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COMMENCEMENT PLANS ANNOUNCED

Program Will Get Underway May 25

Mr. C. G. Credle, superintendent of the Oxford City Schools, and Mr. D. N. Hix, principal of the Oxford High School, have completed commencement plans for the Senior Class of '47. The program will get under way with the annual baccalaureate sermon, which will be held in the Episcopal Church on the night of May 25, at eight o'clock. The Rev. Charles C. Fishburne, Jr., Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Martinsville, Virginia, will be the guest minister.

Senior Assembly

At 11:15 on the morning of May 29, the Senior Class will present its farewell assembly program to the student body and to their parents and friends. At this time, contrary to tradition, the last will and testament, prophecy, class poem, etc., will be read.

Class Night

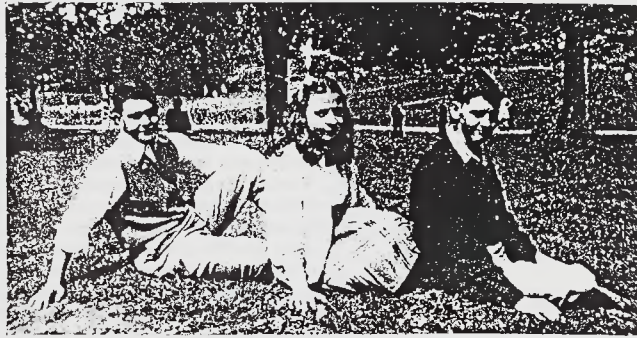
On May 29, at eight-thirty o'clock, the class of '47 will present the Class Night exercises in the auditorium of the high school. This program will introduce a new type of Class Night entertainment, featuring four Senior speakers whose theme will be "The Senior's Responsibility in the Atomic Age." At this time also, the valedictory and salutatory will be given, various medals will be awarded, and the Senior gift will be presented to the high school.

Graduation Night

On the night of May 30, members of the Senior Class of the Oxford High School and of the John Nichols High School will receive their diplomas, with Dr. Leon E. Smith, President of Elon College, delivering the address to the Seniors of both schools. Dr. Smith is well known as a speaker throughout the state, and his message will be awaited with interest. Diplomas will be awarded to the following Oxford High School Seniors: Beard, Daisy Jacquelin; Beasley, Christine Vidor; Beasley, Ethel Wray; Bergen, Ann Dorothy; Blalock, Ruth Mitchell; Brook, Cecil Parks; Bryan, Robert Taylor; Buchanan, Mary Nell; Carrington, John Davis; Carrol, Charlotte Maria; Chappell, Estelle; Cheatham, Ray Catherine; Cherkas, Frazier; Clement, Ethel Reid; Critcher, Ann Elizabeth; Critcher, Mariana Ethelyn; Currin, Corinna Mae; Currin, John Brent; Currin, Evelyn Gertrude; Currin, Sylvia Virginia; Cutts, Dorothy Currin; Dartt, William Harley; Dickerson, Annie Doris; Finch, Lucy; Finch, Charlie Bryan; Fort, Lucy Taylor; Fox, Edward; Freeman, Lonnie; Greene, Celia Gray; Harris, Betty Jean; Harris, Vernell; Hester, Lois Howard; Hughes, Marion Marie; Hughes, Yvonne; Jackson, H. J., Jr.; Jones, Rial Cooper; Knott, Sidney Robertson; Ligon, R. H.; Maxwell, Letticia Anne; Nelms, William Gray; Niles, John Adams; Nicholson, Zora Elizabeth; Noblin, Christine Gray; Nutt, Walter Elliott;

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The '47-'48 Owl Staff



Charles Brewer, Editor; Peggy Jones, Associate Editor; Thomas Sneed, Business Manager.

"Owl" Staff Officers Elected for 1947-'48

The Journalism Class has elected the "Owl" Staff heads for the school year 1947-'48. Charles Brewer, formerly a reporter, was elected editor of "The Owl;" Peggy Jones, former feature editor, associate editor; Thomas Sneed, re-elected business manager. These people are well qualified for the duties which they must perform in their respective offices.

Charles Brewer, a newly elected State Beta Officer, will fill a most responsible position. He was chosen on his excellent past record which has shown his abilities in many instances. Charles will go forward in making our publication something for us to be proud of, not only the students, but the faculty and the graduates of O. H. S. He is taking on many responsibilities, but we know he will put forth all efforts on this job.

Peggy Jones, who has been on the staff for three years now, received a reward for her efforts by being elected Associate Editor. This position means more work but that work doesn't offend Peggy. She and Charles will work together each month making out articles, planning the paper, and doing many other smaller duties which will be required of them. Peggy is efficiency itself. "The Owl" will probably be tops in displaying originality. Charles has more than a fair share of it.

