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## **Seniors To Receive Diplomas June 3**

#### Judge W. A. Devin Will Address Srs.

Plans for graduating exercises >> of the class of 1949 have been completed, as announced by Mr. C. G. Credle, superintendent of Oxford Concert May 12 City Schools, and Mr. D. N. Hix, principal of Oxford High School. The annual Baccalaureate sermon which will begin the exercises, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Oxford at eight o'clock on May 29. The pastor, Dr. M. L. Bannister has invited Rev. Rowland Pruitt of Boonesville, North Carolina to deliver the commencement sermon.

#### **Class Night**

Class Night for the Class of '49 will be held on June 1 at eightfifteen o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The valedictory and salutatory will be delivered at this time by Arch Fort and Helen Hall respectively. Also at this time, Arch Fort and Charles Brooks will deliver the Class Prophecy; Helen Hall, the Class Poem; Ferebee Patterson, the Last Will and Testament; John Parham, the Class History; Caroline Crews, Class Giftorian, will distribute gifts. Various awards and medals will be presented, and the class gift to the school will be presented by the Seniors.

#### Graduation Night

On the night of June 3 at eightfifteen o'clock, members of the Senior Class of the Oxford High School and of the John Nichols High School, will receive their diplomas. Judge W. A. Devin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina will address the Seniors of both schools. He is an Oxford citizen whose home is on Main Street.

## **Choral Clubs Present**

On May 12, 1949, the Choral Clubs of O. H. S. presented their annual spring concert, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Webb, Jr. The following program was presented: Junior High Chorus: "A Little Song of Life," Busch; "O Western Wind," Clokey; "Little Girl With the Turned Up Nose," Clark; "That Music Enchanting," Mozart.

Junior High Quartet: Meriwether Walker, Helen Watkins, Betsy Bullock, Sam Royster: "Sweet Miss Mary."

Mixed Chorus: "Dedication," Wilson; "Cindy," Mountain Dance Song, arr. by Wilson; "Vale of Tuoni," Sibelius.

Girls' Chorus: "Oft In the Stilly Night," with Antoinette Calvert, soprano soloist; Traditional Irish Air-arr. by Wilson; "At Eventide It Shall Be Light," Gaul; "By the Bend of the River," Katchy Royster, soloist, by Edwards; "Going A-Maving"-Nageli Luraas. "A Brown Bird Singing," Wood; sung by Jean Clark, Sara Walker, Joan Parker. Boys' Chorus: "Climbin' Up the Mountain," Negro Spiritual, arr. by Smith; "Out On the Deep," Lohr, Ferebee Patterson, soloist; "By Berdemeeis Stream," arr. by Wood, Al-

#### **1949 Honor Students**



**ARCH FORT** 

#### **Senior Class Presents Money For Lockers**

In accordance with a plan set up by the Class of '48, the Senior Class this year is presenting one-hundred dollars to the school with which to buy lockers. The Class of '48 presented a similar amount of money with the hope that the lockers would be delivered before the opening of the '48-'49 season. However, because of a scarcity of materials the lockers were not received, therefore the Class of '48 and the Class of '49 have combined their funds and the order for the lockers has been placed in the hands of the school board along with an order for lockers for the gym-



HELEN HALL

#### **Honor Students** Selected

Honor students in the Senior Class of 1949 were announced at the end of the second semester. The Senior having the highest average for four years in high school was Arch Fort. The second highest average was made by Helen Hall. These students have made an outstanding scholastic record for themselves at Oxford High School, showing superior qualities of leadership and scholarship.

