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### Philosophy.

### Statement of Progress

The School, to better aid the individual, should seek to unfold his natural tendencies rather than set up certain conventional and uniform standards of accomplishments, irrespective of ability. The points pertinent to guidance include social and civic behavior, loyalty to humanity, boy-girl relationships, and social hygiene. The best test for evaluating the school system is the appraisal society makes of the behavior of the School's product in the social situation encountered throughout life. Learning takes place best when the pupil comes from a home in which the adults maintain a discipline conducive to study; when the child himself is intellectually normal by accepted standards; when his teachers are well qualified; when the school location is easily accessible; when the buildings and equipment are adequate; and when the Community offers no serious enticements towards juvenile delinquency. In addition, the accord between parent and teacher should be easy, the curriculum suitable, and the aims of the School thoroughly practical. The institutions and individuals which should co-operate in the program of education should include the family, religious organizations, and civic and educational groups, as well as key individuals of the community. The School serves as an intellectual, informative and social hub of the community by being a place of important meetings, where programs of the best type are presented and where the most enlightened sentiment is created and set forth. Education is the sum total of those measures taken by qualified institutions and persons to assist the student towards as happy a life as is possible in a changing civilization. Such assistance consists in helping the learner to attain the service of society. This, We Believe!!!

This School was established under the name of the Bowling Green Industrial Academy, by the Caroline Sunday School Union in 1903 with 5 students and 1 teacher. During the next year the institution was incorporated by an act of the Legislature of Virginia. It was then maintained as a private Academy by the Caroline Sunday School Union until 1914, when it was taken over by the School Board of Caroline County and converted into a Training School. Upon accreditation of the School in 1926 the name was changed to Union High in honor of its founder.

The growth has been very rapid in fifty years of existence. The School, which begain in a partially completed building with 5 students and 1 teacher, has increased to 750 students and 28 teachers and a modern structure. This progress has been made possible by many loyal citizens and organizations, but foremost of these have been the leaders of Caroline County and the six principals who have served the School so well.

The School's enrollment and faculty members have tripled in the past 12 years. We are proud of our Alma Mater's history and of the spirit and vision of its forefathers. We feel that we can honor in no better way the founders of this institution than by making permanent the works which they have so nobly and bravely begun. This day we extend to all of its friends our warmest and sincere greeting and hearty welcome.



Principal's Message

Members of the graduating class of 1954, I commend you for reaching this point in your preparation for life through sacrifice and labor. There are two ways to attain an important end — one is through force and the other through perseverance. Force falls to the lot of only the privileged few; but, austere and sustained perseverance can be practiced by the most insignificant. Its silent power grows irresistible with time. Almost every good thing must be won, not by luck or accident, but by honest toil.

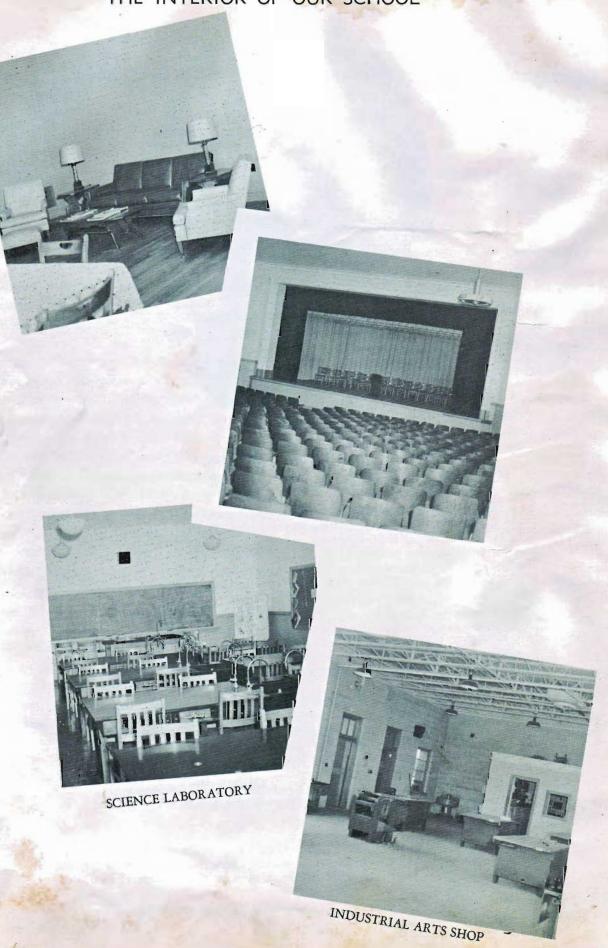
Slumber not in the tents of the past, for the world is advancing. Advance with it! Use your gifts and training faithfully and they will become enlarged. Practice what you know and you shall attain higher knowledge. The grandest of all laws is the law of progressive development, for all that is human must retrograde if it does not advance. Where we are is not as important as the direction in which we are moving.

