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### **DEDICATED TO:**



**William Summers**  
**1950-1967**

Mr. Summers was a native of Danville and a graduate of Bate School. He did undergraduate work at Simmons University where he received an A.B. degree in 1926, after which he transferred to Butler University where he completed two years of pre-medical training.

From 1927 to 1943 he taught mathematics and science and served as basketball coach at West Side High School in Harrodsburg. While at Harrodsburg, Mr. Summers taught biological science for one summer term in the Louisville Municipal College.

He returned to Danville in 1944 as a teacher and basketball coach at Bate School. He became Principal in 1950 and continued in that capacity until July 1, 1967.

Mr. Summers received his Master's Degree in school administration from the University of Kentucky in 1953 and furthered his studies to gain 17 graduate hours above his M.A. degree.

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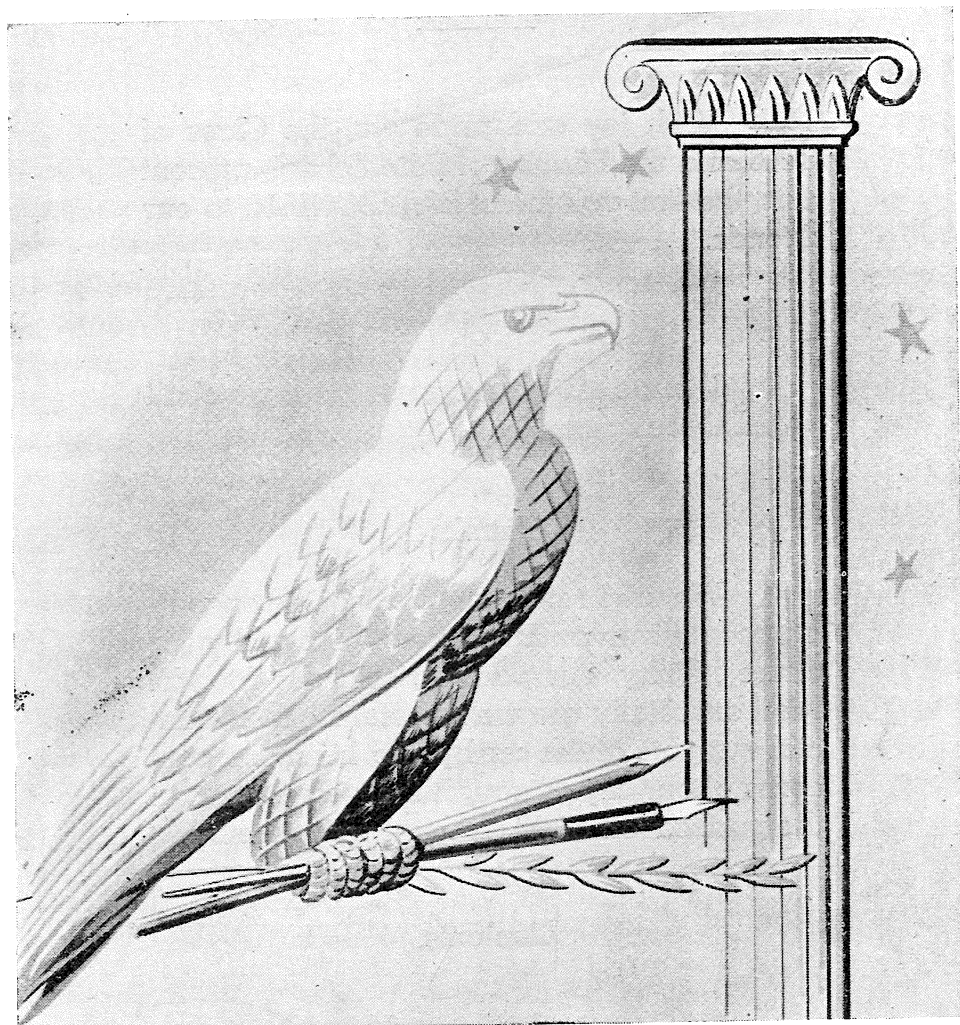
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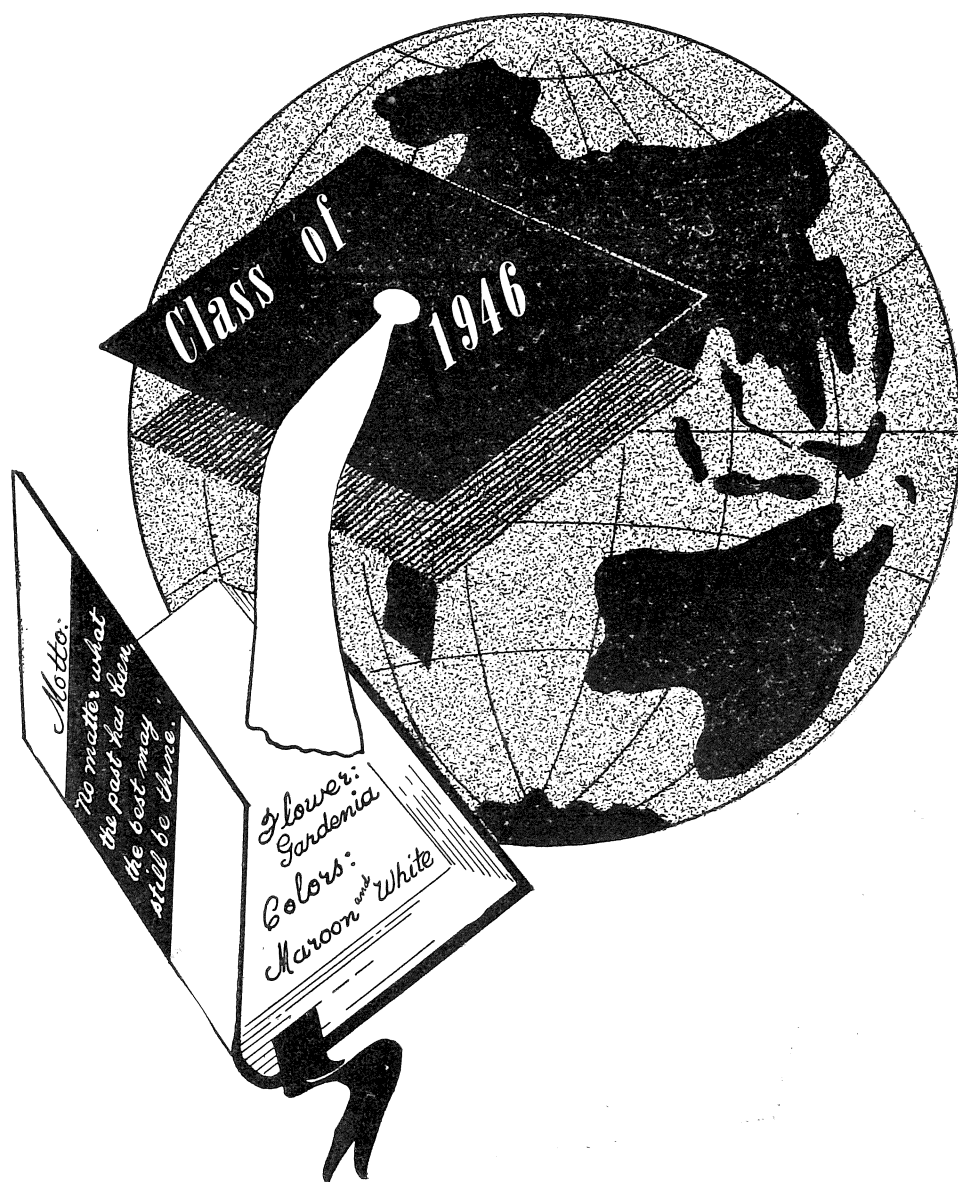
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# *Bate School*

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A very interesting phase in the development of educational institutions in Danville is the history of Bate School. This school is one of the oldest educational institutions for Negroes in the State of Kentucky. It bears the name of the man who gave nearly sixty years of his life to the cause of education in Danville.

