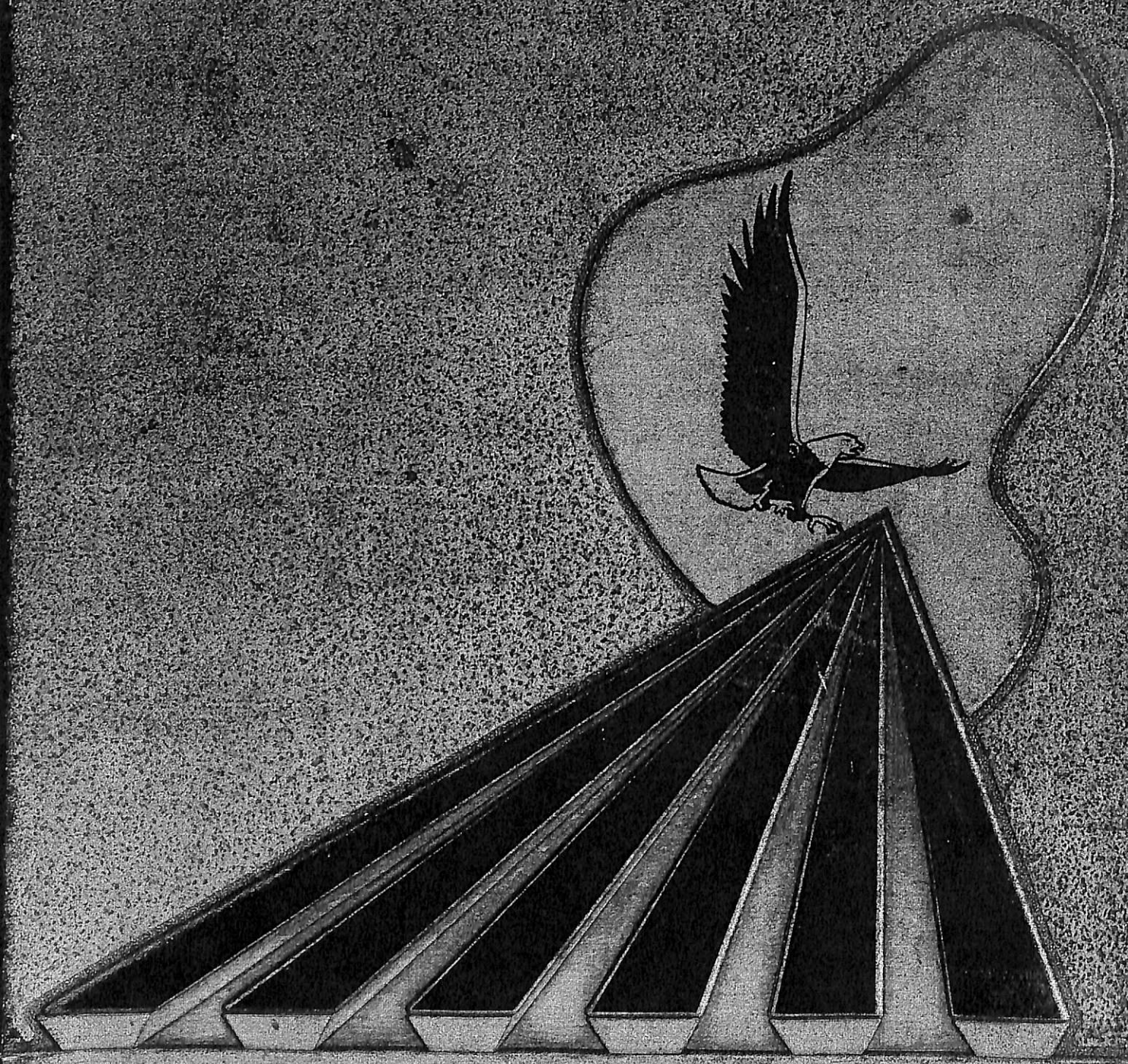


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Sound of Music"*



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"When you sing you begin with do-re-mi!"

Foreword

The SOUND OF MUSIC is not new to St. Francis School. For as long as St. Francis has been on the hill - the hill has been "alive with the sound of music" . . .

the orchestra

the band

the choir

vocal and instrumental groups

the elementary classes -

each has contributed toward the building of a theme for this 1964 annual.

May your heart be "blessed with the SOUND OF MUSIC" as you relive the experiences of St. Francis students . . . musically and otherwise.

Dedication



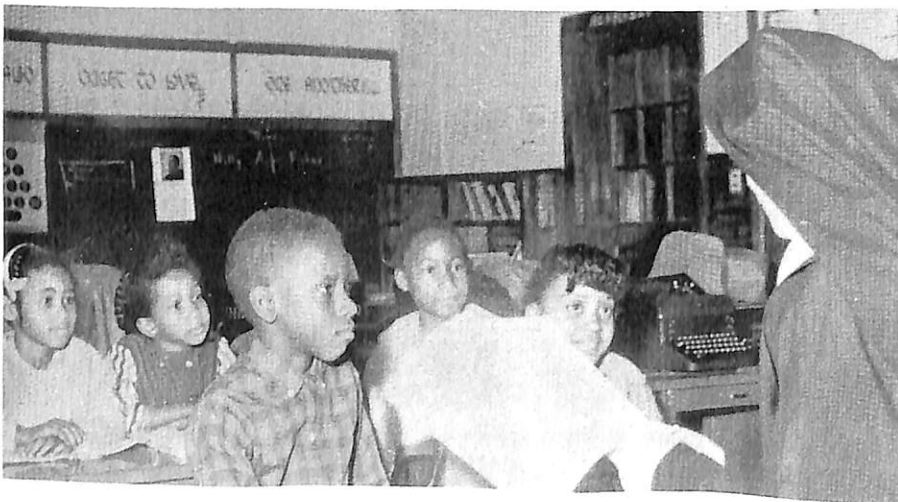
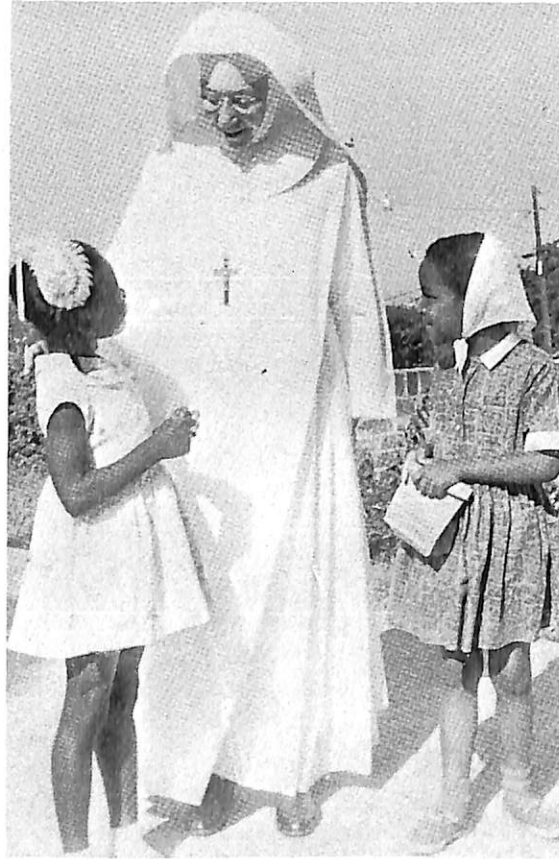
Sister Madonna discusses "first grade" problems.

English classes and social studies classes constituted one phase of activity.

Sister M. Madonna, O.S.F. has been principal of St. Francis High School and Elementary School from 1958-1964, as well as high school teacher and athletic director for eleven years before assuming this position.

She has done much toward the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student who has had the privilege of working with her. She has "climbed every mountain" in her efforts to bring Christ to the students of St. Francis.

This is dedication!



Instructions for First Holy Communion was part of Sister's dedication.

Summer Glimpses

A final handshake,
as Father Theri-
ault leaves St.
Francis.



"Re . . . a
drop of golden
sun."

Seminarians from Josephinum
Seminary managed the Little
League. John Waldron, George
Connors and "Mike" Hornick
prepare for a game.

Jack Park "lines up" his play-
ers.

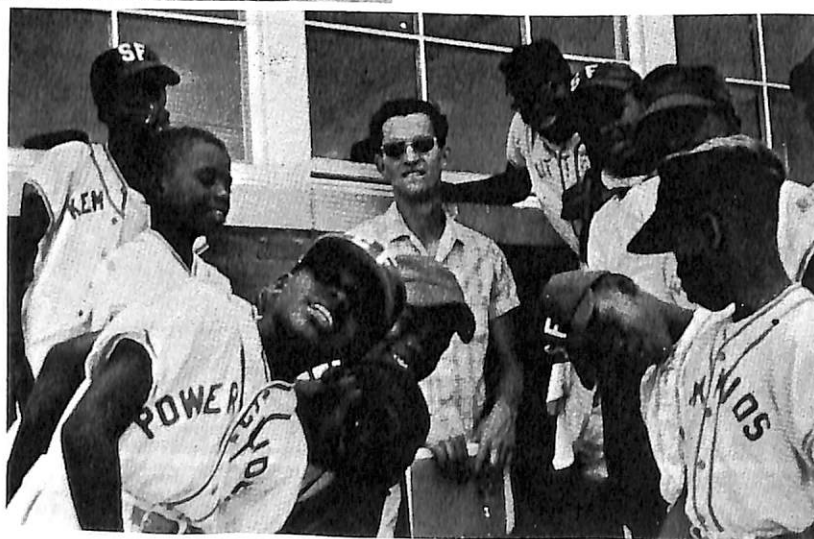




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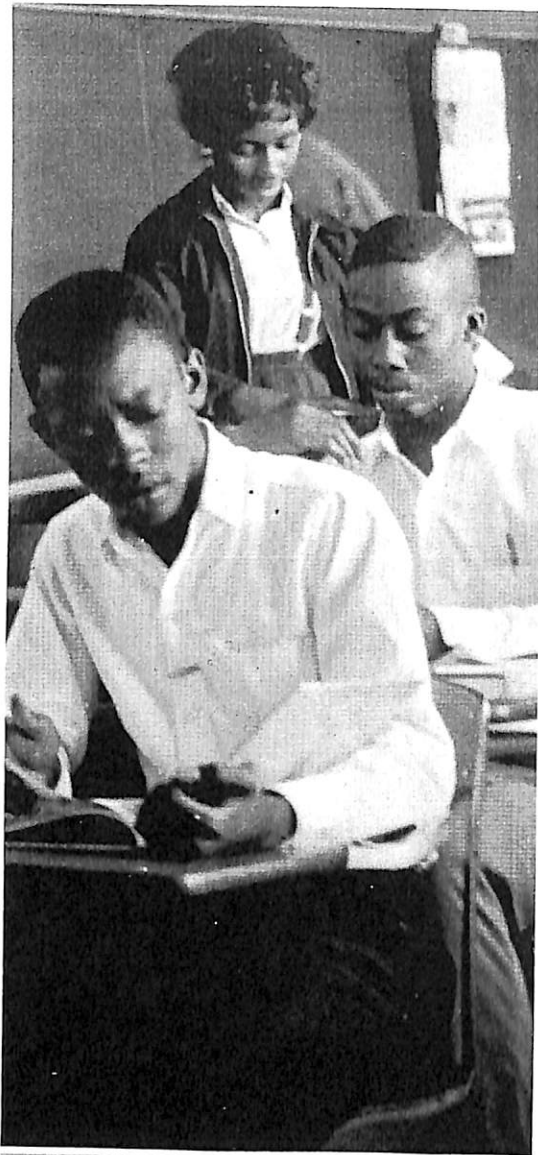
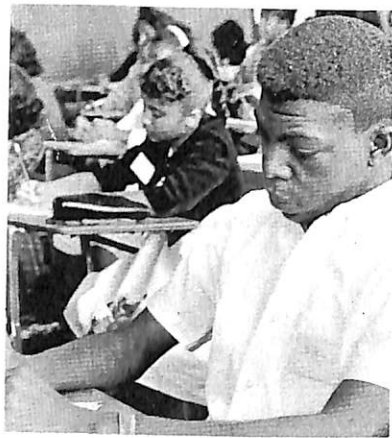
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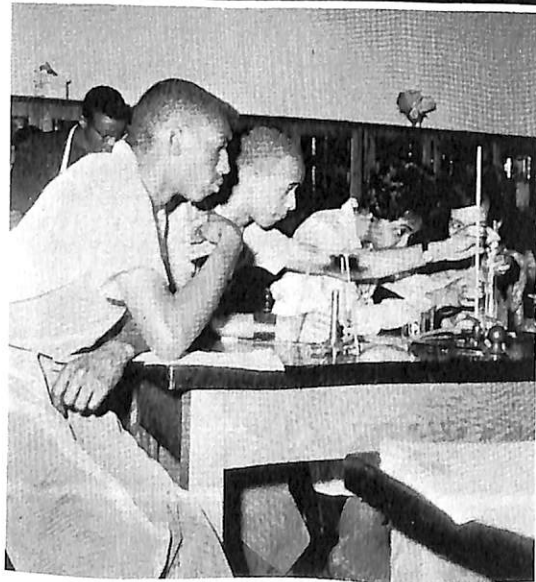
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*"Many a thing
you know you
ought to tell
them . . . "*



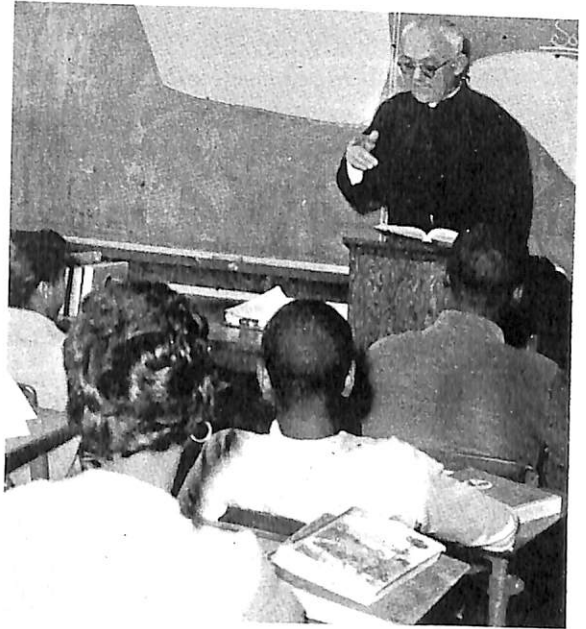
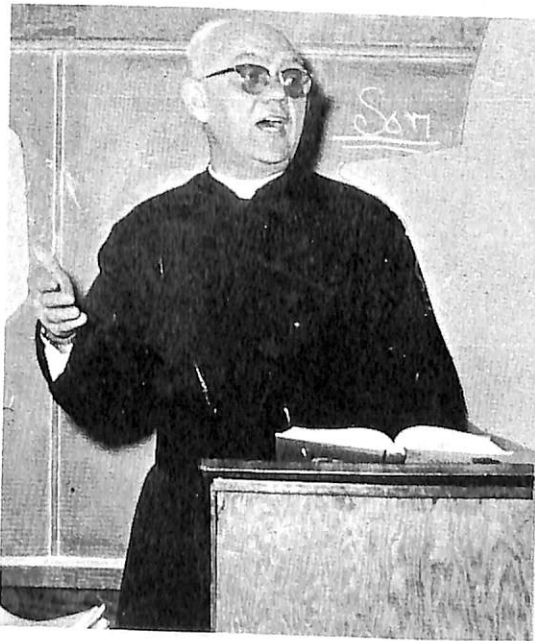
Classes





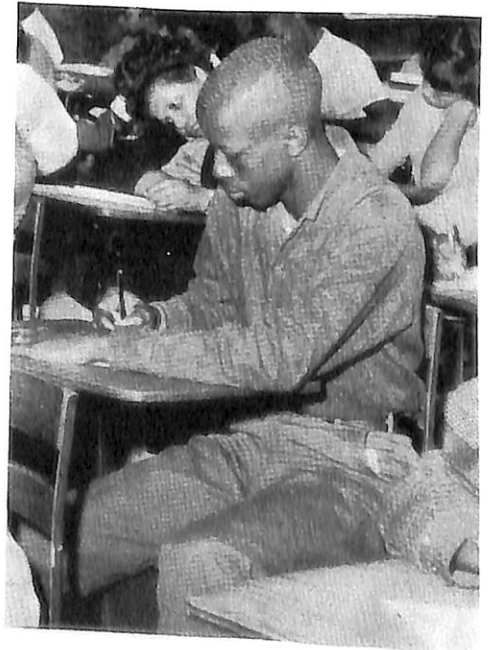
"I know I will
hear what
I heard before."

Padre Stier, pastor of St. Francis, in addition to Religion classes taught Spanish I and II. Ask the Juniors and Seniors!



No Junior or Senior ever went home without EL CAMINO REAL. Father Stier furthered his Spanish studies at the Catholic University of America.

Ernest Mays and Erma Paige know they must pass their Spanish test!



English and Language



Sister M. Cynthia, O.S.F., English and Latin instructor, takes from the shelf a copy of THE BOOK OF KING ARTHUR by Mary Macleod to introduce to her English I class.



James Smith and Charles Little study Latin I in the classroom and then . . .



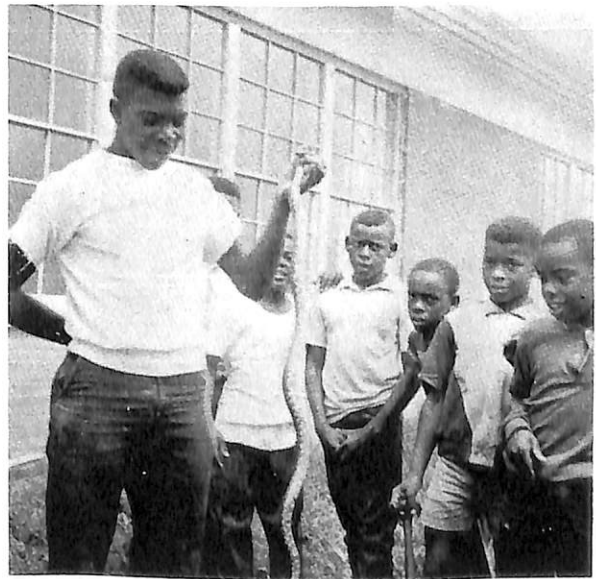
put it to practical use through their participation in the liturgical services of Palm Sunday.