Character is the foundation of all worthwhile success. A good heart, benevolent feelings, and a balanced mind, lie at the foundation of character. Other things may come and go but character is that which lives and abides within and is admired long after its possessor has left the earth. True worth is in being, not seeming — in doing each day that goes by, some little good — not in dreaming of great things to do.

Your obligations are plain and simple and consist of but three duties: your duty to God, which every man must feel, to your country, and to your neighbor, to do as you would be done by.

Numerous are the graduates of Union High School who have already found their places in making worthwhile contributions to society. May your becoming a part of this great family give to it added impetus and assurance to more noble achievements.







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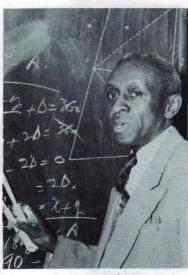
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# Class History

"The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts and the great art of life is to have as many of them as possible . . . "Montaigne

As we, the Senior Class of 1954, pause to reminisce near the end of our high school days, we recall many pleasant and exciting experiences. We look back over the years, vainly wishing to correct our mistakes; however, still mindful of the fact that all mortals are fallible.

Now, in our minds, we turn back the pages of time to September, 1949. We see 140 shy and timid eighth graders eager to seek new adventures and to conquer new horizons. The 54 boys and 86 girls were placed under the leadership of Mrs. Ragland, Mrs. Holden and Miss White. There we were — anxious to establish a good precedent, and afraid not to cater to the wishes of our superiors.

The next year we returned as 125 full-fledged freshmen. Our class was the largest in the school. This year we were allowed to hold positions in our school organizations. It was during this time that one of our classmates was chosen "Miss Union High." This indeed was quite an honor.

The year 1951-52 was the highlight of our school years. We were now self-assured sophomores—92 strong. In January, together with our colleagues, we moved into our new and modern school. Everyone was elated over the spacious auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

As 68 dignified juniors, we felt that we should be entitled to all the privileges that the seniors enjoyed. After all, didn't we have nearly as much prestige? With Mr. Beverly and Miss White as our homeroom teachers, we prepared for our gala Junior-Snior Prom. In June we sadly watched our senior friends raise their voices to the strains of "Now Is the Hour."

By our senior year, only sixty of us remained. However, with a strong determination to succeed, we staunchly set about our duties. We raised money for our yearbook, were measured for our rings, and worked under the patient guidance of Miss Davis to make our graduation one to be remembered. Then at last our greatest dreams were realized. Our struggles had not been in vain.

Through hard work, perseverance, and faith, we have attempted to overcome the inevitable obstacles that were forever in our pathways. As we go forward we remember the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln:

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith; let us, to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Marian Thomas







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BEVERLY, MAKJORIE Woodford, Virginia



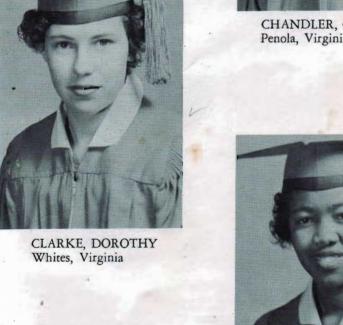
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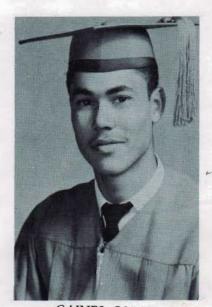
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GAINES, OSCAR Passing, Virginia



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GAINES, LORRAINE Passing, Virginia



GARNETT, JEANICE Milford, Virginia

HOWARD, CELESTE Woodford, Virginia





JEFFERSON, FLORENCE Port Royal, Virginia



GOLDEN, DORIS Penola, Virginia



JACKSON, JOYCE Woodford, Virginia



JOHNSON, ARLENE Penola, Virginia



JONES, JULIA Port Royal, Virginia



MINOR, MOLLY Woodford, Virginia



JOHNSON, MABLE Passing, Virginia



MINES, ARLENE Hanover, Virginia



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MOORE, FRANCES Milford, Virginia



