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Commencement Exercises To Be Held May 27

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Rev. Alban Richey to be Speakers.

Plans for the graduating exercises of the Class of '55 have been completed, as announced by Superintendent C. W. Duggins and principals W. G. Somerville, Jr. and E. T. Regan. The annual baccalaureate sermon, which will begin the exercises, will be held at the Oxford First Baptist Church at eight o'clock on May 22. Following a custom of the rotation of ministers, the Reverend Alban Richey, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oxford will deliver the commencement sermon. The Rev. Mr. Richey will be assisted by several local pastors.

CLASS NIGHT

Informal exercises in honor of Class Night will be held in the Oxford High School auditorium on Wednesday, May 25, at eight-fifteen o'clock.

The valedictory will be delivered by Roberta Rucker, who has achieved the highest scholastic average in the class; the salutatory will be given by Harvey Horowitz whose average is second highest. At this time, Jan Park will read the prophecy; Meriwether Walker will read the Class Poem; George Johnson will present the Last Will and Testament; Nancy Cutts will review the Class History, and Helen Watkins will introduce the Class of '55. Class gifts have been chosen by Betsy Bullock, and Candace Tatsey, class treasurer, will present a farewell gift to the school. Various medals and awards will be presented at this time by the principal.

GRADUATION NIGHT

On the night of May 27 at eight-fifteen, members of the Senior Classes of Oxford High School and of John Nichols High School will receive their diplomas. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Amos Abrams, editor of the *North Carolina Education*.

Members of the Class of '55 who will make up the Oxford High School roll are: Julia Mae Baker, Celia A. Beasley, John Thomas Blackwell, Betsy Estelle Bullock, Betsy Mae Burnette, Joyce Ann Burnette, John Spottswood Burwell, Ann Carol Chappell, Rachel Connell, Benjamin Fleming Currin, Mary Ann Currin, Nancy Campbell Cutts, Joseph Edward Daniel, Marianna Daniel, Mary Ann Dean, Elreda Dixon, Melville Howard Dorsey, Charles Landis Easton, Betty Jane Elliott, Nancy Jo Finch, Betty Sue Green, Eckiel Annette Hart, Harvey Alan Horowitz, Barbara Ann Hughes, Roy Taylor Jackson, George Frederick Johnson, John Pollard Jones, Jr., Curtis Franklin King, Martha Leigh McFarland, Dan Vickers Noblin, John Bryant Norris, Howard Kinton Oliver, Emma Yvonne Overton, Mary Helen Parham, Janice Maie Park, Kathryn Roach, Thomas Sampson Royster, Jr., Mildred Roberta Rucker, Margaret Ann Smith, Peggy Lou Smith, James Ronald Talley, Candace Ann Tatsey, Curtis Carlyle Tillotson, Jr., Meriwether Lewis Walker, Helen Elizabeth Watkins, Shirley Ann Wheeler.

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Congratulates
The Class of
'55

Honor Students



ROBERTA RUCKER



HARVEY HOROWITZ

Band and Chorus Present Concert

The Music Department of the Oxford High School presented their annual Spring Concert on May 10, 1955. The organizations that participated were: the high school and the junior high school bands, the Oxford High School Mixed Chorus and a special chorus of high school students.

During the program, two silver loving cups were awarded to the outstanding musician of the band and to the outstanding member of the chorus. The winners of the cups were Curt Tillotson and Betsy Bullock. Along with the cups, six band pins and six chorus pins were given to the outstanding students. The Freshmen were given band letters, and stars were given to each member in high school.

The Concert consisted of the following arrangements:

Band:

Band of America ----- Paul Lauville
Minuet ----- Handel
Poet and Pheasant Overture ----- Suppe
Blue Tango ----- L. Anderson
Carnival of Roses
Mighty Fortress ----- M. Luther

Band and Chorus

Chorus:

Happy Wanderer ----- Moller and Loesser
You'll Never Walk Alone
Rodgers and Hammerstein
Wonderful Copenhagen ----- Loesser
Dream of Olwen ----- Williams
Leperchaun Lullaby ----- Hurlbert
Just Another Polka ----- Loesser and DeLugg
The Lord is My Shepherd ----- Cain
Give Ear Unto My Prayer ----- Arcadelt
Alma Mater

Student Council Elections

On Monday, May 16, the students of Oxford High School voted for the new officers of the Student Council. The following people were running for office:

President: Shelba Walters, Tommy Hogan, Jimmy Crawford and Jackie Raper
Vice-President: Nellie Holmes Ballou
Secretary: Mary Ann Powell and Patsy Hughes
Treasurer: Judy Watkins, Rowland Matteson and Ann White.

