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This is a short excerpt from a 1998 interview with Harriet Love. She is a Charlotte, North Carolina native, and graduated from West Charlotte, an all-black high school, in 1962. She raised her children in the same area, and they attended the same high school after it was integrated. Love is asked about the motivations people had for supporting integration, and she starts off with an insightful response. She then goes on to describe many more subtle effects of integration. She flows from the general to the personal rapidly, so follow along closely. Note how she characterizes integration. Is it all good or all bad?

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