In a panel discussion for Biology class, Shirley King explains the value of periodic eye examination.

"Why not learn
to put your faith
and your reliance . . .

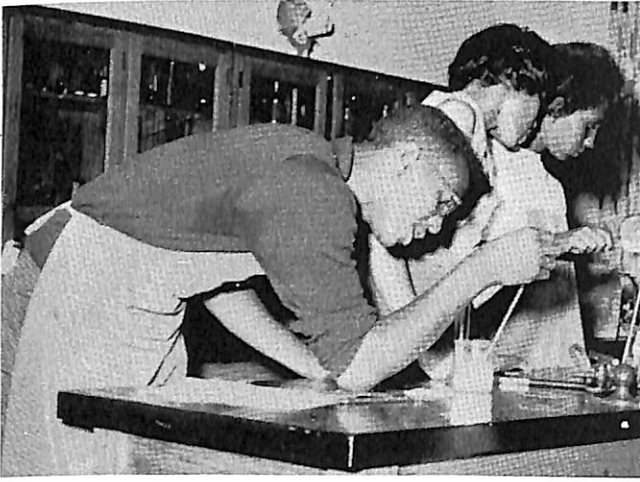
Mathematics and Science



Paul Jones says, "Yes, it's alive!"

Spring gives teachers and
students a legitimate "ex-
cuse" for outdoor classes.





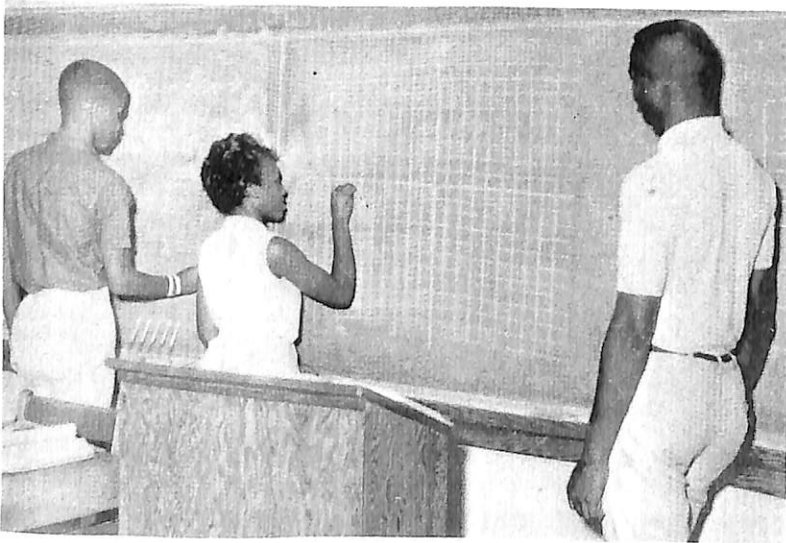
Frequent experimentation by Chemistry students James Roberts and Bobbie Jean Johnson, enable them to better understand our scientific era.



on the obvious and simple facts of science."

Sister M. Vincent Ferrer, O.S.F., science and math instructor, worked this geometry problem - now to the students!

It takes three Freshmen to work one Algebra problem - James Smith, Virginia Byas and Eddie Hackett.



"Climb every mountain
Search high and low
Follow every highway
Every path you know."

Sister M. Michele, O.S.F.,
social studies teacher, emphat-
ically makes her point!



Seniors gain first
hand "historical"
experience at the
national park in
Vicksburg. (Arthur
Banks is definitely in
trouble!)

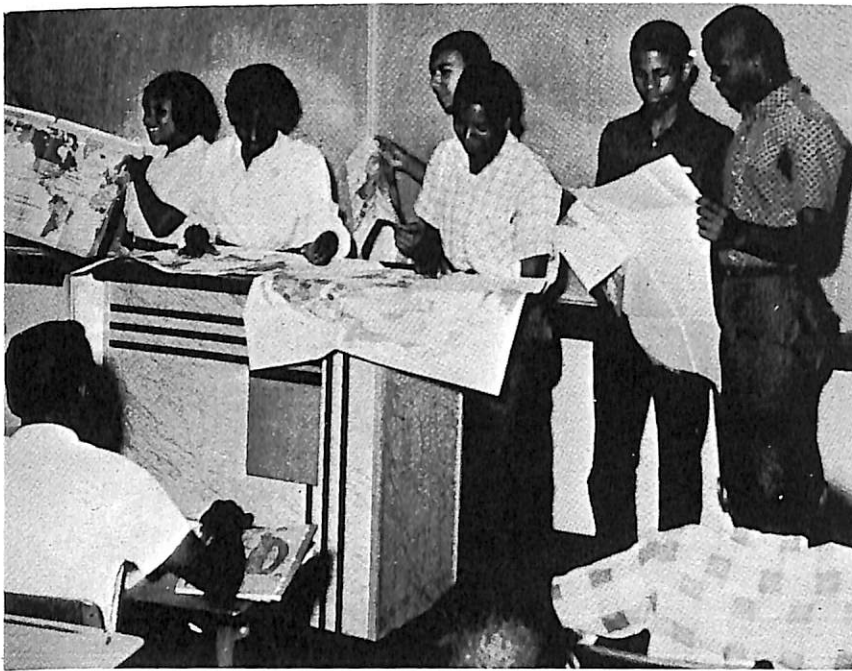


Alphonsia Williams, Ed-
ward Roberts, Louise Fish-
er and Lacey Moore meet
again for a discussion on
the World News map.
These meetings were
"daily" affairs.



Social Studies

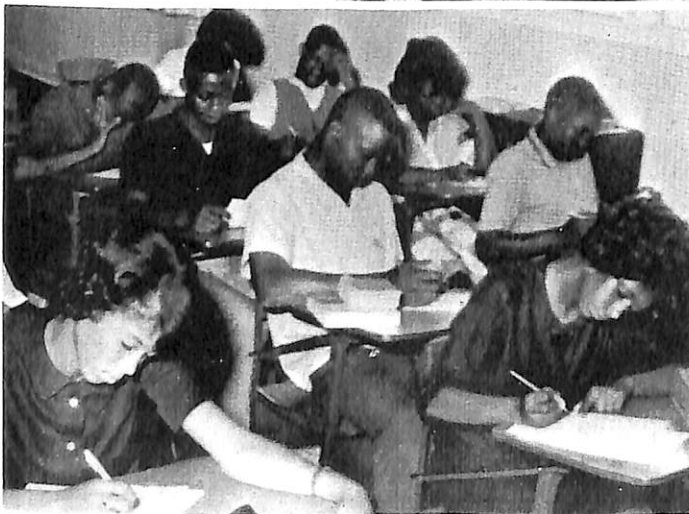
"Name it!" and the Freshman geography class will locate it for you.



Freshman girls Bradine Page, Earlene Meeke, Norma Jean McCallister and Lela Hollins watch the daily newscast intently - taking notes. This was part of their assignment.



Sophomores conclude their World History with a test. Doris Roberts, Cleveland Bowman and Clemmie Collins are caught concentrating.



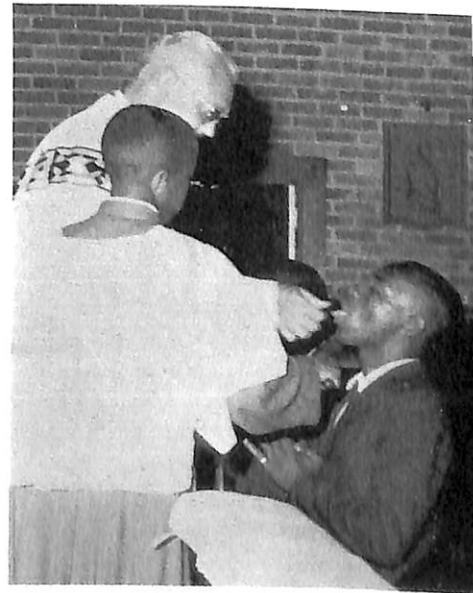
Faith in action!

Father Stier administers the sacrament of Baptism to Ernest Mays, Arthur Banks, Ellawean Moore, Posey Wilburn and Shirley King.



"Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay."

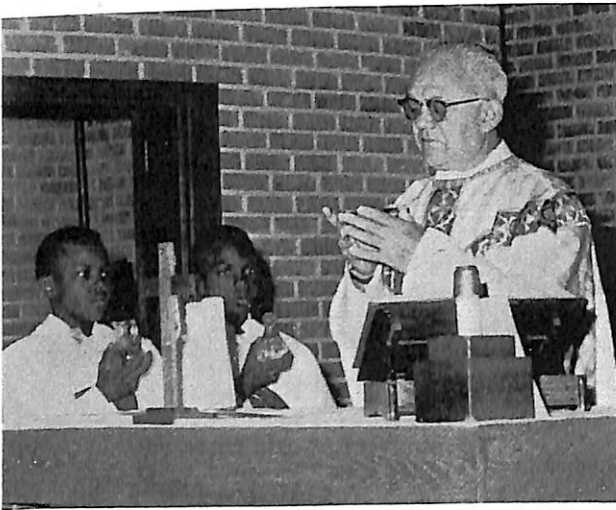
Christ in the Blessed Sacrament comes to Leonard Taylor for the first time!



Recently baptized students from the high school and grade school receive their first Holy Communion.

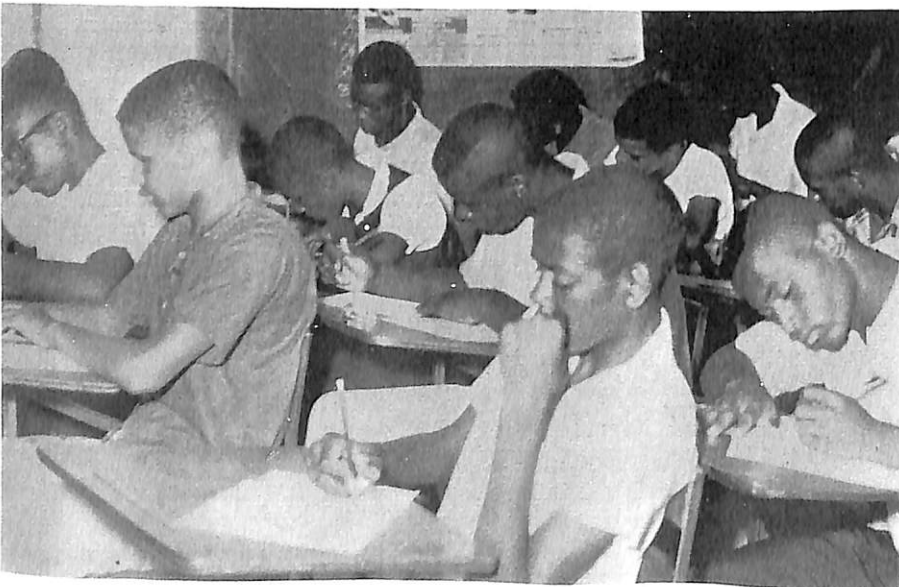
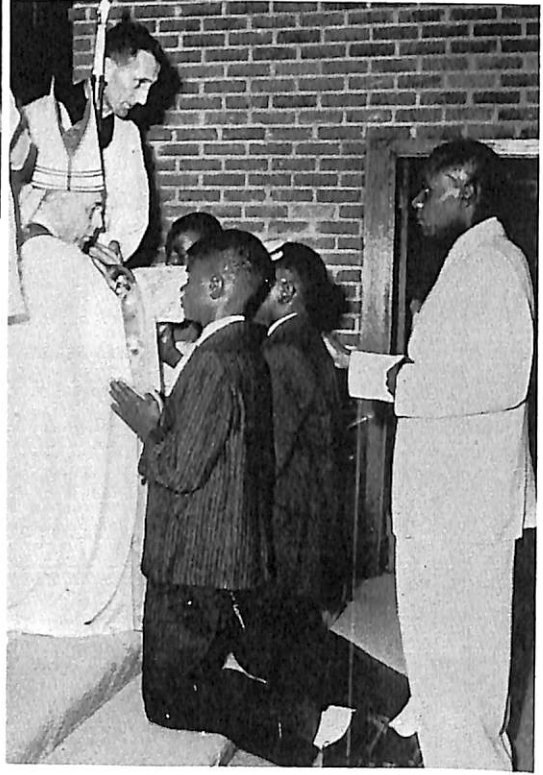


Religion



Rev. Joseph Stier, S.V.D., in compliance with recent liturgical developments, offers the holy sacrifice of the Mass facing the congregation.

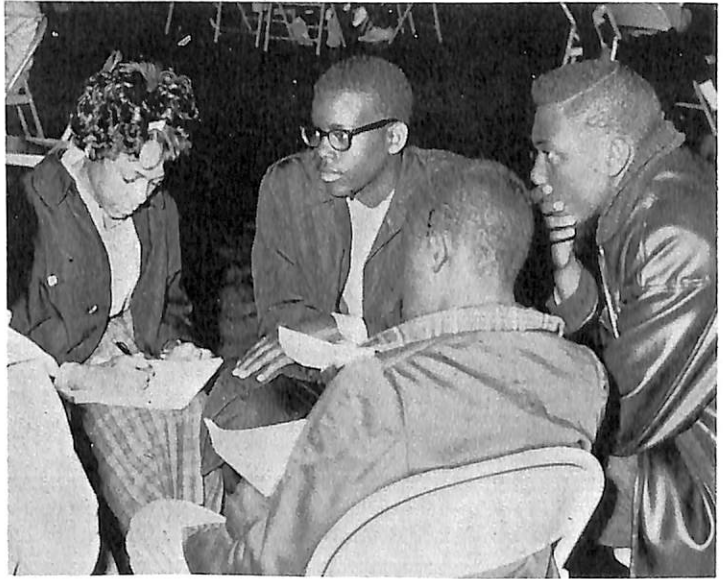
His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph Brunini administered the sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-eight converts. Edward Smith and James Cash kneel before the Bishop. Mr. Chris Young was sponsor.



Tests!
Both theory and practice are essential to the religious development of St. Francis students.



Rev. J. A. Farrell, C.S.P., conducted the high school students retreat on October 15 and 16. This retreat is the spiritual "re-fresher" course offered to all the students.



Mary Alice Hutchins, James Cash and Nathaniel Redmond engage in one of the many discussions held during CYO meetings.



The final CYO meeting of the year was a half-day convention. Henry Harris, newly elected president, leads the rally.

"Love isn't love
'til you give it
away."

Service is never to be underestimated.
Leonard Taylor and Paul Jones dis-
tinguished themselves in this regard.



Each year on May 1, the feast of St. Joseph
the Worker, students help Father Stier cele-
brate his nameday. Freddean Cash presents
Father with a bouquet of roses.

Love made manifest! St. Francis Christmas crib, ready to receive the
Infant Christ, carried by Pamela Boone.



"Regretfully they tell us
but firmly they compel us . . ."

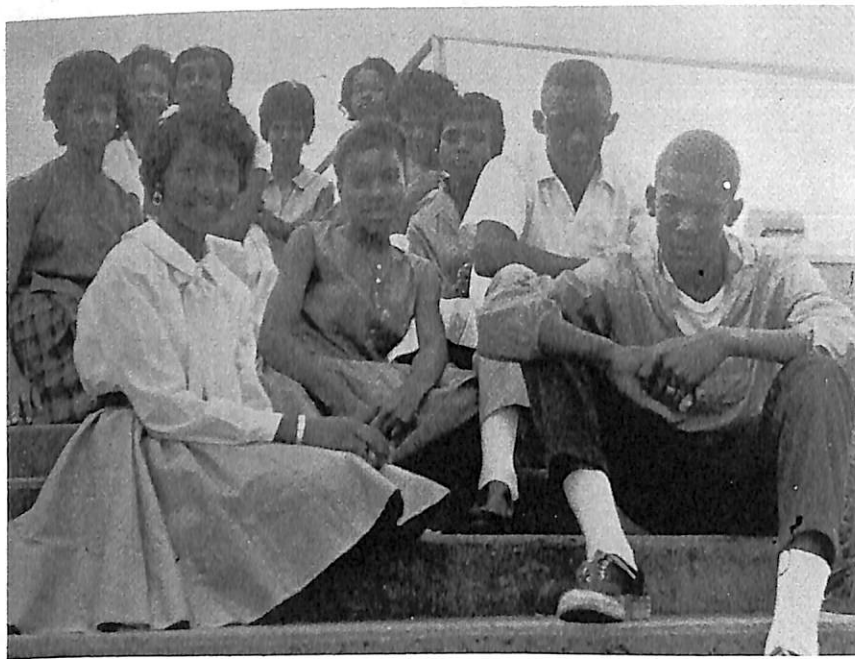
to practice!



Sister M. Fides, O.S.F., music instructor, conducts an orchestra practice period. Perfection is a goal not easily attained.



Edgar Muse, Will Ella Fisher, Paul Jones and Edward Roberts work for speed and accuracy in Typing II.



"Follow
every
rainbow"

Honor Students: Linda Henderson, Verna McCallister, Richard Johnson, Lacey Moore, Doris Roberts, Carrie Jones, Bobbie Jean Johnson, Carolyn Beck, Joyce Espy, Erma Paige and Virginia Byas. Though not pictured, John Ratliff, Gloriastine Harris and James Roberts were also honor students.



Father Stier and the students look over a successful school year. Five trophies! Eddie Hackett holds the Co-Championship trophy for football in the Highland Conference; Joyce Espy, the Delta Catholic Scholastic Association Spelling trophy, now a permanent possession because of a third consecutive victory; Mary Alice Hutchins holds the Superior Rating trophy, won in the District Music Festival; Robert Hackett, Catholic Basketball trophy, second place; and Charles Owens, the track trophy.