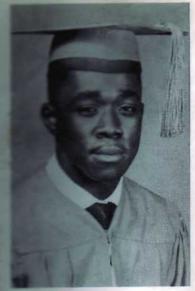
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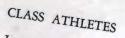
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CARTER, ELNORA Penola, Virginia



CUTEST

Joyce and Alfred Carter



June Dickerson and Harry Derricote
James Woolfolk



COMEDIANS

Lewis Peatross and Charles Fleming



MOST VERSATILE

Marian Thomas and Cecil Carter





MOST STUDIOUS

Ruby Carter

Mabel Johnson

Roger Young

MOST DEPENDABLE
Ruth Bryant
Clara Woolfolk
Robert Carter



MOST CONSERVATIVE

Shirley Norman, Jeanice Garnett,

Mollie Minor, and Betty Wright



MOST BEAUTIFUL MOST HANDSOME

Otelia Coleman, Althea Gaines and Howard Pullen, Oscar Gaines



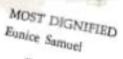


LOUDEST

Mary Fells

Celeste Howard

Lessie Reynolds



Doris Golden

Romaine Fortune



MOST RESERVED

Charles Chandler, Sarah Smithers, and Elnora Carter



SWEETEST

Dorothy Clarke

Mildred Coleman

Doris Coleman



QUIETEST Lucy Moore, Pauline Roye, and Julia Jones



Margarie Beverly, Arlene Johnson





NEATEST

Ruby Monroe

Engene Thompson

Frances Moore

CLASS BABIES

Madelyn Courtney

and

Joyce Jackson

#### PROUDEST

Lorraine Gaines

Yvonne Larney

Florence Jeffersor







## Class Prophecy

I dreamed I was a gypsy fortune teller with a crystal ball before me. And after seeing many strange and weird things, my eyes rested upon the pleasant prophecy of my classmates of '54. As my crystall ball revolves I see:

Peter Arnold as president of Arnold's Transport Company, with Manon Ferguson, Alfred Carter, Lewis Peatross and Willie Roye as chief operators of the West Coast branches. Ruth Bryant is his bookkeeper and Doris Coleman his secretary.

I am now traveling across the continent. Out in Hollywood, I see June Dickerson has signed a 5 year contract with Warner Brothers. While there, I looked in on Madelyn Courtney and Althea Gaines who are earning \$20 per hour as models.

As I move easeward, I see the old familiar Union High. James Woolfolk is now principal and Roger Young is teaching history. Robert Carter teaches shop and Eugene Thompson is instructor of physical education.

On to Bowling Green, my how it's changed. It is a very large town now. The dress shop across the street belongs to Frances Moore; Molly Minor is her Paris buyer. Shirley Norman, Lucy Moore, and Pauline Roye are sales ladies.

Down the street, I see Marjorie Beverly and she hasn't changed a bit. She operates her own beauty shop and Arlene Mines is a very capable manicurist. Julia Jones is her expert hair stylist.

Now, I must move on over to Ashland where I see Susie Richardson who is the ideal wife and mother .

From here I go to Washington, D. C. As fate would have it, here comes Celeste Howard. Lessie Reynolds and she are employed at the Pentagon. Charles Fleming manages the Stop Flight Taxi Co. Howard Pullen and Cecil Carter are instructors at Howard University Law School. Celeste tells me that Harry "Spark" Derricote will play there Saturday night with the Harlem Globetrotters.

I shall stop over in New York before I complete my tour to visit Joyce Carter who operates a nursery school. Jean Monte teaches there also. In the business district, there's Aubry Reynolds' "Salon for Men" and Oscar Gaines' dental office. Mildred Coleman is his dental hygienist. Along the avenue I stopped by to say "Hello" to Otelia Coleman who is fashion designer for Christine Doir. Ruby Carter is her sales coordinator.

Ruby Monroe is dietitian in a Howard Johnson Restaurant. After a delightful meal I went to the "Latin Quarter" where Dorothy Clarke is billed for two weeks as a popular singer. Joyce Jackson is there also as a dancer.

