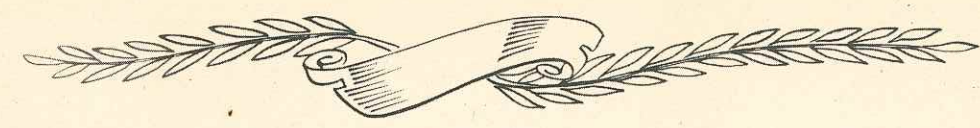




R. J. B.

1950

Miss Miller



Faculty



Miss R. M. Miller,
Social Studies



Miss K. L. Lomax,
Librarian



Mr. E. B. Webb,
Principal



Miss L. C. Brown,
Commercial



Mrs. N. T. Higginbotham,
Home Economics



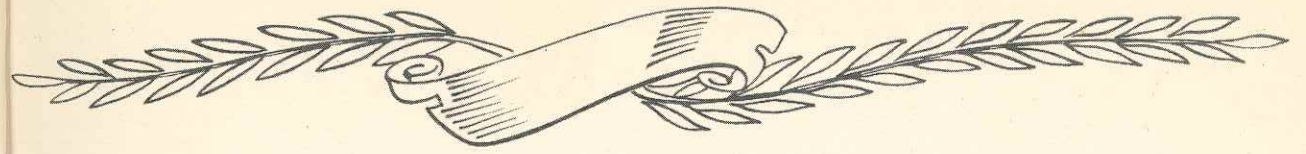
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Mrs. P. J. Muse,
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Mrs. V.W. Webb,
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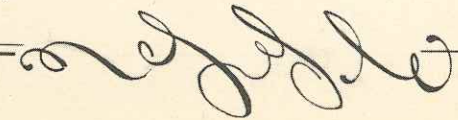
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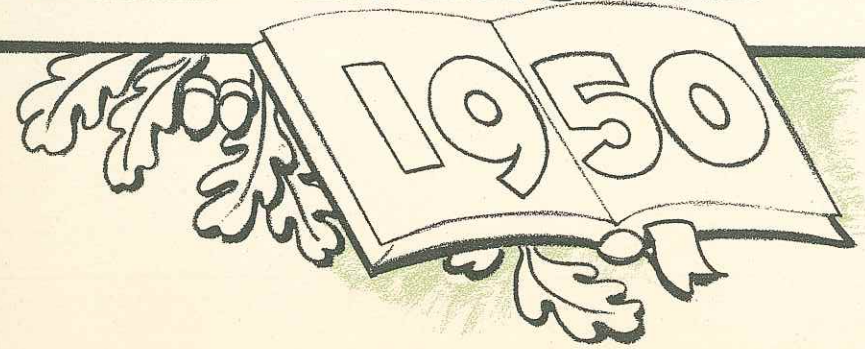
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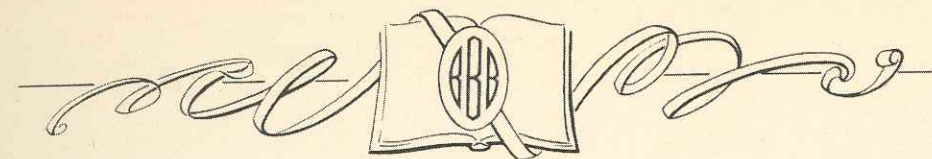


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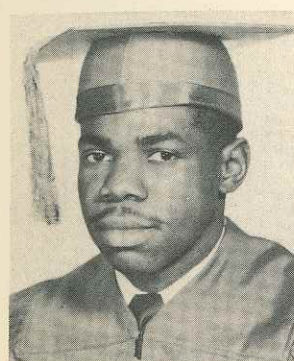


Seniors





Senior Class



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Hobby-Baseball
Ambition-Tailoring



Addie Barclay
Nickname "Nudie"
Hobby-Music
Ambition-WAC



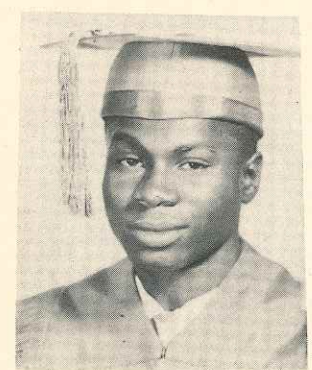
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Joseph Cooper
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Margarette Campbell
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Hobby-Outdoor Sports
Ambition-Nurse



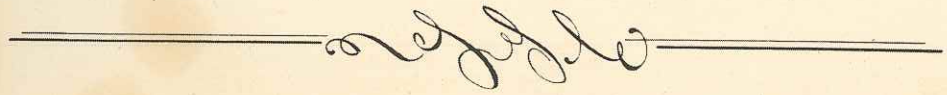
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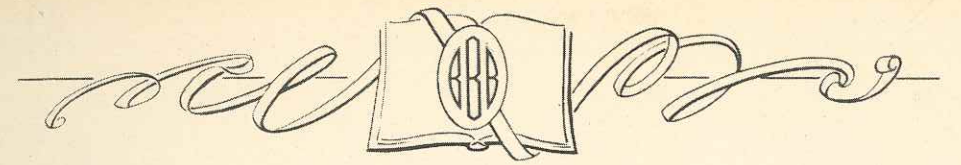


Isabel Harvey
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Hobby-Dancing
Ambition-Secretary



Armstead Evans
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Ambition-Lawyer





