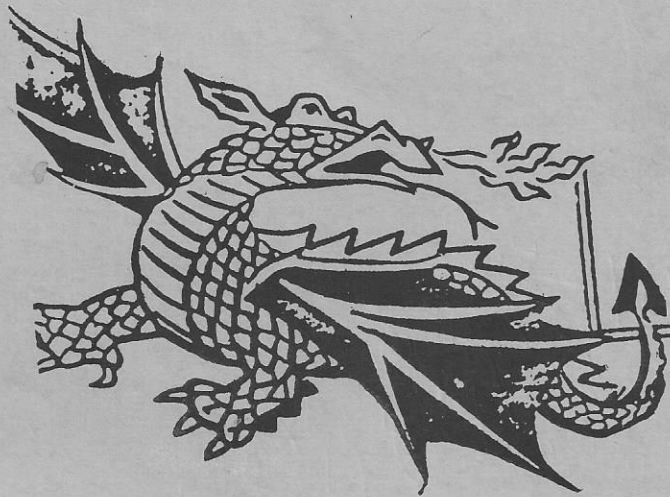


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Eula D. Britton High School.

Reunion ~ 1982



JULY 1-4, 1982



Self-Awareness, Pride and The Art of Competition are only a few
of your gifts to me. Thank you Eula Britton High.

Lannie Green Family

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FOREWORD



The Rayville Rosenwald, Rayville Colored High and finally Eula D. Britton High School had its beginning in 1907 south of Rayville, (the area known as the Brickyard). The school was known as the "College". Professor Amos was the President and instructors were: Professor and Mrs. Toombs, Delhi, Louisiana, Miss Elliot, Delhi, Louisiana, Professor J. Anthony, Rayville, Louisiana, and Professor P. J. Sims, Lincoln Parish. The students attending the College were enrolled in cooking, sewing, agriculture, music, Math and English courses. (Mrs. Jeanette McCaa Smith, who was a student at the College provided the above information).



Due to financial difficulties the college was dissolved and the next school for the Black children of the Rayville Community was held in the Macedonia Baptist Church.



Through the determined efforts of several leaders in the Black community to provide educational opportunities for the Black youth of Rayville the Odd Fellows Hall at the corner of Jewel and Pearl Streets was secured as a school. In October of 1916 the first school session was held with Professor Edward W. Beasley, Sr., of Houma, Louisiana as the new principal. Some years later Professor Jackson became the principal with Mrs. Clara Bell Coleman serving as the assistant and Mrs. Jackson as the third member of the faculty. The third principal serving during this time was Mrs. Ollie Hill of New Orleans with Mrs. Eula D. Britton, Mrs. O. S. Hill and Mrs. Evans as members of the faculty.

During the latter part of 1924 land was purchased from Mr. William Toliver Cook and grades 1-6 were transferred from Macedonia Baptist Church to the new school building, (present site of the Recreation Park). Mrs. Eula D. Britton was named the principal and the first graduates from the 7th grade held their graduation exercises at the Macedonia Baptist Church. Members of this first class were: Mrs. Mary Jenkins Kennedy, val., Mrs. Jessie Williams Gundy, sal., Mrs. Genva Cross, Mrs. Alberta Hawkins and Mrs. Alberta Osborne. The second graduates of the 7th grade (1925) held their exercises at the First Baptist Church.

In 1933 the school was approved as a Junior High School and in 1939 the first senior high school was approved with eleven young men and women receiving High School Diplomas from Rayville Rosenwald High School.

Through the years the growth of the school from the College to Eula D. Britton High School, (1956), was phenomenal. The original concept in 1907 until dissolution in 1970 was based on the need to provide educational opportunities for Black Citizens of Rayville. During the 63 years of its existence, unlimited efforts were made to ensure the perpetuation of an idea implanted in the minds of the early pioneers of the Black community.





*“We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path...*

*Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?”
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON - “Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

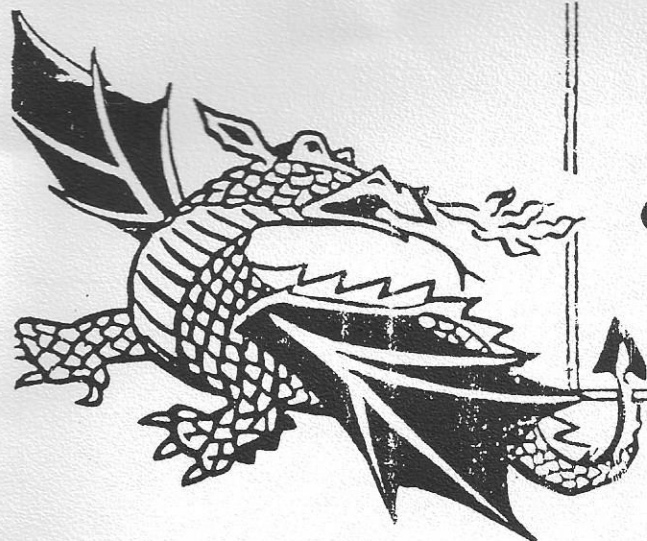
A noble legacy and a worthy posterity require that each generation make sacrifices for one that is to follow -- Our Legacy is one to revere and venerate. Our Legacy is one to be remembered.

