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Commencement Exercises To Be Held June 4

Dr. Clyde A. Milner To Address Seniors

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 1948. The program will get under way with the annual Baccalaureate sermon, which will be presented in the First Methodist Church of Oxford at eight o'clock on the night of May 30. The pastor, Dr. S. A. Maxwell, has arranged for Rev. R. D. Ware of Asheville, N. C., District Superintendent in the Methodist Conference, to preach the annual commencement sermon.

CLASS NIGHT

On June 2, at eight-fifteen o'clock, the class of '48 will hold class night in the auditorium of the high school. At this time William Currin will deliver the valedictory and Alice Peele, the salutatory. Various awards and medals will be presented and the Seniors will present the class gift to the school. Robert Thomas will deliver the Class Prophecy; Peggy Jones, the Class Poem; Katharine Wildman, the Last Will and Testament; Anne Cannady, Class Giftorian, will distribute gifts.

GRADUATION NIGHT

On the night of June 4, members of the Senior Class of the Oxford High School and of the John Nichols High School, will receive their diplomas. Dr. Clyde A. Milner, President of Guilford College, will address the Seniors of both schools. He is a well known speaker and his message will be awaited with interest.

Those who will receive diplomas from the Oxford High School are: Inez Lynette Adcock, Irvin Warren Adcock, Ralph William Avery, Mary Elizabeth Baker, Eugene McCracken Ball, Jr., Jean Charlotte Beasley, Samuel Owen Beasley, Jr., Virginia Dare Brame, Jean Howard Blalock, Jr., Ruth Breedlove, Charles Hart Brewer, Jr., Wesley Thomas Burnette, Anne Carter Cannady, William Dodson Currin, Nathaniel Venable Daniel, Jr., Francis Bailey Dean, Bryson Talmon Dickerson, John Macy Falkner, Nancy Laura Gill, Lizzie Hobgood Hancock, Joyce Barbara Harrison, Rachel Daphne Hedgepeth, Anne Morton Hester, Nellie Grey Hight, Edward Clarke Horner, Jr., Ella Marie Jones, Mary Helyn Jones, Martha Lacy Landis, Randolph Alfred Matthews, David Jagers Mitchell, Samuel Almos Moss, William Vincent Norris, Alice Cuthrell Peele, Myrtle Jane Pruitt, Pattie Mae Sizemore, Thomas Quincy Sneed, Jr., Charles William Taylor, Robert Kenon Taylor, Robert Eirwin Thomas, William Van Dyke, Katherine Ericson Wildman, Nancy Thomas Watkins, Jeannette Biggs Williams, Edward Randolph Wilson, Jr.

Fort Heads Council; Other Officers Chosen

Friday, May 7, the students of Oxford High went to the polls to elect their Student Council officers for the 1948-'49 school year. Registration had been held Wednesday and Thursday previously and when the voting closed, the following results were tabulated: Arch Fort, president; Buck Hicks, vice-president; Betsy Hobgood, secretary, and Barbara Elliot, treasurer.

Campaign speeches were made Wednesday at the regular assembly. The campaign and publicity managers for the candidates were, respectively: Jackie Wheeler with Peggy Jones both; Arch Fort with Bob Thomas and "Cissie" Niles; Patsy Banks with Donna Jean Yancey and Nancy Gill; Buck Hicks with Jaqueta Baker and Donnie Dean; for Talbott Tippet, George Moore and Jimmie Stegall; Betsy Hobgood with Charles Taylor and Betsy Baker; Charles Brooks with Thomas Sneed and Anne Hester.

This election is recorded as one of the most lively ever held at Oxford High and the student body is anticipating a very profitable year.

Danny Finch Mascot

A cute little auburn-haired fellow is the Seniors' choice as mascot for '48. Danny Finch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fallis Finch of College Street, is three and a half years old, is three and a half feet tall, and has brown eyes.

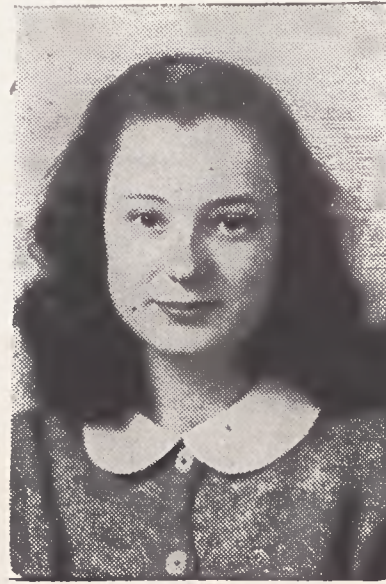
As young as he is, Danny is one of the most independent and talkative youngsters imaginable. Master Finch hopes to "work on the choo-choo train" when he grows older; however, you may find him now riding his tricycle with full speed ahead. He particularly likes to paint and color with his fellow students at "Miz Landis' kinnyga'en."