Senior Class



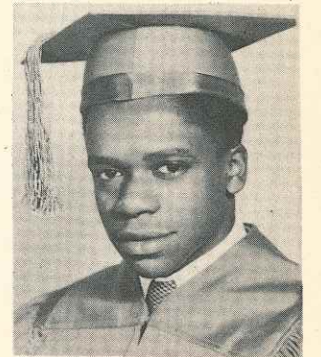
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Ambition-Stenographer



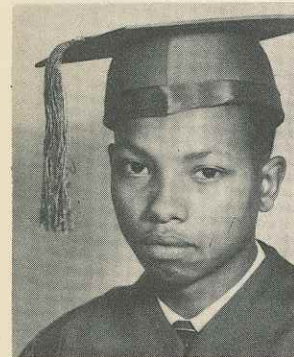
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Irma Johnson
Nickname "Bunk"
Hobby-Dancing
Ambition-Secretary



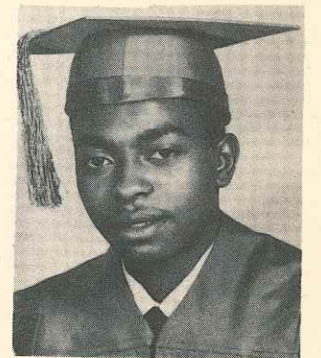
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Hobby-Music
Ambition-Business



Reginald Johnson
Nickname "Reggie"
Hobby-Baseball
Ambition-Doctor



Leroy Parker
Nickname "Cocky"
Hobby-Volley Ball
Ambition-Electrician



James Vaughan
Nickname "Jimmy"
Hobby-Hunting
Ambition-Auto Mechanic



Charlie Shanklin
Nickname "Shank"
Hobby-Boxing
Ambition-Prize Fighter





Class History

On September 7, 1946, forty-two Freshmen entered the King George Training School, now known as the Ralph Bunche School. We elected the following officers under the direction of Miss T. O. Brown. Raymond Johnson, President; Elizabeth Jordan, Vice President; Barbara Howard, Secretary; Earl Ashton, Treasurer. During this year we lost 12 of our classmates. We filled our treasure by selling peanuts. At the end of the year we enjoyed our money made by taking a trip to White Stone, Virginia.

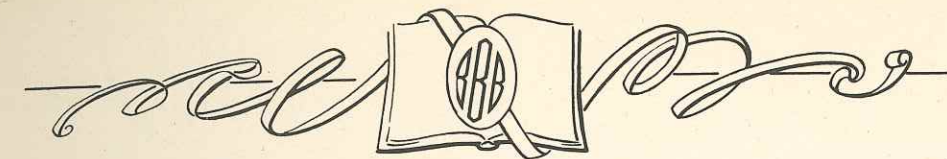
We successfully entered our Sophomore year under the direction Mrs. M. E. Evans, who soon left us and was replaced by Miss B. R. Byrd. The following class officers were elected. James Braxton, President; Barbara Howard, Secretary; James Vaughan, Treasurer. During the year the class took a trip to Washington, and visited the Capitol, Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and other public buildings. This year we lost 9 of our classmates.

In our Junior year Miss R. M. Miller was our advisor. Our thoughts were turned to the Junior and Senior Prom. The following officers were elected. Earl Ashton, President; Margarette Campbell, Secretary; Irma Johnson, Treasurer. We had the opportunity of raising money for the prom by sponsoring several programs and the Miss King George Contest. The contestant for Miss King George was Miss Isabel Harvey. Trophies were awarded to the winner and the other contestants received sportsmanship metals. The Junior and Senior Prom was the most outstanding in the history of the school, and will be remembered by all who attended it. This year we lost 2 of our classmates.

In September we began our Senior year with 16 members and Miss R. M. Miller as our sponsor. The following officers were elected. James Braxton, President; Margarette Campbell, Vice President; Irma Johnson, Secretary, Earl Ashton, Treasurer. This is the first class to graduate from Ralph Bunche High School.

As we leave in June some may choose marriage, others may seek a higher education. Whatever we decide to do, may success and happiness ever be our goal.

M. G. Best



Class Poem

Class Song

SUCCESS

When we first came to High School
We used to sit and think,
How hard our teachers tried to be
Until our hearts would sink.

We got our lessons best we could
But always got them wrong,
That only made the teachers worst
And kept them in a storm.

But soon we found the cunning
That made our work worth while,
When we began to study hard
And fun ceased to beguile.

We sail now on the ship of ambition
Let us land on a successful shore,
And all make this our decision
To conquer as we have before.

To teachers and friends we must say farewell
Although we regret to part,
Sweet memories of days gone by,
Will dwell forever in our hearts.
by Reginald Johnson

(Tune: "In The Gloaming")

Ralph Bunche High we are leaving, but thy halls we'll
Ne'er forget.
These few years of joy we spent, we never shall regret.

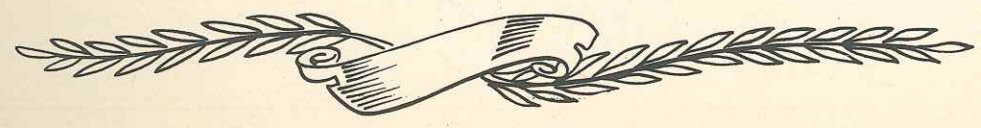
Here's to you dear Ralph Bunche
Here's a toast to you for aye
In our hearts you always will be
just as on this parting day.

In thy sacred halls of study we have striven long
and hard
And we know that in the future we shall find our just
reward.

So where ever we shall go
You will always hear us say
"We will evermore be grateful
just as on this parting day."