Mr. Derbert Dilworth



Mr. Walter Clark

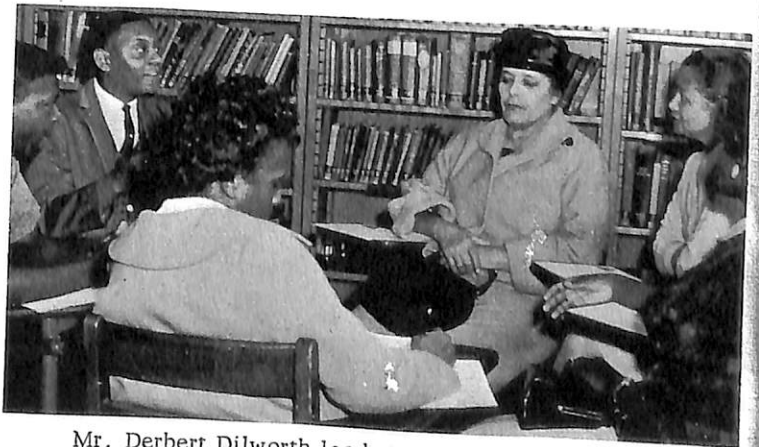


Mr. Firr Smith

"We'll meet our daily
problems . . ."



Student teachers join Father Stier at the Junior-Senior banquet, "An Evening in Paris."



Mr. Derbert Dilworth leads a student-teacher-parent discussion at a sectional PTA meeting.

Student teachers from
Mississippi Valley
College aided students
and teachers in the
1963-64 school year.



Mr. Herman Gray



"They're
always late
for everything
. . . except
for every
meal . . ."

Sister M. Claude,
O.S.F., cafeteria
manager, and Mrs.
Chris Young, prepare
lunch.

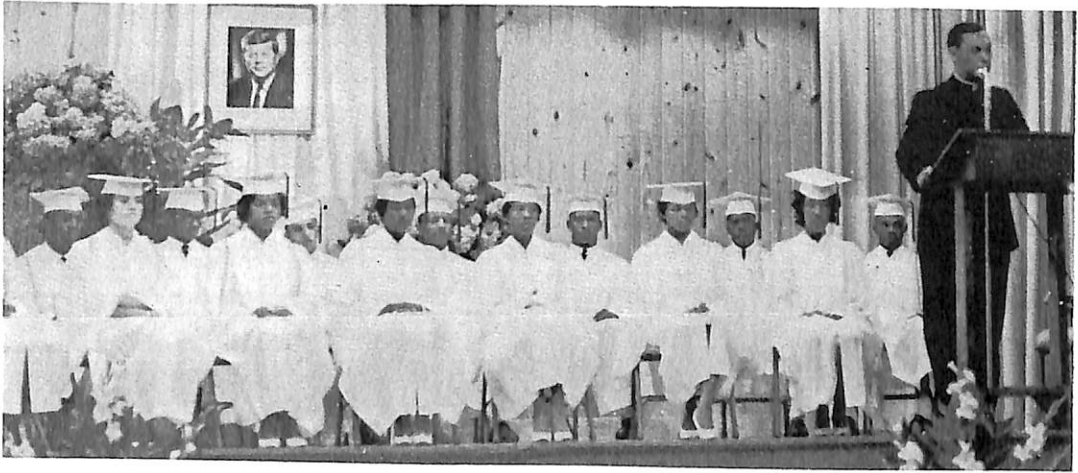


St. Francis Cafeteria



Sister M. Milburga, O.S.F.,
explains to Willie Jones and
Henry Jackson just how she
raises such unusual roses!

"So long, farewell . . ."

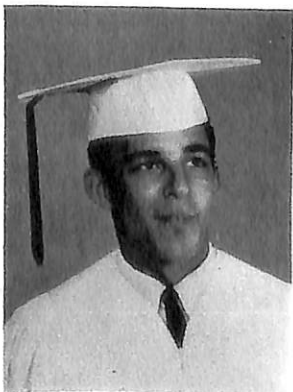


Rev. Charles Burns, S.V.D. delivers the St. Francis High School Commencement address, May 29, 1964.



Arthur Banks

"Our days on the hill
have come to an end."



John Bennett



Mintie Bowman



Delores Braham



NEWSWEEK proved a popular source of information to Will Ella Fisher, Delores Braham, Delores Sheriff and Edgar Muse.



RICHARD JOHNSON

SENIOR CLASS MOTTO:
"Knowledge is the wing on which we fly to God!"

SENIOR CLASS COLORS:
Blue and white



ROBERT HACKETT



DORIS BREWER



WILL ELLA FISHER



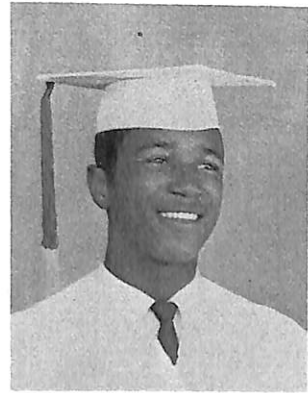
VERDELL GENERETTE



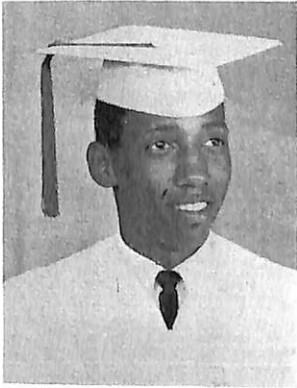
PAUL JONES



EDWARD ROBERTS



JAMES ROBERTS



EDGAR MUSE



Senior boys admire Hackett's new second hand car!



ELLAWEAN MOORE



BARBARA MOORE

"A star has come out

to tell us it's time

to go . . ."



DELORES SHERIFF



LEONARD TAYLOR



JOANN THOMAS



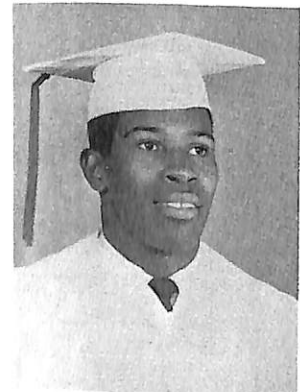
Richard Johnson pauses after the Baccalaureate service to speak to his grandmother.



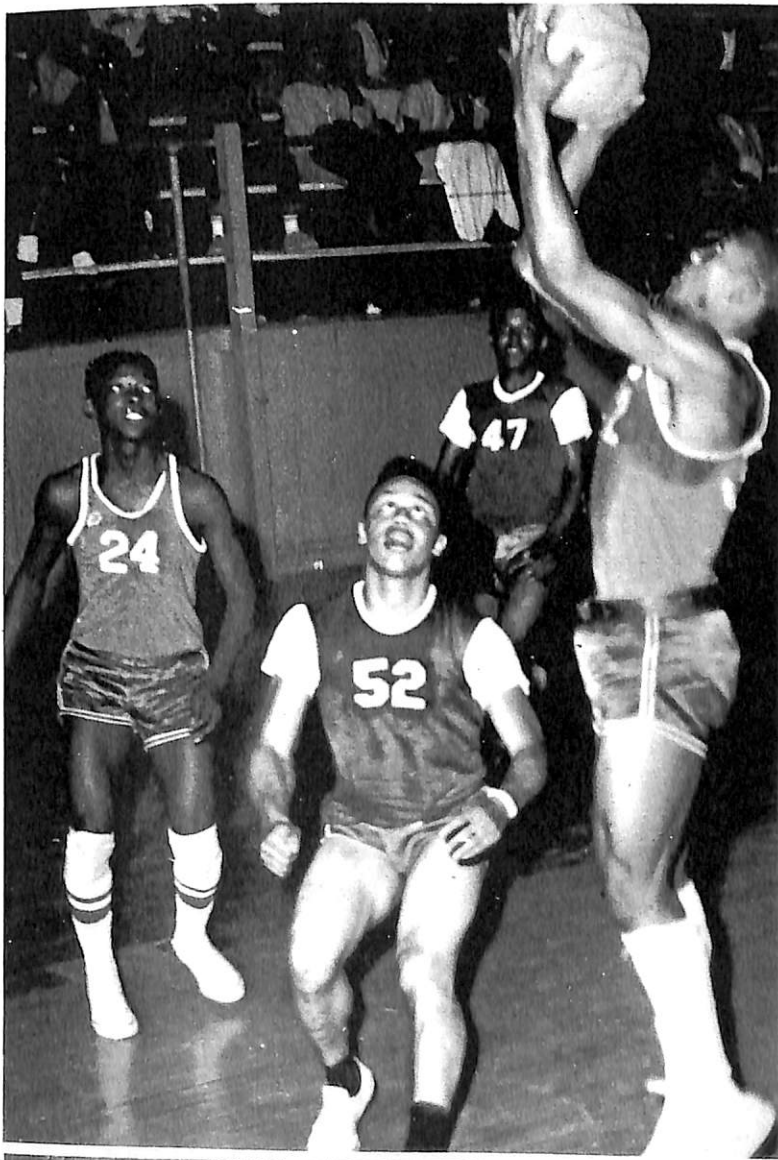
PRUDENCE WHITE



HENRY WHITTEN



CURTIS YOUNG





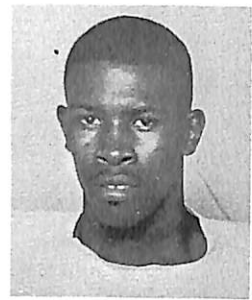
Robert Hackett



Leonard Taylor



Paul Jones



Curtis Young



James Roberts



Arthur Banks

Highland Conference Football Champs

"It's now or never!" as Cleotha Rush skirts left end and attempts a block.



Father Stier,
(coach), watches
every move his
EAGLES make!



Ernest Mays



George Henry



Charles Owens



Eddie Rucker

EAGLES	OPPONENT	SCORE
7	*McLaurin, Magee	0
12	*Velma Jackson, Camden	0
6	*Harper, Mendenhall	25
6	Addison, Port Gibson	40
26	East Flora, Flora	6
13	*Rosa Scott, Madison	0
12	McNair, Belzoni	13
13	*McLaurin, Florence	7
	*Conference Games	

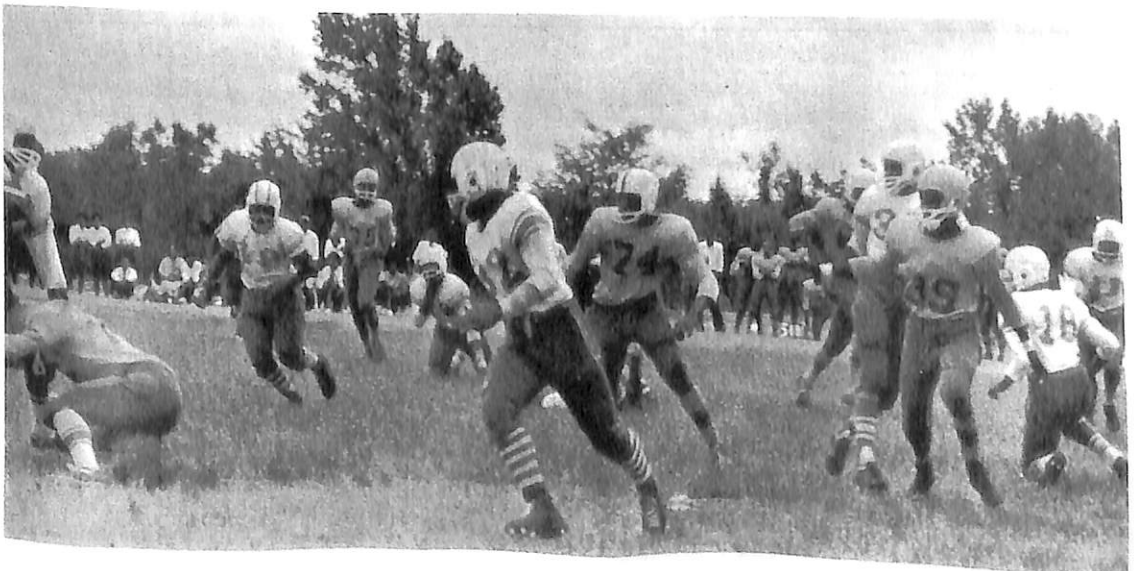


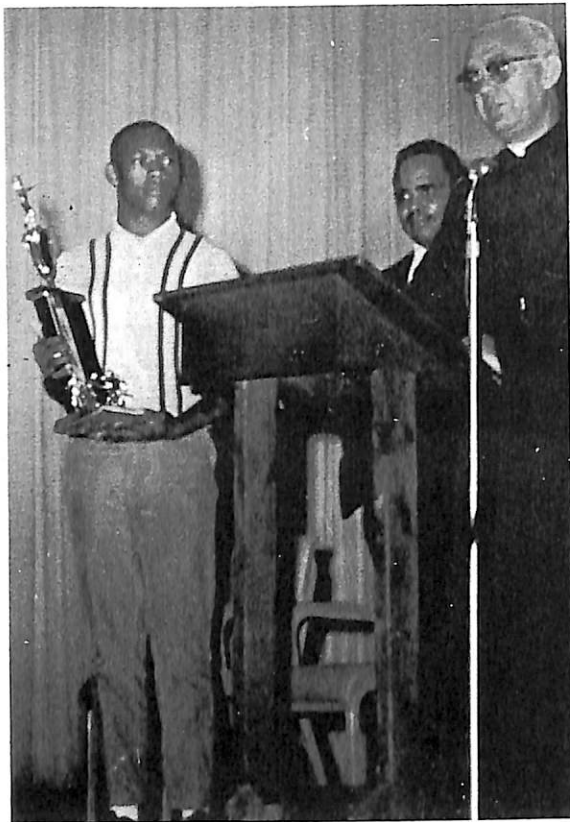
Willie Smith



Eddie Hackett

Mendenhall proved to be as strong as the EAGLES when Charles Owens was brought down on the 45 yard line.





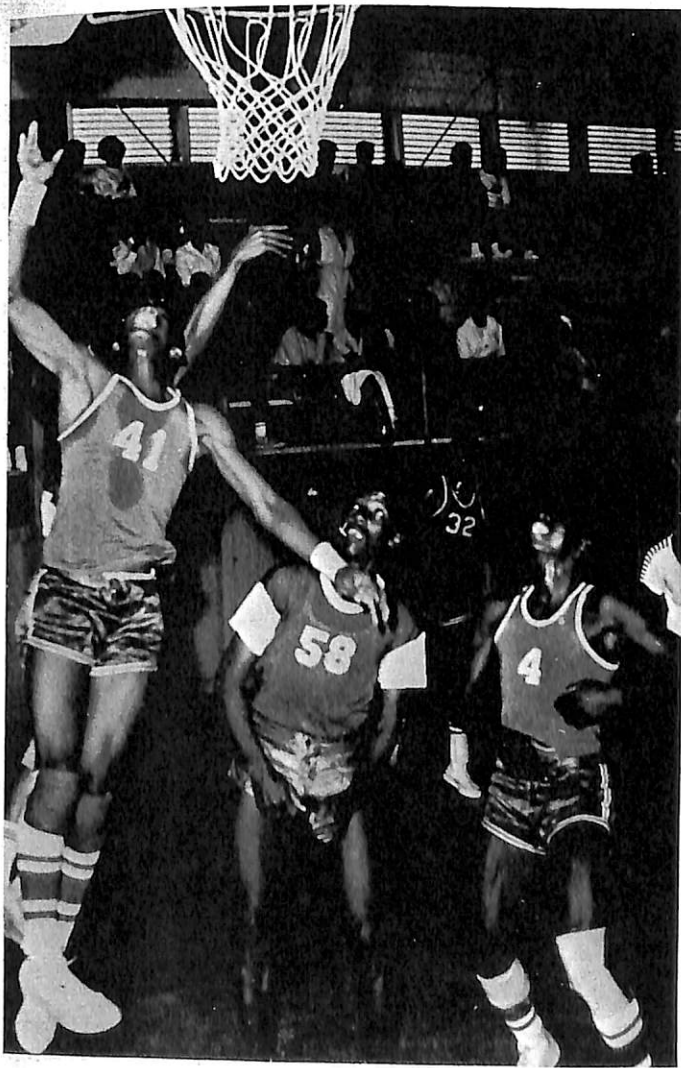
In a special high school assembly, Mr. H. T. Drake, president of the Highland Athletic Conference, presented the Co-Championship Football trophy to the coach, Father Stier and his EAGLES. This was the first football trophy awarded to the EAGLES.



Mr. Hubert Owens gives the signal for the kick-off.



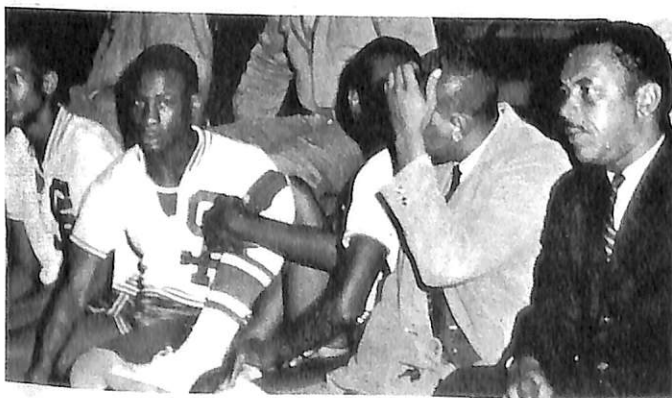
EAGLES held Velma Jackson scoreless in this 12-0 victory.



EAGLES	OPPONENT	SCORE
70	St. Mary's	38
57	Rosa Scott	59
48	East Flora	82
75	Holy Child	40
62	Linwood	55
72	Velma Jackson	41
54	East Flora	50
61	Velma Jackson	62
78	St. Mary's	45
55	Rosa Scott	67
64	Holy Child	32
51	Linwood	41

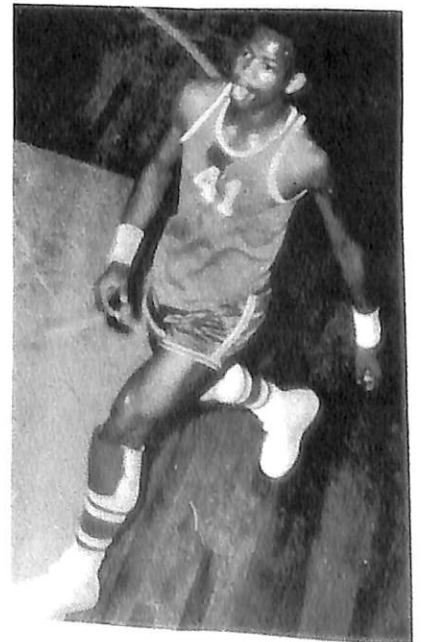
*Tournament games are not included in this listing.