Space is not allowed for a detailed history of the school. Therefore an outline of what we believe to be important events over a period of years is listed below.

1. First Negro School in Danville was established by Freedman's Bureau in 1868.
2. A site was bought and deeded to the government after which a one-room structure was erected. The first trustees were Gib Doram, Green Johnson, and John Tibbs. The first teachers were Clif McKinley and Steve Bell.
3. Prof. J. W. Bate was employed as a teacher in 1891. Under his leadership the school grew until today it ranks as one of the leading schools in the state. Important steps under the leadership of Prof. Bate were:
  - a. First school in the city to begin industrial education.
  - b. Modern school plant erected on present site in 1912 and named Bate School.
  - c. High school started in 1915.
  - d. Bate School became a part of the Danville Schools in 1921.
  - e. Addition of gym., four class rooms, and principal's office in 1927.
  - f. Library added in 1930.
  - g. Prof. Bate retired from active work in 1939. Prof. H. E. Goodloe became principal.
4. Home Economics and woodwork re-established in 1940-1941.
5. Group of teachers studied at Fisk University for the purpose of re-organization of curriculum in 1941.
6. Science Department re-organized in 1944.
7. The beginning of consolidation of city and county schools in 1935.

# *Foreword*

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With joy and pride we, the Class of 1946 and the Faculty of Bate School, present this, the first volume of BATESONIAN, to our friends.

We hope to show you the activities and true spirit of our school.

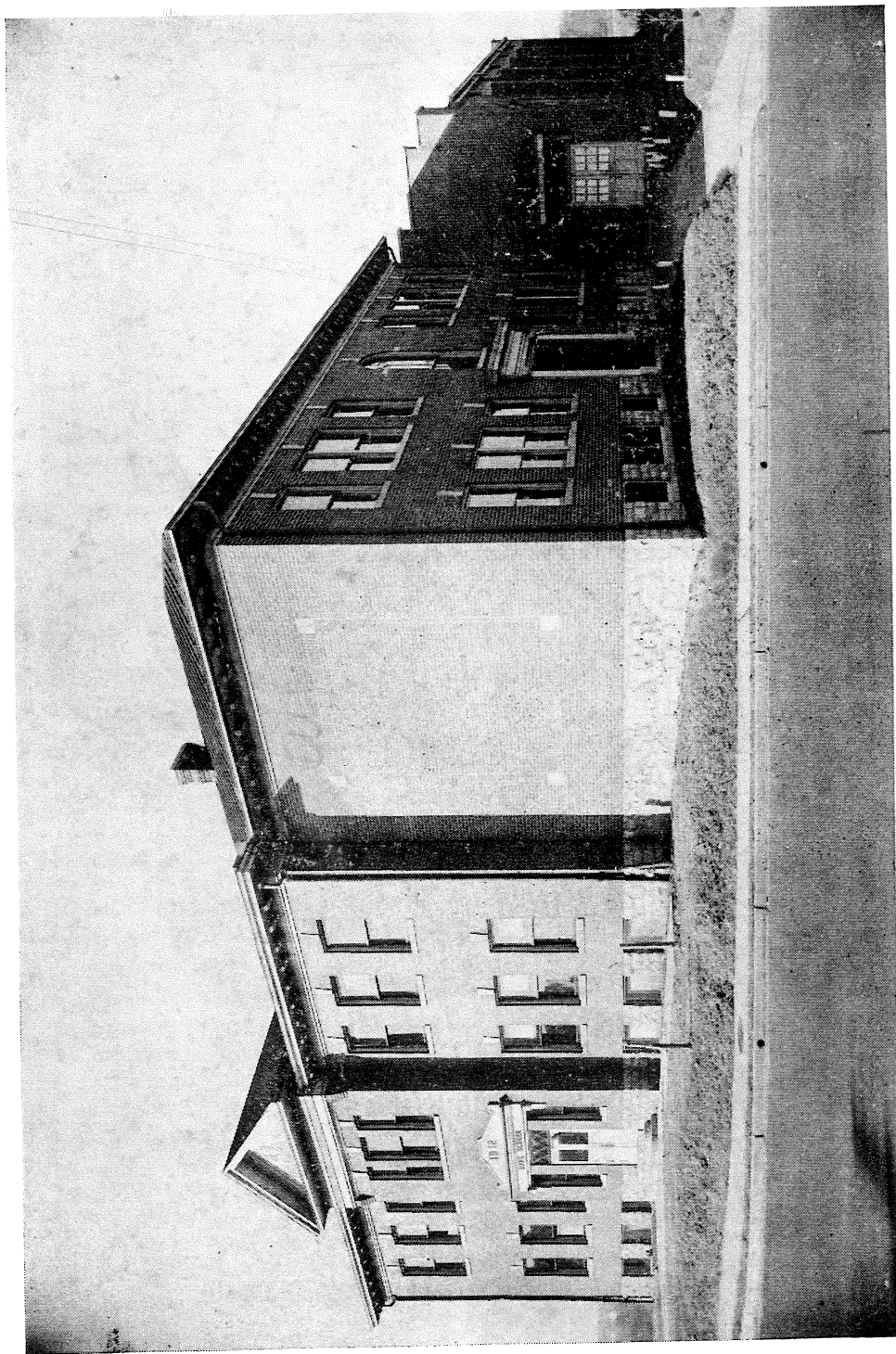
If our efforts are appreciated, we shall feel duly rewarded.

## **Thanks**

We are keenly conscious of the encouragement given and the interest shown by the entire faculty, our parents, and our friends. Most especially are we grateful for the financial support given us by the business concerns of our city. Through their contributions the publication of this annual was possible.

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## *Dedication*

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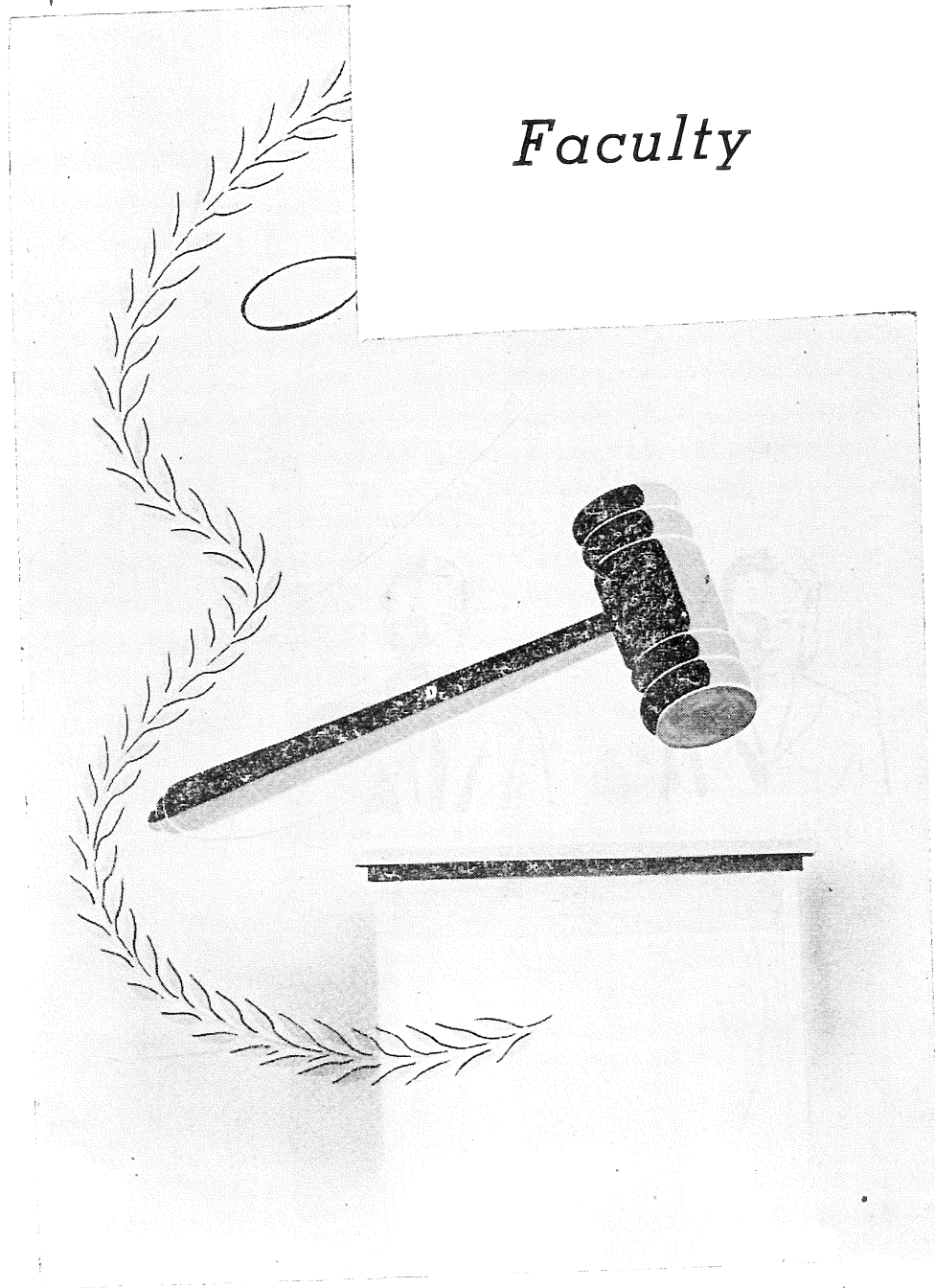
Because he has often lifted us above our frivolousness and weakness to higher attainments, because he has often looked beyond the bad in us and has seen our possibilities of good, because he has helped us to make of the lumber of our lives a temple, because he has tried so hard to make our stay at Bate School a pleasant one, because he has done so much for the further development of our school, and because this annual was his own idea, we wish to express our appreciation and gratitude; therefore we, the Faculty and Senior Class of 1946 of Bate School, dedicate this annual to our principal, Mr. H. E. Goodloe.