We have had our joys and sorrows, we have had our
good times, too,
And we're always proud to honor Ralph Bunche--Dear gold
and blue.

We do love thee dear old R. B.
And we hate to leave thee so,
But we know that life is calling
So farewell, for we must go.





Class Will

We, the Senior Class of 1950 of the Ralph Bunche High School, Edge Hill, Virginia, realizing that our high school days are drawing to a close, do hereby make and declare this to be our last will and testament.

To Mr. Webb, our principal, we leave our undying gratitude and affection, with the request that he give the next class the same guidance that he so generously gave us as a token of his affection.

To the teachers, who have taken a deep interest in our advancement, we bequeath the joy of work well done and our regrets for any unnecessary trouble or gray hairs we have given them.

To the Junior Class, we present our Senior privileges, our Senior dignity, our superlative brilliancy, our good looks, our charming manners, our splendid grades and our triumphant exit as the most popular class this school has ever seen. These are the rare treasures we leave the coming Senior Class.

To the Sophomore Class, the right to annoy the Freshmen.

To the Freshman Class we present the hope of your being Seniors someday with all of our refinement and dignity.

All the members of the Senior Class bequeath the remainder of their treasures to the following:

1. Charlie Shanklin wills to James Bushrod his boxing talent.
2. Armstead Evans bequeaths his ability to study to Hazel Johnson.
3. Sherman Minor leaves to Thomas Barclay his shortness and singing ability.
4. To Corean Pryor, Leroy Parker leaves his dignity.
5. Addie Barclay leaves her tallness to Hazel Howard, hoping that someday she'll reach great heights.
6. Margarett Campbell wills her popularity to Virginia Lumpkins.
7. To Norman Cobb, Earl Ashton leaves his ability as class leader, hoping that next year he will become President of the Senior Class.
8. Joseph Cooper wills his neatness to Donald Johnson.
9. Frezell Johnson wills to Betty Williams his ability to cooperate.
10. Barbara Howard leaves her dignity to Charlotte Peyton.

11. To Naomi Johnson, Irma Johnson leaves her position as Mr. Webb's secretary. Hope you will do as good as she did, Naomi.
12. James Vaughan leaves to Marjorie Newton his ability to eat other students' lunches in the cafeteria.
13. Reginald Johnson leaves his talking ability to Ethel Tolliver.
14. Isabel Harvey leaves her ability to dance to Katie Jackson, hoping by next year she will be able to dance.
15. James Braxton leaves his ability to entertain the girls to Cyrus Parker.
16. Aubrey Davis wills to Susie Grimes his ability to jive his way through by pretending he knows when he doesn't.

We commend ourselves into the hands of life, hoping and believing, through the struggles and hardships thereof to add unto ourselves fame, success, and happiness.

Barbara Howard
Irma Johnson
James Vaughan
Class Testors

Class Prophecy

Listen, O Ye men and women, youth and maidens, and little children! Listen all ye people of King George, to the word of wisdom from the lips of your Prophet who now speaketh unto you and hath seen by the powers that be. For it has come to pass, the veil of the future hath been in rent twain even as it was so rent in the prophecy hath descended from the spheres to envelop my soul with any mystic power.

Aye, I say unto you men and women, youth and maidens, and little children of King George, it hath been given unto me as the chosen one of this great and good people, the class of 1950 to dream, strange dreams, and to see strange visions of the glories of the years yet to be. So even as St. John, the divine said unto the world, I, your prophet of the class of 1950, do say unto the people of the audience in this twentieth century, "Blessed is he that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand!" Far as I look into the land of the future I could discern moving among the dim shadows of the people yet to be the familiar shapes of

those fair and radiant beings who were once my classmates, now changed and transformed into citizens of the world outside. Even as they had long hoped to be so that the veil before mine eyes grew yet more thin through the intensity of my vision, and behold I could see our beloved president, James Braxton, who is now married and has a boy and a girl; he also owns a little shoe shop in Comorn, Virginia. I looked far into the distance and I could see our classmate who thought he was the highest ranking student, Earl Ashton, who has now finished Howard University and owns a tailoring shop in Washington. He is also married to a classmate, Barbara Howard, who has just finished Hampton Institute, and they now have two children. She also serves as his most capable secretary.

While traveling further north I stopped over in the great city of New York to witness the first game of the World Series. It was to my surprise to see none other than Armstead Evans, Ralph Bunche's greatest outfielder now playing second-base for the New York Yankees.


While enjoying the game, my attention was called to another classmate, Irma Johnson, who serves as secretary for Leroy Parker, now Principal of Ralph Bunche High School; and Isabel Harvey, who has now taken over the management of Catherine Durham's dancing group. I understand they are now playing on Broadway.

Having a desire to visit the old home town, I leave New York on the Trans - Atlantic Airline and land at the now famous Dahlgren Airport, managed by none other than Charlie Shanklin, the boy who had so many jokes to tell us in school. He is now the father of ten. In the next block, I saw a huge neon sign "Drive In At The Esso Sign." Serving as auto-mechanic there was James Vaughan now married to one of the girls in the class of 1951, Susie Grimes.

A great revival is now being conducted at the Antioch Baptist Church by the Right Rev. Frezell Johnson, and conducting the chorus is none other than Sherman Minor, who has composed several hymns.

