

# A Tribute In Memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy

by Francine Chavis

To you, John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
Your death was not in vain  
Though felled by a sniper's bullet  
Your country will never fain,  
To ever hold high the standard  
Of freedom for all mankind.  
The poor, the have-nots, the down  
trodden  
Shall hope under our banner find.

For equality, justice, and freedom  
Are the ideals for which you stood.  
You believed in human dignity  
And abundance of all that's good.  
You waded deep in the mainstream  
Where human hopes were adrift.  
You feared not the tides of hatred  
Though the currents were rough  
and swift.

You made lies of the "isms"  
That sought to besmirch your name.  
You tried to correct the injustices  
That bore to the world our shame.

We now rededicate ourselves  
To the cause for which you died.  
We pledge anew our destinies  
And in brotherhood abide.

To you John Fitzgerald Kennedy  
You have not died in vain.  
The sniper's cruel bullet  
Perpetuates your fame.  
"What can my country do for me?"  
Is not the patriots call.  
What can you for your country do?  
You gave your life your all.

You now belong to the ages  
Like the Christ of Galilee.  
You lived by your deep convictions  
That all men should be free.  
We renounce our deep-seated  
hatreds.

We press forward united as one.  
Long live, John Fitzgerald Kennedy  
"God's will on earth must be done."

## Thanks..... It's a Haven

The lunchroom is a heavenly haven to half a thousand students at Mary Potter. Although these students must be fed within an hour and a half, Mrs. Ruth Clark and her staff have perfected a system to accomplish this task.

This routine is carried out as smoothly as a running machine, and, however, effortless it may appear on the surface. There is actually a great amount of planning and provision put into the scheme of things.

The students note with gratitude the thoughtfulness of the staff which is displayed in planning special holiday meals.

From us, the student body, to you, the lunchroom staff, goes a sincere "thank you" for making Potter even more completely our "second home" by adding the skilled touch of good, wholesome home-cooking.

We cannot consider people educated if they think of education only as the gathering of facts, data and information. The intelligent person is the one who has learned how to choose wisely and, therefore, has a sense of values, a purpose in life and a sense of direction.

## ON BEING AN INDIVIDUAL

By Annette Anderson

In today's complex and fast moving society, one must have the foresight to be himself.

Being an individual is just as important as the Test Ban Treaty, the '64 elections, or even the Civil Rights issues.

The adolescents of today who are citizens of the Twentieth Century and the future leaders of the world must not forget that they are individuals.

Fads and whims are fine. Being part of the group or being "in" plays a great role in the adolescent's growth toward maturity. The adolescents, however, should not become so involved with the group and "what's happening" that they don't take time to think.

All individuals should have a certain time in which to reason out situations and question their motives and motivations.

Finally, once one becomes an individual, he is on the road to maturity. The students of Mary Potter and all teenagers throughout the world are challenged to "know thyself" and "to thine own self be true" . . .

## TRIBUTE

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activities.

Elijah feels that hard work and effort are necessary for success.

His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church, where he is the Sunday School Pianist, Vice President of the Vigilettes and a member of the Senior and Youth Choirs.

At home his schedule includes such hobbies as reading, all phases of math and science studies, especially chemistry.

After graduation he plans to attend Hampton Institute and major in chemistry.

Harold Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Glover, is the chosen sophomore of the month. His greatest interest is reading. He also enjoys drawing, painting, science, oratory, baseball and track. Harold's ambition after graduation is to master some phase of science. Although quite busy, he engages in several extra-curricular activities.

When asked his opinion on "drop outs," he stated that, "people who engage in such are capable of doing any vulnerable act."

Harold also feels that the racial crisis could have been avoided through various negotiations.

He is a member of Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Zion Church in Henderson where he directs church plays.

Consideration and respect for others are the guides for Arnetia McGhee, active freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGhee.

Arnetia entered high school in the fall with the will power and drive to succeed. Wherever she goes, she is remembered by her whimsical smile, her extensive vocabulary, and her interest.

Class work comes first with this young lady, but she finds time to participate in varied activities. She is affiliated with three extra-curricular activities. Her hobbies are reading, sewing, and gardening, and her favorite subjects are English, science, and algebra.

Feeling strongly about the Negro, Arnetia wants the fight for equal rights to continue so that each individual may have the best opportunities available.

Upon graduation, Arnetia plans to attend North Carolina College at Durham to become a medical technologist.

## VARIETY SHOW TO BE GIVEN JANUARY 16

Students and teachers of Mary Potter are in the process of preparing for a variety show entitled "Winter Wonderland" to be given January 16, 1964, toward defraying the expense of the *Mary Potter Gazette*.

Tickets will go on sale prior to the Christmas Holidays in three categories, patrons, adults, and students.

There will be eight numbers, one from each grade, five through twelve. These numbers will include

Ballet, Modern and Folk dances, Modeling, Musical selections and other numbers to be decided upon at a later date.

Students have for a long time wanted to see Grades 9-12 represented in an educational activity for the public. This is the chance for which many of the students have been waiting.

Colorful costumes, beautiful decorations, and poignant music—instrumental, background, and solo—will be a part of this activity.

## TEACHERS

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Wade states that the degree of education one receives usually determines how enriching his life will be. It is, therefore, most advantageous for one to regard his study and instruction as very serious business.

The new faculty members are affiliated with these professional organizations: the North Carolina Teachers Association National Education Association, Granville Teachers Association, and the American Teachers Association.

## MONEY

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money again?" teased Robert.

"It would be wonderful if I didn't feel so alone."

"You don't have to be alone, you know! By the way, what are you going to do with your life now?"

"I am going to complete my last year of college. I shall then find a worthwhile job."

"Why, Jennie, that's all I have wanted you to say. I'm glad that you've finally come to your senses. Do we continue with the plans we had made?"

"By all means, Robert. We will have a wonderful life together, although we may never obtain wealth, I have learned that money is not everything in life."

## TEACHER MISTAKEN FOR STUDENT

Dressed in bobby socks, blouse and tennis shoes, Mrs. Naomi Edgecombe Boston, girl's Health and Physical Education Instructor, was mistaken for a student.

A student entering the classroom exclaimed, "Where's Mrs. Boston?" To her surprise, Mrs. Boston answered in amazement, "Here I am!"

## JFK's Greatness Evaluated

According to the *N. E. A. Reporter*, it is expedient for teachers and students to evaluate the greatness of the late president John Fitzgerald Kennedy

These are a few of the images he attempted to create:

He exemplified the strength of youthful enthusiasm . . .

He was ready to act to meet the crushing problems of his office . . .

He had faith in the American people . . .

He gave high respect to intellectual excellence . . .

He stood firm against hatred and bigotry . . .

He recognized the important roles of teachers and parents, and

He demonstrated patriotism and courage in a hard and bitter peace as well as in war . . .

## Smoking Tree Designated

To prevent the high school boys from breaking school rules by smoking in the lavatories, the principal, Jimmie V. Morris permitted them to have a "Smoking Tree" (so called by the boys) in the early fall.

After having seen some boys infringing upon the school rule: No smoking on the Campus; Mr. Morris discussed the matter with them. A special tree not too far from the administration building was designated for smoking to take place.

Under the tree is a bench for the boys' comfort. They may smoke during the noon hour and before school.

## TEEN-AGE CATHY'S EXPERIENCE

BY THELMA WITHERSPOON

