

WILLY

Well, here in town, the white school is closer to my house, so the strangest part is passing the school that's right up the street from me to come here. I guess the main difference I see so far is that I have to get up a lot earlier to get to school on time. I think I'm a pretty good student, because I've always worked hard, and that's what I hope to do here at Monroe.

MRS. SLOANE

That's a wonderful attitude, isn't it, Thomas?

THOMAS

Yes, maam.

MRS. SLOANE

Well, you can both go on back outside now. The bell will ring in just a few minutes.

WILLY and THOMAS

(Yes, Maam. Thank you. etc. as they exit.)

MRS. SLOANE

(to herself, as she prepares for students to come back in)
If they go to high school, they'll both have another adjustment to make. This year, just 14 black students out of a student body of 500 in the high school. They're both strong athletes, but they'll find themselves having to have a separate team for football. Their own clubs, a separate room for socializing...well, I'll just prepare them academically and socially the best I can, and I'm sure they'll be able to figure out the rest for themselves.

(Lights Fade on Scene.)