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Seniors

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"Jazzland" Theme of Jr.-Sr. Banquet In Town Armory

With Jazzland as a theme, the Juniors entertained the Seniors with a Banquet-Dance held at the National Guard Armory May 17.

The entrance to the building was flanked by two "jazz" trees which were pines, decorated with foil-covered instruments. The foyer formed a display for "songs of the past" which covered the wall. Inside, the walls were covered with seven murals depicting the "seven" eras of jazzland. In the back a silhouette representing a dancing couple was erected. An enlarged facsimile of "How High the Moon" was displayed directly behind the bandstand and glittered notes bordered each door.

Entertainment during the banquet consisted of "Old Man River" which was rendered by William Watkins; "Swanee" sung by Lindy Lou Baker, Julianna Yancey, Sandra Hughes, Gwen Hester, and Linda Knott, and accompanied by Hope Harrison, Martha Parham, Martha Taylor, and Nancy Hix playing ukeleles. A barber shop quartet composed of Neil Yeargin, William Watkins, Dan Averett, and Larry White singing "Harvest Moon" ended the banquet entertainment.

The menu for the meal was as follows: Satchmo (fruit punch), Snare Drums (stuffed tomatoes), Jazz: red and cool (congealed salad), Half notes (deviled eggs), Horns (stuffed celery), Sharps (pickle), Flats (rolls), Syncopation (tea), Midnight Rose (cherry tarts), Naturals (butter).

During the dance intermission the fourteen waiters and waitresses, dressed as a family on a cotton plantation, performed "Dry Bones". Next Jo Anna Watkins, dressed in a red-sequined sheath, sang "Birth of the Blues", followed by the Dixieland Band made up of Julianna Yancey, Linda Knott, Madge Daniel, Derwood Robinson, Dan Averett, Neil Yeargin, Bobby Ray, and William Watkins. Next, typical dances of the "Roaring Twenties" were done with Nancy Lee Currin, and Wilbur Yeargin doing the Charleston; Derwood Robinson and Hope Harrison, the Toddle, and William Watkins and Martha Parham, "Black Bottom". The era of the torch singer was depicted with Ann White singing "Stormy Weather". The program ended with the Dixieland Eight and the "Singing Saints" doing "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Music for the dance was furnished by the Jack Victor orchestra of Durham.

Dan Averett Heads Betas

Dan Averett was elected president of the Oxford chapter of the National Beta Club in the final meeting of the year, held at his home on May 1.

Joyce Hicks was named vice-president, Derwood Robinson, secretary, and Nancy Hix, treasurer.

Frank Bullock, retiring president, opened the program by recognizing Martha Taylor, who told of the club's trip to Asheville. Following the election of officers, Miss Boyd, Beta adviser, awarded pins and certificates to the new members. After the business session, the host's mother, Mrs. Ben H. Averett, served refreshments consisting of cheese straws, fancy sandwiches, potato chips, fudge squares, and punch.

Juniors Get Rings

Juniors began to feel like Seniors April 18: they received their class rings.

Achieve Top Scholastic Rating

Salutatorian

Valedictorian



ALICE CURRIN



PATSY HUGHES

John Webb Wins Trip To United Nations

John Webb, of Oxford High School, has been selected to attend the eighth annual United Nations Pilgrimage of Youth.

Selection was on the basis of character, leadership, scholarship, community service and spiritual motivation. Delegates will have a week's study of the United Nations in action, learning about behind the scene functioning, and understanding the relationships of one's home community with the affairs of the world. Delegates are sponsored, with all expenses paid, by Odd Fellows Lodges.

John, along with eleven other students from North Carolina, will leave Winston-Salem June 19, en route to New York; returning July 3. While in the metropolis, they will have time for a three-hour boat trip around Manhattan Island, a reserved seat for Radio City Music Hall, and other entertainment.

John's scholastic standing has kept him high on the honor roll his two years in high school and his extra-curricular activities are varied.

This year he has served as treasurer of Student Council, program chairman of the Latin Club, and debate chairman. In the Presbyterian church he is moderator of Granville Presbytery and president of the S. H. F.

Win Honors

In addition to the coveted distinction of being valedictorian and salutatorian, earned by Patsy Hughes and Alice Currin, respectively, other honors were announced last night at Senior exercises.

