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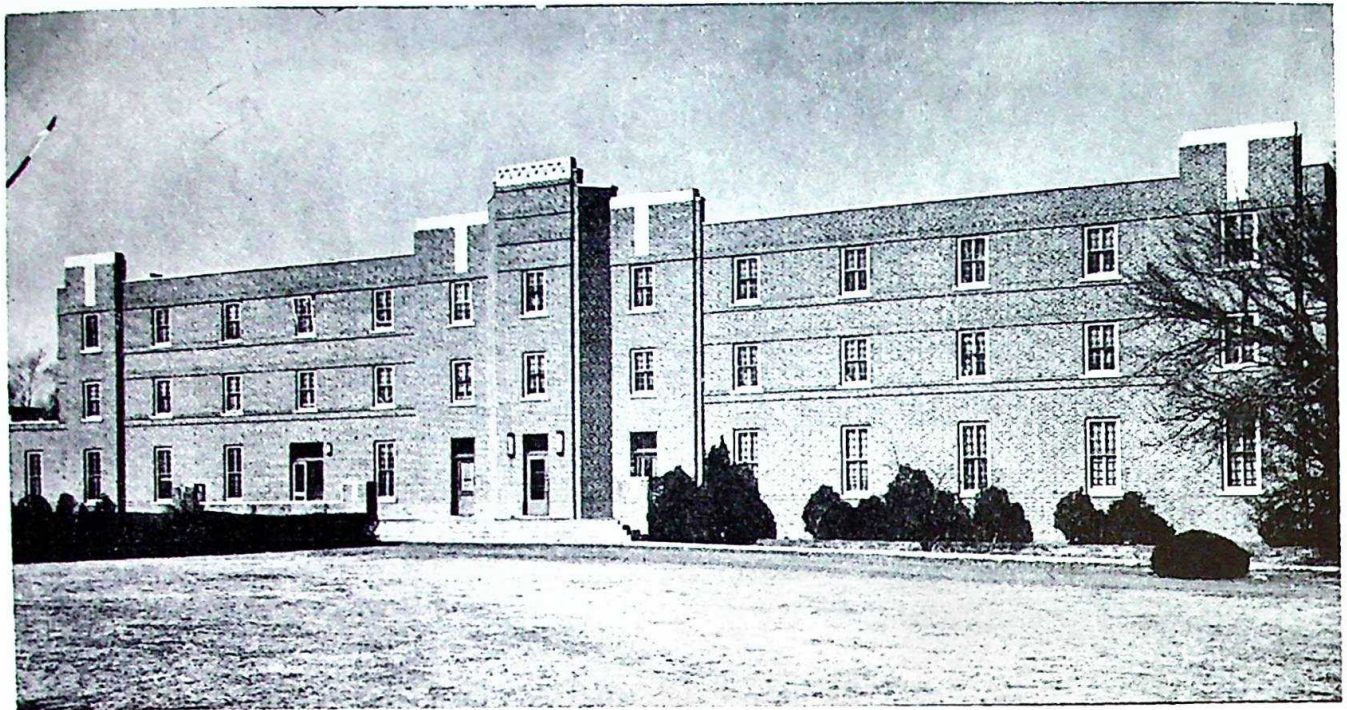
The Langston University A Cappella Choir

Of Langston, Oklahoma



Sunday Evening, March 8, 1953

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HISTORY OF LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

By Juanita Cassius Macklin

From its humble beginning in 1897 when a small group of visioned minded citizens met together to express their desire and dreams for more learning and better training for Negro boys and girls of Oklahoma, in order that they might use the opportunities that would come to them in a growing world, started the beginning of what is now one of the higher institutions of learning in the United States of America, for individuals regardless of race, color or creed—Langston University. To those pioneers, we owe everlasting credit and sincere gratitude for their vision and foresight.

As time has passed their visions have grown, other men have taken up the fight and unselfishly devoted their time and talents to make each successive year a greater and more profitable one than the one before.

Today, the success of the school does not reflect the work of that small group, but it reflects the wonderful cooperation of hundreds of men and women working as a unit to assure success for the throngs that will enter its doors in years to come. For into each goal reached goes the heart, soul and effort of everyone concerned. From the state officials to the least layman a hearty salute is due.

