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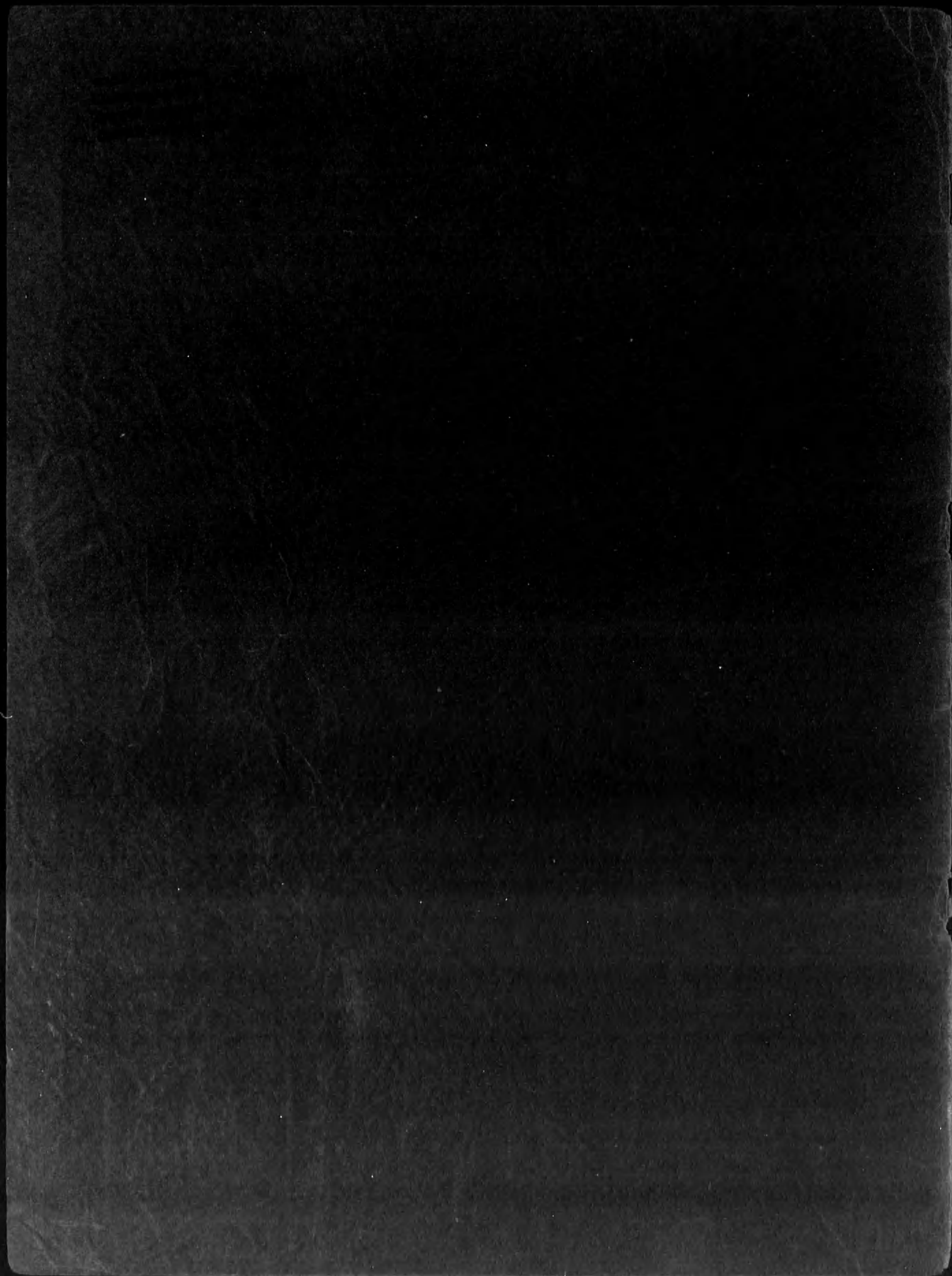
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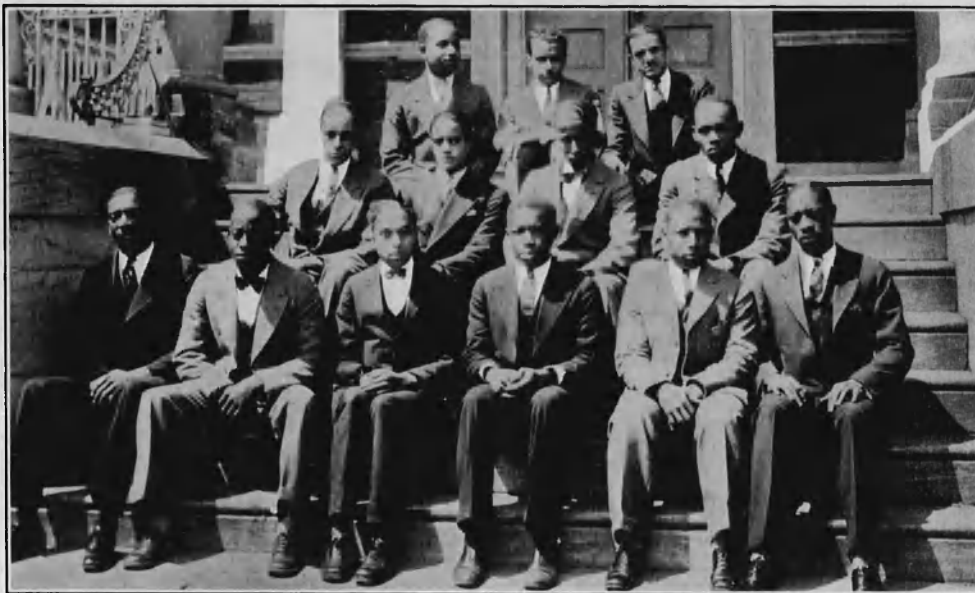
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## Foreword

I WAS conceived in doubt just three years ago. They called me THE LINCOLN NEWS. At my birth, my doom was foretold—I was given just three months to live. But now I celebrate my third birthday. I wanted to celebrate it by honoring the senior class, but they, two officials of the faculty, threw mud at me saying that I was not worthy. And yet I live and am growing stronger.

I know that I was puny, subject to extinction, but I lived in hope of a better day. I have a few friends who helped me—two seniors who saw possibilities of curing me, of giving me freedom, and I am thankful that I have been nursed to be stronger. But now I am beginning to think for myself. I know why some hate me, wish me total extinction. They fear that I may grow strong and unruly—that I may defy them like an incor-

rigible child. But I am not bad—I have my faults, but I could be worse. Yes, they are afraid of me, afraid of my influence.

It is through such media as I that seven student editors were asked to resign their positions because they dared to express themselves. No wonder that they refuse me succor when I am in need. I thought students were sent to College to think and not what to think. They have branded me because I have forsaken the old and now believe in new things,—the practical and broad things. And though they think I should die, I shall live. I shall be the medium for pent-up expressions, for true facts, for the endless stretch of life between the pathetic and humorous. Though I was conceived in doubt, I still live.



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## Who's Who of '28

	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Most Popular	Hill	Robinson	Rooks
Biggest Bluffer	T. Belcher	Hill	Carpenter
Most Studious	Morse	F. Belcher	Faulkner
Jolliest	St. Clair	Valentine	Phillips
Most Business-like	Clarke	Paul	Dorsey
Laziest	Timmons	Kimbrough	T. Belcher
First to Get Married	Watkins	Peterson	E. Smith
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Class Pest	Perry	T. Belcher	Dade
Class Politician	Stratton	Murray	Espy
Loudest Dresser	E. Smith	Robinson	Rooks
Quietest	A. Smith	Wyatt	MacPherson
Class Pessimist	T. Belcher	Perry	Webber
Most Handsome	Robinson	F. Belcher	St. Clair
Biggest Social Baron	Robinson	Stratton	Watson
Most Cynical	Morse	Watson	Pickens

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### J. ARTHUR BAILEY

*"Stump"*

Joseph came to us from New Orleans where he completed his high school work. He has several distinctions to his credit, such as being the shortest and most vociferous member of the class. He has an unusual propensity for selecting tall dance partners at most of the social functions. He is an excellent debater and orator. Being industrious and studious we expect him to become famous in law and journalism after graduation. Member of Varsity Debating Teams 3, 4, Delta Sigma Chi Debating Society, Associate Editor of LINCOLN NEWS 4, Class Baseball Team 3, 4, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and honor student.

### THEODORE M. BELCHER

*"Comrade"*

Theodore hails from Iva, South Carolina. He quickly displayed his forensic ability, making the varsity debating team in his Freshman year. We regret that he has forsaken this calling and turned his interests in other fields. He declares he is a socialist and an extreme radical. Being comical and argumentative he is very popular among the student body. He plans to study law in graduate school. Member of Varsity Debating Teams 1, Soccer 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 1, 2, Student Council 3, and honor student.

### ALGER L. BROWN

*"Puddin' Head"*

Alger prepared at Gillespie Normal, Cordele, Ga. He entered Lincoln in '23, but later decided to stay out a year and join us. Alger, so it is rumored, played football to win a young lady's heart and took his punishment like a martyr. He is quite ambitious and studious, being interested in science. He plans to enter the Meharry Dental School. Class Football 1, 2, Member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

### ROBERT A. BRYANT

*"Panicky"*

Very modest athlete; three-letter man; veritable woman hater. Holds record in shot put, javelin throw, discus. Very congenial chap and witty. Always smiling and a diligent student. Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.



### THEODORE R. ANDERSON

*"Ted"*

Theodore hails from the sunny State of South Carolina. He prepared for Lincoln at S. C. State College. One wonders how so much agility of form and wisdom can be contained in such a diminutive stature. Nevertheless "Ted" has held down the third bag continuously. He also "shocked" himself by making second group. Of course, athletes are beloved by girls, so draw your own conclusions. We expect him to enter Howard Medical School. Varsity baseball 2, 3. Captain 4. Member of Phi Alpha Phi fraternity.

### FANNIN S. BELCHER, JR.

*"Prof"*

Fannin prepared for Lincoln at Dunbar High, of Washington, D. C. This debonair student has many distinctions, especially in dramatics. He has surprised us by his ability in interpretive dances and impersonations on the stage. Being an excellent English student, he serves as instructor in English. He expects to teach English and dramatics in Washington, D. C. Member Phi Lambda Sigma, Pres. of Mask and Wig Club, Circulation Manager of LINCOLN NEWS, Omega Psi Phi, winner of prize in English 3, and honor student.

### ULYSSES G. BOURNE

*"Little Boy"*

Ulysses hails from Frederick, Md., and by his genial nature he has won many friends while here at Lincoln. He is subject to rather puerile outbursts when he is excited, hence the nick-name, "Little Boy." He is interested in science and intends to take medicine at Meharry. Member of Bridge Club, Class Baseball 3, 4, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

### FRANK A. BROWN

*"Fay"*

Frank graduated from Three Hills, St. Mary, Jamaica, and spent a year in Harlem High School. Studious, energetic and congenial—these are his attributes. And his social prestige extends to the remote regions of the globe. Frank likes to argue and his main athletic pastime is cricket. Frank is a promising orator, but he has forsaken his gift, for he plans to study medicine at Edinburgh, Scotland. Class Orator 3, Class Chaplain 4, Member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and honor student.

