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Oxford High Students Participate In Music Festival

Oxford High, this year, will be allowed to send eight, or possibly sixteen, students to a festival chorus which meets in Greensboro at Woman's College April 19 and 20. These will join a group composed of high school musicians from all over North Carolina, and will present a program on the College Campus. Those students from Oxford participating will be John Dean, second bass—alternate, Tom Newton; Bobby Daniel, first bass—alternate, Jimmie O'Brien; Gilbert Averette, first tenor—alternate, Ray O'Brien; Sara Walker, second alto—alternate, Joan Parker; Naomi Johnson, first alto—alternate, Lila Haney; Donna Yancey, second soprano—alternate, Betsy Turner; and Donnie Dean, first soprano—alternate, Harriet Arrington.

Music Groups Receive Ratings

March 23, the music groups of Oxford High journeyed to Meredith College in Raleigh for the district music festival.

Ratings which are given are superior, excellent, average, and below average. Oxford received the following ratings: mixed chorus, excellent; boys' glee club, excellent; girls' glee club, superior; junior high chorus, average. All three soloists, John Dean, bass; Ann Daniel, alto; Jasper Jones, baritone, received average ratings.

O.H.S. to Stage Field Day

On May 3, the students of Oxford High School will go all out for a Field Day. This is the first such event to be held at Oxford High in three years. The Field Day will begin promptly at 10:30 Wednesday morning and continue until 3:30.

The activities are under the direction of Miss Crinkly and Mr. Culton, along with the various committees consisting of students from each home-room. Among the many events, there will be barrel races, high jumps, and dashes.

The Field Day is sponsored by the Student Council with Gene Bullock as chairman.

Students will be served a picnic lunch by the Student Council.

Seniors To Visit U.N.C.

The University of North Carolina has extended an invitation to high school seniors throughout the state to attend the Seventh Annual North Carolina High School Day at Chapel Hill on Saturday, May 6. A program will consist of tours through the various departments and Morehead Planetarium. Coach Snavelly has prepared a special football game which will feature such University football stars as Justice, Rodgers, Williamson, Highsmith, Weiner, Camp, and Pupa against varsity prospects for next fall.

Senior Play Cast



Right to left, first row: Nat Burwell and Edgar Wilson. Second row: Sara Walker, Marianne May, Harriet Arrington, Jean Clark and Joan Parker. Third row: Arthur Oakes, Bobby Greene, Joe Bryan, Nelson Daniel, and Tom Ragland. Not pictured is Miss Lorena Averett, director.

Seniors To Present "The Eyes of Tlaloc"

The Senior Class will present its annual play "The Eyes of Tlaloc" Friday evening, May 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Delay in presenting the play was caused by much needed electrical work on the stage.

Characters in the play are Amanda Simpkins, a New Englander and ranch housewife, played by Sara Walker; Ezra Simpkins, her husband, caretaker at the ranch, played by Nelson Daniel; Pudge Rogers, a sagebrush taxi driver, taken by Nat Burwell; Tommy Tinker, who is interested in many things, Bobby Greene, whose part has been taken by Jasper Jones; Nancy Howe, John Wayne's niece, Jean Clark; Virginia Lee Byrd, Nancy's Southern friend, played by Harriet Arrington; Pat Gillis, a breezy Western girl, played by Jean Parker; Nawa, an Indian, played by Edgar Wilson; Salvador Del Santos, a Mexican gentleman, taken by Arthur Oakes; Pepita Del Santos, his sister, played by Marianne May, whose part has been taken by Dorothea Niles and John Wayne, owner of the Rancho de los Alamitos, played by Tom Ragland. Miss Lorena Averett will direct the play.

Baseball Schedule

Coach Culton and his baseball team have gotten under way with the spring baseball practice. John Parham and Gilbert Averette are the pitchers for the "Wildcats." The busy season for the boys has begun. Following is the baseball schedule:

April 20	Roxboro at Oxford
April 21	Henderson at Oxford
April 25	Roxboro at Roxboro
April 28	Durham County at Durham
May 2	Chapel Hill at Chapel Hill
May 4	Hillsboro at Oxford
May 9	Durham County at Oxford
May 12	Henderson at Henderson

"The Owl" Given Columbia Rating

The monthly publication, "The Owl," of the Oxford High School, has been awarded third place in the 1950 typographical contest sponsored at the 26th annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, meeting March 9-11 at Columbia University in New York City. The Owl was in a classification of senior high schools with 300 or less pupils—printed newspapers.

The eleventh annual typographical competition was conducted in cooperation with the National Graphic Arts Education Association. A certificate of merit, made possible through the cooperation of the American Type Founders Department of Education, will be presented as the high award. The competition enables the school publications to receive an appraisal of their printing from men high in professional ranks. This may be used to advantage in effecting improvements.

Juniors Entertain Seniors With Springtime Banquet

O.H.S. Band Performs

The seventy-five piece Oxford High School Band under the direction of Bandmaster A. J. Wagner, presented its annual spring concert in the auditorium on Friday evening, April 24.

The following program was presented to an appreciative audience:

1. "Salute To Youth"—VanderCook
2. "Medallion"—Johnson
3. "A Moonlight Melody"—King
4. "Moonlight on the Nile"—King
5. "Carnival of Roses"—Olinadate
6. "American Patrol"—Meacham
7. "Men of Ohio"—Fillmore
8. "The Sky Pilot"—Laurens
9. "Chestnuts" with Narrator—Long
10. "Mexican Overture"—Isaac
11. "Best Loved Southern Melodies"—Hayes
12. "Sun Maid"—Lee

During intermission, chenille lyres with "O. H. S." and a star for each year of high school participation were presented to the high school students. Eighteen music awards were presented by Mr. Wagner for outstanding music ability and band loyalty. Also, six awards were presented to the Junior Band students who had shown outstanding progress. The six color guards, four majorettes and three tumblers served as ushers for the night's performance.

Farm Youth Festival

The O. H. S. band traveled to Durham on April 27 along with the 4-H's of Granville County and participated in the annual Farm Youth Festival.

"In a world of friendship" the Senior Class of Oxford High School was entertained by the Junior Class at their annual banquet held at the Woman's Club, Friday evening, April twenty-first.

The clubhouse tables had been attractively decorated with the Senior colors in mind—green and gold. Overhead was a bright mast of rainbow colors which tied-in attractively with the huge world used as a centerpiece of the room. Dolls and miniature flags representing the various nations were used for effect.

Mr. Credle offered the invocation and the welcome followed by the President of the Junior Class, Frances Parham. John Dean offered the toast to the Seniors and Buck Hicks gave the response. The menu consisted of fruit juice, turkey, dressing, gravy, peas, carrots, potatoes, rolls, butter, cranberry salad, iced tea, cake, and ice cream.

A toast was proposed to Mr. Credle by Margaret Seabolt with Mr. Credle responding, E. V. Strother toasted Mr. Pittman with the response from Mr. Pittman. The toast to the faculty was given by Ruth Hedgepeth and Mr. Alexander responded. Bobby Daniel presented the toast to the mothers.

An attractive dance was presented by the waitresses. The after-dinner speaker was Dr. Isawo Tauaka, a resident of Durham who comes from Japan. His wife entertained with a few native dances. Mrs. Tauaka is a noted musician, opera singer, and dancer.

Dancing was enjoyed by all after a brief intermission. The very lovely and memorable 1950 Junior-Senior came to a close at twelve o'clock.