Tomorrow I am invited to a party at Florence Jefferson's. She is a very successful interior decorator. I hope to see some of my friends there, pethaps, Sarah Smithers who is a secretary, Mary Fells a typist, Yvonne Latney, a nutrition expert, Betty Wright, a librarian and Elizabeth Rock who lives here in New York with her husband.

I ran into Romaine Fortune who supervises the youngsters of the community Y.W.C.A. Eunice Samuels lives an California with her husband, John Frazier. Jeanice Garnett
and Eva Harris operate a toy shop on Chestnut Screet in downtown Philadelphia. Marjorie Davis is employed as a secretary at Gimbels.

Lorraine Gaines, Clara Woolfolk, and Arlene Johnson are nurses in Cooper Hospital in New Jersey.

Oh! I must hurry and pack. I forgot I must cover a story for the TIMES in Japan. Maybe while I am there I can visit Marian Thomas who is a social worker there.

And, before my crystal ball becomes completely dark, I predict for all, success where ever they embark.

# Class Song

#### TUNE "I BELIEVE"

Union High, our fondest dreams are e'er for you,
we love you still.
Union High, our thoughts have always been for you,
and always will.
Every hallowed wall means all the world to us,
Each classroom too, and though we're through;
Dear Union High—We love you.

Union High, you've been for us these many years,
a guiding light.

Union High, you've shared our happiness and tears,
our dreams of might.

As we leave you now dear school, we'll n'er forget
Our dreams of you, they're mem'ries true.

Dear Union High—We love you.

### Class Poem

O Friends! with whom our feet have trod Within the halls of Union High; Our hearts are very sad indeed For we must say goodbye.

Year after year, we all have come And met our friends so dear; We dedicate our love so true For we must leave you here.

We've loved the subjects and the classes Our teachers long have taught; And all the hard battles of brain and wir That together so long we have fought.

To our friends and loved ones We must say good-bye; With hopes that you will ever Love dear Union High.

Madelyn Joyce Courtney

### Class Will

We, the graduating class of the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four of Union High School, in the following passages, realizing the uncertainty of our future careers, the near approach of our departure, and in full possession of our crammed minds, do make and declare this our last will and testament.

To Mr. Ruffin, our beloved principal, we bequeath our sincere affection, our deepest reverence, and the unlimited wealth of our eternal memory.

To Miss Davis, our devoted advisor, we bequeath peace and happiness, health, and many blessings.

To our dear faculty, who have been our instructors in all the wisdom of ages, our profound appreciation for their untiring efforts and unselfish service they gave so freely.

To the Juniors, we bequeath our desire that they may be able to produce students who will follow in the footsteps of the class of 1954.

To the Sophomores, we leave a persevering mind that they may be able to withstand the storm for two more years.

To the Freshmen, we bequeath our ability to study, and courage to complete the courses they have started.

To the Eighth Graders, we leave youth and inexperience in hope that as they grow older their potentialities will be realized.

To certain individuals we bequeath the following:

Francis Moore, Ruby Monroe, and Otelia Coleman want Lucy Green, Alberta Monte, and Mae Simms to have their seats on the choir.

Harry Derricote, June Dickerson, and Eugene Thompson leave their athletic ability to Omega Garnett, Roland Johnson, and Redmon Jefferson.

Marjorie Beverly, Jeanice Garnett, and Eva Harris leave their chattering session in class to Doris Smith, Lucy Claiborne, and Frances Scott.

Roger Young, Robert Carter, and Manon Ferguson will their ability to attend English regularly to Melvyn Gibson, Charles Bryant, and Wilbur Thomas.

Susie Richardson and Peter Arnold leave their calories to Virginia Gray and Lincoln Burruss.

Lucy Moore, Arlean Mines, and Alfred Carter will their bashfulness to Nancy Gray, Lillie Boone, and Robert Freeman.

Althea Gaines, Celeste Howard, and Lessie Reynolds leave their ability to be seen and heard at all times to Geneva Braxton, Viola Quash and Jean Braxton.

Mable Johnson, Marian Thomas, and Madelyn Courtney leave their art of recitation and public speaking to Alease Twisdale, Lena Mines, and Gladys Garnett.

Betty Wright, Julia Jones and Elizabeth Monroe will their politeness to Elizabeth Braxton, Sylvia Smithers and Harrie Ross. Pauline Roye and Yvonne Latney will their height to Rebecca Wright and Delores Shepherd.