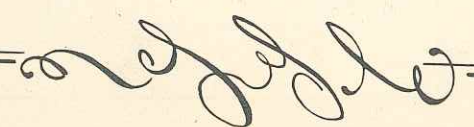
And now, a strange desire to see the two old chums, who are now known as Put and Tank, making their career in the United States Army. We find Addie Barclay, our tallest and loudest classmate, making her career in the Women's Auxiliary Corps.

Even so, it shall come to pass with each and all of us, lo, as the strain of music died away the veil is drawn over mine eyes shutting out from my vision the things to be. As I turn back to the present, things that are coming events only cast their shadows before goodness and truth and prosperity which shall follow all the days that are to come, to,



Superlatives

Most Versatile	Barbara Howard	Reginald Johnson
Most Studious	Barbara Howard	James Braxton
Most Useful	Addie Barclay	Armstead Evans
Most Popular	Margarette Campbell	Sherman Minor
Most Loyal	Irma Johnson	Leroy Parker
Best Looking	Isabel Harvey	Leroy Parker
Wittiest	Margarette Campbell	James Braxton
Most Talkative	Addie Barclay	Aubrey Davis
Most Dignified	Barbara Howard	Leroy Parker
Neatness	Barbara Howard	Earl Ashton
Most Likely to Succeed	Barbara Howard	Earl Ashton
Most Modest	Isabel Harvey	Frezell Johnson
Most Musical	Barbara Howard	Sherman Minor
Best Athletic	Addie Barclay	Charlie Shanklin
Most Attractive	Barbara Howard	Earl Ashton
Most Friendly	Addie Barclay	James Braxton
Most Poetic	Barbara Howard	Reginald Johnson
Cutest	Margarette Campbell	Sherman Minor
Most Thrifty	Addie Barclay	Leroy Parker
Tallest	Addie Barclay	Reginald Johnson
Shortest	Margarette Campbell	Sherman Minor



Miss B...



Juniors



Junior Class

The sixteen students of the Junior Class are doing a satisfactory piece of work under the supervision of Miss K. L. Lomax. Our officers are:

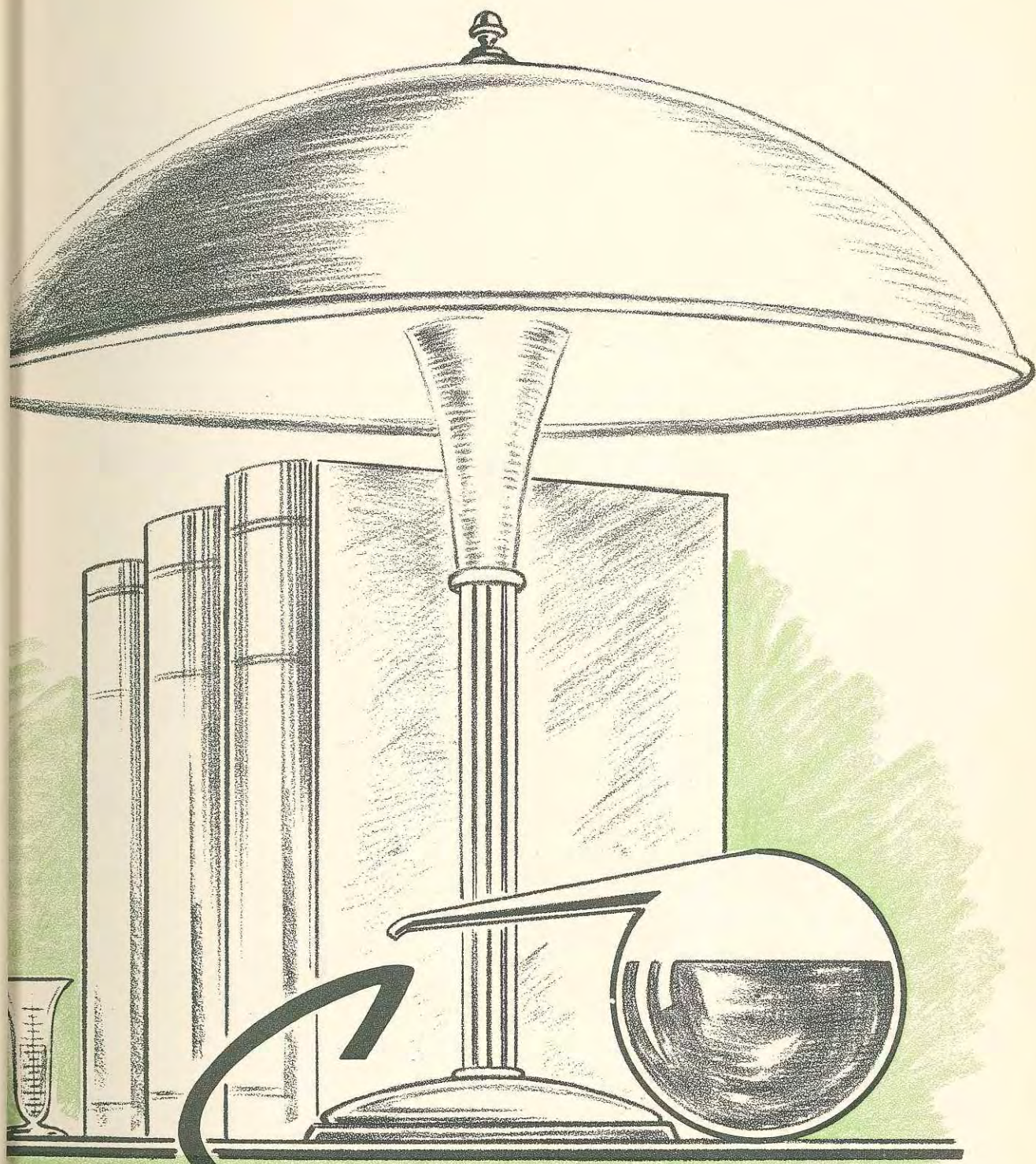
President	Cyrus Parker
Vice President	Hazel Howard
Secretary	Corean Pryor
Treasure	Thomas Barclay

The students of the class are taking active parts in the various activities of the school.