### J. MacSHANN BURNETT

*"Texas"*

Burnett, the rollicking Romeo from the rolling hills, finished at some anonymous High School in Cleburne, Texas. After attending Wiley College for one year, he left the Land-Behind-the-Sun and came to Lincoln somewhat frightened and intimidated by the noisy rabble. Now his stentorian voice may be heard at all nightly hours pronouncing endless maledictions and vituperations upon the head of some hapless card partner. So proud of the land of his nativity is he that he responds only to the appellation—"Texas." "Tex" exhibits unusual mental acumen in the fields of chemistry and biology, and intends to pursue a medical course at McGill. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

### MARCUS E. CARPENTER

*"Carp"*

Mark comes from Jersey City, N. J., finishing Dickinson High School in '24. He has several distinctions, such as a lion among the ladies who know him and chief jockey in his class. "Carp" has made the first group in his first two years and earned a scholarship of \$200, for four years from the P. R. R. Red Caps' Scholarship Society. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, Varsity Basketball 3, 4, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and honor student. Marcus plans to study medicine.

### JABEZ CLARKE

*"State"*

Jabez has had a varied experience before coming to Lincoln. From a street car conductor in Havana, to noted business enterprises, will probably be the story of his life. Born in Jamaica, he caught the vision of his compatriot, Marcus Garvey, and came to Lincoln to prepare. He is noted for being business-like, frank and studious. Business manager of LINCOLN NEWS 4, Secretary-Treasurer LINCOLN NEWS, 2, 3, prize winner in oratory 1, 2, 3, honor student.

### HARVEY M. DIGGS

*"Mack"*

Harvey has a quiet demeanor, and has decorum of a perfect gentleman. He prepared for Lincoln at Booker Washington High, Norfolk, Va. Naturally he allied himself to the Tidewater Club. His hobby is science and his assiduous work in science has earned him a second group standing. Diggs plans to study medicine at Harvard Medical School. Member of Beta Kappa Chi and Omega Psi Phi.

### JOSEPH E. DYER

*"Joe"*

Joseph coming from Clarksville, Texas, emerged in bewilderment from Wiley Academy. Spent two years in Wiley College, and then came to Lincoln. Joe is quite popular socially and we don't wonder since he is a handsome athlete. Joseph expects to travel extensively abroad. Member of Varsity Football Team 3, 4, Track Team 4, Mask and Wig Club, The "Firm" and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

### ISAAC D. FAULKNER

*"Stringbeans"*

Isaac has two hobbies—drawing cartoons and dissecting cats in the biological laboratory. His proficiency in biology won him recognition and he was appointed laboratory Instructor in Biology. Isaac should be an artist, but he has elected medicine for his life's profession. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, and Art Editor of LINCOLN NEWS 3, 4, Kappa Alpha Psi and honor student.



### JOHN W. CAULDER

*"Little Shag"*

John prepared at Dunbar High School, Lexington, Ky. He was a lover of science, so much so, that his eyesight has been affected by the extensive use of the microscope. John is also a lover of pretty girls as his social calendar will prove. John plans to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, student instructor in physics, Phi Beta Sigma.

### GEORGE W. COLEMAN, JR.

George hails from Roanoke, Va., a product of St. Paul, Lawrenceville, Va. George has a propensity of falling in and out of love, and is noted for the expression, "I'm a Lincoln Man." He is very studious, friendly and gentle. He plans to enter Howard Medical School. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and honor student.

### JAMES E. DORSEY

*"Lord Jim"*

James hails from Chicago, graduating from Tuskegee Institute. It didn't take Lincoln long to discover that "Lord Jim" possessed unusual musical talent. He has been a member of the college quartette for four years, holding the position of director and manager during the last three years. He organized the Music Club in his Sophomore year. James is also a good athlete. Member of Varsity Basketball, Varsity Football 3, Director of Music Club, Alpha Phi Alpha. "Jimmie" plans to teach music while studying harmony and composition.

### THEODORE E. ESPY

*"Red"*

"Red" comes from Daytona Beach, Florida, and is a product of Florida A. & M.—class of '24. Here we present the Salutatorian of the class, for he achieved first group for the three years he spent with us. Theodore is a marvelous chemist, consequently he was Instructor in Chemistry for two years. His chief recreation is "bulling" in dormitory congresses. Theodore has decided his profession will be either medicine or business. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, Soccer Team, Class Baseball 3, 4, Treasurer of Class 3, 4, and honor student.

**WILLIAM H. GILES**  
*"Clem"*

William represents Chase City, Va., at Lincoln. He is very witty and friendly. William is often seen hiking through the country communing with nature, meditating deeply—hence he is quite a philosopher. William plans to teach. We wonder what will become of his "old lady" Bryant. Such a fitting couple, a perfect team in comical things!

**JOHN W. HAYWOOD, JR.**  
*"Dean"*

John is a graduate of Douglas High School, Baltimore. He has a distinction of being a linguist, being well versed in Latin, Greek, German, and French. He won (beg pardon) a Bible in his Bible Course for his knowledge of the scriptures. John also strums a "mean" ukelele. He has manifested his pedagogical ability as Instructor in Greek. John plans to teach languages. Member of Phi Lambda Sigma, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, honor student.

**JOHN A. HIBBLER**  
*"Love"*

This little fellow coming from Little Rock, Ark., is one of the speediest, shiftiest, and brilliant quarterbacks in recent athletic history of Lincoln. What he lacked in weight, he more than made up in pluck, speed, and elusiveness. John's scintillating performance on the gridiron once caused the great Red Grange to exclaim enthusiastically, "The little fellow!" John will probably study medicine. Member of "Firm," Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity Baseball 2, 3, 4, Class Track Team, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

**DE COURCY HOLDER**  
*"Doc"*

De Courcy was born in the British West Indies, and prepared for his life's work in various schools before coming to Lincoln. Those who know him well, have learned that he is quiet, contented, and very obliging. His success in medicine in the future is assured by his scholastic endeavors in the sciences. He has not told us where he plans to pursue his study of medicine. Member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.



**MARK GIBSON**  
*"Baby-Face"*

Mark prepared for Lincoln at Dunbar High, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and finished in '23. Mark came here young, but oh, so serious. In fact, he planned to "preach the Word," but Mark has acquired other interests, scholastic as well as feminine. Mark is gifted with a facility of speech that attracts his listeners, hence he is noted as an orator, debater, and—well, let the girls name it. Member of Y. M. C. A. Cabinet 3, 4, Delta Sigma Chi Varsity Debating Team 3, 4, Captain of Soccer Team 4, Track Team 3, 4, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

**LOUIS EDWARD HARMON**  
 Baltimore, Md.  
*"Lou"*

If you read the papers, you know this chap. In collegiate circles his name is a synonym for basketball and, can he go? Any of his opponents will tell you that he can—and how! His excellent leadership of last season's cagers was largely responsible for the never-say-die spirit of the team. "Lou" is also one of the best fiddlers on the campus, has a sweet tenor voice, and, incidentally, he belongs to the class of "heavy lovers" that one hears so much about nowadays. In spite of all the honors which have been heaped upon "Lou" he has always remained a regular fellow.

**CHARLES E. HENSON**  
*"Henny"*

This young man hails from Baltimore, a product of Douglas High School. Charles has a musical laugh that resounds frequently in Cresson Hall. A friendly personage, skilled in manipulating a piano and agile dancer despite his avoirdupois and dramatic, these are his gifts. Member of Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Mask and Wig Club.

**RICHARD H. HILL**  
*"Dick"*

"Dick" had quite a varied career. We once thought he would become an evangelist or world reformer; now he is undecided whom to reform if not the world. Having traveled through Europe and Asia, thoroughly in Russia, he has become an authority of Communism. He has served in most of the student affairs, representing Lincoln at conferences and recreative meetings. He acquitted himself excellently in debating, meeting such teams as Oxford and British Union. He has been selected as one of the commencement speakers. Richard plans to pursue theology after graduation. Member of Delta Sigma Chi, Varsity Debating Team 2, 3, 4, Student Y. M. C. A. Representative 1, 2, 3, 4, President of local Chapter N. A. A. C. P., Choir 2, Glee Club 2, 3, President of Y. M. C. A. 4, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and honor student.

**LEON S. JACKSON**  
*"Jack"*

Leon is a product of Carlisle, Pa., although he has attached himself to West Virginia—with a reason. His distinction lies chiefly in his ability to make his saxophone talk, as well as play melody. Being very congenial, he has gained innumerable friends. He is undecided whether he is going to go into business or "toot" his way along life's thoroughfare. Member of Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Glee Club 2, 3, 4, University Orchestra, Manager of Basketball Team 4, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.



**ROLAND J. JONES**  
*"Cave"*

Roland is a graduate of Douglas High, Baltimore. We are seldom aware of his presence because of his quiet demeanor. Roland has a tendency at times to be jovial, manifesting unusual wit and humor. Being very assiduous in his subjects, he has continually made the honor group. Roland plans to study medicine after graduation. Member of Glee Club 2, Class Basketball Team, Varsity Tennis Team, honor student.

**HENRY A. McPHERSON**  
*"Mac"*

Henry claims San Diego, California, as his home though he prepared for Lincoln at the Dunbar High School, Okmulgee, Okla. On meeting him, you would be attracted by his dignity and reserved attitude. He has a rich baritone voice that has made him famous in Glee Club recitals. Though he is a good singer, "Mac" has selected medicine as his life's profession. Member of Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Choir 2, 3, 4, soloist, Alpha I hi Alpha fraternity and honor student.

**ARTHUR MOTLEY**  
*"Hoops"*

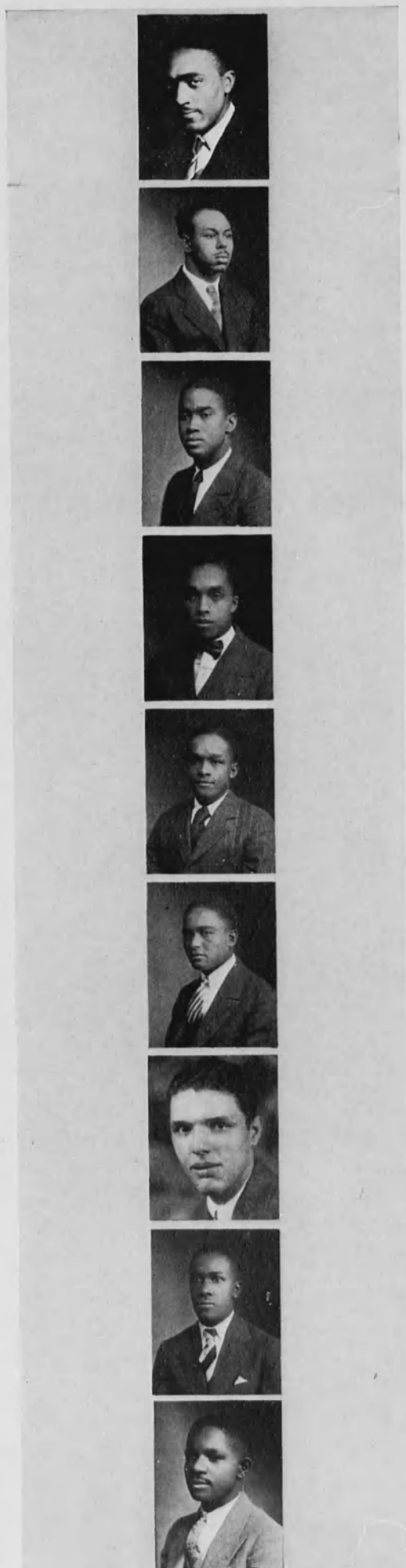
Motley, now living in McAlester, Okla., also comes to us from Wiley College. He belongs to The Firm, to the Varsity "L" Club, and to Alpha. "Hoops" has been among the honor group students since his matriculation. He is a profound philosopher of life and religion; a lover of women, Wiley, and Bull Sessions. A few years and "Hoops" will be an M.D. from Edinburgh, Scotland.

