONOMICS

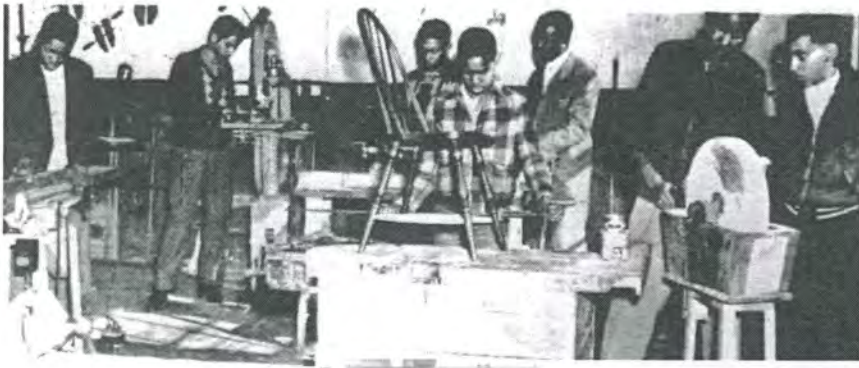


HOME MAKING



THE LIBRARY

A CLASS IN MANUAL TRAINING



THE SCIENCE HALL



SAFETY PATROL

Left to right, bottom row:
 Ted Green, Robert Hardin,
 Carolyn Page, Juanita
 McKinney, Fred Delaney,
 George Valentine. **Second
 Row:** Margaret Hardin, Joan
 Gammons, Virginia Wilson,
 Lillian Davis. **Top Row:**
 Eugene Hill, Herbert Hunt,
 Charles French

DOUGLASS BOY SCOUTS



James Dulaney, Edward Matthews, Billy Carrington, Richard Houston, Allen Hughes, Robert Dulaney, Melvyn Shoffner, Ralph Foster



NEW SCOUT UNIT—A new Cub Scout Pack was formed recently for youngsters living near Douglass School. The unit has 18 members with registration slated to close at the unit's meeting on Monday. The group meets at Douglass School at 4 p. m. Scouts, left-to-right, first row, are Jimmy Ross, Nathaniel Wells, Kenneth Hagans, Arthur Scoggs, Manuel Brown, James

Moon and George Thomas; second row, Manuel Prince, Jim Banks, James Redman, Victor Fulp, Roland Ross and Dwight Denny; third row, Den Mother, Mrs. Helen Mitchell, Joe Fraction, Harve Montgomery, Kenneth Delaney, Frank Delaney, Arthur Black, Charles Huntley and Mrs. Charlotte Fulp, Den Mother.

DOUGLASS DRAMA DEPARTMENT





DOUGLASS SCHOOL PLAY — Members of the Douglass School play cast run through their lines. Left to right are Lura Cinda Trent, Albert Weatherston, Elaine Fraction, Melvin Baker and Pauline Wheeler. *AUNT LARRY'S NOISE*



Scene From Douglass High Play

This is a scene from "The Uninvited Jester," a three-act comedy to be presented at 8 p.m. today at Douglass High School. The play is a senior class production. Shown in dress rehearsal, left to right: Naomi

Austin, Arthur Taylor, Louis Gillenwater, Alma Byrd, Elizabeth Sanders, Katie Debose, Kenneth Page, Charles Roberts, Jean Beverly, Lorella Pharr and Robert Cotten.



Pookrum Plays Host To Old Show-Biz Friends

By BILL SCRIMPISHIRE

A former manager of a Negro band who dropped the trade because he wanted "something better to do" has built himself a unique situation for motels and is making it pay.

Bernie Pookrum, manager of the Morocco Motel and Grill here, which is billed as the only Negro motel between Knoxville and Roanoke, in 1947 ducked out as manager of Nat Tootie's band (featuring Joe Louis' ex-wife as lead vocalist) and has never been sorry he left, he said.

"I left the band because I didn't like it," he said. He then returned to school at West Virginia State College where he majored in physical education. In 1954 he dropped out of school to open the motel with his parents. He needed six hours to graduate when he left school for the last time, he said.

Bristol, he said, was an ideal location for a motel for Negroes because of its distance to major cities. "Maybe in some places it

wouldn't work," he said, "but here we get a whole lot of trade."

Many celebrities have stopped to spend a night or several days here, Pookrum says. "Most of them I knew personally when I was traveling," he said, but added that many new nationally known colored entertainers have stopped at the motel since it was opened.

Some entertainers who have rested at the Morocco are Fats Domino, Bo Diddley, the Harlem Globetrotters, The Ink Spots and the Porgy and Bess Singers.

"We had the Fisk Jubilee Singers out of Nashville this past week," he said.

"The Negro today is traveling more and demanding more and that is what we will have to give him," he said. "We will have to expand (the motel) sooner or later."

The motel is currently composed of eight units. Expansion is difficult because of the Urban Renewal Project of Bristol Virginia, Pookrum says.

"We wanted the house and lot next door but couldn't get it. If we could get the house and the lot we could put more units over there."

The reason he was interested in a motel for Negroes in the first place, Pookrum said, was because of his early life with his family.

"The family traveled a lot and had trouble finding a good place to stay," he said. This is a good location. It is a day's drive to a lot of major cities, so many colored travelers stop at the motel to spend the night.

Pookrum, who runs the motel with the help of his wife, Jean, said that in the tourist season, his motel normally has a full house and by percentage has about the "same as anybody else."

"When there are two or three cars out there I can still operate because of the low overhead," he said, explaining that eight units probably cost much less to keep empty than the 30 or 40 units of other motels in the area.

Douglass High Mixed Chorus Sets Program

The Douglass High School mixed chorus will present a chapel program at Highland View School April 23 at 11 a. m. This will be a varied program of sacred and secular music.

The school band has been filling many engagements recently. Last week it played at the Ninth Street Presbyterian Church. Monday morning it appeared on a chapel program at the school. Thursday night it presented a program in Meadowview.

Aside from these engagements, the band is getting ready for a spring concert on April 27 in the school auditorium.

This will be a varied program with some members of the woodwind family and brass section playing solos. Tickets are now on sale for this concert. The proceeds will be used for payments on the instruments.

The freshman class at Douglass will present a Spring Frolic in the gymnasium Friday, April 17, at 8:00 p. m. A miniature stage show will be the highlight of the event.

The sixth and seventh grades, accompanied by the teacher, Mrs. Redmond, toured Bristol Caverns Monday.

The senior class is in the process of its yearly production. This is a good comedy, "No More Home-Work", and will promise a wonderful evening of entertainment for any audience.

We wish to congratulate Fred Delaney, president, and Robert Jones, vice-president, for being successful in obtaining those positions in our School Democracy for the ensuing year. The installation will be performed after our Student State meeting in Roanoke this Saturday.

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IN CONCERT TODAY—The Douglass High School Mixed Chorus will present a concert at 5 p.m. today in the sanctuary of the John Wesley Methodist Church. The concert will include selections by such composers and arrangers as Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mueller and Ringwald. The chorus will be directed by Mrs. M. J. Williams, who is a graduate of Knoxville College and the University of Tennessee. Members of the mixed chorus are, first row, left to right, Theresa English, Mary Clark, Bobbette Preston, Carolyn Austin, Mrs. Williams, Carolyn Clark, Mavie Jones, Nina Porter, Hilda Coleman

and Frederica Clark. Second row, Laverne Brown, Diane Washington, Nancy Foster, Bettye Cooley, Jerry Jones, Bennetna Shazor, Sylvia Cochran, Leona Hayes and Kathryn Pace. Third row, Vernell Dixon, Bennie Harrison, Jonathan Broady, Frank Clay, James Bradley, Calvin Lee, Cordelia Lethco, Martha Ellison and Judy Thomas. Fourth row, Thelma Lee, Patricia Lindsey, Verdia Boyd, Francine McFarland, Barbara Edwards, Pamela Smith and Sandra Williams.



IN FESTIVAL OF ARTS—The annual Festival of Arts was held recently in Kingsport, with both Douglass and Slater High Schools of Bristol taking part. The Douglass Mixed Chorus received a rating of excellent in the festival. Chorus members, left to right, are: Sandra Butler, Allie Coleman, Judy Hall, Mrs. Mildred Williams, director, Yvonne Banks and Jane

Sheffey. Second row: Mary Hill, Mary K. Austin, Lula M. Blevins, Roberta Clay, Nellie Jones, Nadine Lowe and Nancy Brown. Third row: Natalie Wheeler, Lillian K. Law, Charles Roberts, Robert Matthews, Billie Johnson and Raymond Coleman and fourth row: Earl Hutcheson, Charles Trent, James Deboe, Albert Riddle, Marshall Fuqua and Jack Cole.

DOUGLASS CHORAL GROUP ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

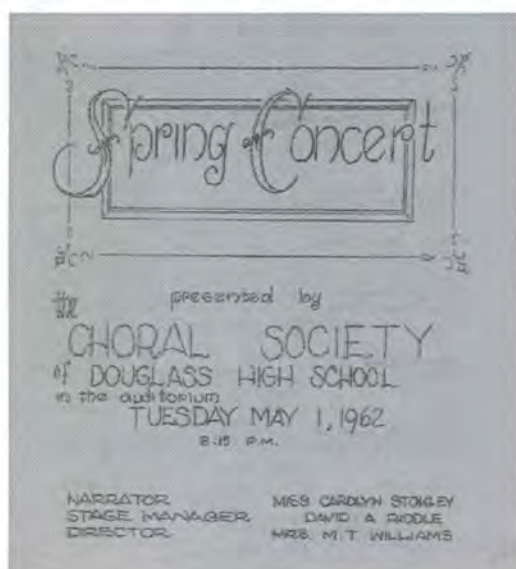
Douglass Spring Concert – The annual Spring Concert of the Douglass High School Choral Society will be presented at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. The five students who will play piano solos are seated from left to right, Shella Mitchell and Frances Camille Williams, standing Frederica Clark, Jerry Jones, and Janet Barber.



DOUGLASS CAVALCADERS



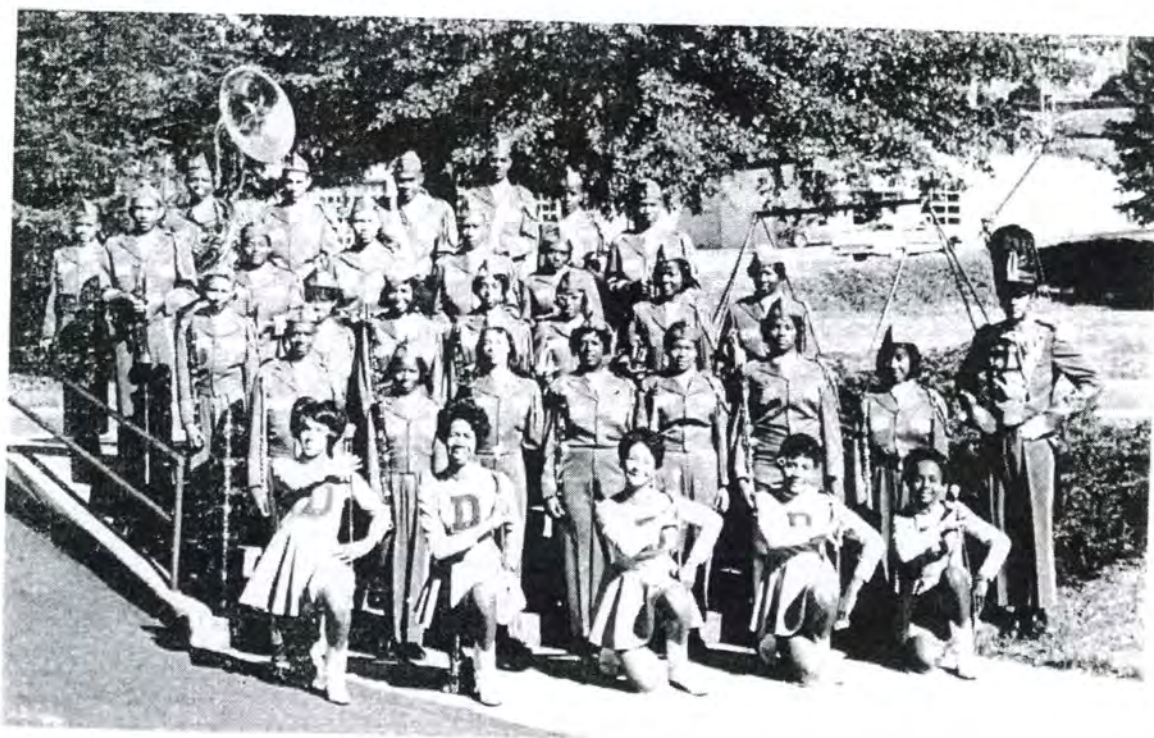
DOUGLASS CAVALCADERS—This group received a superior rating with their presentation of "The Balcony Scene" during the recent Festival of Arts in Kingsport. The Douglass High School group was directed by Dalton Roberts, tutor. Students, left to right, are: Yvonne Lee, Amelia Woods, Alma Byrd, Rose Walton, Delores Page and Miriam Ellison. Second row: Arthur Taylor, Tony Ross, Beatrice Fungus, Robert Coften and Louis Gillemswater.



DOUGLASS CHORAL GROUP—The Annual Spring Concert of the Douglass High School Choral Society will be given Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Members of the group, first row, left to right, are: Dorothy Lee, Delores Page, Yvonne Banks, Mrs. M. T. Williams, director; Louvenia McCon, Nanetta Hampton and Beverly Brown, second row: Jane Shetty, Allie Coleman, Rhoda Sales, Judy Hall, Alfreda Hall, Martha King and Lura Trent. Third row: Delphine Fullen, Mary K. Austin, Sandra Butler, John Clark, Shirley Lee, Roberts Clay and Mary K. Byrd. Fourth row: Rose Walton, Lillian K. Law, Ellen Baker, and Loretta Johnson. Fifth row: Melvin Baker, Paul Carter, William Austin, Alfred Thomas, Robert Matthews, William Lawson and Branner Dixon. Not pictured are Shirley Golack, Louis Shelby, Albert Riddle, Robert Lawson and Charles Trent.



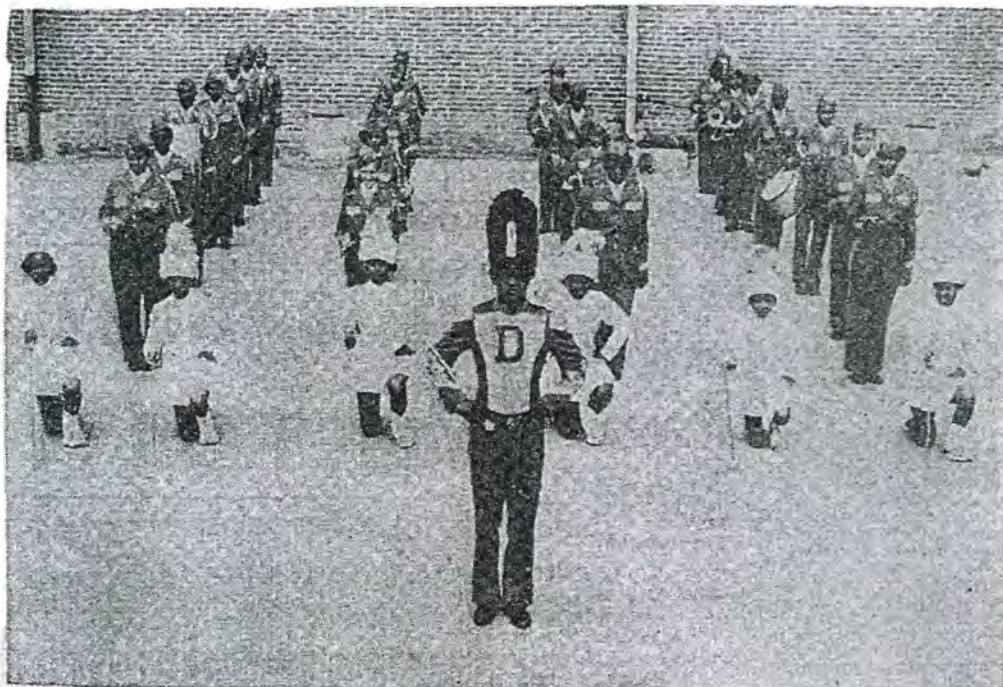
DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



SPRING CONCERT—Douglass High School Band will present its annual spring concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Virginia Junior High School auditorium. Pictured is the band's clarinet ensemble composed of (left to right) Maryland Carter, Clara English, Frances Thomas, Jo Ann Smith, Maggie Brown, Albert Weatherston and Jap Hughes.

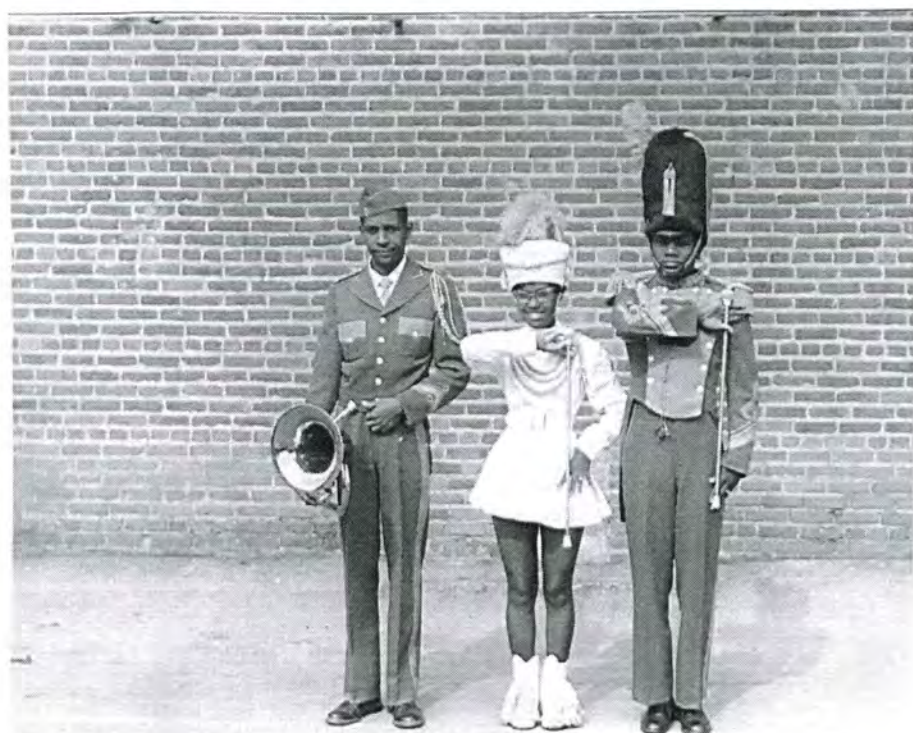


New Uniforms

Douglass High School's 36-piece band, pictured here, sported their new uniform for the first time this week when Douglass visited Johnson City for a football game. The band is directed by Greta Moore, 1949 graduate of Tennessee High and graduate of Middle Tennessee State College. Miss Moore is assistant di-

rector of the Virginia High band and also does instrumental instruction in Virginia Bristol elementary schools. The new uniforms for Douglass were purchased by the Virginia Bristol School Board, with the aid of the Douglass PTA, Douglass Band Boosters Club and interested patrons.

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

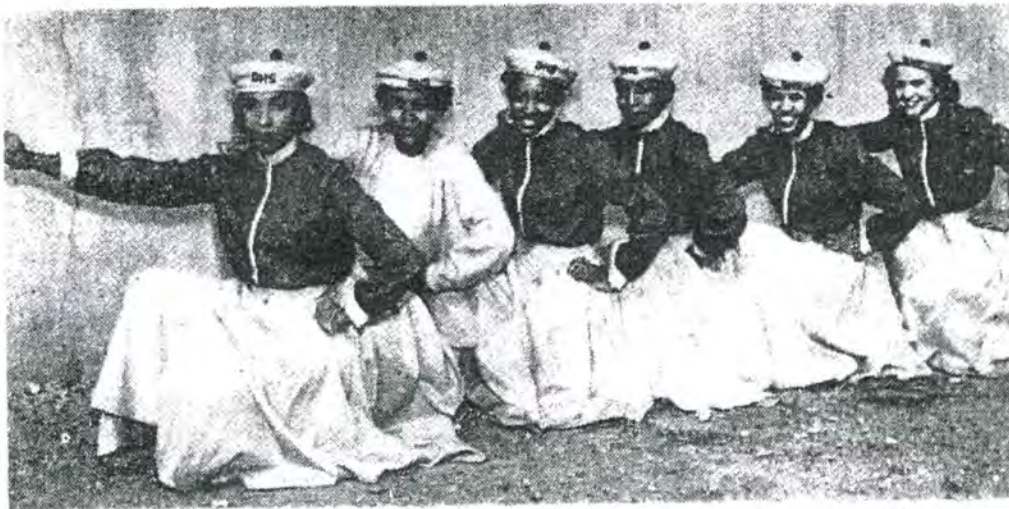


BEST MAJORETTES — Barbara Ross, of Douglass High School accepts trophy for best majorette team in Class "D" from Bert Mills, a vice president of Bristol Newspapers.



BAND CONCERT 'ROYALTY'—The Douglass School Band will present a Christmas Concert and tea at 4 p. m. today at the school auditorium. Contestants for King and Queen of the Band Boosters were, front row, left to right, Jean Hughes, Mary Ross, Betty Cook and Mona Jean Gregory, who was named Queen; back row, Marvin Birdwell, George Delapp, David Weather-ton and Herbert Smith, named King.

DOUGLASS DEMON CHEERLEADERS



RIGHT IN THERE—"Right In There" all week, talking it up and keeping the 1952 Douglass Homecoming in each student's mind, were these Demon cheerleaders. Left to right, they are Bettye Mathes, Carrie Lee, Mary Young, Betty Hughes, Phyllis Thomas and Bertha French.

CHEERLEADERS LEAD THE FIELD IN NOISE AND BEAUTY
Miriam Ellison, Nannette Hampton, Katie DeBoise, Ralph Foster, Lula Blevins, Eleanor Gregory, Charles Roberts, Lillian Law.



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DOUGLASS DEMON CHEERLEADERS

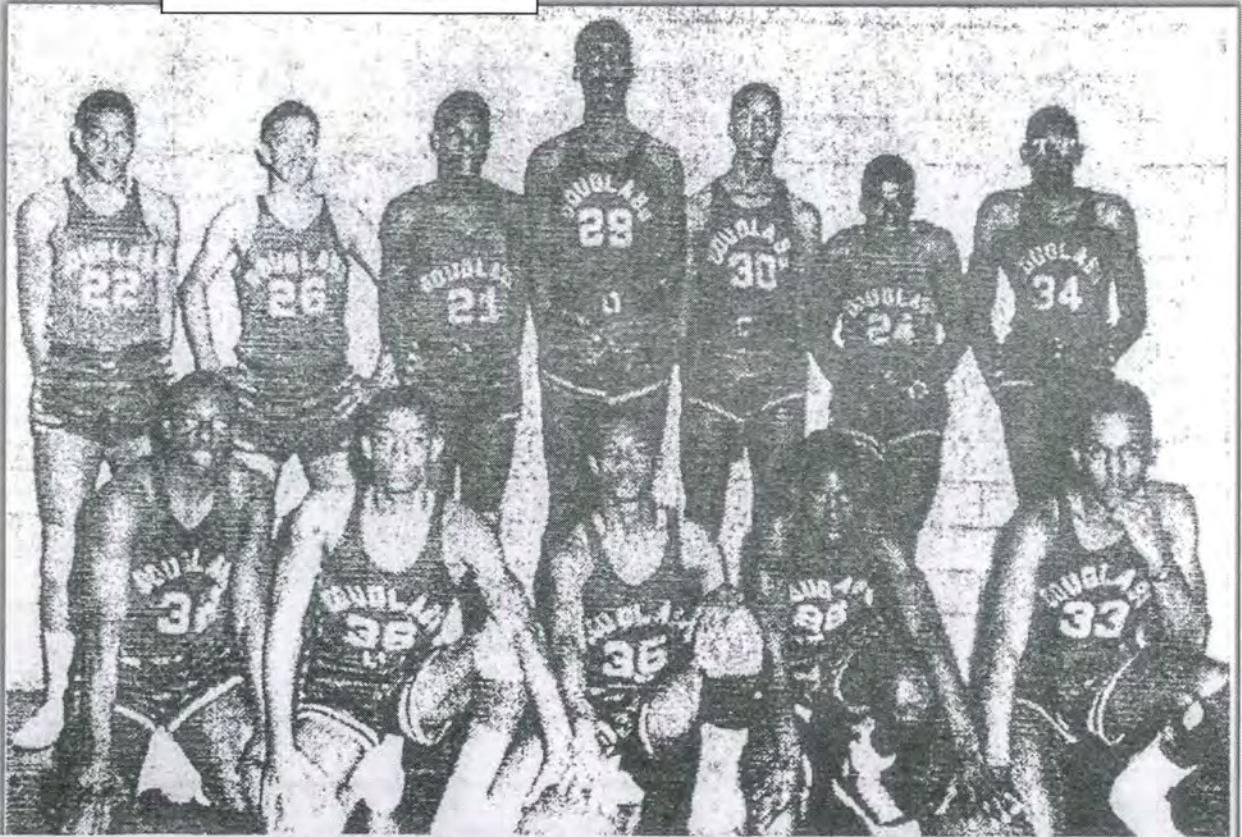


1963 CHEERLEADERS



Left to right: Front row — Leona Hayes, Junior; Deborah Brown, Senior; Sylvia Cochran, Junior; Back row — Vernell Dixon, Freshman; and Barbara Edwards, Sophomore.

1952 - 1953



DEMONS WINDING UP—Coach Steve Harris' Douglass High School Demons write finis to their 1952-53 basketball season tonight when they play host to Swift Junior College in the Virginia High gym. Thus far the team boasts a conference record of 9-5, and an overall record for the season of 10-5. Members of the squad shown here are George Valentine, Donald Murphy, Robert Weatherston, Kenneth Ballard, James DeBosic, Harry Law, Charles Foster, Oscar Harrell, Charles Wyse, Marvin Coleman, Walter Cowan, and Fred Ross. Harris, whose capable quint finished third in the recent Tri-State Conference tournament, said this morning he will start Ballard and Harrell at forwards, Law at center, and Cowan and Wyse at the guard posts tonight.



