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## Chorus Receives Superior Rating

On March 17, 65 members of the High School Chorus went to Raleigh to attend the annual District Contest. They had worked hard to prepare two numbers which were "Once to Every Man and Nation" and "David's Lamentations". The school is quite proud of the chorus for their rating was superior. Only one other mixed chorus besides Oxford had a rating of one; three others with this honor were girls glee clubs. The groups with the ratings of either superior or excellent are eligible to enter the state music festival in Greensboro which is to be held in April. Oxford is planning to participate.

## Roman Wedding To Be Given by Latin Club

National Latin Club Week will be highlighted here by a Roman Wedding in April, announces Anne White, president of Cognoscamus, local Latin Club.

Principals in the Nuptial Romance will be Joyce Hicks as Caecilia, the bride and Dan Averett as Junius Varenus, the groom. Jo Anna Watkins will be the matron, and Edwin Knott, the groom's best friend.

John Webb as the priest will perform the ceremony, and Jimmy Baucom will be narrator throughout the three scenes. Except for his explanation in English, the language spoken will be Latin.

The first scene will dramatize the formal betrothal two months prior to the wedding day. The father of the bride and groom, Sturges Bryan and Neil Yeargin, respectively, plight the troth of their children and agree upon the dowry. The groom presents to the bride-elect the engagement ring, and she in turn gives him a slave, as a token of a larger dowry later.

The second scene portrays the day-long wedding festivity characterized by the solemn ceremony followed by celebration and feasting.

The third scene takes place in the groom's new house to which he leads his bride, followed by numbers of the wedding party shouting "Talassio" and "Feliciter". In the new home, religious ceremonies precede another celebration with wedding guests.

Those in the nuptials not previously mentioned follow: the bride's mother, Martha Taylor; the groom's mother, Anne White; Witnesses: Nancy Hix, Linda Knott, Carolyn Stephenson, Betty Daniel, Gale Squires, Elouise Horner, Augusta Burwell, Gwen Hester, Betty Lou Smith, and Jeannie Parker. The dowry servant, William Lytton; Musicians: Marsha Ray, playing the lyre; May White, playing the flute; Rowland Matteson, playing the Drums; Fielding Walker and Charles Stovall, acolytes.

The servants attending the bride in the procession are Arch Crawford and Joe Wheeler, and Callie Frazier carrying a distoff.

Kitty Boddie, Mary Helen Blackwell, and John Cheatham will be the servants carrying the food which is to be that which was typical at Roman Wedding feasts.

Guests at the wedding will be Sue Hart, Carolyn Hamme, Brenda Ligon, Naomi Oakley, Julianna Yancey, Mae Reynolds, Lindy Lou Baker, Becky Baird, Sandra Hughes, Delores Johnson, Judy Dean, and Martha Perkins.

## Seniors Think of Awards

Members of the Class of '56 have begun to think about Commencement plans, the speakers for the season, and the awards which are presented Class Night. A Scholastic medal is presented annually to the valedictorian, and is provided each year by the school board in memory of Dr. I. H. Davis; the P. T. A. medal is presented annually to the salutatorian. Both are given on a basis of scholarship.

Citizenship medals are provided each year by the American Association of University Women and the Kiwanis Club. These awards are presented to the senior girl and senior boy who, by written vote of the faculty, are said to have exhibited superior citizenship qualities during their years in high school. The Daughters of the American Revolution have provided a citizenship medal for the senior girl who, by written vote of members of the Senior Class, is thought to have exhibited superior qualities of citizenship throughout her high school years. A companion citizenship medal for boys will be given for the first time by the Oxford Rotary Club to the senior boy who, in the estimation of his classmates, has shown superior qualities of citizenship during his high school career. This selection will be made by written ballot by members of the Senior Class.

The Danforth award is a book entitled *I Dare You* and is presented to the boy and to the girl in the Senior Class who, according to written vote of a faculty committee, have stood "four square" in scholarship, church participation, extra-curricular participation, and athletic participation during their high school years.

All medals and awards will be presented at Class Night exercises, and the recipient's names will be withheld until that time.

## Rowland Matteson Wins Scholarship

Rowland Matteson, member of the class of '56 of the Oxford High School, has been awarded a \$400 per year scholarship at Wake Forest College. The Hankins Scholarship is renewable for each of the four years and was won by Rowland on a competitive basis.

Rowland who is interested in many fields including that of music, is thinking seriously of entering some phase of science or medicine.

