

Martha Burleson Is State Winner In DECA Contest

Martha Burleson, ASHS Senior, is the state winner in the Distributive Education Speech Contest which was held during the D. E. convention on March 10 at Greensboro.

The topic of Martha's speech was "Values of the Free Competitive Society."

An all-expense paid trip to the National Convention in Chicago in April and a plaque to be displayed at ASHS for one year were presented to Martha as the state winner.

Martha will be required to prepare six speeches to deliver at the National Convention. The judges will not tell her which speech they wish to hear until she approaches the platform.

Martha was recently selected as the "Distributive Education Student of the Year" for the Eastern District. The district is composed of 12 cities in Piedmont North Carolina.

She was selected on the basis of her academic record, vocational standing, promotion of DECA, leadership, personal interviews with judges, and letters of recommendation from members of the local school faculty and her employer at the Discount House, where she is employed as a sales clerk and cashier.

As a result of this honor, Martha was awarded a \$50 bond.

Martha also was named the "D. E. Student of the Year" at ASHS by a committee composed of Mr. Claud Grigg, superintendent of city schools; Mr. W. Bain Jones, past president of the Albemarle and Stanly County Chamber of Commerce; and Mrs. Paul B. Fry, a member of the ASHS faculty.



STATE WINNER DISPLAYS PLAQUE

Martha Burleson is pictured above displaying the plaque she was awarded as the winner in the Distributive Education Speech Contest held at the state convention in Greensboro recently. Miss Sybil Thomas, coordinator of the local Distributive Education program, and the three delegates from the ASHS chapter who attended the state convention, Jimmy L. Burris, William Walker, and Bob McCommons, are shown admiring the plaque.

Student Elections Scheduled April 17

Annual Due

The proof of the 1961 Crossroads was brought to ASHS March 9, by Mr. Flemming.

It was looked over and checked, then sent back for copying. Students will receive their annuals at the end of April or the first of May.

Coming Events

March 31-April 3—Easter holidays.
April 7—Student Council conventions.
April 12—Campaign speeches for Student Council officers-elect.
April 14—Junior-Senior Prom.
April 17—Election Student Council.
April 19—National Honor Society tapping.
April 21—Band Spring Concert.
April 28—Senior Banquet.
May 5—Spring Concert-Choral groups.
May 19—Modern Music Masters Initiation Ceremony.
June 2, 5, 6—Exams.
June 4—Baccalaureate Service.
June 6—Commencement.
June 7—School ends.

"Everyone get out a sheet of paper and write this song on your desk."—Mr. Fry.

"I've got to pim my trincel."—Jean Efrid.

"We have a lot of people suffering from absenteeism."—Mrs. Helms, looking at absentee list.

Conventions Will Be Held April 7; Speeches April 12

ASHS will be in a state of high pressure politics during these opening weeks of April as the student body attends various conventions, campaign programs, and finally by secret ballot elects their next president, vice president, and secretary.

The student election on April 17 will climax many weeks of hard work. The present Student Council, operating under a new constitution, is in charge of the election. Co-Chairmen are Suzanne Swindell and Jann Barrier, assisted by John Troublefield and Craven Morton.

Homerooms are divided into two groups, even numbered homerooms holding a convention in the auditorium; odd numbered homerooms in the gym. These conventions will meet on April 7. Each convention will elect a

Best Play Ever! Seniors Go Wild! Cast Acts Crazy!

"The Daffy Dills" is the title of the Senior play to be presented sometime late in April.

The Reverend David F. Morrow, as the director, has chosen the cast and practices have begun. Judy Chandler is acting as the student director.

Included in the cast are Steve Surratt as Richard Dill, "Papa", a handsome widower; Florence Morton as Carol Dill, his seventeen-year-old daughter; Bill Burbage as Rod Dill, his sixteen-year-old son; Jerry Tucker and Karen Herndon as Dudley and Doris, the thirteen-year-old Dill twins; Ann Bell as Grandmother Dill; Brenda Smith as Cousin Maude Maddox; Nancy Smith as Elaine Escott, Papa's bride; Pam Sells as Almee Lovewell, sweet sixteen and "thimply crazy" over Rod; Robert Iddings as Pete Norton, a high school athlete and Carol's heart throb; Sara Talbert as the Widow Woggles; and Linda Haynes as Arnica Jukes, the Negro cook, afraid of daffy folks.

The plot of this play concerns a widower whose four mean children and mother are against his remarrying. He devises a plot to make him let him have his way.

Concert By Band To Be On April 21

"Cuban Capers," "Tribute to Glen Miller," "Main Street U. S. A." "Peter Gunn," and many other new songs will be heard Friday night, April 21, at the annual band concert.