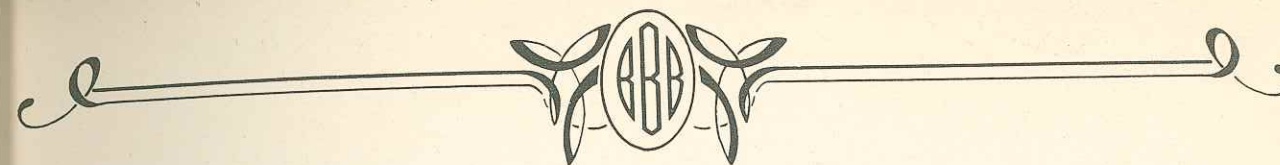
We have had successful years and by accepting the challenge set forth by graduates, we know that it will take cooperation, determination and leadership. This we shall keep in mind as we ascend toward our goal.



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Sophomotes



Sophomore Class

The Ninth and Tenth grades are composed of a very cooperative group of students. We have taken part in all curricula and a number of extra-curricula activities. We have made financial contributions to every student activity sponsored by the school. We believe that all good citizens contribute to worth while causes. We also believe that all good citizens strive to make the community in which they live better. Ralph Bunche High School is our community. We want to do our part to make it a better place and help to keep its good name.

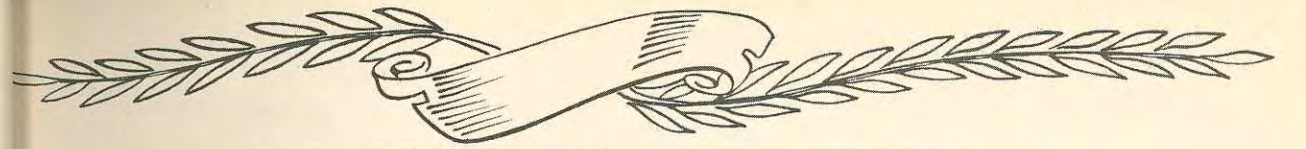
During the first part of the school year, the following officers were elected:

President	Milderd Ashton
Vice President	Lillian Johnson
Secretary	Margaret Pryor
Treasurer	Mary Muse

Miss E. V. Herring is our class advisor and home-room teacher.



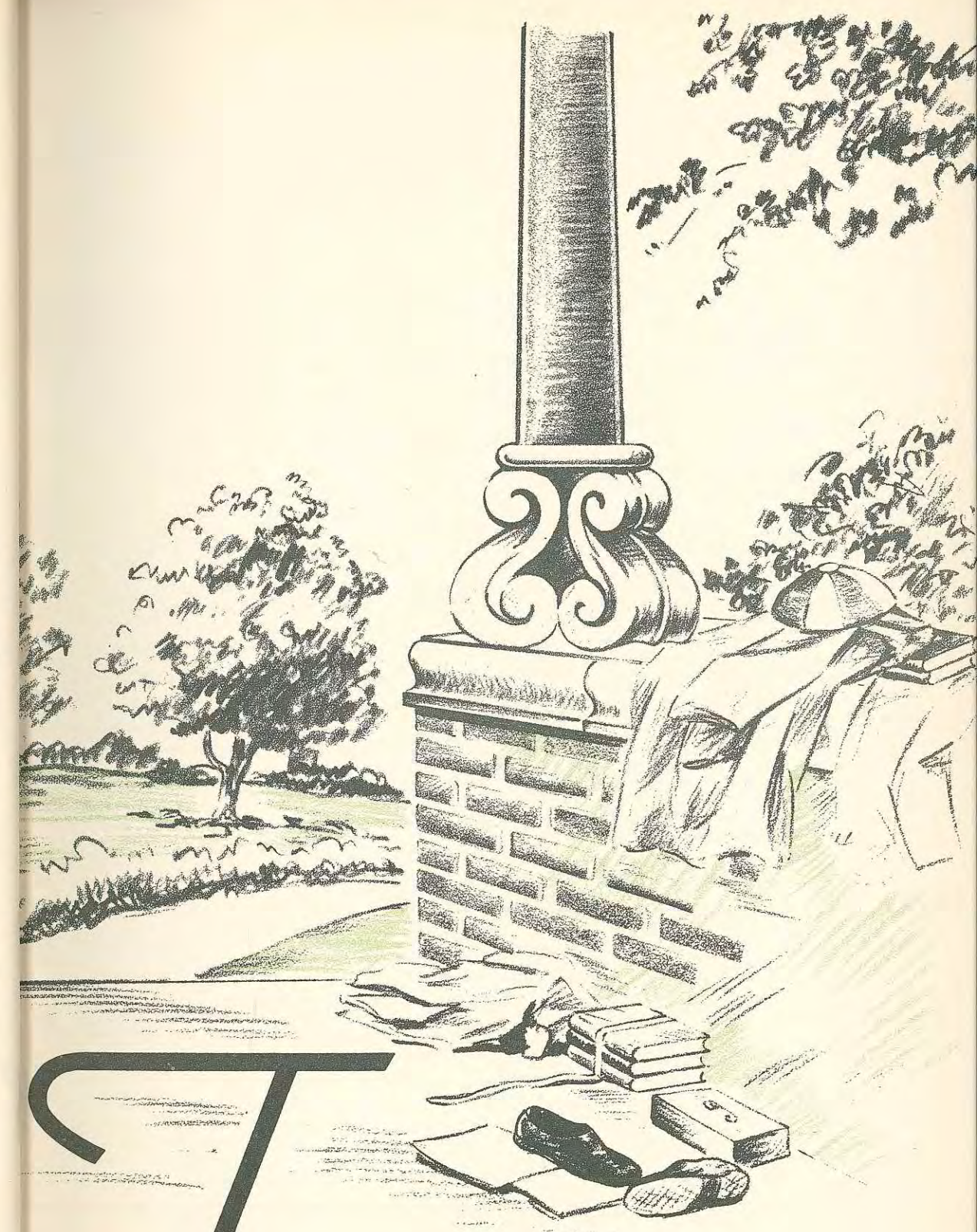
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Sophomore Class



