

FROSHIES PLAN PARTY FRIDAY

Informal Affair To Be Held By Class at Recreation Hall

The freshman class will give an informal party next Friday at the Recreation Ballroom from 8:30 to 11:30. Entertainment will be varied. The Proctor Sound system will provide music for dancing, while games and contests will be played.

Members of the eighth grade are working together for the purpose of celebrating the Valentine season. The Valentine motif will be carried out in the decorations.

As the main feature of the evening, a Grand March will be staged. Class officers will head this figure, with their dance partners. They are Billy Arie, president; Margaret Jeffreys, vice-president; Nancy Bean, secretary; and Jack Purvis, treasurer. Virginia Lee Knight, Miss Ellie Bettie Jane Oliver and Jean Harper are included in the slate of officials for the past term. With their escorts, the girls will assist the new executives in leading the march.

Following the leaders will come officers of the home rooms. The outgoing officers and newly-elected students will participate in the figure and will end the line of march.

Miss Kate Parks Kitchin and Mr. Marion Justice are the advisors for the freshman class. Miss Iola Parker, Miss Frances Ledbetter, Miss Elizabeth Early, Miss Gladys Rodgers, Miss Ruby Vause, Mr. C. E. Privott, and Mr. Bob Eason will attend as home room teachers. Mr. Cyrus M. Edson and Mr. R. Quillen Ward have also been asked to be present.

Invitations to chaperone the dance have been issued to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Arie, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jeffreys, Mrs. C. C. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Garland, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dillard Bullock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Liverman.

Details in connection with the affair are being completed by the committee in charge. This is the first social event for the present eighth grade and freshmen are looking forward to it as a high-light in the career of the class.

Classes Elect Officers For Second Semester

Officers of the various classes have been elected recently to head the class activities during the spring term. These prove to be an unusual by the group and much will be expected of them.

During the past semester many class projects have been put underway; and it is hoped that under the guidance of these new officers, even more progress will be made.

John Duden was elected to head the twelfth grade officers as president. Other officers include Pansy Crowder, vice-president; Martha Anne Speight, secretary; Jack Green, treasurer.

For the eleventh grade Mickie Bennett was chosen president. Working with him are Dillard Bullock, vice-president; Rose Carlton Dunn, secretary; Norman Harper, treasurer.

Leading the tenth grade slate of officers is Phyllis Perritt, president. Other officers are Roy Thurngird, vice-president; Carolyn Ferritt, secretary; Jean Lewis, treasurer.

Aubrey Walker was chosen as president of the ninth grade. Mary Womble, vice-president; Peggy Speight, secretary; and Henry Owen, treasurer, complete the list of officers for the ninth grade.

For the eighth grade Billy Arie was elected president. With him are Margaret Jeffreys, vice-president; Betty Jane Oliver, secretary; and Jack Purvis, treasurer.

The Broughton High of Raleigh says in "The Hi Times" that they are to have a radio receiving set in every room to enable them to hear educational programs, announcements, etc. This addition is to take place very soon.

Blackbird's Editorial and Business Staff



Pictured above are members of the Blackbird Staff. Reading from left to right, those seated are Georgine Murphy, Martha Longest, Doris Robbins, Mary Lee Daughtridge, editor; Elizabeth Low, Jane Sprull, and Annie Braswell. Those standing from left to right are: O. D. Andrews, Frances Henry, Frank Lee Greathouse, business manager; Helen Saunders, Bill Greathouse, Joseph Jones, and Bill LeLoudis.

PLANS FOR DEBATING SOCIETY BEING MADE

Interested Students to Cooperate in Forming Organization

The debates held between home rooms and between classes have called attention to the need for a debating club in Rocky Mount high school. Principal I. E. Ready, Miss Frances Ledbetter, and Mr. Cyrus M. Edson have agreed to aid interested students in forming such an organization.

An oratorical and debating society existed here four years ago, in the order of the successful societies in Charlotte, in Greenville, and in other high schools.

The public speaking class of Mr. Edson last year started to revive this society. A constitution was drawn up, which provided for two senates. Each senate was to have a president, vice-president, clerk, treasurer, and secretary.

The public speaking class was never functioned, because the public speaking class was not continued.

A new debating club would have the same purpose: to create and extend an interest throughout the high school in debating, public speaking, and oratory; and to develop effective speaking, clear thinking, and free expression of ideas and opinions.

Any student in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, who has a true interest in the speech arts, is eligible for membership, according to qualifications set forth in the constitution.

