

The Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred Forty Nine and Fifty wishes to express its most sincere appreciation and thanks to the Supervisor, Mrs. Mary Nottingham Smith for the benefits and learning its members have derived from the public school education here in Accomack County.

From our earliest days in education, when we began eleven years ago in the various elementary schools of Accomack County, she has toiled and labored with us. She has solved untold problems for us and has always been on hand with timely aid when it was most needed. At all times she has stood by with wise and inspiring counsel, urging us to move onward and upward to greater achievement.

Mrs. Smith is a native of Northampton County. She is widely known for her educational work throughout the State of Virginia and many of the Southern States. Before coming to Accomack County, she was cited by the General Education Board and other outstanding educational agencies and educators for the fine work she had carried out in South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana. When she came to Accomack County we had no high school. Such a condition did not exist long with Mrs. Smith on the job. She rallied the people in our communities, and against almost superhuman odds, erected our present high school in 1934. For such a sincere and singular effort, the School Board of Accomack County named our school the MARY NOTTINGHAM SMITH HIGH SCHOOL.

Thus it is fitting, as we prepare to make our last gesture within these walls of learning, that we acknowledge in the commencement of our lives as adults, that benign and inspiring influence. She will be with us as our guide and benefactor.

Hail to thee and thanks.

The Senior Class 1949-1950



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