"Moonlight and Roses"

Jr.-Sr. Banquet

On May 14, 1955, at 7:00 P. M., at the Woman's Club, the Juniors entertained the Seniors and the Oxford High School Faculty at their annual Junior Senior Banquet. Tommy Hogan, the president of the Junior Class was the master of ceremonies and the toasts were given in the following order:

Toast to the Principal—Guy Reid, with Mr. Somerville responding.

Toast to the Seniors—Billy Currin, with Sam Royster responding.

Toast to the Faculty—Dora Bryan, with Miss Edna Reams responding.

Toast to the School Board—Peggy Hamme, with Mr. F. R. Barlowe responding.

Toast to the Superintendent—Allan Baker, with Mr. Duggins responding.

Toast to the Sponsors—Jackie Raper, with Miss Averette responding.

The menu consisted of Rose Nectar (Tomato Juice); Moonlight and Rose Special (Turkey, Dressing, and Cranberry Sauce); Moon Beams (Butter Beans); Crescent Moon and Star Dust (Crescent Rolls and Butter); Fleecy Clouds (Creamed Potatoes); Rose Petal Salad; Rose Bud Radishes; Lover's Delight (Cherry Tarts a la Mode; and Rose Water (Iced Tea).

During the banquet, the guests were entertained by the Juniors and the waiters and waitresses. The boy's quartet, composed of Allan Baker, Johnny Welch, Jackie Raper, and Nelson Blackwell sang "Shine on Harvest Moon". A quartet composed of Tommy Hogan, Jimmy Crawford, J. D. Wrenn, and Phillip Hughes sang "Katy", which was pantomined by Billy Currin and Peggy Hamme. Both quartets combined in singing "Down by the Old Mill Stream". Rowland Matteson played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata". The girls' quartet, composed of Jean Earl Hawks, Vera Cheatham, Patsy Mangum, and Nancy O'Brien sang "By the Light of the Silvery Moon". Johnny Welch sang "Red Roses for a Blue Lady", which was pantomined by Myrta Ann Dixon, Rosalie Currin, and Rowland Matteson. The Waiters and Waitresses entertained with a song and dance number, "Moonlight and Roses". The banquet was concluded with Betsy Bullock singing "Carolina Moon" and everyone joining in the chorus.

The dance immediately following the banquet was held at the Oxford High School Gymnasium, which was converted into a rose garden of wondrous beauty and splendor. There were roses galore; rose trellises, rose arbors, rose arches, rose bushes, a wishing well, bird houses, white lawn furniture, roses planted in wheelbarrows, and appropriately placed spot lights. The CAVALIERS, a five piece orchestra from Henderson provided the music for the dance. Everyone had a most delightful time and it is agreed that this Jr.-Sr. can hold its own with the ones held before it.

Juniors Receive Rings

On April 19, 1955 A. D., a most memorable and blessed event took place for the then fast upcoming and now distinguished Junior Class. Their rings came! This was to the Juniors the climax and highlight of eleven years of "toil and trouble".

Rucker, Horowitz Are Honor Students

The Valedictorian of the senior class of 1955 is Roberta Rucker. This intelligent and talented girl was chief marshal, and president of the Beta Club, as well as a participant in many other activities. Roberta was the mascot for the class of '43, of which her brother was a member. She is interested in art and plans to teach it in public schools. She is planning to spend her first two years of college at St. Mary's in Raleigh.

Harvey Horowitz is the Salutatorian, and the first boy to be an honor student since Gilbert Ragland graduated from Oxford High School. Harvey was a marshal and a Beta Club member, and in his junior year, associate editor of the "Oxonian". He plans to attend State College to study chemical engineering.

Both of these students have been in the Oxford City Schools for their entire school careers. Harvey skipped the seventh grade, making him one of the youngest members of his class. "The Owl" would like to congratulate two fine students and to wish them the best of luck in the future.

Hawks to Edit "Oxonian"

During May, the students of Oxford High School held an election to choose a staff for "The Oxonian," the school annual. Campaign speeches were presented in assembly prior to the election, and the tallying of votes proved Jean Earl Hawks to be editor for the '55-'56 "Oxonian". Jean Earl is experienced in annual work, as she served as associate editor this year. In addition to work on the annual staff, Jean Earl is a member of the chorus and serves as a marshal.

Associate Editor Buddy Norwood is also an old timer on the annual staff, having worked with staff members for the past two years. Buddy is also an interested band member and a reporter for "The Owl".

Business manager Patricia White has also had previous experience on the annual staff and is a member of the chorus as well as serving as a marshal.

A new-comer to our school, Ben Averett, holds the position of Art Editor on the "Oxonian" staff. Ben comes to Oxford High from Canada and is a member of the Boy's Athletic Association.