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Freshman Class

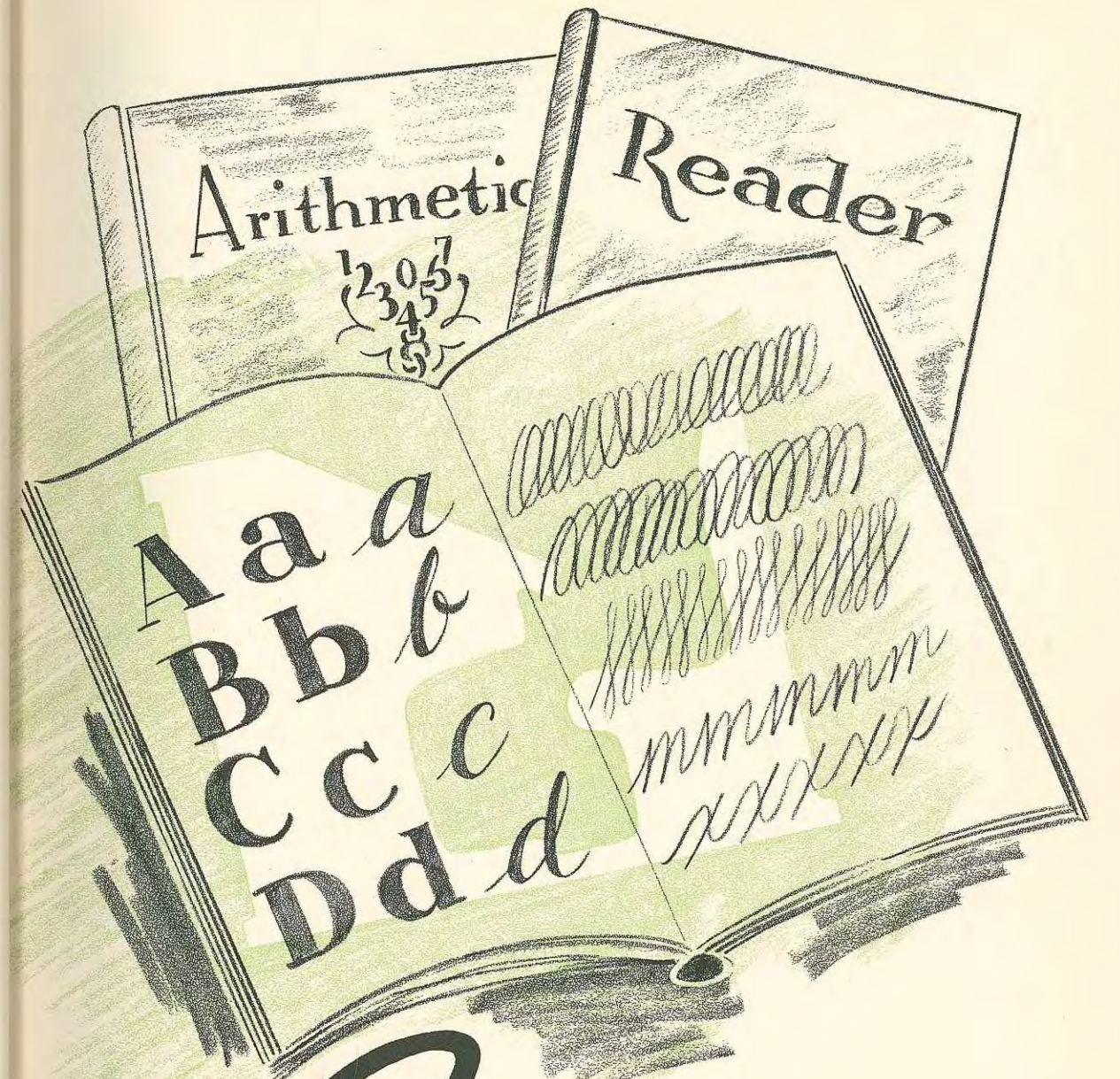
The Eighth Grade began the year with thirty students. Since that time we have retained that number and have been striving very hard to keep up with the standards of the Ralph Bunche High School.

Since we make our debut in the fall of September, 1949, we have taken an active part in various functions at Ralph Bunche. Progress has been its fortune due to the unhidden stability which its members have shown. The class realizes that this progress must continue.

We are very grateful to each member of the faculty for being so patient with us and especially Miss Brown, our beloved home room advisor.