## Students Vie For Scholarships

Several Oxford High students are entered in scholastic competition with a scholarship as their goal. Jimmy Crawford, who was a finalist in the John Motley Morehead competition, is currently in line for one of Carolina's lesser, but certainly noteworthy, scholarships. U. N. C. is also the goal of Jackie Raper, who is a finalist for the Aubrey Brooks Scholarship. Another Oxford High senior, Johnny Welch, is actively engaged in competition for one of the National Merit Awards. Rowland Matteson has reached the finals for the Hankins Scholarship at Wake Forest. Although it is impossible to predict the outcome of this competition, the Owl Staff wishes these students the best of luck in their commendable efforts.



Left to right; 1st row: Jane Hedrick, Kay Mangum, Judy Burnette, Nellie Holmes Ballou; 2nd row: Patsy Hughes, Sallie Webb, Donald Knott, Jimmy Baucom; 3rd row: Tommy Steagall, Zeb Overton, Ven Burwell, Buddy Norwood. Not pictured: Mary Ann Powell and Victoria Norris.

## Juniors Present Play

"Love is in the Air" a three act comedy by Frank and Doris Hursley was presented to an appreciative audience on March 23, 1956 by the Junior Class.

The play, under the direction of Miss Lorena Averett, is based on the life of an American family whose normal routine is upset when a new girl moved next door.

The juniors who participated in the play and the part they portrayed are as follows:

- Elmer Truitt ..... Zeb Overton
- Gramps ..... Donald Knott
- Roscoe Blipp ..... Ven Burwell
- Hugo Nogginocker ..... Jimmy Baucom
- Beanie ..... Buddy Norwood
- Clarence Truitt ..... Tommy Steagall
- Maggie Truitt ..... Sally Webb
- Gert Truitt ..... Nellie Holmes Ballou
- Gladys Truitt ..... Mary Ann Powell
- Jackie ..... Jane Hedrick
- Poodles ..... Judy Burnette
- Third lady buffalo ..... Victoria Norris
- First lady buffalo ..... Kay Mangum
- Second lady buffalo ..... Patsy Hughes

## Latin Club Meets

Anne and May White were hostesses to the Latin Club for its March meeting.

Fielding Walker, Vice President, completed plans for the local group's representation at the North Carolina Junior Classical League at Chapel Hill, March 17.

Plans for the Roman Wedding to be given in April were discussed after Jo Anna Watkins read a paper on the Roman Wedding.

Two display features were Dan Averett's poster illustrating the caduceus and Gwen Hester's scroll containing the Lord's Prayer in Latin.

After Latin Charads were given by several members, the hostesses, assisted by their mother, served bottled drinks with cheese straws, wafers, and hard candy.

## Honor Roll

The following students have averaged a grade of 90 or above for the fourth six weeks:

Seniors: Kathleen Gillis, Joanne Hatton, Jean Earle Hawks, Nancy O'Brien, Jack Raper, and Johnny Welch.

Juniors: Helen Adcock, Alice Currin, Patsy Hughes, and Mary Ann McSwain.

Sophomores: Lindy Lou Baker, Martha Taylor, Joanna Watkins, Anne White, Julianna Yancey.

Freshmen: Marsha Ray and John Webb.

Eighth Grade: Judy Ann Critcher, Annie Laura Dixon, Betty Howard, Tommy Morgan, Betty Lou Rawls, Shirley Tippet, Caroline Vaught, and Wayne Wilson.

Seventh Grade: John Critcher, Linda Currin, Mary Elizabeth Currin, Billy Daniel, Roy Lee Dean, Bobby Dickerson, Billy Elliott, Brenda Gupton, Jimmy Harris, Carolyn Jones, Anna Peed, Billy Pittard, Carolyn Pleasants, Linda Raper, Barbara Jean Rogers, Billy Seate, Patricia Seate.

Sixth Grade: Bill Anderson, Carol Beasley, Floyd Carmichael, Lynette Currin, Danny Finch, Billy Frazier, Russell Harrison, Amelia Wheeler.

## Ground Observer Corps Organized

Through civilian defense efforts, Oxford has become the proud possessor of a Ground Observer Corps building. Located atop the Morgan and Crews building on Williamsboro Street, this observation post and others of this sort play vital parts in the role of America's defense.

Members of the Ground Observer Corps include Oxford High students, as well as numerous interested adults. The majority of the teen-age members serve on Saturday so as not to interfere with Academic activities. The Owl Staff wishes to urge the support of all students in this patriotic undertaking and to simultaneously congratulate present members.