FRI., NOV. 7, 1952

Douglass Beats Betsy, 26 To 0

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., Nov. 6. Douglass High of Bristol, Va., rolled up a 26-0 victory over Elizabethton's Negro high school eleven here tonight.

Ervin Paige went 35 yards to score for Bristol in the first period, and Walter Cowan tallied on a 24-yard sprint in the second canto to give Douglass a 13-0 halftime spread.

Paige broke loose again early

in the third period, traveling 37 yards and winding up in the end zone.

Oscar Harrell contributed final Bristol TD on a 17-yard gallop shortly before the third quarter ended.

DOUGLASS	7	6	13	0-26
ELIZABETHTON	0	0	0	0-0

Douglass scoring—Touchdowns: Paige 2, Cowan, Harrell; conversions: Harrell, Cowan.

BRISTOL HERALD, COURIER

Friday, November 7 1952

1953



Silas Stars In Slater Win Over Douglass

Brilliant Ben Silas poured through 22 points last night to pace Slater High's Wolves to a 53-42 victory over the Demons of Douglass High in the first contest of the annual two-game city championship series.

The defending champion Wolves battled their opponents on even terms throughout the first period and then shot ahead 28-19 in the second. The Demons outscored the winners 8-5 in the third canto but the damage had been done. Slater added an additional five points to its cushion in the final period.

Sharing the spotlight with Silas was Roy Harris, Slater's 6-3 guard, who effectively covered towering Harry Law, the number one Demon threat. Although he 6-7 pivot man still managed to pour in 15 points it wasn't enough. Also outstanding for the Steve Harris quint were Oscar Harrell and Kenneth Ballard.

Tonight the charges of Coach Fitzhugh Houston will be shooting for their 88th consecutive home court triumph when they play host to Douglass High of Kingsport. Coach M. M. Martin's Slater girls will be after their ninth win of the season without a loss. If they get the victory it will be their 44th in a row on their own floor.

SLATER	Pos.	DOUGLASS
H. Gudger	F	Oscar Harrell
R. Gudger	G	Kenneth Ballard
Silas	F	Harry Law
Sensebaugh	G	Valentine
Harris	F	Cowan
SLATER	Pos.	DOUGLASS
15	13	3 20-53
13	19	8 15-42
Substitutes—Slater: Davis, J. Bunch		Douglass: Wise
Officials—Louis Kovacs and Gene Arnold.		



Miriam Ellison, David Weatherton, Alford Smith, Billy Morrison,
John Brown, Edward Matthews, Don Charles, John Hampton



THE DEMON BASKETEERS



Left to right: Ezekiel Thomas, Vincent Porter, Robert Mitchell, Thomas Lee, G.E. Dawson (Coach), Henry Green, Howard Stewart, Robert Carson, Charles French, Henry Franklin

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

Friday, February 8, 1957

3 B

Demons Upset Slater, 54-46



DOWN WITH REBOUND—Frank Cansler (9), Slater guard, outleaps Douglass' James Delaney (29), to take rebound in city series games last night. Douglass took a 54-46 upset victory over the Wolves.

Douglass High's Demons surprised the high scoring Slater High Wolves here last night by taking a hard-earned 54-46 upset victory to tie the City Championship series at one game each.

The two schools will have a game later this season to determine the city title according to Slater coach Fitzhugh Houston.

Slater had defeated the Demons by a 64-48 margin earlier this season to take the series lead but coach Steve Harris' charges were not to be denied and came back to even the count with its exciting victory on the Slater floor last night.

The defeat was Slater's sixth of the season against 15 victories while the Demons registered their fifth decision in nine strata.

Takes Early Lead

Douglass took an early lead and after a nip-and-tuck first quarter, held a slim 17-18 edge at the rest stop.

Both teams tallied 14 times in the second period with the Demons clinging to the two-point lead, 31-29 at intermission.

Douglass, taking advantage of Slater's long shots that were frequently missed, increased the margin to 43-39 going into the final eight minutes of play.

The Demons again out-pointed

the Wolves, 9-7, in the final period to account for the eight-point margin of victory.

Slater managed to pull into a 39-39 tie midway in the third period but the Demons gradually pulled back into command.

James Delaney, Demon guard, took high scoring honors for the night by pumping through 17 points. Richard Houston followed with 11 tallies.

Center Eddie Black led Slater with 14 points—all in the first half. He was followed by Tommy Horton with 12.

DOUGLAS	G	FT	PF	PTS.
McCool, f	3	4-4	2	10
H. Delapp, f	3	9-0	4	6
Houston, c	3	12	0	17
Shells, g	4	0-1	4	8
Delaney, g	8	1-2	4	17
Hughes, f	1	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	24	6-19	14	54

SLATER	G	FT	PF	PTS.
Gudger, f	2	2-4	1	8
Horton, f	6	0-1	1	12
Black, c	3	4-7	2	14
Cansler, g	1	2-3	0	3
Silas, g	3	1-3	2	7
Brown, g	1	0-1	1	2
TOTALS	19	8-19	7	46

DOUGLASS 54 SLATER 46

Officials: Ted Alexander and Gene Feltz.



They Play 'Control Ball'

Douglass Demons hope to slow down Slater's high-scoring Wolves with their deliberate, "control ball" type of play in the first game of the city championship series Friday night. The Douglass squad, left to right: first row—Allen Hughes, Richard Houston, James De-

laney, Louis Shelley; second row—David Weatherton, William Delapp, Herzy Delapp, Captain Samuel McCoo, Bill Brown, Tony Ross; third row—Ralph Foster, Morris Stewart, Thomas Stewart, George Delapp, Coach Steve Harris.

BOTH WIN TUESDAY GAMES

Douglass Doesn't Figure On 'Running Game' With Slater

By GENE THOMPSON

Coach Steve Harris and his Douglass High Demons don't figure on playing a running game with Slater High's rampant Wolves Friday night.

Instead, Harris hopes that his "control ball" style of play will be the answer to the "run and shoot" formula that has carried Fitzhugh Houston's Slater Wolves to new scoring records in the Bristol area this season.

Slater ran over the century mark for the sixth time this season in walloping Newport 107-71 last night. Eddie Black, Slater's set shot artist, gunned in 22 points, while Robert Gud-

Douglass, meanwhile, used a methodical ball-control attack, in whipping Kingsport Douglass, 48-39. Occasionally the Demons took off goalward on a fast break, but for the most part they worked the ball within easy scoring distance before taking a shot. Sam McCoo was Douglass' high scorer with only 14 points, Richard Houston followed with 13.

The Demons for the most part move off a single post, and strive to set up their plays. In McCoo and Louis Shelley, football speedsters, they have a pair of fast, alert floor men who are adopt-

ersity. Harris devoted his athletic competition to football—but he is a keen student of the game of basketball.

Douglass hasn't copped a city basketball title from Slater since 1954. That was the season the Demons were also runners-up in the Tri-State Conference.

This season Harris hopes to put an upset and drive the Wolves right out of the city championship throne room.

Friday's opening game will be played in the Virginia Junior High gymnasium.

SLATER	Pos.	NEWPORT
Gudger 24	f	Sweeney 54
Slater 22	f	Sweeney 4
Reynolds 6	c	Williams 3

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1949



Luvenia McCoo, Mona Gregory,
Eleanor Gregory, Alfreda Hall, Roberta Clay, and Shirley Lee

GIRLS BASKETBALL – STUDENTS FROM 1949- 1953



THE DEMONETTES

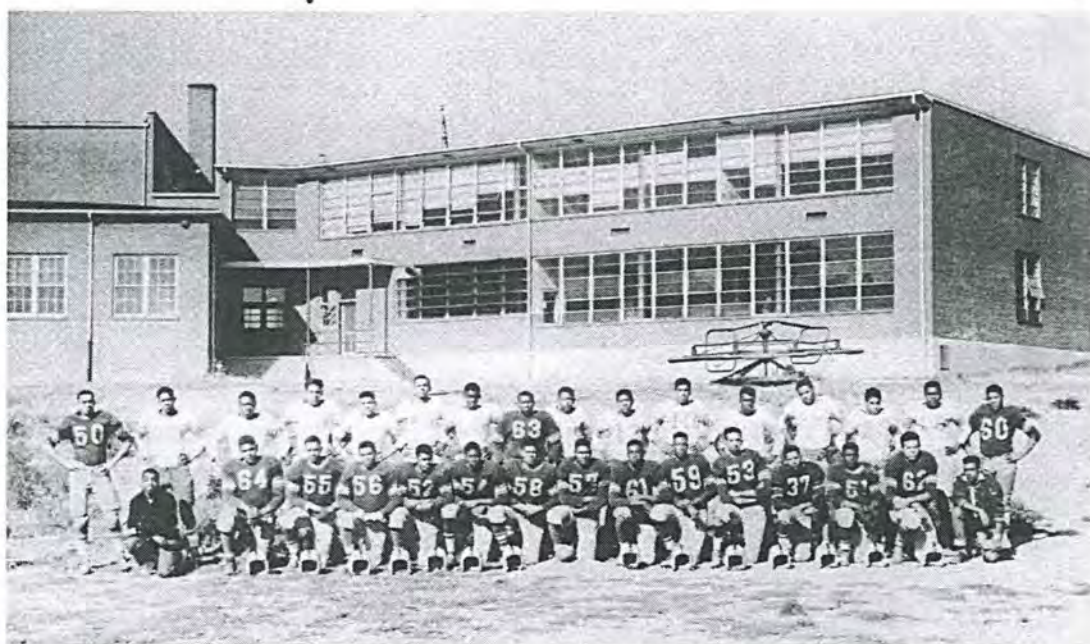
Left to Right: Jo-Ann Gammons, Betty Dickerson, Virginia Wilson, Doris Kato, Geneva Porter, Lucile Hollins, Dorothy Mathes, Velvalene Lindsey, Miss Juanita Fisher (Coach), Wilhemina Pelham, Veola Ervine, Dorothy Davis, Bertha French, Juanita McKinney, Amnie Mae Booth

Strike One!

Principal H. K. Breedlove of Douglass High School comes through with a stinging fast ball as he hurls the first pitch in the Southern League opener. Taking a hefty swing as league play got underway last night was Joe Fraction and catching for Lovebreed was Larry Bedingfield. Plate umpire was Thomas Wade.







First row-1. to r., Louis Jones, Johnny Johnson, Robert Cotten, George Young, Kenneth Paige, William Hardin, Albert Riddle, Billy Johnson, Marshall Fuqua, Jack Cole, Earl Hutcheson, Raymond Coleman, Fred Delapp, Billy Morrison, Robert Lampkins-Manager. Second Row: Samuel McCoo, Louis Shelley, Douglass Foster, Jimmy Gammons, Eugene Brown, Herbert Smith, Charles Trent, Kinwood James, Allen Hughes, David Weatherton, Payton Smith, Donald Jones, James Delaney, Alfred Smith, Johnny Brown, and James McDaniels.



DOUGLASS FORWARDS—Here are the letter linemen who will bulwark the forward wall of the Douglass Demons against Greenville's George Clem here tonight. From left to right: kneeling—Willie Hopkins, David Hayes, Henry Lampkin, John Smith; second row—David Riddle, Richard Miller, Walter Branch, George Watkins, Kenneth Dulaney.



Douglass Lineup

Starting lineup as shown above in first row, left to right: (24) Jonathan Hall, (21) Jerry Kiser, (28) John Smith, (16) Henry Lampkin, (19) David

Hayes, second row: (11) Sam Kirkpatrick, (20) Frank Foster, (10) Tommy Horton, (15) John Baker, (23) David Riddle, (12) Willie Auger.



DAVID RIDDLE, FOOTBALL 1959 - 1962
CAPTAIN BASKETBALL - 1962 - 63



SLATER BACK STOPPED—Halfback Robert Dickerson (23) of Slater is halted by Douglass' David Riddle (22) after an advance in last night's contest. Others identified are Johnny Gudger (33) and Robert Anderson (14). Slater won the inter-city title with a 17-6 triumph over the Demons.

1962



LAST TIME OUT—These eight Douglass High seniors will play their last football game for the Demons in the city championship clash with the Slater Wolves Thursday night. From left to right: first row—Ballard Lee, Paul Coffey, Arthur Livingston, Horace Watkins and David Hayes;

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Students of Slater and Douglass High Schools
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Dear Students:

We are proud of the very fine way in which you conducted yourselves at the Douglass-Slater basketball game last Tuesday night. Your conduct reflected great credit to our schools. The contest was hard fought and enjoyable. We have received numerous calls about the game and every caller mentioned the very fine display of sportmanship on the part of the players and students.

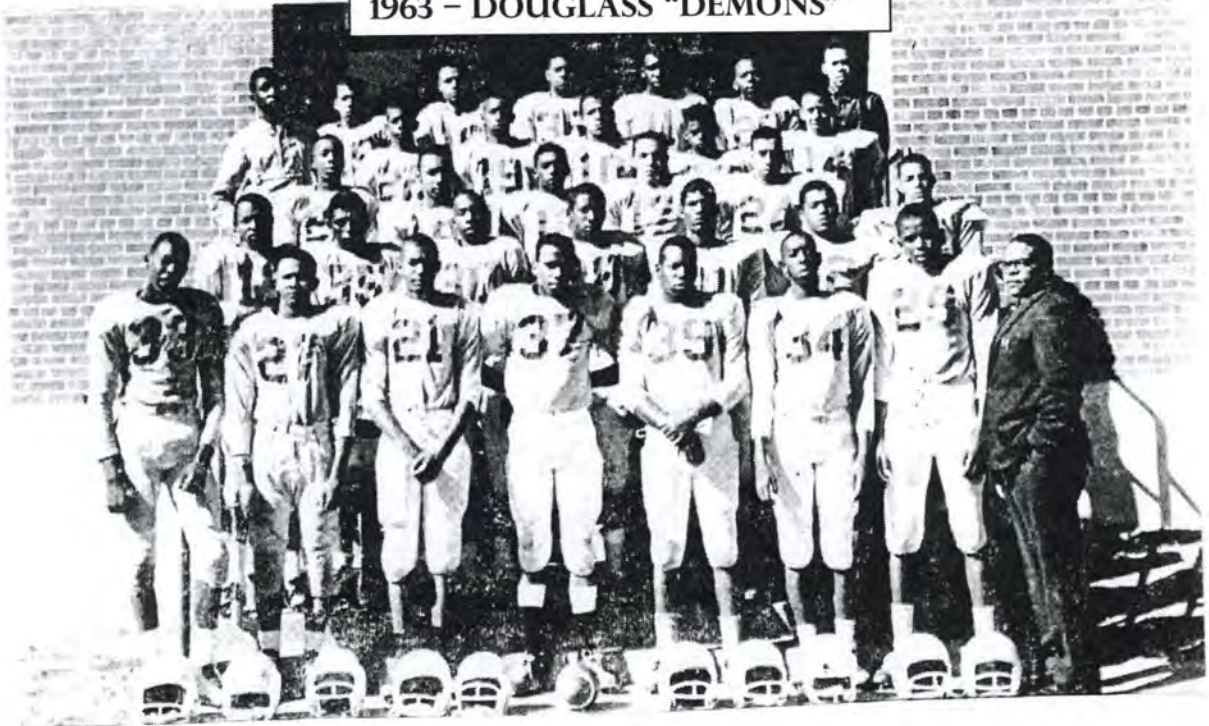
The credit goes to you and your student leaders for this very splendid report and display of cooperation.

We look forward to continued Douglass-Slater contests with its usual competitive spirit. Our sincere desire is for you to continue your splendid display of gentleman and lady-like conduct every day.

Yours truly,

Lorenzo Wyatt
Lorenzo Wyatt, Principal
Slater High School
Bristol, Tennessee

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Theron Broady, William Carter, Mike Charles, Charles Duff, Jerry Foster, Joe Fuqua, S. L. Hall, Benny Harrison, Charles Jones, David Jones, Calvin Lee, Erkwad Logan, Robert Lowe, Harvey Montgomery, Carl Preston, Rollen Ross, George Thomas, Isaac Watkins, James Washington, Ronald Anderson, Kyle Bradley, Rocky Clay, John Logan, Francis Meade, Fred Watkins, Jimmy Bradley, Coach Steve Harris, Asst. Coach Ben Morgan, Manager Hubert Cox, Trainer John Broady

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Harvey Tabb, Jerry Foster, Fred Watkins, Rollen Ross, Charles Jones, Calvin Lee, Joseph Fuqua, William Carter, Carl Preston, Ronald Anderson, Isaac Watkins, Kyle Bradley, Michael Charles, Theron Broady, Robert Lowe, Sylvester Hall, James Washington, Rocky Clay, Francis Meade James Bradley, John Logan, Charles Duff, Benny Harrison, David Jones, Erkwad Logan, George Thomas

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



**Co-captains
Robert Anderson and Tommy Horton
Head Coach, Steve Harris**





GRADUATES – Graduates of the Rhea Kindergarten recently were awarded certificates on completion of the year's work at exercises held at the Douglass School Auditorium.

Students are, left to right, first row, Wanda Cochran, Alesia Lawson, and Pamela Smith. Standing: Don Vincent Mason, Edward C. Moon, Willis A. Mitchell, Jr., and Marshall Stewart.

Not pictured are Dewey King, Ethel Fay Scales, and eury Robinson.



THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

OUR READING CORNER

This is the most interesting corner of the First Grade Room. The children like to read the easy books. Easy reading material promotes voluntary reading and increases the child vocabulary. The children enjoy the reading corner.



May 26, 1955

Mrs. Rhea's kindergarten class to give Operetta

Front row: Fred Mitchell, Jr., Wanda Redman, Edith Mitchell, Constance Bell, Priscilla Howard, Paula Roper and Iris Morton. Back row: Willis Mitchell, Jr., Gary Morton Andria Nelson, Linda Sue Duff, and Dan Vincent Mason.



May Day

May Day is a holiday that many Americans have celebrated, but relatively few can explain. Depending on your age, you might associate May 1 with dancing around a maypole in elementary school or watching tanks proceed through Moscow's Red Square on the evening news. Surprisingly, much of the confusion that surrounds May Day in the modern United States can be traced back to the late 1800s, when America's wealthiest classes and its working classes battled over what the holiday would mean for future generations.

The roots of May Day go all the way back to ancient world. For the Romans, the first of May stood at the heart of the Floralia, a weeklong festival to honor Flora, goddess of youth, spring, and flowers. When the Romans reached the British Isles, their Floralia festival collided with the Celtic holiday of Beltane, also held on May 1. Elements of both celebrations combined to lay the foundations for what became known as May Day—which, by the medieval period, had become a cherished holiday throughout Europe.

Every year, villagers would go "a-maying," venturing out in the early morning to collect flowers and decorate their town for the day's festivities. During the day, villages would hold a number of games, pageants, and dances, and many would crown a young woman "May Queen" to preside over the fun. At the heart of the festivities stood the maypole. Pulled into town by a pair of flower-adorned oxen, the pole (usually cut from a birch tree) was raised and decorated with colorful streamers that villagers could hold as they danced.

To popularize May Day among the masses, wealthy reformers also introduced the traditions of "a-maying" to American schoolchildren. Generations of students in public and private schools, many of whom came from immigrant families, were taught to gather flowers and dance around the maypole on the first of May.



DOUGLASS SCHOOL MAY DAY CELEBRATION



FROM DOUGLAS SCHOOL HISTORY,
CREPE PAPER DRESS WORN ON MAY DAY



Miss Anna Jackson's May Day, 1942 . Courtesy of Scurlock Studio Records, ca. 1905-1994, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

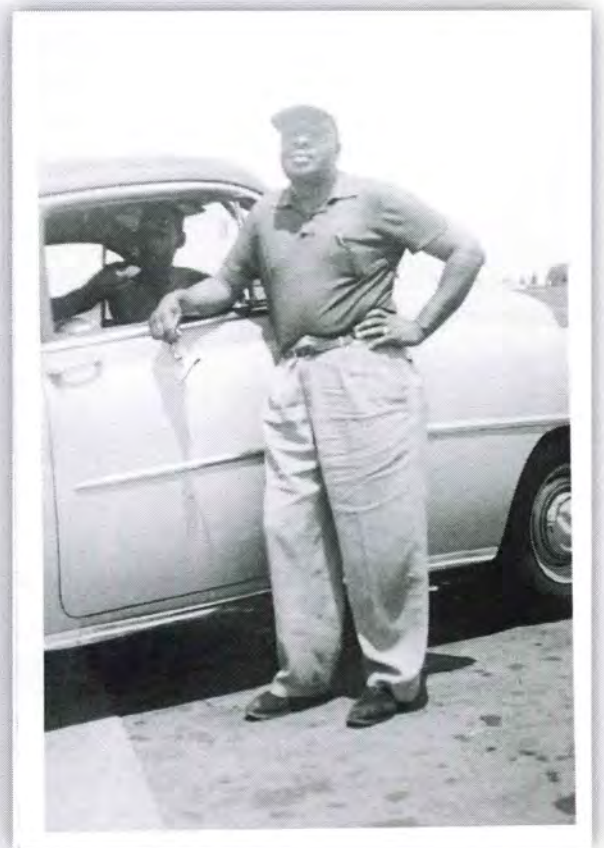




THE EBONY CLUB – Pauline Wheeler, Margo Gregory, Kay Law, Mary Ross, JoAnn Dulaney, Yvonne Banks, Beatrice King, Roberta Clay, Lula Blevins, Mona Gregory, and Barbara Ross



AFTER SCHOOL – JoAnn Dulaney, Barbara Smith, Bertha Stokley, Shirley Golacky, and Billie Dickerson



NEGRO HEALTH WEEK OBSERVANCE BEGINS

Colored Ministers Will Stress Movement in Sermons Today

Bristol's third annual observance of National Negro Health Week will begin today, with appropriate attention to the movement being paid from the pulpit of the local colored churches.

From today's activities will be launched a week-long program of observance.

The ministers in their sermons today will center their remarks around "health."

Tomorrow afternoon the teachers of Douglas high school will visit the homes of all their students for the purpose of a follow-up on a seven-point clean-up campaign.

The city will aid by making a collection of garbage and refuse from the premises of its colored citizens during the week.

Tribute To Be Paid
Booker T. Washington

Wednesday will be used for the commemoration of the birthday of Booker T. Washington, who in 1913, as principal of Tuskegee Institute, asked the negro people of the United States to join in a movement which would be known as Negro Health Improvement Week.

On Friday a mass meeting will be held with a special program in the Jefferson school auditorium on Mary street.

Among those who will participate in the program are Mayor T. W. Preston, of Bristol, Va.; Superintendent B. D. French; W. A. Hiddleson, secretary of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce; Dr. E. C. Gates, director of the Bristol-Washington county health department; Max Rice, chairman of the Bristol, Va., school board; and Dr. H. K. Harrison.

Dr. W. E. Martin, president of Sullivan College, will speak on the life of Booker T. Washington.

Dr. O. B. Taylor, prominent negro physician of Knoxville, and president of the Volunteer State Medical Association, will be the principal speaker.

In addition to the mass meeting the other outstanding features of the week's program will include a dental clinic, conducted by Dr. A. W. White at Douglas high school on Tuesday.

A major objective of the week will be the 100 per cent diphtheria immunization of all pre-school and school children on

Thursday at Douglas school.

The parents of pre-school children are requested to cooperate in this program by bringing their children to school on Thursday.

LEADERS IN NEGRO HEALTH WEEK



Pictured above is the committee of progressive colored citizens of Bristol which is directing the local observance of National Negro Health Week. The personnel of the committee is, from left to right; front row, Alice Mapp, Mrs. Pearl Roberts, Mrs. Forester Smith, Mrs. W. W. Hayes, second row, W. W. Hayes, principal of Douglas high school and chairman of the local health week observance, Dr. H. K. Harrison, Mrs. Anna Lister, Mr. Sam Brown, third row, Dr. A. W. White, the Rev. J. A. Martin, the Rev. F. D. Baker, and the Rev. J. C. Hillard, chairman of the publicity committee, does not appear in the photograph.

TOL, VIRGINIA-TENNESSEE.

SUNDAY MO

CHILDREN AND STAFF OF COLORED NURSERY SCHOOL



Pictured above are the children of the Colored Nursery School, located at Sycamore and Water Streets, and the staff personnel. Adults in the picture are Pearl Roberts, Virginia Miller, Mary Frances Matthews and Dorothy Kate Foster. Positive training in simple habits of the pre-school child's life is given in the daily program of the nursery school, which has been operating continuously for the last five years. The school is sponsored jointly by the Bristol, Va., school board and the WPA.



A major with more than two decades of service to the Bristol Police Department has been named the city's top officer. Effective immediately, John Austin will lead his department as chief of police. A Bristol native, Austin graduated from Virginia High School, and then received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Intermont College. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute of the University of Louisville. Austin joined the BVPD in 1989 as a patrol officer, and during his tenure worked his way through the police ranks. He has served as both S.W.A.T. commander and bomb squad commander during his career. Austin had been serving as interim chief. In his new role Austin will command a municipal police department consisting of 53 sworn and 24 non-sworn personnel, as well as develop and

administer policies and procedures. "We were very fortunate to have had a strong field of qualified candidates for the Chief's position," said Tabitha Crowder, Bristol's interim city manager. "Chief Austin is firmly entrenched in this community, is well-respected and has already made a difference in the lives of so many of our residents. Under his leadership, the citizens will continue to see the positive impact of his influence in his new role," she said.



Former Sullivan County School Resource Officer Carolyn Gudger is well known for holding off a gunman at Sullivan Central High School in 2010, and some call her an "icon" because of her actions. She says it was all "divine intervention" in a job she never really intended to have or keep. Today marks the first official day of retirement from her 22-year career at the Sheriff's Office. She spent 16 years as a SRO — 10 at Central and six at Sullivan East High School. Gudger, 66, was hired as a Sullivan County corrections officer in 1996. She went to the police academy at age 50 so she could be an SRO. Students called Gudger, "Gudge." They saw her as a great role model, who was always a "class act." It's obvious, he said, that Gudger has "a huge heart for kids." Looking back on her career, Gudger said she doesn't have any regrets, and she's not sure what the

future holds for her. She received her master's degree in education in May, so she may put it to use and apply for jobs, she said, or she may be an auxiliary officer with the Sheriff's

Office. But for now, she's going to relax for a while.



