

Because this is Black History month and the year of our City's Bicentennial (Lynchburg's 200th birthday) the Junior Class would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the lives of some black citizens from our city's and nation's past.

Negroes have played an integral part in the growth, development and stability of Lynchburg throughout its history. Today we focus our attention on one of these citizens to remind others of his contributions to this city, to this community and to this church. Mr. Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was a successful and highly respected business man who lived in Lynchburg from his birth in 19 12 to his death in 19 79.

He was a mortician and his funeral home is located at 918 Fifth Street; it is currently operated by his two sons.

Carl B. Hutcherson Sr. was named mortician of the year in 19 74 by the *VIRGINIA MORTICIANS*.

- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was a mediator for good race relations for he had a jolly disposition and could relate to citizens of both races and various socio-economic levels. He devoted much of his time in efforts to make Lynchburg a better place for all citizens.
- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was a founder and staunch supporter of the Bethune Nursery School and he was instrumental in securing the first station wagon used to transport children from home to the nursery school.
- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was the first Negro appointed to the Lynchburg School Board. He served from 19 52 to 19 65. In 1965 Mr. Hutcherson elected not to be reappointed to the School Board.

Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. is the only Negro citizen for whom a Lynchburg Public School has been named. The Carl B. Hutcherson Elementary School located on Harvey and High Streets on White Rock Hill bears his name.



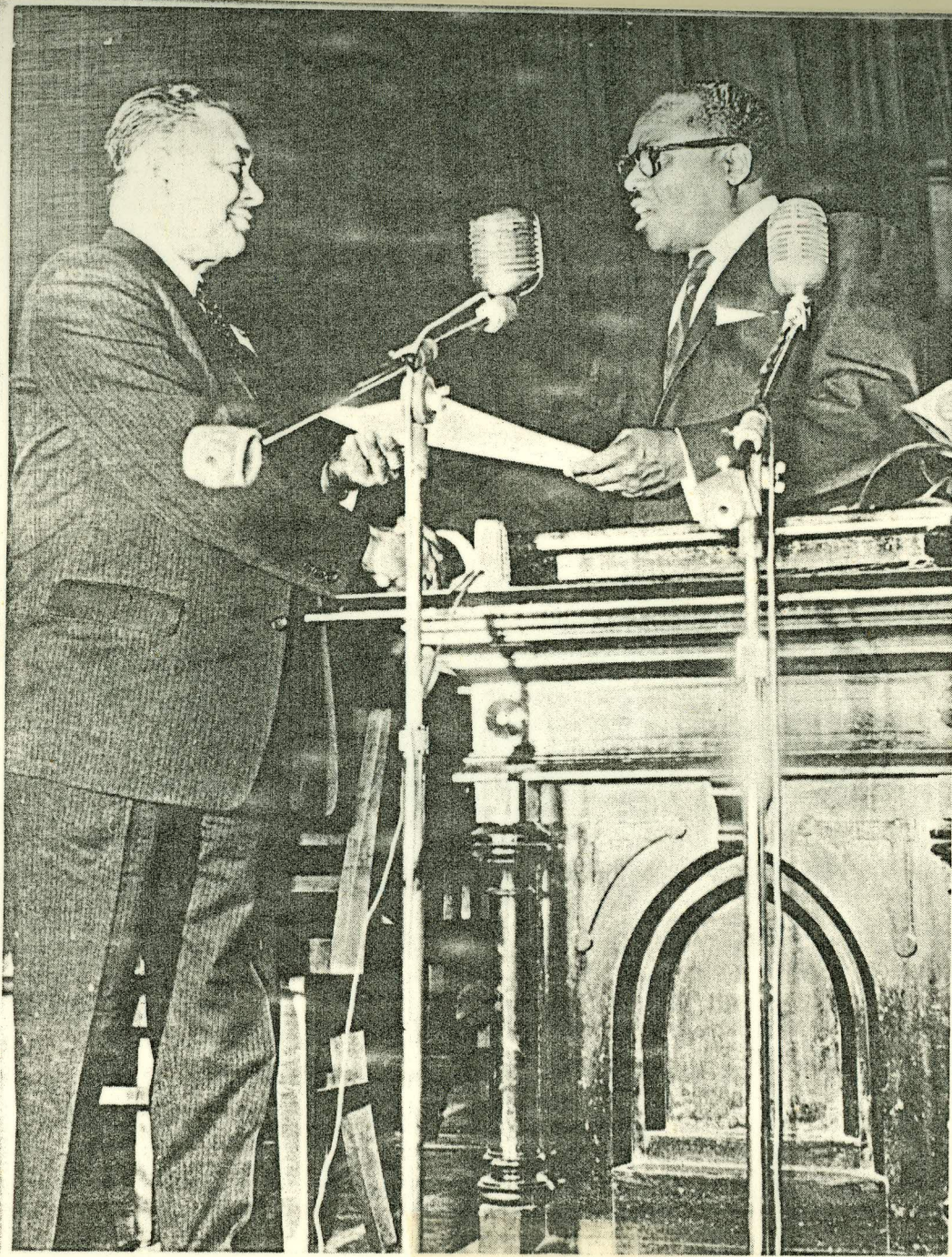
Mr. Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was appointed in 1952 as the first Negro to the School Board. Mr. Hutcherson's untiring, unselfish dedication to his job will long be remembered. Typical of the many jobs connected with his membership was service on the Instruction Committee with Dr. M. Weldon Thompson and Mrs. Phillip J. Weiland.

