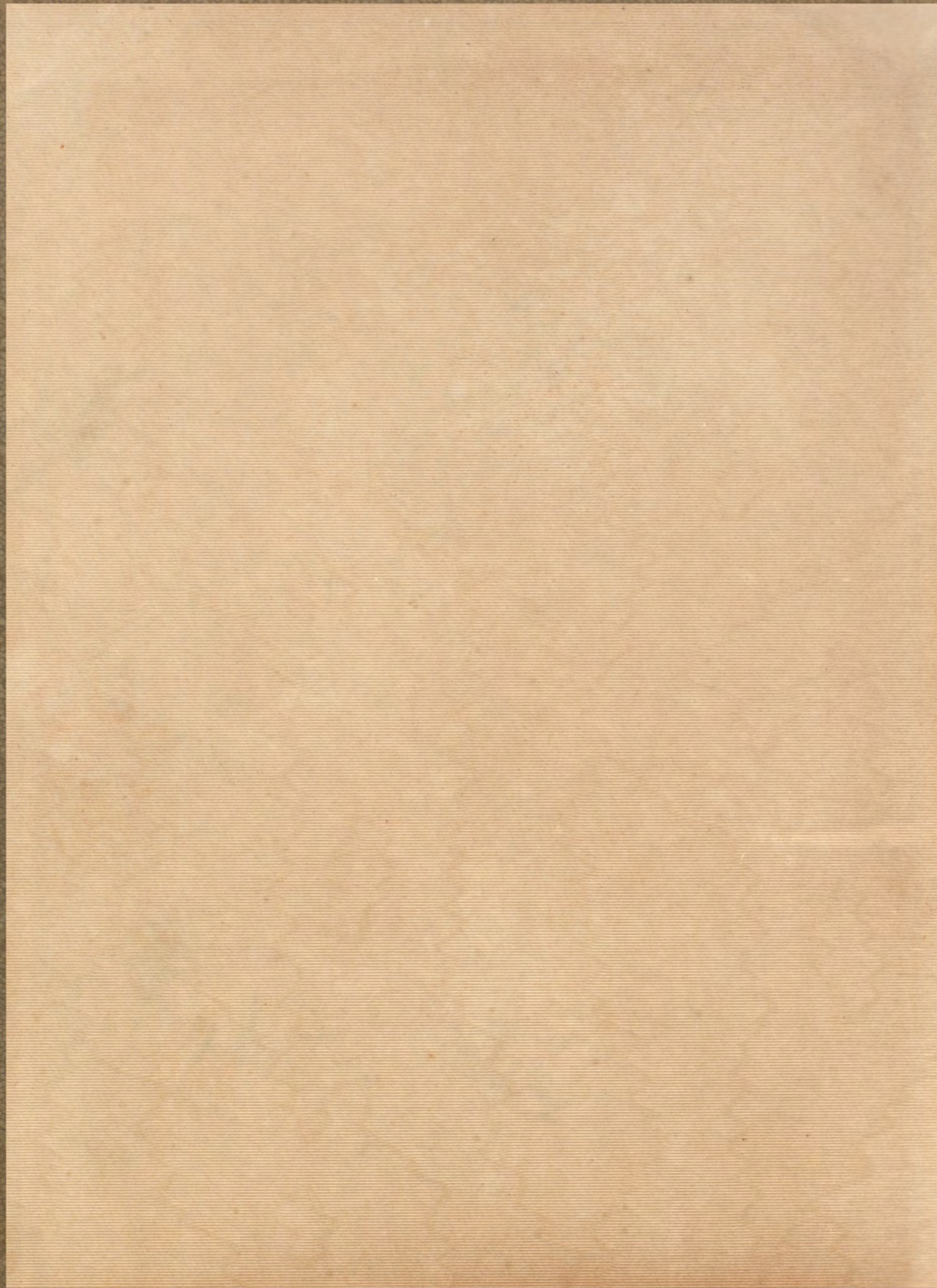


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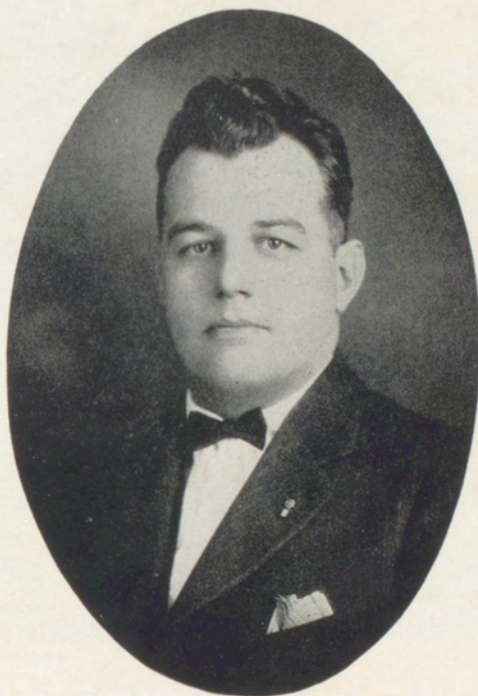
It is intended to express,
in some lasting way, the
life as it is in our Alma
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years we, the seniors,
may have something to
remind us of the pleas-
ures and hardships
endured here.



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Dedication

to

Principal Earl E. Mossman

Whose personal interest, generous consideration, wise counsel, sympathetic advice, and worthy example have made the ideals and achievements of this student body higher and greater.



Monroe County High School

Monroe County High School was founded in 1900 on Simonton street, near Fleming, in a wooden building. At that time it was known as Sears High School. In 1908 it was moved to Harris street, and the name was changed to Harris Street High School. In 1914 the location of the school was again changed, this time on Division street, and it was renamed Division Street High School. The school grew, and in 1921 the demand for a new building was felt. The citizens of Monroe County, realizing this need, erected the beautiful building now occupied by it on White street. On May 30, 1923, the cornerstone was laid, and in September it was occupied by the school.



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ISADORE WEINTRAUB

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Dead
Coach Boys' Class Basketball, '27; Football, '26, '27; Basketball, '26, '27; Letter Men's Club, '26, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27; Track, '26.



Senior Class

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MARION W. RUSSELL

"SUSIE"

Basketball, '23, '27; Baseball, '26; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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"WOBBLES"

Basketball, '27; Class Basketball, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '27.





Senior Class



LOUISE M. CLEARE

"SALLY"

Vice-President, '27; Treasurer A. A., '27; Art Editor CONCH, '27; Biology Club, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.



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Glee Club, '27; Orchestra, '27; Music Club, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '27.



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Senior Class