And now today stands the greater Langston University with its fine buildings and fertile fields, beckoning to people of every land and country to come and partake of its vast storehouse of knowledge. Many of its graduates have migrated to this great magic city, Los Angeles. From them we have organized one of the strongest clubs of the city. They have amalgamated themselves into spokes of the wheel of progress of this city and assumed obligations in every field, that makes them responsible citizens in every walk of life.

To all who started; To all who are still carrying on and to the unselfish hundreds who gave of their time and efforts we can only express ourselves in the words of Tiny Tim; and from the bottom of our hearts we say, "God bless you, every one."



To the Director and Members of the
Langston University A Cappella Choir

Greetings:

On behalf of the citizens of Los Angeles, it is my sincere pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to the Langston University A Cappella Choir upon the occasion of its visit to this city from Langston, Oklahoma, to render a program of vocal entertainment for our enjoyment.

The Langston University Club of Los Angeles, which has been instrumental in bringing this nationally known choral group to our city, is to be congratulated upon making the arrangements for this appreciated visit.

We are all mindful of the worthy purpose to which the proceeds of this cultural presentation are to go, namely the support of the building fund for the Frances P. Williams School for Mentally Retarded Children.

I feel Certain that many local music lovers will be richly benefited by your Los Angeles appearance.

Cordially yours,

Fletcher Bowron
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ISAAC MILAS

Greetings

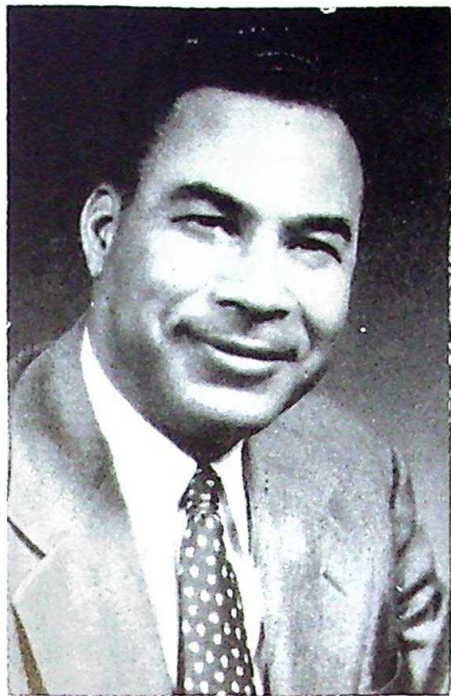
Tonight, on the occasion of the Langston University A Cappella Choir, we are indeed glad to extend our hearty welcome to all of our members and guests. We do hope these few hours spent together will be filled with fun, relaxation, and good fellowship.

To the committees, officers, captains, workers, members, and all who gave wholeheartedly of their time and efforts to make this affair a success, we offer our sincere and deepest gratitude. To our advertisers, patrons, and boosters we can assure you of the wholehearted support of the entire community.

We also hope that the pleasant experiences tonight will inspire all to assist in carrying out our aim of improving the civic, social, and economic status of the entire commonwealth.

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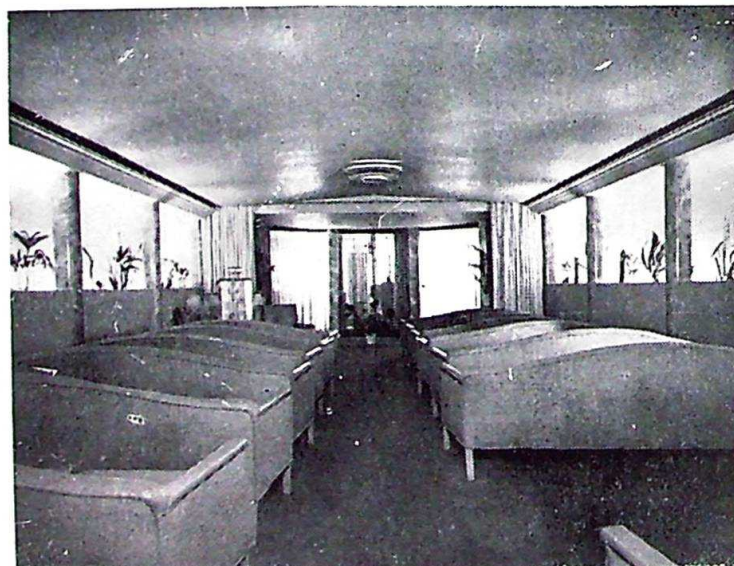