**WILLIAM C. PAUL**  
*"Bill"*

Bill is a product of Douglas High School, Baltimore. This young Adonis is the greatest official of the class, for he has served as an officer in numerous capacities. He has dual propensities—social and business, and we wonder how he does it. Bill plans to study law at Howard Law School. Member of Sportsmen's Club, Baltimore Club, Manager of Football 4, Pres. of Intra-mural A. A. Football Squad 1, Secretary of Senior Class 1, 2.

**DANIEL B. PERRY**  
*"D. B."*

Daniel spent two years at Morris Brown before he joined us in our Junior year. Daniel has been elected as the class pest—and if the faculty voted, well—we wonder how he can ask so many unanswerable questions. He appears to have a profundity of thought. Science is his chief interest and the manipulation of the slide rule his hobby. Temperamental, modest and affluent describes this person. He plans to study medicine at Howard Medical School. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and honor student.



**ERNEST R. KIMBROUGH**  
*"Bro"*

Here is Jack of all trades, but exceptionally good at several. If something goes wrong in all phases of electricity and mechanics, see "Bro." When he isn't tinkering with an automobile, or making radio sets, and attaching wires, he might be found presiding at dormitory congresses, where he is usually prize-winner in the mendacious art. "Bro" plans to study medicine. Member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

**GEORGE C. MORSE**  
*"Prof."*

George has several distinctions to his credit. He comes from Orange, N. J., noted for its students here. He is the student who invariably finishes his examinations first, fulfilled his scholastic requirements for his degree in three and one-half years, and has a reputation of being the most widely read undergraduate on the campus. Being a writer of promise, we expect him to be successful in journalism. Member of Phi Lambda Sigma, Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President of Class 2, second prize winner of Junior English, Associate Editor of LINCOLN NEWS 3, Editor-in-Chief 4, Secretary of Class 4, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and honor student.

**LEON H. MURRAY**

Murray, from the flowery fields of Lakecity, Florida, took his "prep" work at Claflin. As his name indicates he is a veritable lion, not physically, but intellectually. He has won the T. M. Selden prize given each year to the Freshman having the highest average of his class; the Stanford Mathematics prize; the Rodman Wanamaker Bible, and has been for two years student Instructor in Mathematics and Latin. He finishes Lincoln with the highest average in the class—magna cum laude—and has been chosen Valedictorian. Alpha claims him as one of her sons. If all goes well, Boston University will embrace him in her Law School next year. He has tantalized the hearts of the fatal sex from the wonderful Isle of Dreams on up through Lincoln University village to the Metropolis.

**DAVID O. PENN**  
*"Duke"*

David is another product of Douglas High School, Baltimore. "Duke" is an artist in "billets doux" and when he is not painting word pictures to his lady you will find him assembled in dormitory congresses. If not, he is perusing his organic chemistry. A more congenial chap can not be found. "Duke" plans to study medicine after graduation. Member of Glee Club 3, 4, Class Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

LAWRENCE N. PHILLIPS  
"Fats"

"Fats" prepared at Storer College, Harper's Ferry, and he had some teaching experience before coming here. He is a specialist in mischief and devoted to the social sciences. Skilled in the art of water throwing, he was unanimously elected as our fire chief. We expect him, after listening to his plans, to be a great financial wizard like Ponzi. He plans to enter the business field. Member of Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Football Squad 3, Fire Chief 4. Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

SHELBY ALBRIGHT ROOKS  
"Stone"

Rooks is a down home chap bailing from Hertford, N. C. Some of us are still looking for Hertford on the map. He says that it is there and our eyesight must be a little bad. However, we have our opinion about Hertford. "Stone" has specialized in buncombe, dabbling once in a while in the sciences. For all that, he is an honor student and is very popular among the fellows. He was president of Pi Lambda Psi 2, 3, official "pie-man" 2, director of the canteen 3, 4, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Rooks is one of Pi Lambda Psi's foremost orators, having won several prizes for his oratory. He says he has heard the "call," but does not seem to be in any haste to answer since he plans to take his M.A. next year at Penn.

EDWARD SILVERA  
"Eagle Beak"

Silvera hails from Orange, N. J. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and is a good mixer. He has proved himself quite an athlete: Varsity Basketball star 2, 3, 4, Cheer Leader 4, Manager of Track Team 4, Captain of Tennis Team 4, Vice-President of Varsity "L" Club. For his high scholastic achievements in English, he is a member of the Phi Lambda Sigma Honorary English Society. He is a lover of music and also a noted poet. His poems have appeared in various editions of *Opportunity*, *Messenger*, *Crisis*, and other leading magazines. In fact, he is one of the most talented men on the campus. He plans to teach languages, and because of his success as a student in that department, we feel that success awaits him.

EARLE C. SMITH  
"Kid Scurvy"

Earle is a product of Garnett High, Charleston, W. Va. A very elegant dresser, dancer and smooth talker, Earle is a master with the "billets doux" and recipient of many multi-colored perfumed letters. He is a man of many loves and disappointments, ambitions and friends. Earle plans to study law after graduation. Member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.



JOHN TRUMAN PETERSON  
Mount Olive, N. C.

"Pete"  
"Better a little well kept than a great deal forgotten."

Those who know "Pete" intimately find that in him they have one of the truest and most trustworthy of friends. His sunny disposition, gentlemanly demeanor and his keen sense of humor have won for him hosts of friends. He is the Bacteriology Laboratory Assistant and the official quizzer of a certain group of embryonic "medics" who congest his room during exams. "Pete" is an honor student and a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

EARL U. ROBINSON  
West Grove, Pa.  
"Robbie"

Graduate from West Grove H. S., 1924; entered Lincoln U. in fall of '24. Earl is a very genial fellow, and an especial favorite of the young ladies. His activities have been varied—soccer has called him each fall, intramural track, relay teams '25, '26, Junior prom committeeman '27, class annual staff '23, president Senior class. These will suffice to give an inkling of his versatility. Robinson is known by his intimates as "The Lover"—he lives up to the name nobly and well. Oh, yes, "Robbie" will study medicine. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

HERBERT M. ST. CLAIR  
"Herb"

"Herb" prepared at Morgan Academy and spent one year at Morgan College before joining us. Joviality is his chief distinction and when "Bill" and "Herb" are together it is a merry pair who hold the stage. This handsome chap has an address book that is like a telephone directory, exclusive for pretty girls. "Herb" plans to study medicine at Howard University. Member of Baltimore Club and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

WILLIAM HENRY SINKLER  
Summerville, S. C.  
"Bill"

Prepared at Haines Institute, Augusta, Ga. One of Lincoln's eminent scientists. Secretary of Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society. Winner of second mathematics prize during Sophomore year. Now holds position of Instructor in Math. Honor group student. Athletics: Varsity Baseball, Class Football. Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Plans to study medicine at Howard.

WILLIAM STANFORD  
"Low"

Stanford hails from the Monumental City and, as his nick-name implies, he is rather short. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, is an all-round fellow and a good mixer. He has athletic tendencies: Ran on Class Relay Team 1, Broad Jumper 1, 2, Cresson A. C. Basketball star 1, Manager of Varsity Baseball Team 4. "Low" is a lover of music—he plays the violin and he fain would sing. He is the Assistant Mailman and gets a very generous share of the letters himself, some of which are just "too bad." The brevity of "Low's" linear measurements does not seem to cause him any embarrassment whatsoever and he is a well known "power" in various society circles. He is going to teach mathematics if he can find a place where one is in demand.

**EDWARD WILTON STRATTON**  
Jersey City, N. J.

*"Stratt"*

Alumnus of Cushing Academy, Mass. Quite a campus personage as you will see. Secretary of Student Council, Vice-President Senior Class, President Intramural Council, member of Pi Lambda Psi's Junior prom committee, has Class numeral in Basketball, member Honorary English Society Phi Lambda Sigma, honor group student, member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Much loved by the fair sex. Will go to Howard for medicine.

**HAL HERNDON TIMMONS, JR.**  
Washington, D. C.

*"Too Tall"*

He is a product of Dunbar H. S., and he is familiarly known as "Stretch." Is known far and wide as an athlete of potential ability. "Stretch" is a "procrastinator" of first rank, possesses an enormous appetite and a decided liking for slumber. Timmons is a varsity letterman and member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

**ORVILLE R. WALLS**  
*"Rus"*

Orville hails from our neighboring community, Oxford, the biggest little town in the commonwealth,—a product of Oxford High. Orville's hobby is wise cracks at the expense of his classmates. He could be romantic, but he plays the big brother part exceptionally well with his girl friends. Since he is ever assiduous in his studies, we are certain of his success in medicine. Member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

**RICHARD WATSON**  
*"Smooth"*

Watson is indeed smooth—Kid Vanity Fair himself. He is the best dressed man on the campus and has a captivating smile; at least, we have heard that he has. Rain or shine he is always the same jolly, sociable fellow. "Smooth" hails from Dallas, Texas, and has an outlook on life that is something gigantic. He has great debating capacities, and we expect to hear of him some future day as a successful lawyer, especially so since he is planning to take up a law course at Chicago U. He is an honor student and in every inch a gentleman. He is a member of the Choir and Glee Club; a member of the Bridge Club, and a member of Kappa Psi fraternity.

**THOMAS RUDOLPH WEBBER**  
Wilmington, N. C.

*"Rudy"*

Member of Scientific Society 3, 4, Instructor in Chemistry 3, Vice-President of Y. M. C. A. 3, 4, charter member of Bridge Club, honor student and member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Here we have a real student who has an infinite capacity for knowledge and whose keen mind holds this knowledge in a ready place. "Rudy" is one of those rare chaps who does anything he undertakes to do exceptionally well. He is perhaps best known because of his musical ability but those of us who know him well know that he is also an expert chemist, a linguist, and a bridge player par excellence.



**ROBERT S. TAYLOR**  
*"Scrappy"*

A product of Cambridge High School, Maryland. "Scrappy" had spent a year here years ago before he decided to finish here. Having had considerable teaching experience, we can understand why he is specializing in educational subjects. We expect him to be superintendent of some school system for it is whispered around that he is in the graft. Member of Baseball Squad 2, 3, Class Basketball 2, 3, 4, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

**C. THEODORE VALENTINE**  
*"Val"*

"Val" hails from Chester High and now lives in Newark. He is indeed a prolific and proficient penman. He is columnist of the *Inter-State Tatler*, corresponding Editor of the *LINCOLN NEWS*, an honor group man, member of Alpha Phi Alpha, head toastmaster of Senior Banquet, Junior partner of Madame Winkler Delicatessen Shoppe, the only Othello extant, member of Soccer Team of '23 and '24, and Manager of Wildcat Baseball Team of '24. He was a member of the Delegation to the Racial Conference at Swarthmore College. Valentine has chosen the field of journalism.

**GEORGE R. WATKINS**  
*"Spuds"*

George comes from Mercersville, N. J., a product of Hampton Institute. "Spuds" is a Senior and an industrious chap. He possesses a strong voice and has utilized it to advantage, being a Junior orator carrying off one of the highly-prized Junior medals. He also won second place in the Senior Oratorical Contest. Watkins is familiarly known as "Spuds," and among his intimate buddies he is much complimented for his intense devotion to the "Queen;" he will study medicine. G. R. W. is a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

**VINCENT E. WOXWORD**  
*"Woxy"*

"Woxy" hails from Princeton, N. J. He had the pleasure of inducting us in to our "Dog" days over the rough roads. Illness interfered with his progress, so he is now one of us. A very diligent chap, quiet and congenial. He has not decided definitely what to do, but we are certain of his success in any field.