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July 1, 1982

Greetings:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Steering Committee, to welcome you and your families to the first Rayville Rosenwald - Eula D. Britton School Reunion.

We are proud of our rich heritage and are happy that you have taken the time to reflect with us over the many years of accomplishments since the inception of the school.

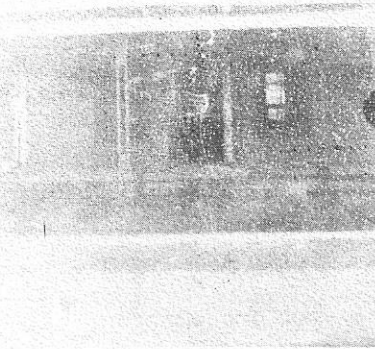
As we gather during this momentous time of year, let us be ever mindful of the thousands of men and women who sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to learn, to grow, to achieve. This book is dedicated to the individual who stood at the helm longer than any other administrator in our illustrious history, but it also stands as a testimony to all who passed through the hallowed halls of Rayville Rosenwald High and Eula D. Britton High School.

May your time with us be fruitful and may we all resolve not to allow this effort to come to no avail.

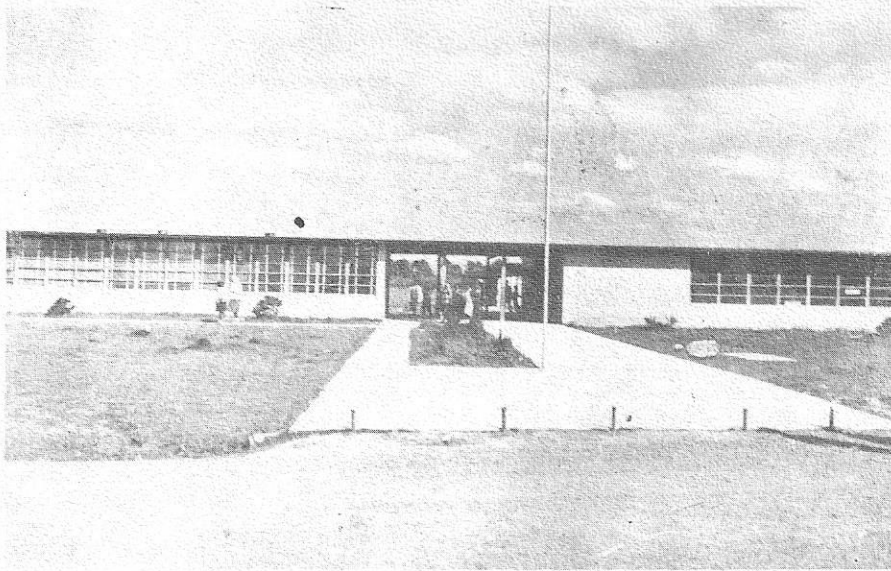
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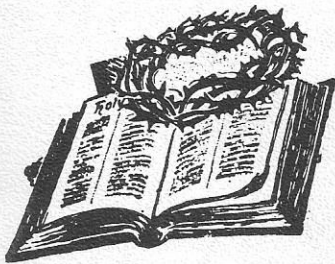
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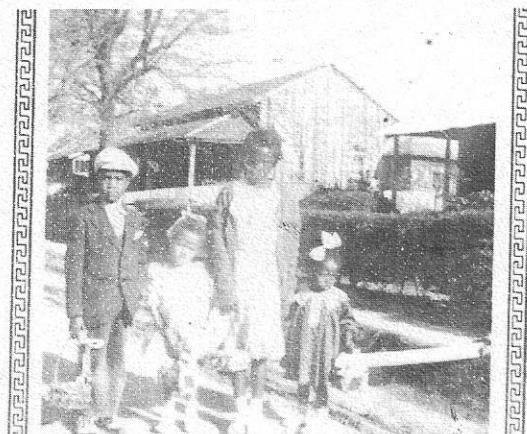
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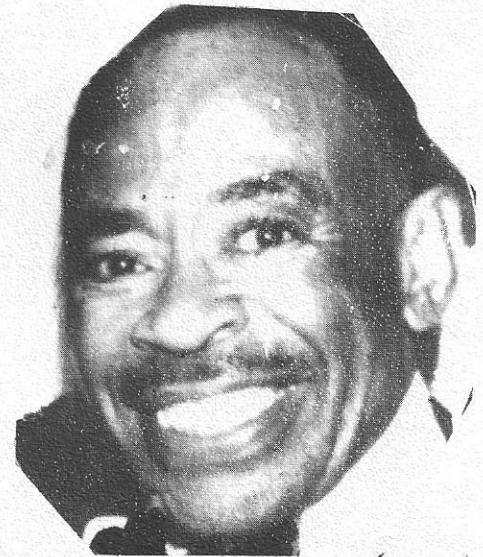
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THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1982

7:00 P. M.