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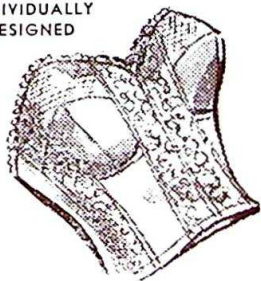
Members of the committee, press, Langston University Club and friends. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and willingness to cooperate with me to help make this one of the outstanding events of the season. Especially, do I want to thank each member of the committee, as they have exhibited an atmosphere of team work from the beginning to the end. To Mrs. Mae Turner for her untiring efforts and cooperation to make this program a success. I wish to express the gratitude of the entire Club.

To Langston University, the choir and director on behalf of the club, I extend you greetings. We hope your visit in the angel city will be the highlight of your trip. We brought you here because we know as Langstonites your contribution will make our culture richer.

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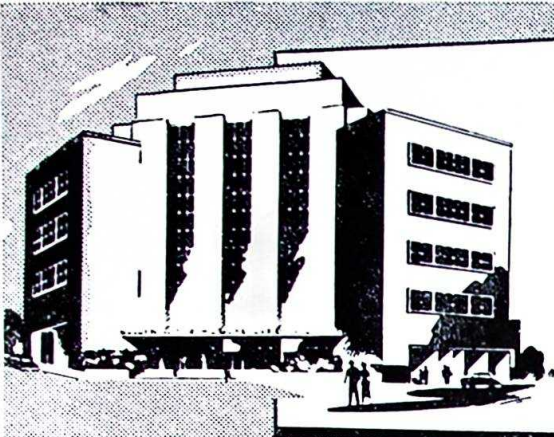
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It is only through continued efforts in working for the worthy aims of true Langstonites that we can be of help to our community. I therefore urge our members and friends to continue the good work in order that we may attain the goals we are constantly striving for.

Sincerely,
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Lament the loss of Jephthah's only child, Lament in songs of mourning"

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"A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM"*Cross*

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"I WONDER AS I WANDER"*Miles*

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"ALLELUIA, PRAISE JEHOVAH"*Wilson*

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"C'EST DES CONTRABANDIER"*Bizet*

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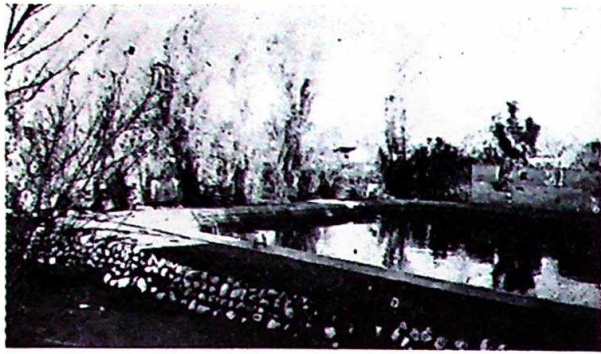
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It is with profound pleasure and appreciation that the intercollegiate council extends its many thanks to all of its members and friends for their sincere efforts in helping this worthy cause. It will be only the uniting efforts of each individual that make possible the successful achievement of this worthy cause. Progress has evolved only through unified action in all ages of history.

An analysis of the past and an observation of the present let us know that the duties and responsibilities of our people are ever increasing, and, we must constantly seek methods to overcome the multitude of obligations and complex problems which confront us in our everyday endeavor.

Today, we can go forward with renewed vigor, with the knowledge that we are attempting to build an environment in which unfortunate children can be brought out of their shadows.

It is with perseverance and unity that we continue our work with an intrepid courage and enthusiasm.