She was a Bristol TN/VA native she was a proud graduate of Douglas High School, in addition to Morristown College. She retired from CenturyLink and worked for twenty years as an auxiliary police officer with the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department.

She was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church where she served on several committees.

She was also past president and a very active member of the Douglas School Alumni Association.



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1993	Stacy M. Cook
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1997	Geraldine D. Gudger
1998	Latisha Sensabaugh
1999	Shabazz A. Coleman
2000	Joseph T. Lockett
2001	Christopher Cansler
2002	Kelia Harris
2003	Adrienna Cansler, and Carlos J. Lee
2004	Travis Heath, and Erica Johnson
2005	Mical Carter and LaShawn Porter
2006	Briana J. Trammel, and Loreal N. White
2007	Derek L. Hunt, and Jessica Franklin
2008	Bryan K. Dandridge
2009	Melody Stewart
2010	Ryan M. Kirkland, and Antinicia B. Wheeler
2011	Larissa Davis, and Aisha L. Morton
2012	Thaddeus E. Goode, Julia M. Kirkland, and Danielle Herrill
2013	Sierra Mason
2014	Samatha Gudger and Shayla Rhoton
2015	Kyerra Norris, and Imani Watkins
2016	Madeline Gudger, Justin Sanders, and Adonis Wheeler
2017	Katie Allen, Asha Delaney, and Avianna Hopkins
2018	Isaiah Dandridge, Darius Eury, and Aalliyah Worley
2019	Mya Eury
2020	Maya Dulaney, and Annessa Pennington

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Slater School History

The Bristol Normal Institute, founded in 1900, was the leading educational institution in extreme Eastern Tennessee and Southwest Virginia for colored youth. It was under the care of the United Presbyterian Church and was sustained chiefly by the contributions from the various congregations. The building and grounds were located on McDowell Street, and the campus was sufficiently elevated to give a commanding view of the city. The ground and \$1,000 were the magnificent gift of the philanthropist, Maj. A. D. Reynolds, and other public-spirited citizens contributed about \$300. The commodious building was erected at a cost of \$8,000.



The object of this school was to bring a Christian education within the reach of the colored youth of Bristol and vicinity. The following courses were offered: Common school, sewing, musical, and normal. With a force of five teachers carefully selected, thoroughly competent and enthusiastic in their work, the best training was assured to the students. This school was under the immediate management of Rev. F. W. Woodfin, principal

..... excerpted from the October 2, 1904 "Bristol Courier"?

In the very early 1900's, three schools existed in Bristol, Tennessee for the education of the Black Population. There was a four-room structure where ten grades were taught, known as the Woodlawn Avenue School. It was located where the Hackler Wood American Legion Post stands today. A Parochial School consisting of ten grades was housed in the Ninth Street Presbyterian Church. The third school was under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church and was called The Bristol Normal Institute. It provided twelve years of education. In 1914, Mr. P.E. Butler became principal of the Woodlawn Avenue School. During this year a man by the name of John F. Slater gave a generous monetary gift to the city. The Bristol, Tennessee Board of Education purchased The Bristol Normal Institute building and a lot from The United Presbyterian Church Board for the sum of \$8,000. The school's name was changed to McDowell High School, a public school to provide for the education of the Bristol, Tennessee Black population. It housed grades one through eleven. Because of this new public school, the Ninth Street School was closed; however, the Woodlawn School remained for several years as a public elementary school.

In 1919, Mr. P.E. Butler became principal of McDowell High School. At one of the earlier reunions, some live facts were uncovered from Miss Earline Pope who was a member of the very first graduating class of 1919. There were five people in her class and (at the time this was recorded) there is one other survivor who lives in New York.

Miss Pope recalls that there were three teachers on the faculty, Mrs. White, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Bessie Smith who ruled with an iron hand. The subjects were taught Spelling, Algebra, Latin, and Business Arithmetic. Mr. Butler was known to teach any or all of these subjects. She remembers that Hunt's Little Red Speller was carried around religiously. A special highlight of the school year was an annual debate with Johnson City at which time Slater always came out on top.



Students attended school nine months out of the year. It always began on the second Monday in September and ended the last day of May. Classes began at 8:45 a.m. with a daily recess from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.; lunch was 12:00 until 1:00 p.m., and afternoon recess was 2:00 until 2:15 p.m. with classes ending at 3:00 p.m. This didn't change very much through the years, but the program did add a 12th grade class.

Miss Pope's class was given the task and privilege of choosing a fit and worthy name for The McDowell High School. They chose John F. Slater, the Philanthropist and someone who was considered interested in Negro education throughout the South. We were indebted to Miss Pope's class for our very bold black and orange colors we cherish today. The school did progress as additional courses, faculty and facilities were added. In 1949, Mr. P.E. Butler stepped down after 35 years of dedicated service.



New Slater School To Be Dedicated

State Department Of Education Aide To Deliver Dedicatory Address Today

The new \$322,000 John F. Slater School on McDowell Street, one of the most modern buildings of its kind in the Appalachian section, will be dedicated with a program in the school auditorium at 3 p.m. today.

Dr. N. A. Crippens, a member of the Tennessee State Department of Education, will deliver the dedicatory address.

The new school was occupied last month by grades one through 12. Razing of the old adjoining building is yet to be completed, after which the north wall of the new structure will be erected and a number of rooms completed.

Added Facilities

Facilities of the new school include 10 classrooms; home economics department; dining room; kitchen; auditorium; chapel, library and clinic.

The dedication program will include organ prelude by Harvey L. Taylor, an instructor at the school; invocation by Dr. J. A. Martin, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church; several numbers by the Slater Chorus; presentation of the building by Mayor Thomas Curtin; acceptance for the school by Mrs. Amelia Copenhaver, chairman; for the PTA by Mrs. Cornelia Patton, president, and for the student body, by Martha Ann Garnette.

Speakers Listed

The declaration will be by the Rev. James A. Arnold, pastor of Hood Memorial AME Zion Church and responsive reading will be led by Rev. James L. Moon, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church. Dr. C. M. Eyler, superintendent of schools, will give the dedication of the building and Mrs. Mary C. Collins, principal of Lincoln School, the dedication of self. Guests will be introduced by Dr. Eyler and S. G. Green, principal of Slater. The benediction will be given by the Rev. L. R. Rogers.

Dr. Crippens, the speaker, is a graduate of Knoxville College and obtained his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

SLATER PRINCIPAL — S. G. Greene, principal of Slater School, will preside at today's dedication of the new school, to be held at 3 p. m.

Mr. S.G. Greene was the second principal in the history of Slater. Under his guidance, the school continued to move forward with many noteworthy changes, the most outstanding was the erection of a new building. He remained until his death.



Mr. Lorenzo Wyatt followed Mr. Greene as principal until he resigned in 1965 to take a position with the Tennessee State Department of Education as integration became real in Bristol. The upper grades were transferred to area junior and high schools. Under Mr. Wyatt's leadership the school excelled in all areas. We were number one in the Tri-Cities in Academics, Music and Sports. We had faculty and staff who received their education from some of the leading Black Institutions in the United States.

The change for Slater also affected Lincoln Elementary School. Lincoln, built in 1927 as another Black school in Bristol was designated to close so the principal, Mrs. Mary Collins was transferred to Slater School as it became an elementary school with the changes made with integration. Slater was also used as a technical school for a short time before closing completely as a school.

Yes, many hearts were broken when our school closed; however, nothing can ever change our feelings and gratitude for having been a part of John F. Slater School.



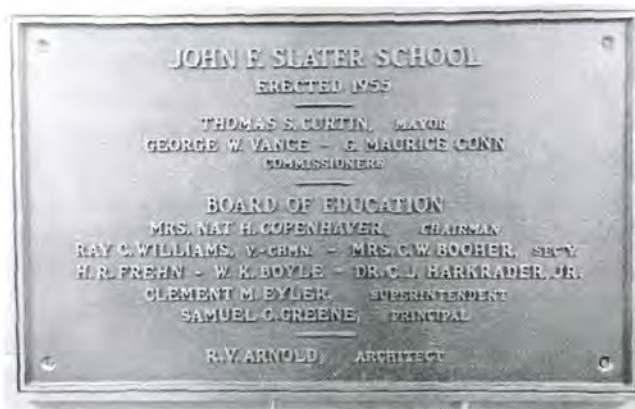
THE ADDITION TO SLATER HIGH SCHOOLIN 1955



Slater High School Addition



Corridor View, New Slater School



New Slater School, Front View

Today, the building belongs to the Bristol City Parks and Recreation Department and is used as a senior citizens community center. We are grateful to the City Council for maintaining and using the building to serve the community. Whatever it is or becomes, we as alumnus and Alumna of John F. Slater will march on and we refuse to divorce our hearts from **Dear Old Slater**.

LINCOLN SCHOOL



LINCOLN SCHOOL
Erected in 1927,
with addition in 1960.



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Lincoln Closed

Mary Collins To Succeed Lorenzo Wyatt At Slater

Bristol Tennessee school officials announced yesterday that Mrs. Mary Collins, former principal of Lincoln School, will be principal of Slater School this coming school year.

Mrs. Collins replaces Lorenzo Wyatt, who resigned the city's school system to accept a position with the Tennessee State Department of Education in guidance.

Lincoln School will not be opened this year, school officials said.

Slater School, a high school last year, will become an elementary school this year, officials said. All junior and senior high school students will attend either Peace Junior High, Tennessee High School or Bristol Tennessee Technical School, they added.

Wyatt has been participating in a workshop at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville, Tenn., this summer.



MRS. MARY COLLINS
... New Slater Principal

Lincoln School students Glen Foster, Christine Wisdom, Doris Mead, Velma Brown, Darlene Govis & Dale Madison having a Fiesta - 1963



IT'S FIESTA TIME—students in Bristol Tennessee School's Spanish classes recently completed a year's study of the language with the traditional fiesta. Among those at Lincoln School are: Glenn Foster, kneeling; standing from left, Christine Wisdom, Doris Mead, Velma Brown, Darlene Govis and Dale Madison. 1963

1955



JOE-TABOR
Lincoln School champ.

Joe Tabor Cops Marbles Title In His School

Joe Tabor has been crowned Lincoln School's champion in the citywide YMCA Marble Tournament. A student in Mrs. Houston's second grade class he is the youngest school winner in the tourney thus far.

A son of Mrs. Maggie Tabor who resides at 104 Hazelwood St., Joe defeated Eugene Dixon of Mrs. Collins' class to win the title. Besides marble-shooting, Joe also likes fishing, playing ball and bicycle riding.

A total of 36 boys and girls participated in the preliminary games at Lincoln.

Co-chairman of this year's tournament are Bill Johnson of the YMCA and Bill Wilkerson of the Dixie Coca Cola Bottling Co.

Once upon a time there was in the city of Bristol, Tennessee a dream come to be for a school of higher education for the Black children who lived there. John F. Slater gave a generous monetary gift to the city to help make that happen. So in 1914, the plans and dreams became reality with the beginning of McDowell High School. The name was changed a few years later to honor Mr. Slater and his gift to the community. We are told of a time where some classes only had five students and classes for high school students included spelling, algebra, Latin and business arithmetic. Teachers ruled with “an iron hand” in those days. Woodrow Wilson was president and troops were coming back from World War I during this time period. The term “Red Summer” was coined because of race riots in the U.S. The 19th Amendment to the constitution for women’s rights was ratified. Baseball’s big deal was Babe Ruth being sold by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees for \$125,000 in 1920. Jack Dempsey was a big name in the boxing world. The Negro National League was formed in February 1920. Marcus Garvey, a powerful spokesman urged Black Americans to return to their ancestral homeland and encouraged a sense of pride in black heritage. He also founded a number of businesses. Locally, looking on the website for Bristol, TN in 1919, little is actually there. For sure, the schools that are listed do not include any of our Black schools. Notable dates do not include the time 1914 thru 1925. What happened? The Bristol VA/TN Facebook mentions Lee Street Baptist Church, and found a couple of pictures for the Tennessee side concerning the Black community. This is one of the images, with the information that it was found at Edgemont Presbyterian Church a number of years ago but names are not known. A mystery!

Like Bristol history, our history has a gap as well. Little is documented before 1932. So there is a lot left to the imagination.



One of the reunion books has a document called Storyteller. The story goes in the line of chapters kind of divided in five-year segments. It begins with welcoming everyone to the ninth Slater Alumni Banquet and an introduction to a story written by the alumni called "Once Upon A Time". The book is filled with events of history, tears, smiles, beginnings, and endings. It mentions the sinking of the Titanic, The Model t and the Duesenberg cars, the New York Stock Exchange, Prohibition, the discovery of peanut butter and the beginning of the Washington Redskins Pro Football Team. It goes on to say there was a little red brick building erected in the middle of McDowell Street in a small town called Bristol. This building will be called John F. Slater. Slater, as it will be called for short, will be a school for all black children in Tennessee. It will be spearheaded by a short pudgy man called Professor Butler. The piece talks about games like string ball and wooden paddle over on Red Clay Hills, championship football and basketball games, debates with Langston School in Johnson City, and the trips to Washington D.C. The first graduating class of 1915 had two members. What a great beginning for Slater.

Members of the first class to graduate from
SLATER HIGH SCHOOL
Bristol, Tennessee
1915



CLASS OF 1926



CLASS OF 1928



CLASS OF 1932



CLASS OF 1937



October 1938

SLATER HIGH DEFEATS ROGERSVILLE, 13 TO 6

Stubborn defense and a flashy running and passing attack yesterday afternoon brought a 13 to 6 victory for Slater high school over Rogersville College.

The first half was even and ended in a scoreless deadlock but in the second half the Slater Wolves came back with an awakened attack and put over two touchdowns to the visitors' one.

Blair made the first touchdown for the locals and Wilson passed to Burdine for extra point. Rogersville managed to buck over the line but try for point failed and the game was nearing an end with the Wolves leading 7 to 6 when Burdine passed to Lindsey who ran for a second touchdown and clinched the victory.

Daggs kicking featured the game as did the fast running of Goodrum.

Coach Fowler will devote coming practices to correcting errors shown

GREENEVILLE FOE OF SLATER TONIGHT

Bristol School's Squad in Good Condition For Home Engagement

Slater high, colored, of Bristol, Tenn., ended preparations for its football game here tonight with Greeneville with a light signal drill and pass defense practice. The whole squad appears to be in good physical condition and all regulars are expected to answer to the opening whistle. The game is to be played at the Municipal Stadium and will start at 8:00 p. m.

Probable starting line-up will be: Edwards, re, H. Kincheloe rt, C. Dickerson rg, Morrison c, Gudger or Beidleman lg, Dowell lt, W. Dickerson le, Harris qb, Franklin rh, Charles lh, Henderson fb.

KINGSPORT TURNS BACK SLATER, 12-0

"Devil John" Cox Star of Magic City Team's Vic- tory Over Locals

Led by a great ball-carrier and heady quarterback, "Devil John" Cox, a heavy and powerful Kingsport High School team took a long step toward the colored championship of Tennessee yesterday afternoon in downing a fighting Slater team, 12 to 0, on Tennesse Field.

Cox was the outstanding man on the field. In addition to running and passing spectacularly, he demonstrated unusual ability in directing a team, crossing up the defenders time after time with his choice of plays.

The game was rough throughout. Blair was Slater's best ground gainer, ripping off steady gains each time he carried the ball. Daggs' kicking averaged forty yards.

A fairly good crowd saw the game.

SLATER VICTORIOUS OVER KINGSPORT HI

Wolves Defeat Invaders, 26-0, Their First Win in the Past 4 Years

The Slater Wolves defeated Douglas high school of Kingsport here last night, 26 to 0. It was the first time in four years that Slater has been able to down the Kingsport eleven and the Wolves got complete revenge for defeats handed them for three consecutive years by Kingsport.

The aerial work of Franklin was a highlight of the game. The locals attempted four forward passes and completed three.

Slater scored in every quarter. The first touchdown came when Henderson attempted to go over from the one-yard line and fumbled, the ball tumbling across the goal line, and Dowell recovered it across the goal. A 20-yard pass from Franklin to W. Dickerson put Slater in position for its second touchdown, which was scored by Charles.

SLATER HI DEFEATS GREENEVILLE, 13-6

Scruggs Runs 85 Yards For Only Score by the Invading Eleven

Slater high's howling Wolves, urged on by a gleeful mob of fans, were "in on the kill" in their opening football game here last night, defeating Greeneville high 13 to 6 in Bristol Municipal stadium.

Victory came to Slater, but the individual thriller of the game went to Scruggs, Greeneville half-back, who grabbed a third-quarter kickoff on his own 15-yard line and ran through the whole Bristol eleven to score the only touchdown the invaders made.

Slater took a one-touchdown lead in the opening quarter when slashing runs by Franklin toted the ball to the 20-yard line from where Henderson scored on a slant off-tackle.

A fifteen-yard penalty that set Greeneville back on its heels after Slater had advanced to the 20-yard line paved the way for the second Bristol touchdown in the third quarter. Edwards counted it on an end-around, and Franklin tossed to this same flankman for the extra point.

It was on the next kickoff that Scruggs staged his one-man sprinting show.

The lineups:

Slater	Pos.	Greeneville
Edwards	le	Westfield
Dowell	lt	Carson
C. Dickerson	lg	Wilson
Morrison	c	Crum
Gudger	rg	Broyles
Kinchloe	rt	Jackson
W. Dickerson	re	Taws
Harris	qb	Aleens
Franklin	lh	Stockley
Charles	rh	Scruggs
Henderson	fb	Nuckolls

Score by quarters:

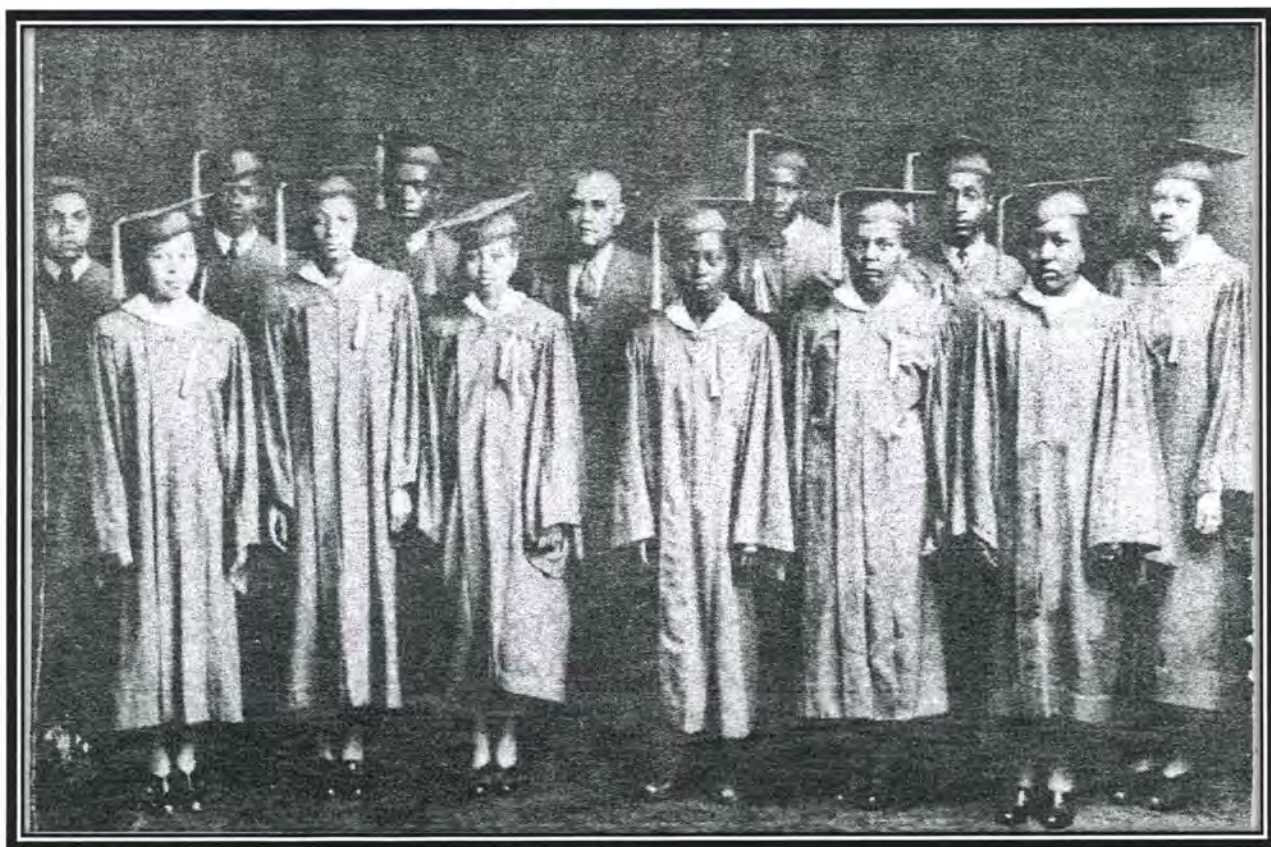
Slater	6	0	7	0	13
Greeneville	0	0	6	0	6

Scoring touchdowns, Henderson, Edwards, Scruggs; points after touchdown, Edwards (on forward pass); referee, Esser (King); umpire, Burleson (State Teachers); head linesman, Mooney (State Teachers).

Chapter two is about 1940 – 1945. World War II, First Publication of Ebony, a place called “Pig City”, eating Mrs. Hattie Lumpkins government issued breakfasts, and the big thing, “no more Tennessee High hand me down uniforms; the athletic department at Slater finally gets their own brand-new ones”. It mentions theatrical plays by Miss Higgins, proms and games between Douglass and Slater.



Class of 1940



October 12, 1940

SLATER HIGH WILL PLAY GREENEVILLE TONIGHT

Only home game of the week will be at 8 o'clock tonight when Slater Wolves play George Clem high of Greeneville, Tenn., one of their oldest rivals.

With the spirit running high and every man in top physical shape the Wolves will be seeking to avenge a 20-0 licking handed them by the Greene countians last year.

Lyerly has been moved to blocking back spot in an effort to shake the elusive Forest Henderson loose for touchdown gallops.

Starting lineup will be L. Rogers and Richmond, ends; Pace and Nelson, tackles; C. Rogers and Harris, guards; and Lyerly, Forest Henderson, Arthur Henderson and Dowell in the backfield.

Oct 20, 1940

GREENEVILLE PLAYS SLATER HERE FRIDAY

Wolves to Give Bristol Fans Their Only Game of the Coming Week

Bristol fans will have a football game this week after all.

Stepping out in an otherwise uneventful week on the home front, the Slater high Wolves will entertain the George Clem high of Greeneville, Tenn., in what Coach Dallas Pace hails as a "real grudge battle."

Greeneville handed the Wolves a 20-0 licking last season, the only game the Bristol eleven lost, and Slater is out to get even in a big way.

Coach Pace has been drilling his squad hard and has made a shift or two since the Wolves last appearance here. Lyerly has shifted to the blocking back position in order to get better aid for the runners than was given them in the opening game with Appalachia.

Robert Richmond, a new player, has been sent to end to fill the gap left when Penn entered the CCC camps.

Slater will be outweighed by the visitors, but expects to make up this handicap in speed and fast charging.

Oct 23 1940

SLATER PREPARES FOR GREENEVILLE TILT

The Slater Wolves went through a long and hard scrimmage yesterday afternoon in preparation for their game with George Clem high school of Greeneville here Friday night.

The game looms as one of the best of the season.

The Wolves will be out to avenge the 20-0 licking the Greeneville eleven pasted on them last year, the only defeat Slater suffered last year. Although the Wolves feel the loss of Franklin and others by graduation, they are developing better team work and hope to surprise the Greeneville eleven with their fast charging.

Greeneville will present a fast broken-field runner in Dudy Allen, who menaced the Wolves last year.

Improvement of Rogers at guard and Sensabaugh at center is expected to bolster the defense of the Slater line.

Oct 25, 1940

SLATER WOLVES WIN THEIR FIRST GAME

Bristol Colored Eleven Defeats Appalachia by a Margin of 7 to 0

Slater high's Wolves shoved over a fourth quarter touchdown last night and made the extra point good to defeat Appalachia colored high school 7-0 in their opening ball game.

Forrest Henderson's 45-yard touchdown jaunt made the victory possible. He broke away from the Appalachia tacklers just when it looked like a scoreless game was imminent and streaked for the double-stripes. The extra point was bucked across.

Appalachia made three scoring threats, but each time the Slater line was equal to the emergency.

Henderson in the backfield and Louder at end stood out for the Wolves.

December 9, 1940

CECIL FRANKLIN STARS IN MORRIS BROWN WIN

Special To The Herald Courier.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—A rangy young freshman halfback from Slater high school of Bristol, Tenn., helped powerful Morris Brown to score a crushing 28-6 victory over Kentucky State College here Saturday in the third annual Peach Blossom classic.

Cecil Franklin, known principally as a forward passing star to date, took over a new role when he started at a left halfback position Saturday and blossomed out as a pass receiver.

On the second play after the opening kickoff Mitchell fired a pass to Franklin, who caught the ball in the flat and lugged it to the 7-yard line, and another short toss to Franklin put the ball on the 3. From here big John Moody, all-America negro fullback, shot across for the touchdown.