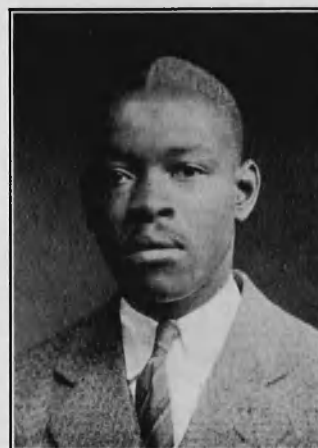
MALCOLM GRAY DADE  
New Bedford, Mass.  
"Mac"

"Mac" prepped at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass. The author of an unpublished volume, entitled "The Revolution of a Professor," or "The Evolution of Prep." Quite a serious chap if you wish to take him that way. Member of varsity debating team and Delta Sigma Chi, the debating fraternity. Goes in for social and Y. M. C. A. work, being a member of the local Y. M. C. cabinet. Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. His aim is law at B. U.



ALBERT H. ANDERSON  
"Andy"

Albert, more generally known as "Andy," is a raw product of Howard High in Wilmington. For some hitherto unseemly reason he entered college. During his four-year exposure he has achieved no small renown. One hears him roaring in bottomless basso on the Glee Club, Choir, and University Quartette; one sees him sporting the key of Phi Lambda Sigma Honorary English Society; one observes him wearing class numerals in Basketball; one finds him under the banners of Alpha Phi Alpha.



ISAIAH T. YOUNG  
"Ike"

Isaiah came to us in our Junior year after preparing at Morgan Academy and Morgan College. Ike is the youngest of the famous brother athletes, one of whom was the late U. S. Young, coach of the University. "Ike" is both a student and an athlete and a good mixer. Though he hails from East Orange, N. J., he has adopted Baltimore as his home for some good reason. He expects to teach and coach after graduation. Member of Varsity Football 3, Basketball 3, 4, Track 3, 4, Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

KENNETH E. FLETCHER  
New Haven, Conn.  
"Ken"

"Ken" came to us from New Haven High School highly recommended as a track man, which "rep" he has more than justified during his four years at Lincoln. "Ken" also sings first tenor in the Glee Club and Choir (when he gets up in time). Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Will study medicine at Howard.

W. L. FORRESTER  
Bridgeport, Conn.  
"Wallie"

Graduated from Bridgeport H. S.; matriculated at Lincoln in Fall of '24. Interested in scientific curricular. Football holds major interest in sports. "Wallie" is campus doctor, a genial and congenial chap with a decided liking for the ladies. He expects to take medicine. "Wallie" is a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

PETER L. HALL  
"Pete"

Peter is a product of Dunbar High, Washington, D. C. Peter has traveled over many lands and the seven seas, and thereby gathered anecdotes and experiences that are interesting to hear. "Pete's" hobby is science, for he spends most of his time in lab. He plans to study medicine. Member of Beta Kappa Chi, student instructor in anatomy, histology and biology.

H. O. JOHNSON  
"H. O."

Graduated from Mary Potter Memorial School; matriculated at Lincoln U in Fall of '24. "H. O." answers to the sobriquet of "Red." He is a star outfielder, is known as the intramural fly-hawk—Pi Lambda Psi's most reliable and brilliant star of the diamond. "Red" is the campus head mailman and is an aspirant for the mantle of the apostles. "H. O." expects to enter the Seminary of his alma mater. Member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

WILLIAM PICKENS, JR.  
"Dean"

William prepared at Townsend Harris Hall. A queer chap indeed—temperamental as most great musicians are, and subject to puerile outbursts of emotion. "Bill" is a good student and has radical leanings. As a pianist he is A No. 1 and he also possesses a good voice. "Bill's" romantic urge has just been called from its dormant stage. He plans to study law. Member of Mask and Wig Club 3, 4, Glee Club 2, 3, 4, and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

JOHN N. SANDERS  
"Fang"

"Fang" hails from Kansas City, Kansas, and spent one of his college years at Wilberforce before joining us. Wit he has, a gift that he revealed after spending a year of taciturnity with us. "Fang" has a laugh that echoes in Cresson Hall after he cracks his usuals for the boys. Member of Glee Club 2, 3, Choir 2, 3, Class Basketball 2, 3, 4.

ALBERT L. SMITH  
"Hermit"

Albert hails from North Fork, W. Va., and came to join us in our Junior year. Albert lives alone like a recluse, mingling little with the students; so little is known about him except that he likes chemistry and plans to study medicine.

DONALD WHEELER WYATT  
"Chink"

This quiet, unassuming person hails from Baltimore and is a very popular fellow. He is very studious and has been an honor student throughout his life at Lincoln. He has specialized in Buncombe and has really enjoyed the courses. He is one of Pi Lambda Psi's few social workers. "Chink" has athletic tendencies also: Cresson A. C. Basketball Team 1, Tennis Team 2, 3, 4, Manager of Tennis Team 4, member of Varsity "L" Club. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, one of the founders of the Bridge Club and plans to spend his life in Social Service work. We wish him much success.



## History of the Class of '28

EARLY in September of 1924, there began to arrive at our local railroad station, all sorts of curious boxes and boys and trunks, bearing strange names and coming from widely different places. These were soon followed by faces and manners equally strange; and at the mercy of hostile sophomores, completely unknown even to one another, we soon found ourselves constituting the Freshman class of that year. Those were the days when sophomores came from St. Louis, Louisville and New Orleans; when the Zeus was ugly, contemptible, and from Baltimore; when the woods were dark and the moon was low; when the distance from Oxford after midnight was more than four miles.

Under these very trying circumstances, we turned naturally to the relief which co-operation and organization usually afford, and the result was the election of D. J. Thomas as our first president. He was assisted by very efficient subordinates, and they succeeded in curbing the activities of our enemies, and we now began to feel at home.

In the annual Sophomore-Freshman football game, we won a moral victory, and only the craftiness of the officials kept us "in our places." We had already been well represented on the Varsity and although that was Lincoln's most successful year on the gridiron, and every position was stoutly contested, two of our men played remarkably well in the Thanksgiving game, and were thus awarded the coveted letter.

But in the annual debate between the two classes, even the artifice and the cunning of the judges could not deny us our desserts, and the result was an unanimous decision in our favor. We were represented by the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina; the former Ambassador to Russia; and one who was later to attract attention as the boy poet.

In the track and field events, we also took prizes, and we still find pleasure in recalling the very brilliant performances of Robinson, Gibson, Bost, West, Bryant, Stanford and the others. In basketball, the Cresson team composed of Silvera, Morse, Wyatt, Carpenter, Penn, Dalton and Jones was the best combination on the campus.

It was not an eventful year at college, this first year at college. Our activities were so definitely restricted and regulated that little social diversion was possible. But it meant for us the beginning of a most precious experience; it meant that we would select our friends according to our own notion of what manhood should be; that now, for the first time, unassisted by our parents with their preferences of neighborhood and denomination, we were at liberty to set our own standards and draw our own conclusions. And out of this experience have come friendships that will be life-long; that will in future years hallow and make sacred the place which fostered them. The beginning of the sophomore year saw many changes. Our president this year was Shelby A. Rooks of North Carolina. A few of our classmates failed to return, but our ranks were recruited by men entering as sophomores from other colleges. We, all of us, returned with the avowed purpose of wreaking vengeance upon the incoming freshman. And so when Zeus Mizell arrived, we had the usual round of shouting, breaking doors and windows, and cutting hair, and midnight excursions. And here's another record. Not one sophomore was suspended from the university that year for haz-

ing. For the first time in the history of the school the freshmen wore tags bearing the image of a dog. (Credit for both of these remarkable achievements is due largely to the Socialist leader from South Carolina.)

In both football and the debate, we again acquitted ourselves well. In the latter we won the cup, in the former we annihilated the "Preps."

The work this year was really more absorbing and interesting than that of the preceding year. Most of us had "the cat," several had chemistry (Chi Sigma); and not a few elected Dean's philosophy. Much of the work of freshman year had been monotonous. But now we began to think of ourselves as college men, and we frequently wrote letters back home using such words as "Pectoantibracialis" and "epiphenomenalism."

Before we could realize that the snow had melted, the invitations were out for Phi Delta Pi's Junior Prom. We didn't think of trying to go ourselves, but we simply said, "If we ever get a chance at that, we'll hit it, and hit it hard." And so we thought of little else during the remainder of sophomore year.

Even when we returned in Junior year, our plans for eclipsing the prom of the previous year were made and everything was done as in preparation for and leading up to the grand event. The officers of the sophomore year had been retained. There were many new men this year coming from the Junior Colleges of the South. The dance in honor of the senior class was the principal event of the year. It was a success, so the pretty girls thought. And who does not remember the party that followed?

The next high spot was Ivy Day. It was conspicuous for its failure. The plans were made; the stone was cut, the programs printed, the caps and gowns at the station (C. O. D.) and then the whole thing upset. The boys decided, well, you don't see any, do you?

Senior year began with the class enrollment practically the same as it had been the preceding year. This year, Earle U. Robinson, of Pennsylvania, was president of the class. On registration day, there was a grand rush for "soft" courses. Everybody elected Practice Teaching, Introduction to Teaching, and History of Education. Even the president's advanced Greek was popular. We wanted our time for other things than study. There were pinochle games; week-end trips; odd hours in the library; basketball games; afternoon naps and midnight "bull sessions," none of which could be neglected for the sake of such inconsequential things as books. The stones and the green benches were now used freely.

The annual ball by the Junior class in our honor was, we must confess, a slight improvement upon our own, and every senior thought the occasion warranted his most genuine respect and gratitude. They're good men—only they came to college a year too late.

And then came commencement. Theodore Espy was selected as salutatorian, and Leon Murray as valedictorian. Both are from Florida. Frameup. (Panicky was sick when he returned from the baseball trip.) Class night undergraduate orations—graduation exercises—senior banquet—senior ball and the trick was done. We had come to college; we had learned a few things about men and books; we had studied (sometimes hard and seriously);

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## Class Prophecy

BY TED VALENTINE

THE Editor of this journal has assigned me to the task of writing a prophecy. It is my final write-up as an undergraduate. And as I retrospect a bit, my write-ups have been terrible but the undergraduate period has been marvelous. I find—as I thought I wouldn't—already a bit of sadness stealing over me as I contemplate the leaving of these classic shades, the enjoyable community life and the leisure; even compulsory chapel and class attendance, the various restrictions and three years of the Refectory food do not inspire the high amount of hatred and denunciation, that they once did.

But back to the subject of Prophecies. I infer—from the type of Prophecies that I have read—that I am—as far as my limitations will allow,—to paint a glorious picture of the sons of Lincoln, leaping obstacles and sprinting all along the rock-ribbed highway that leads to success. Projecting the camera lens into an era some thirty years hence, I am supposed to reveal a glorious setting of pomp, prestige, power, luxury, and international acclaim for each of the present group of Seniors, seventy per cent. of whom were sluggards or possessed of only average ability during their college days. Of the remaining thirty per cent., hand-shakers, snap course choosers, and dull pluggers were generously sprinkled throughout. As long as I don't get personal I can say all this. Hanging in effigy, requires too much effort, hazing is taboo; a jumbled schedule of Track Meets, Baseball Games, pike-watching and Exams will be at hand when this issue makes its appearance. Those reasons plus my heavy battery of loyal supporters such as Belcher, Watson, Morse and a couple of others will probably immunize me from physical injury. However be that as it may, unless things change about so that 2 and 2 make 9; Marcus Garvey becomes Pope of the Catholic Church and the College Humor Magazine becomes a standardized College textbook, Who's Who, or Dun and Bradstreet won't have to go into extra volumes for the insertion of a stupendous list of glowing deeds and marvelous contributions of the present group under discussion. And at that I feel that the present harvest of graduates are not a whit visiting old class rooms, looking up various reminders of other institutions.

Back again to the subject of Prophecies. Here comes the ballyhoo.

### Class Reunion

Time, 1958; Place, Lincoln University; Characters, Members of the Class of 1928.

