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Class President's Parting Word

To many, graduation day seems to be a day of reckoning or repentance, judging by the way some students look toward it. Is all this fear and dread of graduation day necessary? Does one have to be partly afraid of graduation day because of the fact that he or she might not graduate?

A real student does not have to do so very much to make his graduation from high school a happy one — a time for receiving his certificate of his achievement. But he denies himself that pleasure through his philosophy of being satisfied with merely getting by. Frequent absences from school always show up in a student's general growth. Why then does a student continue to miss days in school, cut classes, come to school tardy when he knows that he is seriously affecting his standing in school? All the work that one misses through the years cannot be made up in a few weeks. It is much easier to keep up with the lessons and assignments than it is to let the work required pile up and then under tension try to catch up within a short period.

Thus, let me say this parting word to succeeding senior classes, that the best thing to do is to "buckle down" and work day by day. Then one can come to graduation day with an unburdened spirit, and without fear and trembling.

The Class Song

By Margaret Farrington
(Tune: Finlandia)

The evening star is slowly, slowly fading;
 The day is gently drawing to a close;
 And our faint hearts are sad and heavy laden,
 When joy should reign, and all should be repose.
 Orange County, Dear! You've led us to the goal;
 Thy spell can soothe us and our hearts console.
 Our work's begun and greater tasks we face;
 Though shadows come and sorrows of the night;
 Thy power shall ever lead us to that place,
 Where doubts all flee through thy sustaining grace.
 And when 'tis done, thine honor still proclaimed,
 On high with angels by thy glorious name!

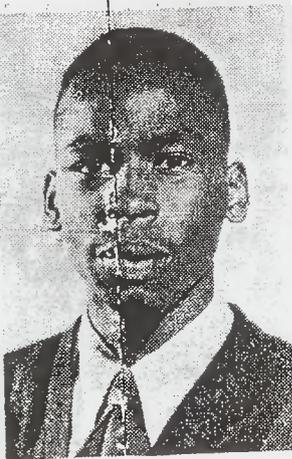
Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:
 We the members of the Fifth grade, A Division, with the help of our teacher Mrs. Lenton, express our good wishes to the graduates. We look forward to our graduation seven years from now. To achieve this goal this year we have had many interesting activities in which we all participated. We have had three assembly programs: A Columbus Day Program, The Christmas Story, And a George Washington's Birthday Program.
 At the beginning of the school year, our class organized a club, the name of which is the Hobby Club. We elected our own officers. We had as president, Ruthie Stroud; Vice-President, Bettye Briggs; Secretary, Alice G. Hargraves. Our club gave one party and an egg hunt at the Easter season.
 Two students in our class have perfect attendance records for the year: Alice Hargraves and Robert Winston. They are also honor roll students. Eleven of our classmates have been on the honor roll this year. Such accomplishments will lead us on to graduation in 1954.
 We wish the faculty and students a happy vacation and a joyous return next fall.

STUDENTS OF GRADE 5A
 Orange County Training School

Eighth Grade B Division Completes Successful School Year

The Eighth Grade B. Division has about completed a successful school year. McArthur Alston has starred in athletics. Raymond Alston has learned to sing. Burnes Atwater has refused to get any shorter and never enters a cigar stand. Albreed Barbee has learned to like the girls. Alfred Perry has gotten fat. Peter Barbee, Leonard Cole, Ralph Edwards, and Ernest Weaver, have learned how handsome they are. Kamona Barbee and Rosa Mitchell have thickened their friendship. Peggy Battle has grown sweeter as the winter passed on has developed an even sweeter smile. Marion Jones has polished up her varied talents, singing, reading, organizing quartets and making friends. Marion has also gotten quite pretty. Carlee Edwards learned to keep warm. Lillie Thompson and Emma Brown have grown into glamour girls. Reuben Williams has become a perfect gentleman (thanks to Mr. Pickard), Juanita Trice can spend five minutes and



Riley Barnett, editor of the Orange Echo and Valedictorian of his class.

ACTIVITIES OF THE 7th GRADE INTERESTING

GLORIA MASON, Reporter

One of the most interesting things that we have studied this year is the Continent of Africa. We studied a bout Africa in fourth grade, but I thought it was a terrible, dark continent, with uncivilized people living in jungles among ferocious animals and many other horrible things.

Now we have learned that Africa is a continent with many rich natural resources, such as gold, silver, copper, iron, zinc, and diamonds. The city of Kimberley contains one of the largest diamond mines in the world.

Even though the northern part of Africa contains a vast area of desert land, known as Sahara Desert, which is not suitable for inhabiting, there are many countries there making rapid progress, like many American countries. Many of the countries were invaded and influenced by European people, who taught the natives modern ways of living and improved their standards of living. It is interesting to learn that Egypt has been called the mother of civilization, and contributed the art of embalming the dead, as well as fine architecture to our civilization.

Another important unit of work is in language arts. We have increased our rate of reading, and our vocabulary comprehension. Some pupils have made rapid progress in their rate in reading, such as Mary Atwater, who increased her rate 270-650; Cynthia Boothe, 200-522 per minute; and many others have made such reading improvements.