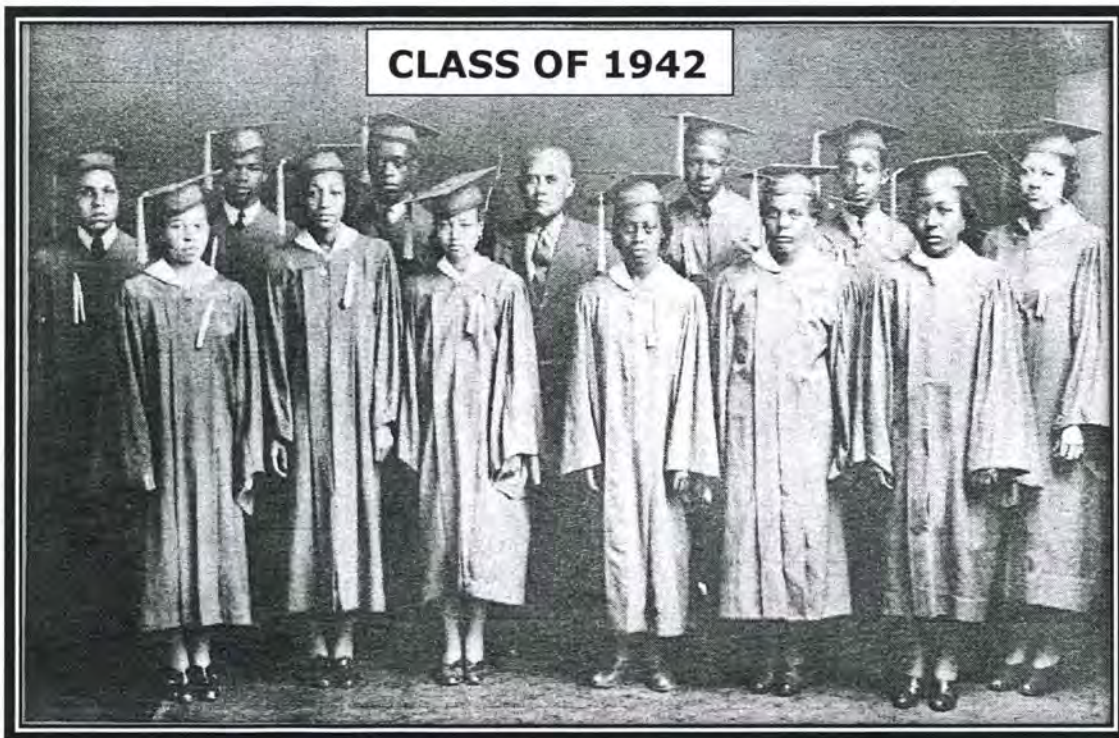
This series of events took the fight out of Kentucky, and during the rest of the game the powerful Morris Brown eleven shoved their opponents about the field, scoring three more touchdowns and yielding but one, which came late in the game.

CLASS OF 1941



Della Mae Beidleman, Lossie Nelson, Harrison Lyerly, Alberta Johnson,
Roberta Pender, Lether Rogers

CLASS OF 1942



Lorean Cotilla Beidleman, Dorothy McDaniel, Doris Hogans, Nancy Gammon,
Almeta Rutledge, Beatrice Gammon, Stella Moore, Charles Booker,
Robert Richmond, Speed Pace, Donald Dowell, James Carter, Principal P.E. Butler

Our Storyteller continues with Chapter Three covering 1945 – 1950 where “we see Slater’s parents performing in minstrels; Mrs. Vivian opens her home up to all children, but rules with an iron hand. Dot and Jewell play forward on the basketball team and before each game they eat raw onions to blow their breath on their opponents. Whatever happened to those potatoes those girls sneaked out of study hall to buy? Could it be their plan was foiled by Professor Butler? Professor Houston’s championship teams and Miss Higgin’s plays are still going great.” Tight skirts, and the jitterbug are in.

The Class of 1946 included Dorothy Beidleman, Florence Gammon, Ida M. Rogers, Alfreda Saunders, Louise Smith and Arena Walker





1946 - 1948
Girls' Basketball
Team

May 23, 1946

FINALS FOR SLATER SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Address to Be Given by
President of Morristown
College, Dr. W. Boyd

Commencement exercises for seniors of John F. Slater high school will be held tonight at 8:15 o'clock with Dr. W. Miller Boyd, president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn. delivering the address. Theme of the program is "Better Youth for a Better World."

The salutatory address, "Promoting Juvenile Excellency for Youth Conservation," will be given by Florence Gammon, class president. Valedictory address, "Promoting the Future for Youth Conservation," will be given by Alfreda Saunders.

The girls' chorus, under the direction of Miss E. M. Guthrie, will sing the following numbers: "United We Are Forever," "I Love Life," "A Perfect Day," "The Green Cathedral" will be sung by the girls' octette.

Senior class members include Pitts Bradley, Golf Jenkins, Dorothy Beidleman, Florence Gammon, Ida M. Rogers, Alfreda Saunders, Louise Smith and Arena Walker.

Nov 4, 1948



PARAMOUNT STAGE FEATURE—These three rug-cutting couples will appear on the stage of the Paramount Theater at 7:30 and 9:30 tonight and Friday. Many complicated dance steps will be featured in this jive session. Jere King's orchestra will supply the music and feature several band and vocal numbers. Jerry Foster, sensational colored tap dancer, will round out an entertaining stage program. The screen attraction is "Rose of Washington Square," starring Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Al Jolson.

Slater High May 20, 1948



Oct 24, 1948

Slater Defeats Marion By 14-0

Slater High Wolves outfought a heavier Marion High eleven here in Municipal Stadium last night and emerged with a hard-earned 14-0 victory.

First TD for the Wolves came in the third quarter when M. Biedleman intercepted a Marion pass on his 10 yard line and raced the remaining distance for the score. G. Duff sliced over tackle for the extra point. Second score came in the final quarter when Slater recovered a Marion fumble around midfield and, with M. Biedleman, A. Heath and G. Duff alternating in carrying the ball, went over, Biedleman toting the mail. Jenkins drop kicked the point after.

Standing out for Slater were Biedleman in the backfield and the entire line played good ball. Gavney, 220 pound Marion tackle, and Sexton in the backfield, shone for the losers.

Nov 6, 1948

Slater Has Homecoming Tilt Thursday

Slater High Wolves will observe homecoming day here next Thursday night in a football game with the unbeaten, untied and unscored on Harlan, Ky., Rosenwald High School.

The Wolves will be after their sixth win in seven starts and are pointing hard for an upset over the highly touted Kentucky eleven.

George Duff, sterling halfback, will be back in his backfield slot against the Rosenwald Bobcats. Little Howard Dizard has been shifted from quarterback and M. Biedleman will go at the blocking back spot. Coach Fitzhugh Houston said.

Pacing the Bobcat backfield is Taylor, 175-pound halfback, with Jones calling the plays at quarterback. The visitors will operate from the T-formation. They boast a heavy line that Slater may find hard to hold.

Oct 30, 1948

Slater Rallies To Tie Favored Graham High 6-6

Special To The Herald Courier

BLUEFIELD, Va., Oct. 30 — Unbeaten and previously untied Graham High colored footballers were hard pressed in holding their own against a speedy and highly-spirited Slater High School team from Bristol, Tenn., last night, but managed to hang on for a 6-6 tie.

Heavy favorites in the game, Graham drew first blood in the second quarter when a sustained drive carried to the Slater 5, with Jones carrying it over from there. Try for point after was no good.

Slater came roaring back in the third quarter to deadlock the game when James Turner took the ball away from a Graham man on Slater's one yard line and raced through six Graham men for 99 yards and a touchdown.

The play was set up when Slater's E. Biedleman charged hard into Jones who was attempting to score from Slater's three yard line after a rally by the locals had carried deep into Bristol's territory. Jones saw the ball fly out of his hands as he was ready to cross the Slater double stripes, but the alert Turner grabbed the ball and raced away for the surprise score.

Joe Di Maggio of the New York Yankees was the first American leaguer to homer in every part of the circuit this season.

Oct 16, 1948

Slater Defeats Blue Devils, 6-0

Scoring in the final period, Slater High School's Wolves defeated the Bristol Blue Devils 6-0 last night at Municipal Stadium. A 20-yard pass from Heath to Carter counted for the marker.

Booker and Hazzard were outstanding for the Blue Devils, with Jenkins and Biedleman playing sterling ball for the Wolves.

Slater To Have Duff Ready For Harlan Contest

George Duff, sterling fullback, will return to his line-plugging role Thursday when Slater High Wolves take on the unbeaten Harlan, Ky., Bobcats in Municipal Stadium at 8 p. m.

The Kentuckians, who deploy from the T, have built their attack around Taylor, 175-pound halfback. The line is anchored around Konday, tackle, Goins, center, and Turner at end.

Coach Fitzhugh Houston of Slater expects to start Franklin and Jenkins at ends, Heath and Captain B. Duff at tackles, Pender and Johnson at guards and E. Dickerson in center. Dizard will be at quarterback, M. Biedleman and Turner at halfbacks, and George Duff at fullback.

Slater takes on the unbeaten Harlan Bobcats .November 1948

Slater Wolves To Battle Unbeaten Bobcats Tonight

Slater High Wolves tangle with the unbeaten Bobcats of Harlan, Ky., tonight at 8 p. m. in Municipal Stadium.

Using the T-formation, the Kentuckians have their attack built around Taylor, 175-pound halfback, with the line anchored around Konday, tackle, Goins, center, and Turner at end.

George Duff, fullback, will return to his line plunging role for Slater and Coach Fitzhugh Houston expects to start Franklin and Jenkins at ends, Heath and Captain B. Duff at tackles, Pender and Johnson at guards and E. Dickerson in the center slot. Dizard will get the call at quarterback, M. Beidleman and Turner will fill the halfback posts.

Halftime ceremonies will be highlighted by the crowning of Emily Booker as "Miss Slater." Miss Booker is a junior at the local school and was chosen to this honor by the "SS" Club, boy's monogram organization.

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Slater Drops 12-7 Duel To Harlan Bobcats

By Grady Parnell

High powered Rosenwald Bobcats at Harlan, Ky., kept their unbeaten record intact but had their goal line crossed for the first time last night as they rallied to turn back Slater High's battling Wolves 12-7 in Municipal Stadium.

Slater, dominating play in the first half, rode to its touchdown in the first period on a sustained drive which rolled up all the Wolves' first downs for the evening. The march rolled to Harlan's four yard line, from where Turner plowed over right tackle for the touchdown. Dizard went down the middle for the extra point.

Coming back strong, Harlan threatened twice in the third period before it finally scored. On the first drive Slater held for downs on the seven yard line, and on the second Harlan tumbled, with Slater recovering on the eight.

Near the end of the period, the Kentuckians started rolling again and this time went across with Rogers scoring from eight yards out.

The extra point was missed, leaving Slater ahead 7-6.

Harlan pushed over its winning touchdown midway of the final period, rolling up five first downs on a long drive. Novwood hit Jackson with a 35-yard pass for the tally.

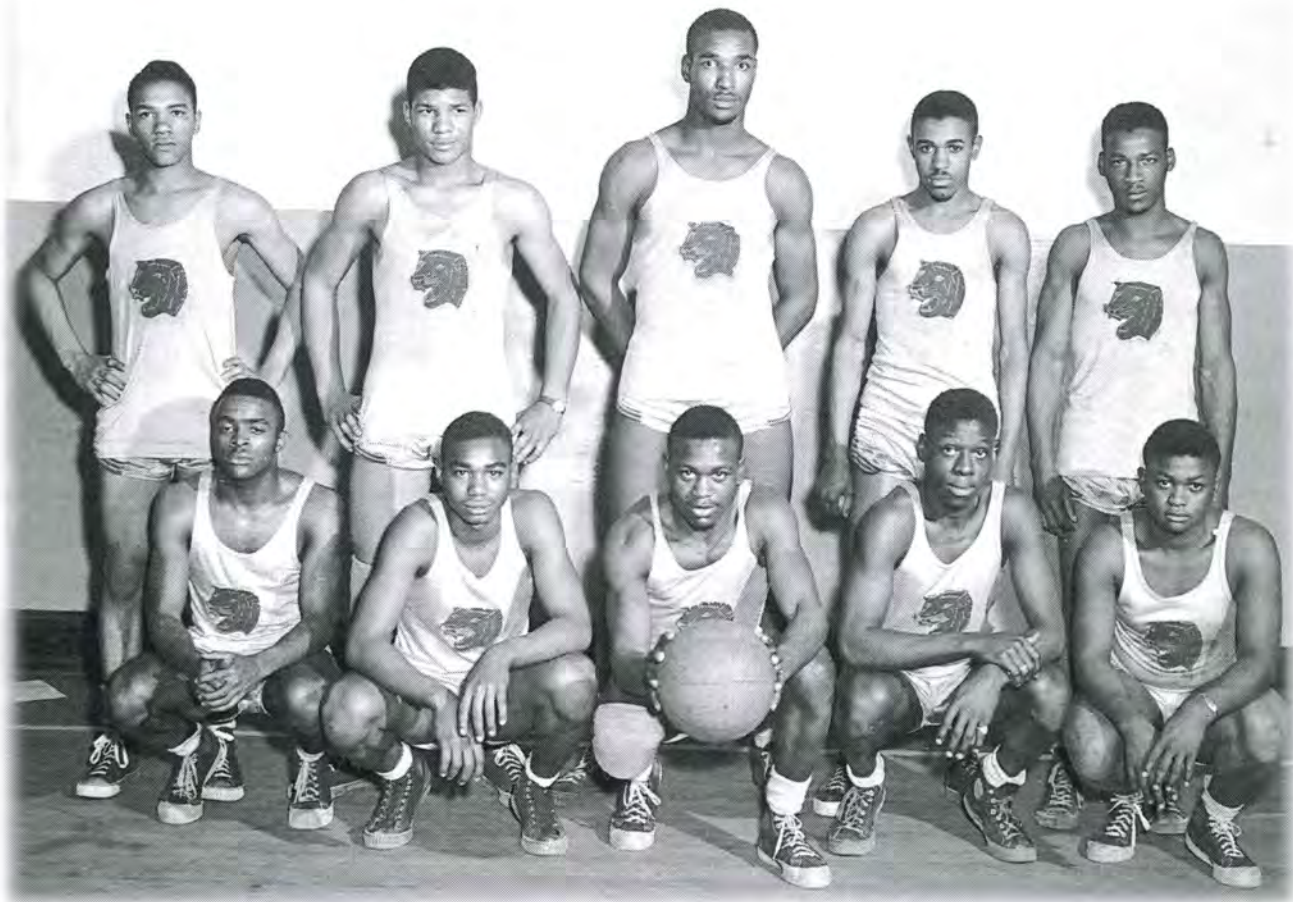
Slater almost got away with a "sleeper" play in the final minute, but with Sanders in the clear the Slater passer fired to the other side of the field, Harlan intercepting to end the threat.

Autro Heath, substitute Slater back, suffered a broken leg in the game.

SLATER	Pos.	HARLAN
Sanders	qb	Turner
J. Duff	fb	Kennedy
Johnson	lg	Eddins
Pender	c	Goins
Dickerson	rg	Warren
Franklin	fl	Jones
Beidleman	qb	Jackson
O. Duff	lg	Rogers
Hazzard	rh	Novwood
J. Turner	fb	B. Jackson
SLATER		Taylor
HARLAN		7 6 6 0-7
Slater scoring: touchdown—J. Taylor; point after touchdown—Dizard (sub for Hazzard).		8 0 6 6-12

Harlan scoring: touchdowns—Rogers, Jackson; points after touchdowns—none. First downs—Harlan 14, Slater 12; forward passes—Harlan threw 31, completed 8, had none intercepted; Slater threw 4, completed none, had 1 intercepted; penalties—Slater 6 for 35 yards, Harlan 2 for 10 yards.

Officials: referee—Hal Ulsey (Middle Tennessee); umpire—Steve Borteky



Boys Basketball 1949

Slater And Highland View Marble Champs Selected



KENNETH CLARK



WALTER WILEY

Walter Wiley of Slater School and Kenneth Clark of Highland View are the latest school champions to qualify for the Saturday finale in Bristol's citywide YMCA marble tournament.

Walter, a son of John Wiley, 818 Woodlawn Avenue, earned his

title by defeating Joseph Brown and Wayne Duke in the Slater finale. Representing Mrs. Brown's sixth grade in the citywide competition, the 12-year-old Wiley, basketball, tennis, and horseshoes, as his other hobbies. Forty-five boys and girls entered the tournament at Slater.

Kenneth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Booher, 1122 Rhode Island Avenue. As the champion of Miss Nancy Rawley's sixth grade class, he was the survivor in competition which drew 120 boys and girls.

Other home room winners at Highland View were Wayne Murray, Jerry Munson, Edna Wilder, Billy Walden, Billy Munson, David Austin, and Tommy Jones.

Walter and Kenneth join fourteen other school winners in the final phase of the tournament which will be unfolded Saturday morning at the lot on the corner of Moore and Cumberland streets. The winner will be eligible to enter the Southern Regional Tournament at Greensboro, N. C. Bristol's tournament is being sponsored by the Dixie Coca Cola Bottling Co.

Bearcats Enter 'Wart' Worley In State Meet

Coach C. P. (Mac) Curcio of Spotsylvania High will enter William (Wart) Worley as a one-man track meet in Virginia's Group 3 state track and field meet at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, this weekend.

The fleet-footed Worley, who is a four-letter Bearcat star, will enter the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes.

Worley won both dashes in the Charles Haver journey and Virginia High's triangular meet with Ballville and Radford.

Worley had times in the 100 was

Bristol Boys Building Soap Box Derby Cars June 4, 1950



RICHARD CUMMINGS

Richard Cummings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Young Cummings, 1312 Columbia Road, Bristol, Tenn. He is 13 years old, and an eighth grade student at Slater High School.

Chapter 4 includes 1950 – 1955 Interesting! Mr. Martin coach's girls' basketball, has excellent handwriting, remembers the cloakroom, and uses Jergens lotion. Eddie Black gets memorable whipping; soap box derbies are in, house parties at Mildred Pender's, John Pace declares to blow up Dean Hamilton in the science lab, and when the book fell everybody ran and ducked. Remember Wyndom's car! Dice shooting in the boiler room dice, "Charlie Rice, no, he was NOT a jockey. Nicknames: Duke, Choo-choo Wiley, Suzie, Spud, Smash and Crash, Mole, Chip, and Cabbage-head, Bone-head. Motown is founded, The Twist, President Kennedy, Afro's, Black Power, and Martin Luther King wants equality".



Slater High School Trip May 8, 1953

Slater High School

Class of 1950

Bristol, Tennessee



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Principal



Emily Booker
President



Charles Beidleman
Vice President



Helen Sensabaugh
Secretary



Leonard Carter
Treasurer

Ruby Richmond
Howard Dizzard
Isabelle Franklin
Allen Nobleton



Regina Halcy
Patrick McClain
Mildred Pender
John Bell



Rex Pender
Rudolph Dickerson
Joan Henderson
Warren Rogers



McDonald Beidleman



*The classmates that have
"Gone from sight
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*Submitted by
Helen Sensabaugh Farris
Fayetteville, North Carolina*



1950

Slater Boys, Girls Triumph

Special To The Herald Courier

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 10. —

Slater High boys and girls from Bristol downed Jefferson City boys and girls here tonight, the visiting sextet winning by a one-sided count, 26-9, and the visiting boys edging through, 23-21.

Isabelle Frankling and Aubrey Mead led Slater girls with 17 points each. Slater boys led 10-6 at the half.

SLATER	POS.	JEFF CITY
Jenkins 2	F	McFarland 6
Rogers 2	F	Spiva 2
D.Saunders 2	C	Jarigan 4
L.Carter 1	G	Cunningham 9
Pender 9	G	Smith 3
Subs: Slater — Silas 2, Dickerson 3.		

Slater Boys, Girls To Play Kingsport Here

The undefeated Slater High Wolves will tangle with arch rival Kingsport Friday night in the Slater gymnasium.

The fast Slater team went to the East Tennessee championship tournament last year but was defeated in the first round by the speedy Kingsport team. The Wolves are expecting a tough game Friday night but Coach Fitzhugh Houston is depending on big Orlen Jenkins to stop most of the Kingsport attack.

The girls attraction will see the speedy Slater High Wolverettes, East Tennessee State champions, duel a strong Kingsport sextet.

Despite the fact Coach M. E. Martin lost some key players from the squad who won the championship last year, the Wolverettes are playing a very good brand of basketball.

The guards, although they are freshmen, are playing up to the caliber of Martin-coached teams, Martin said.

The first game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Slater Grabs Double-Bill

Slater High teams continued their parade through East Tennessee competition last night by dumping Swift Junior College of Rogersville in a double-header program in the Slater gymnasium.

Coach M. E. Martin's Wolverettes rang up an easy 41-16 triumph in the opener for their 14th straight win and their 24th consecutive victory on the home floor. They have not lost in Bristol since 1945.

Isabelle Franklin and Aubrey Meade sparked the Bristol attack with Coach Martin giving his entire squad a chance to see action.

In the finale Coach Fitzhugh Houston's Wolves gained a 31-15 lead in the first half and won going away. Saunders, Jenkins and Silas, a new player, sparked Slater's attack with Carter and Rogers playing bang-up defensive games.

Slater entertains Langston of Johnson City here next Tuesday, and then has a date with undefeated Addison High of Roanoke.

SLATER	POS.	ROGERSVILLE
Franklin 17	F	Campbell 3
Richmond 10	F	Leiper 3
Meade 14	F	Black 1
Pace 10	F	Williams 1
Gammon 10	F	Forster 1
Garnett 10	F	Flack 1
Subs: Slater — Logan 4, M. Garnett 2, Beidleman, Cobb, Lyons, Haler, Henderson, McDaniel, Worley, Rogersville, Beidleman 9, Etter, Cox 3, Parkston, Floyd. Referee — Mai Utleye.		

SLATER	POS.	ROGERSVILLE
Saunders 17	F	Brown 11
Silas 13	F	Jordan 4
Rogers 4	F	Haley 4
Jenkins 13	F	Coward 4
Carter 4	F	Pittney 11
Subs: Slater — none. Rogersville — Lowry, Wright, Banks. Referee — Mai Utleye.		

Slater Takes Two From Kingsport

Slater High's Wolves took a double victory from Kingsport last night, the boys winning 44-40 in a hotly contested battle, and the girls having it easier with a 25-11 win.

Orlin Jenkins paced the Slater attack with 20 points from his center position. W. Walton was high man for Kingsport with 11 markers.

Saunders and M. Beidleman played good floor games for the Wolves. Graves and Johnson had that distinction for Kingsport.

The lineups:

SLATER	POS.	KINGSFORT
McClain 10	F	Johnson 8
E. McClain 10	F	Walton 11
Jenkins 20	C	Hall 6
Saunders 8	C	Graves 6
Beidleman 10	G	J. Johnson 4
Subs: Slater — Rogers 2, Hazzard 8, Carter 4, Pender 8; Kingsport — Howard 3, Graves.		

Slater Takes Double-Bill From Austin

Slater High's speedy basketball teams grabbed a double-header from invading Austin High of Knoxville last night, the girls winning 19-16 and the boys shooting out a 44-41 triumph.

Paced by Isabelle Franklin and Ruby Richmond the Slater sextet hung its 21st consecutive triumph at home and in winning edged out one of the strongest of East Tennessee's teams.

For the Slater boys Hazzard, Jenkins, Carter and Pender split the scoring and played brilliant ball. Lewis was a standout for Austin High with 17 points, with Billingsley playing rugged ball at center.

SLATER	POS.	AUSTIN
Franklin 14	F	Fagan 4
Richmond 8	F	Mapp 4
Logan 10	F	McCowan 7
Lyons 10	G	Yeatt 1
Cobb 10	G	Burk 1
Pace 10	G	Holland 1
Substitutes: Slater — Garnett, Haley, C. Garnett, Gammon, Beidleman. Austin — Kemp, Flack 1, Arnold.		

SLATER	POS.	AUSTIN
Hazzard 8	F	Washington 7
Carter 11	F	Lewis 17
Rogers 10	C	Billingsley 9
Jenkins 13	G	Derring 2
Saunders 2	G	Bowman 1
Substitutes: Slater — Pender 10, Beidleman. Austin — Donaldson, Wagner 2, Kiser 3.		

Slater High Chorus at the Commencement Exercise -



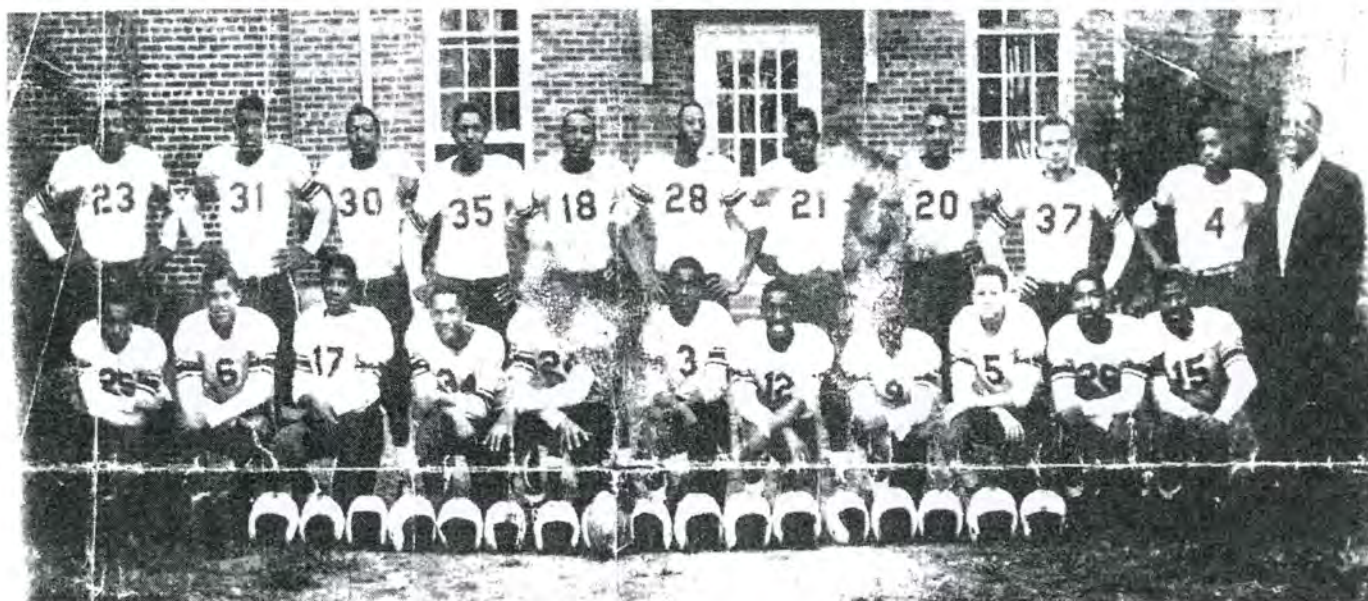
SLATER HIGH COMMENCEMENT—Seventeen Slater High School graduates received diplomas during commencement exercises at the school Wednesday night. The photo was made of the chorus during the program. The graduates were Charles Beidleman, McDonald Beidleman, John E. Bell, Emily D. Booker, Leonard N. Carter, Rudolph A. Dickerson, Howard Dizard, Isabelle Franklin, Rejuna E. Haley, Joan Henderson, Patrick McClain, Allen Nobleton, Mildred Pender, Rex H. Pender, Ruby Richmond, Warren Rogers and Helen S. Sensabaugh.