The men have assembled in the banquet room of the Walter G. Alexander building. The enjoyable duty of visiting old class rooms, looking up various reminders of their college days, and just lolling about, have engaged the attentions of the old grads for the past two days. Now as they are seated about the banquet table, inquiries into the whereabouts and activities of the class members are in order. Omitting all the circumlocutory passages, I present forthwith a chronicle of the world status of the assembled individuals.

Jabez L. Clarke, Master of Ceremonies, is President of Haiti. In his cabinet are: Dr. Theodore Battey, The Right Reverend Shelby Rooks; the popular ex-Harvard Professor Robt. Aurelius Brvant (we knew him in our college days at Panicky), and De Courcy Holder, Editor of the *Haitian Daily Crimes*. Awaiting execution in the new one hundred and ninety-two story jail are the world-famous Radicals

and Revolutionists: Richard Hurst Hill, Theodore Belcher and Lawrence Phillips.

Albert Anderson, James Dorsey, Henry McPherson and Charles Henson, despite their advanced years, are still playing to packed houses on the three-a-day circuit, which includes the three big Earl Robinson Vaudeville Houses, located at Avondale, Oxford and Elkview.

William Stanford, the silvery-tongued orator, is serving his third consecutive term as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pause with me a moment while I shed a tear in memory of our beloved William Pickens, now remembered as the "Mad Pianist" and permanently residing in the Robert Strafford Taylor Psychopathic Hospital for Mental Incurables.

Richard Watson, former U. S. Attorney General, and now engaged again in his private practice, is defending the "Man of a Thousand Loves", William Howard Giles, now up on a charge of Polygamy.

Ernest Kimbrough has the largest Presbyterian Church in Wildwood, New Jersey. Frank Brown is his leading Elder and the Diocese is under the jurisdiction of Bishop Peter Hall.

Fannin Belcher, Joseph Dyer, and David Penn are million dollar year stars in the Waxwood-Wyatt Pictures Corporation.

Malcolm Dade is President of the La-Em Strait Hair Preparation and Sundries Corporation.

Jesse McShane Burnett and Theodore Espy have jointly invented a Never Expiring Cigarette.

Ulysses Bourne, William Sinkler and Earle Smith are dancing instructors in the H. O. Johnson Terpsichorean Academy.

John Peterson is Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. William Paul, Orville Walls and Mark Gibson are Associate Justices.

Hal Timmons is an internationally famous gate crasher.

John Hayward and Louis Harmon are joint owners of a Billiard Emporium in Baltimore. George Coleman is Night Clerk in the Louisville Caulder Hotel.

Roland Jones is head usher in the First Congregationalist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. John Hibbler is the Pastor.

Leon Jackson and Arthur Motley, wearers of Phi Beta Kappa keys and holders of Doctor of Philosophy degrees, are Professors in the College Department of Lincoln University.

Leon Murray is a thrice also-ran candidate for the Florida State Legislature.

Edward Silvera is a writer of Slogans and Composer of that famous Ballad: "For the Middle of her Face is the Scenter."

Albert Smith and Ed Stratton are political bosses.

George Watkins and Rudolph Webber are still residing at the Old Folks' Home.

Kenneth Fletcher was recently appointed Postmaster General of Liberia, succeeding Marcus Carpenter who has gone into the Cocoanut business.

Herbert St. Clair holds a concession at Monte Carlo and Isaiah Young and John Sanders are Baccarat Dealers in the main salon of the Monte Carlo Casino.

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## Mid-Deer Graduates, '29

MELVIN W. MASON

Melvin comes from a small island in the West Indies. This young man is very quiet and modest. He reads Latin better than some of us can read English, and as for science, he is impatient because he must wait a few more months before he can start his medical subjects. Melvin will graduate in February with honors, we are certain.



MELVIN MASON

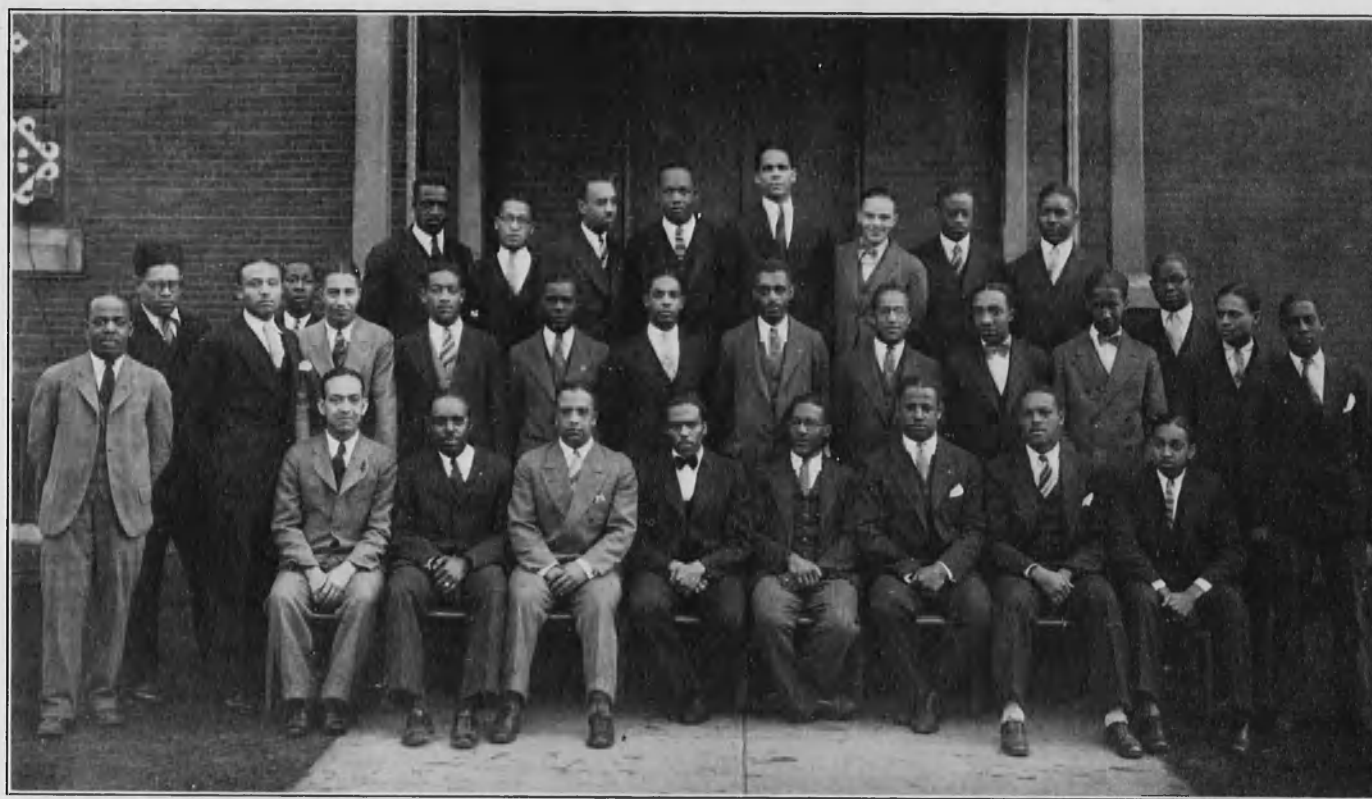


THEODORE WILLIAMS

THEODORE C. WILLIAMS

"Chubby"

"Chubby" is one of our heavyweight students—heavy in weight and heavy with the ladies. He comes from Jersey City, where smart young students are not bookworms, but social barons. A very congenial chap, once cynical, but again in love can be said of him. His scholastic interests have earned him a niche among the honor men listed in the catalogue. We are sorry he started a semester too late to finish with us. Theodore will study medicine after graduation.



THE CLASS OF 1929

## History of '29—Junior Class

IN the Fall of '25, seventy men, quite green, marched up the oft-trod path of Lincoln's campus for the first time. We received a "gorgeous" welcome, in fact there was too much enjoyment, but that joy was too one-sided. Of that former number now, only twenty-five remain. 'Tis almost like the stand of "The Last of the Mohicans," for each year the number of original students of the class lessens. Of this seventy (listed in the '25 and '26 catalogue) some were claimed by the class of '28, some are married, and others dropped out for reasons unknown to us.

Horace Lassiter entered the "World" from which no mortal was ever known to return. Paul Gibson and Hampton Haith have become affiliated with the order of St.

Benedick's. "Wop" Edwards, we hear, is carrying the "pretties" around in Georgia this year. Benjamin Labaree is a student at Princeton. Thurgood Marshall came back this year, but due to an accident, was forced to leave school for this term. The same was the fate of James K. (Chicago) Steele. Rev. Scott, we understand, has quite a large church in one of the Southern States.

In its second and third years '29 welcomed to its ranks many newcomers, which helped fill the depleted ranks. Phi Delta Theta is the smallest class on the campus, and is perhaps the weakest as regards athletics, but whether weak or strong, whether large or small, our class just the same.



PHI LAMBDA SIGMA LITERARY SOCIETY

### Phi Lambda Sigma Literary Society

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JOHN HAYWOOD	

### LITERATI

LANGSTON HUGHES belongs to the school of young Negro Poets. His two volumes of poems, "Weary Blues" and "Fine Clothes to An Old Jew" have been heralded as one of the achievements of the New Negro. This young student, once prolific with his poetical expressions and "blues" interpretations has forsaken the muses to study. We expect him to resume writing not only in poetry, but also in prose.

Edward Silvera writes poetry that earns the praise of critics who generally dislike most of the art of young Negro writers. His poems have appeared in magazines and *Caroling Dusk*, an anthology edited by Countee Cullen. We are expecting a volume of verse from him in the future.

George C. Morse has a satirical propensity that makes his prose effective. George says he is going to be an iconoclast and write essays and novels that will be different. His work with the LINCOLN NEWS as editor has stamped him already as a journalist.

Theodore Valentine is a humorist whose articles about Lincoln and its students appear weekly in *The Inter-State Tattler*. He has a talent to write satire that will make one laugh and yet reveal an undertone of truth that is food for thought. Journalism is his well-chosen field.

Fannin S. Belcher, student instructor in English, has had an article "Black Magic and White" published by the *Messenger*. We are expecting to read stories and essays by him in the future.



## Poet's Corner

### LOVER'S RETURN (Song for a Deserted Woman)

*Ma old time daddy  
Came back home last night.  
His face was pale an'  
His eyes didn't look just right*

*He says to me I'm  
Comin' home to you  
So sick an' lonsome  
I don't know what to do.*

*O, men treats women  
Just like a pair o' shoes.  
I say treats women  
Like a pair o' shoes—,  
They kicks 'em round an'  
Does 'em like they choose.*

*I looked at ma daddy,—  
Lawd! an' I wanted to cry.  
He looked so thin,—  
Lawd! that I wanted to cry.  
But de devil told me  
Damn a lover  
Comes home to die!*

LANGSTON HUGHES.

### NOW—TO LINCOLN

*Your sunsets  
Are a red gold voice  
Singing a sad amen,  
And the gray cloud streak  
Over Oxford way  
Is a finger  
Writing  
"The End."*

EDWARD SILVERA, '28.