**Hannibal E. Goodloe, B. A.**

Simmons University  
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Hampton Institute  
Fisk University

# *Faculty*





M. T. Andrews  
A.B.  
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Music, Grade 1



E. E. Mitchell,  
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Grade 5



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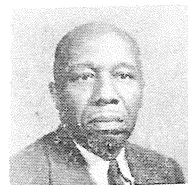
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College  
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Bible



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Louisville  
Municipal Coll.  
Eng., Librarian



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A.B.  
Simmons Univ.  
Butler Univ.  
Atlanta Univ.  
Science, Math.  
Athletics



Lillian C. Jones  
A.B.  
Ky. State Coll.  
Grade 4



Helen Fisher  
A.B.  
Ky. State College  
Grade 6



Susie B. Fish  
Simmons Univ.  
Ky. State Coll.  
Northwestern U.  
Grade 3



Maggie E. Jones  
A. B.  
Ky State College  
Grade 2

# *In Memoriam*

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## JOHN WILLIAM BATE

Our Dearly Beloved John William Bate, A. B., A. M., Principal Emeritus of Bate School, named in his honor, was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1854.

He was a brilliant educator of Kentucky, having spent fifty-nine years at Bate School. His entire life was devoted exclusively to work in the education of Negroes of Danville and Boyle County.

Professor Bate departed these torturous paths of life and crossed the bridge to the land of "Eternal Joy" in his ninety-first year. His passing was a sad and irreparable loss to his family, school, and friends.

His cordial smile and sunny disposition may have passed with his body; but his deep influence, characterized by lofty ideals and true ambitions, shall forever reign! He was a pioneer educator; his life was a benediction and inspiration to all; in him we found the finest and noblest qualities which a man could possess.

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## MELINDA L. DONEGHY

Mrs. Melinda L. Doneghy was born in Danville, Kentucky. She received her A. B. degree from Kentucky State College and had a forty-four year teaching record in Bate School. As a teacher, perhaps no other character in the school has rendered a greater or more unselfish service.

As an educator, she was affiliated with the educational organizations of her state, and her contributions have been worthwhile.

As a community worker, she was a respected leader who did much to cement the inter-racial good will which exists in the community. Being blessed with a striking personality and smiling disposition, it was convenient for her to make friends.

Mrs. Doneghy departed this life February 27, 1944; yet, she had been such a leader and builder of exceptional qualities that she had made for herself a place in the highest rank which neither time nor death could erase or blot out.

**Johnetta Elizabeth  
Cooper**

- "Little Cooper" -  
Member Girls' Glee  
Club, Future Home-  
makers of America,  
Library Club, and  
Girl Reserve. As-  
sistant Editor of  
newspaper, 1944-45.  
Editor of newspa-  
per, 1945-46. Asst.  
Librarian, 1945-46.

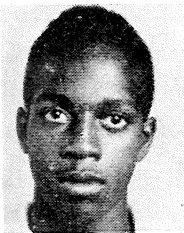


**Herbert Tunis  
Smith**  
"Slick"

Member of the Hi-  
Y and Boys' Glee  
Club. Member of  
the newspaper  
staff

**Catherine  
Josephine  
Faulkner**  
"Tad"

"Miss Bate Hi," '42;  
May Queen 1943.  
Member Girls' Glee  
Club, Future Home-  
makers of America  
and Library Club.  
Secretary of Class.



**Milford Gray**  
"Jr."

Member of Hi-Y;  
Boys' Glee Club  
and Basketball  
Team.

**Mary Margaret  
Crowdus**  
"Bootly"

Member Girls' Glee  
Club, Future Home-  
makers of America.  
Member newspaper  
staff, 1944-54. Cheer  
leader, 1944-46.



**Bernice Gray**  
"Bunny"

May Queen 1945.  
Member of the Fu-  
ture Homemakers  
of America, Library  
Club, and Girls'  
Glee Club. Cheer  
leader 1944-45.

**Jake Bevion  
Wilkinson**  
"J. B."

Member Hi-Y and  
Boys' Glee Club.  
Member of Basket-  
ball Team.



**Lucy Sadie Mary  
Taylor**

"L. S. M. F. T."  
Member of the  
Girl Reserve, Fu-  
ture Homemakers  
of America and  
the Bate Co-op.

**Ruth Gray**  
"Annie"

President of class.  
Member of the Fu-  
ture Homemakers  
of America, Gir'  
Reserve, Library  
Club. Member of  
the newspaper staff.



#### SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Ruth Gray—President.  
Jake Bevion Wilkinson,—V. Pres.  
Mary Margaret Crowdus—Sec'y.  
Bernice Gray—Asst. Sec'y.  
Catherine Faulkner—Treasurer.

#### HONORS

Valedictorian—Johnetta Cooper  
Salutatorian—Ruth Gray

## Class History

The annals of the Class of 1946, like former classes, are but a simple story of the activities of the Class.

In September 1942, under the guidance of Mrs. Edna Jett, ten boys and sixteen girls were enrolled in the Ninth Grade Algebra Class, a useless and difficult course to most students. George Miller, William Cochran and Louise Miller withdrew during the year.

September 1943, Mrs. Jett entered upon her record the names of twenty-five pupils, members of the Tenth grade. The "wise sophs" began their career! Ruth Gray was elected treasurer of the Girls' Reserve and Mary Margaret Crowdus, Secretary. Dorothy Langford and Mary Margaret Crowdus represented the Girls' Reserve at the Older Girls' Conference in Richmond. Nine members of the Class left school for various reasons during the year.