Eddie Hackett jumps it for another two, as Natchez tries in vain to stop him.



Don't hide your face, Mr. Dilworth! Edward Robert, Cleotha Rush and Coach Evans are there to bolster the team!

... and Eddie runs in under the basket to get that rebound.



Varsity Team

Robert Hackett, Captain
Arthur Banks Charles Owens
Edgar Muse George Henry
Edward Roberts Cleotha Rush
Eddie Rucker Jessie Gross
Willie J. Cooper Eddie Hackett

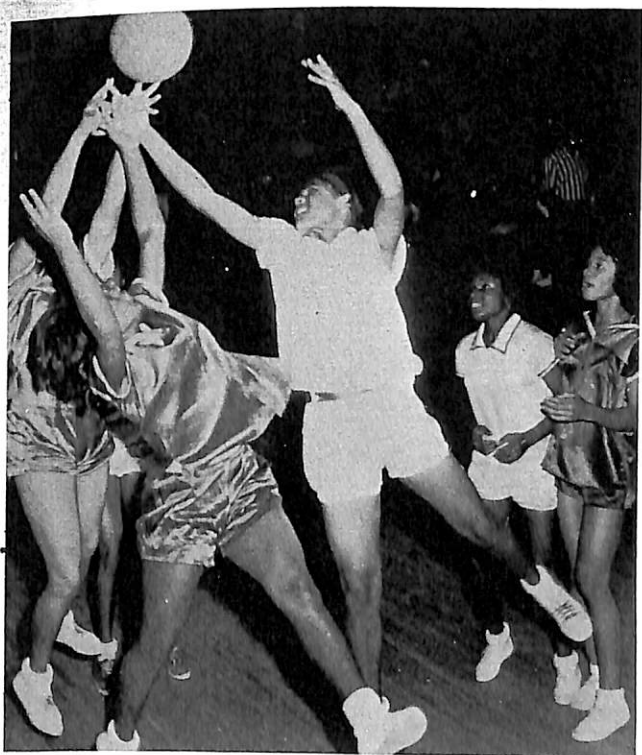
Robert Hackett accepts the second place trophy at the Catholic Tournament in Vicksburg.



Edward Roberts drives in to keep the EAGLES in the lead.

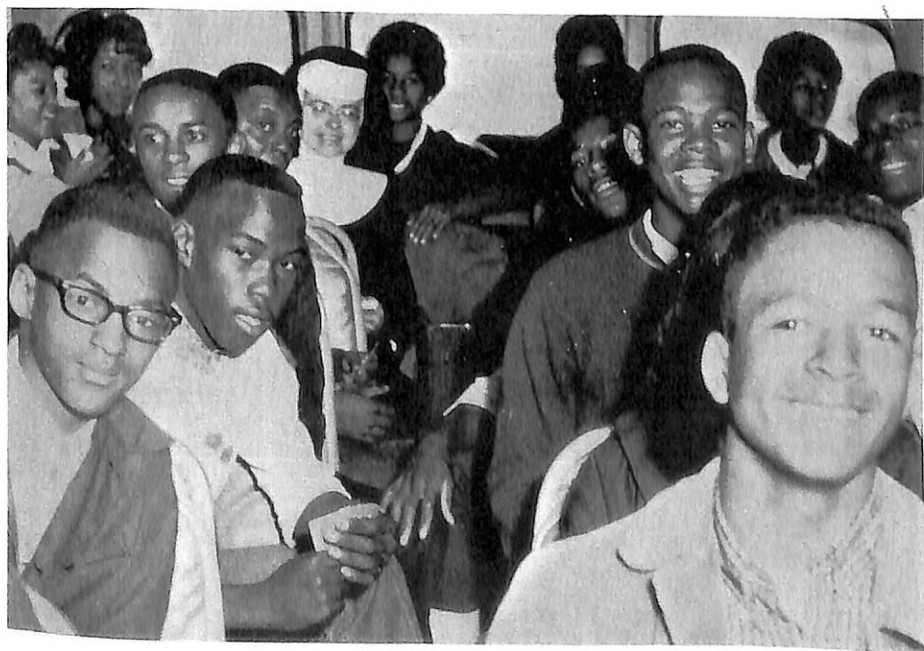
Muscles prepare to spring, as the ball hovers around the ring.



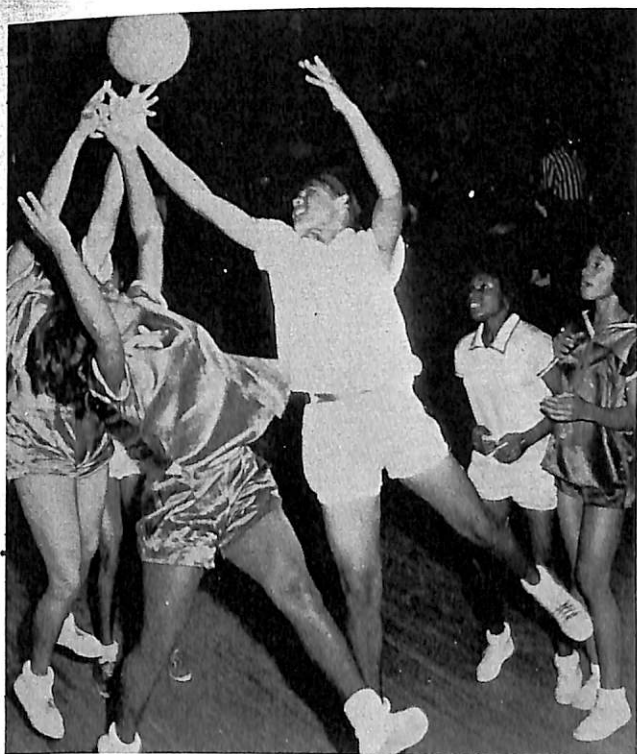


Temporarily in orbit, the ball finds Freddean Cash out to recover it.

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24	St. Mary's	21
34	Rosa Scott	63
23	East Flora	40
18	Linwood	24
23	Velma Jackson	14
25	East Flora	30
16	Velma Jackson	27
30	St. Mary's	36
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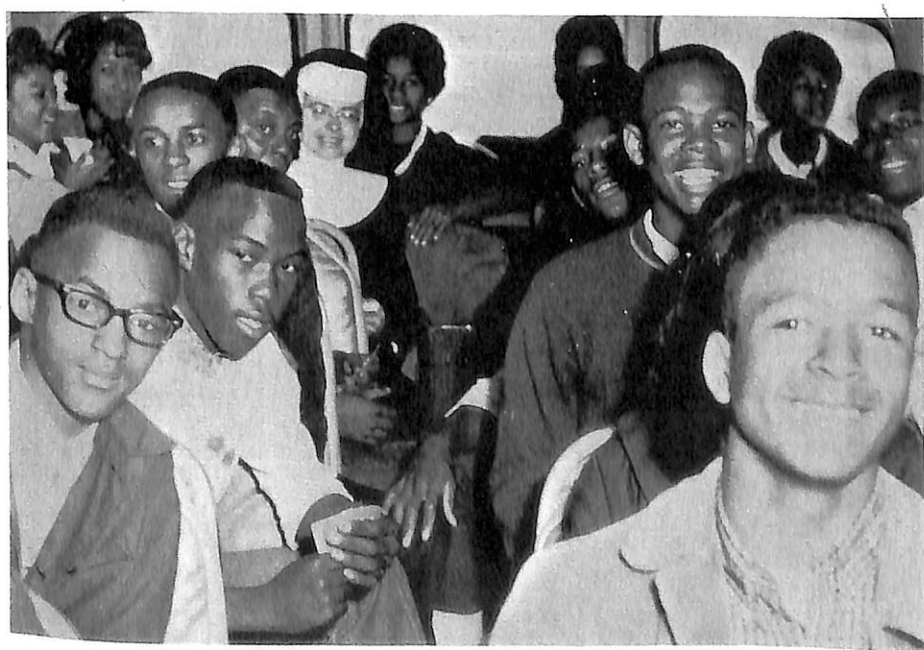


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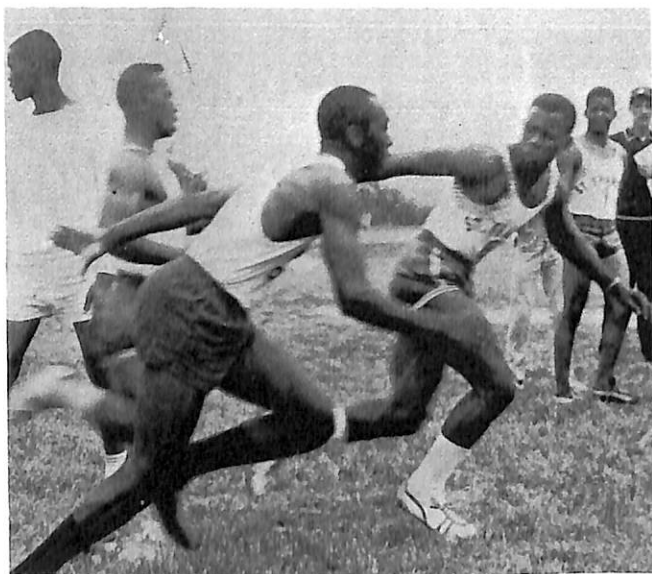
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The school track trophy was presented to Father Stier and assistant coaches Firr Smith and Herman Gray by Coach Evans. Mr. Smith said: "It was like payday after a week of work!"



Dave Taylor helped bring home a victory at the Track Meet.

Eddie Hackett broad jumps for St. Francis High and lands far enough ahead of the others to add a few points to SFH's score.



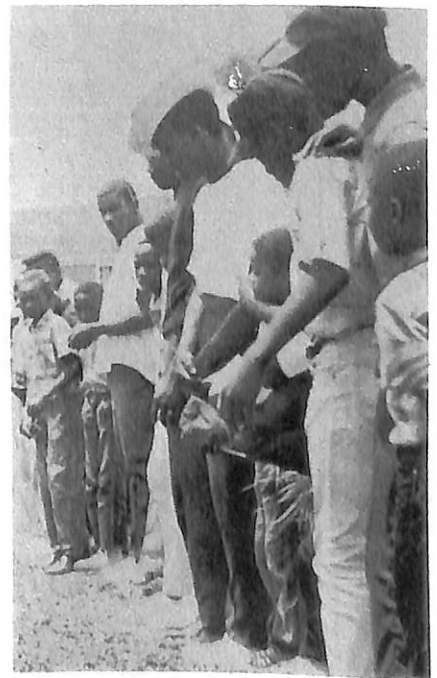


Spectators play an important part in spurring the teams on to victory. Michael Espy, Alva Peyton, and Robert Williams are intent.



Running was Mary Francis Jones' specialty.

EVENT	TIME		INDIVIDUAL
	Min.	Sec.	
100 yds. - B	0.11	0	C. Owens
50 yds. - G	0.10	0	Holy Child
220 yds. - B.	0.25	0	Holy Child
75 yds. - G.	0.9	6	Greenwood
440 yds. - B	0.57	4	C. Owens
220 dash - G	0.30	0	M. F. Jones
880 dash - B	2.18	0	Holy Child
1 mile	5.56	5	R. Hackett
100 yds. - G	0.12	5	D. Hackett
RELAYS			
440 - B	0.46	8	C. Owens, E. Mays, D. Taylor, W. Richardson
330 - G	0.38	8	M. F. Jones, C. Kyles, F. Cash, D. Hackett
880 - B	1.32	8	W. Richardson, R. Hackett, C. Owens, E. Mays
1 mile	3.18	0	D. Taylor, E. Smith, P. Jones, R. Hackett
Shot-put	40'3	1/2"	E. Hackett
Broad jump	18'10"		E. Hackett
High jump	5'6"		Holy Child



Spectators line up for the broad jump.



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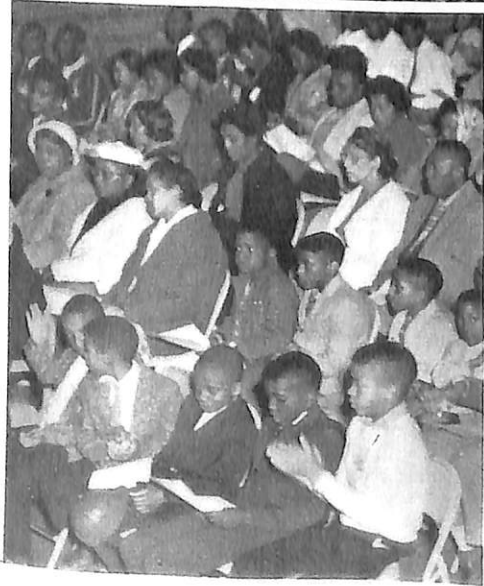
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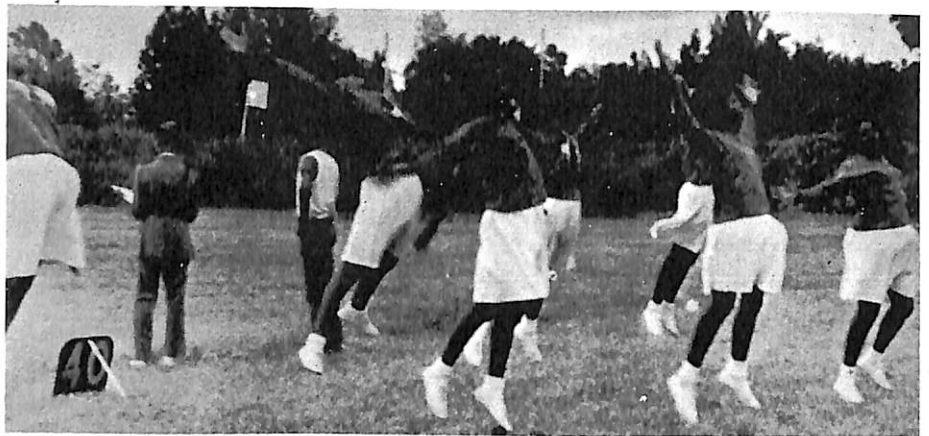
Activities



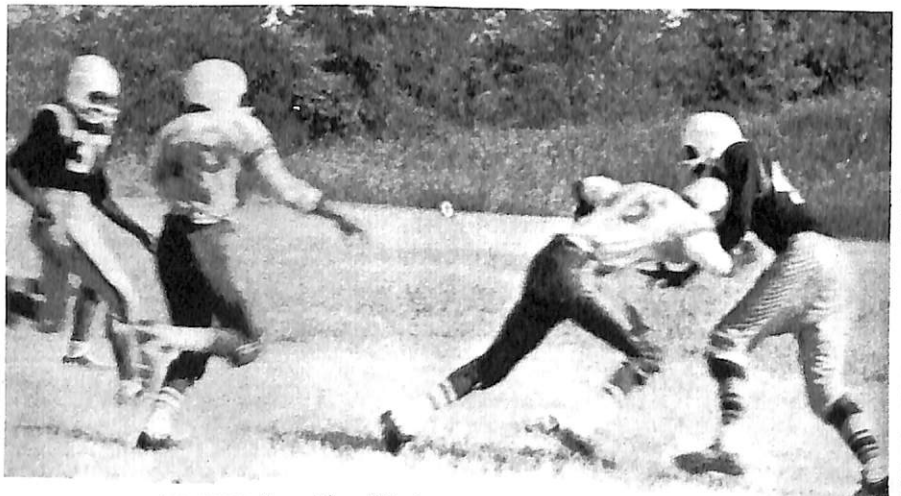




"Miss St. Francis," Carrie Jones, leads the Homecoming parade with King Charles O'Reilly and Leonard Taylor.



"Touchdown, touchdown, touchdown, boys!" - St. Francis cheerleaders in action!



EAGLES fly with a 26-6 victory over East Flora.



"You can't stop them even if you try."

Homecoming

"Homecoming Queen," Doris Brewer waves at spectators - Paul Jones is seriously thinking of the game!



MAJORETTES - First row: J. Espy, C. Smith, R. Henderson, M. Richardson, R. Young, A. Peyton, I. Fleming. Second row: M. A. Hutchins, B. Page, M. Jackson, R. Sutton, C. Kyles, M. Allen, H. Cox.



Henry Whitten encourages victory musically!

Compliments of Mr. Dan Nicholas and Associates. Doris Brewer, Homecoming Queen, rides in a Buick!

St. Francis had a busy musical year. Playing classical, semiclassical and popular music, the St. Francis band and orchestra under the direction of Sister M. Fides, O.S.F., gave the audiences a year to remember.

St. Francis orchestra is composed of high school and elementary school students - but the key word for both groups of students is practice!



Doing their utmost to keep the St. Francis musicians "on top" are William Nelson, Linda Henderson, Gloriastine Harris, John Ratliff and Edward Smith.



Pat Webster's clarinet solo was earned through consistent practice.

"My heart will be blessed with the sound of music."



The drums rolled, the orchestra counted time - Oliver McBride, Edward Smith and Clifton King.



p" are Ratliff



Orchestra members waiting for curtain time! Joe Jenkins, Kay Conway, Charles Harper, Oliver McBride, Edward Smith, Charles Jenkins, Clifton King, Mary Jo Shaffer.



Forty high school students are members of Sister Fides' choir. They meet three times a week, and at times are called in for special practices.

"A song is no song 'til you sing it."

"Number, please!" was sung by S. King, F. Cash, P. White and M. A. Hutchins for "Teen Night!"



The SILVERTONES - Shirley King, Delores Hackett, Erma Paige, Florence Hollins, Gloria Collier and Freddean Cash.



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Junior Scouts meet for an informal afternoon lunch.



Mrs. Matilda Jones pins a Girl Scout insignia on Mirinda Prater, a Junior.



Mrs. Minnie Farish of the Middle Mississippi Girl Scout Council, organized and trained the adult leaders at St. Francis.



Senior scouts took to the woods under the leadership of Mrs. Myrtree Henderson and Mrs. Carlena Page. This was their initial outdoor venture. They all limped the next day.



Holy Child Jesus School, Canton, Miss. was the place selected for the annual Music Festival, one activity of the Delta Catholic Scholastic Association. St. Francis participated through choir and orchestra selections.

Joyce Espy, Erma Page, Verna McCallister, Kay Conway, Michael Espy and Mary Jo Shaffer display the trophy they earned at the fourth annual Spelling Contest, held this year at St. Francis, Greenwood.