### CONFESSION TO THE ETERNAL SHE

*Someday I will be your lost ecstasy  
When your lips cease to utter love's lay,  
For I am the god your love created  
A god with feet of clay.*

*Some day I will be your fondest dream  
That will into fragments crumble,  
And you will see me through a mist of tears  
Broken, despised and humble.*

*Some day your shrine of love where stands  
My image to remember when I was born,  
Will be a dismal vaulted tomb  
For me, the dead creature of your scorn.*

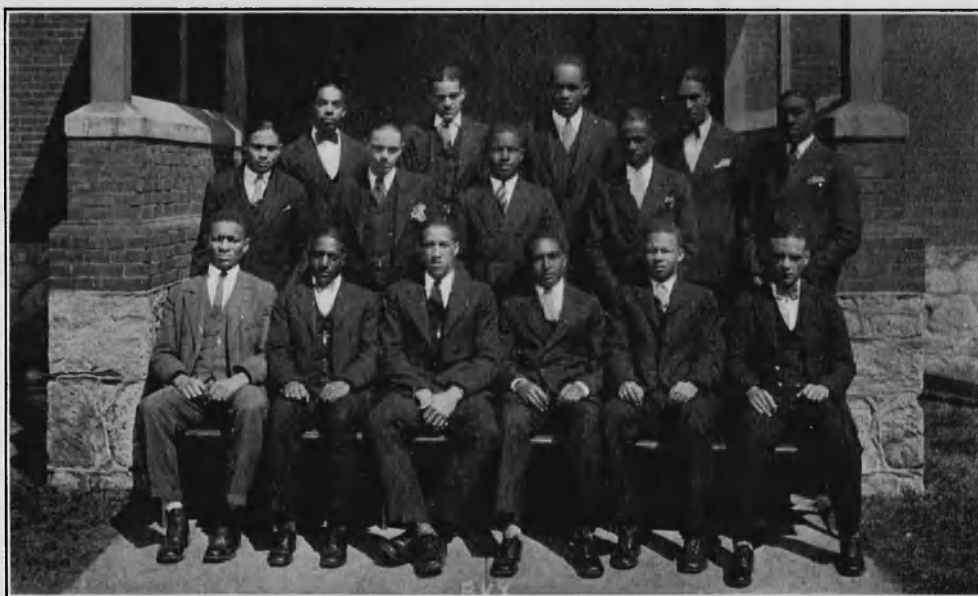
*For I have known such deaths before—  
In such numerous tombs have I lain,  
I do not care to be resurrected  
And be forced to live and die again.*

GEORGE CHESTER MORSE, '22.

### NEGRO COMPOSER

*Bring me the weirdness  
Of a jungle night—  
Bring me the sighs of tropic winds  
Blowing through palm trees—  
Bring me the staccato of tom toms  
Beaten by bare black boys  
Bring me the aching breast of a jungle maiden  
And the prayerful fervor  
Of my forefathers—  
Bring me rhythm  
That I may sing  
A sad soul song  
To the broken heart  
Of the world.*

EDWARD SILVERA, '28.



BETA KAPPA CHI SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

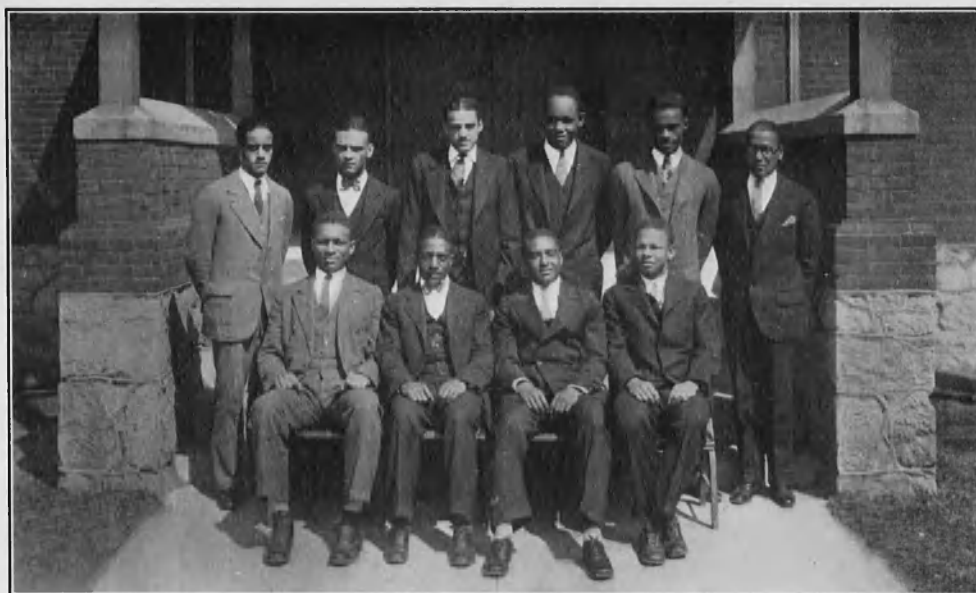
### Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society

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STUDENT INSTRUCTORS



### The Mask and Gown

**D**OES anyone doubt that the Mask and Gown is not one of Lincoln's permanent organizations? If so, ask anyone of the students who saw the productions given in Livingston Hall this year. This will convince one that the society is progressive rather than retrogressive.

The Mask and Gown Society was organized in 1926 by a small group of students, who felt that this type of culture could be beneficial to the other members of the student body. These few artists were ridiculed for their attempts, and progress was very slow. None of the students thought it possible to produce real plays, since this was a non-co-educational school. Spurred on, rather than discouraged by these criticisms, the club succeeded in presenting two one-act plays during the first year. These were: Lady Gregory's "Rising of the Moon" and Cecil D'Assisi's "Brothers."

In the meantime Mr. Boothby had become interested in the work and was chosen as the faculty consultant. This last fall our advisor returned with many new ideas that he had gained thru his summer's experience in theatre work.

The second year has been rather eventful. Six one-act plays have been presented, stage scenery has been built, lights have been installed, and a regular work-shop course has been conducted.

As a mark of definite progress, the members of this society will present Eugene O'Neill's eight-act play, "The Emperor Jones," on the evening of May 19, 1928.

## Lincoln University Quartette



William  
Hill

John  
Robinson

James  
Dorsey

Albert  
Anderson

**T**HE Lincoln University Glee Club was founded in September, 1924, by James E. Dorsey, its present under-graduate director. The number supporting the Club at that time was rather small, but it has been interesting to notice that with each year the number has increased and the quality of the voices has improved. It has also been interesting, as well as encouraging, to see how diligently the men have worked, without any definite objects in view.

After the club had been organized about five months and some progress had been made, the director thought it fitting and proper to give a Spring recital, in order to display what work the Club had done. This concert being a great success, it was decided to have this musical feast each year. At the end of the first year of this organization, it lost a few members from its ranks by graduation. However, each member thought that the year had been a success.

At the opening of the second year of school the members quickly got together, with it whispered that there would probably be a Glee Club trip. This trip did mature in the form of a three-day trip to Baltimore. In Baltimore the Club sang for the Presbyterian General Assembly. This with the annual recital, the second year closed.

The third year offered the Club a few minor trips. Other than this, the year was uneventful.

Then came the banner year, 1928. As each member of the Club returned to begin preparations for the year's activities, they were told by Mr. Dorsey that large plans were made for the year.

The first engagement was one that was held in Chester, Pa., at the third Presbyterian Church. The occasion was the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod.

In November the Glee Club presented to the public on their campus a concert of old favorite songs. This recital however was an extra feature. The annual program came in May.

As a farewell and closing big feature for the year 1928 the Glee Club made a ten day tour of the East. Prior to this ten day tour there was a trip made to Havre de Grace, Maryland, for a one night's performance. The schedule for the Eastern tour was, a concert in Philadelphia, one at Princeton, one in Newark, N. J., four days in New York, and the final concert was held in New Haven, Connecticut. Also, during the course of the tour, the Club broadcasted from four stations.

Much honor and praise is due Mr. Dorsey for his four years of hard and noble work. He will graduate this year and it is with regret that the University loses such a good man.

C. EDWARD HENSON.

### HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '28

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we had been advanced from year to year; we had shared brawls and wrangles and triumphs and failures. But now our paths were to diverge; our interests were to become specialized, selfish and provincial; we were suddenly translated to that mysterious realm which the visiting speakers had called "the world."

The first fact-finding and stock-taking conclave will be held in the trophy room in 1938. Be there.

SHELBY A. ROOKS.

### CLASS PROPHECY

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Arthur Bailey is an Elephant Trainer, traveling with the Daniel Perry-Isaac Faulkner Circus.

Theodore Anderson and Wallace Forrester have been following the horses for the past twenty years. They are Street Cleaners.

Harvey McKinley Diggs is a feature writer for the George C. Morse Syndicate of Newspapers.

You ask about myself; how simple and uninformed you are. I am the World's Biggest Liar.





GLEE CLUB

## SOPHISTICATION

I am the world. I am what is good and what is bad. I am society in all its splendor. I am vulgarity in all its debauchery. I am worldly wisdom. I am the mean, the neutral, and the extreme. I am sophistication.

I have intrinsic value. I am of real worth. I help some and they flee. I avoid others and they collide with me. The majority seek me and all find me, say the idiots. Those never know me, for their ancestors have sought me too vigorously. Seek me gradually and I will help you; imitate me continually and I will destroy you and yours. To know me thoroughly is self assurance. Self assurance is the foundation stone of that unsurpassable quality—the quality that every leader possesses—the power of possession. To know me scantily is to be a blind man trodding familiar paths. To know me scarcely is possible deception, sure perception, but never assurance. To be ignorant of me is to be alone in a pitch black jungle. The jungle appears thus to you, for you are unaware of the world's affairs. The jungle is dangerous, for it contains cruel beasts of prey, who are ever lurking to snatch unsophisticated beings. It exhibits many superficialities, sweet scented, alluring poisons. Dare you taste of these? No, not without my consent. I am the director of all events, poise, nervousness, deeds of valor, crimes of lust, ambition, laziness, perseverance, despondency, social approval, and embarrassment. I am the criminal, I am the judge.

Sooner or later, you must know me. Obliterate your fears and sip of the magic fount of worldly wisdom. I am inevitable. To live and die a normal life is to know me. I am the Omega of human perfection.

Ah, what it costs to know me. I have made angelic maidens, harlots. I have transformed the hale and robust into human ghouls. To know me wisely is a blessing. To know me in folly is a scourge. Shadows of the past, memories of yesterday, sweet, bitter reminiscences, all these I have caused, yes, I, golden sophistication, beaming monster.

U. VALERIO FONTAINE. '30.

## WHY I CAME TO LINCOLN

Lincoln! What's in the name? It represents all the true and noble ideals of this, our great American democracy. A name that brings fond reminiscences of that illustrious martyr and saviour. Born humble, yet that man rose to those lofty heights, which all of us some day hope to attain. How, then, can one resist the name of Lincoln.

A beaten path has been trodden to the very doors of Lincoln by those who now form, in most communities, a truly influential and beneficial element. It was through one of these sons of Lincoln that I was made to see the most glorious light of that wonderful institution, leading the way to higher attainments. Again, it was through this alumnus that I was persuaded to follow in the paths of those, who have gone on before me. He disclosed the advantages of seeking a cultural education at Lincoln. A healthful locality, suitable equipment, a capable faculty, and an excellent curriculum, all helping to make Lincoln an institution recognized throughout the civilized world.

Then in this modern day; world learning is absolutely essential. There is a new trend of thought and an awakening to new responsibilities. The tide of the ignoramus is at ebb flow with very little probability of rising again. Naturally, I didn't want to be in that fading class, so I determined to seek a higher education.

To what ends of this big old world has that good old Lincoln spirit not penetrated? I'm sure they are few. A spirit that is magnetic, drawing raw recruits to higher education and ideals, and moulding men to build a stronger, finer nation. A spirit touching the hearts of men, drawing them closer together in bonds of brotherly love, a prime law of our Deity.

I came to Lincoln to improve myself and to better my condition, for no man progresses without the view-point before him of improving his station in life. I want to make this life, cold and drab as it is, interesting to myself and to others as far as I am able. Lastly, I want to be not a man-servant, hut a servant of men.

LEON THOMAS, '31.