September 1944, sixteen Juniors entered school. Mrs. Sledd was their home room teacher. The abilities and usefulness of the Class became evident by the many activities in which they participated: Milford Gray and J. B. Wilkinson went out for basketball. Wesley Bright was elected Secretary of the Hi-Y. Johnetta Cooper, Ruth Gray, Herbert Smith, Wesley Bright and Catherine Faulkner were on the Chatter Box staff. Ruth Gray and Johnetta Cooper represented the Girls' Reserve at the Older Girls' Conference in Ashland, Kentucky. Johnetta Cooper, Ruth Gray, Mary M. Crowdus, Catherine Faulkner, Milford Gray, and Wesley Bright were in the cast of the serio-comic drama, "Nobody's Darling." Bernice Gray was elected "Miss Bate", the May Day Queen. The prize for selling the most Christmas seals was won by Wesley Bright and the Infantile Paralysis prize was won by the home room class. Viola Gray, who had in mind what most girls consider the best of all courses, left school in the fall of '44 and now seems to be sailing happily on the sea of matrimony.

Lucile Frye withdrew in February '45 because of the illness of her mother. September 1945, three boys and seven girls enrolled in the Senior Class; Wesley Bright and George Hunter were called to the Army, and Dorothy Langford entered school in Springfield, Ohio. The Class is still taking part in the various school activities: the newspaper, Athletics, Co-operative Store, Glee Club, Girls Reserve, Hi-Y., and Library Club. Willie M. Palmer moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, leaving nine Senior who hope to receive their diplomas for graduation the last of May.



# Class Will

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The Class of 1946 of Bate School, being in sound mind and of good judgment, makes its last will and testament.

It makes the following bequeaths:

To the faculty and student body: its sincere wish for many successful school terms.

To Helen Grey from J. B. Wilkinson: A carload of chewing gum that the waste basket cannot exhaust her supply.

To Margaret Rice from Bernice Gray: the secret of a still, small voice.

To Irene Brown, Elaine Bradshaw, and Mary B. Penman from Milford Gray and Herbert Smith: the ability to grasp Geometry.

To George Wycliffe from Johnetta Cooper: a superior intellect.

To Cleo Letcher, Minnie Walker and Elizabeth Meaux from Lucy Taylor: the aptitude to understand Chemistry.

To Myrtle Faulkner from Mary M. Crowdus: the spirit of cooperation.

To Charles Bedinger and Ben Hudson: the idea to be seen rather than heard.

To Harry Whitley: all the past, present, and future comic sections that he may be funny rather than ridiculous.

To Mack Langford: A few A's and B's in exchange for his grades.

To the teachers from Catherine Faulkner: the idea that she has something to tell them all after she receives her diploma.

To Eliza Beasley: the value of regular attendance and punctuality.

Done on behalf of the Senior Class of 1946.

This fourteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

RUTH GRAY, President  
MARY M. CROWDUS, Secretary

# Prophecy

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Ten years have passed since the class of '46 left Bate School. Many changes have taken place, and well has each member wrought.

Is it a dream? No, it is a reality.

In a hospital in New York there is a very efficient dietician. that young lady is Bernice Gray.

Among the many stenographers in the Veteran's Bureau in Washington, D. C. is Mary Crowdus, who received a medal for possessing superior accuracy and speed.

On Stanford Avenue, here in Danville, on the site adjoining the Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant, we see a modern, well equipped brick building, Danville's new nursery school. It is here that Ruth Gray, a young woman of vision, is head teacher with four assistants.

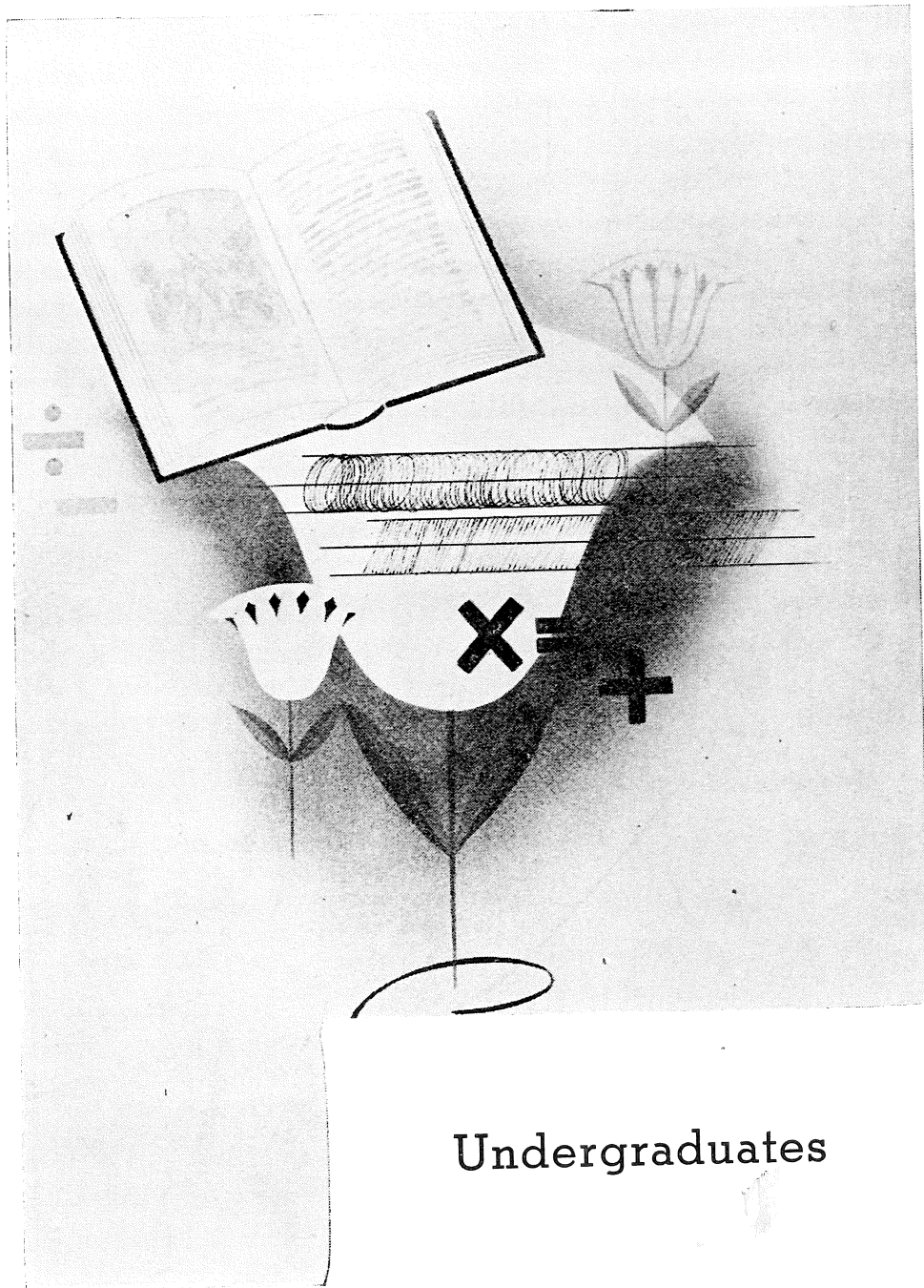
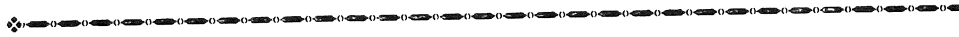
On South Parkway in Chicago, near Forty-fourth Street, is a beauty salon, offering the best service in the city; it is owned and operated by Catherine Faulkner.

Two teachers have been added to the faculty of Howard University: Johnetta Cooper, head of the Music Department and Lucy Taylor, head of the Home Economics Department.

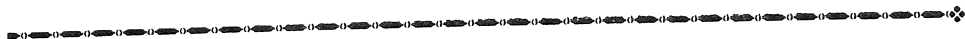
At Fifth and Walnut Streets in Louisville, Kentucky are the offices of Dr. Herbert Smith, M.D. and J. B. Wilkinson, Attorney-at-Law.

On Eight Mile Road in Detroit is a magnificent stone structure bearing the sign, "Milford Gray, Mortician."

Prophecies have been made relative to the other classes of Bate School. Some have come true! Who knows what the future holds for the Class of 1946?