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"CLAUDIE"

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"ADMIRAL"

Football, '25, '26; Track, '26; Vice-President S. E. D. S., '25; Sport Editor *Tattler*, '26; Class Circulation Manager, '26; Spanish Club, '26; Biology Club, '27; Editor CONCH, '27; President Second Semester, '27; Class Basketball, '27; Letter Men's Club, '26, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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"RAMROD"

Letter Men's Club; President '26; First Semester, '27; President A.A., '26; Basketball, '26, '27; Football and Captain, '26, '27; Coach Girls' Class Basketball, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27; Track, '26.





Senior Class



ANNA F. HOLLERICK

"ANN"

Spanish Club, '26; Science Club, '27; M. C. H. S.
A. A., '26, '27.



ATLEE M. PUCKETT

"PRIOR"

Pianist, '25, '26, '27; Orchestra, '25, '26, '27; Glee
Club, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.



IDA L. JOHNSON

"IDEA"

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M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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Tattler, '26; Delegate State Chorus, '27; President
Girls' Glee Club, '26; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.



Senior Class

JEWEL L. NELSON

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Music Club, '26, '27; Glee Club, '26, '27; Reporter
Tattler, '26; Biology Club, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A.,
'26, '27.

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Basketball, '26; Secretary, '26; M. C. H. S. A. A.,
'26, '27.

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"BABY FACE"

Spanish Club, '26; Vice-President, '26; Glee Club,
'27; Music Club, '27; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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"BOB"

Biology Club, '27; Basketball, '26, '27; Secretary,
'25; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.





Senior Class



LESLIE E. RUSSELL

"ROPE"

Vice-President A. A., '27; President, '26, '27; Vice-President (2nd) 12, '27; Football, '26; Letter Men's Club, '26; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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Assistant Art Editor; Vice-President, '26; Delegate All-State Chorus, '27; W. C. T. U. Contest, Second, '26; M. C. H. S. A. A., '26, '27.