In the fall, we will find Arch Fort at the University of North Carolina, and Helen Hall at Woman's College

Those who will receive diplomas from the Oxford High are: Maurice Ray Blackwell, John Edward Boyd, Robert Charles Brooks, William Bearl Brooks, Millard Allen Brummitt, Howard Thomas Buchanan, Blonnie Dale Bunn, William Lee Burwell, Mitta Gairdner Carr, Robert Frederick Carr. Frances Lucille Chappel, Evelyn Caroline Crews, Jean Elizabeth Crews, Roy Walter Crews, Jr., Dorothy Evelyn Currin, Luther Webb Daniel, William Austin Daniel, Alfred Beecham Dean, Jr., Mildred Mae Finch, Archibald Taylor Fort, Helen Hall, Crudup William Hobgood, Jr., Jessie E. Hoyle, Jasper Dean Jones, Thomas Cladius Jordan, III, George Ervin Moore, Jr., James Fleming Newton, Betty Jane Nutt, Charlotte Ann O'Brian, Henry Thomas Osborn, Jr., Ann Dearien Pace, Ferebee Land Patterson, Annice Rebecca Parham, John Abner Parham, William Joseph Pruitt, William Glenn Ragland, John Alva Simpson, Mattie Sue Speed, Isabel Hinton Stark, James Gordon Steagall, James Talbot Tippett, Jacquelin Francis Wheeler, Peter Jefferson Wynne, Jr., William Thorp Young.

fred Dean, soloist; "The Ranger Song," Tierney; "Ole Ark's A-Moverin'," Negro Spiritual, arr. by Cain, sung by Frank Daniel, John Dean, Bobby Daniel, Wiley Oakley.

Mixed Chorus: "Incline Thine Ear, Oh Lord," Arkhangelsky; "Let Us Break Bread," Negro Spiritual, arr. by Lawrence; "Alleliua! Christ Is Risen," Scholin; "God Is A Spirit," Scholin, sung by Janet Speed, Katchy Royster, Gene Bullock. Boys' Quartet: "Without A Song,'

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#### **New Council President**

In the election of Student Council officers on Friday, May 6, Buck Hicks proved to be the students' choice for the presidency. Buck's opposing candidate, Donna Jean Yancey was defeated by a margin of four votes.

Having been vice-president of the council, Buck was automatically a candidate for the presidency. He has been a member of the council since his freshman year, and is well equipped for the job.

The nominating committee, composed of Mildred Currin, Arch Fort, Edith Ashley, and Alex Hancock, with Miss Reams and Miss Wilkin as advisers, presented the following slate of officers: President: Donna Jean Yancey, Vice-President: Ruth Hedgepeth, Secretary: Patsy Brummitt, Treasurer: Gilbert Ragland. The candidates for the offices of

vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were unopposed.

in Greensboro.

### **Candlelight Theme of Junior-**Senior Banquet

"With a candle to light their way" the Senior Class of Oxford High School was entertained by the Junior Class at their annual banquet which was held at the Woman's Club on Friday evening, April twenty-second.

nasium.

For the occasion the clubhouse was attractively decorated with a color scheme of red and white, Senior colors. The lengthy tables were covered with white linen tablecloths and red ribbon, with centerpieces of lillies, snapdragons, and carnations. Candles were used throughout the house, with entwining ivy and other spring flowers. Each person's place was marked by a corsage or a boutonniere.

Mr. Credle offered the invocation and the welcome following by Titus Dickerson, President of the Junior Class. The menu consisted of fruit

cocktail, baked ham, chicken salad, deviled eggs, sliced tomatoes, potato chips, rolls, iced tea, and ice cream and cake. Betsy Turner offered a toast to the Seniors and the response was given by Jimmy Steagall. A toast was proposed to Mr. Credle by

Ed Meadows with Mr. Credle responding; a toast to Mr. Hix by (Continued on page eight)

#### **Band Participates** in Shrine Event

On Thursday, May 19, the Oxford High School Band traveled to Raleigh to participate in the annual Spring Ceremonial of the Sudan Temple, North Carolina Shriners.

The Oxford band, along with eighteen other bands from various high schools throughout the state, participated in a parade on Fayetteville Street from Capital Square to the Memorial Auditorium where lunch was served by the Shriners.

Along with the Oxford Shriners, the band went through a special maneuver directly in the front of the reviewing stand on Fayetteville Street.

The Oxford High School band was invited to attend and participate in the Opening Day Program at Chowan College in Murfreesboro on May 13. Because of a conflict in school activities, the band was unable to accept this invitation.

On Sunday afternoon, May 22 the high school band presented its an-Buck Hicks with a response by Mr. nual spring concert on the campus of the Oxford Masonic Orphanage.