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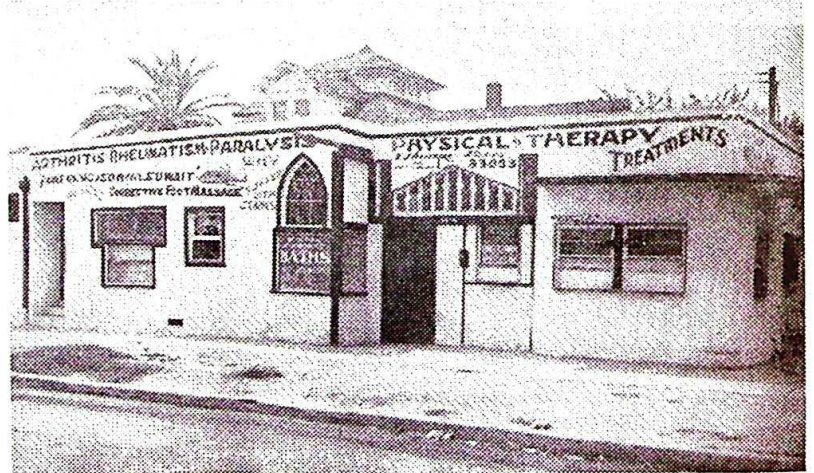
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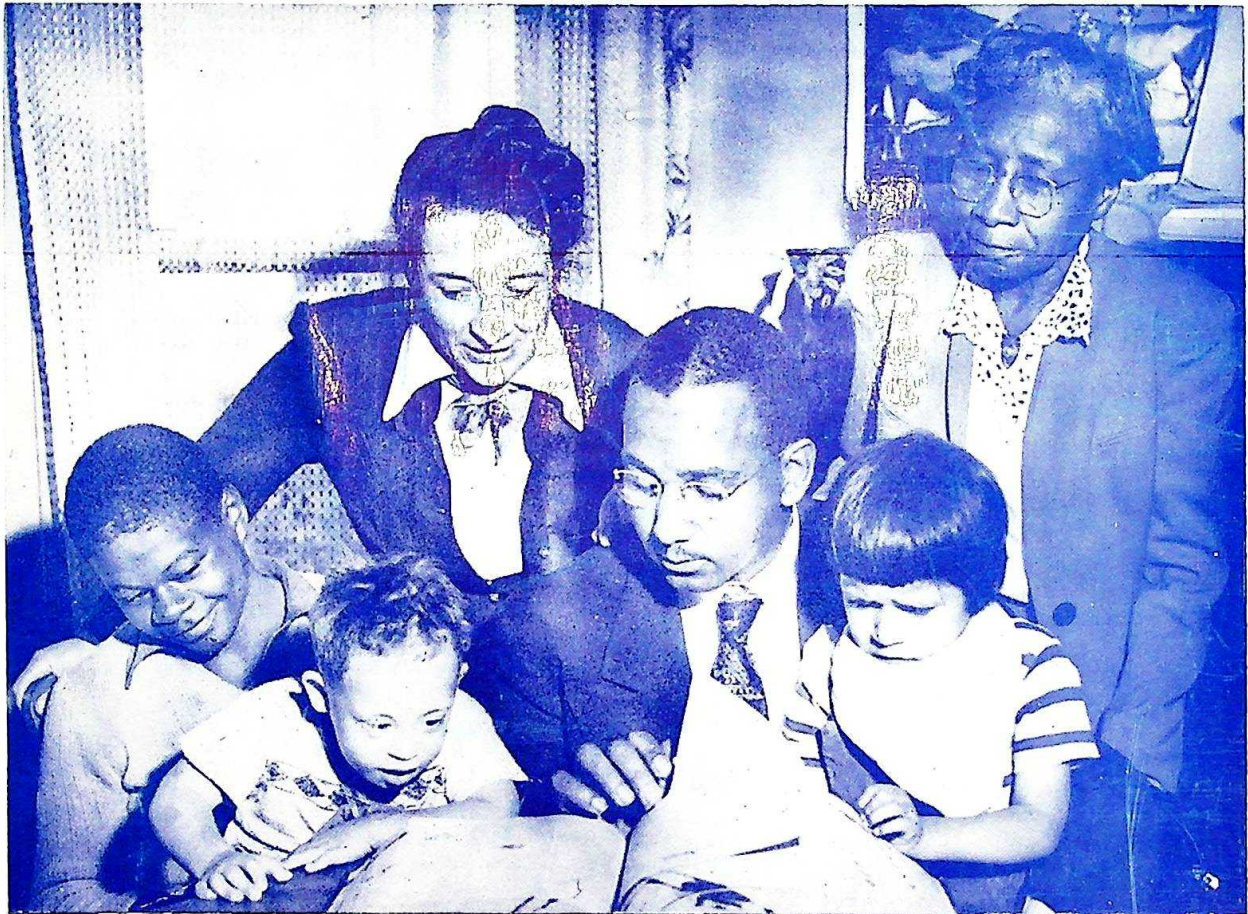
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