Those interested in forming the society may apply to Miss Ledbetter. After it is organized, candidates for membership must be nominated at the beginning of each semester.

With the formation, officers with regular duties will be elected for this term.

The constitution says that the meetings will be held on the first and third Monday nights of each month in the high school at 7:30. The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote.

Meetings would be conducted by parliamentary procedure, and the society would have a faculty advisor.

It is expected that an oratorical and debating society shall be formed along these lines soon.

HONOR ROLL

averaged a straight A for the entire semester of 1936-37. This indicates that 3 per cent of the student body are of superior scholastic standing.

Eighty-eight of the students averaged a B on their terms work making a total of 9 per cent.

8th Grade—A Honor Roll—Frances Keel; B Honor Roll—Billie Arie, Jack Purvis, Jean Cherry, Laura Ann Parker, Dorothy Stinson, Carolyn Bass, Margaret Boyd, Evelyn Broadlow, Virginia Lee Knight, Nancy Bean, Frances Lane, Sara Thorne, Anita Wheelless, Zonobia Wheelless, Billy Green, Elizabeth Pant, Edith Rae Turner, John Wilkins, Jack Chadwick, William Lynn, Phyllis Bryan, Lillian Roberts, W. L. Turner, Dewey Weaver, Margaret Jeffreys, Eugenia Marshall, Todd Poplin, Eugenie Jane Dorsett, Isla Gorham, Bessie Rollins, Stephen Bennett.

9th Grade—A Honor Roll—Mary Louis Womble, Ida Harper, Elizabeth King, Betty Knowles, Ella Mae Lane; B Honor Roll—Louis Proctor, Clarence Lane, Catherine Beard, Carroll Gardner, Garland Brantley, Delon Kearney, Mildred Thorp, Ade Wilkins, Earl Parker, Eleanor Nichols, Rae Mangum, Irvin Stator, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary E. Ezzele, Mary Seagraves.

10th Grade A Honor Roll—Edna Eric Smith, Catherine Breland, Elaine Rhodes; B Honor Roll—Charles Edge, James Minter, Nelson O'Quinn, Virginia Shearin, Anne Stinson, Granville Willis, Sheldon Boone, Charlotte Ferritt.

11th Grade—A Honor Roll—Lottie Beard, Reese Thomas, Norma Large, Frances Henry, Eveline Looney, Lulu Wyatt Wilkinson, Mary Lee Daughtridge, Ruth Harrell, Margaret Wooten, Constance Sweeney, Catherine Bryan, Dorothy Jackson, Sue Murchison; B Honor Roll—Helen Drummond, Kathleen Vivick, Tom Avern, Betsy Powell, Joyce Powell, Paul Mooring, Pete Strum, Norma Dozier, Elvina Elmora, Jack Gravelly, Lynette Mangum, Mildred Morris, Betty Savage, Mickie Bennett, Billy Kearney, Audrey Boone, Verma Bradley, Corinne Green, Redd Robbins, Rose Wilson, Louis Aycock, Bettie Jacks.

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Durham Boxers Here Tonight

Tonight the Blackbird leather slingers will meet for the second time the Durham Bulldogs. In their first meeting at Durham, the Rocky Mount boys defeated them. By their increased experience in the ring since that meeting, the Blackbirds will have better form and be in better condition.

The matches will start promptly at eight o'clock at the Recreation Hall. There will be at least eight bouts scheduled up and perhaps some exhibitions to fill the card out.

The Blackbirds will beat the Bulldogs, but the point is to beat them worse than the first time.

WILLIAMS TO DIRECT STUDENT BODY AGAIN

Succeeds Himself As Student President For Second Semester

Recently the officers of the student government organization were elected. As the majority of votes for each officer was received in the first election, no run-offs were held.

For the first time in the history of the student government organization of the Rocky Mount high school the president was reelected. This is due recognition to the services that Bill Williams has rendered during the fall semester, and throughout the spring semester even more is going to be expected of the governing officials. The remaining candidates for the office of president were Helen Saunders and Frank Lee Greathouse.

Bill LeLoudis won over Elizabeth Low as vice-president. He succeeds Martha Anne Speight.

As secretary, Betty Jane Oliver was elected to succeed Bill LeLoudis. She has the distinction of being the first freshman ever to hold an office in the student government organization. Mildred Thorp was the other candidate for secretary.

Succeeding Pete Dowdy as treasurer is Snead Low, who won over Lulu Wyatt Wilkinson.

Working with these officers is the student assembly composed of a representative from each home room.