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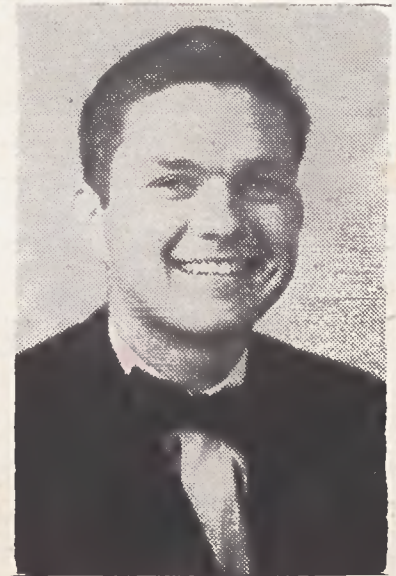


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Danny is quite a celebrity in Oxford; when he was just a year old, he won a baby contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club; then last fall, he won the popularity contest at the Oxford Orphanage Halloween party.



Alice Peele, Salutatorian



William Currin, Valedictorian

Seniors Choose Lockers

During the Class Night exercises on June 2, the Class of 1948 gave as their traditional Senior Gift, \$180 worth of lockers.

These lockers, of metal construction and arranged in two tiers, will be placed along the inside wall of the central hall in the high school building. This is the first gift of this type to Oxford High School and the class of '48 hopes that succeeding classes will see fit to increase the number of lockers until there are enough to accommodate the entire high school.

Dave Mitchell was chairman of the committee appointed to purchase the lockers, which were secured from the Carolina Supply Company.

Honor Students Selected

At the close of the second six weeks' period of the second semester in Oxford High School, the names of the two Seniors, averaging the highest grades during the four year period, were announced. The highest honor, that of being valedictorian, went to William Currin, while the second highest honor, that of salutatorian, went to Alice Peele. These students have made a very impressive record for themselves during their high school years, showing superior qualities of leadership and scholarship.

"The Owl" would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these two deserving Seniors.

Old Fashioned Garden Scene Of Junior - Senior Banquet

Amid blushing rose bowers and wistful wisteria vines, flanked by white picket fences and softly glowing candle light, Juniors and Seniors gathered for a final farewell Friday evening, May seventh.

Upon entering the Woman's Club House, one was immediately conscious of being in a beautiful old-fashioned garden, frequented by lovely ladies and chivalrous gentlemen. Lingering perfumes of multitudinous flowers permeated the rooms, while sleepy frogs and drowsy crickets looked on.

Four lengthy tables spanned the center of the garden. Pink carnations, white gladiolus, and snapdragons made up the table decorations, with here and there, ivy-pillared candles. The nut cups were promenading ladies with parasols for the girls and watering pots for the boys. Scattered at intervals were miniature garden tools and opened umbrellas.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Credle and the welcome followed by Arch Fort, President of the Junior Class. The menu was: fruit cocktail, chicken salad, ham, candied yams, green peas, pickle, rolls, celery, iced tea, and ice cream and cake. Ferebee

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Choral Concert

The Choral Clubs, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn, presented their spring concert on May 18 to an enthusiastic audience. The following program was presented:

- 1. Religious Group**
 - "Come Soothing Death"..... Bach
 - "Bless Thou the Lord"..... Ippolite of Ivanov
 - "Beautiful Savior"..... arr. Christiansen
 - Nancy Watkins, alto soloist
- 2. Boys' Chorus**
 - "Hiking Song"
 - "Praise We Sing to Thee"..... Haydn
 - "Caisson Song"..... Gruber
 - "Danny Dever"
- 3. Girls' Chorus**
 - "Down in the Forest"..... Ronald
 - "Cindy"
 - "Crystal Night"..... Gibb
 - "America My Own"..... Cain
- 4. Miscellaneous**
 - "Oh, Soldier, Soldier"..... Powell
 - Jean Clark, soprano soloist; Bob Thomas, baritone soloist
 - "Madame Jeanette"..... Murray
 - "Ho-La-Li"..... arr. Lubaas
- 5. Negro Spirituals**
 - "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
 - Alfred Dean, tenor soloist
 - "Go Down, Moses"..... Cain