Emily Booker, Isabelle Franklin, Benjamin Haley, Joan Henderson, Mildred Pender, Ruby Richmond, Helen Sensabaugh, John Bell, Charles Beidleman, McDonald Beidleman, Leonard Carter, Rudolph Dickerson, Howard Dizzard, Patrick McClain, Allen Nobleton, Rex Pender, Warren Rogers

Children from the County bused to Slater, believed to be in the 1950's



Slater High 1952 Football Squad



First Row: Marvin Thomas, George Harper, James McDaniels, Char Carter, William Cansler, J.P. Smith, Howard Gudger, C.R. Silas, Henry French, Kenneth Daggs, McArthur Sneed, Coach F.O. Houston

Second Row: Robert Wiley, Richard Clark, Captain Ben Silas, Ray Davis, George Johnson, William "Fox" Patton, Redworth McCurdy, Robert Bunche, Floyd Worley, Franklin Harris

Missing: Co-Captain Roy Sensabaugh and Roy Gudger, Manager Frank Cansler, Asst. Manager Oliver Gammon

Slater High 1952 Cheerleading Squad



Cheerleaders: Judy Pace, Audrey Mead, Joyce Beidleman, Mary Etta McDaniel, Dawn Henderson, Barbara Cobb, Charlotte Garnette, and Shirley Sensabaugh

FRI, NOV. 7, 1952

Slater Wolves Defeated

A hard-driven Harlan, Ky., eleven, paced by the brilliant running and passing of quarterback Bob Reed, came from behind twice here last night to defeat Slater High's Wolves 20 to 16.

Reed passed for one touchdown in the third period and plunged over for another in the fourth quarter and fullback Sam Davis scored on a long run in the second period for the Harlan victory.

Slater's scores came in the second and third quarters on aeriels from Ben Silas to Roy Sensabaugh and Frank Harris.

The first Harlan tally was made late in the second period shortly after a long pass from Silas to Sensabaugh in the end zone accounted for the initial Slater touchdown. Davis returned a Slater punt from his own 20 to the Wolves' 40 and on the next play scampered the remaining distance for the score. Davis' running attempt for the point was no good and Harlan trailed to 6.

Harlan took the lead early in the third quarter when Reed, passing out of a spread formation, connected from his own 37 with a short aerial to fullback Charles Sweat who raced 50 yards for the touchdown. Reed's kicking try for the point was successful and Harlan was out front 13 to 7.

The Wolves leaped ahead soon after Sensabaugh recovered Sweat's fumble on the Harlan 20. Ben Davis then swept around the right side to the visitors' 10 and on the next play Silas passed to

Harris for the score. Silas' running attempt for the point was good and Slater led 14 to 13 as the third quarter ended.

Harlan came roaring back on the first play of the final period with a completed Reed to Cecil Boyd pass carrying the invaders all the way from their own 37 to the Slater 24. Reed then passed to Sweat down to the Wolves' seven and on the following play the ace Harlan quarterback ripped around the left side of the line to the one. One play later Reed split the center of the line for the touchdown, putting Harlan in the lead by 20 to 14.

Slater seized the initiative and threatened to count again not long afterward when Silas recovered Sweat's fumble on the Harlan 15. On two plays Davis advanced to Harlan's seven but one play later Jimmy Smith was thrown back to the invaders' 17 and the Wolves lost the ball on downs.

Slater racked up two points immediately afterward when Sweat's fumble bounced into the end zone for a safety.

Football Scores

Local	
Harlan 20, Slater 16	
Douglas 26, Elizabethton 6	
Southwest Virginia	
Hurley 33, Glade Spring 13	
East Tennessee	
Knox East 7, Knox Rule 6	
Englewood 19, Gatlinburg 6	
Polk County 21, South Hartman 6	
Church Hill 26, Lynn View 13	
Lafayette 45, Jacksboro 12	

Slater High Wins Double Bill In City

Slater High basketball teams racked up an easy double-header triumph over Swift College of Rogersville here last night.

Coach M. E. Martin's Wolverettes rang up their 41st consecutive triumph on their home floor with a 68-22 romp, as Margaret Ray set a red-hot 34 point pace.

Fitzhugh Houston's Wolves, led by Ben Silas, Bunche and the Gudger boys had no great difficulty in taking the finale by a 65-44 margin.

Slater plays Greeneville in a twin-bill here Friday.

Girls	
SLATER	SWIFT
Ray 34	Rutledge 3
Cobb 10	Black 14
Meade 18	Brown 1
Garnett 10	Melton
Haley 10	Jackson
Pace 10	Brandon
Substitutes—Slater: J. Beidleman, B. Beidleman 4, Tabor 3, Black, Washington, Wiley, B. Meade, Swift: Easterly, McElreth, Grogan, Jones, Logan.	

Boys	
SLATER	SWIFT
H. Gudger 13	Rogers
R. Gudger 11	Fields 4
Silas 16	Scales 15
Carter 10	Elter
Bunche 13	Davis
Substitutes—Slater: Cummings, Sensabaugh, Wiley, Harris 10, McCurtis, Swift: Banks 12, Williams, Loller 2, Goodson 1, Bristol 8	

Silas Stars In Slater Win Over Douglass

Brilliant Ben Silas poured through 22 points last night to pace Slater High's Wolves to a 53-42 victory over the Demons of Douglass High in the first contest of the annual two-game city championship series.

The defending champion Wolves battled their opponents on even terms throughout the first period and then shot ahead 28-19 in the second. The Demons outscored the winners 8-5 in the third can-to but the damage had been done. Slater added an additional five points to its cushion in the final period.

Sharing the spotlight with Silas was Roy Harris, Slater's 6-3 guard, who effectively covered towering Harry Law, the number one Demon threat. Although he 6-7 pivot man still managed to pour in 15 points it wasn't enough. Also outstanding for the Steve Harris quint were Oscar Harrell and Kenneth Ballard.

Tonight the charges of Coach Fitzhugh Houston will be shooting for their 88th consecutive home court triumph when they play host to Douglass High of Kingsport. Coach M. M. Martin's Slater girls will be after their ninth win of the season without a loss. If they get the victory it will be their 44th in a row on their own floor.

Pos.		DOUGLASS
H. Gudger 4	Harrell 8	
R. Gudger 6	Ballard 6	
Silas 22	Law 15	
Sensabaugh 3	Valentine 7	
Harris 7	Cowan 6	
SLATER 53 13 8 15-42		
DOUGLASS 42 13 19 8 15-42		
Substitutes—Slater: Davis 3, Bunche 8; Douglass: Wise, Officials—Louis Kovacs and Gene Arnold.		



Those recognized are Chancey Carter, Merman Pace, Bernice Montgomery, Mathas., Forest Henderson



Dorsey Sims Inducted 1992

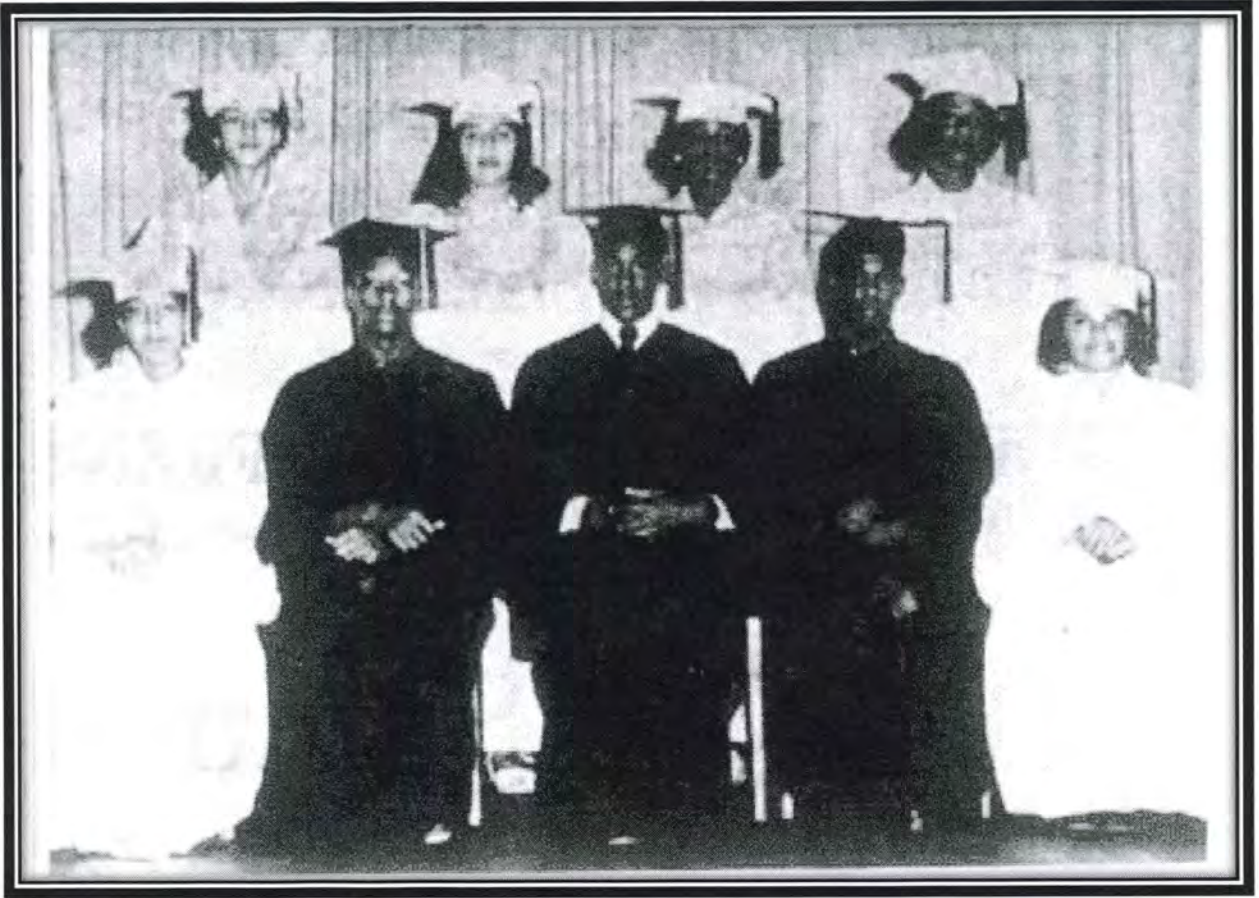


ELECTED CHAIRMAN—Dorsey Sims, football coach at Slater High School, has been elected chairman of the East Tennessee Coaches Division of the East Tennessee Teachers Association.

Teacher/Coach 28 Years (1958 – 1986)

- McReynolds High School—South Pittsburgh, TN (1958 – 1960)
- Basketball Record 22 – 18
- Slater High School—Bristol, TN (1960 – 1965)
- Basketball Record: 106 – 21
- Riverside High School—Chattanooga, TN (1965 – 1971) Basketball
- Record: 153 – 30
- 2 TSSAA State Championships
- Won 66 consecutive games (1968 – 70)
- City High School—Chattanooga, TN (1971 – 1974)
- Melrose High School—Memphis, TN (1974 – 1986) Basketball
- 2 TSSAA State Championships -- 323 Wins
- Coach Sims's record: 654 – 200 at 5 different schools
- Served as assistant basketball coach at Memphis State University
- for 10 years (1986 – 1996)
- District 4 Coach of the Year
- National Basketball Coaches Association Coaches Award
- 1981 Outstanding Community Service Award
- Honored by State Senate in Joint Resolution 81
- Honored by State House of Representatives as honorary page in 1968
- Vanguard Club Hall of Fame—March 2000
- University of Tennessee Chattanooga Hall of Fame 1999
- Humanitarian of the Year—September 1997, Memphis, TN
- Each year, a "Dorsey Sims Award" is given to an outstanding boy
- and girl at the Lorenzen Wright City of Memphis Basketball Camp
- Played football for Tennessee State University
- To be such an outstanding coach and teacher of the game of basketball, it is amazing that Coach Sims never played a day of organized basketball

CLASS OF 1953



First Row: Margaret Richmond Benjamin Silas, Richard Clark, Franklin Harris, Betty Beidleman
Second Row: Audry Mead, Barbara Cobb, Charlotte Garnette and Lillian Gilispie

CLASS OF 1954

James Coffey,
Judy Pace,
Joyce Beidleman,
Shirley Sensabaugh,
Oliver Shaffner,
Sherwin Duff



Chapter 5 opens with 1955 – 1960 and nicknames, “Onion-head, Bud, Pumpkin, Frog, Steeple-head, Trixie, Sleepy, The Broadstreet Gang, Ninth Street, Susie the floor sweeper and most important – pick up your desk and walk to the new Slater, ready for occupancy”. There was the New York Shoe Shine Parlor, Parties at Fuzzy’s and W.T.’s. Play practice and uncontrollable giggles and opening curtain and no Miss Higgins—she was gone. Fish fries, chitterling struts, Mrs. Robinson’s sweet potato pies, The Scat Cats and the Royal Knights singing your troubles away. Football and basketball championships, Spring festivals and of course John Hogans and his cymbals. Music – The great Pretender, Maybelline, My Prayer, Blue Berry Hill, Searching, Chances Are, Daddy’s Home and many more. The largest graduating class ever to graduate from Slater.



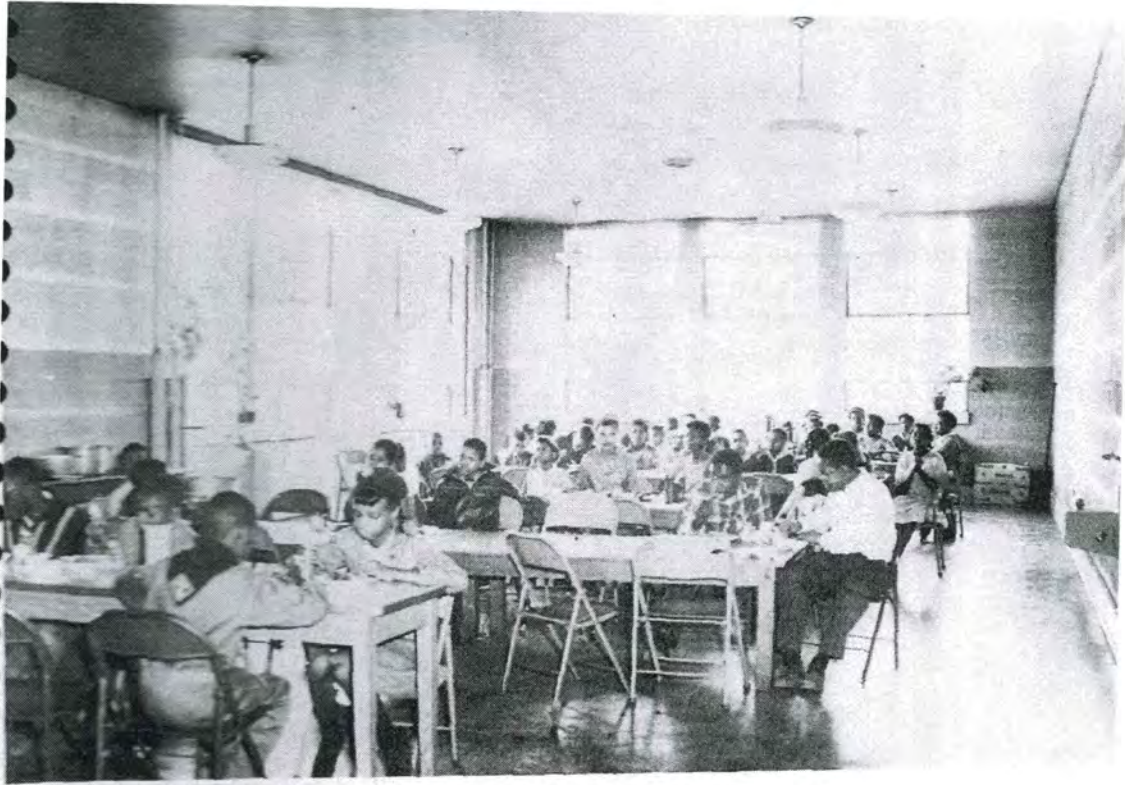
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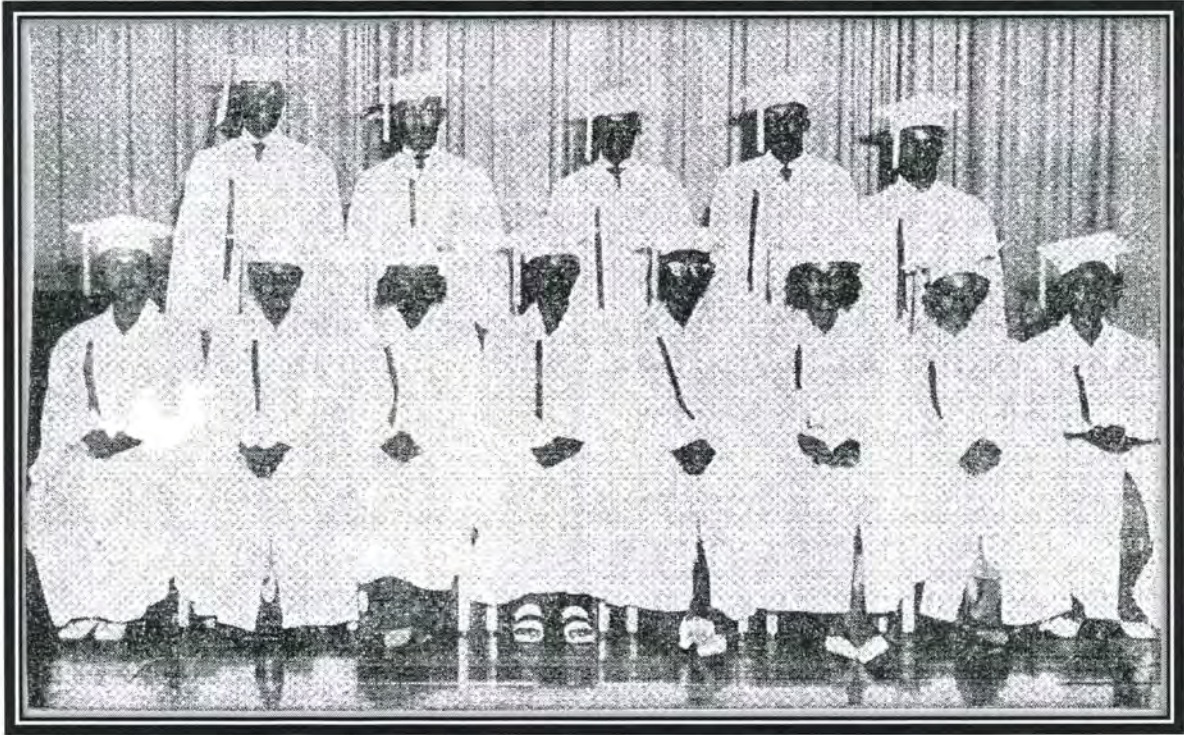
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On family night, the parents come out to learn of the progress of their individual children.



Class of 1956 The Second Largest Class to Graduate Slater



First Row: Edith Beidleman, Margaret Rhea, Barbara Wiley, Barbara Pelham,
Martha Garnette, Billie Meade, Alice Moorehead, and Catherine Washington
Second Row: William Patton, Earl Rhea, James White, Ollin Franklin and Fred Dulaney.
Not Shown: George Johnson, Lewis Roberts, and Charles Silas



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Slater Takes On Harlan Eleven In

Wolves Seek First Victory Of Season

Young Bristol Squad Faces Rugged Game With Kentuckians

Slater High Wolves take on Harlan, Ky., in Municipal Stadium at 8 o'clock tonight to give Bristol football fans a four-game schedule for the week.

Virginia High plays Marion Thursday night; Tennessee High is host to Chattanooga City Friday; and Emory and Henry battles Carson-Newman for the Smoky Mountain Conference title on Saturday.

Coach Fitzhugh Houston is fairly well pleased with the progress of his young Wolves, who will be looking for their first win against Harlan. Of the 26 players on the Slater roster, 19 are without previous gridiron experience.

Walter Wiley, an eighth-grade halfback, has been outstanding on offense. And on defense freshmen Donald Henderson, Franklin Morton, Eddie Smith, Willie Lee, Nelson Hardin and Wayne Brown have done excellent work, along with eighth-grader Harry Kincaid.

Big Yard Gains

Robert Gudger, Eddie Black and Richard Brown, a trio of experienced backs, are heading the Slater attack. Gudger scored the only touchdown Saturday in a 36-7 loss to Highland High School of Big Stone Gap when he returned a punt 80 yards for a TD.

Harlan has lost only one game this year. This defeat came at the hands of Blount by a 13-7 margin. The Kentuckians defeated Elizabethton 18-0, and the latter team humbled off Slater, 12-6.

"Lack of experience, which we gradually hope to overcome, has been our major weakness," Houston said yesterday. "We have been unable to block enough to spring our fast backs loose, and our defense has crumbled at crucial moments in our games."

Not Discouraged

"We're not discouraged," Houston added. "And some team will feel the sting of our green ball club before the season is over."

Slater will open against Harlan with a line composed of Eddie Black and James Robertson, ends; Richard Brown and Nelson Hardin, tackles; John Hogan and Franklin Morton, guards; and ne Gammon, center.

Robert Gudger, normally a fullback, will shift to quarterback tonight to replace the injured Tommy Horton. William Silas will move to fullback, with Charles Horton and Walter Wiley running at halfbacks.

Stanley McNew,

Tech's Lugar Setting Total Offense Pace

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 2 (AP)—A balding junior quarterback who was supposed to play a second-string role this season is the Southern Conference's early-season leader in total offense.

He's Jimmy Lugar of Virginia Tech, who gained a starting berth only after veteran Billy Cranwell suffered a disabling pre-season leg injury.

A 5-10, 170-pound native of Roanoke, Va., Lugar also tops the conference's passers, according to the first statistical report of the Southern Conference News Bureau.

Tech's Bobby Wolfenden com-

pletes a Gobbler sweep of the top individual department, leading the league in rushing with a 212-yard total, more than half of which came in Tech's 35-6 triumph over North Carolina State Saturday.

267 Yards

Lugar has compiled 267 yards through passing and running. Wolfenden ranks second in total offense, although his yardage is entirely from rushing.

The league's top five players in total offense represent either Virginia Tech or Virginia Military. Behind Lugar and Wolfenden are VMI's Duke Johnston, Sam Wool-

wine and Bobby Jordan.

In other specialized departments Jordan leads the league's pass-catchers with seven receptions, two of which were good for touchdowns. Richmond's Buddy Davis, averaging a whopping 43 yards, leads the league's punters, although Jordan is close behind with a 42.3-yard average.

LAKE ELEVATIONS

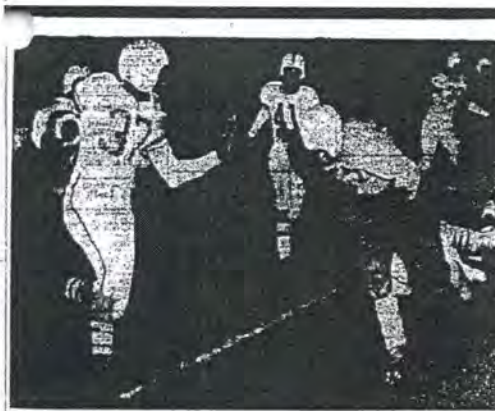
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South Holston	1687.6	1688.1
Watauga	1926.1	1919.1
Roane	1377.2	1377.1
Fort Henry	1261.8	1261.8
Cherokee	1032.5	1032.2

Vol's Pointir For Duke G

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Tennessee ran its only scrimmage as split-T plays today got down to serious for Saturday's foot-

Duke is as good year—maybe better assistant Coach Leroy scouted the Blue I 49-7 romp over V best Tennessee last

The Vols also ran of the single win plan to use against The workout with Majors and Al Car some long spirals.



SLATER HIGH ROLLS—William Silas, Slater High halfback picks up needed yardage in game with Harlan, Kentucky at Municipal Stadium last night. Slater defeated Harlan, 12-6, for its first win of the season.

Toughest Game

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP)—West Virginia football followers consider the University of Miami of Florida as their toughest rival this season. The Mountaineers will close their season against the Hurricanes at the Orange Bowl on Friday night. No. 21 Miami has its journey back, including an all-around line.

William L. Morgan Takes St. Paul Coaching Post

ST. PAUL, Va., Oct. 2—William L. Morgan, who just returned from the Armed Forces

replaced A. C. Glover as head football coach at St. Paul High School.

Glover, a former Emory and Henry guard, resigned as head coach at St. Paul earlier this week.

Morgan played junior college football at Lane College and also won letters at East Tennessee State College. He arrived here in St. Paul this morning to take over the duties left him by Glover.

Morgan coached one year at Cleveland High School in Roan Mountain, Tenn., before entering the Armed Forces.

The replacement for Glover will be faced with a green and inexperienced team that has lost three straight games thus far this season and have yet to cross the opposing goal line.

St. Paul's game last Friday night with Norton was postponed and will be played as the final game of the season.

The Braves are on a 12-game losing streak, having been defeated nine times last year and three this season, and will be depending on the new regime to improve their standings.

St. Paul will be host to the Stone Gap Friday night.

Gudger Paces Slater High To 12-6 Win Over Harlan

Slater High's Wolves, a young and inexperienced team, recorded their first decisive of the season here tonight by upsetting Harlan, Ky., 12-6.

After three tries for a victory, Coach Fitzhugh Houston's Wolves succeeded here tonight with a well-earned victory.

After Slater jumped off to a 12-0 lead, the Harlan outfit came back strong in the second half and threatened several times but couldn't overcome the Slater lead.

Robert Gudger, Slater's shift back, scored both touchdowns in leading the Wolves in victory.

Gudger moved Slater out front, 64, in the opening quarter when he broke into the clear and scampered 80 yards to yardstick.

