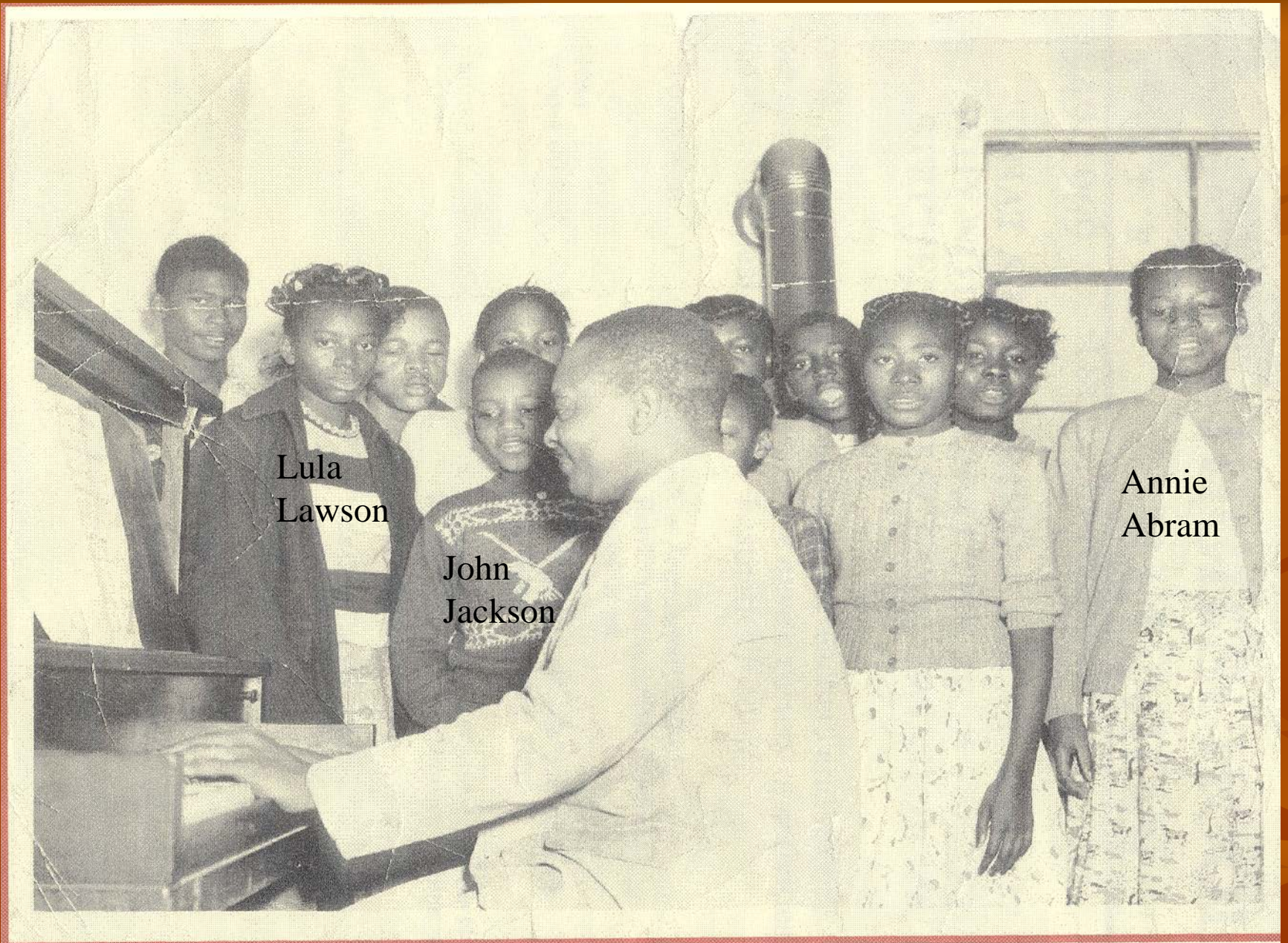


PSES first opened in 1949. 1949 PSES photo
(from left to right): Cora Wilson, teacher at
first PSES; Carrie Anderson, first PSES
principal; student; Mr. Harrison, music teacher



Mrs. Carrie Anderson, First Principal at “old Pearl Stephens Elementary School” located on Clay Street in Warner Robins, 1949-1953



Mr. Harrison, music teacher, Class at Old Pearl Stephens 1950

From left:

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Negro Woman Gives Site for New School

By HILDA ROBUCK

WARNER ROBINS — Pearl Stephens is a tall, wiry woman, with a coppery skin and high cheekbones that denote a smattering of Indian blood. She lives in the house she was born in 63 years ago, out Fagan Mill Road about one mile from Warner Robins. Recently, Pearl gave an acre and a half of her 13 acres, all she owns in the world, for a new school for the children of her community.