## VIEWS OF A NON-FRATERNITY MAN

That person who is not a brother to someone is a *rara avis* in American society. The American negro does not boast of having many *Babbets* in his ranks, but he does boast of an extensive and intensive fraternity life. It seems that we have adopted the ancient practice of *totemism*, for we are recognized as Elks, Reindeer, Moose, etc., if not Odd Fellow, Mason or Knight of this Order and that Order. Once a year, the representatives of a clan assemble for a great display, at which time thousands of dollars are squandered in what is termed a good time—and the outlet for repressed desires of political ambition is assured him at the convention. The one queer feature of such organizations is the claim that they are brothers when the diversity and dissimilarity of its members are so much in evidence.

The intelligentsia of colored America can be divided into four fraternities. It is unnecessary to question if fraternities contain the nucleus. Every ordinary college youth tries to make a fraternity because he thinks it will add considerably to his prestige. And often he trades his individuality, his ideals and common sense for this prestige. I speak chiefly of those individuals who become afflicted with the "fraternity complex."

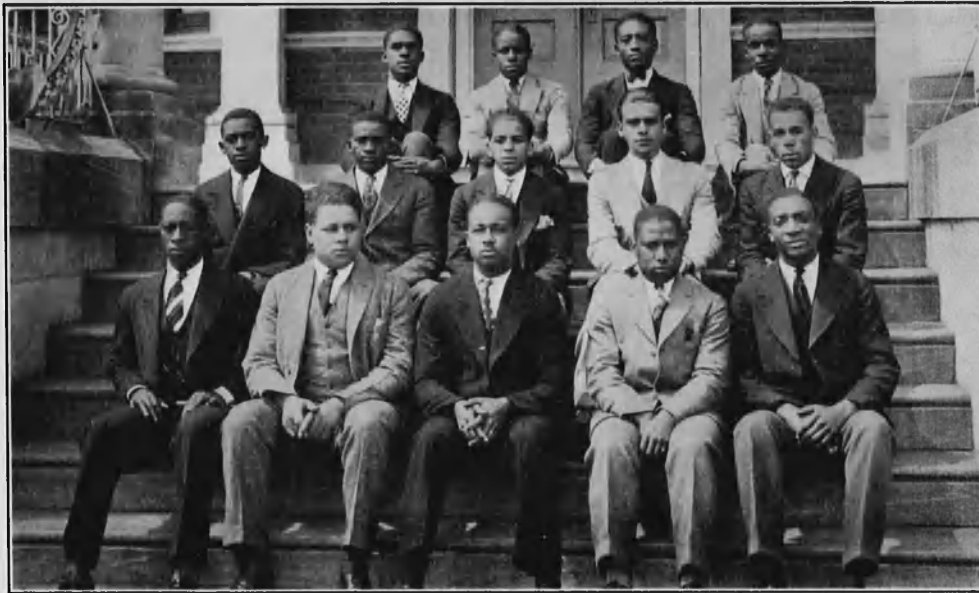
During the period of the fraternity rush the prospective member is spotted. He is spotted for the following reasons: He may have pulchritude, a light complexion, family prestige, athletic ability and money. These form the criterion. Not so easily considered is that person having personality that is not "collegiate," nor sartorial inclinations, though he has character and is fit raw material for the college mill. And it is because of the above criteria that I have mentioned, that I established my opinion that fraternities are artificial and superficial.

And, too, the exclusiveness that they claim is a myth. At least ninety per cent of the students of a college become members of one of the four national fraternities. An average student is eligible—the ideals that are expressed so reverently at times are only *shibboleths*. Maybe I should not have mentioned that. Maybe I should be narrow. It is so much easier to be so.

There are two practices that are usually concerned because they seem inevitable. If so, they are a reflection upon intelligent people. First, fraternities become live political parties, in which the spoils system is indulged to the greatest extent. Merit is discarded into the ash can—and this office and that office are held by men who owe their success to fraternity backing.

The intelligentsia of colored America are social snobs. Prejudices are based on pins and color. Visitors who come

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DELTA SIGMA CHI SOCIETY

## Debating Activities

**L**INCOLN UNIVERSITY has long held an enviable position among the Negro colleges for turning out men who handled themselves with assurance and eloquence on the public platform. This traditional characteristic of Lincoln is kept alive by the various Oratorical prizes offered to the several classes and collegiate Debating. Of debating I shall treat briefly in this article.

First I should say that the program offered this current year has been such as to arouse a great deal of interest.

Lincoln University began several years ago to make efforts to secure on her debating schedule a few of the leading white Institutions of higher learning.

Last year we had on our schedule the celebrated Oxford team, from across the seas. These men had met most of the representative colleges and universities in our country. They were efficient and very adequately prepared men, both academically and through experience, yet they paid glowing tribute to the team, which represented the Orange and Blue.

Later during the same year we met in combat on the platform a team representing Penn State College. Those two inter-racial debates were supplemented later by the historic Triangular debates between Howard, Virginia Union and Lincoln. A very keen rivalry exists between these institutions in every form of competition, it is no less intense in debating than in other activities.

The first great debating embroglio on our program this year called for action between Lincoln versus the British Union team, composed of representatives from Cambridge, University of London and Edinburgh respectively.

Our second encounter was Lincoln pitted against the Harvard Liberal Club.

In the Lincoln versus British Union team the subject discussed was Resolved: That the present attitude of the Anglo-Saxon toward the Colored people under their control is unjustifiable and prejudicial to progress. Lincoln upholding the negative.

This debate was held in New York City, a packed house overflowing the spacious Mother Zion A. M. E. Church to hear the interesting argumentative contest.

The second named debate occurred in Boston, Mass. The

question discussed was, Resolved: That further intermixing of races in the United States is undesirable.

We next met Penn State here on our Campus. Our subject was, Resolved: That the U. S. should cease to protect the capital of its citizens invested in foreign countries. Our audience consisted preponderantly of our student body, the faculty and a few visitors.

Our next debate found our team journeying South to Lynchburg, Virginia, to appear against Virginia Seminary. The subject was the same as in the Penn State debate. In the former the Lincoln team upheld the affirmative, in the latter the negative.

This brief summary brings us up to the present. Before this first issue in annual form dedicated to the Senior Class of '23 will have come from the press the triangular series of Lincoln vs. Howard vs. Union, etc., will have been settled for this year of 1923. Thus an epochal year in the debating annals of Lincoln University will have come to a close.

This brief summary would not be complete without mentioning the names of the men who have played a very prominent role in debating within recent years.

Richard Hurst Hill is a veteran of four years of inter-collegiate debating. Last year he appeared against Oxford, Penn State and Howard. This year he has debated The British Union Team and the Harvard Liberal Club.

Malcolm Dade, Mark Gibson, Thurgood Marshall and Joseph A. Bailey gained varsity experience last year and have been ably upholding Lincoln's prestige in all debates this year.

The triangular debates will bring to the fore several new names, due to the retirement of R. H. Hill and Malcolm Dade and the withdrawal of Thurgood Marshall from college due to ill health. These new names are: F. A. DeCosta and Franklin B. Diggs; Arthur B. Lee debated in the triangle last year. This last named team will represent Lincoln against Howard; J. A. Bailey, F. Turner, and M. M. Gibson will journey to Richmond, Va., to meet Virginia Union University. The triangle will end our debating activities for the year.

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## Athletics

By WALTER E. LONGSHORE

**L**INCOLN UNIVERSITY suffered during the year 1927-28 one of the most unfortunate seasons in all lines of sports that she has ever known. Ill luck camped upon the trail of all our teams both when they sallied forth into foreign regions and when they gave battle to the invading foe upon home ground.

The men fought hard, giving their all, but that smooth, machine-like co-operation was very conspicuous by its absence. Some laid the blame at the doorstep of individuals, some upon the lack of material, but to me it seems that something was lacking, something which burned in the hearts of such men as Jazz Bird and Calloway, moving them to superhuman deeds for their Alma Mater, something without which no team can ever hope to attain the lofty pinnacles of success, that is, spirit.

That old Lincoln spirit, known of old, of which men sung, boasted, wrote and toasted, was strangely missing this year.

### FOOTBALL

Dr. Edward Morrison took up the reins so unexpectedly let fall by the much regretted death of our beloved Coach Young, fondly and admiringly called Gil Dobie by the fellows. He resumed his position as coach in September and commenced to whip into shape a squad of stalwart men freely interspersed and veterans.

Around a nucleus of old men such as: Hats Wells, Captain, Julie Martin, Motley, Hibbler, Dyer, Bryant, Jip Taylor, Preston, Charleston, Temple and Robinson, plus such new men as: Mahood, Avery Harmon, Young, Sydnor, Jackson, Pierce, Clark, LaMar, and Allen, Coach Morrison and Ernie Martin moulded together a fighting eleven.

The season opened on September thirtieth, at which time the lions traveled to Greensboro, North Carolina, where they lost a game to A. and T., 19-0. From then until November twelfth the boys fared hard at the hands of Dame Hard Luck, dropping games to Union, 6-0, Virginia State, 20-0, Tuskegee, 16-0, and West Virginia Institute, 20-6. For a while it seemed that the boys had hit their stride when they stampeded Shaw, 53-0. On Thanksgiving, Howard took the classic, drubbing us to the tune of 19-0.

Preston, Bryant, Temple and Clarke performed consistently and well. Julie Martin, injured in the first game at A. and T., and out of the game until the Howard game, was elected captain for 1928.

### SOCCER

A new sport was inaugurated here last fall in the form of a soccer team. Although they had no collegiate schedule, the baby lions, captained by "Shorty" Gibson of debating fame, vanquished several local teams. It is expected that this branch of athletics will be shown more interest and made a letter sport in the coming year.

### BASKETBALL

A very large squad of promising looking material reported to Doc Morrison's call for aspiring "courtmen." Of course all the vets: Theo. Young, Dick Whittington, "Beak" Silvera, "Stretch" Timmons and Carpenter, led by Captain Lou Harmon, were back again. Hawkins and Sydnor, two "preps", made good and showed up well under fire.

The team traveled extensively, invading the South once on a ten day tour, coming back only to hop out to the

Windy City for a crack at the fast Savoy Big Five. As a whole the season was pretty good. "Ike," our stellar guard, made All-American. Sydnor was placed on the All-American second team. Dick Whittington will be captain for next year. More power to "Precious."

The season's basketball results:

Lincoln, 34; Scholastics, 15.  
 Lincoln, 30; Scholastics, 28.  
 Lincoln, 14; Virginia Seminary, 37.  
 Lincoln, 39; Shaw, 15.  
 Lincoln, 32; Shaw, 12.  
 Lincoln, 20; Virginia State, 16.  
 Lincoln, 29; Union, 23.  
 Lincoln, 31; Hampton, 25.  
 Lincoln, 31; Savoy Big Five, 36.  
 Lincoln, 34; Hampton, 39.  
 Lincoln, 23; Howard, 25.  
 Lincoln, 21; Howard, 42.  
 Lincoln, 20; Morgan, 25.  
 Lincoln, 17; Morgan, 25.

### BASEBALL

Spring is here with all its contemporaries: flowers, grass, birds, blossoms, flies and baseball. Captain Anderson and Coach Morrison have the boys pretty well in shape.

On the Southern trip our nine trounced Hampton, Howard, and St. Paul and in turn came out on the short end of the score against Durham, Petersburg and St. Paul. Not so bad, eh?

Andy is being ably supported in the infield by Dick Temple, Jit Taylor, Jim Jackson and Mackay. Chasing the pillet out in the open spaces we have Jones, Senkler, Clark, Jackson. The battery men are Jerry Harmon, Redman, Panicky Bryant, Stafford, Charleston, LaMar, Johnson. Hibbler is talking a great game again this season.

