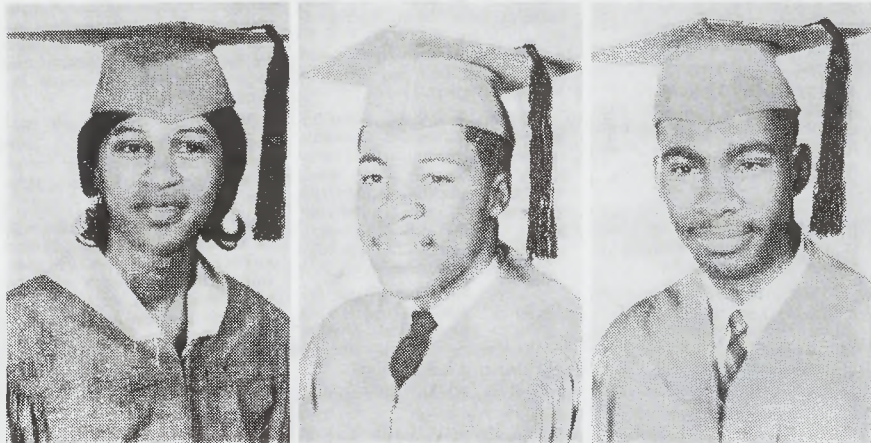


## RECIPIENTS OF HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP HONORS



PICTURED, LEFT TO RIGHT—Patricia Atwater, valedictorian; William Gattis, salutatorian; and Roland Rogers, third-ranking student in the Senior Class. Other honor students in order of ranking are Ashley Nunn and Wilbert Jones.

### The Valedictorian Speaks!

In some editorial writings, Charles Dickens said long ago, "We do not believe in stupidity as a common, natural gift."

There may have been moments in the past four years when our instructors disagreed with Dickens, but we hope those moments were not too frequent. Taking everything into consideration, we feel that our periods of intelligence do, in a slight degree, outnumber our spells of stupidity. This is due, to the painstaking efforts and earnest admonitions of our faculty advisers.

If we are not to be "men and women of polite learning and a liberal education," the fault will lie in us for, to-night, as we assembled here for the last time, we realize more fully than ever before the advantages that have been ours and the way in which the rugged path of higher learning has been smoothed for our stumbling feet.

Members of the board of education: On behalf of the class of 1964, I extend our heartfelt thanks for the educational privileges you have made possible for us to enjoy. If, in the years to come, we prove to be citizens worthy of our great country, remember us as only a few of the many in whose early years you laid a foundation of learning, aspiration, and high ideals.

To our principal, and members of the faculty: Words are sadly inadequate to convey our emotions. Since the day we came to you, eager, ignorant, and just a trifle frightened, you have given us liberally of your time, experience, and wisdom. You have borne patiently with our youthful follies and encouraged whatever latent ability you may have discerned in us. You have taught us so skillfully that we have, with Milton, "beheld the bright countenance of truth in the quiet and still air of delightful studies."

Because of you, we shall leave high school and enter the busy strife of the everyday world with the best possible preparation: namely, a sense of social obligation, an appreciation of the rights of others and of our relation to the world about us.

There is no reward that can adequately compensate teachers for the good they do, but we hope that the grateful thanks of their students may in slight measure show appreciation and understanding. To you, our instructors, we can only say, paraphrasing the famous words of Daniel Webster, "If you work

upon marble, it will perish; if you work upon brass, time will efface it; if you rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if you work upon immortal minds, if you imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of your fellow men, you engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

Classmates of the undergraduate classes, we part from you regretfully. We hope you will miss us sometimes, in the halls and on the campus. You who are about to become Seniors and take our empty places must uphold the traditions of the Senior class of 1964. During our days here, we have striven so to conduct ourselves that our Alma Mater shall have benefited in some slight degree by our stay.

