

LEXHIPEP *Visits Dunbar*



This month the LEXHIPEP takes her hat off to Dunbar. Except for the extremely over-crowded conditions, we found this combination of elementary, grammar-grade and high school students a very progressive and interesting group; but they are in the same predicament that we are in—they need a new high school! At present they have an enrollment of 693, of which 198 are high school students. They are forced to use the cafeteria, auditorium, and two Sunday school rooms from a nearby church for classrooms in order to cope with the space shortage. Their faculty consists of 21, which is also inadequate for this large number of students.

Just to give you an idea of the similarity between our school and Dunbar, come on and go around the tour with us. Mr. Bingham, who has been the principal at Dunbar for 17 years, introduced us to our guides, who are two very outstanding seniors, Margaret Harris and Alberta Bark. First, we'll visit the youngest scholars on the Dunbar roll—the first grade! It looks as if they are coloring Frosty, the snowman; but they aren't too busy to let us take their picture; why, they're even going to sing a song for us! Wasn't that cute? Let's give them a big hand for showing us such hospitality!

Next we're on the way to the Industrial Arts Department. Say, we'd be wise to practice some of those mottoes they have on the wall: "Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him;" "Conscience warns as a friend before it punishes as a judge". W. C. Young is in charge of this department, and it looks as if he has really put these boys to work. This shop seems to be adequately furnished, but I imagine the size might limit its participants.

This is one of the neatest Home Economics departments we've ever seen. Mrs. W. C. Young teaches this class, but for a few weeks they are having a practice teacher, Miss Charlotte Clark, a Bennett College student. Their kitchenette is located in the back of the room, and their sewing machines are situated on the far side. We realize that they are awfully busy getting prepared for exams, so we'll say good-bye. Thanks for letting us look in.

Dunbar's Business Department offers shorthand, business arithmetic and typing. They are having a typing class this period. I guess Mrs. Long is working them pretty hard this close to exams!

Maybe if we will be especially quiet, we can take a look in the library. Mrs. Bingham seems to be rather busy, but if we're quiet, we won't disturb her. It looks as though they have a nice variety of books, and I believe the students are taking advantage of them. They have some nice shiny trophies on the shelves, too! Football?

Mr. Mosley seems to be getting the band ready, for a rehearsal. I only wish we had time to stay longer and hear them practice. This is their first year of having a band at Dunbar, and they have certainly made much progress. They have new blue and white uniforms on order already. The money was raised by charging ten cents a vote for the election of "Miss Dunbar"; incidentally, one of our guides, Margaret Harris, was so chosen.

Dunbar has organized several clubs: Dramatics, Clef, Debate, and Glee Club. Lexington is very proud of Dunbar and believes it to be one of the finest schools in the state. So long, Dunbar, and thanks for the interview!

