

Student Government Association Reports

The Student Government Association of Carver High School and its executive branch, the Student Council, is designed to promote student initiative, leadership, and to provide democratic experiences for students through the management of school affairs. Further, it proposes to advance all causes which will contribute to the best interest of the school and community.

The activities, in brief, for the school year 1949-50 have included the following:

1. The installation of officers and class representatives for the 1949-50 school year.

2. The appointment of an evaluation committee for assembly programs.

The selection of a patrol leader, and the implementation of the student patrol.

The selection of an inspection and evaluation committee for classrooms. The selection of a committee for the handling of song books for the school.

3. The design of an entrance, exit and seating plan for assembly for the high school and elementary school.

4. The student councils of Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount and Darden High School in Wilson were visited for the purpose of studying the operation of their councils and to discuss problems and exchange ideas relative to student council activities. These visits proved interesting and inspirational.

5. Prior to the close of school for the Christmas holidays, a Christmas party was given for the student body.

6. At Christmas, various foods were collected by the students and on Christmas day eleven boxes of foods were distributed to needy families of the community.

7. In January, the council sponsored a panel discussion at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

8. In January, a "Miss Carver" contest was sponsored by the council for the purpose of raising funds to cover the purchase of a record player, amplifier and microphone for the school. This equipment has been purchased and is now in use.

9. A school song has been composed and accepted by the student body.

10. The constitution has been revised to provide for the addition of the office of School hostess, Chairman of Athletic Activities and to permit membership of the county to be increased to include the presidents of classes and authorized clubs.

11. Three issues of the "Carver Echo" have been published.

12. Election of officers for the 1950-51 school year is now in progress.

13. A commendation certificate to be awarded by the council for the purpose of improving student citizenship, and rewarding students for outstanding attainments has been designed by the council. The initial certificates are to be awarded on Honors Day.

14. A banquet and social for the basketball teams is being planned for May 12, 1950.

15. Installation ceremonies for the officers for 1950-51 are being planned during the last week of the school year.

The council has not been able to attain all of the objectives set up for the year. However, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the council, and the student body for their support and cooperation in the activities we have completed during the year. The spirit shown, though not all to be desired, is worthy of praise. Particularly are we appreciative of the response received for Christmas boxes, the interest shown in the "Miss Carver" contest, and your support of the general school program.

It is our hope that students

Carver Dramatics Club Relates Very Successful Year

The Dramatics Club has had a successful year. Beside acting, the members have had experience in selecting and producing plays, stagecraft, make-up, costumes, and other responsibilities of the theatre. The plays presented were by the compact effort of both supporting and acting casts and the success must be attributed to cooperation of both.

The year was begun with a new advisor, who divided the club into areas of special interest, such as acting, directing, costuming, make-up and stagecraft. Each division had an important part to play in the production of every show.

Much emphasis was placed on speech as a part of dramatics. Our club members were urged to take advantage of every opportunity to improve their speech and gain confidence, especially by public speaking. One member, Mary Artis, won third place in an oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion.

The first play of the season was "Which Is The Way to Boston" for which the club received a letter of commendation from the administration. Teamwork was then a matter of course, for the letter was a great source of inspiration.

In order to learn more about dramatic principles, several members of the club made a trip to the annual Drama Clinic at Fayetteville State Teachers College in February. In March, the club was invited to present a play in the annual Drama Festival at Fayetteville. "Smoke-screen" was chosen by the group and presented to a very appreciative audience. Euphemia Bass was mentioned as one of the best actresses at the festival.

The Shepard Players of Zebulon, N. C., gave an excellent production of "Jane Eyre" in Carver Auditorium sponsored by our Dramatics Club, in exchange for "Smoke-screen" and "Mooncalf Mugford". Both were commendable performances, but particularly the latter, in which Delaney Kornegay, working at disadvantages, became another figure in the club.

Another play, "Revenge", received ovations, particularly for the excellent character portrayal of Hattie Hardy as well as for other supporting roles.

This year the club has worked hard and traveled quite a bit. The work was fun and the trips both educational and enjoyable. We feel that the experience, friends and ideas acquired will help us to do a better job in the next years.