Although we may have fallen far short of our attempted goal, at least we have tried; and it is more praiseworthy to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. Of course you will not profit by our mistakes, and, equally of course, you will not heed our advice, so we shall not offer you any.

Fellow members of the class of 1965: At least we have arrived at the goal, which four years ago seemed so immeasurably distant. I wonder if we do not feel a little as we did when we entered high school, four years ago, eager and ignorant, and just a trifle frightened.

And this time we have reason for such feeling. We entered here, assured of kindly, expert guidance. We leave to enter the vast school of experience in the workaday world, with no guide but our own intelligence and no teacher save the experience we are about to acquire. May we fare as well in the future as we have fared during our high school years.

Having shared one another's joys and sorrows, successes and failures for so long, it is hard to say goodbye. Our mutual companionship has been an inspiration and an incentive, which we shall miss in the future. Let us then, in its place, keep happy memories of our years together, of the ideals toward the realization of which we aspire, and of our high school, of whose noble teachings we would prove worthy

### Student Council Sponsors Teachers' Appreciation Day

We Appreciate Our Teachers  
On May 15, 1964, the Student Council sponsored the annual Teachers' Appreciation Day. The students replaced the teachers and carried on class as usual. The teachers were served refreshments in the lounge and they were served lunch apart from the students. Their replacements were as follows:

- Mrs. Barnes ... Annie Jones and Warren Harris
- Miss Basnight ... Andrea Smith and Joseph Edwards
- Mrs. Battle ... Patricia Atwater
- Mrs. Bittrich ... Marcella Francis
- Mrs. Clemons ... Marie Sanford
- Mr. Farrington ... William Gattis
- Mr. Fryar ... Emily Carlton and Wilbert Jones
- Mr. Goldston ... David Minor and Ashley Nunn
- Mrs. Harry ... Larry Johnson
- Mr. Hundley ... Mable Minor
- Miss Kemp ... Ruby Farrington
- Mrs. Mitchell ... Linda Atwater
- Mr. Peerman ... Fred Baldwin and Douglas Mason
- Miss Pope ... Brenda Byrum and Mamie Farrington
- Mr. Smith ... Willie Degraffenreid
- Miss Thompson ... Mattie Edwards and Jewel Francis
- Mr. McDougle (Principal) ... Roland Rogers
- Mrs. McCauley (Secretary) ... Thiel Jackson
- Mrs. Edmonds (Supervisor) ... Annie Rieggsbee

The Schedule was as follows:  
3:45-9:00 a.m.—Morning Assembly  
Devotion:  
Alma Mater ... Audience  
Scripture ... Brenda Byrum  
Prayer ... Douglas Mason  
Selection ... Boys' Quartet  
The Purpose of Teachers' Appreciation Day ... Andrea Smith  
Distribution of Flowers to Teachers ... Emily Carlton and Roland Rogers  
Selection ... Boys' Quartet  
10:15 a.m.—Coffee Break for Teachers  
11:45 a.m.—Lunch in Cafeteria for Teachers  
2:15 p.m. Coffee Break for Teachers  
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—Afternoon Assembly  
Presentation of Student Teachers ... Roland Rogers  
Points Gained from Teaching ... Student Teachers  
Selection ... Band  
Announcements-Dismissal ... Charles McDougle  
The purpose of Teachers' Appreciation Day was to show the teachers how much we appreciate them and to give them a day of rest from teaching.

### Rev. Davis, Baccalaureate Speaker

The Reverend Dr. Grady D. Davis, Minister of Durham, North Carolina, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon here Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 p.m. for the religious service of the Lincoln School Commencement activities.

Graduation exercises for the Fifteenth Annual Commencement of Lincoln High will be June 2, 1964 at 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. This program will be a Symposium entitled "A Formula for Education."