Mary Ann McSwain won the D.A.R. Award for Citizenship, and Buddy Norwood a similar award given by the Rotary Club.

Citizenship honors went to Nellie Holmes Ballou from the local branch of A.A.U.W., and to Ven Burwell from the Kiwanis Club.

Patsy Hughes, as valedictorian, won the award given in memory of the late Dr. I. H. Davis. Alice Currin, as salutatorian, won the P.T.A. award.

Jimmy Baucom and Sallie Webb won the Danforth awards.

Patsy Hughes Valedictorian

Alice Currin, Salutatorian

Patsy Hughes, voted "most likely to succeed" by the senior class, was class valedictorian, and Alice Currin was salutatorian.

Patsy Hughes has been prominent in many school activities. She has served as treasurer of the Senior Class during the past year and has been a member of the Chorus, the senior play cast, the Bible Club, and the Beta Club, of which she was vice-president. She has also been a marshal. Patsy plans to attend Campbell College next year and major in English.

Alice Currin, the salutatorian, has also participated in many different activities. This year she has been president of the F.T.A., devotional chairman of the Bible Club, an assistant bus driver, and a member of the Beta Club. She was Chief Marshal this year, and the senior class voted her "Most Studious Girl". Next year Alice plans to attend Meredith College.

Council Presents Gifts To School

A microphone, amplifier, and loud speaker were presented to the school in April in assembly by Nellie Holmes Ballou, president of the Student Council. The public address system in the auditorium was installed permanently the first week in May.

This was one part of a project sponsored by the student government this year. A large movie screen is now being purchased, to be permanently installed on the stage.

Julia R. Carrington Latin Club President

Julia Ruth Carrington succeeds Marsha Ray as Latin Club president.

Elections took place in the final meeting of the school year held picnic-style at the home of Charles Stovall on May 6. Julia Ruth has participated in Band and Chorus, G.A.A, Bible and Latin Clubs this year.

Dr. Arnold Perry Speaks Tonight to Combined Seniors Seniors To Get Diplomas Tonight in O.H.S. Auditorium

Dr. Arnold Perry of the School of Education of the University will address the graduating classes of Oxford High and John Nichols School here tonight.

The Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., pastor of Oxford Baptist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening in the Baptist church. Mr. Baucom's son Jimmy is president of the O.H.S. Seniors.

Class Night was held last night here for the Oxford High Seniors. John Nichols Seniors held theirs on the Orphanage campus.

Prominent in Class Night exercises were Patsy Hughes who delivered the valedictory address, and Alice Currin who gave the salutatorian's greetings.

Jimmy Baucom, class president, presided over the program. Frank Bullock read the class history, Mary Ann McSwain, poem, Mary Ann Powell, prophecy, and Tommy Steagall, last will and testament. Calla Ann Raynor was giftorian, and Patsy Hughes presented the class gift, an electric water fountain installed a month ago. Nellie Holmes Ballou presented the class.

Seniors Honored At Parties

The Class of '57 was entertained at six parties during the last weeks of school. Parties were given by the mascot, grade mothers, the marshals, and several senior parents.

The gala weeks began with an informal supper given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Hall, and Mrs. J. G. Webb. The party, held in the Hall's backyard, was highlighted by the showing of movies taken of the class in the first grade, the fifth grade, and at the Junior-Senior banquets of 1954, 1956, and 1957.

On Wednesday, May 22, Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Daniel entertained for Donna Read, the class mascot, with a picnic at Kerr Lake.

Mary Ann Powell and Mary Ann McSwain entertained the Oxford High School and the Orphanage seniors with an afternoon lawn party at the Powell home on Thursday, May 23.

Friday, May 24, Mr. and Mrs. Dermont Hedrick and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bullock gave an outdoor supper at the Bullock home for the class.

After class night, May 27, the grade-mothers held a reception at the Woman's Club for the seniors and their dates.

This afternoon the marshals will entertain with an informal party.

Chorus Gives Minstrel

The O.H.S. Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Dan R. Swanger, presented an old time minstrel four times May 3. The show was given that morning and evening here, and twice during the day at the Credle School.

Miss Bunn Heads C.T.A.

Miss Bonnie Bunn is president of Classroom Teachers for next year.

Mrs. Hope Currin is vice-president; Miss Mattie Mae Lyon, secretary; and Miss Ann Austin, treasurer.