

Lane was second principal of Attucks

Dr. Russell A. Lane, a very intelligent and educated man, was the second principal of Crispus Attucks High School. He assumed the position sometime in the 1930s.

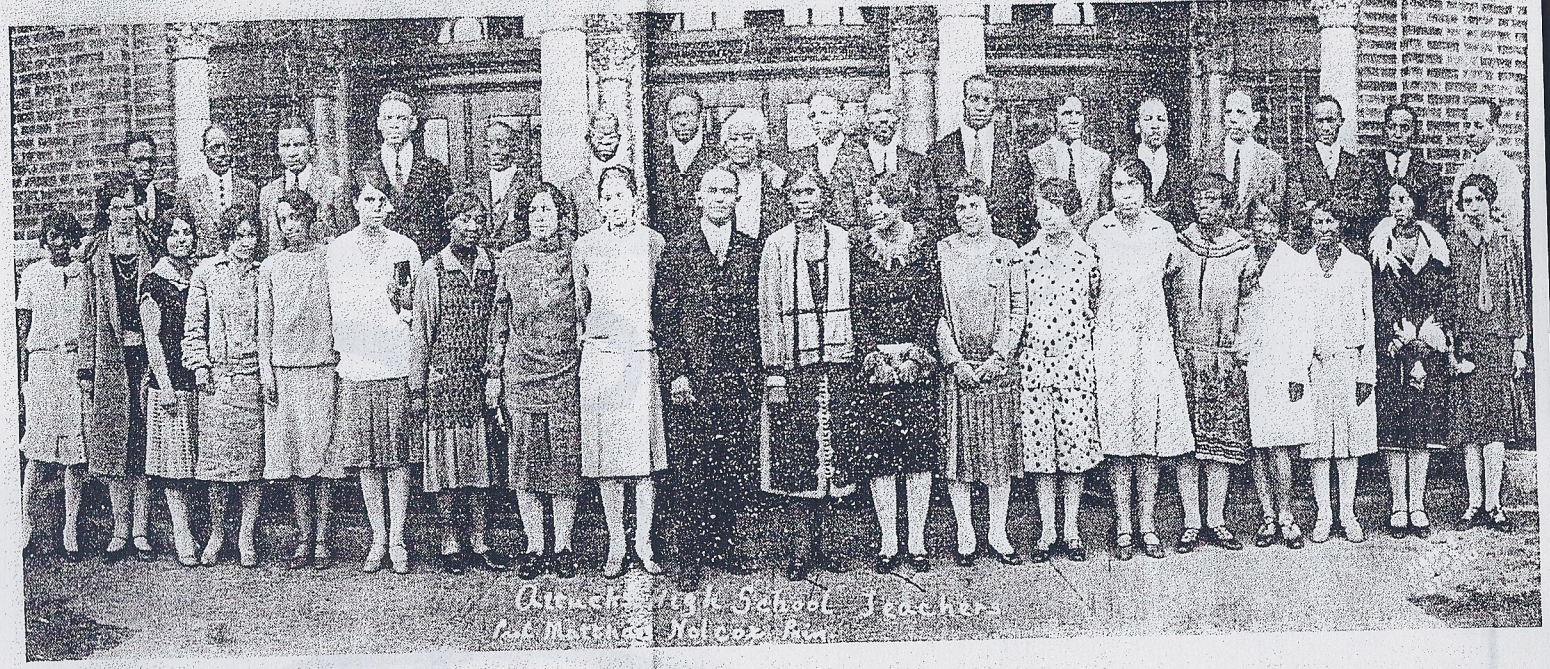
Lane's philosophy, in part, was: "All high schools should be very definitely devoted to finding out what a high school pupil has within himself, what he is, and what he can do with his hands and brain. The realization of this aim, therefore, is the primary purpose of all high school education."

"We cannot say that the education in all high schools throughout the land has accomplished or will accomplish this, but we do say that to contribute to the Basic Educational Needs of the day, these things must be done..."

According to Lane, more and more attention must be paid in the high school to the physical and mental well-being of the pupils. It must be very definitely known what the physical makeup is when they enter high school.

"No longer should we teach pupils without discovering and recognizing any and all physical and mental disabilities they might have because there are different teaching methods to be employed upon the discovery of any serious physical and mental handicap," said Lane in a 1945 *Recorder* article. "For instance, we do not treat a child whose hearing is defective as a normal child. We must see to it that he is given every opportunity to learn, and to receive medical or surgical attention that might correct his defect."

"If it cannot be corrected, medically or surgically, then his high school training must be revised to help him. Otherwise, he will not develop. He should be graduated definitely prepared to do one definite thing. If he is not prepared to do one definite thing, it becomes quite possible that he will be a failure upon graduation."



The 1923 Crispus Attucks faculty, above and orchestra, below. (Photos supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks Sr.)