*Activities of
the Delta
Catholic
Scholastic
Association*

An additional activity of the association was a Journalism Workshop held at St. Francis High School during Catholic Press Month.





Walter Johnson and Lynn McCallister are under the ears of "The Three Little Bears."



"Mardi Gras" queens - Michele Espy, Linda Wilburn, Patricia Jones and Stephanie Johnson.



"Let's not stop yet!" - Carolyn Beck.

"A star has come out to tell us it's time to go!"

St. Francis Mardi Gras is an annual occurrence.



Ellawean Moore is fortunate that she is the "only one" standing on her own two feet. Curtis?

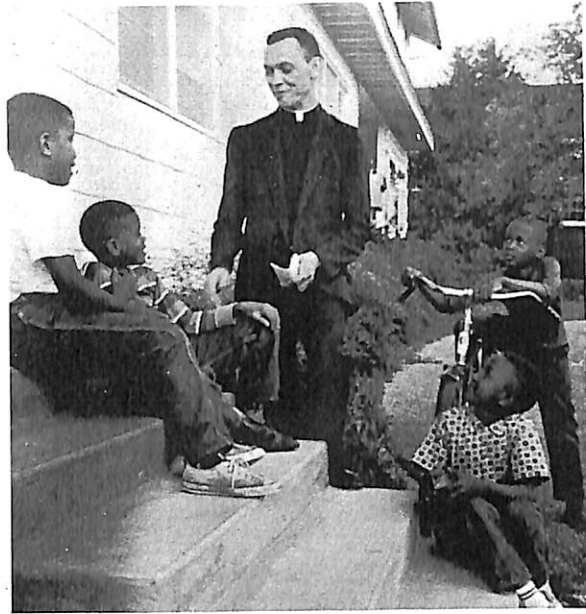
Sophomores sing "On Top of Spaghetti!"



"The dream that will need all the love you can give."



First Holy Communion - one dream fulfilled!



Rev. Charles Burns, S.V.D. captures the attention of Chris Young, Richard Young, Marcus Webster and Henry Johnson.

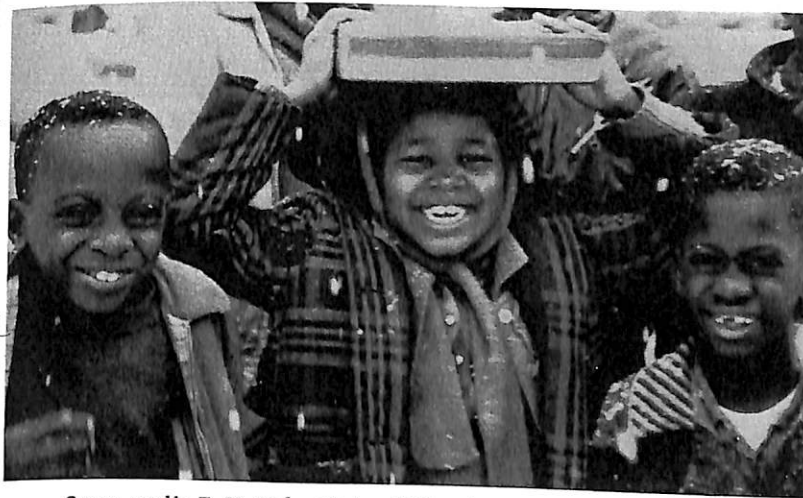


Sister M. Linus, O.S.F. began the school year at St. Francis, and then was appointed to Costa Rica for the second semester.



Pay attention to Mr. Clark, Ruby! He's explaining the intricacies of American government.

Compliments of VERY REV. ROBERT HUNTER, S.V.D.



Snow spells F-U-N for Richard Fleming, Edwina Gordon and Ruben Fleming!



This clever "snow-plow" was invented by Robert Hutchins and Sammy Hollins.

"Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes."



When snow comes so rarely - high school students are not above snowballs and snowmen.



Pensively Robert looks at this "Winter Wonderland!"

"An Evening in Paris" began with an afternoon of decorating! Johnie Ratliff, Bobbie J. Johnson, and - that might be Charles on the ladder!



"These are a few of my favorite things."

Delores Sheriff and Leonard Taylor enjoyed the Junior-Senior banquet as only a Senior can!



Sophomores vie for the privilege of serving at the Junior-Senior banquet. It builds up a desire for "next year!"





Maria Trapp (Mary A. Hutchins) and the Trapp children sing for the Captain (Paul Jones).



"You are sixteen
going on seventeen . . ."

"You need someone older
and wiser . . .". Rolf
(Edward Smith) persuades
Leisel (Bradine Page) that
he would be the one to
take care of her.

"I leave and heave a sigh . . . Goodbye, so long, farewell!"



The life of Maria
Trapp was depicted
through song in St.
Francis presentation
of the SOUND OF
MUSIC.



Seniors chose a Shakespearean theme for their class night - highlighting the evening with THE FATAL QUEST. Delores Sheriff, Richard Johnson and Robert Hackett are royalty!

It was "Much
Ado About
Nothing."



"The beloved queen is dead" - so, in fact, is the whole family, including the princess, P. White.



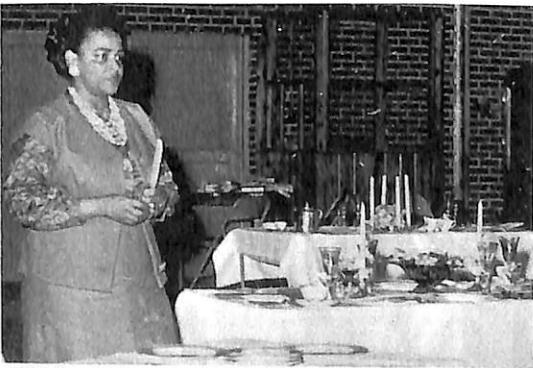
"You are all full of much sound and fury - and it signifies nothing at all!" So ends THE FATAL QUEST.



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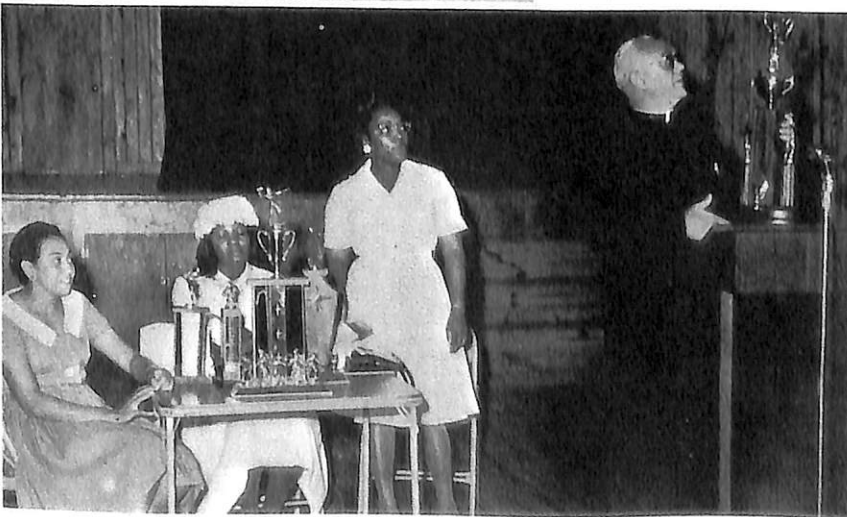


Mrs. Tola Griffin, Mr. R. Beck, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. R. Henderson, and Mr. J. Brooks engage in a group discussion at the Home and School meeting.



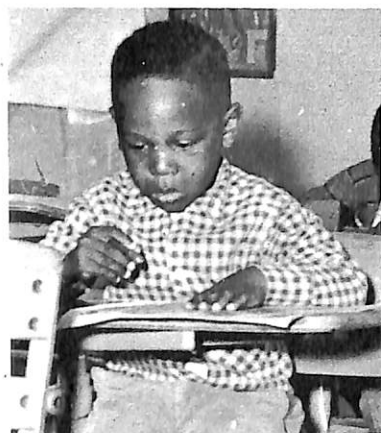
Mrs. Robert Harrison, Home Economics teacher, spoke to the Home and School Association on the topic of table-setting.

Home and School Association Meets

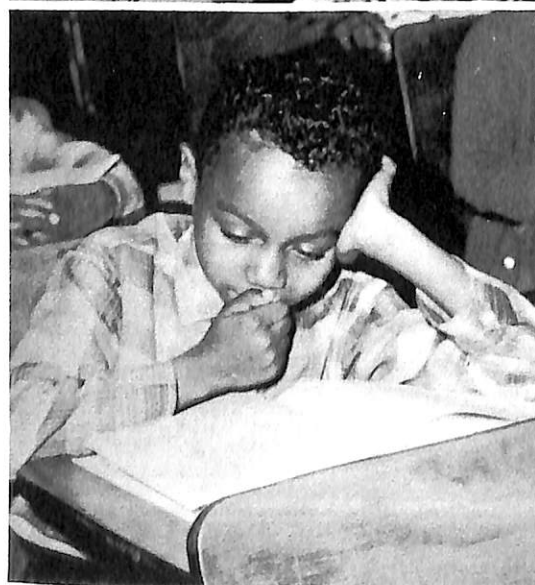


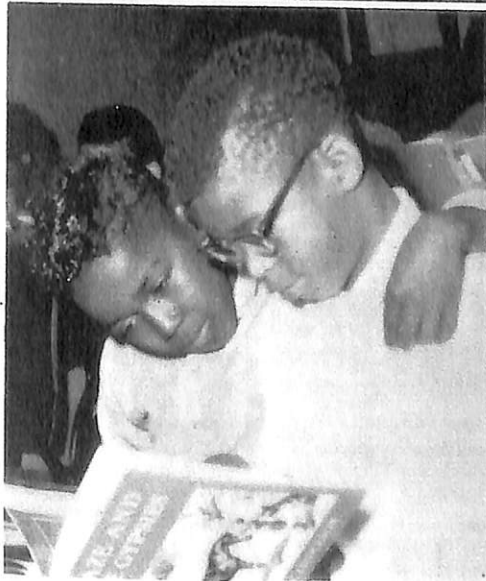
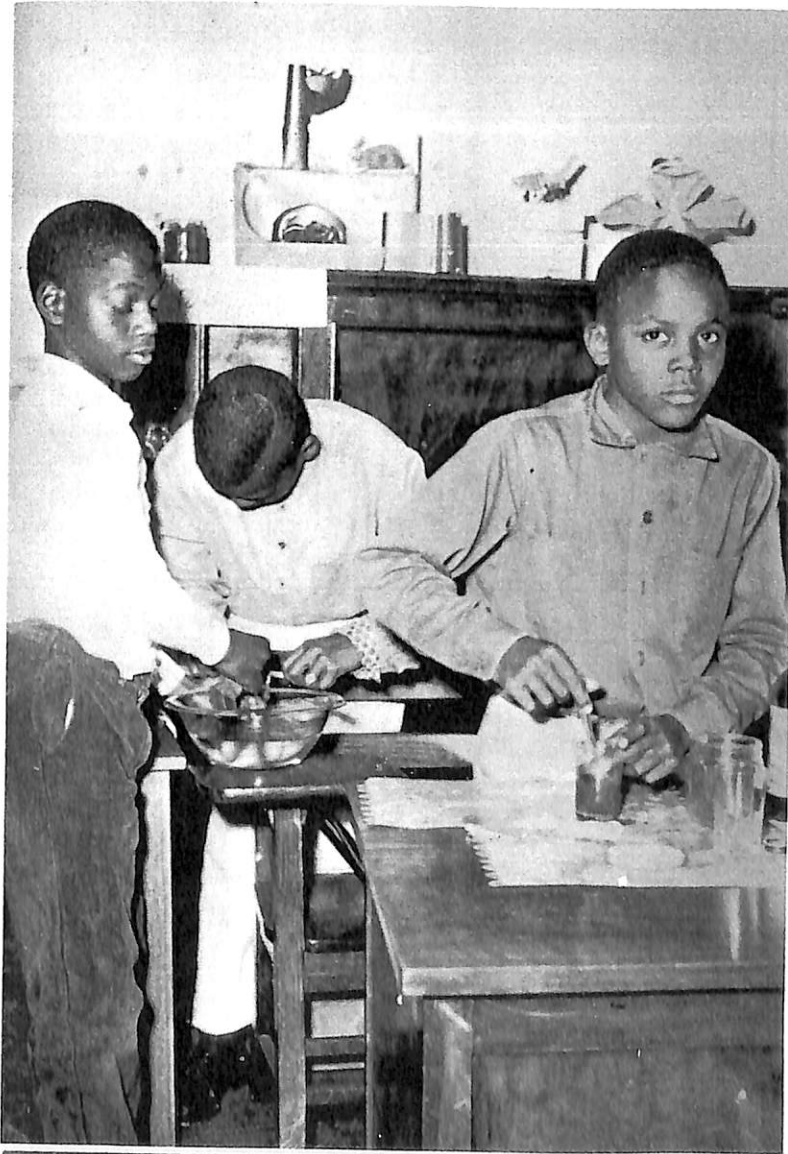
Mrs. Velma Davis, vice-president, Mrs. R. Jones, secretary and Mrs. R. Wilburn, president, close the year with Father Stier's presentation of achievement.

*"Let's start at
the very beginning"*



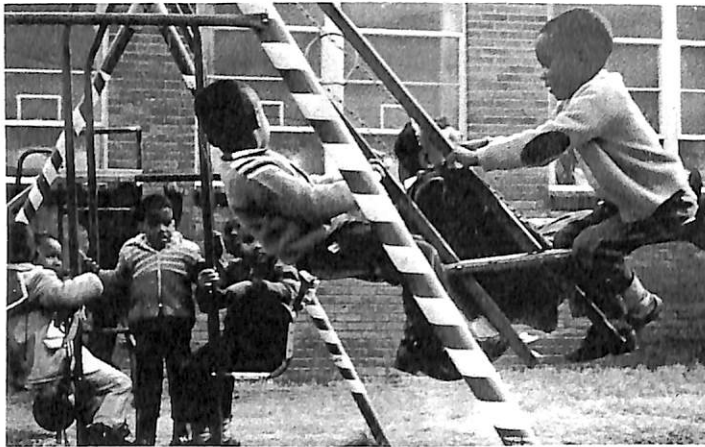
*Elementary
School*







St. Francis kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Jefferson Lewis, requires solid work. Pamela Brown learns to count.



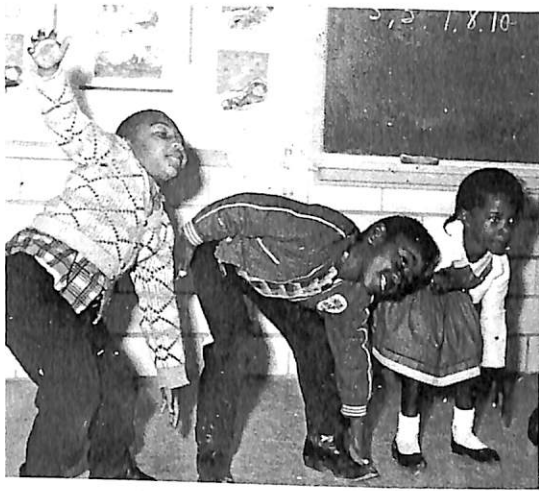
Of course, it's not all work! Anthony Harvey and James Douglas Robinson take a "swing break!"



Mary Pilgrim and Paul Henderson are being encouraged by two first graders, Clara Brewer and Linda Collier.



"That's mine!" Edward Conston admires Pam's work. Linda Hudson is baby-sitting!



"Let's start at the very beginning . . ."

The athletic program begins in kindergarten. Co-bert Hudson, McCaster Stiff and Carolyn Howard engage in a "physical fitness" class.



The sand box is a popular spot for Verdell Ingram, Debra Irvin, Pamela Ann Brown, Martha Hoover, James Scott, Bernard Ellis and Thaderine Bennett.



Even the kindergarten children houseclean before the end of the year.

Library books are re-wards offered by Sister Frederic Ann, O.S.F. to James Bibbs, Mamie Hewitt and Purvious Tuck.



"He's got the whole world in His hands . . ." sing Beverly Williams, Johnie Jolly, Lynn McCallister, Annie Scott, Terry Buckner and Daniel Smith.

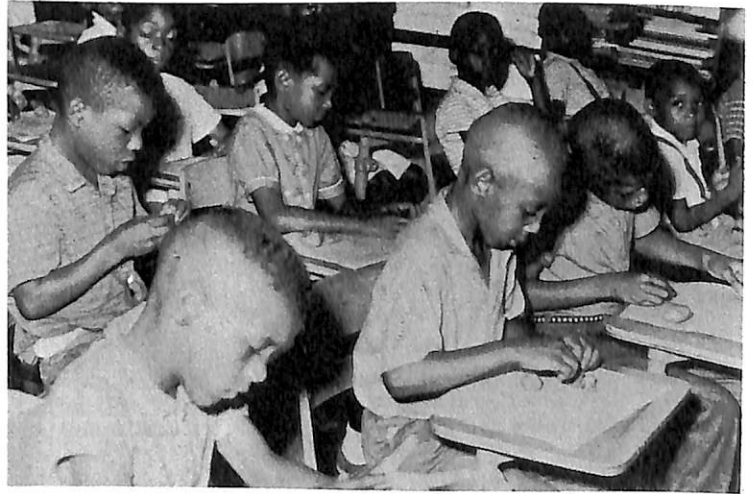
No "square pegs" in round holes for these first graders - Larry Smith, Joseph Evans, LaNeal Crowder, Rosemarie Claybon and Manette Young.



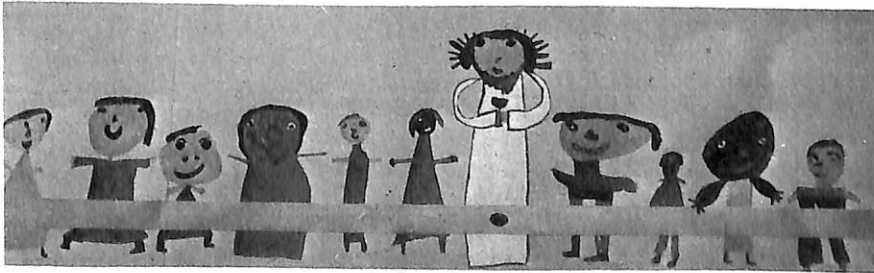


Pamela Johnson and Mary Alice Blackman contribute their share to culture.