During the war years, Pearl says, the colored children had to go four miles to Oak Ridge School, or four miles up to Elberta School. Through her efforts, permission was obtained to establish a school in the Union Grove Baptist Church, with two teachers furnished by the Houston County board of education, and books furnished by the state. Here, more than 90 colored children have spent four years in school.

Pearl says she was helping Marie Hunt to render lard for the Wellston Grocery, when her great idea came to her. She knew there was some dissatisfaction among

the church members regarding the children using the church for school, for the usual deterioration of property had set in, and the young folks were not helping it any. Earlier efforts to raise funds to buy a lot for a school had netted \$6 over two years, and Pearl told Marie she would be willing to give some of her land for the school, if the board would accept it, and have her little farm surveyed.

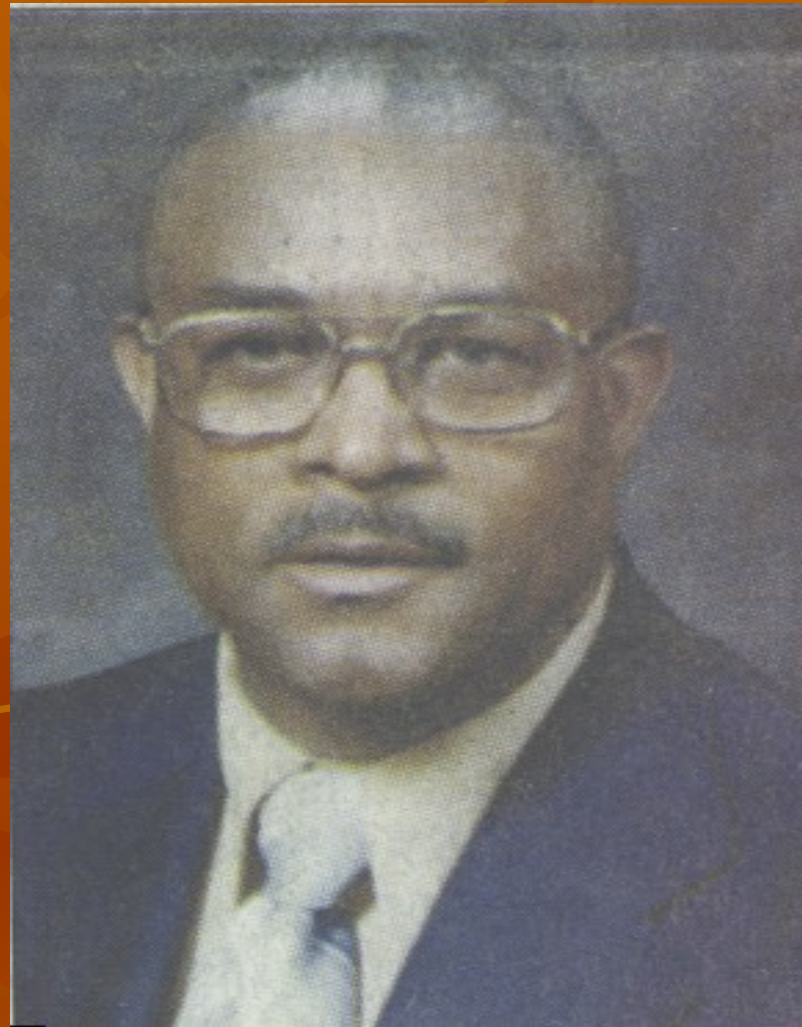
THE BOARD was only too glad to accept Pearl's offer and chose a well-situated tract far off the road, to lessen the danger of traffic accidents to smaller children. Contracts have been let to "Doc" Bellflowers, Perry contractor, who will begin immediately the construction of a two-room concrete block school. Pearl hopes that some way will be worked out for them to have an auditorium, as there is a strong P-TA in the school, and the children could give programs and do their club work if they had a place.

Pearl is the mother of nine living children, and raised 18, several of them being her sister-in-law's, after she died.

The principal of the school is Carrie Anderson, and the second teacher is Cora Wilson. If things go as planned, they will open the fall term this year in a new building, made possible by the generosity of Pearl Stephens, who loves children above all else, and wants their welfare.



Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens Gives land for New School



Mr. John P. Johnston Principal at “new” PSES, 1954-1969
from 1954 to 1963 was grades 1-8; grades 9-12 were added in 1964



First Graduation Class at Pearl Stephens 1965, Teacher Mrs. Helen Dupree



Jerome Stephens Senior picture, 1965



TEAM—The Eaglettes from Pearl Stephens High School recently finished their basketball season. They (l-r) are: first row—Retha Byron, Lillia Hodges, Louise Smith and Louise Hodges; second row—Ruby Smith, ~~Delores~~ Hampton, Cassandra Bynum and Ethel Farmer; third row—Josie Grun, Mary Jackson, Delores Hampton and Clara Madison.