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Seventh Grade



Sixth Grade



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Fifth Grade



Fourth Grade

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Primary Grades



Third Grade



Second Grade



First Grade

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Athletics



Volley Ball



Baseball Squad



Activities



The New Homemakers of America, under the leadership of Mrs. N. T. Higginbotham, elected the following officers for the year 1949-50.

President	Hazel Howard
Vice President	Mildred Ashton
Secretary	Margarette Campbell
Treasurer	Isabel Harvey
Reporter	Barbara Howard

The "Golden Opportunity" Chapter of New Farmers of America was organized in 1939, when vocational Agriculture was made a part of the school's curriculum. Under the leadership of its first advisor, Mr. L.M. DeShields, the chapter received its charter in June 1939.

The N. F. A. is a non-profit organization and has as its purposes the training for rural leadership and training for efficiency in farming which may lead to the establishment in a farming business.

The officers for the year 1949-50 are as follows:

President	Armstead Evans
Vice President	Garnett C. Parker
Secretary	Earl Ashton
Treasurer	James E. Vaughan
Reporter	Aubrey E. Davis
Watchman	Leroy Allen
Historian	James V. Bushrod
Parliamentarian	Norman F. Cobb
Song & Cheer Leader	Sherman I. Minor, Jr.
Chaplain	Leroy Parker
Advisor	Mr. G. T. Saunders

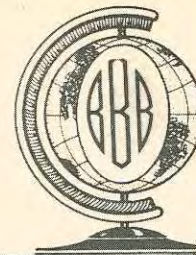




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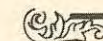
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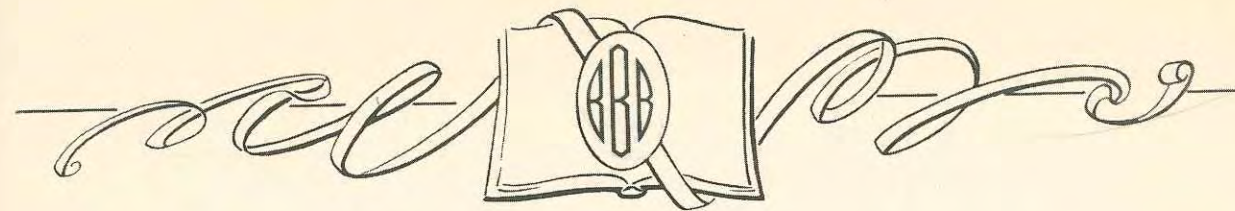
The powers granted to the Student Government are zealously guarded and are used at all times for the preservation and furtherance of the democratic ideas of self-government for the student body. The council has, since its inception, sought to justify the faith which has been placed in the ability of students to regulate a major sphere of life in school.

The officers for 1949-50

President	Earl Ashton
Vice President	Cyrus Parker
Secretary	Barbara Howard
Treasurer	Margarette Campbell

We hope that in the years to come, Student Government at Ralph Bunche High School will receive the recognition due to such an important organization.





Choral Club

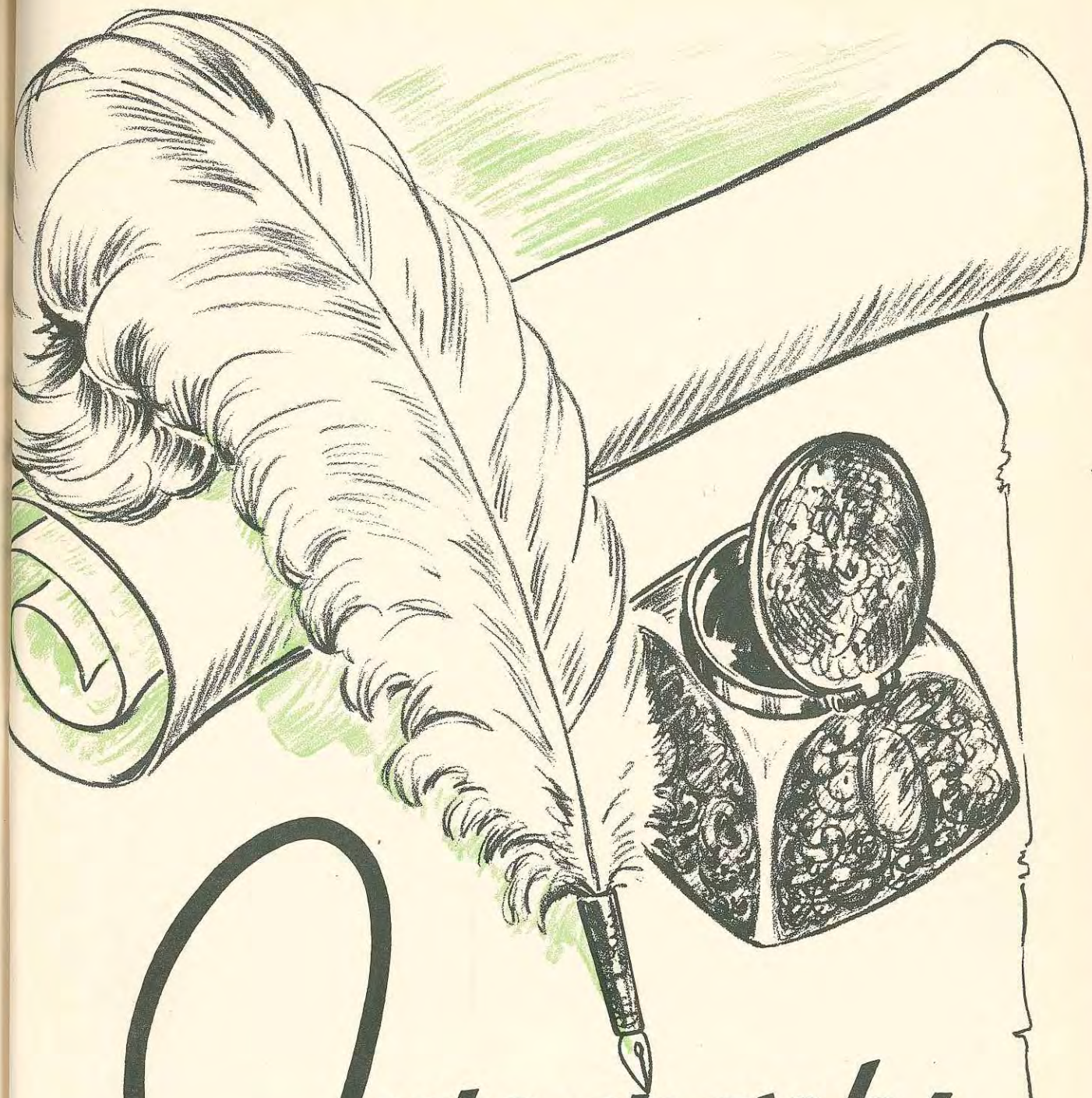
The Choral Club of the Ralph Bunche High School has elected the following officers for the year 1949-50.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

