SECOND WARD'S GRADUATION CLASS OF 1926

.. With former teacher Ms. Aurelia Williams

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# 125 Participate In Second **Ward's Golden Celebration**

By James Peeler Post Staff Writer

Around the first of August, 1976, Mildred Morris, Katherine Newkirk Bowser, Fred Alexander, Frances Wheeler, Cecelia Wilson, and Mary Lee Henderson met at Mrs. Bowser's home for the purpose of organizing an affair to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Second Ward High

Plans begun then were consumated last Saturday at Waggoner Convention Hall of Holiday Inn on North Tryon Street when 22 classmates and approximately 125 guests par-ticipated in a "GOLDEN CELEBRATION OF SECOND WARD HIGH SCHOOL" which began with a Champagne Sip at 6 and was followed by a dinner at 7 p.m. with classmate, N.C. State Senator Fred D. Alexander, as the featured speaker.

Mrs. Mary Lee C. Henderson presided over the 7 p.m. program which included participants Tony Jordan, who delivered the Invocation; Mrs Mildred M. Simmons, who delivered the Welcome Address, and Mrs. Mary Grace Haynes who conducted an "In Memorium" Service.

After the reading of a poem Cecena son, Mrs. Katherine N. Bowser recognized the presence of honored guest and former

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Dr. Marlow F. Shute, now of Greensboro, N.C., introduced guest speaker Fred Alexander, whose address was followed by "Class Reminiscences" by Eunice C. Blocker, Juanita E. Blount, and Elouise B. Berkeley.

After a rendition of the Second Ward Class Song, the group enjoyed dancing to the music of Lew Currie and his Combo.

Officers of the Second Ward Class of 1926 are : Fredrick Dougals Alexander, President; Mildred Morris Simmons, Vice President; Katherine NewKirk Bowser, Recording Secretary; Mary Grace Johnson Haynes, Assistant Secretary; Cecelia Jackson Wilson, Treasurer; and Mary Lee Cousar Henderson, Publicity Chairperson.

Other participating classmates were: Elouise Bradshaw Berkeley, of the Bronx, N.Y.: Eunice Carson Blocker, of Lancaster, S.C.; Juanita E. Blount, of N.Y. City; Edmonia Tanner Herderson, of Winston-Salem; Dr. Marlow F. Shute, of Greensboro, N.C.; Vallrea Ray Davidson, Mrytly Young Dixon, Clifton Ezell, Helen Beatty Hardin, Tony Jordan, George W. Justice; Lucille Henderson Mackey, Lonnie Bell McDowell Wallace. Mable Roddy Watson,

Frances Harris Wheeler, and Lillian Gillard Williams, all of Charlotte.

Saturday's activities were followed by the attendance of the 11:00 Worship Service at Little Rock AME Zion Church, pastored by Rev. William Milton White, which featured Mrs. Maggie Beard, wife of Rev. Grady Beard, pastor of Mt. Pisgah AME Zion Church of Rockingham, N.C., a guest speaker for Women's Day Ser-

Second Ward Class members had dinner at Morrison's Cafeteria, Eastland Mall, following the worship service.

Out-of-town-guests for the occasion include: Mrs. Jessie Hannon, of Roanoke, Va., guest of Mildred Simmons: Mr. and Mrs. Graham Cald-

well, of Washington, D.C.; James H. Grier, of Detroit, Michigan, guest of Mrs. Katherine Bowser; Mr. and Mrs. George James of Newark, N.J., guest of Cecelia Wilson; Carrie Shute, wife of Dr. Marlow Shute; and Mabel Washington, of Jamacia, L.I., N.Y., guest of Mabel Watson.

According to class spokeswoman Mary Lee Henderson, "We plan to keep the class together and meet at intervals. Our next meeting will be held on October 26 at Greenville Community Center at



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By Raleigh W. Bynum

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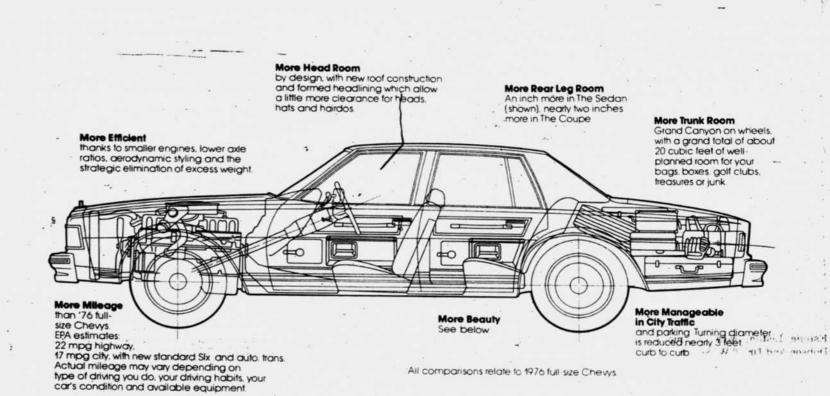
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