Undergraduates



## Juniors



Jeraldine Harding



Helen Gray



Margaret Rice



Anginette Williams



Cleo Letcher



Minnie Walker



Alicia Simpson



Mattie Helton



Mary B. Penman



Elizabeth Meaux



George Wickliffe



Irene Brown



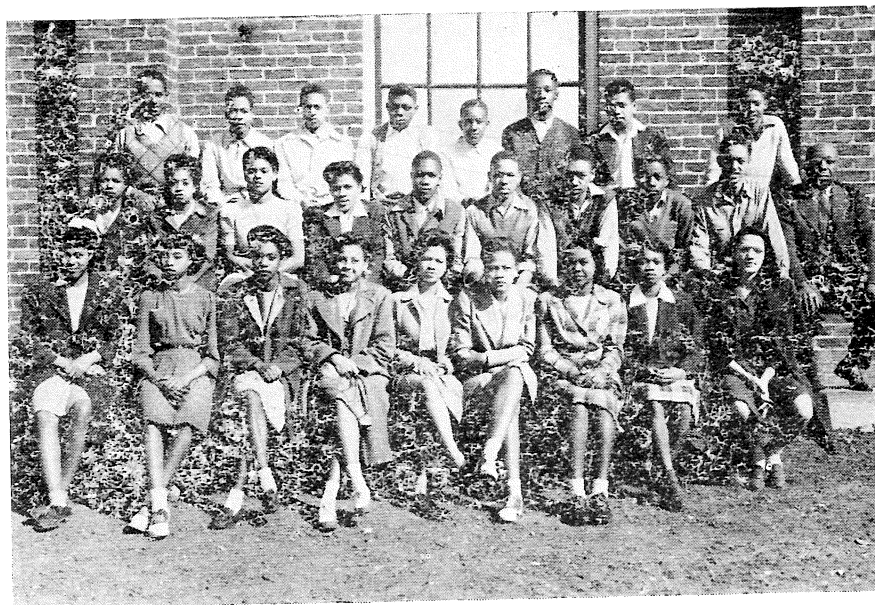
Rowena Patton



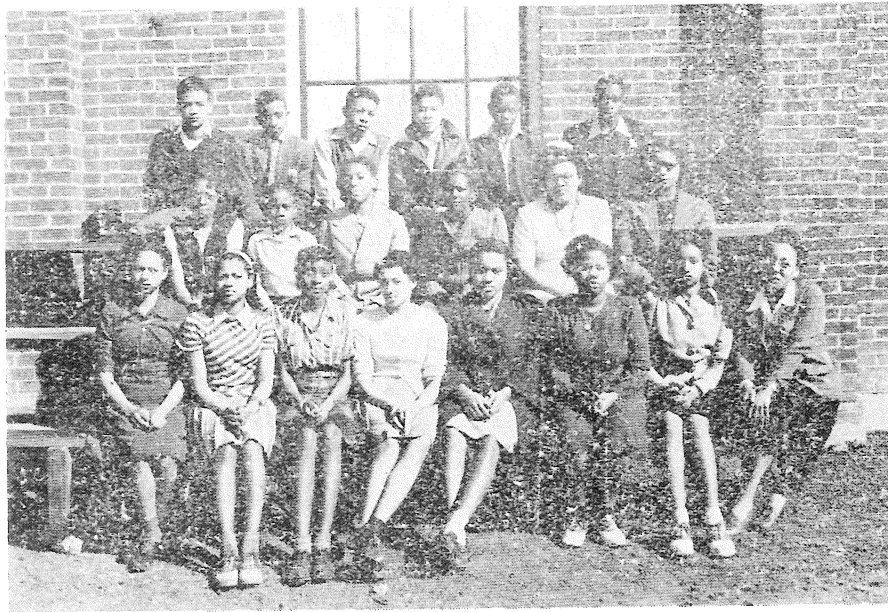
Elaine Bradshaw



Tenth Grade



Ninth Grade

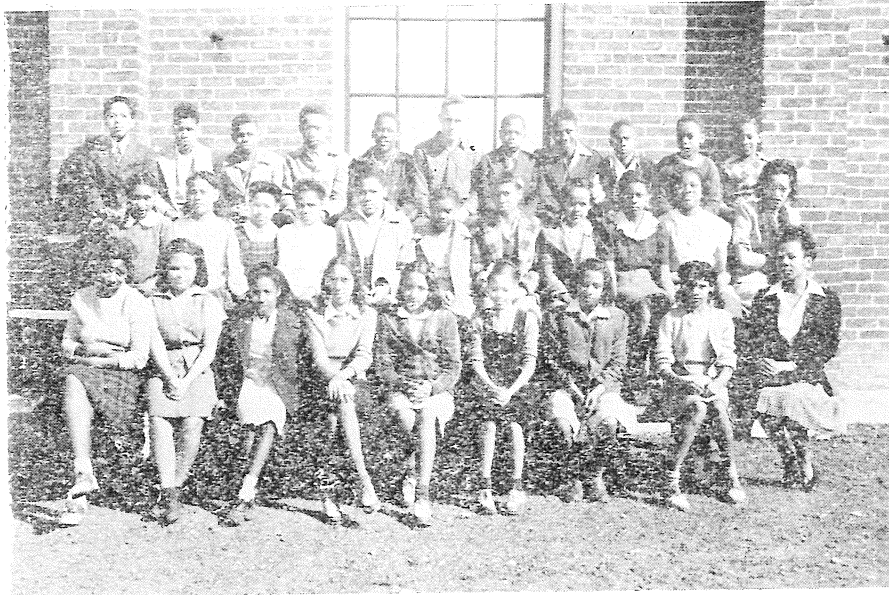


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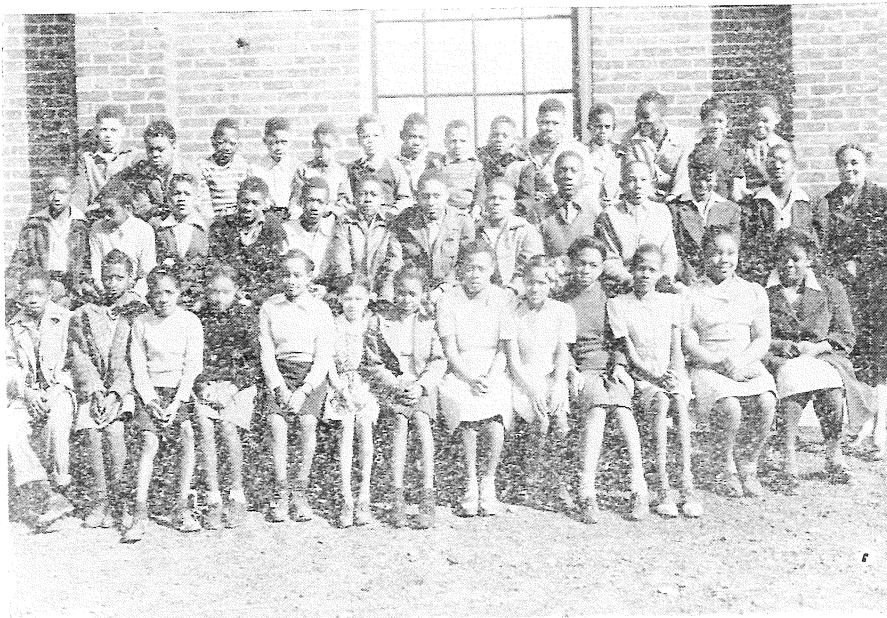


