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in Winston-Salem in 1900 at 701 N. Patterson Ave. In 1918, Hooper later expanded and moved his store to the corner of 7th Street and Patterson Avenue.

As we advance on our journey, who can forget the "four most talked about schools in Winston-Salem. "THE FIGHTING BULLDOGS" OF A. H. ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, (built in 1958) "THE STINGING YELLOW JACKETS" OF CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, (built in 1951) "THE PANTHERS" OF PAISLEY HIGH (built in 1958) and "THE CAMELS OF ATKINS HIGH SCHOOL (built in 1930) earned the title, "THE BIG FOUR." Before integration in 1971-72, "THE BIG FOUR" were known for high academic achievements and many of our parents, who attended one of the four schools, went on to pursue prominent careers.

Ending our journey down memory lane, we must never forget the event that changed the way people from various races viewed us. It is within the 1960 era that proved the strength and the determination of black people. The 1960s marked a time of dissatisfaction among African Americans. Our people were fed up with the inequality, injustice and hypocrisy displayed by the power structure of that time. Stokly Carmichales (Kwame Ture) chant of: "Black Power," was echoed in every black household and by those passing on the streets.

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black students from N.C. A&T College, sat down quietly at the "whites only" lunch counter at Woolworth's Five and Dime store, waged a silent and non-violent protest that turned the white world

upside down. These four men are: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr., and Joseph McNeil. The act stunned Greensboro, N.C., the South and the Nation. Also, on Feb. 8, 1960, one soldier stood by himself and waged the same protest when he sat at a lunch counter at the S.H.Kress Co. Store, then located on Fourth Street. This man is none other than: Carl W. Matthews, born in Kernersville, N.C., on May 6, 1931. Within hours of his protest, 25 others joined in the non-violent demonstration. After 107 days of persistence, Mr. Matthews was the first black man to be served at a desegregated lunch counter, at S.H.Kress Co. in the state of North Carolina, on May 28, 1960. His (Carl Matthews) accomplishments also include initiating and leading the First Freedom Ride on a Greyhound bus on Feb. 16, 1960. Mr. Matthews said: "Suffering broadens the mind to appreciate life and one must cross the desert of adversity to find the appreciation of happiness. If you haven't been through the droubt...you don't know what life is all about.

What are we to learn from this brief glance at our history? Simple - the struggle of our people to advance into the 21st Century is far from over. From our present state of mind, we can't envision ourselves in all our glory. Malcolm X, Angla Davis, Rosa Parks, Rodney Sumler, Willie Cunningham and Carl Matthews are our beacon to show us what we can be, if we will just apply ourselves. THINK ABOUT IT!



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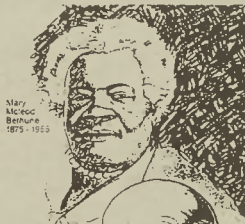


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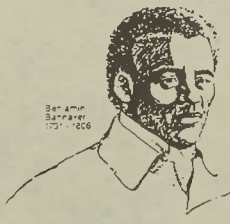
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