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- OPENING Mrs. Dorothy B. G. Washington
Coordinator - Class of 1945
- MUSIC — “THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER” Reverend Eugene Harris
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- SOLO Mrs. Susie Stinson Brooks - Class of 1958
- “THE WAY WE WERE” - (Three Minutes)
 - 1929’s Mrs. Josie Bradford Draper - Class of 1925
 - 1939’s Dr. Robert Smith - Class of 1939
 - 1949’s Vernon Wade - Class of 1945
 - 1959’s Mrs. Lagatha Ward Payton - Class of 1959
 - 1969’s Mrs. Thelma Nichols Brown - Class of 1972
- REFLECTIONS — ADMINISTRATORS — (Three Minutes) Reverend James P. Smith
Jimmy Thompson
Dr. Eugene F. Holtzclaw
Mrs. Johnnie Davison Little
- “OUR YEARS” — (Three Minutes) Mrs. Jessie Williams Gundy - Class of 1924
Mrs. Hazel Nealon Winchester - Class of 1945
Mrs. Elaine Elder Coleman - Class of 1967
- BRA G and BOAST (Regional) Willie Larkin III, Class of 1953 Presiding
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MEDITATION Reverend Andrew J. Mansfield, Class of 1949

GREETINGS Mrs. Bettye Bolden West, Class of 1956

Recognition of Administrators,

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SOLO — "The Way We Were" Mrs. Zeofious Stinson Cook - Class of 1953

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Mrs. Alberta Kennedy Wafer - Class of 1955

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Mrs. Marion Wilma G. Hill, Class of 1952

GUEST SPEAKER The Reverend E. Edward Jones

Minister - Galilee Baptist Church (Shreveport, Louisiana)

Announcements Mrs. Mary Nealon Ricks, Class of 1953

ALMA MATER Mrs. Earlene Ward Harris, Class of 1951

DANCE

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SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1982

9:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Reverend G. G. Griffin - Class of 1925

HYMN OF PRAISE

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

PASTORAL PRAYER Reverend J. P. S -Class of 1944

MUSIC..... United Choir

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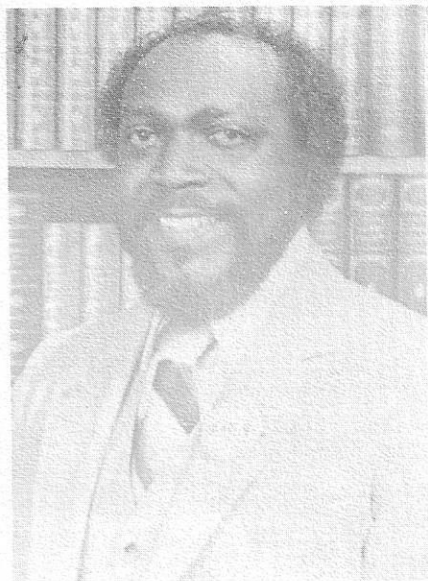
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Matthew 6:33

“Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me
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Psalms 71:18

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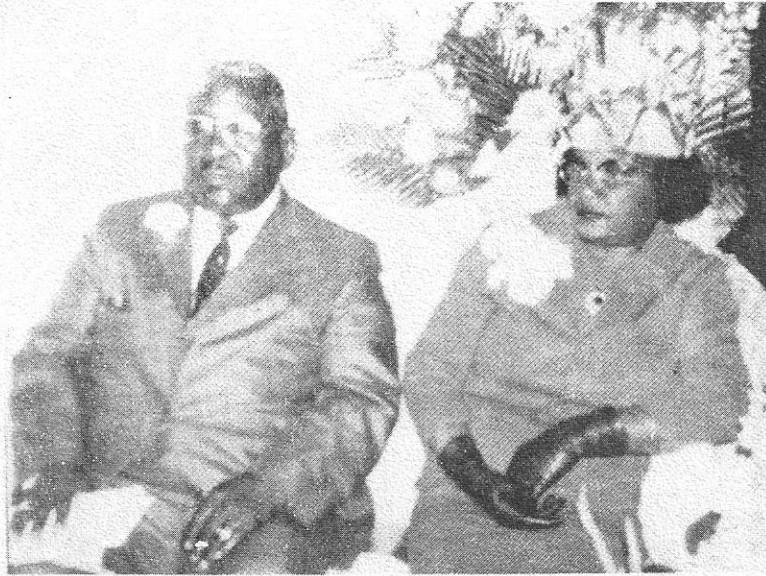
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