We wish to congratulate the Seniors for having completed their high school education. We hope they will continue their education in various colleges next year and will hold high the black and orange for O. C. T. S.

not giggle. William McCauley and Robert Partin have found heavy voices. Lovely little Marthenia Gattis has thrown away her temper. Carrie Cotton has gotten even more intelligent. Quiet little Emma Brown, Annie Burnette, Johnnie Hairston, Ada Hackney, and Eva Pennix have learned to study. Clyde Burnette and Oscar Norwood have developed a never-wavering fondness for Mr. Smith. Dottie Farrington has decided not to sleep in class. James Edwards has fallen in love, but with books. So long folks until next school year.

Eighth Grade B.
 REUBEN WILLIAMS, Class President.
 LILLIE THOMPSON, Secretary
 PEGGY BATTLE, MARION JONES, News Reporters.

Old age and infirmity seem to be the main qualifications for jaywalking.

OUR MODEST BEGINNING

An excerpt from the Senior class history presented on Class Day by Evelyn Burnette.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT

A Large Out Door United States Flag, Costing \$79.00

The history of an individual is the accumulation of little experiences which at the time of occurrence may be considered as of no significance; yet a series of minor experiences running through the years soon begin to reflect as the character of a person.

It is no trouble to find items in life histories of members of our class today which have been common in the lives of our great men or women of American history. But we who are soon to be graduated from this school are yet young and the events of our lives and so modest that they do not yet mark certain ones as great characters. Most of the great men and women of the past came to the end of their high school days having performed the same simple tasks in life as we who graduate a few days hence.

In our class today are those who, with modest beginnings, may become national or international characters in the time to come, just as others have been in the past.

Thus, with interest and pride, we recall today a few modest events and achievements in the lives of the members of the Class of '47. As we take leave we wish to be remembered as follows:

AS WE WISH TO REMEMBERED:

- Mattie Atwater, by her beautiful voice in the choral club.
- Carrie Alston, by her athletic achievements and her experience as May Queen in 1947.
- Mary Baldwin, by her athletic achievements.
- Norman Barbee, by his perfect attendance, his athletic contributions, his place in the band, his third rank in scholarship over three and a half years, his deep concentration, his ability to find worthwhile things to do, his presidency of the Senior Class.
- Riley Barnett, by his courtesy, dignity, versatility, first rank in scholarship, athletic contributions, place in the band, the choral club, and the N. F. A. Quartet.
- Samuel Boyd, by his athletics, his fine cooperative spirit, his place in the band, the choral club, the N. F. A. Quartet, his All-State rank in football.
- Betty Brooks, her dancing, membership in Student Council, and in N. H. A.
- Evelyn Burnette, by her beautiful writing, which kept her serving the office and many of the teachers, fine service as secretary of Senior Class.
- Annie Byrd, by her fine work in basketball.
- Rosa Byrd, by her quietness.
- Isabel Ruth Carver, by her work with her favorite English teacher, and her fine cooperation.
- Leroy Clark, by his neatness in dress.
- Joseph Wesley Cotten, by his leadership in the Student Council, his organizing the Student Court, service throughout the school, and fine scholarship record.
- Florine Davis, by her work in the Principal's office and (her excellent knowledge of French, tee hee!).
- Mamie Edwards, by her athletics and singing.
- Margaret M. Farrington, by her second rank in scholarship, her leadership in N. H. A. and in the Student Council, her oratory.
- Matthew Farrington, by his athletics, his courtesy, his singing in the choral club, and in N. F. A. Quartet.
- Lenora Geer, by her solo work and her Personality!
- Samuel Head, his cooperation in athletics and in his home-room.
- Warren Jones, by his music in both the choral club and his accompaniment at the piano, (and his pranks).
- Johnnie McNeill, by her alertness in French.
- Thomas McDuffie, by his pleasing personality.
- Virginia Norwood, by her knowledge of home economics.
- Otis Pettiford, by his athletics, his fine drawing and printing, and his music.
- Helen Rogers, by her gentle manners and her alertness in French grammar and reading.
- Paul Smith, by his neatness in dress.

A FEW SUPERLATIVES

- Youngest girl in class Johnnie McNeill
- Youngest boy Riley Barnett, Jr.
- Oldest girl Rosa Byrd
- Oldest boy Leroy Clark

Ten Ranking Highest In Scholarship:

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| Riley Barnett | Helen Rogers |
| Margaret Farrington | Carrie Alston |
| Norman Barbee | Otis Pettiford |
| Joseph Cotten | Mary Baldwin |
| Evelyn Burnette | Matthew Farrington |

Most Cooperative

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| Joseph Cotten | Riley Barnett |
| Evelyn Burnette | Norman Barbee |
| Isabel Carver | Samuel Boyd |

RUBY ATWATER AND SADIE JONES WIN 4-H CLUB HONORS

Ruby Atwater and Sadie Jones, both of first year high school, won first place in the county-wide food demonstrations contest at Hillsboro High School, on Saturday, May 24.

The contesting teams represented clubs from all communities in Orange County and the two high schools.

Winning first place in the county contest qualifies these girls to compete for State honors in the contest to be held at A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina on June 4.