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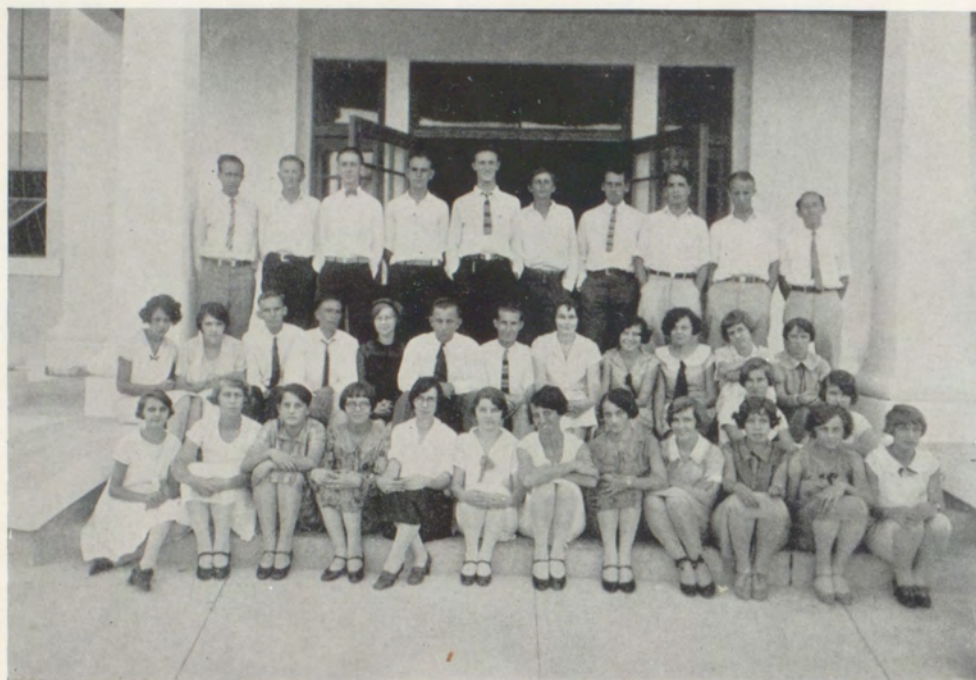


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Class History

In September, 1923, Monroe County High School opened its doors, and on this memorial occasion the present Senior Class entered as Freshmen, eighty-five strong. This class has the honor of being the first Freshman Class to enter the building and the first class to complete the four-year course. A few have been added to our ranks, but many have fallen by the wayside, and the present Senior Class now graduates with twenty-six members.

This Freshman Class suffered all the difficulties that beset the inexperienced. This class was looked on with contempt by their higher classmates, and were addressed by the lowly title of rats, but regardless of the upper classmen's irony, we had a true friend in our section teacher, Melvin E. Russell, now Superintendent of Public Instruction of Monroe County.



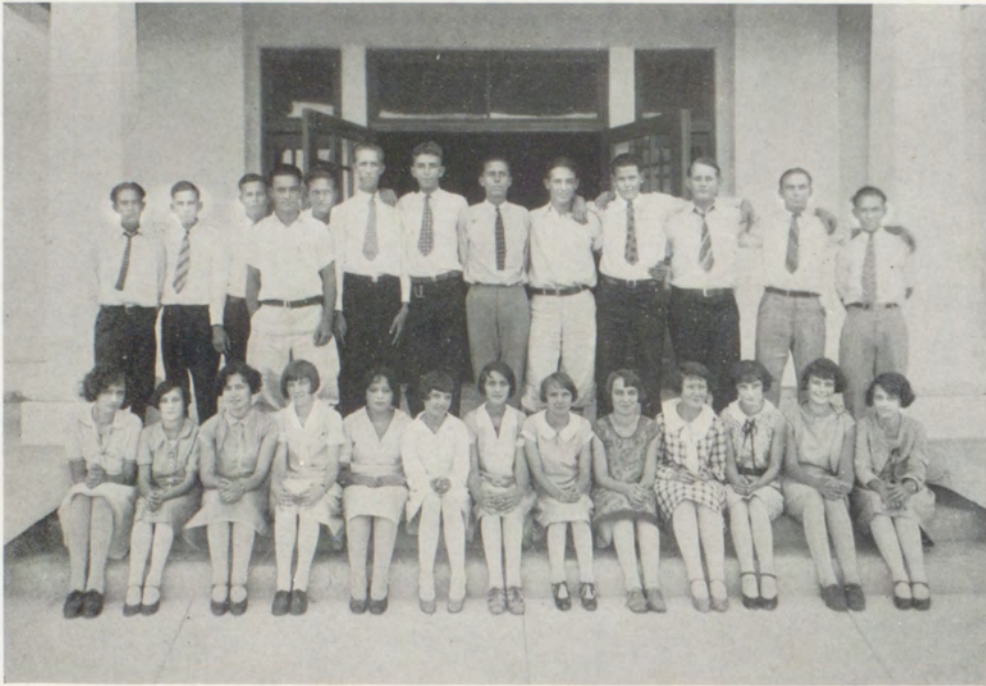
Our Sophomore Class career was much smoother sailing. We were now more experienced, and were able to hold our own as a class. During this year we made a name for ourselves by our splendid chapel programs. Algebra came much harder in our second year, and many sophomores won their spurs in the campaigns of Cæsar's Gallic Wars.