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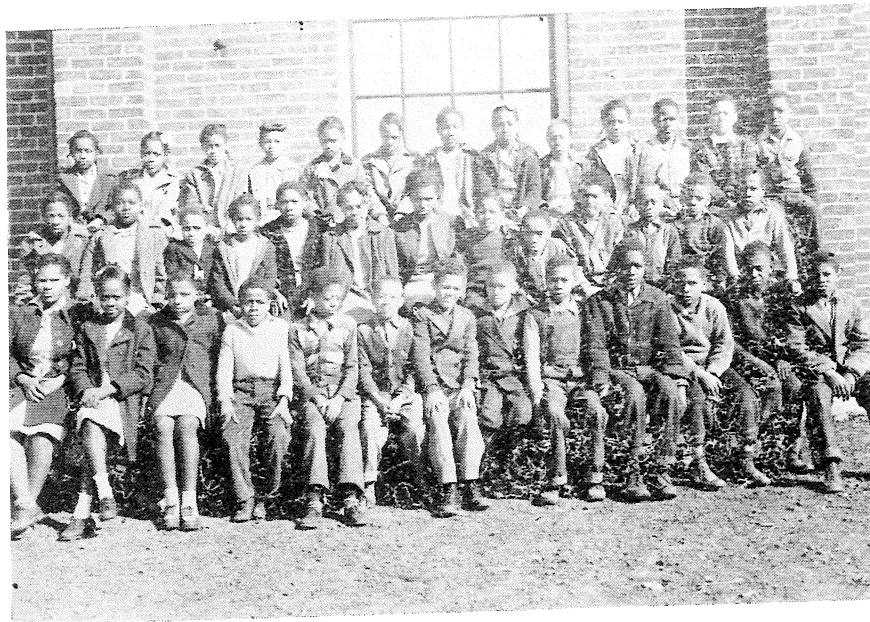


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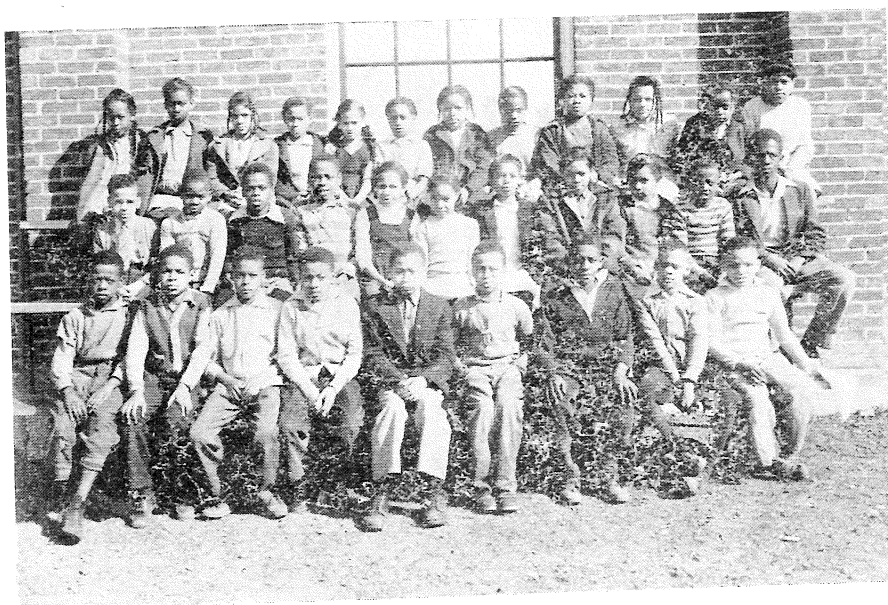


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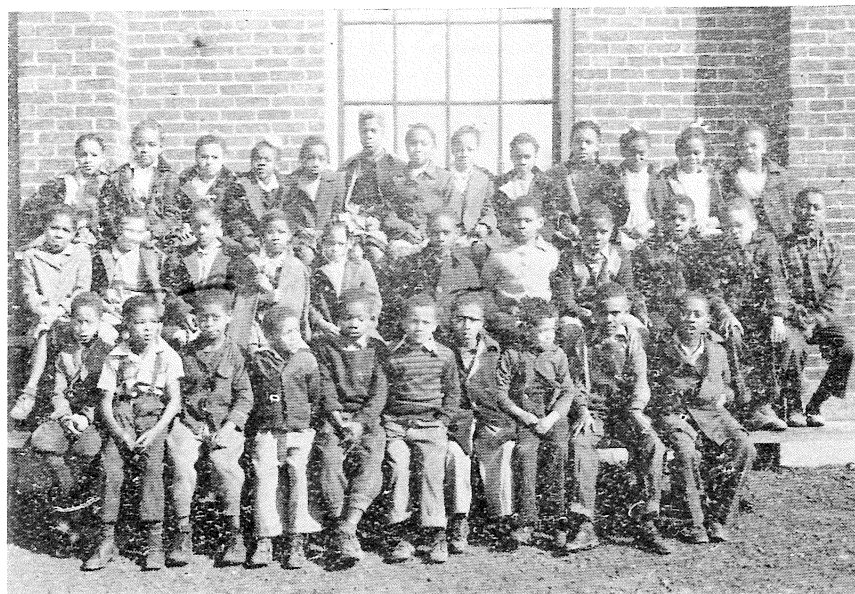




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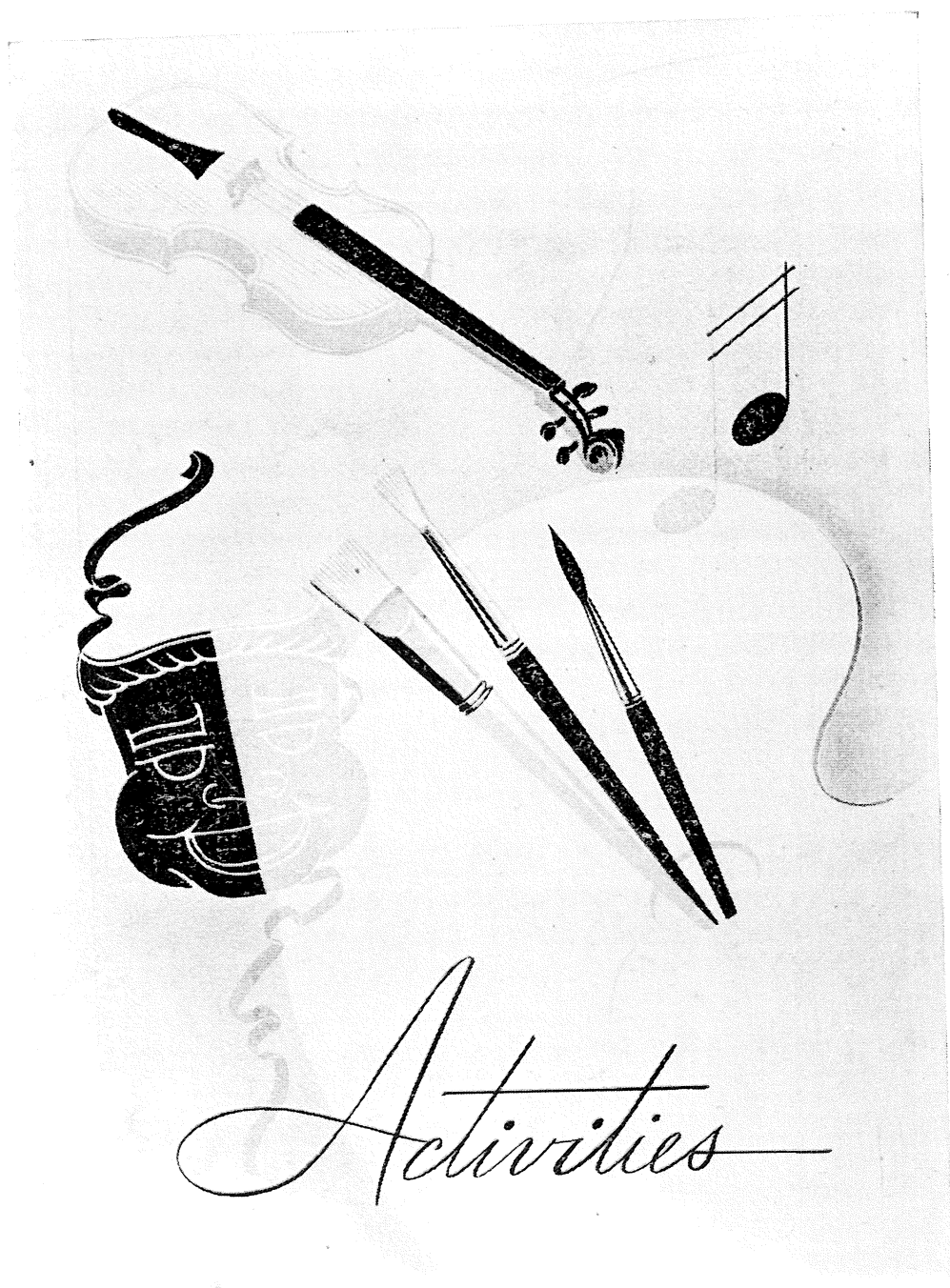
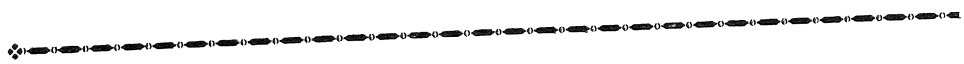
Third Grade