Working with their hands, first graders exercise their imagination.



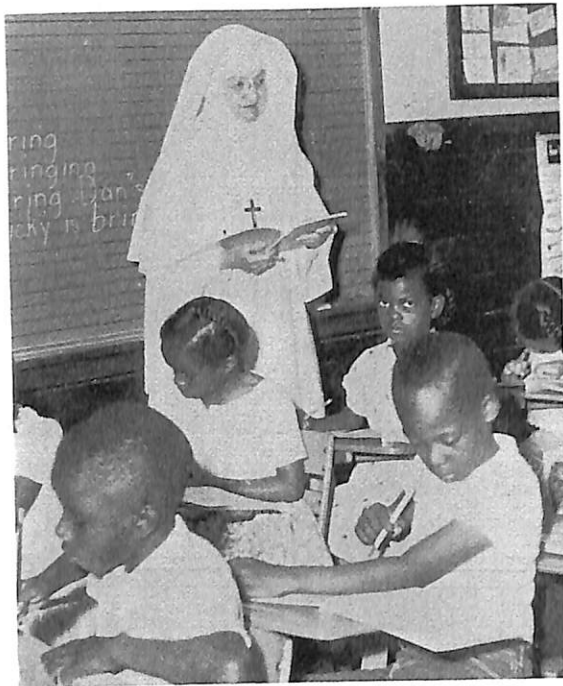
These children can "hold moonbeams in their hands."



THE LAST SUPPER by the first grade children.

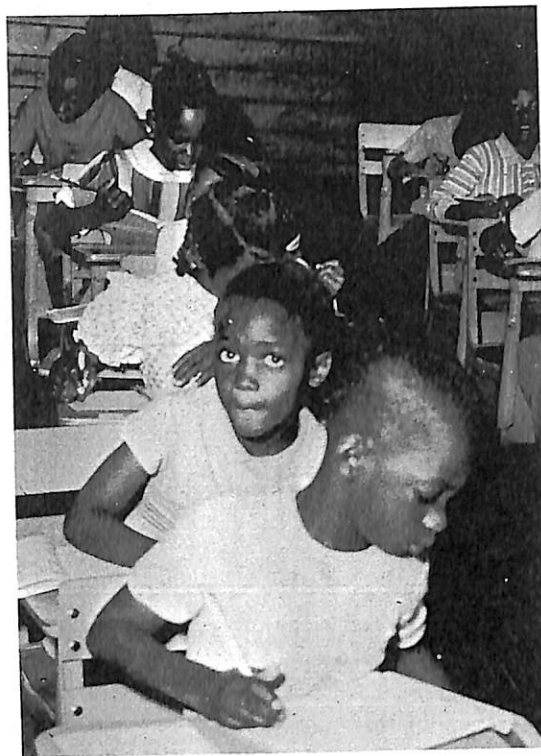


Alan Ellis, Michael Bennett, and Edward Collins know the answer - what's the matter, Johnnie? Michael Cox has the airplane that the others are reading about!



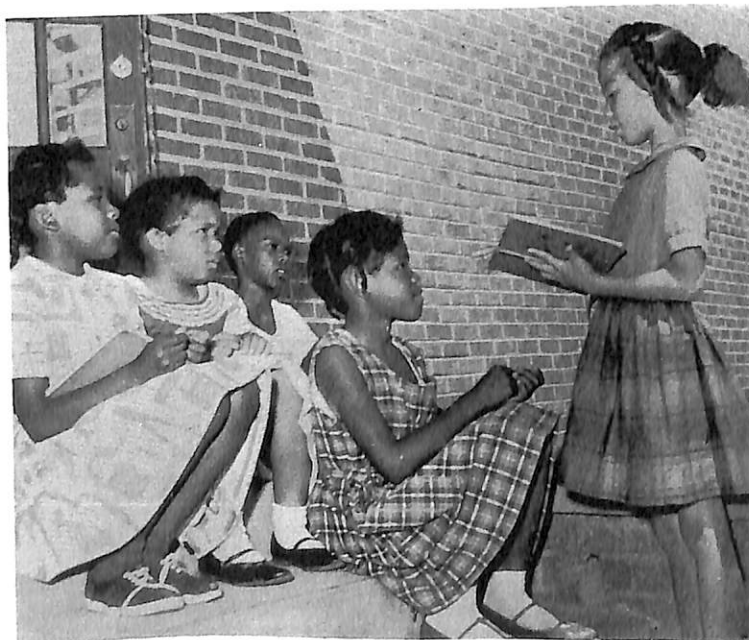
Sister M. Spes, O.S.F., second grade teacher, works for 100% in Spelling with her students. The children foresee their chance to win that spelling trophy.

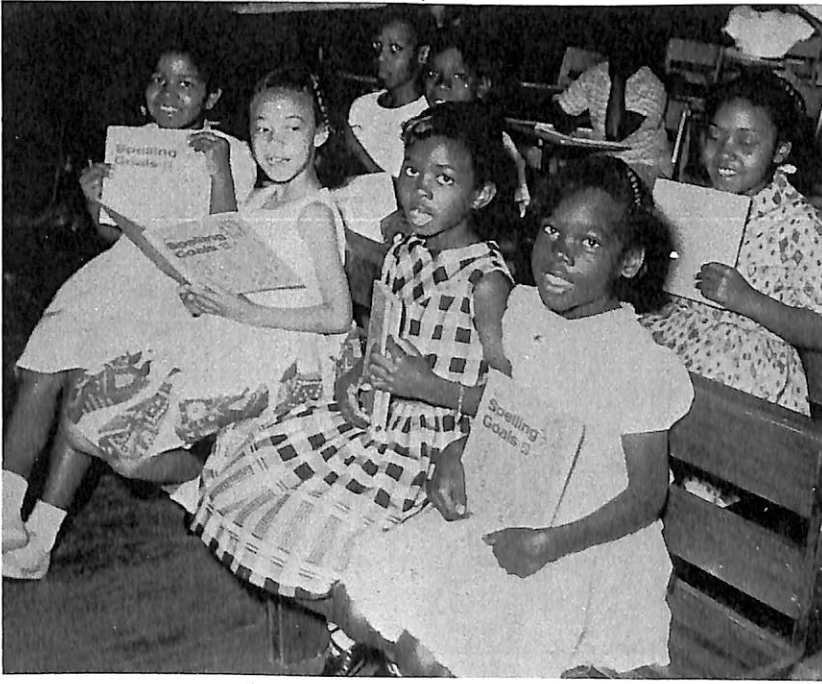
Second grade Spelling -
"A very good place to
start."



Either Stephanie Johnson
has finished her work, or
- she's curious.

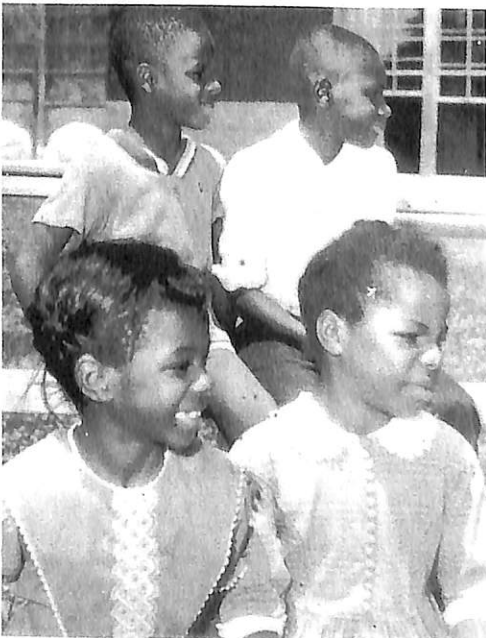
Julia Brewer, Debra
Thomas, Eddie Ellis and
Betty Hackett "spell" for
Diane Mays.





These are real students! Each has earned an "A" in Spelling for the entire year: Edwina Gordon, Diane Mays, Marilyn Claybon, Rochelle Bush, Eddie Ellis, Alvan Brown, and Beverly Swan.

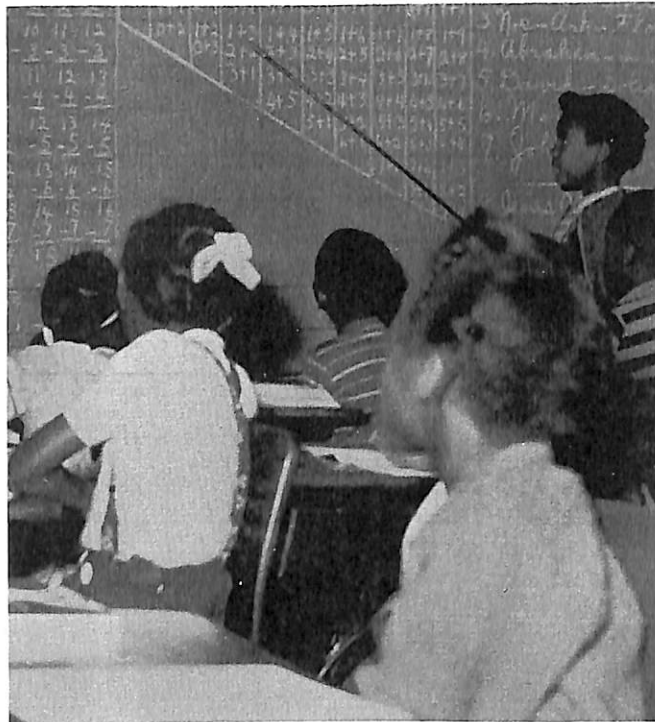
Clifton Miller, Sammy Brown, Marilyn Claybon and Rosemarie Evans just "relax" on the bleachers.



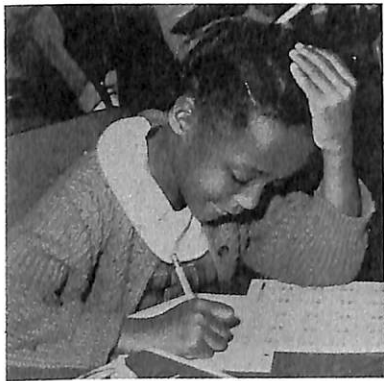
To show that the second graders are talented in other ways, Marilyn Claybon, Sharon Harper and Melinda Dean pose in the orchestra room just after a piano performance.



Sister M. Sirilla, O.S.F., instructs her class in the SRA Arithmetic program. This program has proved much more meaningful to the children.

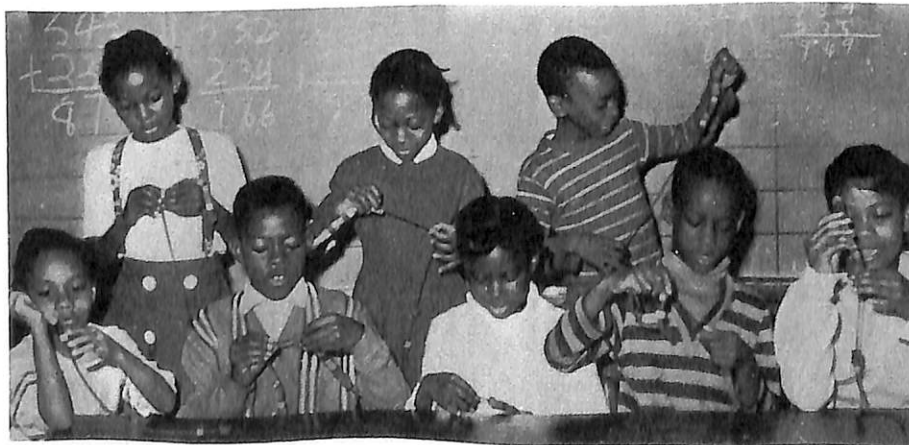


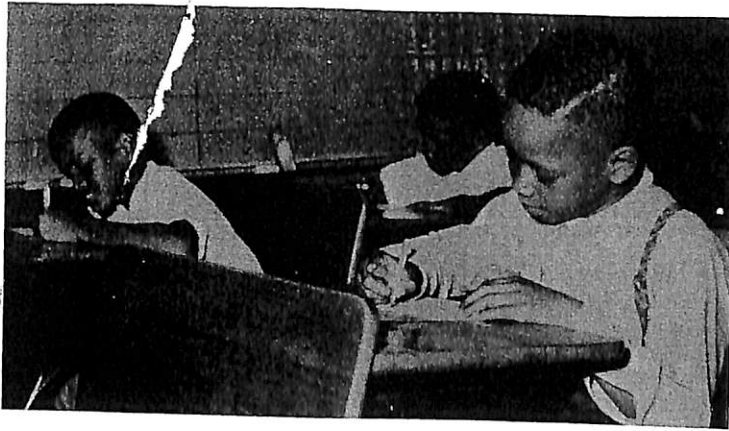
Third graders themselves enter into the arithmetic instruction. Debra Bush takes over the class - temporarily.



Virginia Johnson, a member of this third grade arithmetic class, enjoys her assignment.

An original number device is used by Wanda Faye Moore, Juanita Davis and Ronnie Owens (second row); Delores Stutts, Chatman Buckler, Pamela Boone, Calvin Nutall and Patricia Jones (first row.)





Richard Young, Harry Smith and Frank Jackson prove to Sister Sirilla that they have grasped the idea.

"When you read you begin with A-B-C . . ."

The fourth and fifth grade students of Sister M. Calasance's room love to read - so much so, that they purchased more than one hundred library books for their class.

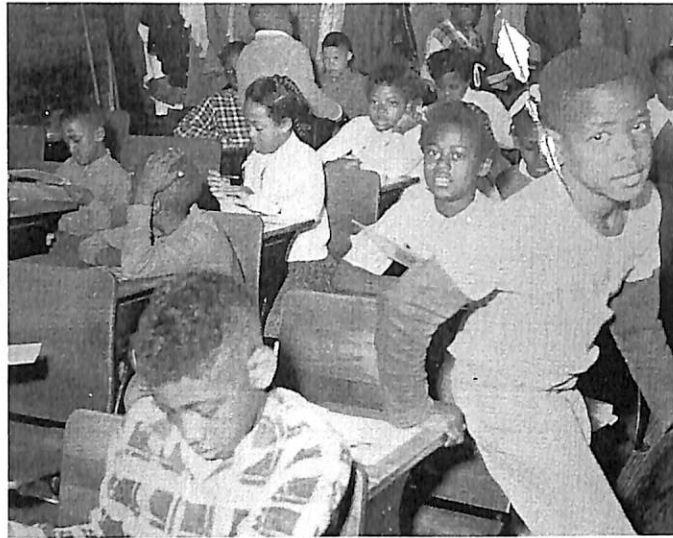
A daily library period permitted the children to make their selection. Geraldine Moore, Jeanette Jiles and William King make their choice.



Joann Bennette signs her library card and presents it to Debra Casey.



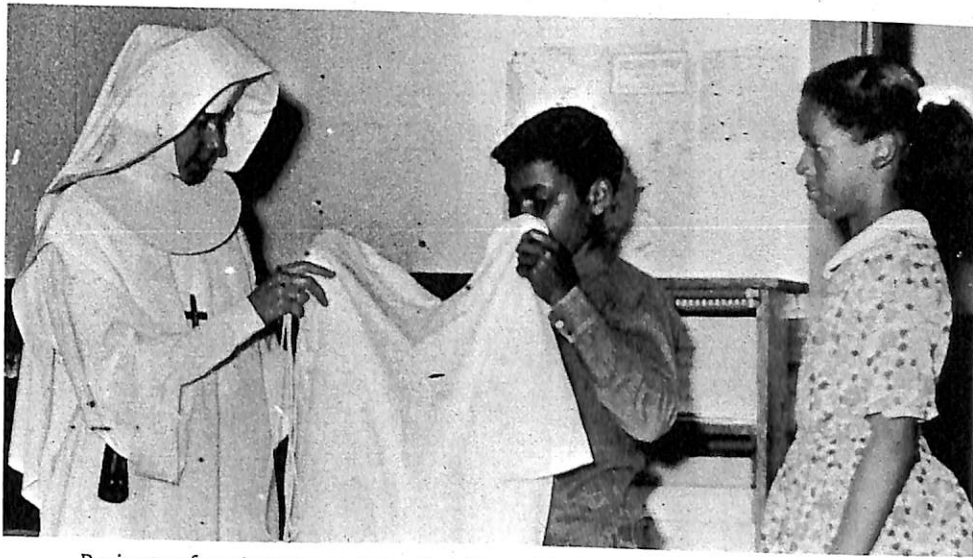
Charles Hackett couldn't wait until this picture was taken to get his library book!



The WIZARD OF OZ, DISCOVERING DINOSAURS, IF I RAN THE ZOO, HORTON HEARS A WHO! - all are contributions of the fourth and fifth grade children.



On the last day of school, fourth and fifth graders proudly counted the number of books they had read.



Projects of various types occupied Sister M. Noella's fifth and sixth graders. Charles O'Reilly and Patricia Thurman identify the priests' vestments.



The Sinclair Dinosaur Exhibition at the New York World's Fair inspired this work on a dinosaur project. Rebecca Turner, Amy Sheriff and Arean Moore exhibit their work.



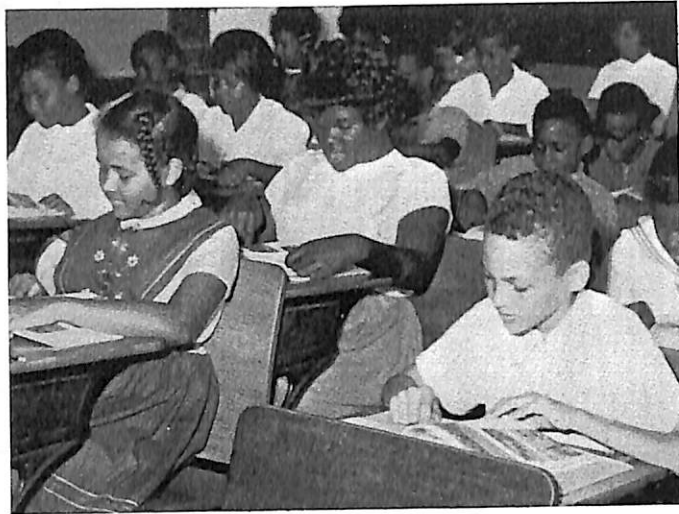
Reproductions of the early west made social studies classes more meaningful. Michelle Espy, Mary Jane Braham, Mamie Claybon and Mary Ann Hackett reconstruct covered wagons.