Midway in the second quarter, Gudger was the man once again as he burst through the Harlan defense and rambled 45 yards to another Slater touchdown. Both tries for the extra point failed and the Wolves held a 12-0 edge at halftime.

With Harlan in possession of the pigskin late in the third quarter, the visitors jumped to Slater's Gudger. On the first play from scrimmage, Slater hurried and Harlan recovered on the five as the third period ended.

On the second play of the fourth quarter, halfback Miles cut off tackle and plowed into the end zone from two yards out. The try for the point failed.

Harlan threatened again late in the period, moving to the Slater five but time ran out.

Harlan 0 0 0 0-0
Slater 6 6 0 0-12

Harlan scoring — Touchdowns: Miles, 12, plunged.

Slater scoring — Touchdowns: Gudger 2, 150, run, 45, run.

Pistons Sign Cager

FOR WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 3 (AP)—The Detroit Pistons, defending Western Division champions of the National Basketball Association, announced today the purchase of Billy (The Kid) Krentler from the Syracuse Nationals.

Contract price was not given. Krentler, who is 6 feet 2, will report here Monday to join the Pistons' first exhibition game Oct. 13 before his fourth season.

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The 1956 University of North Carolina football team held nine trials in a total of eight posts.

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King and Queen of Hearts Make Up Big News At Slater

By JOYCE BEIDLEMAN

The big news at Slater High this week was the announcement of the winner of the New Home Makers of America's King and Queen of Hearts Contest.

Oliver Schoffner and Shirley Sensabaugh, of the junior class, will be crowned King and Queen by Robert Bunche and Dawn Henderson, honorary attendants from the tenth grade.

Other members of the court and coronation are: Betty Beidleman and Frank Harris of the senior class, and Edith Beidleman and Olin Franklin of the freshman class.

This Saturday night, so long awaited by the Slater Chapter of the N.H.A., will mark another annual reception. All members and their dates, invited from most district chapters, faculty and friends, will attend.

Last Saturday our Slater Chapter of the N.H.A. was represented and extremely well organized at the district meeting at Austin High School at Knoxville. More than 150 girls attended.

Dawn Henderson was elected district president and Billie Meade was Chapter song leader. Heaten Haley is district reporter and Barbara Wagner was nominated for state secretary. Speaking of Knoxville—Ben Silas was cer-

tainly a "Mighty Man" last Saturday as he squired the senior girls around when they went down to take the Universal Life Insurance Co. Scholarship exams.

Tuesday morning the students thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated having Dr. Warren Hasting of the Bristol Preaching Mission, speak at Slater's morning assembly.

The Playcrafters are impatiently awaiting the arrival of their books so they can begin working on their dramatic offering for the Festival of Arts, to be held at George Clem High School, of Greenville, this year. Their choice is "Legend of the Lake," by Chase Webb.

Recently our PTA served two meals—one to the Bristol American Legion and one to the Forty Eights. All can vouch for the marvellous cooks among our parents. They express their gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to be of service.

This coming Sunday afternoon, a special Founders Day Program will be presented by the PTA. Among other things, there will be a skit presented by pupils of the ninth and tenth grades; also a pageant will be presented by our parents and patrons, "PTA Corner Stones." The public is cordially invited.

CLASS OF 1957



ANITA CALDWELL



CHARLES HARDEN



IRIS HOWARD



FRANK CANSLER
SLATER HIGH



EDWARD BLACK
SCHOOL



ROBERT GUDGER
'CLASS OF 1957'



JOHN HOGANS
'CLASS OF 1957'



John Ed Hogans, III (class of 1957) was appointed to the Bristol Tennessee School Board in 1973. John was the first Black to serve on the Bristol Tennessee School Board. His membership also included serving as chairman. John completed his tenure on the board in 1979.

*Mary Wisdom
Class of 1961*

Attendant



MARY WISDOM

CORONATION



*Charlotte Kincheloe
Class of 1961*

Attendant



CHARLOTTE KINCHELOE

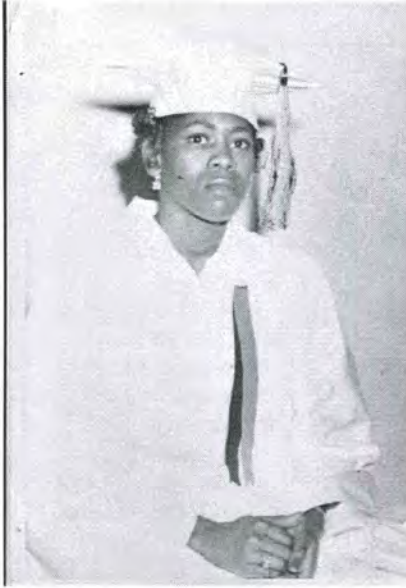


Miss Charlotte Kincheloe
Miss Slater High 1957



Miss Wilba Mead
Miss Slater High 1958

CLASS OF 1958



Francis Coffey



Betty Pace, Rita Howard, Drucilla Grudger, William Henderson,
James Robertson, Zelma Washington, Cecil Wells

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CLASS OF 1959 - THE LARGEST CLASS TO GRADUATE SLATER



WILBA MEAD
N.H.A. 2,3,4;
Playcrafters 1,2,3,4;
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Miss Slater
4; Basketball 4



PATSY WILEY
N.H.A. 2,3,4; Miss
N.H.A. 2; Y-T 1,2;
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Slater
Star 4; Wolf Pack 4;
Betty Crocker Award 4;
Oratorical Winner 3;
Valedictorian



RICHARD BROWN
Football 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 2,3; Chorus
1,2,3; Slater Star 4;
Wolf Pack 4; Class
Officer 1,4; Patrolman



OTIS MURPHY
Hi-Y r; Chorus 2;
Patrolman 1,2,3,4; Slater
Star 4



BEATRICE KING
Cheerleader 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 4;
Playcrafters 1,2,3,4;
N.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Miss
Classic 1; Chorus
1,2,3,4; Y-T1



LOUBERTA GLISPIE
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4;
Playcrafters 2,3,4; Chorus
1,2,3,4; Soloist;
Cheerleader 3,4



EVELYN MADISON
N.H.A. 3,4; Chorus 1,2;
Basketball 3,4; Class
Officer 2



EUGENE RHEA
Hi-Y 4; Slaterstar 4;
Wolf Pack Staff 4;
Patrolman 1



FAYE BIEDELMAN
Y-Teens 1,2,3;
Playcrafters 1,2,3,4;
Chorus 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Miss
Classic 2; Cheerleader
2,3; Class Officer 2



DANIEL McCALL
Football 3,4; Basketball
3,4; Chorus 2,3,4; Varsity
Club



OLIVIA HOWARD
N.H.A. 3,4; Y-Teens
1,2,3,4; Playcrafters 2,3,4;
Chorus 1,2; Basketball 4



TOMMY HORTON
Football 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Class
Officer 1,3; Wolf Pack
Staff 4;



WILLIAM SILAS
Football 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Playcrafters 1,2,3;
Slater Star 4, Wolf
Pack Staff; Chorus



ELVIRA CANSLER
N.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Y-T
1,2,3,4; Playcrafters
1,2,3,4; Patrolman
1,2,3,4; Miss N.H.A. 1,
Good Citizenship Award
4



MELVIN SHOFFNER
Football 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 2,3; Chorus
1,2,3,4; Class Officer 2,3;
Slater Star 4; Wolf Pack
Staff 4



**BUNELLA
COLLINS**
N.H.A. 2,3,4;
Miss N.H.A. 4;
Y-Teens 1;
Chorus 1,2,3,4;
Slater Star 4;
Wolf Pack 4



DAVID FRACTION
Class Officer 1,2,3,4;
Playcrafters 1,2,3, 4;
Officer 2,3,4;
Chorus 1,2,3,4;
Hi-Y 4; Slater Star 4;
Wolf Pack Staff 4



**SUE NELTON
WASHINGTON**
N.H.A. 2,3,4
Officer 3,4; Y-Teen 4;
Basketball 2,3,4
Chorus 1,2,3,4;
Miss Slater 2





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M. A. Michigan State University



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State University

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State University



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State University.



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Tennessee



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The Principal Speaks

Dear "Wolf Pack,"

Congratulations on your fine annual. We are justly proud of the fine quality of work you have done in the production of this pictorial summary of our 1958-59 school year.

Realizing that the fundamental tools of learning are the three R's; that the development of technological skills depends upon the training of the mind; that the conservation of our natural resources require the development of certain habits and concepts; and that the optimum growth of the individual is fostered in a democratic environment, we have sought to effect the curriculum you portray.

In pictures you are showing how the community, board of education, administrative staff, teachers, students, and parents join in their efforts to secure and perpetuate our democratic ideals. Your panoramic view of school activities amply demonstrate how these activities serve to enrich the lives of our students and to foster school spirit.

In behalf of the teachers, students, and parents I say to the Class of 1959 and the staff of the Wolf Pack, "Your efforts and labors are greatly appreciated. Thank you for a job well done."



Lorenzo Hyatt



MRS. HELEN DAGGS

She sold us pencils and paper, among other things,
And even painted our heels.
She gave us aspirins to soothe our pains,
And a "word" to stay our ills.





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Parent-Teacher Association, ever mindful of our needs, meet to discuss ways to insure us, the students, a fruitful school year.



The Y-Teen organization is a favorite among both junior high and senior high girls. Every girl who is a part of this organization is proud to be called a Y-Teener.



The Hi-Y is a recently organized club for boys.





"Better homes for nations" is the motto of the N.H.A. girls. The girls find life in this club very exciting.



Sept of 1959-60 2/10

The Slater Vested Choir



To make beautiful music together is the goal of each member of our choir and so far they have made us very proud.



Chapter six of Storyteller 1960 - 1965 "The great depression has nothing on those attending Slater" But for a little while there are championship games, even games that go with Slater unscored on. The basketball team has a theme song – "Thrill on the Hill, Kelly Fields on the hill." Moma Penn chases kids from her per tree with a broom. Art and William imitating Sam and Dave; Valdora is the firsts Black kid to integrate Tennessee schools. Dorsey Sims and Melvin Shoffner at the head of athletics. Mr. Sims goes on to assist at Memphis State College; The last basketball game played by the girls was astonishing scoring only one point, needless to say they lost. We see hanging around people called Goofy, Coochie, Squeakie, Scrooge, Art, Puke, rabbit, Duck, Dozen, Slop Daggs, Headquarters and Joe. If Cynthia Dowell models her dress, it will be upside down, with the sleeves hooked on the skirt and the bottom turned up to the neck; Jumpin John and the other kids get cheese sneaked out of the cafeteria by Martha Pace, but how come Jumpin John gets more! The last class of Slater graduates." The class of 1965.

May 10, 1963

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER



STEVE GLISPIE
Slater Champion

Glispie Takes Slater Marble Championship

Steve Glispie, a member of the fifth grade at Slater, has won the marbles championship of his school, and will be a finalist in Saturday's citywide playoffs.

Finals in the tournament, sponsored jointly by the Bristol YMCA and Dixie Coca Cola, will be held at the YMCA.

Glispie beat out Hugh Wells and Robert Carter in the final round at Slater. A total of 75 boys and girls took part in the school tournament.

CLASS OF 1965 – 1966



Juniors in 1959 upcoming CLASS OF 1960



LAWRENCE WHITE



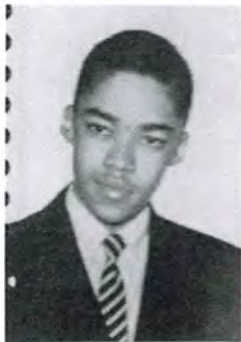
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JESSIE GUDGER



JOHN GUDGER



WILLIE WHITE



NELSON HORTON



BILLY WELLS



EUGENE CARTER



MARY MADISON



WAYNE GAMMON

Slater Nips Demons To Win City Title

Scores On Final Play Of Game For 19-14 Victory

By SONNY EDWARDS

Slater High's Wolves, trailing 14-6 at halftime, roared back for three second half touchdowns, the final on the last play of the game to edge out Douglass, 19-14, to regain the city championship at Municipal Stadium last night.

After a scoreless first quarter, Douglass began to roll. McElm Baker took the ball on a fourth down kick from Slater on the Douglass 30 yard line. Facing plenty of Slater opposition, Baker side-stepped his way for 42 yards to push Douglass into the lead, 6-0. Tommy Horton passed to Frank Foster for the extra point to give the Demons a 7-0 jump on the Wolves.

Douglass added its second score in the last minutes of the second frame. It was Slater's ball on their own 40 yard line. Dickerson dropped back and threw a long pass intended for James King. David Middle of the Demons stepped in front of King, took the ball and marked up 50 yards for the second Demon tally. Ronald Hampton ran the extra point to give the Demons a 14-0 halftime lead.

Takes Command

With four minutes left to play in the game, Slater took over the on their own 43. From the 43,

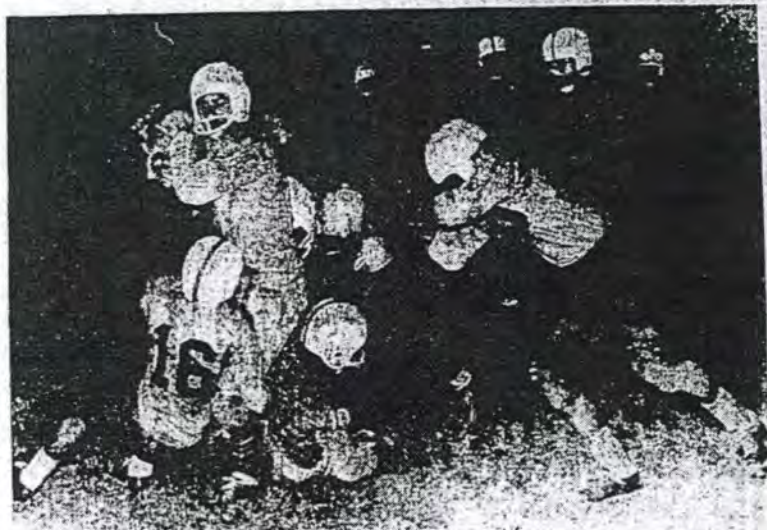
Slater began moving in the third frame. Robert Dickerson intercepted a Demon pass intended for David Middle on the Slater 50 yard line and moved down to the 44. On the next play, McCurdy carried the ball to the 50-yard marker. From the 50, James King burst through the Douglass middle and raced down to the Douglass 20-yard line. On the next play, Robert Dickerson shook his opponents and marked up five yards to station the ball on the Demons 34. From the 34, Dickerson pushed through to the Douglass 25. On the next play, Johnny McCurdy ran seven yards to put the ball on the Demons 18. A few plays later, Johnny McCurdy took over the ball and pushed down to the Demons three yard mark. From the three, Robert Dickerson edged down to the Demons' 15-yard line. On the next play, Dickerson jumped over for the first Slater touchdown, Johnny McCurdy ran the extra point to put the score 14-7.

Slater started moving again in the first of the fourth. Trailing the Demons by seven points, James King took a fourth down kick from the Demons on the Slater 44 mark. From the 44, James King marked up 25 yards to put the ball on the Douglass 44. On the next play, Johnny McCurdy took command of the ball and wrote up 15 yards to place

the ball on the Demons 33-yard line. James King added a yard to lay the ball on the 32. Douglass held the Wolves on the 32 for two plays. On the third down, McCurdy pushed down to the Slater 21 mark for a first down. From the 21, James Dickerson ran to the 18 where McCurdy stepped in and ran nine yards to put the ball on the 9-yard line. Johnny McCurdy went over for the second Slater score. McCurdy tried for the extra point but failed to get across the Douglass line to give Douglass a paper thin 14-13 lead.

On the next play, McCurdy broke through the Douglass line and raced to the 24 yard marker. With one minute left to play in the game, Robert Dickerson took the ball and marked up four yards to put the ball on the Douglass 20. On the next play, Dickerson threw a long pass to Ralph Collier but it was blocked. On the pass-out play, Slater was penalized five yards to put the ball on the 25. On the next play, Johnny McCurdy passed to Ralph Collier for 24 yards. With 36 seconds left in the game, it was Slater's ball on the Demons' five. On the first play, Dickerson took the ball, fumbled and recovered with one seconds of play left in the game. From the five, Johnny McCurdy took over and put the ball on the Douglass 44. On the next play, James King, with three seconds left in the game, pushed across Slater's punting score to give the Wolves a 19-14 victory.

An estimated crowd of 200 witnessed the professional halftime appearance of the Tennessee A&I Band who performed "A Salute to Gershwin." The band's performance put the home on a merry-go-round from start to finish.



SLATER GAINS—Johnny McCurdy, on Slater's second half touchdown drive, picks up some yardage before he is stopped by Henry Lampkins (16) of the Demons while Frank Foster (20) moves in to assist.

Slater Wins Over 'Betsy

King Paces Wolves In 27-13 Victory Romp

Slater's eager young Wolves, celebrating their initial victory after three defeats, romped past Douglass High of Elizabethton 27-13 in Bristol Municipal Stadium last night.

James King led the Slater scoring parade, rambling for three touchdowns, one on an 80-yard kickoff return that opened the third quarter.

King dashed 25 yards into the end zone to get the Wolves on the prow in the first quarter. He followed this with a 65-yard scoring sprint, after which John McCurdy plunged for the point to give Slater a 13-0 halftime lead.

The fleet Slater back romped all the way with the second half kickoff, with McCurdy again converting on a run for a 20-0 lead.

Slater made it 27-0 early in the fourth period when John Gudgeon raced 70 yards and McCurdy carried over the extra point.

Elizabethton got back in the game a few minutes later when Albert Taylor scored from 15 yards out to cap a sustained march.

The final Douglass tally came on the last play of the game: Back to pass, the Elizabethton quarterback threw the ball to the ground as the gun sounded. While both teams filed off the field Harold Richmond of Douglass alertly picked up the ball, which was still "alive," and ran 42 yards unmolested for a touchdown. Billy Jack Machen bucked the point across after both teams were recalled to the field.

Elizabethton 0 0 0 13-13
Slater 13 0 7 27

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James King Carol Pace Dallas Pace Mary Ann Spencer Charles Wells Claire Sue Wells

12 SENIORS TO GRADUATE

Slater Activities Listed

Year-end activities for Slater High School in Bristol Tennessee will begin next Sunday, June 4, with Baccalaureate services.

Commencement exercises are scheduled June 8, at 8 p.m., at the school.

The speaker for Baccalaureate

services, which begin at 3:30 p.m., will be the Rev. James L. Moon, superintendent of the Bristol District.

The invocation will be given by Jerry Kincaid, a member of the graduating class, and Slater Principal Lorenzo Wyatt will introduce Mr. Moon.

Special music will be provided by the Slater Vested Choir.

Principal speaker for commencement will be N. A. Crippens, consultant on In-Service Education for the State Department of Education and professor of education at A & I State University at Nashville.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. C. Alexander Johnson, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Crippens will be introduced by Bristol Tennessee School Supt. D. F. Adkisson.

E. L. Easley, chairman of the Board of Education, will present diplomas to the 12 graduating seniors and special announcements will be made by Principal Wyatt.

Music for the occasion will be provided by the Slater Vested Choir.



From 1959 Annual, Upcoming CLASS OF 1961

"Class of 1961"



CHARLES WELLS



MARY WISDON



DALLAS PACE



CAROL PACE



THELMA CHADWELL



HERMAN BROWN



CLARA WELLS



JERRY KINCAID



PEARLIE GLISPIE



MARTHA GLISPIE



MARY SPENCER

From 1959 Annual, Upcoming CLASS OF 1962



MARY WATSON



MARTHA WASHINGTON



PEARLIE MADISON



NATHANIEL DAGGS



ALBERTA GISPIE



MARY WILEY



HARRIS HOWARD



DONELLA HENDERSON



ALFRED SMITH



FRANCES WOLFE

CLASS OF 1963



Francis Wolfe, JoAnn Hatcher, Doris Wells, Loundria Roberts, William Meade, Yvonne Daggs, Dorothy Madison, Kenneth Wells, Mary Sue Madison, Robert Dickerson, Wayne Daggs, James White, Paul Coffey, Clyde Collins

**Eighth Grade class
from 1959 Annual**



CLASS OF 1964



First Row: Roscoe Crump, teacher, Gloria Henderson, Eulalie Gudger

Second Row: Margaret Coffey, Helena Franklin, Kathleen Rodgers, Loraine Worley, Fred Lewis Richardson, Henry Wisdom, Mary Wisdom, Marvin Beidleman, Virgil Sensabaugh, Ralph Coffey



Virgil Sensabaugh (class of 1964) was elected to the Bristol Tennessee City Council in 1972. Virgil was the first Black to serve on the Bristol Tennessee City Council

From 1959 Annual, Upcoming Expected CLASS OF 1964, 1965 and 1966

Seventh Grade class
from 1959 Annual



SIXTH
GRADE

FIFTH
GRADE





**THIRD
GRADE**

**FIRST AND
SECOND
GRADES**



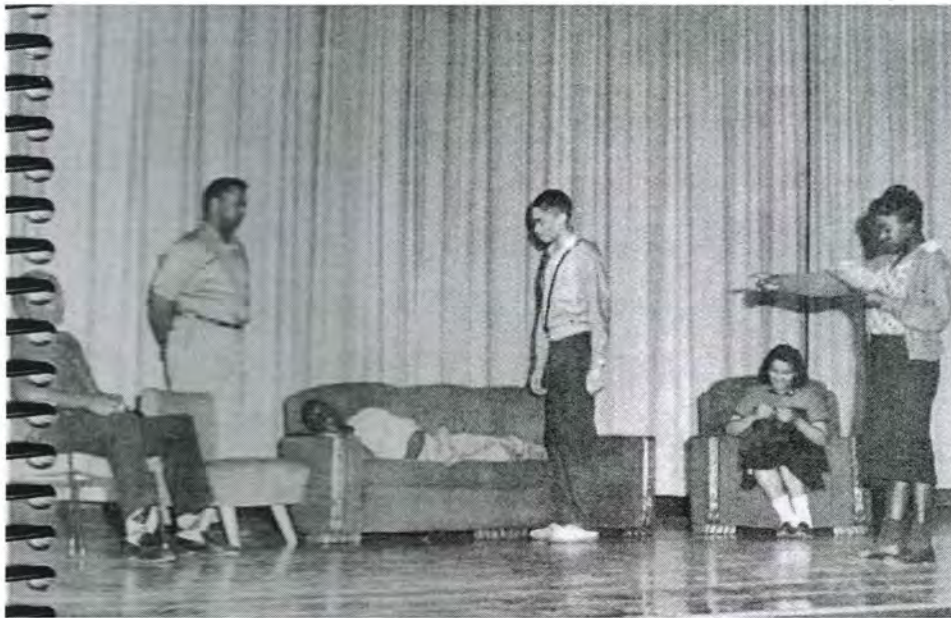
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Playcrafters



Class of 1954-60-61



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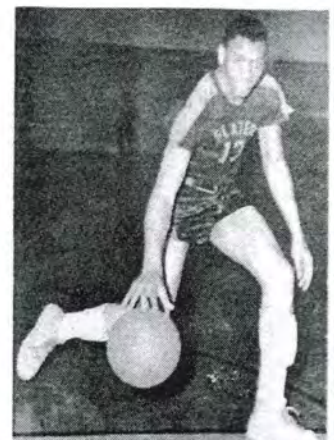
City Championship

District I Visitation 1st place

District I Tournament 1st place

Tri-State Visitation 1st place

Tri-State Tournament 1st place





The Wolverettes

The Cheerleaders



RAH!
RAH!
RAH!





TOMMY HORTON-R. End

Class of 1954



DANIEL McCALL-L. Halfback

Class of 1954



RICHARD BROWN-R. Tackle

Class of 1954





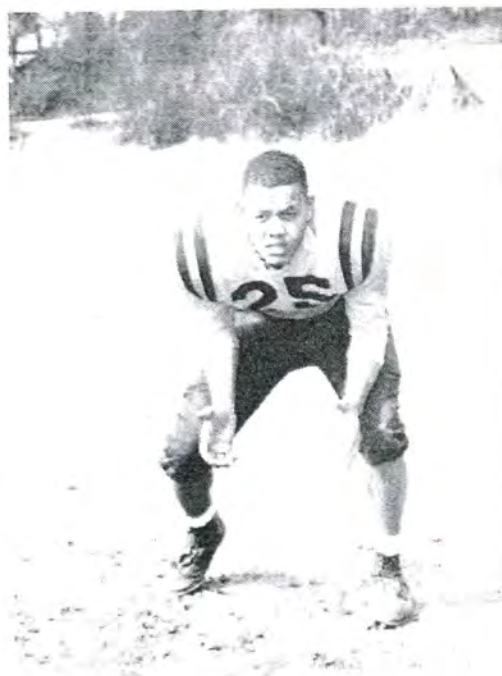
WILLIE WHITE-Fullback

Class 1960



WILLIAM SILAS-Q. Back

Class of 1959



MELVYN SHOFFNER-R. Tackle

Class of 1969

In Tri-State Tourney

Slater Is Seeded First

Slater High's Wolves have been seeded No. 1 for the Tri-State Conference basketball tournament which is scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday.

The Wolves, currently sporting an 18-1 record, nailed down the top-seeded spot by beating Langston of Johnson City Thursday night. Langston, whose only loss this season have been to Slater, is seeded second.

The tournament will rotate with each round as in previous years.

First round games in both boys and girls play will be held at Douglass, second round tilts at Slater and Langston, third round at Kingsport Douglass and the

finals at Virginia Junior High. Bristol Douglass is the tournament's third-seeded club and Greeneville George Clem got the No. 4 spot.

Langston and Kingsport Douglass are the 1-2 seeded teams in the girls division.

Newport Tanner and Rogersville Swift will open the tournament with a girls division game Feb. 6. The Newport boys will meet Kingsport Douglass in the third contest, and Rogersville's boys go against Arty Lee of Dante in the final first round game.

All seeded teams drew first round byes.

Slater's boys will meet the Newport-Kingsport winner in its first tourney test at Slater Feb. 7 while Bristol Douglass' boys first opposition will be Bland High of Big Stone Gap.