Second Grade



First Grade

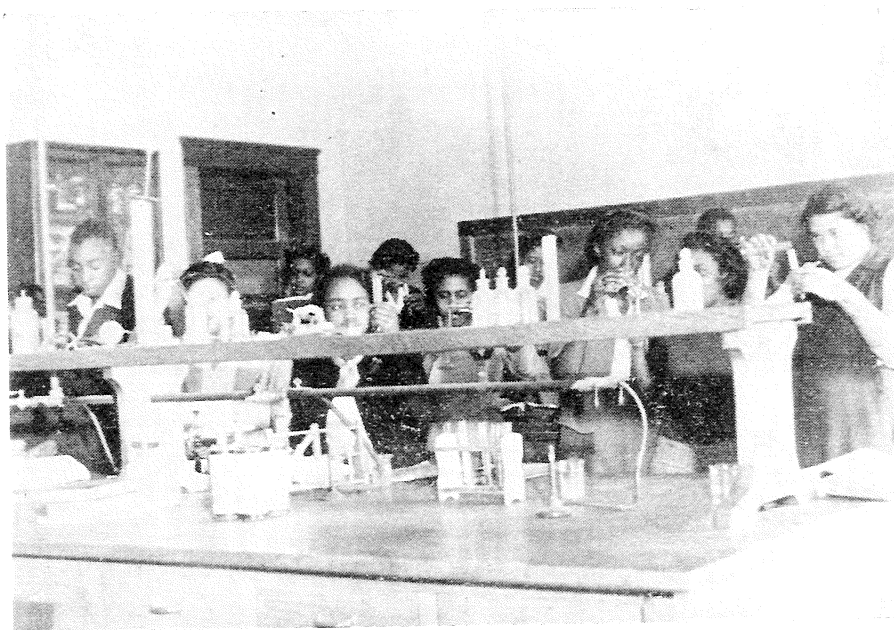


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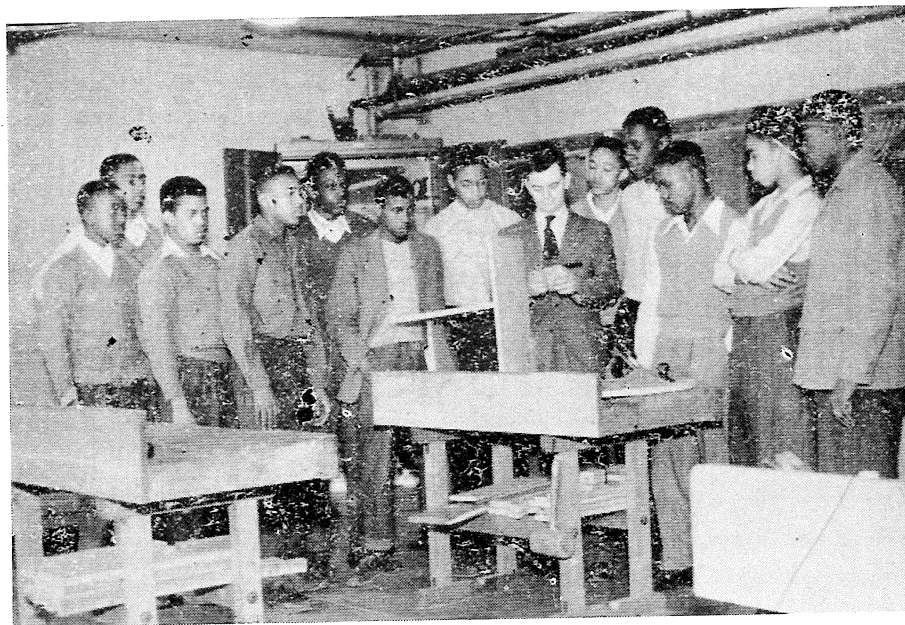


Browsing time in the Library



Working on an experiment in the Chemistry Laboratory





A captivating moment in the Industrial Arts Class



Baking time in the Home Economics Department



Serving hours in the Cafeteria



## Learning consumer and productive education in the Co-operative Store



Teaching little folks to read in the First Grade



Preparation for map-work in the Seventh Grade  
Geography class





Music Club



Presidents of Clubs

## School Activities 1945-46

"Scholarship First" is Bate School's motto; yet the development, rich experience, and pleasures from extra-curricular activities have not been overlooked.

From the First Grade through the high school some attention has been given to such activity.

The First Grade has made visits to the bakery and poultry house as an outgrowth of its study of the unit, "Character and Things Children Like."

Grade Two won first prize in the sale of Infantile Paralysis tabs. A handsome aquarium has been acquired for the room through donations.

As a climax to the study of "Our Leading Negroes of Our Country" Grade Three presented a unique assembly program during Negro History Week.

The Fourth Grade has taken extra time in the study and memorization of patriotic songs.

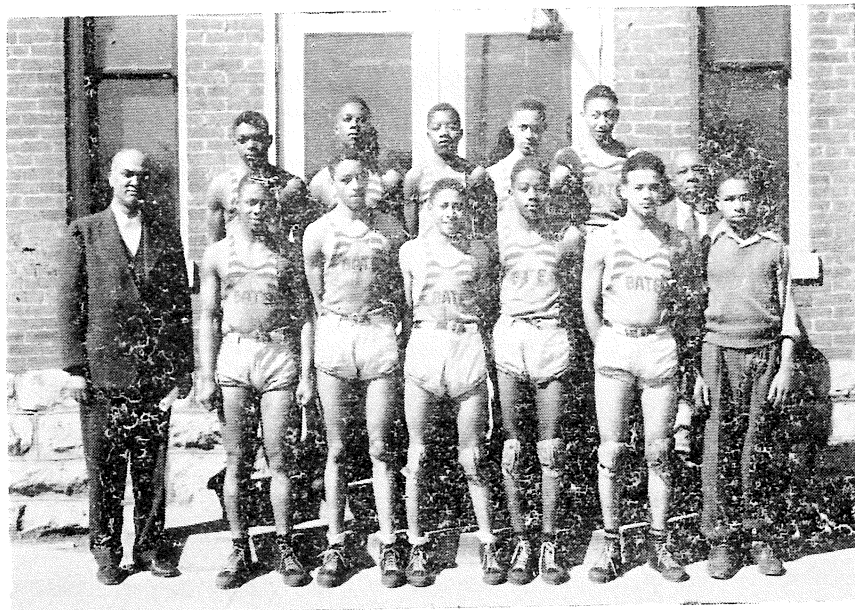
Drawings and posters adorn the Fifth Grade Room as a result of the study of a unit, "Science in Agriculture."

Grade Six has been organized into a class club which has fostered handicraft, parties and various recreational activities.

The climax of special activities for the grades will be an operetta by Grades One, Two, and Three and a Carnival by Grades Four, Five and Six.

Four choral groups have been organized this year. The aim of each has been to bring about a better understanding between the school and community through its singing before various audiences. The climax of these groups' work for the year is the Annual Musical.