Mollie Minor, Doris Golden, and Romaine Fortune leave their hair styles to Naomi Wilson, Marie Washington, and Alice Woolfolk.

Doris Coleman, Dorothy Clarke, and Lorraine Gaines leave their neatness to Dallas Terry, Bernice Jones, and Lucille Harris.

Elnora Carter, Joyce Jackson, and Joyce Carter hope that Elizabeth Paige, Marian Young, and Margaret Jackson will accept their pleasant voices.

Florence Jefferson and Shirley Norman leave their boyfriends to Mary Coleman and Vivian Minor.

Ruth Bryant and Clara Woolfolk leave their small feet to Joan Quash, and Phyllis Scott.

Sarah Smithers and Jean Monte bequeath their initiative and aggressiveness to Barbara Washington and Madeline Quash.

Mary Fells and Eunice Samuels will their ability to write lettres in class to Dorothy Freeman and Lillie Boone.

Cecil Carter and Charles Fleming leave their cool manner to Leroy Wheeler and James Golden.

Aubrey Reynolds and Charles Chandler leave their daringness to loiter in the halls to Steven Paige and Olliver Hutchinson.

Oscar Gaines and Arlene Johnson leave their classroom dignity to Andrew Chandler and Lucille Anderson.

Howard Pullen, Willie Roye, and James Woolfolk bequeath their techniques used in winning girls to Edward Dudley, William Cooper and Earl Tillman.

Ruby Carter and Mildred Coleman leave their sweetness to Laura and Lucille Howard,

Clara Courtney and Marjorie Davis entrust their history book to Mary Golden and Sydney Rollins hoping they will make good use of it.

To anybody who needs it, Lewis Peatross' bluff. Apply early and avoid the rush.

In witness whereof, we, the class of 1954, the testors, have to this will set our hands and seals, this 6th day of June one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

Ruth Bryant, Ruby Carter



JUNIOR CLASS



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10A PRES. MARY PEATROSS



10B PRES.

JEANETTE JEFFERSON





9B PRES. DORIS BEAZLEY



PRES. ALBERTA MONTE



# Calendar

September	1953	
	1-2	Pre-School Conference
	3	School Opened
	3	First Convocation-Rev. Young
	8	Closed for Labor Day
	21	Youth Challenge - Rev. Freeman
October		Text Preman
	. 9	District Teachers Meeting
	14	N.H.A. Installation of Officers
	29	Celebration of United Nations Day
	- 30	Celebration of United Nations Day
November	- 30	State Teachers' Meeting
+ vovember	4	Election of Student Government Officers
	11	Business Class Trip to Bureau of Printing and Engraving
	25	Thanksgiving Service and Distribution of Baskets
December		thanks giving service and Distribution of baskets
The Mark	6	T.I.A.A. Basketball Tournament
	11	American Government Class' Patriotic Play
	18	Christmas Elementary Pageant
	18	Christmas Seals Drive Ended
	18	Annual Christmas Party
January		rimual Circums Farty
,	20	French Club presented program "Let's Say it in French"
February		rener club presented program Let's Say it in French
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	22	Senior Trip to The General Assembly March of Dimes Drive
	27	District Music Festival
March	21	District Music restival
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	19	N.H.A. — St. Patrick's Day Tea
	and the second	Dramatic Club Play — "Florence Unlimited"
	19-20	State New Homemakers of America Convention at Hamp- ton Institute
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April	21	State Dramatic Club Tournament
repair	3.9	Patiniana Familia
	14	Religious Institute
	2020	Annual Fashion Show
	15	Easter Services
	16-19	Easter Holidays
	24	Career Day
	25	Golden Anniversary Celebration
May		
	8	May Day
	13	Mother-Daughter Banquet
June		128. 001
	2	Elementary Closing
	3 4	Junior-Senior Prom
	4	Senior Picnic
	6	Baccalaureate Services
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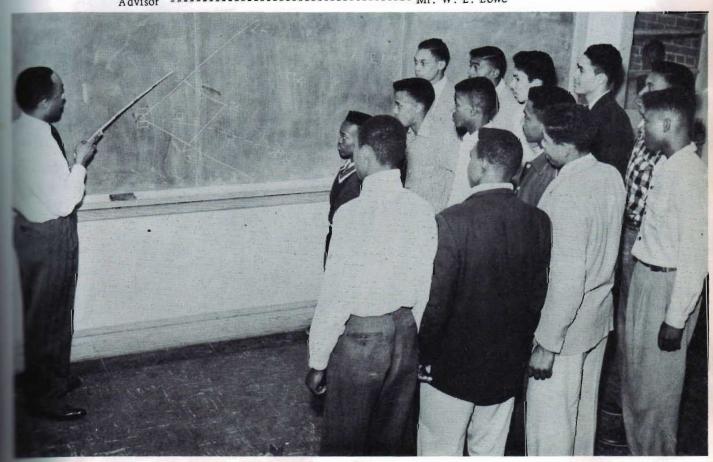
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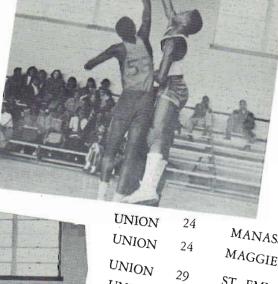
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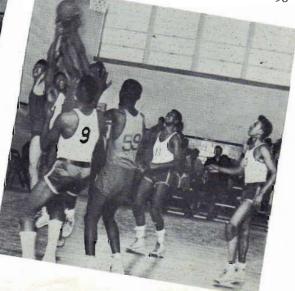
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## SCENES AROUND THE SCHOOL