Compliments of Grades five and six.



A social studies lesson on Russia is introduced by Sister M. Celesta, O.S.F. to the students of grades six and seven.

Mary Jo Shaffer and Louis Wilburn start with their geography books.

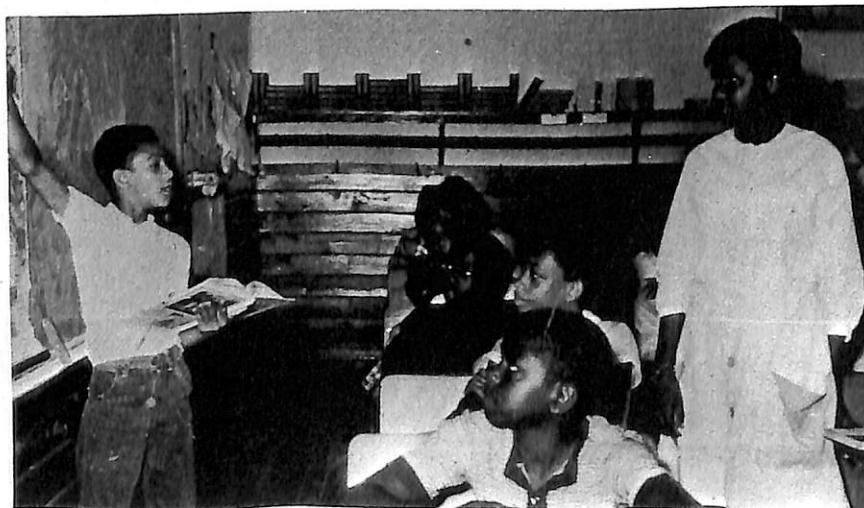


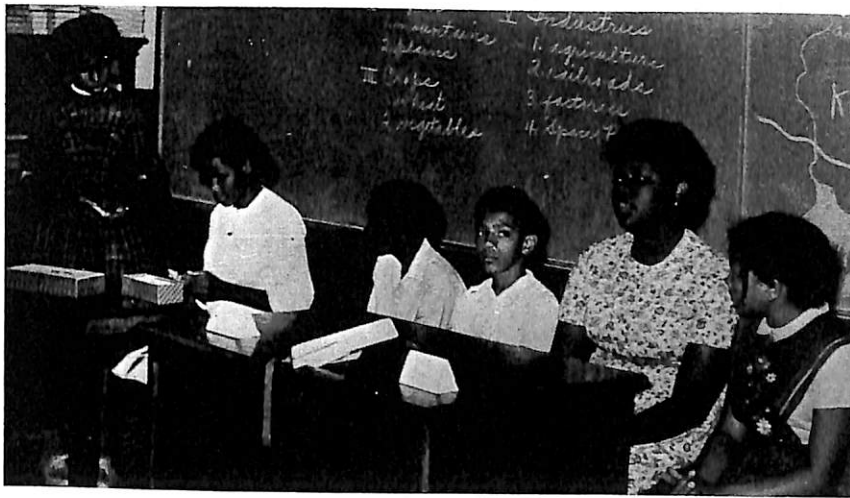
"There's no way to stop it . . . if the earth wants to roll around the sun."

Walter Smith, Ender Muse and Forest Prater then examine the globe and do further research.



Marvin Rollins brings the subject to a head with his discussion.





"What is the principal city in Russia?" Members of the class compose questions - Julia Williams and Alva Ruth Peyton quiz the "experts."



The outcome? Marvin Rollins won the distinction of wearing the graduate cap. But George Levi-son, Kay Conway and Mary Jo Shaffer are planning for the next quiz.

"Facts of Science"



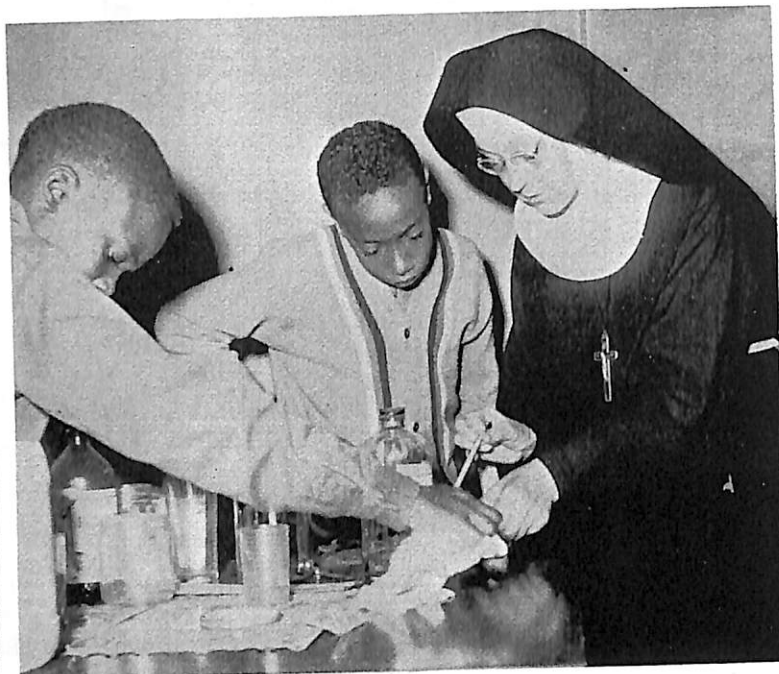
Eighth graders conducted many experiments in science.

Howard Bowman and Tommy Leavy have captured the undivided attention of Rita Young with their experiment.





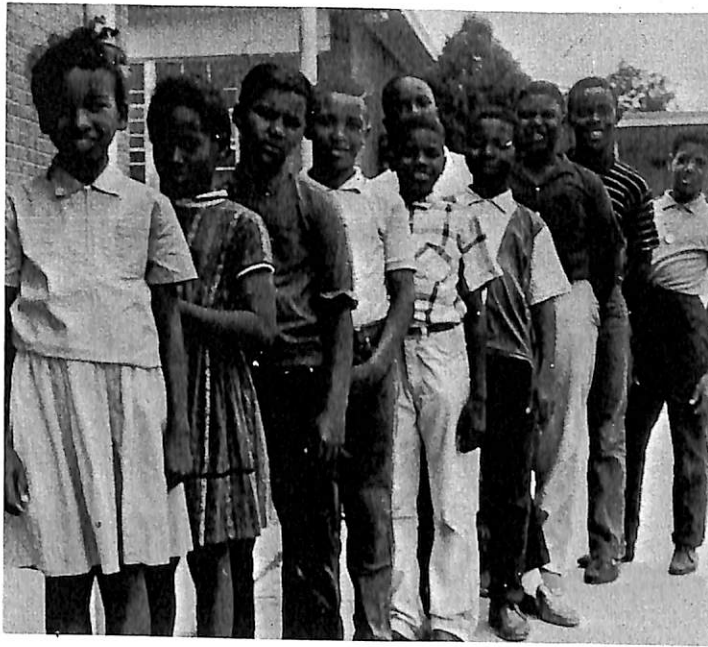
Larry Harris writes up the findings of Willie Brewer's work with the thermometer.



Sister M. Henriella, O.S.F., eighth grade teacher, directs a science experiment.



"We graduated last night!" George Dixon, Odess Taylor, Clarence Thomas, Willie Brewer, Melvin Younger, Georgia Johnson, Diane Sheriff, Odell Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Diane Johnson, Gloria Russel and Ruby Phillips. Their next "experiment" will be with high school.

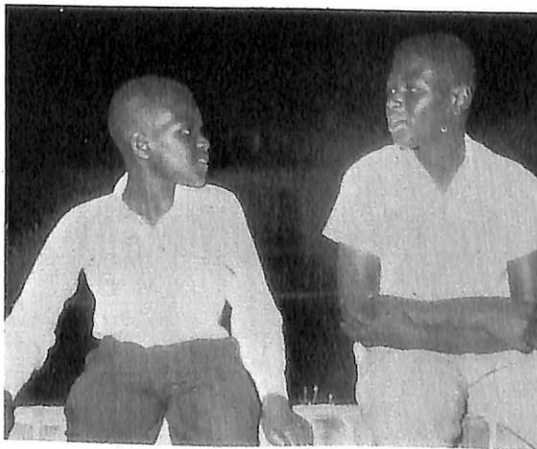


One of my
favorite things -
vacation!

Fifth and sixth graders
visit the cafeteria for the
last time before vacation:
Helen Little, Mary Doris
Johnson, Charles O'Reilly,
Larry Gordon, Sammy
Brown, Jack Washington,
Raymond Evans, Willie
Hill, Tommy Hackett and
Don Taylor.



"I wish vacation wasn't here yet!" Willie Evans, Harry Smith,
Irvin Dixon, Juanita Brown, Anthony Williams, Donna McCallister
and Larry Miller. Do they really mean it?

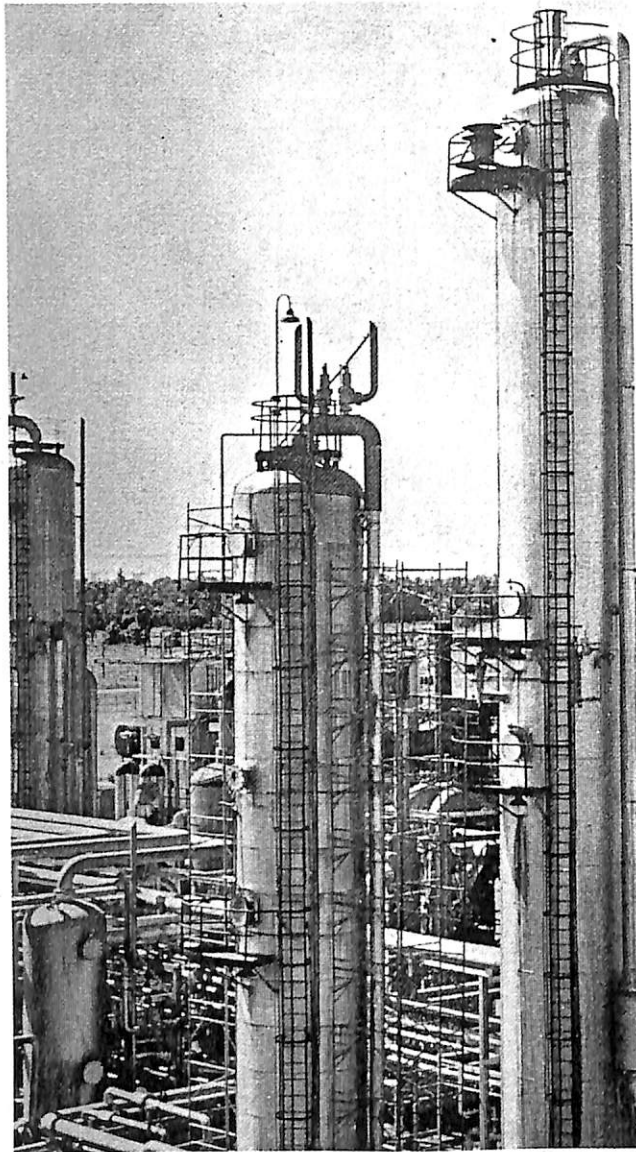


Johnny Brown and Sylvester Brown talk
over the scores of the last baseball game.

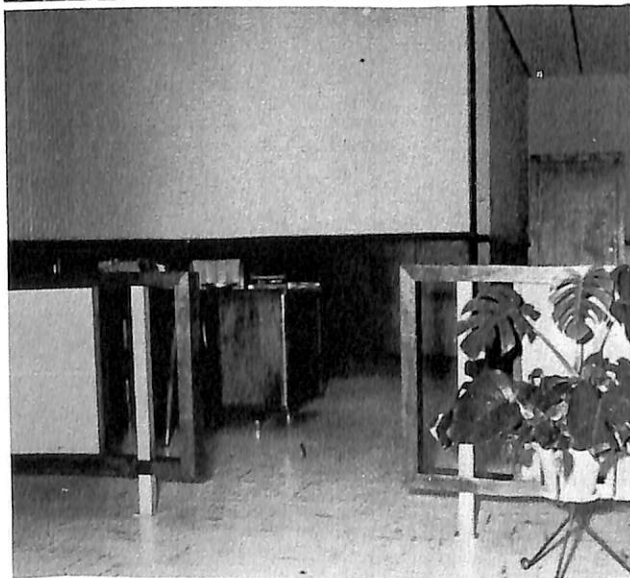


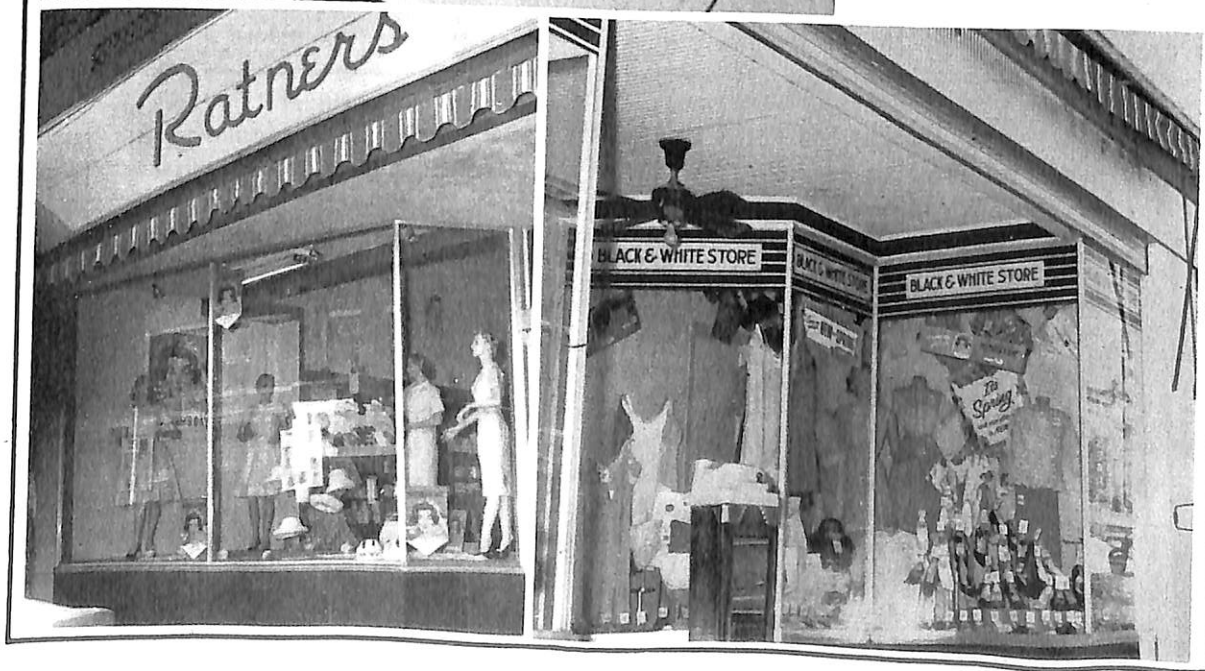
"Those peaches aren't ripe yet!" Patricia
Hammond, Jack Washington and Rosie Henderson
look like they wish they were!

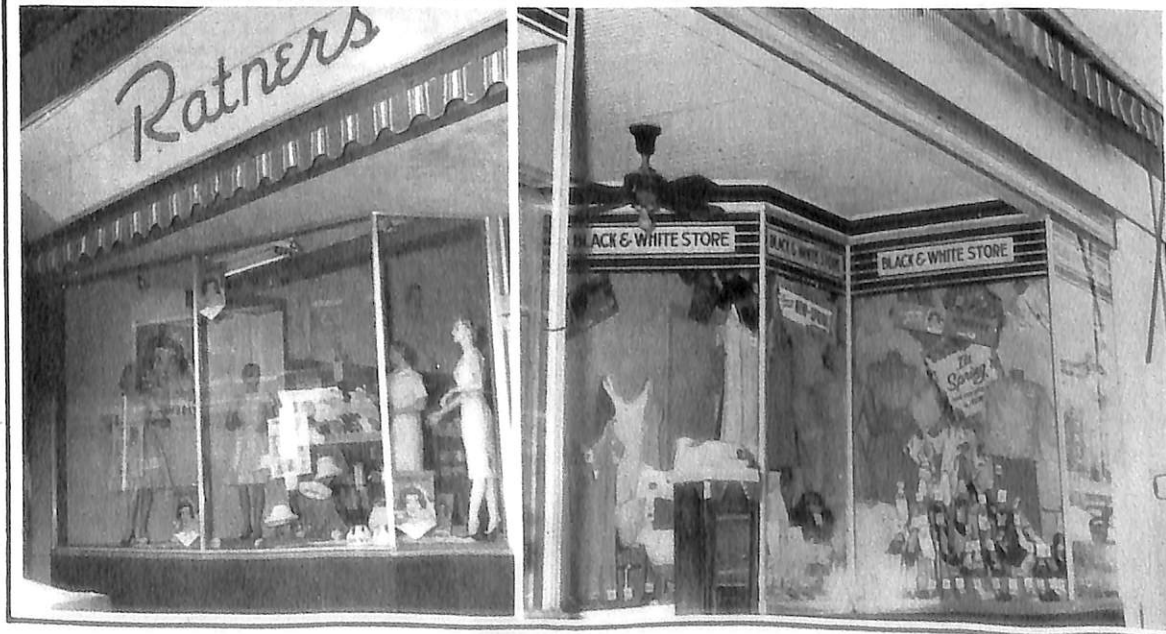
*"I simply remember
my favorite things"*



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FROM INDIAN MOUNDS TO OIL DERRICKS

Three years after Pushmataha, chief of the Choctaws, ceded almost half of his people's land to his old friend, Gen. Andrew Jackson, at Doak's Stand in 1820, the Mississippi State legislature authorized the carving of Yazoo County out of Indian territory. The official date was January 21, 1823.

Historians have found that the closest association the word Yazoo has to any Indian sound has this meaning: "To blow on an instrument." The Indians loved the murmuring sound of the flowing waters, for it seemed musical to them, so they named the river Yazoo.

