Dedication

FRANK W. SPENCER SCHOOL
"The Pupil Centered School"

Sunday, November 20, 1955 4:00 P.M.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

DR. W. A. EARLY, Superintendent Chatham County Public Schools

MR. R. P. JORDAN, SR., Principal
DEDICATION

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
A great dream through constant hope has become a realization.

This magnificent structure, which has been put into the service of the community, represents years of planning not unmixed with days of struggle and hours of solicitude.

This structure is only a means to an end; an institution for the purpose of better fitting our children to intelligently solve the intricate problems involved in today’s living.

With fervent prayer that God will prosper the thinking and work that was put into the making of this structure, we solemnly dedicate this building, Frank W. Spencer School.

The Student Council is composed of the President and Secretary of each class. It is guided in its activities by a committee of teachers composed of a representative from each grade group. The purpose of the council is to build a better understanding of citizenship; to develop leadership; to develop honesty, respectfulness and courtesy and to learn informally simple parliamentary usage.

The officers of the council are: Roberta Moore, president; Henry O’Brien, vice-president; Brenda Truedell, secretary; Helen Brunson, treasurer; Linda Clark, reporter; Johnny Green, captain of patrols and William Murray, fire chief.

Miss Augusta L. Pettie is chairman of the Teacher Advisory Committee.
To the Faculty, Student Body
and Patrons of the
Frank W. Spencer School
Bouhan Avenue and Reardon Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

My dear Friends:

We are proud to join in the Dedication of your very fine new school and can think of no more fitting lines for this occasion than the following from an unknown author:

BUILDING A TEMPLE

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.

Men said, as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder:
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan;
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Is a child's immortal soul.

May you continue to lay the stones for this temple whose foundation shall never know decay.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Cook
Superintendent of Schools

Executive Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendent - Instruction
If our heritage and way of life are to be preserved it is necessary that our system of education be maintained. It is the responsibility of the people of this great nation to provide the necessary opportunities in our educational world that will enrich the lives of our boys and girls.

As we therefore dedicate Frank W. Spencer School, let us, the officials, patrons, faculty and students, rededicate ourselves, accepting the challenge to afford the students of Frank W. Spencer School the best educational program possible.

Our school is tangible evidence that our school officials and community are cognizant of the real importance of good school facilities in developing and shaping the lives of our youth.

Let us see to it that our school never becomes a pedagogic island where our students are marooned from environmental realities of life. The interest of the child must be centered on the real problems of a real world in a continually growing manner.

Robert Paul Jordan, Sr.
It is with a great deal of pride and humbleness that we make this expression in honor of the dedication of Spencer School.

Our sincere prayers are that the walls of this beautiful edifice not only enclose our children's bodies, but also serve as a symbol through which their lives may be enriched.

The realization of this longed-for structure was not only through the combination of brick and cement, but through diligent labor, earnest prayers, and constant mindfulness of the needs of our community. To everyone who participated, even in the most menial tasks, in our aims toward this end, we are deeply grateful.

May God grant that persons housed herein, always honorably represent Spencer School, first, for the name it bears, then for our community, our state and our nation.

Mrs. A. P. Bryant, President
Spencer Parent-Teacher Association
Seated left to right are: Mrs. Beulah W. Polite, B.S., Savannah State College, advanced study Atlanta University; Mrs. Ruth H. Morgan, B.S., Spelman College, advanced study Atlanta University; Miss Evelyn V. James, B.S., Savannah State College; Mrs. Helen Champen, B.S., Fayetteville Teachers' College, advanced study Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. Bessie S. Hannah, B.S., Savannah State College, advanced study Atlanta University; Mrs. Margaret H. Stewart, B.S., Savannah State College, advanced study Atlanta University and Boston University; Mrs. Mary O. Jackson, B.S., Savannah State College, advanced study Atlanta University and Tuskegee Institute; Miss Barbara Burke, B.S., Savannah State College.

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Presentation of Colors Vance Allison Post 2933
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National Anthem Audience
Scripture Rev. J. Q. Adams
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Invocation Rev. E. P. Quarterman
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Selection: “Prayer of Thanksgiving” Netherland’s Folk Song
Frank W. Spencer Chorus
Introduction of Speaker Mrs. R. G. Delaware
Dedicatory Address Dr. W. A. Early
Supt. Chatham County Public Schools
Selections: “The Brown Bird Sings” Haydn Wood
“The Big Brown Bear” Nana Zacca
Frank W. Spencer Chorus
Introduction of Capt. Spencer Mr. R. W. Gadsden
Dedicatory Greetings Captain Frank W. Spencer
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Dedication Prayer Rev. P. A. Patterson
Pastor Butler Presbyterian Church
Selection: “Bless This House” Brake
Frank W. Spencer Chorus, Beverly Williams, Soloist
Acknowledgment
Benediction Rev. G. H. Caution
Pastor St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church
Tour of Building
Refreshments (Courtesy of Spencer’s Parent-Teachers Association)

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