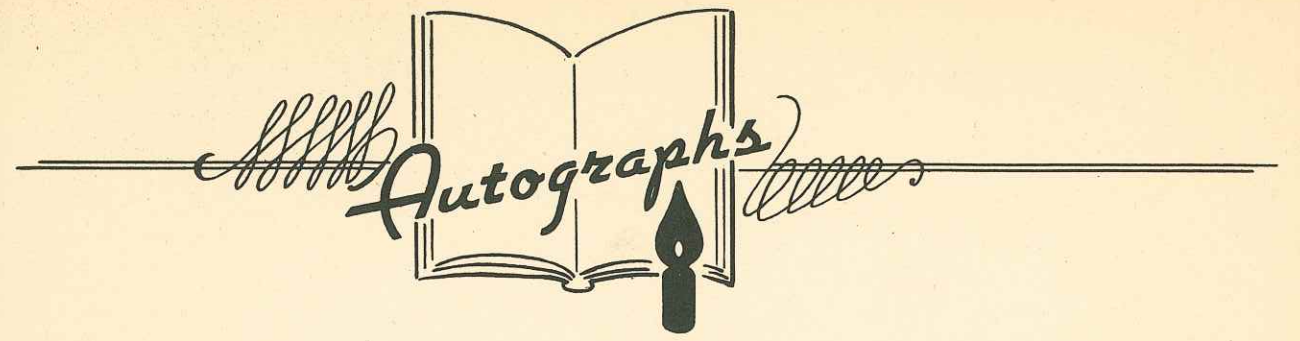
Sherman Minor
Mildred Ashton
Margarette Campbell
Barbara Howard

We represented the school at the 1st District Music Festival in Richmond County, and received an average rating. We are striving to make a better representation next year under the leadership of our capable director, Miss E. V. Herring.

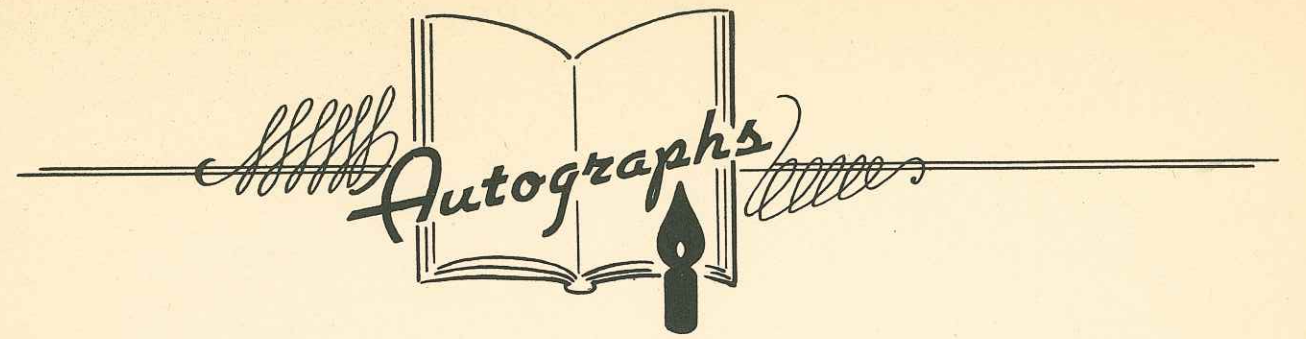




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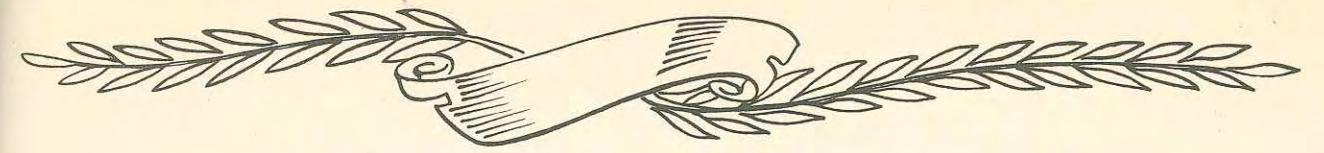
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