Members of the student assembly are as follows:

Charlotte Denny, Anne Stinson, Joyce Powell, Leo Dew, Frances Henry, Bill Greathouse, Edith Wood, Virginia Tyree, Evelyn Starling, Joe Vaden, Clarence Lane, Eddie Ryals, Sue Murchison, Margie Price, Carroll Jones, Jean Harper, Charlie Harris, Laura Ann Parker, Mary Virginia Simerly, Laura Ann Parker, Mary Virginia Simerly, Billy Looney, J. D. Johnson, Caldwell Ward, Errol Warren, W. L. Turner.

Current Events Test Held In High School

A National Current Events test was recently held in the high school to test the knowledge of the students and to see how well high school pupils keep up with what is going on in the world.

The test was composed of national affairs, foreign affairs, important names in news, important words in news, the United States Constitution in the news, general current information, and speeches by spokesmen of various governments.

100 questions were asked, each counting one point. Of the 100 questions Pete Dowdy had 95 correct, making the highest grade in the entire school. Corinne Green, with a score of 93, was second high scorer.

The number of pupils in the entire school who took the test totaled to 893. 465 of these made a score of 50 or above, with 427 scoring below 50.

95 pupils took the test in the twelfth grade, and 82 made a score of 50 or above. 7 students made the grade of 86-90.

THREE PLEDGE FOR SOCIETY

Members of Staff Chosen for Quill and Scroll For Outstanding Work

The Quill and Scroll, International honorary society for high school journalists, has approved Frances Henry, Elizabeth Low, and Jane Sprull for membership. Their names have been added by the executive secretary, Mr. Edward Nell of Northwestern university, to the roll of the Josephus Daniels chapter of Rocky Mount high school.

Frances has served as sports editor of the Blackbird; Elizabeth as news editor; and Jane, as advertising manager, for one term.

The responsible positions they have held, their commendable production records, and the excellence of the work samples submitted in their behalf are proof that these students are capable and efficient newspaper workers, and deserve journalistic recognition by induction into the society.

In his letter approving the candidates heretofore, Mr. Nell praised their efforts. "Colorful and descriptive" were his words in praise of the sports stories by Frances Henry.

"The work by Elizabeth Low," he wrote, "shows that she too has been well trained in the fundamentals of good writing."

Jane Sprull gained approval for her excellent use of an advertising card system, and for her cooperation and success in working with the business staff of the Blackbird.

The newly-elected members will be formally initiated into the Josephus Daniels' chapter of Quill and Scroll. A program will be held in the auditorium before an assembly of the student body for this purpose.

Local chapter activities have been confined heretofore, because of the small number of society members to carry on projects. With the addition of the three students and the naming of the local chapter for Ambassador Daniels, the present members are anticipating work of major importance.

Mary Lee Daughtridge is president of the Daniels chapter; Annie Braswell, vice-president; and Frank Lee Greathouse, secretary and treasurer.

Miss Hazel Griffin is faculty advisor and member and she is largely responsible for the success of the Josephus Daniels chapter of Quill and Scroll.

Group Committee Chairmen Selected

Bill Williams, president of the student government organization, has completed his selection of the members of the standing committees. Joyce Powell heads the elections committee as chairman. Working with her are Charlotte Denny, Laura Ann Parker, Bill Looney, and Mary Virginia Simerly.

Other committee chairmen are P. G. Cobb, fire drills committee; Reese Thomas, lost and found committee; Frank Davis, house and grounds committee; Doris Robbins, social committee; Lulu Wyatt Wilkinson, cafeteria committee; Frances Daughtridge, program committee; and Nelson O'Quinn, traffic committee.

The following boys were chosen by their respective home rooms to be a member of the traffic committee: Haywood Taylor, O. D. Andrews, Leslie Johnson, Franz Holcher, Elwood Insoce, William Glover, Charles Brock, Buddy Hicks, Ben Winstead, Dillard Bullock, Linzy Mayberry, Joseph Bass.

Members of the auditorium, representing their home rooms, are Jack Greene, Charles Frady, Dewey Weaver, Thomas Kelley, Raymond Thompson, L. J. Albertson, Edward Fly, John Wilkins, and Jack Purvis.

President Williams, also appointed a traffic committee to keep the halls in order during the two lunch periods. During the fifth period Nelson O'Quinn, Richard Parrish, Van Kennedy, Mike Carr, Arthur Griffin, and J. C. Cox are on duty. During the sixth period C. L. Moore, Marcus Beard, William Glover, Edgar Carter, Carroll Gardner, Milton Aycock, George LeLoudis, and Martin Bally are on duty.