### TRACK

The lure of the cinder path has assembled an aggregation of men and old men, primed and ready for all comers. We have with us the following men of last year: Captain Mitchell Fletcher, Derry, "Little Mitch" Longshore, Lucas and Bach. Our new stellar additions are: Sydnor, New Jersey high and broad jump champion, who is expected not only to break the C. I. A. A. broad jump record, but also to try out for the Olympics this summer: John Silvera is showing up remarkably well in the double furlong; Clarence Wilson, of East Side High, is taking charge of everything in the sprint line; Baskerville is coming along rapidly in the century dash. Especial notice should be given to the fact that all of four above-mentioned are from New Jersey.

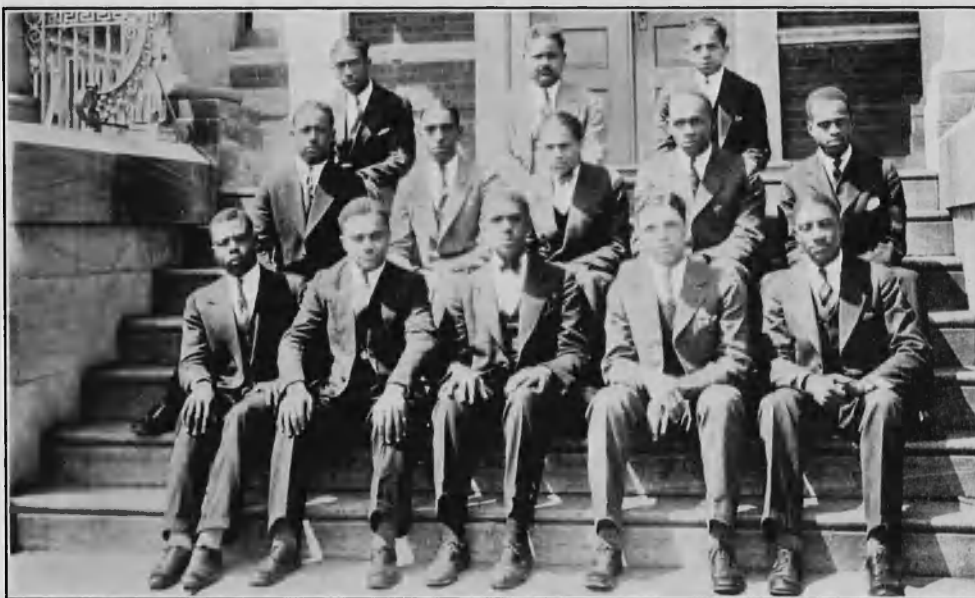
This is the one team that is expected to make a good showing. Under the watchful eye of Joe Rainey, Lincoln's new track coach, the men are gradually reaching the acme of condition. We are headed unwaveringly toward the C. I. A. A. championship.

### MISCELLANEOUS SPORT ITEMS

Intramural Basketball got off to a false start this year. When it became evident that the Sophomore Class would win the championship, the league was strangely disbanded. Well, the upper classmen were faring rather badly.

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Y. M. C. A. CABINET



STUDENT COUNCIL

## VIEWS OF A NON-FRATERNITY MAN

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here are seized by their brothers lest they become contaminated by associating with others of different fraternal affiliations. And the superb dansante where youth and old age, too, express their ecstacy with rhythmic grace, is conspicuous for the absence of dark girls. A dark girl, though she be beautiful, intelligent and decent, is a sound taboo. And we poke out our chests, exclaiming, "I'm a fraternity man.

I am a Moo Moo, or Ro Ro."

I am sorry that I am so ignorant, but I hope to be intelligent some day, so that I may be a member of the intelligentsia. I am not a fraternity man, so the complex has not visited me. I didn't spring from the elite portion of our race, and you will have to forgive me if I think I am as good as you. I don't know any better.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

### Excerpts of History of '30

**T** WAS on a sunny day of '26 that the halls of Lincoln University once again resounded with the clamor of Autumnal greetings. To the Seniors it would be "One Year to Live." To the Juniors it was once more "Thy sacred soil, thy campus green," the dear old "Profs," and "Junior Prom." For the Sophomores it was to Autumn the usual TWO WEEKS, Winter, Spring and Track Meet.. The Freshmen it seemed just one endless period of perennial humiliation, barrel staves, leather factories, woods, etc.

Lincoln was the recipient of 118 untried but true Freshmen. Their first class meeting was similar to a gathering of unemployed at the gates of a mill. However, they managed to hold an election and Horace Dwiggans, an impressive chap who hailed from Kansas City, was elected President.

Summer vacation with all its gayety and impecurocity ended. The clang of the Chapel bell, the din of returned "Lincoln Men," and the uneasy feeling of the new Freshmen was very apparent. The class of '30 were not Sophomores. They were the jolly "Wise Fools." The faculty called a class meeting and lectured to them concerning the absolute abolition of hazing in the most minute form. However, a "soph" is a youth and a youth's will is the wind's will. They proceeded to persist in relentless hazing. Often have the students been aroused by the loud barkings from "Dogdom." Many a fair lady has received the most humorous type of letter written unwillingly by some victimized "canine."

#### DEBATING ACTIVITIES

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Intercollegiate debating occupies a very prominent place in extra-curricula activities here on our campus. The schedules are destined to remain attractive because the contacts formed already have proved to be desirable in many ways. The lower classmen of Lincoln are interested in debating, hence our prestige on the platform will remain secure for the present—and we hope—forever, for excellence in debating is one of the glorious traditions of our Alma Mater and worthy of her son's best efforts.

#### ATHLETICS

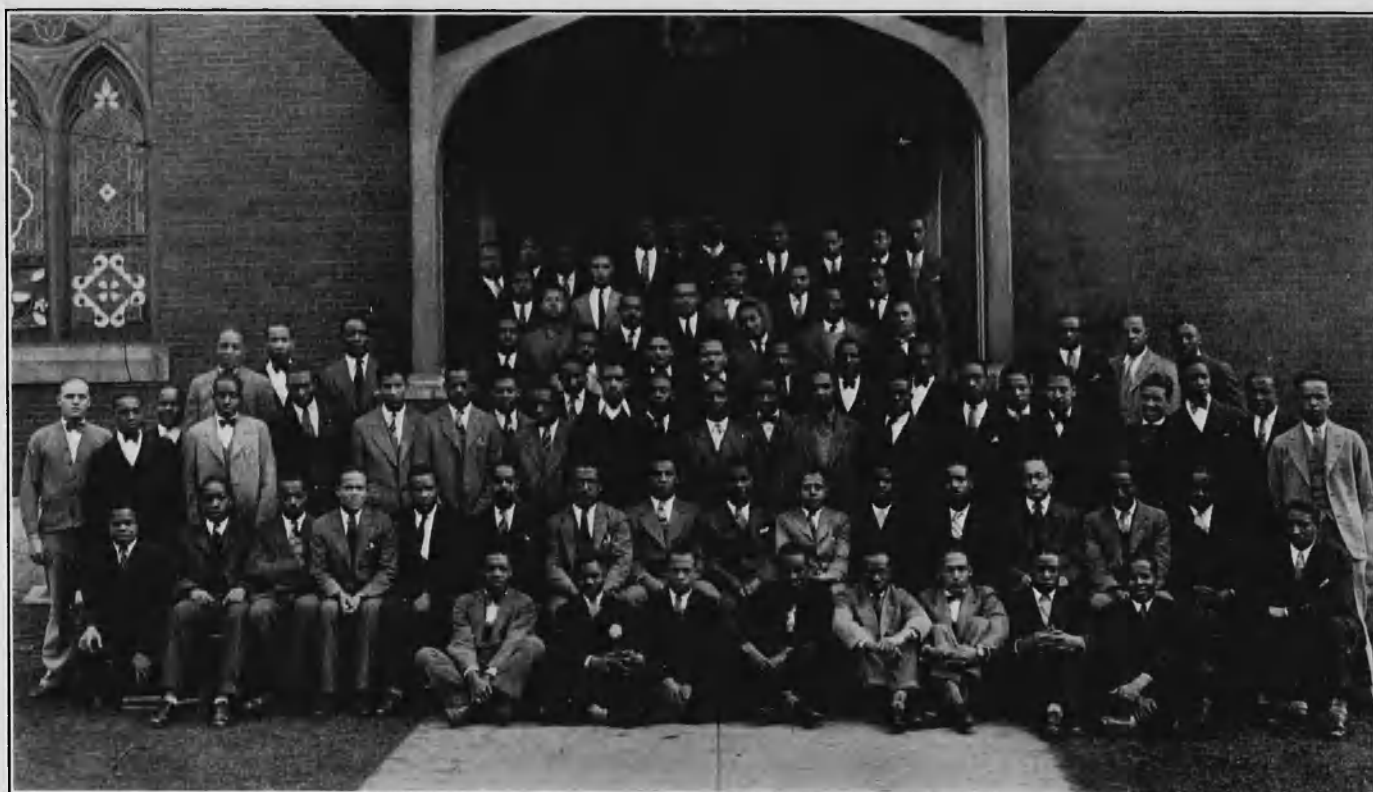
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The Kampus Klassic was won again this year by the class of 1930. What, you don't know what this is? Why, the Freshman-Sophomore football game, of course.

Interfraternal basketball was attempted for the first time this year and proved unsuccessful financially. The four local chapters comprised the league: Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi.

The tennis team can be seen most any time on the courts getting in trim for the tournaments.

The Caesar Latin class shows signs of developing some future jockeys equal to Earl Sande, Fator or any of them. The ponies are running well this year.



FRESHMAN CLASS

### History of Our Freshman Class

THE moon has completed her course but seven times since opportunity arose full in her heighth, and stretched her hands in all four directions of our country to rest upon the heads of all those individuals, in whose breasts there dwelt a great desire for the further development of that most tender, sacred, and precious possession of all human beings, the mind. These individuals met on a common mental field, Lincoln University, and formed the Freshman Class, the Class of '31.

The situation was indeed a perplexing one; every high school senior was actually swept off of his feet by the breeze of college life, to lie prostrated, a degraded being in the dust of respect; every individual was knocked from the pinnacle of pride, and self-conceit, to rest a man aware of his position and his work to follow.

Even though they were in the midst of their first college mid-year exams, three of their most worthy number trotted out on the basketball court, and displayed such rare form that they remained on the squad the entire season, two of whom were amongst the seven basketballers to get their L's.

You may survey any phase of the college activities, and you will find that the Class of '31 is doing its part to keep the colors of "dear old Lincoln" flying high above the degrading dust. In baseball they have an entire team on the squad, for nine of their "adored idols" are doing their bit to make the team emerge victorious; and in track, the possible prospects are almost innumerable.

In this manner has this single unit kept moving along; not as individuals suffering under humiliation and subjection, but as individuals striving, exultingly, and joyfully toward the far but easily perceptible goal, a higher mental development.

They had to have the means and force by which to proceed sanely, and they found them in the following men:

J. F. HARMON, *President*,  
L. E. LAMAR, *Vice-President*,

W. F. JACKSON, *Secretary*,  
T. F. HAWKINS, *Treasurer*,

F. A. HAWKINS, *Parliamentarian*.

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THE LINCOLN NEWS staff wish to express our deep and grateful appreciation for the support which we are receiving from Alumni and friends for this COMMENCEMENT NUMBER. You will probably notice that the spaces are curtailed. This is due to a greater bulk of literature than was anticipated, and the request of many doctors that we omit their addresses, so as to relieve this of the appearance of advertisement.

Hereafter, we shall adopt the policy of asking only those Alumni who are having class reunions, to support the COMMENCEMENT NUMBER for that year. The greater advantage of this system to you and to us is quite obvious. We approach you at intervals of ten years, and others, in the meantime, may subscribe each year, \$1.50 for the paper.

Below is listed the names of those who, in extending us their compliments, are quite nobly and loyally contributing to the financial support of this issue. Others are still being solicited, and any probable surplus of funds will go towards next year's activities. Will you send yours?

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