

**WASHINGTON**



**INDIANS**

# Washington High School Alma Mater

**Washington, O' Washington**  
We your children are.  
We love you, We love you  
For all your worth and more.  
In our rooms and on the field;  
Where ever we may be,  
We will always keep your name  
and We'll raise your banner high.  
**For Washington, for Washington**  
We'll praise thee ever more.

## CHORUS

We love every part of our school  
and adore every inch of our ground.  
**Whenever you need us dear Washington,**  
We will always be around.



MRS. JESSIE D. CLIFTON  
Principal, Washington High School

Mrs. Jessie D. Clifton, a native of Lake Charles, is the daughter of the late Sophia and Andrew Davis. Her sister, Mrs. Lillian C. Roberts of Tulsa, Oklahoma having taught there many years, now resides in Santa Barbara, California.

Mrs. Clifton was a student of the Second Ward School in the elementary grades and later graduated from Dillard University. She holds a B.S. degree from Grambling College, and studied at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas where she received her Master's degree in Ad-

ministration and Supervision in 1953. Having taught in the Second Ward School of her native city, she was married to Robert Clifton and remained at home as a housewife.

Later, to come back to the profession, she entered Calcasieu Parish as a teacher at Prien Lake and was there five years. She was assigned to the Air Port School in 1949 where the school bells rang to ten teachers and 500 students. Two years followed as the school grew and in 1952 the Washington School was erected. The teachers numbered 26 with more than 1,000 children enrolled. Double sessions were conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In 1954 the present Washington High School was erected and Mrs. Clifton was appointed principal of the entire plant with an enrollment of 1600 students and 49 teachers. She is supervising principal of the Washington Junior and Senior High School located on Cherry and Prater Streets.

Mrs. Clifton is dedicated to youth and has received honors from the state, faculties, and many of the students whose lives she touched. With her high moral character, it is hoped others will follow in her footsteps to reach the high standards of life.

She is a member of the Warren Methodist Church where she now serves as the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and holds membership in the Calcasieu Parish Education Association, and the Louisiana Education Association.