Our Junior year was marked with many social events, and our Junior-Senior Prom was the climax. The Juniors set a precedent by having the first Junior-Freshman wedding, and the first Senior burial. This was the first year that the school had a coach, and ten boys of this class made the varsity football team.

The last year has been the most glorious in the history of our class, for here we found that in order to have strength we must be united. In our Senior year we learned to share the other fellow's trials and joys, and by so doing we have bound ourselves together with ties that will hold throughout a life time.

So, gentle readers, our past is now revealed in which you will find the most wonderful achievements, the highest honors, and the most remarkable accomplishments of any group of people in the world; and that is not conceit, only self-respect.

Whatever honor may come to us will be due to the splendid faculty of our dear old M.-C. High School. It is with loving hearts that we bid them farewell, and it is with a skip of the heartbeat that we say good-bye to our pals of four long years and our Alma Mater.



Junior A

The Junior A Class has participated in every branch of the school's activities. The girls of our class won the championship of the interclass tournament. Earl Yates, a member of our class, was captain of the varsity basketball team, and president of the Athletic Association. John Jenks was publicity manager of the school, and manager of the varsity football team. We had the honor of having two of our men on the Lakeland all-tournament team. Dorothy Archer is one of the five students that attended the state chorus.

The class has accomplished much during this semester under the supervision of Mr. Gruber, head of the Science Department. The class is organized under the following officers: William Johnson, president; Susan Whalton, vice-president; Dorothy Archer, secretary, and Dorothy Dongo, treasurer.



Junior B

Two years have passed, and with them two years of hard work and study. It seems but a short time ago that we were awkward, self-conscious freshmen. Our memories of that first year are not all pleasant, for we learned, much to our sorrow, that "the mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceedingly fine."

There were a few less stumbling-blocks in our sophomore year, and we have accomplished a great deal more. Several of our boys made the varsity football and basketball teams.

Our junior year has been the most important in our high school career. One of the most important events in our junior year was the election of class officers. Floyd Roberts was chosen as president; Frank Sheppard, vice-president; Ellis England, secretary, and Ada Milligian, treasurer. This year we have been well represented in all sports of the high school. Our able president has been elected captain of the varsity football team for the coming season. We turned out a class basketball team that came within a game of taking the championship of the interclass tournament. It is our hope that we will be as successful in our senior year as we have been in the past.



Sophomores

Our class is one of the largest classes in the High School, and our accomplishments are in proportion to our number. The Sophomores won three prizes in the ticket selling contest in connection with the Ft. Lauderdale football game. We were, also, the first to attain 100 per cent in the punctuality contest for the first month.

Our class was well represented in football, and several of our boys are on the basketball squad. The Sophomore boys' class team remained undefeated in the recent interclass tournament.

It has been the policy of our class to always co-operate with our teachers and the administration in anything that they might advise. We have accomplished a great deal under the supervision of our three advisers: Miss Donnelly, commercial department; Mr. M. G. Anderson, athletic instructor, and Mr. C. H. Anderson, head of the history department.



Sophomores

A great deal of our success can be attributed to our able officers, who have worked very hard in bringing the class up to its present point of efficiency. Our motto, "To strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield," has been our guiding aim during our sophomore career, and we expect to carry this thought with us throughout the remainder of our high school years.