As business manager of "The Owl" previously, it is a known fact that Thomas Sneed is capable of serving in this capacity. He has done a grand job throughout the year. His ability has been tested even to a greater extent considering the other duties he has had to perform. He became a marshal recently (along with Peggy), served as chairman of the Hall Traffic Committee of the Student Council, served on numerous other committees, and took part in the intra-mural sports. He is a well-rounded person with a bright future as a never-tiring worker.

"The Owl" will improve and bring honors to its Staff and Oxford High with these three able people at its head.

conventional gangplank, one noticed the gay streamers and banners hanging from the rigging, as well as the life preservers along the sides of the vessel. On the main deck, which was highlighted with attractive floral arrangements, were the tables arranged with programs, place cards, and nut cups at each plate. Next, all eyes gazed at the river scenes which were to be seen over the rail of the ship or perhaps they were turned to that side of the ship where the cabins and galley were located. At this quarter was found a supply of ship equipment, including rope, oars, and life savers. All of these elements combined to produce a quaint, nautical atmosphere and the passengers settled down in it for an enjoyable cruise. After the banquet had progressed well into the evening, the gangplank was lowered and the voyagers departed, leaving the Woman's Club to the clean-up committee and to happy memories.

Music Groups Present "The Mikado" May 6-7

The music groups of the Oxford High School presented "The Mikado," a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta on May 6 and 7 in the Oxford High School Auditorium. On Wednesday, May 7 an afternoon performance was presented for school children and the last performance was held on May 7 at 8:00 o'clock. These music groups were under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mew.

The operetta is composed of two acts, the first taking place in a courtyard of Ko-Ko's official residence, and the second takes place in Ko-Ko's garden.

The main characters of this operetta were John Davis Carrington as the Mikado of Japan; Ben Wells as Nanki-Poo, the son of the Mikado and in love with Yum-Yum; Bob Thomas as Ko-Ko, Lord Executioner of Titipu; Ed Fox as Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else; H. J. Jackson as Pish-Tush, a Noble Lad; Jean Clark as Yum-Yum, Nancy Watkins as Pitti-sing, Katchy Royster as Peep-Bo, all as little maids; Mary Nell Buchanan as Katisha, an elderly Lady, in love with Nanki-Poo; John Parham as Go-To; and Weldon Currin as the Sword Bearer.

Other members of the music groups had parts in the chorus of School Girls and the chorus of Nobles, Guards, and Coolies. Those in the girls' chorus were Lucy Fort, Joanna Pittard, Ethel Clement, Donnie Dean, Lynette Adcock, Barbara Jackson, Sara Walker, Harriet Arrington, Katherine Wildman, Jeanette Williams, Caroline Crews, Jacquetta Baker, Blanche Overton, Gene Bullock, Martha Landis and Joan Parker. And the Boys Chorus, Nobles, Guards, and Coolies was made up of Nelson Daniel, Gilbert Averette, Freddie Parham, Max Parham, William Ragland, Frank Daniel, Ralph Avery, Lynwood Oakes, Bobby Daniel, Tommy Jordan, Billy Landis, Charles Taylor, Billy Norris, Ferebee Patterson, Frazier Cherkas, Jasper Jones, Clarke Horner, Sam Finch, and Bobby Green. There were seven chorus substitutes, those being Lois Hester, Betsy Turner, Katherine Wilson, Catherine Strickland, Ethel Beasley, Nellie Gray Hight, and Lucille Chappell.

Members of the faculty together with special members of the music

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Seniors to Present Parting Gift to School

In keeping with a custom of longstanding among the high schools of the state, the Senior Class of '47 will present its parting gift to the school on the night of May 29. The gift which has been selected is a speaker's stand, full length and made of walnut, with a reading light attached. Engraved in the wood of the stand will be the words "Class of '47." In addition to the speaker's stand, the Senior Class will also present a new Bible to the school, to be used in assembly programs.

The presentation of the gift will take place during the Class Night program which will be held in the high school auditorium on the night of May 29.

"J. S. Mississippi" Makes First Voyage

The crew of the "J. S. Mississippi" completed their intricate plans and the ship had a glorious send-off Friday night, May the ninth, at seven o'clock. The passengers included over a hundred voyagers as well as a generous supply of the faculty and friends.

After everyone had assembled on the main deck, thanks were returned and dinner was served. The meal consisted of cocktails, cold plates, hot rolls, ice tea, cake, and ice-cream. This delicious fare was prepared and served by the parents of the crew with the aid of a number of stewards chosen from the freshmen class.

Following dinner, toasts and responses were given. Mr. Hix was toasted by Macy Falkner; Mr. Credle by Irvin Adcock; while Bob Thomas proposed a toast to the seniors, with the president, Maria Carroll, responding. Last came the toast to the faculty by Bill Currin, with the response by Miss Eugenia Boyd.

A short intermission came following the toasts, during which time the passengers strolled about the ship autographing each other's programs. After the deck was cleared a very enjoyable program was presented, which included musical selections by Ed Fox, a nautical skit, and poems by Nancy Watkins and Bob Thomas.

Dancing followed the program and continued throughout the remainder of the voyage.

Upon boarding the ship over the