Mr. Hutcherson graduated from Dunbar High School in ~~1932~~<sup>1935</sup> and has served it faithfully ever since. His fund raising efforts were evident in the Band Uniform Drive. His influence in education reached the state level as he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Virginia Teachers Association.

In 1965, he chose not to be reappointed and continues his successful business as a mortician. His wife, the former Lilliam Gilbert, is also a Dunbar graduate, as are their sons, Carl Jr. (teacher at E. C. Glass) and Gerard (student at Hampton Institute).

- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was a member of the Board of Directors of Central Fidelity Bank.
- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. grew up in Rivermont and lived on Cabell Street (now Monsview Place) across from Armstrong Elementary School. He married Lillian Gilbert, a high-school sweetheart, and they were parents of two sons.
- Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr. was a supporting member of Rivermont Baptist Church; his parents were also members of Rivermont Baptist Church and his father was a trustee.
- A scholarship fund has been established at this church by his sons in his honor.

During this Black History Week and Lynchburg Bicentennial year, we salute our own Mr. Carl B. Hutcherson, Sr.



## CARL B. HUTCHERSON

Funeral Home

918 Fifth Street  
Lynchburg, Virginia

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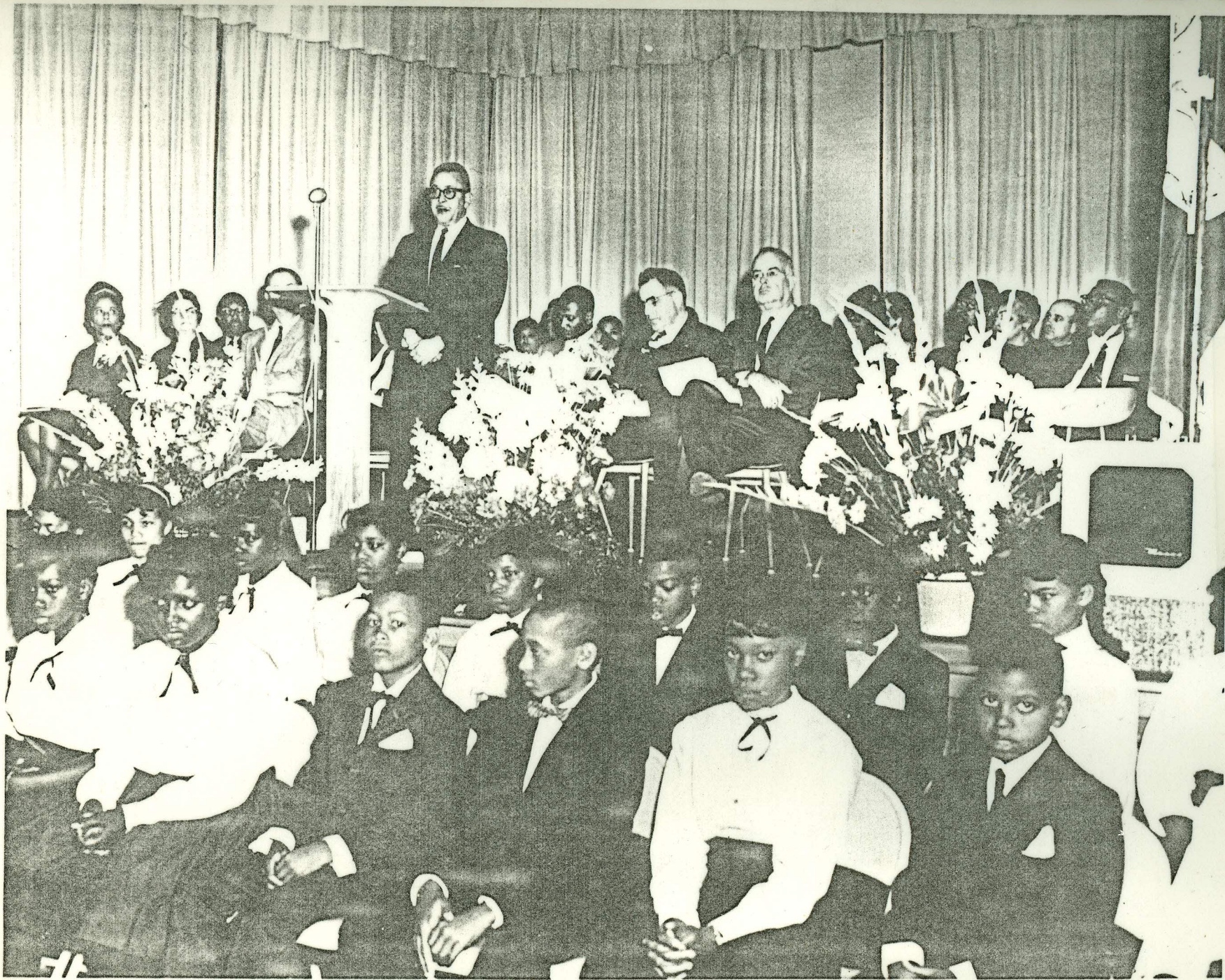
In 1958, Mr. Carl B. Hutcherson received the State Teachers Distinguished Service Award from Dr. J. Rupert Picott, for outstanding service to Virginia education.



Mr. Hutcherson is named "Mortician of the Year" by the State Mortuary Board as his wife, Lillian, looks on.



Student Council President greets Mr. Hutcherson at the dedication of Carl B. Hutcherson Elementary School.



Mr. Hutcherson speaks to the audience at the dedication of the school bearing his name.

CARL B. HUTCHERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

