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Vincent Edwards, better known as Doctor Ben Casey, is the judge of the 1962 Beauty Court.

Ben Casey Accepts Invitation To Judge 1962 Beauty Court

Vincent Edwards, star of the television series "Ben Casey", has consented to serve as judge for the 1962 Beauty Court of the annual Junior-Senior Prom at Senior High.

Better known as Dr. Ben Casey, Vincent was chosen by members of THE BLACKBIRD Staff, who sponsor the Beauty Court, to serve as 1962 judge.

Sylvia Hutto, Business Manager of THE BLACKBIRD, wrote a letter to Mr. Edwards asking him if he would consent to serve as judge for the Beauty Court. After waiting many days for an answer, and not receiving one, Sandra Sulton

finally called him in California and got his consent.

Vincent Edwards plays the leading role in the popular television series "Ben Casey" which he broadcast over the ABC Network. His real name is Vincent Zoino, and he was born in Brooklyn, New York June 9, 1928. He stands 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 195 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. He is single and his hobbies are weight lifting, writing, and music. Vince has been associated with Hollywood for 11 years.

Members of THE BLACKBIRD staff fell pleased and honored at the consent of Mr. Edwards to judge the Beauty Court.

Gravel Is Given By Club Members

Members of the Service and Kudos Clubs have recently donated gravel for the school parking lot on Nash Street.

Gravel has been needed for some time in order to fill in holes, to level the ground, and to make the parking lot more attractive and convenient to use.

This donation is only one example of worth-while projects carried out by these two clubs. Service Club members undertook such money-making projects as selling light bulbs, selling programs at football games, book covers, and yearbook covers. Advisor for the Service Club, Mrs. Carolyn Bailey, and advisors for the Kudos Club, Mrs. Margaret Williams and Mrs. Mary Bobbitt, have worked diligently throughout the year to see that all projects for this year were boosted to the highest extent.

It is the desire of both clubs that all students co-operate in keeping the parking lot clean and neat.

Since a large number of students enjoy the use of the parking lot these two clubs have earned the appreciation of all the students.

Assembly Features Naval Commander As Guest Speaker

Commander Richard Altman of the Norfolk Naval Air Training Station spoke to the Senior High student body during assembly Friday, April 13.

He spoke on the subject of Communism, behavior of soldiers in prison camps in Korea, and moral decay in the service and civilian life, especially among American youth. Commander Altman told the students that as a result of the lack of discipline in Korea, measures were being taken in the service to combat the increase in misconduct. He stated that results of their leadership training program was remarkable and all phases of misconduct had dropped sharply since the institution of this program.

Commander Altman has traveled through the South giving talks on this subject. He is particularly interested in educating the public in communism.

In preparation for his job of heading the leadership training, Commander Altman attended a special school in Indiana.

Governor Is Visitor

School Greets Terry Sanford



Mr. C. M. Edson, principal, Governor Terry Sanford and Robert K. Smith, Student Organization President, discuss quality education after Governor's speech to the students.

As a part of his visit to Rocky Mount, Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina, visited Senior High to speak to members of the student body last Thursday.

A brief assembly was conducted in honor of Governor Sanford. Robert Smith, Student Organization President, introduced Mr. D. S. Johnson, Superintendent of City Schools, who in turn introduced Governor Sanford. Governor Sanford spoke to all students concerning the necessity of education to world peace and the importance of students in a program of quality education.

He said that the greatest steps ever taken in North Carolina's educational history have been taken during the last year. Governor Sanford also stated that certain goals have now been set for students to help their nation achieve. Through working hard for personal goals the students can reach national goals.

Governor Sanford urged each student to serve his country well by striving toward bettering his educational standards. He then asked those who were in favor of supporting the drive for better education in North Carolina schools to show their support by standing. All stood.

PTSA Officers

PTSA officers for the coming year are Mrs. Guy Barnes, president; Mr. Theo Pitt, vice president; Mr. Frank Low, Jr., second vice president; Mrs. Jane Gay White, secretary; and Mr. E. Wahab Edwards, treasurer.

Dramatics Students Take Trip To See Broadway Productions

Members of the Dramatics Department accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Ada Hobbs, traveled to New York City April 11 for a three day visit to attend various plays and tour New York City.

Their sightseeing included such points of interest as the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, the United Nations Building, and Columbia University. "Subways Are for Sleeping," "Shot in the Dark," and "Gift of Time" were the Broadway plays which the group attended. They met celebrities Henry Fonda, Robert Morse and Julia Harris and saw the daytime television broadcast, "Play Your Hunch," and the Easter Spectacular at Radio City Hall featuring the Rockettes.

Students were given an opportunity to go shopping and visit exclusive shops on Fifth Avenue and famous New York department stores such as Orbach's and Macy's. Sunday they attended worship services at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Those who took the trip included Brenda Andrews, Martha Brown, Jeanne Bryant, Prudy Eattman, Margie Fox, Pam Daniel, Sara Hale, Sheila Murchison, Ann Nelson, Sandra Perry, Jo Lynn Randolph, Rena Ruark, Marilyn Ward, Ann Wyatt, Dorcas Moore, Bill Benfield, Oscar Elliot, Doug Matthews, Jimmy Harper, Kenneth Rackley, John Daughtridge, Dell Lamm and Mrs. Hobbs.

Student Council Congress Meets

Jan McGrary, Greg Low, Westry Battle, Olivier Hammel, Skipper Tuttle, and Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, Student Organization advisor, attended the Eastern District North Carolina Student Council Congress April 13 in Plymouth, During the morning period, Sen-

ior High delegates along with delegates from various other North Carolina High Schools attended the opening session of the convention as well as general sessions and discussion groups dealing with topics of interest to student councils.

After lunch, all delegates assembled to hear candidates for Student Council Congress district officers for the coming year deliver their campaign speeches. Delegates then attended another session of discussion groups.

In the last session of the day, delegates assembled and voted for officers. Reports were also given by various committees.

Students who attended reported that the meeting was interesting and informative, and gave them a broader outlook on student council activities.

This was the second convention of the congress conducted this year at which the Senior High Student Organization was represented. Senior High delegates previously attended the first convention of the school year which was conducted in Fayetteville during October.

To act as a link of unity between various schools and to provide an exchange of ideas between schools is the purpose of the Student Council Congress.

Students: Summer holidays begin June 8.



From (l-r) Skipper Tuttle, Greg Low, Jan McGrary, Westry Battle, and Olivier Hammel were the students who attended the Student Council Congress Convention.

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