Other quarterfinal games in the boys division send Greeneville against Elizabethton and Langston against the Rogersville-Arty Lee survivor.

In girls' division quarterfinals, Langston will face the Newport-Rogersville winner and Elizabethton will meet Kingsport.

Coach Dorsey Sims of Slater will serve as tournament chairman.

ers spurted on the shooting of Jerry Helton, Wayne Carter and Big Tommy Clear to tie up the game 15-15 as the period ended.

Ronnie McCready got away to sink a layup on the second quarter tipoff, and the Shakers were in front for the first time at 17-15.

They held the lead again on three other occasions, the last time at 28-27 on Jim Montgomery's only basket of the game. But with 1:05 left in the first half Duke King, Skeens and Arnold led an abrupt scoring surge that shot the Bearcats into a 41-29 halftime advantage.

After that Saltville never caught up, although the Shakers never ceased trying. Virginia held a 15-point spread - 51-36 - midway through the third quarter, but Saltville quickly narrowed it to 51-42.

Going into the homestretch the Bearcats were on top by nine points (53-44) and they refused

Feb. 3, 1963

Slater Bows, 79-76

Tigers Take Tri-State Crown

By RICHARD SOLES

— HC SportsWriter

Slater almost did it again.

Coach Dorsey Sims' fighting Wolves bowed to the powerful Langston Golden Tigers, 79-76, for the Tri-State championship last night in Virginia Junior High Gym, despite cutting a 19-point lead to three in a fast and furious finish.

Douglass took third place, beating Greeneville, 76-72.

With the score 63-44 and little less than four and a half minutes to go in the game, Samuel White and Robert White sparked a tremendous rally by the Wolves that fell just short.

Kenneth Hamilton was deadliest Tiger of them all—both on defense and offense. The 6-2, 200-

pound stalwart banged in 29 points and grabbed 22 rebounds for Langston and getting both when the visitors needed them most.

Sam White was the Slater pacesetter with 24 points. Robert White, who sparked the late rally scored 14 points, with all but two of them coming in the final period.

Marvin Biedleman put the Wolves ahead 2-0 in the opening seconds of the initial stanza and it was the only time they held the edge in the game. Langston rolled to a 13-3 margin before the startled Slater five could recuperate.

Langston went on to take a 21-13 advantage at the quarter's

turn and upped it to 43-30 at the rest stop. The Tiger margin fluctuated from 14-16 points in the third quarter and half of the fourth.

LANGSTON: K. Hamilton 29, Wilburn 10, Sanders 11, Russaw 12, Morrison 10; sub: Banner 7.

SLATER: Biedleman 4, Roller, Daggs 8, Chadwell, S. White 24; subs: McCurdy 16, Wisdom, Sen-sabaugh 5, Dickerson 7, R. White 14.

Langston 21 22 18 18—79
Slater 13 17 14 32—76

In the consolation contest, Douglass' Demons had too many guns for George Clem.

The Demons outscored the Greeneville quintet in every quarter as Johnny Blevins tallied 21,

Ballard Lee 16 and Tommy Horton 13. All of Lee's points came in the second half.

Douglass took a 16-2 edge after one period and held a commanding 34-12 margin at halftime. The Demons took a 56-23 bulge into the last period.

In the girls' championship game, Kingsport Douglass trimmed Langston 29-26 in overtime.

DOUGLASS: Lee 16, Cowan 8, Isom 7, Blevins 21, Horton 13. Subs: Riddle 6, Foote 2, Wheeler 3.

GEORGE CLEM: Mason, Poore 6, L. Gudger 7, R. Gudger 6, Anderson 4. Subs: Gillespie 3, Wilson 4.

Score by quarters:
Douglass 16 18 22 16—76
George Clem 2 10 11 9—32

The Wolves



In the spring of 1954, Coach Fitzhough "Prof" took a group of junior high football and basketball lovers to prepare them for positions on the mighty "Wolf Pack" teams. In the years that followed, Prof turned these boys into the finest football and basketball teams in the history of Slater. During these years in football, Prof and his Wolves took the City Championship for three years and several of his Wolves were chosen for the Tri-State Conference Team.

In basketball, they were even better. During this past year Prof's Wolves captured four first place championships and regained the City Championship. His overall record for the season's play shows 21 wins and 6 losses. This has been his record of over 20 wins for the past three years.

This fine record has come about because the material has been good and because the coaching has been even better.



COACH HOUSTON



SLATER AWARD WINNERS — Pictured above are Sam White and Marvin Feldman, who were the co-winners of the Most Valuable Basketball Player award at the school's annual banquet (2-1 night). Both boys averaged over 25 points a game for the Wolves last season. (Story on Page 9)

May 17, 1964

Mon. Sept 24, 1964

Tri-State Clash Set Tonight

Wolves Eye Kingsport

The Slater Wolves journey to Kingsport tonight for a Tri-State Conference clash with the Tigers.

The Wolves, who have an 8-1 record, are not taking Kingsport lightly, coach Dorsey Sims says.

"They have improved a great deal since their game with Douglas," the Wolves' senior added.

Sims says the long travel of his team has experienced since its opening game two weeks ago, hasn't hurt his squad.

"We have had time to iron out a lot of things," he said, "and I feel we have definitely improved ourselves."

Sims said the sharp passing of junior quarterback James Meade in drills thus far, has been a highlight for the Slater squad.

"We've also been working on our patterns, both offensively and defensively," he pointed out.

The Wolves dropped their opening contest to Bland (4-9), two weeks ago, and had a game scheduled with Nelson Merry of Johnson City last week. However, the latter contest was canceled.

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start at the plugging post in tonight's contest.

By position, Bobby Micher (154), a freshman, and junior Johnny Gauder (155) will start at the end posts; Roller and

Joseph Tommy McDaniel (185) at the tackles; sophomore Paul Goins (180) and eighth-grader Tim Gauder (160) at guards;

Henderson at center; Meade as quarterback; junior Rufus Chadwell (160) and Bell at the

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IN STARTING LINEUP — Halfback Rufus Chadwell will be in the starting lineup tonight when the Slater Wolves journey to Kingsport Douglas. Chadwell, a letterman, is a 160-pound junior.



SLATER AWARD WINNERS—Pictured above are four Slater student-athletes who won athletic awards at the school's annual athletic banquet recently. Left to right are Paul Goins, most improved in football; James Mead, most valuable basketball player; Coach Dorsey Sims; Rufus Chadwell, most valuable football player; and etcher Rogers, most improved basketball player. Other award winners who were not present are Charles Simpson, Larry Bell and Jake Sanders.

A Walk Down Memory Lane... by Helena Hendrix-Frye, Class of 1964

April of this year was no different than it had been for the past five or so years - it was tax time! On the 11th, I found myself sitting at the kitchen table surrounded by piles of receipts, cancel checks and tax forms. Several hours had passed before I realized that I could not locate a very important receipt. After checking the stacks several times, and still no luck, I decided to open the dreaded Armoire and looked through the many re-used folders that had long turned yellow with age. Not locating the receipt and thinking that perhaps it had fallen behind the folders, I removed them only to find a box with the year 1984 printed on its side.

Eagerly wanting to know its contents, I removed the cover and to my surprise began walking down memory lane. Among the folded pieces of paper and pictures of babies who now have families of their own was a picture dated 1963 taken at Slater School. Pictured were Eula Gudger, Ralph Horton, Eugene White, Yvonne Daggs (Spanky) and me. Also, in the picture was a young teacher by the name of Johnny Melton.

After staring at the picture for a long time, tears began rolling down my cheeks. It was at that moment that I realized just how lucky we had been (even with those hand-me-down books from the white schools). We were a small but a mighty, mighty school which was obvious from the many trophies won. As I dried my eyes, I noticed a folded up piece of paper. Opening it, I suddenly remembered reading its content many years ago at one of our past school reunions...

The Class of '64 - Oh, What a Bunch We Were...

In thinking back to those "good old days"....

We, the girls were "daring" in nature, especially the night we marched out of the locker room, under the leadership of Coach Roscoe Crump, each with a bright red streak sprayed in our hair, attempting to play that game called "basketball". The boys were tenacious as they defeated team after team in both football and basketball, especially the night they won a basketball game in Newport by 100 points.

Together, we were party animals as we danced to the music of the "Royal Knights" with Billy, Charles and Kenneth Wells. But most of all, I can truly say, we were "Survivors"! For a moment, let's consider the changes that we, the class of '64, have witnessed:

We were born before frozen dinners, microwaves, fax machines, contact lens, VCRs, the Pill, credit cards, panty hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon. We got married first and then lived together. In our time, closets were for clothes and not for 'coming out', bunnies were small rabbits and not Playboy pin-ups and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We were born before house-husbands, gay rights, day cares and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, CDs, yogurt and guys wearing ponytails and earrings. For us, "time-sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was hardware, "software" wasn't even a word and "making out" referred to how you did on your exam in Thomas Williams' English class.

We were born when there were 5 and 10 cent stores. In our day, grass was mowed, coke was a drink and pot was something your mother cooked in. We were certainly not born before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were born before sex changes. We were the last generation dumb enough to believe that you needed a husband or a wife to have a baby...

To Fred Richardson, Gloria Jean Henderson, Pearl Mae Madison, James Goins, Yvonne Daggs, Robert White, Eula Gudger and Lorraine Worley, I would like to say, "Memories are one thing that Death cannot steal, you are gone and time might heal but I will remember and love you dearly no matter how long".

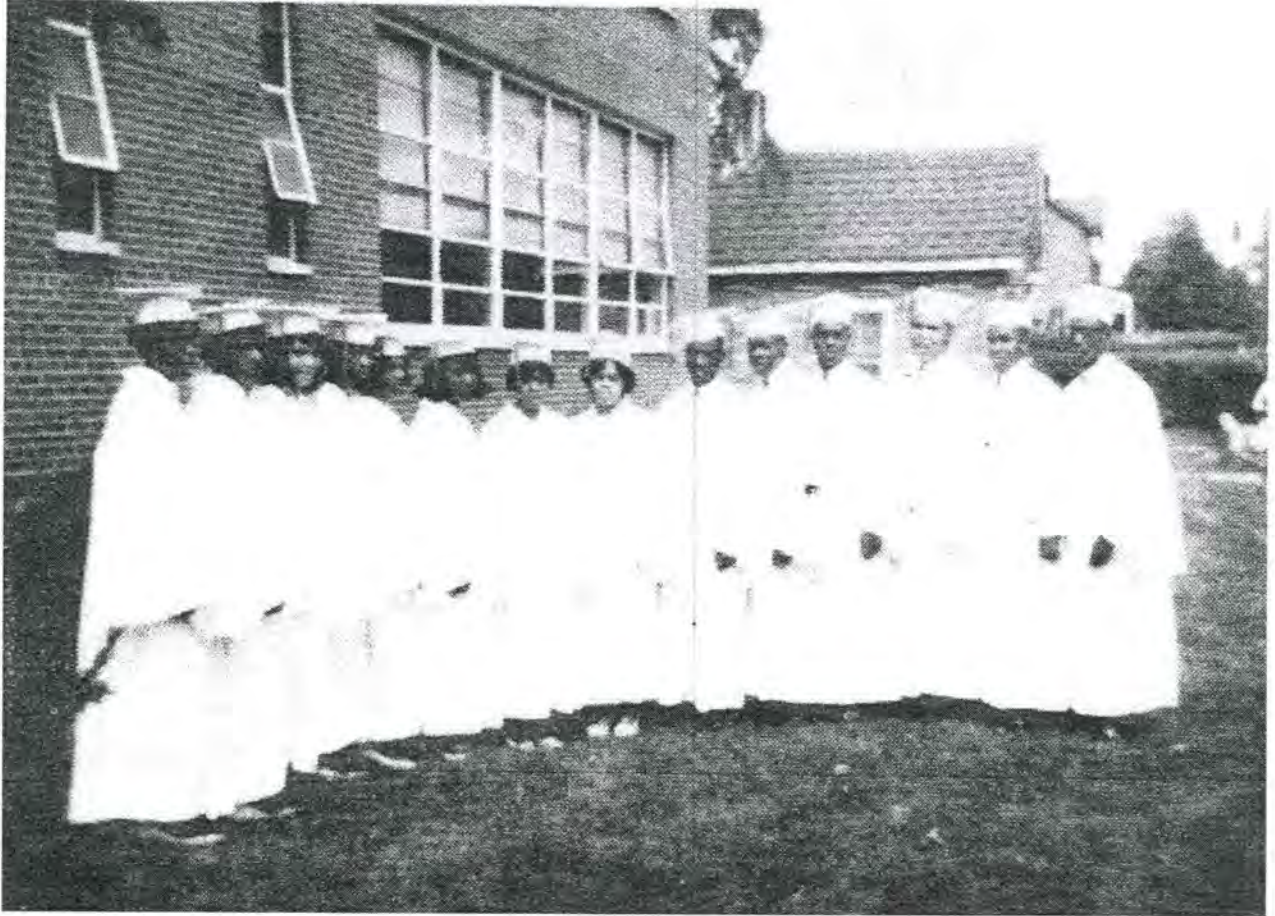
Chapter seven Storyteller 1965 “Nothing but despair, gloom, and an emptiness. Slater has closed, Martin Luther King is assassinated, President Nixon has been asked to resign, the despair of the Vietnamese Conflict Veterans as this conflict ends; But wait, if men can walk on the moon, why not, yes, a concerned group of Slater faithful’s meet and give us a renewed vision —hope — enthusiasm —yes, they plan a Slater Reunion. This is our bridge over troubled water —Right On!”



Dianne McDaniel provided names:

12-Jackson Meade, 20-James King, 13-Wayne Gammons, 14-Wayne Daggs,
10-Marvin Beidleman, 21-__?__, 15-Johnny McCurdy

The last class to graduate from
SLATER HIGH SCHOOL
1965



L-R Cynthia Dowell, Norma Glispie, Patricia Robinson, Mary Goolsby, Sarah Haynes, Veronica Beidleman, Flora Penn, Ina Faye Preston, Charles Simpson, Lawrence R Bell, Jr., Johnny McCurdy, Harold Roller, Arthur P. Henderson, Ralph Horton

Slater Seniors Hold Baccalaureate Today

Commencement Program Set Friday Night

Baccalaureate services for the Senior Class of Slater High School will be held in the school auditorium at 2 p. m. today.

Principal speaker for the service will be the Rev. Verlie G. Haynes.

Commencement exercises for the class will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, also in the school auditorium. The program will feature a symposium by members of the Senior Class on "Education Is An Endless Challenge; We Rise To Meet This Challenge." Taking part will be Patricia Naomi Robinson, Flora Alice Penn, Arthur Donald Henderson III, and Ralph George Horton Jr.

At today's baccalaureate service, the invocation will be given by Senior Class President Lawrence R. Bell Jr.; the speaker, Mr. Haynes, will be introduced by Principal Lorenzo Wyatt; special music will be presented by the Slater High Ensemble, featuring soloist Ina Faye Preston; and the benediction will be given by the Rev. W. A. Johnson, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Taking part in Friday's graduation exercises will be:

Ina Faye Preston, who will sing the National Anthem; the Rev. Dogan W. Williams, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church, who will give the invocation; Principal Wyatt, who will respond following the symposium; Mrs. Pauline K. Robinson,



Veronica Beidleman Lawrence Bell Cynthia E. Dowell Norma J. Glispie



Mary L. Goolsby Sarah E. Haynes Arthur D. Henderson Ralph Horton



John H. McCurdy Flora A. Penn Hugh Porter III Ina Faye Preston



Patricia N. Robinson Harold Roffel Charles Simpson

sponsor, who will present the Senior Class for graduation; Dr. D. F. Adkisson, school superintendent, who will award diplomas; and G. B. Pierce, chairman of the Bristol Tennessee School Board, who will deliver remarks.

“The Legend”



December 12, 1922–September 30, 2014

Many years ago there was a western on TV called The Legend of Wyatt Earp. You know the Marshall who cleaned up Dodge City. Well, Slater High School also had its own Marshall. His name was Mr. Lorenzo Wyatt, whom many of us affectionately called Wyatt Earp, unbeknownst to him.

Ok he did not wear a six-shooter as Marshall Earp of western fame did, however, he was known on occasions to carry a paddle with six precision drilled holes in it. Sometimes he may have carried it through the Hallowed Halls of John F. Slater High School. I have fond memories of Mr. Wyatt. I recall one time several students made their way to the Virginia side of town after school hours one weekend; they went to Douglass High School where they did a little Defacing of School Property. On Monday morning the Marshall came into the Slater Library and asked me to come into the back room of the library where he questioned me about the defacing. Thank God the fellows knew better than to tell me about it. Although I was Captain of the football team at the time, they knew I would have folded under questioning. To this day, I know not who participated in the defacing. The “Marshall” had a way of looking at you without raising his voice, that said “son don’t lie to me, I know your parents”.

As I listened to his lovely wife, Mrs. Louise Wyatt, his children, and Mr. Virgil Sensabaugh speak fondly of the “Legend” during his Home Going Ceremonies, I too recall fond memories of Mr. Lorenzo Wyatt. You see he could coax you out of your comfort zone thru enabling you to reach heights you never thought you might reach.

Larry R Bell, Class of 1965

Marquerite Louise Bellamy Gordon Wyatt, wife of Lorenzo Wyatt, in 1958 began her career as a home economics and kindergarten teacher in Bristol, Tennessee, and Virginia public schools. He continued as principal until 1965 when he retired. She taught for 19 years. Mrs. Wyatt graduated from Alabama A&M with a degree in home economics and pursued graduate studies at Michigan State and ETSU. She joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at A&M and remained active throughout her life.



FROM THE 1986 REUNION BOOK

People Who Taught at Slater School

Mrs. Izetta Brown	*Mrs. Lenetta Sensabaugh
Mr. Dallas Pace	*Mrs. Fannie Delaney
Mr. R.L. Edwards	*Mrs. Susie Harris
Mr. Clyde Collins	*Mrs. Julia Martin
Mrs. Carrie Hall	Miss Barbara Hodge
Miss Irma Marie Higgins	Mr. Thomas Williams
Mr. K.B. Brewer	Miss Mildred Clark
Miss Katie Johnson	Mr. David Saunders
Miss Lolita Mead	*Rev. W.A. Johnson
Mr. Fred Pulliam	Miss Peggy Pender
Mr. Fitzhugh Houston	Mrs. Lillian Newton
Mrs. P.K. Robinson	Mrs. Bessie Smith Jenkins
Mr. P.E. Butler	Mrs. Carrie Davis
Mrs. Elizabeth Guthrie Houston	Miss Dereath Davis
Mr. John Melton	Miss Etta Lee
Mr. Garman Moore	Miss Rose Mary Martin
Mr. Louis Shelley	Miss Pearl Henderson
Mrs. Dorothy Harris	Mrs. Janette Jefferson
Mr. Melvin Martin	Mr. Robert Chase
Mr. Dorsey Sims	Mr. Boyd T. Jackson
Mr. Samuel Green	Mrs. Clara Watts Wisdom
Mrs. Mary Green	Mrs. Bernice Hayes
Mr. Lorenza Wyatt	*Mrs. Bessie Guthrie
Mrs. Louise Wyatt	Mrs. P.E. Butler
Mr. Roscoe Crump	Miss Thelma McGhee
Mrs. Gwendolyn Crump	Miss Adgren Boyd
Mrs. Anna R. Cloyd	Miss Margaret Thurston
Miss Amy Burleson Simmon	Miss Frenchy Monroe
Mrs. Katherine Jefferson Wilson	Mrs. Shields Weatherton Anderson
Mr. Spain (Adoloph)	Miss Jenni Lee Jackson
Mrs. Ruby Strickland	Mrs. Lina Hendricks McCord
Mrs. Virginia Duff	*Mrs. Lucretia Fitzhugh
Mr. Melvin Shoffner	Mrs. Pinkerton
Mr. Harvey Taylor	Miss Olivia Hamilton
Mrs. Mary Collins	Mrs. Helen Daggs
Mrs. W. A. White	*Substitute teachers

Chapter eight brings us 1976 where Harris Howard and Marvin Beidleman began to talk to the Slater High School graduates around them about establishing an Alumni Association to keep the memory of "Dear Old Slater High" alive. In a city-wide meeting on August 4, 1977, the idea was accepted unanimously, thus, the Slater Alumni Association was established. and the first reunion under the leadership of Harris Howard along with the other officers, Virgil Sensabaugh, National President; Donella Crump, Secretary; Marvin Beidleman, Treasurer; and Jewel Bell, Historian.

Plans were made for the first Reunion to be held July 1-4, 1978.



LAST MINUTE DETAILS — Officers of the Slater School Alumni Association met recently to discuss last minute details of the Slater School Reunion to be held in Bristol beginning today. Left

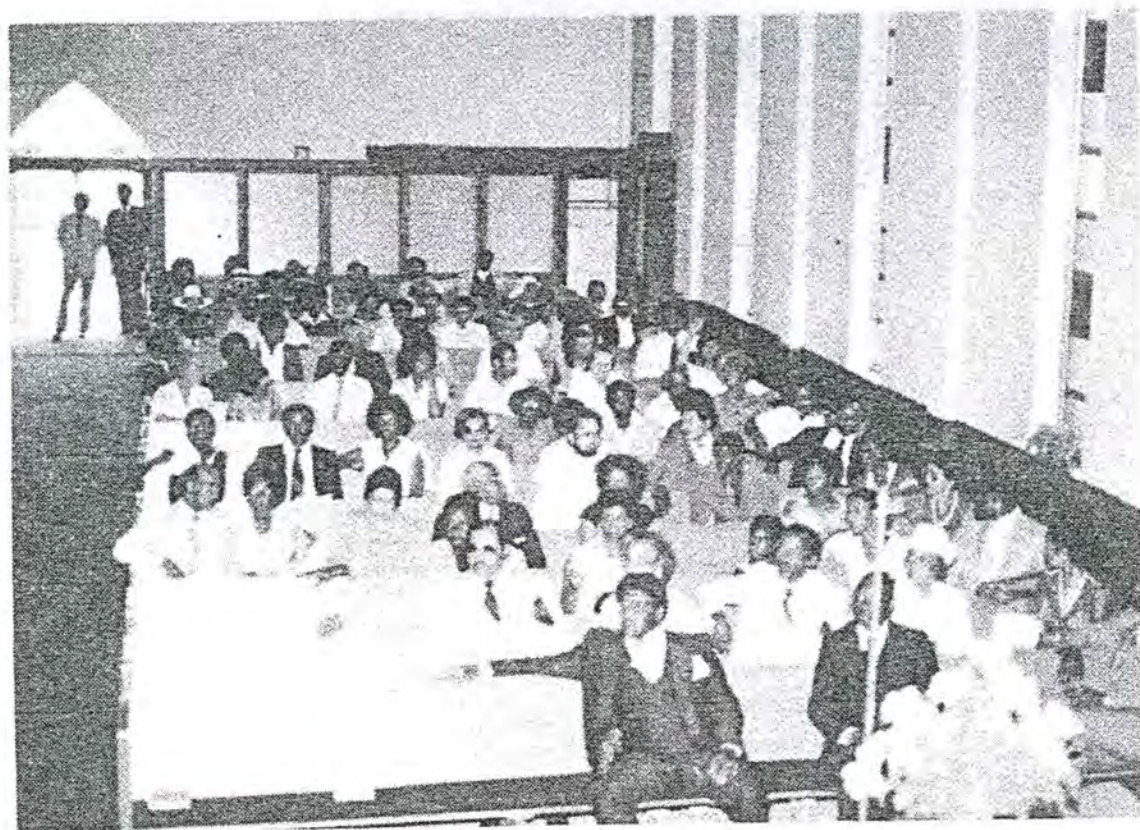
to right, Marvin Beidleman, treasurer; Harris Howard, president of the local chapter; and Mrs. John Hogans III, secretary

Once upon a time there was a Slater School --- and --- there still is a Slater in our hearts!

July 1978 – First Slater Reunion



Reunion 1980



Reunion 1982

It was decided that the president only serve two years so there was a change in most all the officers for Reunion 1982. Ralph Horton became National President, Jackie Sensabaugh was elected President; Wayne Daggs, Vice President and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Francis Patton Worthington, Secretary; and John Hogans, Treasurer. The first Scholarship recipient was Charmion Haley and she received \$500.00. The activities were very much as in 1978.



Reunion 1984

The National President for the 1984 Reunion was Lawrence Bell Jr.; Local President; Jackie Sensabaugh; Vice President; Wayne Daggs; Treasurer; John Hogans; and Secretary, Sarah Bell. In the off year, (1983), the Scholarship went to Brian Roller and the 1984 Scholarship went to Trevor Delaney. This is the year that a directory was published in the Souvenir Booklet. Cost of the package has now worked its way up to \$45.00 per person. The format has remained almost the same except we used the Regency Inn as Headquarters and had most of the events there. An Alumni Basketball game was added to the activities and did not turn out so well for Virgil Sensabaugh. He twisted his knee and had to have surgery on it.

The first few Reunions were very active. At the end of the Cocktail Parties and Dances, all the extra food would be packed up and taken to a house where the party would continue. The houses were usually Lewis Shelley's, John Hogans' or Virgil Sensabaugh's home. We would be there until the wee hours in the morning. **THOSE WERE THE YOUNGER DAYS!!!**



At the 1984 Alumni meeting Katie Henderson was elected National President for the 1984-1986 Reunion periods. The Local President was Beatrice Gammon Kincheloe; Vice President; Anita Shelley; Treasurer; Harris Howard; and Secretary, Wilba King. By now the Reunion membership had really grown and it was fun seeing everyone. Reunion Headquarters was once again The Regency Inn. Membership dues were still \$5.00 per year. This is the year that the famous and enjoyable PARADE was added to the events and the breakfast was moved to after the Dance. The starting time was 1:30 a.m. All this for only \$55.00. The 1985 Scholarship went to Sharon Smith and the 1986 Scholarship went to John Hogans, IV.