SENIORS TAKE APTITUDE TEST



CHOIR PREPARES FOR RECITAL

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SCENES AROUND THE SCHOOL







PRINCIPAL'S SECRETARY
TYPES A LETTER

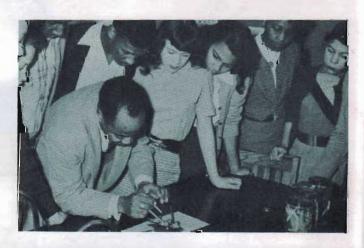
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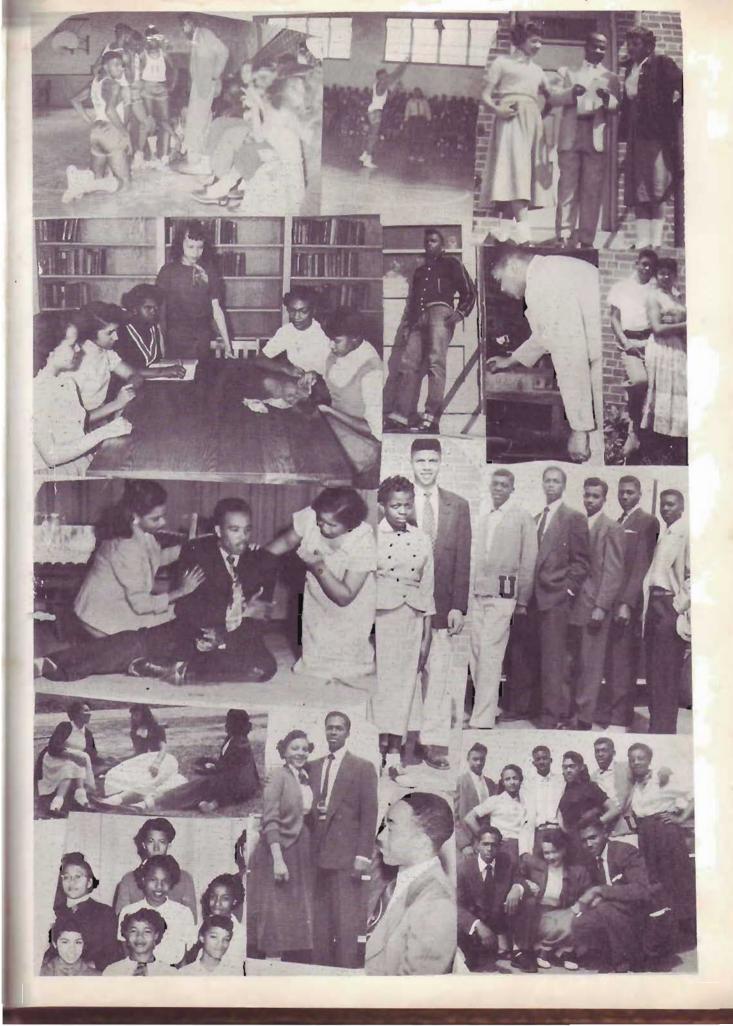
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