The Club plans to end the year with a social at which time it will pay tribute to those persons graduating, who were outstanding on the stage as well as behind the scenes.

will take more active interest in student government, and use the privileges afforded by it to continue to make our school a more enjoyable place to work, play and learn.

May I personally express my gratitude to you for the support given during my administration and wish for the officers and organization in 1950-51 and the years to follow, every success and continued progress.

BERTHA L. OWENS,
President.

USE VACATION WISELY

Spend your summer vacation wisely, by reading good books and magazines.

THE DRAMATICS CLUB



THE BAND



Left to right: Harvey Peterson, Delaney Kornegay, Spencer Durante, Jr., Larry Hatcher, Cornell Newkirk, Wade Durham, William Robinson, Wilbert Teachey, Ann Greenfield, Wilma Hargrove, Charlotte Wynn, Marlene Flowers, Angeline Musgrave, Doratha Howard, Powell, Thomas Sneed, DeWitt Giles, Burnie Lane, Samuel Washington, Ellis Hargrove.

School Band Organized

By J. A. Turner
Bandmaster

This year Carver School has organized a school band for the first time. There was quite a bit of work for us to do. Our first step toward organization was the purchasing of small tonnets in order that we might learn notes and time, and familiarize ourselves with rhythmic patterns. We used the tonnets to form a little band and we learned several beautiful tunes and played them as a group. After we had worked with the tonnets for some time, we felt that we could make some progress with real instruments, thus, we made arrangements for purchases.

During the latter part of the fall we had our first meeting with our newly purchased instruments. The parents bought the instruments for their children and how proud they felt over the idea of owning a real instrument for the first time. We spent several weeks getting familiar with the instruments and learning to take care of them. Soon our practices started and we really were out for business. We began practicing simple notes upon which tunes and melodies were built. We later started on simple songs which gave us exercises and drills on fingering. Many of the band members were late getting their instruments and they had to work twice as hard to catch up with the group. We set aside a period in the morning for sectional and individual practices, then we had a group rehearsal in the afternoon

where all of our ideas were put together. We made much progress and there was much interest and initiative shown on the part of the whole band personnel.

After making so much progress, we felt that we could give a little concert and play several numbers we anticipated learning. We worked diligently on several numbers we hoped to play. We learned to play the numbers well and we appeared before the public for the first time on April 30. The program went over wonderfully and the twenty members of the band seemed happy to have appeared before the public for the first time. We are looking forward to participating in the May Day exercises and in the Commencement exercises at Carver School.

We have set up big objectives for next year and expect larger personnel. We sincerely thank all of the people who have helped us, especially the parents who worked so hard in order that their children might participate in such a worthwhile organization.

Regret Omissions

The Staff of Carver Echo regrets that, due to lack of space and to make-up requirements, the following articles had to be omitted from this issue: Coach's Tribute to Teams, Class Colors, and Senior Class Prophecy.

Let us not forget the school band during the summer vacation.

THE N. H. A. CLUB



Activities of N.H.A. For The Past Year

The N.H.A. officers were installed on Friday night, March 24, 1950. It was a candlelight installation service, which was enjoyed by everyone.

We have indeed enjoyed this school year. We hope that the chapter will continue to grow stronger.

As a project this year, our chapter has bought and planted shrubbery around our cafeteria.

We have represented our chapter in all state meetings.

The first meeting we attended was at Washington High School, Washington, N. C. The club went sightseeing in Goldsboro, where we bought shrubbery to plant around our school cafeteria. The next trip was at The State N.H.A. Convention held in Raleigh April 1, 1950. While attending this meeting the girls had the opportunity to visit Shaw University and The City Auditorium, in which the meeting was held. There was a fashion show given that evening; each chapter had a representative. The Carver chapter was represented by Bernice Hobbs. After the meeting we visited interesting places in the city.

As we conclude, here's hoping that we as a chapter will strive in every effort to become even better in the future than we have in the past.

Let's begin next year by paying our Membership Fees the day school opens.