Dr. Davis was born in Pleasant Hill, North Carolina. He received his A.B. degree from Andover Newton, theological school, Newton-centre, Massachusetts, in 1949 and the Ph.D. degree in Psychology of Religion at Boston University Graduate School in 1953. He wrote his dissertation on "A Psychological Investigation of the Motivational Needs and their Gratification in the Father Devine Movement." He served in the United States Army for three and one-half years

(1942-46 including the E.T.O.) overseas.

He was a candidate for the House of Representatives for Wake County subject to the Democratic Primary, May 28, 1960. He was appointed to the "Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime," in 1962. He was President of the Raleigh Citizens Association; a member of the American Psychological Association; a member of the American Association of University Professors; and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

During his graduate study, he served one year as assistant pastor at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Roston, Massachusetts. He later served as student pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Everett, Massachusetts. He now serves as Dean of Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina. He is married and the father of five children.

His family was chosen "Raleigh's Negro Family of the Year 1959," sponsored by the Family Service Society. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and a life member of the NAACP.

From 1953 to 1963 he served as pastor of the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

### Parents Welcomed By Salutatorian To Exercises

We, the graduating class of the Lincoln Jr. and Sr. High School, are proud and happy to welcome you tonight. Our graduating exercise would be incomplete without your presence and our parting from the school would be sad without your good wishes.

Centuries ago, the great Diogenes said, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." Tonight, having successfully completed the courses assigned to us by our wise counselors, we feel that we are now a small part of the foundation of the State of North Carolina. The work of our school year is completed, but our education will be continued so long as we live.

The assurance of your good wishes for our future success means much to us. We know you have followed our troubles and our triumphs during our school years with sincere interest and that you are a sharer in our happiness to-night. Your friendship has been an inspiration and a comfort to us in the past, and we are relying upon it for aid in the future.

We feel that there is another guest present tonight. This unseen guest is Opportunity. Our future rests with him. It is often stated that Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door. Maybe in our present time he will not knock but use the telephone. And how tragic if we failed to recognize his voice when said "hello."

Many careers have come tonight, battles lost, and chances lost, all because the protagonist failed to recognize Opportunity when he came.

Our time has been spent during the past four years in preparing for this conflict, in strengthening ourselves with wise counsel, praiseworthy ideas, perseverance, and knowledge. We realize that the business of making a name and a livelihood for ourselves is not easy, that in life's vast arena the struggle is fierce and unceasing, and that it will require all our strength and ability.

We shall, however, enter the arena with heads high and start upon adventures brave and new, with hearts staunch and fearless. We shall act to-morrow what we learn today.

We welcome you tonight, friends of the class of 1964. And as our preparation for the conflict is ended, we ask for your good wishes, your joy if we succeed, and your sympathy if we all fail—the sympathy which fill us with determination to try again and to keep on trying until we succeed.

### School Calendar For 1964-65

- Monday, September 7—Teacher Orientation.
- Tuesday, September 8—Teacher Orientation.
- Wednesday, September 9—Pupil Orientation.
- Thursday, September 10—First day of Regular School.
- 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 25—Dismissed for Thanksgiving Holidays.
- 8:30 p.m., Monday, November 30—End of Thanksgiving Holidays.
- 3:30 p.m., Friday, December 18—Dismissed for Christmas Holidays.
- 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 4—End of Christmas Holidays.
- 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1—Dismissed for Easter Holidays.
- 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6—End of Easter Holidays.
- Wednesday, June 9—End of Regular School Year.
- Thursday, June 10—Evaluation and Teachers' Work Day.
- Friday, June 11—Evaluation and Teachers' Work Day.

### School Closing Calendar

- May 22—Friday Afternoon—2:00—Senior Assembly; Awards Day Activity (Honoring Students outstanding Achievements.)
- May 29—Friday Night—8:00 p.m. Senior Class Night Activity Theme: "The Parting of the Braves."
- May 31—Sunday Afternoon—5:00 p.m.—Baccalaureate Service.
- June 2—Tuesday Night—8:00 p.m. Commencement Exercise Symposium: "A Formula for Education."

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