Our officers are:

Section A: President Ralph Johnson, Vice-President Emmie Cale, Secretary and Treasurer Theo Spencer.

Section B: President Annie Pinder, Vice-President Mary Givens, Secretary and Treasurer Ben Gardner.



Freshman A

After a short vacation of uncertainties from the eighth grade, we shook hands with ourselves as Freshmen of the M. C. H. S. Early in September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six there was a number of rats who entered the Freshman Class to make a name for themselves. In less than five minutes after our entrance we began to realize our insignificance, and since that time this fact has been constantly before us.

The outstanding occurrences of the early part of our freshman year was spent cheering the football boys to victory. The remainder of our first year was spent in hard work; on this lap many of us failed, some by close margins, others hopelessly. Now we think our class is a model, and are proud that we have developed into honest, hard-working pupils. The officers of the class are:

Section 1—Bower Little, president; Ernesto Hernandez, vice-president; Moses Mundol, secretary; James Cooper, treasurer.

Section 2—Virginia Sheppard, president; Alice Roberts, vice-president; Henry Warren, secretary; Barbara Roberts, treasurer.



Freshman B

At the beginning of this semester we entered the halls of learning of M. C. H. S. My, how big we felt! We then had aspirations of becoming some of the world's most noted people, but after a short time in high school we learned, much to our sorrow, that fame is only to be gained by hard work.

At the beginning of our high school career we were slightly green. This caused us much embarrassment, but in spite of this we were still determined to become famous. We still have three and a half years as cogs in the machinery of Monroe County High School, and we are going to do our best to raise the standards and gain the higher levels that can be attained in our school. The officers of our class are: Anthony Thompson, president; Frank Carbonell, vice-president; Edna Pinder, secretary and treasurer.



M

Football

JOE PIERCE, *Captain*

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EARL YATES

MORRIS CRUZ

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JOHN JENKS, *Manager*

Basketball

EARL YATES, *Captain*

FRED CARBONELL

ISADORE WEINTRAUB

ERNESTO HERNANDEZ

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KERMIT BAKER, *Manager*



ATHLETICS



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Football

The opening of the football season was anything but propitious. The team was light, and many of our men were inexperienced. The team practiced in the latter part of the summer, but the real work began when Coach Anderson arrived.

The first game of the season was with St. Petersburg, who defeated us last year, 96 to 0. This team was state champions for two years, but we managed to hold them to a close score. The game ended 28 to 0.

Our next game was with the Miami Stingarees on our own gridiron. It was a hard-fought game, but we went down to defeat before the onslaught of the Miami boys, 13-0.

With the Miami game a thing of the past, the squad settled down to hard training for a game with the local Marine team. Although being outweighed twenty pounds to the man, the Conchs held them to a 19-14 score.



The following week was devoted to good, hard practice, during which time Coach Anderson put forth every effort to whip the team into perfect shape for our next home game with the Lemon City Aggies. The evidence of good material on the squad was manifested when the highly-touted Lemons were sent home with a 39 to 6 defeat.

We played the Marines again on Navy Day, and this time the score resulted in a tie. The final score was 12 to 12.

The next game was with Ft. Myers, and after a fake start, in which the team was forced to return to the city, owing to rough weather, rather than disappoint Ft. Myers, the team made another attempt, arriving there after twenty-five hours of sea travel. The boys were in no condition to play, and we suffered defeat at their hands by a score of 33 to 0.

Once again the Conchs and the Marines met on the local field. This game was hard-fought, and again resulted in a tie, the score being 13 to 13.

Our last game of the season was with our old rivals, Ft. Lauderdale. Every possible attempt was made to cross our goal line, but all in vain. For four heartrending quarters the ball was carried back and forth across the field, with neither team being able to score. At the final report of the gun the score still stood 0 to 0. This was a real game and a fitting close to an unusually successful season.