Mr. Hauss and the officers of the band have worked very hard in preparing new and different material for the concert.

Along with the usual music, a special dance band and other features will be presented. The band anticipates support from the student body in helping this to be the best concert ever by their attendance.

The band will participate on May 20 in the Armed Forces Day parade.

Officers of the band are president, Jan Russell; vice president, Tommy Ward; secretary-treasurer, Jerry Tucker.

By Their Words

"Can we report on a three-act novel?"—Bill Burbage.

"I want every worm, I mean everyone..."—Mrs. McClintock.

"Bertha, get your tongue out of Sonny's ear!"—Mr. Tyson.

"There was a lady I used to room with..."—Mr. Hatley.

"Let's all spread out in a huddle."—Johnny Garrison.

"Let's pair off in threes."—Kenny Furr.

"Spring's almost here; just listen to the flowers and smell the birds."—Nancy Smith.

"I was so tired I couldn't hold my head open."—Judy Chandler.

"I was so sick I didn't even watch T. V."—Lydia Hearne.

"We are always happy to sing for the Lions Club."—Mr. Fry to the Rotary Club.

"I've got skinny hair."—Bob McCommons.

"I write big when I'm in a fast."—Marie Snuggs.

After Three-Year Period New Constitution At ASHS

The Constitution of the Student Organization of Albemarle Senior High School has been completed by the executive board of the Student Council and is now being approved by the faculty.

The S. O. has not had a constitution since it moved to the senior high, though there was one when it was a four-year school.

Several changes have been made from the old constitution. All S. O. officers must come from the Senior High. The president must come from the rising Senior class, the vice-president and secretary from the rising Junior class, and the treasurer from the school at large. The treasurer is to be appointed by the president with the special approval of the S. O. advisor and/or the principal and the Student Council.

Contained in the constitution are the powers and duties of the S. O. officers, the executive board, and the Student Council. The

regulations concerning the election of officers are also included, with the oaths of office these officers must take. The standing committees of the Student Council and their duties are listed.

The constitution will be published in the new student handbook which is nearing completion. The committee hopes to have the handbook published and in the hands of the students before the end of the school year.

Lashes For Lies In Good Old Days

Have you ever wondered just how good the "good old days of the three Rs" were that grandparents boast about?

For a realistic answer to this question let's make a comparison of the Albemarle school system of fifty years ago and now.

The Albemarle school of that period (called Albemarle Academy) was established and maintained as a one-man institution and was, for the greater part, supported by fees paid by the students.

From the study of old records and notes which are available, some especially interesting comparisons can be made between the methods of discipline used then and now.

For instance, "Rules of Conduct." These were listed on the first page of the register, and were read and commented on frequently.

There was a rule that "at play-time the males and females will not associate with each other in any play or pastime," and four lashes were given for any infrac-

tion of it.

Quite a contrast to the recreational facilities of Albemarle Senior High today which are arranged for the interchanging of activities and ideas of both males and females.

When pupils arrived at school, they were to take their books and seats and be studying their lessons whether the teacher were in the room or not. No pupil would be allowed to go out more than once, in each lesson they recited (except in case of extreme necessity)—the males one at a time, females not more than two at a time.

Scholars were required to keep the strictest rules of order and "not to be whooping and hollering and playing as bad children do." For hollering and skipping going home from school, a punishment of three lashes was given.

The encouragement of competitive sports in Albemarle schools today is certainly in sharp contrast to the penalty of ten lashes administered for every

foot over three feet climbed up a tree in "Grandpa's time."

One lash was given for telling lies; seven, for making swings and swinging on them. Many such rules were set down, and any scholar who would not obey them, or who refused to be corrected for a violation of them, would be expelled from the school.

Also of interest is the amount of time spent in school and coming to and from school. For students attending who lived a distance of only a few miles, it meant leaving home by daybreak and it was dusk when they returned. The day's session was from sun-up to sun-down, except for about two hours in mid-day for recreation.

Therefore, by taking this backward glance at the beginnings of the Albemarle school system, it is easy to see the great strides that have been made in education and that maybe the "good old days" weren't so good after all.

Pam, Ronnie Are Featured Teens

Pam Treece and Ronnie Herrin have been chosen by the faculty as two of the most outstanding students of ASHS to represent the school in the Mr. and Mrs. Teen Contest currently being sponsored by The Charlotte News.

This contest has previously been held only in Charlotte but this year the surrounding schools are permitted to enter two faculty chosen contestants.

The winners of the contest were featured in last Thursday evening's edition of The Charlotte News with pictures and a story.