Basketball 1966-67 Team



MISS V. L. PERDUE - COUNSELOR



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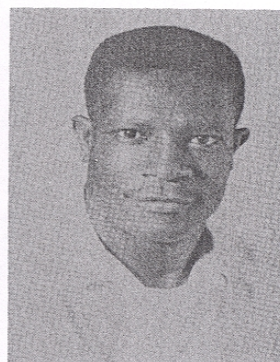
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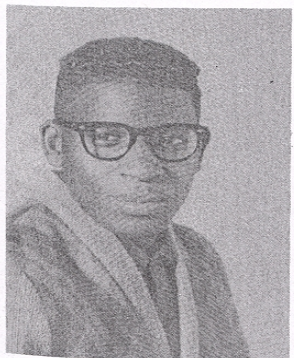
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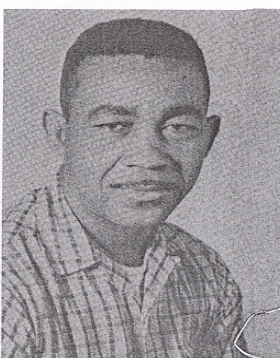
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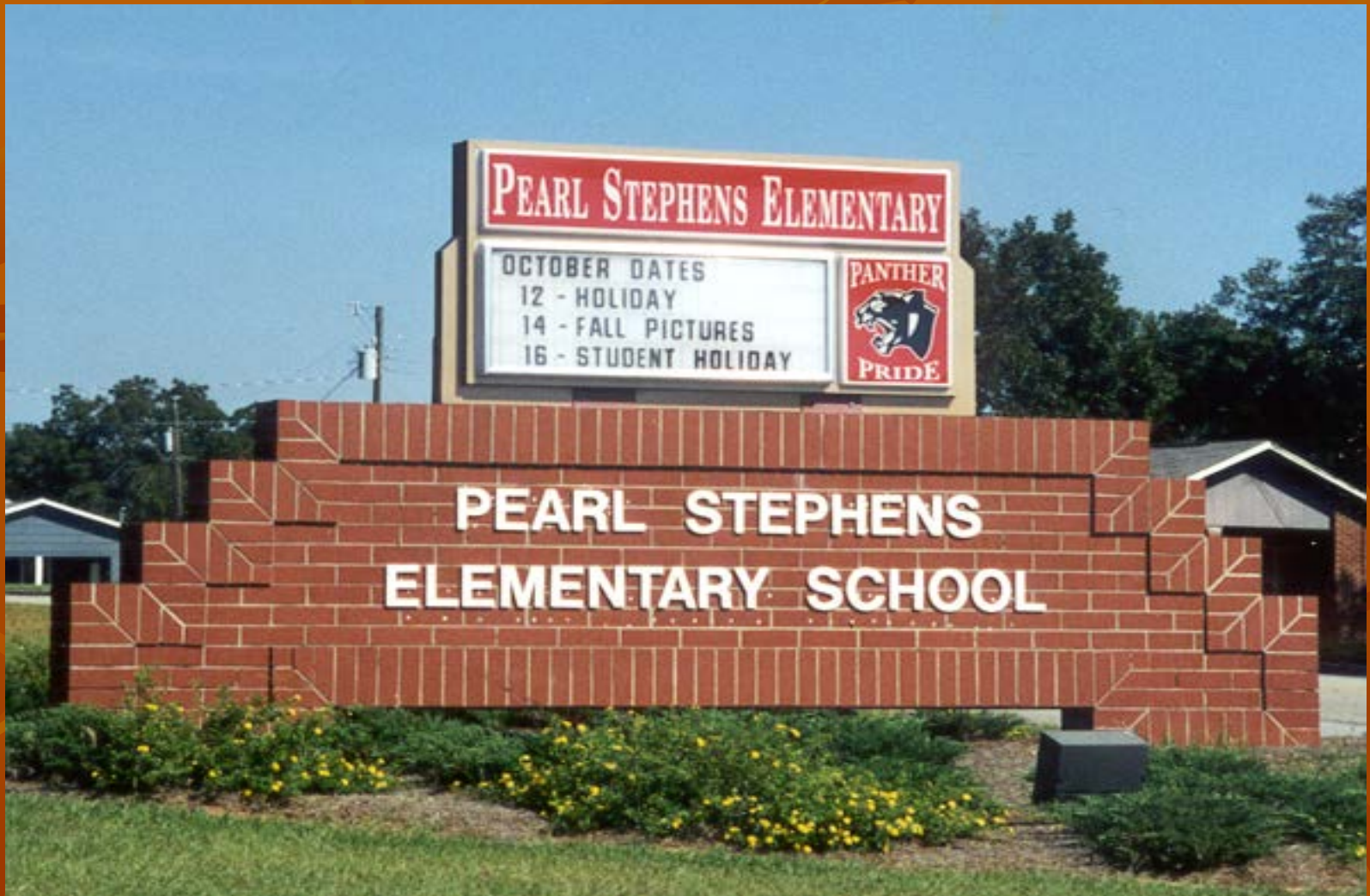


MR. H. WILLIAMS



1954 Pearl Stephens, front of present school from Reed Street





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