The Yazoo River flows through the rich bottom lands of central Mississippi, counted among the richest land in the world, having as much as six to eight feet of top soil, before it empties into the "Father of Waters" at Vicksburg.

The Indians seemed to have used the present site of Yazoo City as a burial ground for large mounds with a diameter of three or four hundred feet . . . One extended from Main Street about midway between Jefferson and Ridge, beyond Mound Street from which the street took its name. As the city increased in population, it became necessary to cut these mounds down in order to obtain thoroughfares. SWAYZE'S and the office of the MISSISSIPPI BROKERAGE CO., now occupy this site.



The history of the present Yazoo City dates back to 1824 when it was known as Hanan's Bluff. Among its "firsts" under that title, was the first cotton gin.

In 1829, the name was changed to Manchester. This town was incorporated by an act of the legislature, December 5, 1830. The name Manchester was given by the English because, seeing the general activity caused by trade from a widely spread area, it reminded them of their own British trade center.

For the second time in less than a decade, the little town was renamed. By an act of the legislature approved February 14, 1839, the town of Manchester would be known as Yazoo City. No explanation for the change has been found.

In less than a year after this change, Yazoo City was almost totally destroyed by fire, with a probable loss of \$300,000.



Thus, Yazoo City came into existence, and in spite of the above disaster, became one of the most thriving towns in the state.

Agriculturally, it may be said that the Negro both opened and developed the county along this line. It is the general belief that the long staple variety of cotton, found in the area, was brought from the southern part of the state.

Although Mississippi was second only to South Carolina to secede from the Union on Jan. 9, 1861, it was not until 1862 that war really touched Yazoo City.

Yazoo City and the Yazoo River, if given a little more time, might have turned the tide of the victory in the western campaigns toward the Confederacy.

Almost by accident Yazoo City became a key naval bastion. The ARKANSAS, one of several ships being built at Memphis, was towed up to Greenwood, and then back down the river to Yazoo City. The Yazoo City Navy yard became a model of Confederate efficiency, struggling to build a ship which might save the Mississippi River for the Confederacy. But the Arkansas had a short life, and after 24 days, died honorably.

From September, 1863, through December, 1864, Yazoo City was a battleground.

The end of the war left most of the planters with their land and little else.

Taxes steadily increased in Yazoo County during the Reconstruction Era. They were four times higher in 1871 than in 1869, and fourteen times higher in 1874 than 1869. Taxes levied on merchandise were so high that supplies had to be sold at enormous prices.

At the beginning of the war, there were fifty newspapers in the state. At the close, the number dropped to fourteen, and Yazoo County was not enumerated as a survivor. However, the YAZOO CITY HERALD was established in 1872. The State Press Association, of which the local press are now members, was revived in 1874, having been organized in June of

1866 at the Capitol. The Yazoo City HERALD's membership dates from this period.

The BANK OF YAZOO CITY was organized by local people in 1876 to serve Yazoo County and some areas in the adjoining counties. It is presently a member of the Federal Reserve System, and boasts a Drive-in Banking Service.

In February of 1882, the levee at the Yazoo Pass broke, and the water came with a rush down the Yazoo and Sunflower rivers, reaching its highest point in March. About half of Yazoo City was under water. All lower Main was flooded and the merchants had to either move out, or place their goods on shelves above the high water mark. Steamboats landed within a few feet of Main Street.

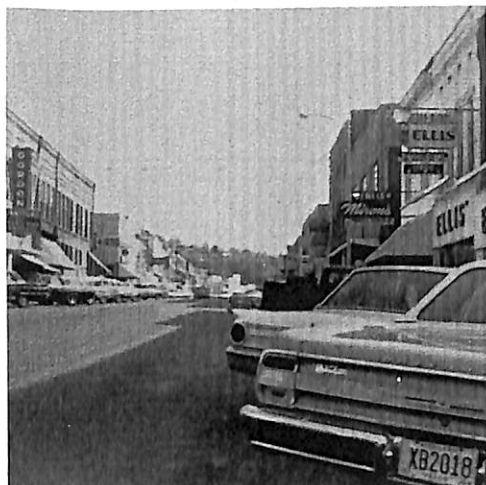
The STRICKLIN-KING FUNERAL HOME was established at this time. Though the water came to their building, they were fortunate in not being seriously disturbed. They offered their services by running constant ambulance service between the river and the refugee camp above the present Country Club. The more serious disabilities were treated in the hospital in town, but two hospitals were set up out in that area to minister to those less seriously hurt.

BARNWELL AND BARBOUR INSURANCE COMPANY was founded in 1895 as a partnership. Mr. Austin Barbour had been in the insurance business, and on June 1, 1895 formed a partnership with Mr. I. H. Barnwell. On June 1, 1945, Mr. Swayze acquired an interest. The early records of this company were saved from the fire when Miss Sadie Underwood threw them under a bridge on north Main.

Though the GREGORY FUNERAL HOME has been in operation since the Civil War, it was in 1893 that the Gregory family purchased it. It has the distinction of being the first building in the area erected solely as a funeral home. The flood waters rose to the west side of this lot, up to the concrete pavement. Mr. Gregory showed his concern by spending nights at the riverside waiting for the bodies of victims brought in on the steamboats.

The AMERICAN LAUNDRY is one of the three oldest establishments in Yazoo City. It has remained in the Sewell-Rand family since it was opened in 1898. The flood of 1927 completely submerged the building.

Since 1903, the COCA COLA COMPANY has been operating a bottling plant in Yazoo City. Until three and a half years ago, the plant was situated on Water Street. A new plant has been built recently on Canal. In 1927, during the flood, the plant on Water Street was in eighteen inches of water, and for a short period of time, all bottling was done in



Main Street today!

Lexington, Miss.

Organized by local people, the DELTA BANK opened in March, 1904, serving a radius of approximately 50 miles. It originally was known as the Delta Bank and Trust Co., and converted to a national bank in October, 1924. It is the only bank in the county that has been in continuous operation for this length of time.

"Just what the Doctor ordered!" has been the slogan of CORTRIGHT'S DRUG STORE since May 1, 1924, when it first opened under the management and ownership of Mr. E. G. Cortright.

A devastating cyclone visited Yazoo City, Friday morning, December 4, 1925. The headline of the Yazoo County News read: DEATH AND DESTRUCTION OF WIND HEAVES HEAVY LOSS: 150 Homes Were Demolished. The loss of property was estimated at over \$300,000, with a tornado insurance of only \$50,000.

INGRAM'S SHOE STORE began operation on October 10, 1925. However, neither the flood which was to follow shortly nor the cyclone did any damage. Flood waters stopped rising about two blocks from INGRAM'S.

In 1926 PLANTER'S HARDWARE COMPANY was organized. During the ensuing 1927 flood, it was necessary to deliver the merchandise by way of the back door in boats.



Then came the disaster. Between one-thirty and two o'clock on the morning of Saturday, April 30, 1927, the most disastrous flood of all times struck Yazoo City. When the levee broke, the roar could be heard for miles and breakers rolled

through the breach six feet high, breaking down trees and everything else in its path. Yazoo City lost, in a few hours, 324 buildings which, with their contents, were conservatively estimated at a value of \$2,250,000.

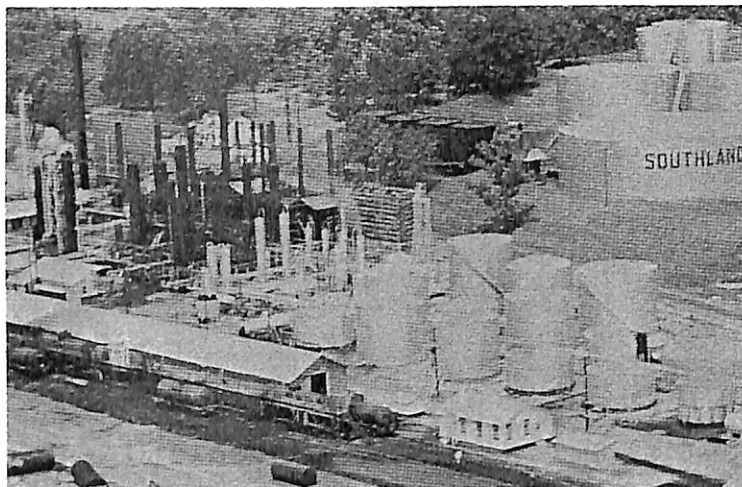
SAXTON-GARDNER HARDWARE CO. opened its doors in 1932, when the former owner became bankrupt. The area served by this store includes Benton, Belzoni, and portions of Vicksburg, as well as Yazoo County.

It was only after the Vardaman-Bilbo era in 1936 that the state embarked on an aggressive program to improve its economy and support the location and establishment of new industries within its borders. Yazoo City welcomed the change.

A unique feature of Yazoo City is that it owns its own light and water plant. The YAZOO VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION, organized in 1937 and put into operation in 1938, serves most of the rural area, a few smaller communities and one industrial load. It receives its power from the Public Service Commission of Yazoo City and from the Mississippi Power and Light Company.

In September, 1939, "black gold" was discovered in the form of oil in Yazoo County, and an era of prosperity began.

THE SOUTHLAND COMPANY of Yazoo City, the county's oldest non-agricultural or forest industry, was the first Mississippi company to refine, process and distribute crude oil for the state. SOUTHLAND'S story is one of enterprise, hard work, intelligent planning and success.



Its history traces back to the Tinsley Oil field discovered when, in early 1941, a group of experienced petroleum men investigated the feasibility of oil refining operations in the area. Six months after the ground-breaking in July, 1941, the refinery "went on stream." Thus, for the first time, Mississippi crude oil was being carried from the field through pipe lines, refined, processed and distributed under the direction and supervision of a Mississippi Company.

The MISSISSIPPI CHEMICAL CORPORATION was started in Yazoo City in 1947 and today is worth more than \$20,000,000. A three million dollar expansion program is in progress. Perhaps its greatest contribution to Mississippi and the south is its example of success. It has proved that, with local capital, management and workers, a large and successful farmer-owned business can be organized and operated.

The late '40's and the 1950's witnessed the organization of a number of new businesses in Yazoo City.

The MARYLENA SHOPPE is entering its sixteenth anniversary year, celebrating a steady growth from that November day in 1948 when its founders, Mary and Lena Thomas, invested capital and experience in a business that has grown continuously.

A significant milestone in the development of the MARYLENA SHOPPE is that it is installed in a building consisting of 2,640 square feet, located on the main highway connect-

ing all points of travel. With this new streamlined firm designed to personal specifications and the most modern fixtures available, the Shoppe has more than doubled its previous capacity.

The motto today, carried in all advertising and "hang-tags," is "For the loveliest things." And that's the whole reason for Marylena's success - the striving for loveliness, originality and quality at a price comparable to "Milady's" desires and demands.



The MARYLENA SHOPPE

The only two way communications service repair is found at the APPLIANCE CENTER, opened in 1949. It now specializes in the sale of television and radio.

In 1950, the JUDY AN SHOPPE opened, a children's shop, specializing even today, in children's clothing.

FOSTER B. DUGGAN opened a flower shop on Benton Road in 1952. Within the past two years, the shop has been completely remodeled, and at the present time, a new wing is being added.

HILL'S BROTHERS SERVICE STATION began operation in 1955, and has grown annually in its business. In 1960, the Hills brothers took over the distribution in Yazoo County.

"The fastest service in town" is the slogan of the MEDICAL CENTER, situated across from the King's Daughters Hospital. Opened in 1956, it features Max Factor and Hallmark products.

Recently organized businesses in Yazoo City include prominent names such as RATNER'S, a name purchased some time ago. This modern dress shop caters to the teenagers, and carries everything a lady might wear.

The building occupied, at the present, by the SEWARD-OLDS-CADILLAC CO., INC., was burned in 1953 and rebuilt according to the specifications of Mr. Seward. The company received its present title in 1959.

On August 21, 1959, SUNFLOWER FOOD STORE, INC., opened in the northwestern corner of Yazoo City.

Also prominent among Yazoo County industries is the SOUTHERN BAG CORPORATION, manufacturer of multi-wall shipping bags for clients over half of the nation. Located in Yazoo City, and only three and one half years old, the company has already had one major expansion, increasing the plant size by one-third. This company employs approximately

100 persons working in two shifts and turns out some 12,000 tons of bags per year.

BEN FRANKLIN STORE, serving the Yazoo City area, opened in the early '60's. This is one of the system of chain stores that stretches over the entire country.

To fill an economic need, the FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION began serving the public on May 2, 1960. This is the first and only branch in the state of Mississippi. The inner office of this Association is pictured on the division page of the advertising section. It is an inviting office, inviting you to save with FIRST FEDERAL.

Though Ford Dealers have been in Yazoo City since the 1920's, the WOODRUFF-HOLLIS FORD DEALERS opened on February 1, 1962. Their slogan: "We sell to sell again!"

McCRORY'S, though established only a few years, has consistently increased in sales. This is one success in a chain of cross country success.

PIPER'S MEN'S FURNISHINGS held its official opening on November 9, 1962. Men's and boys' wear are featured.

Class rings, awards, commencement announcements, cards, albums and diplomas for St. Francis graduates were provided by the BALFOUR COMPANY, Jackson. This company has served St. Francis for many years.

Every type of business continues to aid the growth of Yazoo City.

MIRON's name has become synonymous with fine jewelry; the YAZOO TIRE SHOP with guaranteed workmanship; the BLACK AND WHITE DEPARTMENT STORE with fine women's apparel.

To assist in the economic betterment of the people of the area, ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION was founded. The original purpose for the establishment of credit unions was the need for low-cost, personal loans based on character. Members must realize that they can save while they repay a loan. You can become a member of ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION when you invest .25.

Contact your credit union representative today!

Miss Mary Waugh





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423 South Main

TAYLOR AND ROBERTS
329 South Main

WISE BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE
246 South Main

GORDON FURNITURE COMPANY
119 South Main

ELLIS DEPARTMENT STORE
South Main

GILBERT LUMBER AND SUPPLY COMPANY
North Main Extension

McGRAW INSURANCE AGENCY
110 South Mound

LYON PHARMACY
126 South Main

ANDERSON DRUG COMPANY
100 South Main

PATRONS

THRIFTY FINANCE
305 South Main

ELECTRIC SERVICE CO.
307 South Main

FIRESTONE HOME AND AUTO
SUPPLY
304 South Main

WESTERN AUTO STORE
208 South Main

MILLER'S REXALL STORE
200 S. Main

YAZOO DRY CLEANERS
114 West Broadway

HABERDASHER
216 South Main

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT CO.
516 Grand Avenue

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816 Grand Avenue

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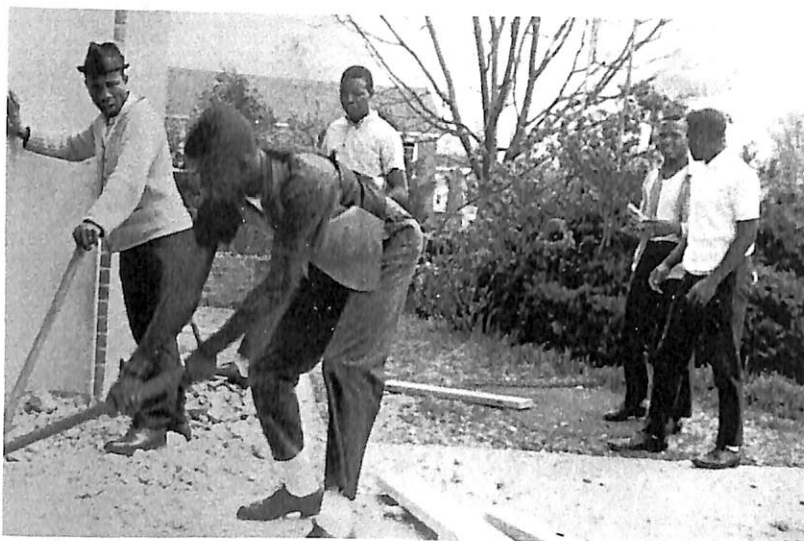
*From Freshman
year to Senior
year . . .*

"The Gay Nineties!"
Freshmen are initiated
early in the school year -
just to make them feel at
home.



*Mosby's Milk
is responsible
for this!*

"School is nothing but
work!" says Cleotha
as he holds up the
Church. Ernest is the
only one working!



*Seniors
enjoy
Holsum
bread!*

"The best school
day of the year for
the Seniors!"



"Bless my homeland
forever."

Seniors honored the memory of
President John F. Kennedy on their
commencement day, May 29.
They realized that "This is a time
for courage and a time of chal-
lenge!"

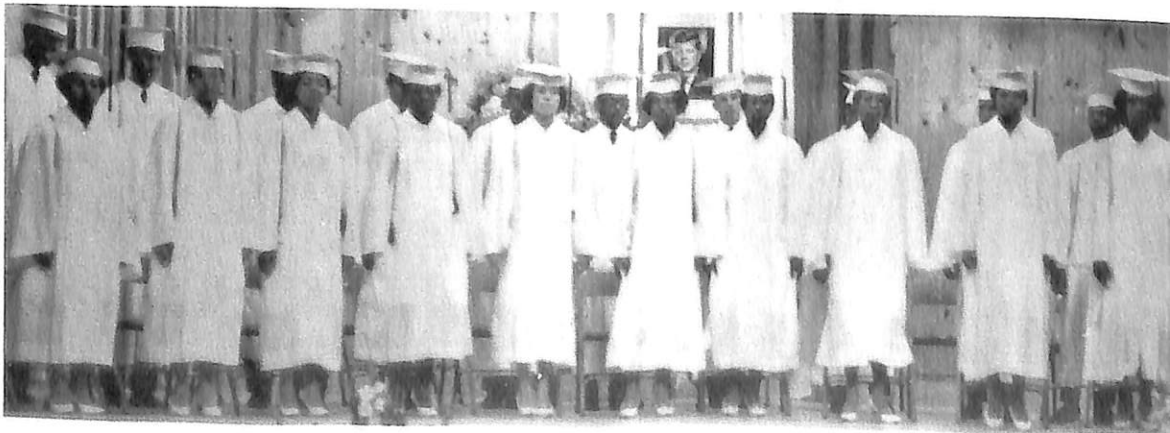
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His idealism inspired us
all in the struggle for a
better world and a more
just society.



"Let us stand together
with renewed confidence
in our cause!"



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