Reunion 1986



Katie is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Vivian Henderson and the late Palmer Henderson. She has two sisters Jean Jackson and Dawn Delaney both of Teaneck, N.J. Born in Kernersville, NC the family moved to Bristol, Tennessee during her early childhood. She attended Slater from elementary into high school and graduated in 1947. After graduation, she attended Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. Katie is a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church and is president of the Methodist Women. **Kathie R. Henderson, National President**



Beatrice graduated from Slater High School in 1942 with a class of seven girls and five boys. She married a 1939 graduate, Hubert Kincheloe, that had only four in his class of two boys and two girls. Their daughter graduated in 1960 and was the only girl in a class of thirteen boys. Beatrice is very active in her local United Methodist Church and community. A retired person from Raytheon Co., Bristol, Tennessee after more than 20 years of service as a Work Director and Inspector. **Beatrice Gammon Kincheloe, Local President**



Anita is the daughter of Edith and Fred Caldwell. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated from Slater High School in the class of 1957. After graduation she attended Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tn where she received a B.S. degree in Speech and Drama. She married Louis Shelley, Jr., they have three sons, Tracy graduating from Tennessee High School this year, Troy a senior at Tennessee High School, and Todd, a rising fifth grader at Akard Elementary School. Anita is president of the gospel choir at Lee Street Baptist Church. Anita is employed at Baker Hearing Aid Services. She is very active with her family and community. **Anita Caldwell Shelley, Vice President**

Reunion 1986



Reunion 1988

For the Fifth Alumni Reunion (1988), the National President was Hattye Broady; Local President, Beatrice Gammon Kincheloe; Vice President; Anita Shelley, Treasurer; Michael Carter, and Secretary, Wilba King. We are now using Athens Steak House for our Headquarters and the Membership Dues have gone up to \$10.00 per person per year. The Scholarship went to Lena Carter for 1987 and to Rocky Clay for 1988.



With the success of the alumni beginnings, .. here we go in the 90's.

REUNIONS 1990 produced Hattye Broady as the National President; Betty Sensabaugh Carter, as the Local President; David Saunders, the Vice President; Michael Carter, Treasurer and Terry Higgins, Secretary. The Scholarship recipient for 1989 was Alminia Wheeler and for 1990, it was Corinthia McDaniel. The Reunion Headquarters was The Electro-Mechanical Corporation (The Centre). There was an unscheduled Block Party that took place on McDowell Street and the feature was the PIG ROAST. Virgil and some of the Sensabaugh's thought they knew how to do it. It turned out extremely nice, but no one attempted it again. We were blessed with the presence of "Watergate Clyde" for this Reunion. Clyde Dickerson was a saxophone player, and he played several pieces with the band. The Bristol Herald Courier did a nice article on him February 22, 1990.



Hattye is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Washington Sanders. She was born in Greenwood, S.C. and moved to Bristol, Tennessee during her early childhood. She received her high school education at Slater High School and completed Clerk Stenographers training at Bristol-Sullivan technical School. Hattye is an active member on the Bristol Tennessee Community Development Advisory Committee (C.D.A.C.), a member of Bristol Regional Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary, and a member of Harris-Anderson A.M.E. Zion Church. She is married to Frank M. Broady, is the mother of three daughters, one son, and has five grandchildren. Hattye is employed by Rice wholesale Co., Inc, Bristol, Virginia. **Hattye B. Broady, National President**



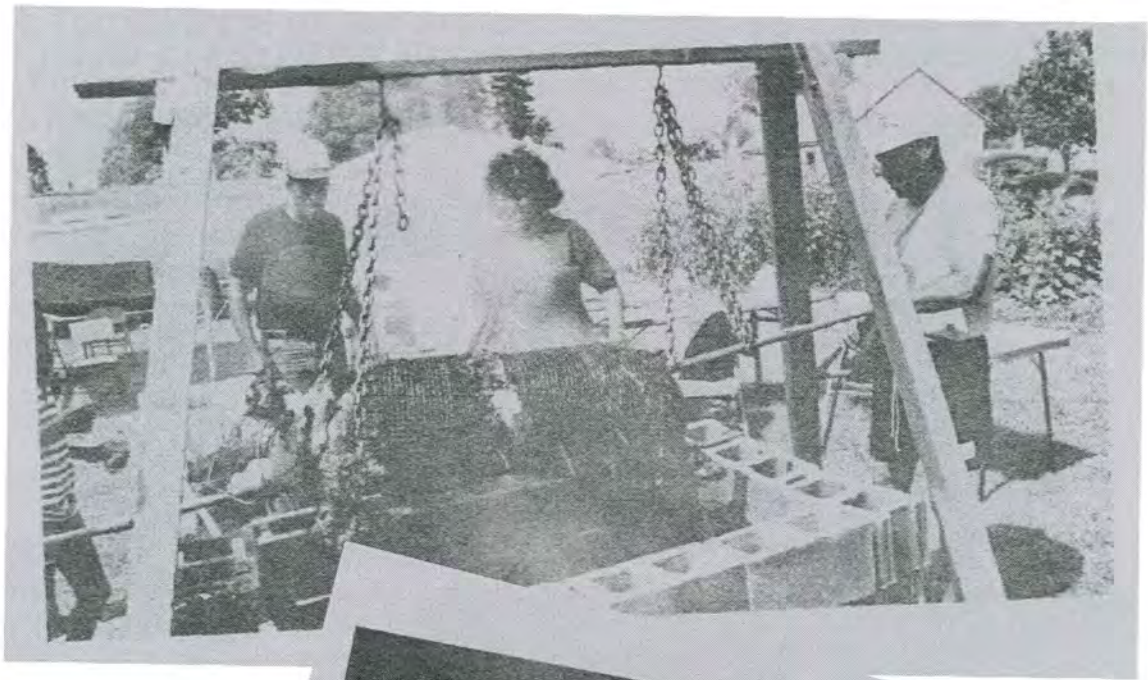
I feel highly honored to have been given the privilege of being your president for the past four years. It has been a rewarding and learning experience for me. Nowadays all living organizations are making efforts to do things worthwhile and I was cognizant of the fact that in this effort I needed assistance. It is because of the achievements made in the past that I had a good foundation to work from and the task was made a lot easier. We shall look back to this occasion with pleasure and it will be a cherished memory. The love we shared and the friendships that we made will be a monument that ages cannot destroy, nor times erase. Have fun, enjoy each other, have a safe trip home and always remember to count your blessings every single day. "One tiny thought in tiny word May give a great one birth. And, if that thought was caused by me, I lived a life of worth." **Betty Sensabaugh Carter, President**



David is a 1951 graduate of Slater High School. He is married to the former Millie Adamas of Princeton, West Virginia. David and Millie reside in Bristol, Tennessee and have two children. He received a B.A. degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia and a M.A. degree from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee. He is presently employed as a teacher in the Bristol, Virginia School System. He is a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church and a member of various professional and civic organizations. **David E. Saunders, Vice President.**

REUNION 1990 BROUGHT US INTO A NEW DECADE WITH LOTS OF CHANGES.





**PIG ROAST ON
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David E. Saunders
Local President



Dawn Delaney
Vice President



Thomas L. McDaniel
Treasurer

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1994 Reunion the officers were Diane McDaniel as the National President; David Saunders, Local President; Dawn Delaney, Vice President; Thomas McDaniel, Treasurer; and Wilba King, Secretary. The Scholarship recipient for 1993 was Nichole Monique Gudger and the recipient for 1994, was Jenai Lisette Woodley Brown. The theme for the Banquet was "A Story-Once Upon A Time". This year marked the Introduction of the Slater Wolf Mascot into the Parade. Valdora Adetayo dressed in a wolf costume and rode in a convertible. This tradition has continued each year. **The Slater Association was presented a Certificate from the Bristol, Tennessee Mayor, Patrick W. Hickie, proclaiming July 2, 1994 as SLATER HIGH SCHOOL REUNION DAY.**

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Greetings and welcome back to our 1998 reunion. It hardly seems possible that the "Slater Reunions" have successfully continued since 1978. I know that as we go through our daily lives and see the turmoil that is taking place in our nation's schools, it has to give us a sense of pride to know that we developed a set of standards and moral values at "Dear Ole Slater". Little did we know that we would carry them throughout all of our lives. We remember the good old days where every student "counted" and was considered as something special. Let us continue to do our part in keeping Slater spirit alive. Be a part, give your support and participate in activities. The years are rolling by, and it is up to us to cherish these moments.

Dawn Delaney, National President, Reunion 1996 and 1998

Reunion 1998 we see a slight change in officers. the National President was Dawn Delaney; the Local President was Valdora Adetayo; the Vice President was Melvin Shoffner; the Treasurer was Thomas McDaniel; and the Secretary was Betty Carter. Val never attended Slater. She attended Lincoln Elementary and Central Elementary Schools. She graduated from East High School, but she loves Slater as if it was her own. The Constitution and By-Laws were redone and printed in the souvenir booklet. The directory was dropped from the souvenir booklet because of the expense and use. For most of us this was a particularly sad Reunion. At the dance, Iris Ross collapsed on the dance floor. She was buried four days later.

During 1998 a meeting was held between Douglass and Slater Presidents and Vice Presidents to determine if the two would wish to approach the respective Associations to determine if there was a desire to hold joint Reunions. They took the idea to their Associations, and it was well received. After that there were many meetings held to establish committees and plan for a joint Reunion in 2000. A document of understanding was developed which outlined the responsibilities of the Associations and Committees.



Valdora White Adetayo attended Lincoln Elementary School and became the First Black in Bristol, Tennessee to enter an "all-White" school by attending Central Elementary School, and later graduating from Sullivan East High School. Val is the alumni graduate, Hattie Broady, and has one son, Dietrich, who is currently enrolled at ETSU and an active member of the Volunteer Drum & Bugle Corp. She has been an employee of Sprint Publishing and Advertising for 23 years. Val is an active member of Harris-Anderson and Director of the Women's Choir. She is also active in other community organizations. **Valdora White Adetayo, Local President**



Melvin D. Shoffner is a 1959 graduate of Slater High School. He is married to the former Jeanne R. Walker of Red Bank, New Jersey. Melvin received a B.S. degree from Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee, and has done graduate work at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee. He taught and coached at Slater High School from 1963 – 1965 and then started a twenty-year career with the Gillette Company, Boston, Massachusetts in Marketing. He is presently employed as an Adult Education teacher at Tennessee High School in Bristol. He is an active member of Lee Street Baptist Church, the Orion Club, and various professional and civic organizations. **Melvin Shoffner, Vice President**



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Thomas L. McDaniel, Treasurer



Betty Sensabaugh Carter is the daughter of Brice and Henrietta Sensabaugh. She was born in Clinchco, Virginia and has lived in Bristol, Tennessee since the age of five. She was married to Leonard Nathaniel Carter, and they had three children, Bonnie Carter Norris, Leonard Carter, Jr., and Michael Douglas Carter. She has four grandchildren. Betty graduated from Slater in 1951. She is a member of Lee Street Baptist Church where she served as church organist, was pianist and director of the youth choir for twenty-five years. Betty is retired from Raytheon where she worked in the Quality Control department.

Betty Sensabaugh Carter, Secretary



Laurene V. Hogans was among the first graduates of Tennessee High School in 1966 after the blending of the public school system in Bristol, Tennessee. She attended Slater High and Lincoln Elementary. She has two sons, Patrick Anderson, and Alex Anderson. Laurene received an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Art from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. She is a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church and a member of various professional and civic organizations. Laurene is the Executive Director of the Crisis Center and Adjunct teacher at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia.

Laurene V. Hogans, Membership Chairperson



SLATER ALMA MATER

**Alma Mater, Alma Mater, Dear Old Slater High Alma Mater,
Alma Mater, See Our Banners fly.**

Though we may stray, strength and hope always.

**In our hearts we sing of our school,
Hail to the Orange, Hail to the Black, Hail Alma Mater, Hail to thee,
This is our Motto ever to be victory Dear Slater, We Love Thee.**

Written by Class of 1947



Drucilla graduated from Slater High School in 1958 and attended Tennessee State University. She is married to John E. Hogans, III and lives in Bristol, Tennessee. They have two children. Drucilla is supported by a scholarship committee consisting of David Saunders, Charmaine H. Carter, Lorenzo Wyatt, and John Ed Hogans, III.

Drucilla Gudger Hogans, Scholarship Chairperson.



Historian Committee

Hattye B. Broady - chairperson

Betty S. Carter - Co. Chairperson

Jean B. Clark

Wilba M. King

*May You Have
Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trial to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.*

Hattye B. Broady, Reunion 1992

Slater Alumni Association Scholarship Awards History

1982 Charmion Haley	2003 Christopher Cummings
1983 Brian Roller	2004 Nestra Gammon
1984 Trevor Delaney	2004 Travis Heath
1985 Sharon Smith	2005 Mical Dominique Carter
1986 John Ed Hogans, IV	2006 Myeaha Daggs
1987 Lena Carter	2007 Taylor Peters
1988 Rocky Clay	2008 Bryan Keith Dandridge
1989 Alminia Wheeler	2009 Alexandria McCoo
1990 Timothy Gudger	2010 Shayla McCall
1991 Corinthia McDaniel	2011 Aisha Morton
1992 Moishe Booker	2012 Brett Golacky
1993 Nicole Gudger	2013 Sierra Mason
1994 Jenai Woodley Brown	2013 Sierra Howard
1995 Alicia Ross	2014 Samantha Gudger
1996 Olivia Carpenter	2014 Evan Wilmer
1997 Geraldine Gudger	2015 Cara Clark
1998 Latisha Sensabaugh	2016 Keenan Johnson
1999 April Beidleman	2017 Avianna Hopkins
2000 Ashleigh Norris Shu	2018 Darius Eury
2000 Corey Harris	2018 Isaiah Dandridge
2001 Deonna Field	2019 Mya Eury
2002 Jason Norris	2019 Taryn Douglas
	2020 Annessa Pennington

SAMANTHA GUDGER 2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

NAMED DIRECTOR OF TRACK & FIELD OPERATIONS IN AUGUST 2021 AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Previously, Gudger served as the Director of Track & Field Operations at Carson Newman at Carson Newman College, where she assisted in coaching the jumps group along with handling Director of Operations duties. With Gudger on staff, Carson Newman's men finished 16th in the nation during the 2021 indoor season. One of her student-athletes was Nathalie Schumacher, who at one point held the highest mark in all of NCAA Division II women's high jump and won three event titles in the 2021 indoor season.



As a student-athlete at Carson Newman, she earned USTFCCCA Southeast All-Region honors four times and won the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) women's outdoor long jump title in 2018 with a leap of 5.70 meters. She holds individual program records in the 60 hurdles, 100 hurdles and the long jump and is part of the 4x400 relay team that owns the school record. A USTFCCCA Academic All-American, Gudger earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a Master's degree in education.

The Slater officers for the 2000 Douglass-Slater Joint Reunion were National President, Dawn Delaney; Local President, Valdora Kane; Vice President, Melvin Shoffner; Treasurer, Thomas McDaniel; Secretary, Betty Carter. The Scholarship recipient for 1999 was April Kristinia Beidleman. The Souvenir Booklet for 2000 had a directory and it consisted of ads and memorials. This helped to defray the cost of the booklet and adds to the Scholarship funds of both Associations. This Reunion carried a theme; **“PROUD TRADITIONS UNITED”** and consisted of information from both Associations. Headquarters is now the Holiday Inn and activities were about the same except a fashion and talent show was added to the Cocktail Party and a bus was taken to the Cherokee Casino. There was a Block Party on McDowell Street (NO PIG) and the Picnic was started again and the Breakfast after the Dance was stopped. The cost for attending all events is now \$85.00. The Joint Reunion was a great success.



DAWN DELANEY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



VALDORA ADETAYO KANE
LOCAL PRESIDENT



MELVIN SHOFFNER
VICE PRESIDENT

In the off years the combined Associations held fun raising events to enhance the Reunion, to offset some of the expenses and have more money left to use for scholarships. The officers for 2002 were Dawn Delaney, National President; John Hogans, Local President; Katie Henderson, Vice President; Hattye Broady, Treasurer; Patricia Horton, Secretary. The Scholarship recipient for 2001 was Deonna Shante Fields and the 2002 award recipient was Jason Thomas Norris. The theme for this Reunion was **“PROUD TRADITIONS UNITED AGAIN”**. The Holiday Inn was the Headquarters, and most activities were held there. This year there was a Talent show held at the Cocktail Party. The Block Party was big again. A Golf tournament, Bowling tournament, Card tournament and Youth Basketball were added and we “Danced in The Streets” with the D.J., Joe Sanders at the Block Party.



DAWN DELANEY 2002
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



JOHN E. HOGANS, III
LOCAL PRESIDENT



KATIE HENDERSON
VICE PRESIDENT

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Jewel Bell Lane

BY ZACH IRBY
BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

BRISTOL, Tenn. — A narrow road on the campus of King University will soon have a new name.

Academy Drive, which sits at the far end of campus near the intersection of King College Road and East State Street, will be renamed in honor of longtime university employee Jewel Bell.

"I got called into the president's office and I immediately thought this was it — they're asking me to retire," Bell joked. "President Whitaker then told me that because I had made such a good impression through the years, that they wanted permission to rename the road in my honor."

Bell said she was sworn to secrecy, because school officials wanted to keep it a surprise.

"The only people that I could tell where my three children," Bell said. "I told them and luckily was able to keep it a secret until we had the official sign unveiling, which was such a nice event."

The 86 year-old was hired as a temporary maid on campus in 1952 and her tenure at the school was supposed to last just two weeks. In 1961, a telephone switchboard was brought onto campus and Bell was trained to use it. Since then, she was answered and transferred thousands of calls.

"I'm just grateful that God allows me to get out bed and come to a place that I enjoy so very much," Bell said. "I really

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

King University President Alexander Whitaker reveals a new street sign named in honor of longtime employee Jewel Bell.

Jewel

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don't feel deserving of this, but as I've been telling everyone that I see, to God be the glory for the things he has done, because he's done some strange things in my life."

Bell grew up in an integrated Bristol and attended black schools, where she used second-hand materials from white schools. But segregation never bothered Bell in her early days at King.

"The students treated me just like we were already integrated," Bell said. "They never once treated me like I was a different color and I suppose that's why I've had such a good, working relationship with the

students. I've cared and looked after a lot of students here on campus."

Bell also has had lasting impact on her community. She has worked with the American Red Cross and at Healing Hands Health Center, when they first opened in Bristol.

She has also served on the board of directors

at the YWCA during the early 1960s and, while her children were in elementary school, she was the first black PTA council president in Bristol.

When asked what's next in her life, Bell quietly paused and responded with a simple answer.

"I take one day at a time," Bell said. "Whatever God introduces to me tomorrow, I pray that I continue to do and say what he wants me to do. It's all just one simple day at a time for me."

Tim Beavers, director of public works for Bristol, Tennessee, said the road renaming is on the Nov. 1 council agenda and after approval, the city will set a date for installation.

Bell will get to keep a replica sign and plans to display it in her home. She said she'll feel proud when big sign goes up, but hopes she can keep her eyes on the road.

"I could wreck, if you really want to know the truth" Bell laughed. "At my age, I could have a wreck and end up by the cemetery. But on a serious note, it's an honor and I'm still speechless."

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BY ROGER BROWN J BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

BRISTOL, Tenn. - A passion for teaching, learning, and fighting for a better future hastaken Mary Brown to many places, from standing at the top of the Eiffel Tower to milling in a Rome square when a new pope was elected. She also took part in civil- rights demonstrations as a college student during the 1960s and currently serves as chairwoman of the city's school board.

But Brown, whose parents were both educators, says the seed for that lifelong passion was planted years earlier when she watched her mother - former Lincoln Elementary School Principal Mary Collins - inspire, teach, and even feed and clothe the pupils she helped educate each day. "A lot of times, she would watch the kids as they ate lunch and looked for the ones who didn't have much - if anything at all," Brown said of her mother. "Then, my mother would go up the street to the corner store and buy luncheon meat for those kids, so they could have lunch, too."

With a pause and a fond smile, Brown added: "I looked at my mother's passion and the love she put into teaching and helping children. And I said, 'I want to do that, too. I want to help kids, too, and make that kind of difference.'"

It's been a noble ambition Brown has pursued and met during five decades of work in education, which include 24 years as a popular English and French teacher at Tennessee High School and the last six as a member of Bristol's school board, which sets policy for the nearly 4,000-student district.

And it's an ambition that has drawn Brown plenty of praise.

Fellow school board member Gwen Ellis - who lobbied Brown to run for the school board after she retired in 2005 - calls Brown "a very hard worker" who has a laser-like focus on improving the city's schools and student performances.

"I tease her a lot about keeping such a busy schedule," Ellis said about Brown. "She is committed to putting the needs of students first and is also very supportive of the staff. [And her] many years of teaching experience have been invaluable to the Board."

Director of Schools Gary Lilly echoed Ellis' comments, noting that Brown has been honored by the Tennessee School Board Association for her work and training as a board official.

"She is so conscientious and dedicated to the work of the board," Lilly said.

For Brown, that sense of dedication can range from playing an active hands-on role in major board decisions, like one taken last year to dramatically improve school facilities, to personally buying books for needy students at schoolbook sales so they aren't discouraged from developing their reading skills away from the classroom.

"I always want the children and parents and teachers of this district to always know that I care about them and act in their best interests," Brown said. "And if that means buying a child a book at a book sale that keeps his or her love for reading alive, I'll do it."

She added: "It might be a small thing, but that's what education is about. A lot of times, it's the small things that can inspire our children to keep pushing and striving - and keep alive their dreams of doing big things."

A lifelong Bristol resident who graduated from the former Slater High School, the city's all-black high school before schools were integrated in the mid-1960s, Brown says sitting on the school board perfectly fits her personality.

"I've always tended to be a 'fixer,'" Brown said during an interview at the school administration building. "I've always been someone who has looked at things and said, 'OK, how can we improve from here? How can we progress from here?'" "And that's one of the challenges about being on the school board that I really love. It's the challenge of always pursuing ways to improve our educational system - and keep helping our students and teachers progress."



Captain Billy McDaniel, Bristol Virginia Sheriff's Deputy retired from the department after 41 years of service, a tenure with tons of trials, but tons of fun. "It's been fabulous, awesome," McDaniel said. McDaniel describes the past 41 years with words most of his co-workers use to describe him. "Billy's been a man of the people. he's always been a regular guy, a very approachable straight-shooter," Sheriff Jack Weisenburger said. McDaniel said he was the department's first black deputy, but the honor he says was to serve his hometown. "This job is great," McDaniel said. "It's always something different to serve the citizens here in the city of Bristol." "One of the biggest impacts is the consistency. The loyalty that he's shown to the Sheriff's Office. That presence after 41 years is somewhat reassuring and somewhat familiar," Weisenburger said.



Captain Thomas McDaniel served Bristol, Tennessee more than four decades to protect the community. Today, McDaniel retired after 43 years of service. When McDaniel joined the force, there were only 25 officers, today there are more than 60. He says the biggest change he's seen since he started in 1971 is the training officers go through on a daily basis. "Never thought you'd get to this point but life's quick, I just have to accept it." said McDaniel. "I've been here all my life." McDaniel says the secret to a long career is to treat people right.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 1956

News Of Area Men

Sergeant First Class Arvil E. Buchanan, 25, whose wife, Dossie, lives at 512 Chestnut St., Bristol, Tenn., recently took part in a field training exercise in Germany with the 11th Airborne Division. The annual exercise included squad, platoon and company level tactical problems under simulated combat conditions. Sergeant Buchanan, a tank commander in Tank Company of the division's 503d Regiment, has been overseas since last January. He entered the Army in 1947. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney M. Buchanan, live on Route 1, Coeburn, Va.

Specialist Third Class Marce E. Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jordan, Old Abingdon Hwy., Bristol, Va., recently was graduated from the supply handling course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va. In the eight-week course, Specialist Jordan was trained to load and unload supplies and equipment to operate materials-handling equipment and to assist in the receipt, storage, issue, sale and salvage of technical or general materials. Jordan entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.



EARL MILTON McCLAIN

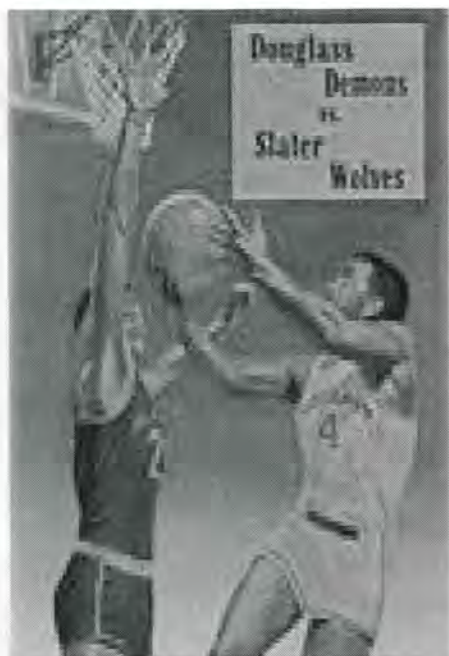
Bristolian Qualifies For OCS

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Feb. 1: Douglass-Slater Bristol Classic 2020



FEBRUARY 1, 2020
BALLARD LEE COURT
VHS GYM
JV GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM
ALUMNI RECOGNITION
AT 4:00 PM

The Douglass-Slater Bristol Classic 2020 is set for Saturday afternoon February 1, 2020 at Ballard Lee Court at Virginia High School. When the Bearcats of Virginia High meet their crosstown rival Tennessee High Vikings in basketball that afternoon, both the girls and boys varsity teams will be wearing the uniforms of the Douglass High School Demons (Virginia High) and the Slater High School Wolves (Tennessee High).

Alumni from the segregated high schools will be honored with a brief ceremony at 4:00 on the basketball floor. There will be a reception area in the old VHS gymnasium all afternoon, with memorabilia from those bygone days. The event is a part of the 400 year commemoration of the first African-Americans coming to British North America as well as kicking off Black History Month. The basketball game pays tribute to the legacy of the two schools and the alumni that succeeded despite the barriers the Jim Crow system placed on Bristol's African-American community well into the 1960s.

The event is a part of a quadruple header which will begin with the Girls' JV contest at 1:00, followed by the Boys' JV game at 2:30. The varsity doubleheader will begin twenty minutes after the conclusion of the pre-game ceremony honoring the alumni from Douglass and Slater High Schools. Please make plans to attend this seminal event.

Thank you,

Keith Perrigan
Superintendent
Bristol Virginia Public Schools
Preparing Students to Thrive in a Dynamically Changing World.