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### Basketball Team

Back Row left to right—G. Kinley, M. Green, J. Wilkinson, M. McCowan, D. Redd and Coach W. M. Sumners. Front Row left to right—H. E. Goodloe, Principal. Wm. Whitley, G. Wickliffe, J. Christy, D. Wade, M. Lankford and J. Segar, Mascot.



### Cheer Leaders

Reading left to right—K. Seawright, M. Rice, F. Harding and K. Faulkner.

"To Find and Give the Best" has been the purpose of the Girl Reserves. Through its play, assembly program, socials, hikes, and weiner roast, it has amply carried out this slogan.

The Hi-Y affiliated with the National Y. M. C. A. has offered an opportunity for spiritual enlightenment. To face squarely daily tests, to be a friend of all, to strive to show God's love, have been its objectives.

The Dramatic Club well represented this school at the Speech Tournament and has entertained the community with five one-act plays.

Bate Co-op Club was established in 1942; its motto is "Working Together Assures Genuine Profit."

"Little Women," presented by the Library Dramatic Club, enabled the faculty and student body to continually enjoy current periodicals.

Athletics at Bate has had more for its purpose than a mere desire to win. Any athletic endeavor that is worth the time and energy spent to make it succeed must develop in boys those deeper qualities of loyalty, cooperation, unselfishness and fair play. Its aim has been that of the philosophy of Karney—

"For when the Great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He writes not that you won or lost,  
But how you played the game."

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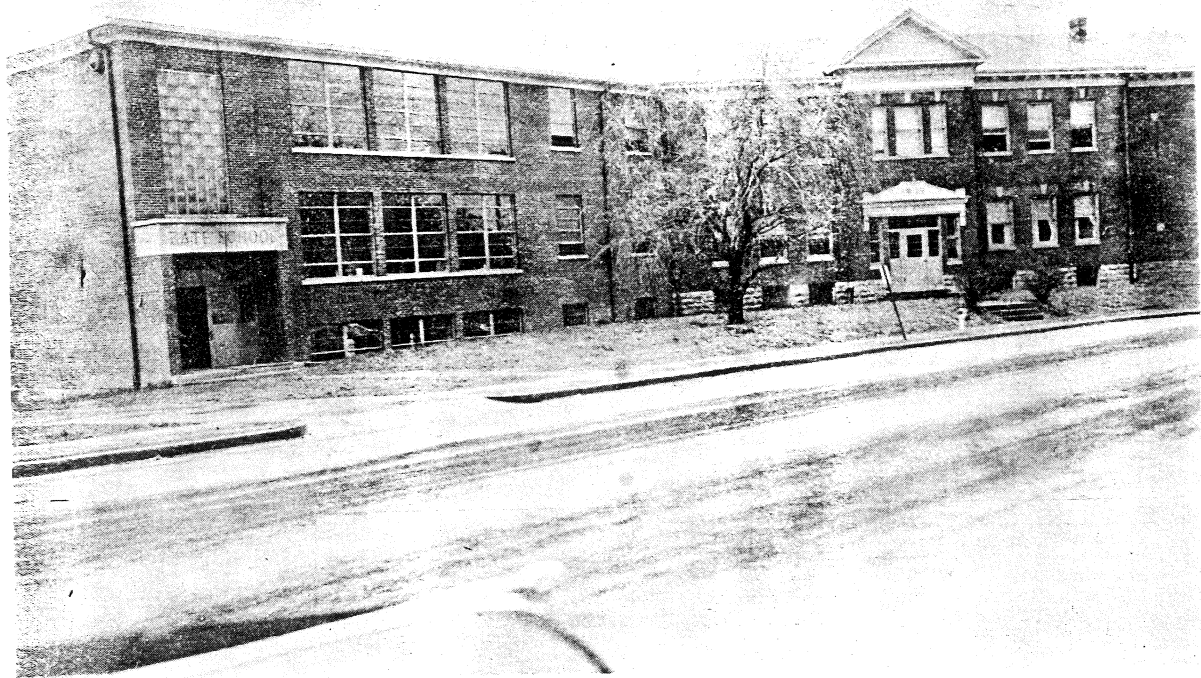
## PREFACE

Between the covers of this volume, we, the Juniors of Bate School, present, in print and pictures a preview of the activities which take place in our daily lives at school.

We sincerely hope that in future years you will be able to turn back these covers and, through eyes that may have become dim with age, recall the activities in which you played a leading or minor role.

If this volume recalls to your mind some joyous day, some loving friend, or some long cherished dream, we feel that our greatest aim has become a reality.

-The Staff-



## HISTORY OF BATE SCHOOL

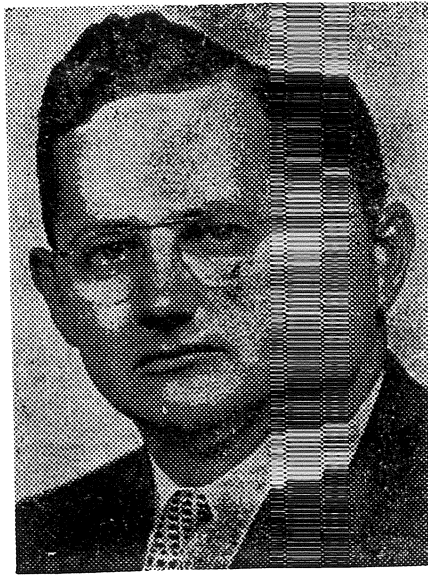
An interesting chapter in the development of educational institutions in Danville is the history of Bate School. Bate School is one of the oldest educational institutions for Negroes in the state of Kentucky. It bears the name of John W. Bate who gave nearly sixty years of his life to the cause of education in Danville. It was a long span of Kentucky and racial history he surveyed, ranging from years he spent as a freed slave to the day in June, 1941 when his portrait was hung in Bate School's hall of fame.

Bate School was his life for records seem to show that John W. Bate first came to Danville in 1879 for the purpose of teaching summer school. After receiving a B. A. Degree from Berea College in 1881, he came to Danville at the age of 26. He was officially employed in the one-room school built by the Freedman's Bureau under the direction of John O. Howard, director of the Bureau. The school term lasted only three months and he received \$60 as his entire salary this being paid by the state. Pupils who attended this early school were asked to pay fifty cents per month tuition in order to help support it.

The old building that housed the school was a wooden structure of one room. During the administration of John W. Rawlings, two more rooms were added, and four teachers were employed instead of one. By 1910, 250 pupils were enrolled and more rooms were needed. So in 1912, the County Board of Education appropriated \$5,000 for the construction of a new building to supplement \$1,900 that had been raised by private subscription.

In 1921 Bate School became a part of the Danville School System and as a result its progress has been sure and steady. In 1927 the physical structure was enlarged by the addition of a gym, four classrooms, and a principal's office. In its more than sixty years of existence, Bate School has had but three principals: John W. Bate, H. E. Goodloe, and its present principal, William C. Summers. In 1953 an addition costing about \$200,000 was completed, thus making Bate School one of the best in the state.

The students at Bate are proud of their school. They appreciate the interest of the community in good schools because they believe that the future of our nation depends upon the calibre of her school; and upon the democratic teaching and training it nurtures.



Mr. John E. Robinson, Superintendent of Danville City schools came to Danville July 1, 1952. He is a graduate of Eastern State College with a B. S. Degree. He then received the Master of Science Degree from the University of Kentucky and has done two years of Post Graduate Study. He began his teaching career in 1939 at Owenton High School, Owenton, Kentucky, where he taught one year. He then served principal coach at Kings Mountain High School. He served three years 1943-46 in the U.S.N. in the Pacific Theater on Admiralty Islands and the Philippine Islands with the Advance Repair Unit Electronics. After discharge from the Navy, he was assistant to Director of University School, University of Kentucky. From 1948-1952 he was professor of education and director of teacher training at Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky.

Among the many offices which he has held are: past president of Kentucky Association for Student Teachers, past president of Kentucky Association of Secondary Principals, Vice president of Kentucky Association of School Administrators and at present is Director in that Association.