Monroe Conchs	0;	St. Petersburg	28
Monroe Conchs	0;	Miami	13
Monroe Conchs	14;	U. S. Marines	19
Monroe Conchs	39;	Lemon City	6
Monroe Conchs	12;	U. S. Marines	12
Monroe Conchs	0;	Ft. Myers	33
Monroe Conchs	13;	U. S. Marines	13
Monroe Conchs	0;	Ft. Lauderdale	0
Total	78;		124



Basketball

This has been one of the most successful basketball seasons in the history of Monroe County High School. The "Conch Five" entered the intersectional tournament in Lakeland and was awarded a silver loving cup as runners-up. Ernesto Hernandez, Theron Gato, and Earl Yates made the all-tournament team. The team also made a trip up the East Coast, playing some of the best teams in the state.

Monroe Conchs	17;	Alumni	10
Monroe Conchs	34;	Redland	4
Monroe Conchs	28;	U. S. Marines	14
Monroe Conchs	24;	Redland	20
Monroe Conchs	20;	Ft. Lauderdale	23
Monroe Conchs	30;	Ponce DeLeon	28
Monroe Conchs	18;	Lemon City	27
Monroe Conchs	24;	Delray	27
Monroe Conchs	47;	Masked Demons	20
Monroe Conchs	26;	Ft. Lauderdale	33
Monroe Conchs	23;	Palmetto	10
Monroe Conchs	26;	Arcadia	16
Monroe Conchs	24;	Groveland	21
Monroe Conchs	9;	Lakeland	35
Monroe Conchs	30;	U. S. Marines	17
Totals	380		305



ORGANIZATIONS



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Music Club

*Music! O how faint, how weak!
Language fades before thy spell!
Why should feelings ever speak,
When thou canst breathe her soul so well?*

—MOORE.



ORCHESTRA

The Music Department of Monroe County High School is developing splendidly under the capable and efficient direction of Miss Veronica Davis, who is with us for the first year. This department is, without a doubt, one of the most popular departments in the High School. This is shown in the fact that one-third of the entire school is enrolled in some class of music.

The department has enlarged until now it consists of a girls' Glee Club, boys' Glee Club, Music Club, band, and an orchestra. The popularity of the orchestra has been proven by the constant demand at the several clubs, luncheons, church programs, and receptions.

The Music Club was organized in the first part of the year under the following officers: Earl Yates, president; Jayne Lewis, vice-president; Nellie Louise Russell, secretary; May Hill, reporter, and Joseph Cates, treasurer.



BAND

This year the Music Club was fortunate enough to be able to send five representatives to the All-State Chorus, which was held during the convention of the Educational Association at Tallahassee. Dorothy Archer, May Hill, Jayne Lewis, Joseph Cates, and Atlee Puckett represented the High School. Principal Moosman accompanied them on the trip. Early in January the piano students gave a recital to their parents and friends. This demonstration was enjoyed immensely by all present.

A concert was given by the boys' and girls' Glee Clubs in the latter part of January. The program was varied by popular, semi-classical, and classical numbers.

During the second semester a Music Memory Contest was conducted. This contest terminated during Music Week. The prizes were gold, silver, and bronze medals.

With the Music Foundation now being laid, Monroe High should rank in the near future with the best schools in the country.

"Music—the common property of the high-placed and the lowly, the consolation in sorrows, the inspiration in achievement, the voice of soul."



Athletic Association

MONROE County High School Athletic Association was organized at the beginning of the 1925-26 school year, under the supervision of George W. McKean, assistant principal, and Peter Christainsen, athletic director. This organization was formed for the purpose of fostering and financing athletics in Monroe County High School.

At the first meeting of the association, Raul Roque was elected president; Margaret Curtis, vice-president; Tom Brown, secretary, and Frank Romaguera, treasurer. A few weeks later at a called meeting a set of by-laws and a constitution were adopted. Munson Johnson was also elected football manager for the coming season.

On January 15, 1926, a third meeting of the association was called for the purpose of electing several officers. John Jenks was elected football manager; Margaret Curtis and Kermit Baker, cheer leaders. A few weeks later J. Y. Porter was elected manager of the basketball team for the coming season.

In the last meeting of that year Joe Pierce was elected president; Leslie Russell, vice-president; Margaret Shaw, secretary, and Louise Cleare, treasurer.

The Association has proven to be a great factor in encouraging athletics in Monroe County High School. It has awarded forty-two letters to students up to the present time.

Joe Pierce, president of the Association, resigned in the first part of the 1927 semester. Earl Yates was elected to fill the vacancy.

In the last two years the student body has co-operated in every respect with the Association, and is at present 100 per cent in membership.



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