



One of the highlights of the pre-holiday social season was the presentation of young ladies from Durham and surrounding areas at the Sigma Gamma Rho sponsored Debutante Ball and Cotillon Dec. 7. Above is a scene taken during the ball.

Whiteville's High School NFA Host To Leadership Session

The local chapter of the NFA was host to eighty NFA boys, who attended the New Farmers of America Leadership School and Conference of the R. R. Taylor Federation held at Central on December 12. Five counties were represented. A welcome was extended to the visitors by H. E. Brown, Principal at Central.

W. T. Johnson, Assistant State Director of Vocational Agriculture conducted the Leadership Training section of the meeting. During his discussion, he pointed out some of the necessary qualifications of a leader.

S. B. Simmons, State Director of Vocational Agriculture at-

tended the meeting and spoke to the group.

E. R. Cooper is sponsor of the chapter of NFA here.

CHOIR AT ARTESIA

The Music Department of Central appeared in a guest recital at the Artesia School, Hallsboro, North Carolina on December 4.

Central's Choral group was guest of the music department at that school. They presented a thirty minute program-singing such songs as: ROCK-MAH-SOUL, SET DOWN SERVANT, HOLY LORD GOD, ADORAMUS TE, BLESS THIS HOUSE.

The 40 member choir is under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Starr Johnson.

Central Cagers Win Close One

WHITEVILLE

The Basketball season was ushered in here on December 6, when the Hornet teams of Central met one of their old arch-rivals, the Panthers of Artesia. One of the biggest crowds in the history of the school was on hand to witness both teams vie for a win.

The starting line-up for the Central Girls' team were guards: Ceatrice Hill, Juanita Shirden, Laverne Lawrence; forwards: Sarah Betts, Lucille Threadgill, Adgeleene Lawrence. When the writer interviewed head coach, Louise P. Turner about her observation of the game between the Hornettes and Panthers, she stated that "she thought both teams fought hard and exhibited a lot of drive." She felt also that the teams were evenly matched. Compliments were paid to guard, Ceatrice Hill, who in the guard, Beatrice Hill, who in the perb job of guarding."

The Panthers bowed to the Hornettes with a score of 28-19. High scorer for Central was

Sarah Betts. The Central Boys' team was also victorious over the opposing Panthers. A closely contested game all the way, the Hornets won the game by a margin of two points, the final score being 47-45.

Central's starting line-up—Guards: David Jackson, Anthony Faison; William Mack Johnson, center; forwards: Harold Troy and Bobby Shird. Bobby, a second string player, moved into the starting line-up and scored a total of fifteen points, making him the high scorer for Central.

Junior (Ellison) Cooper, another second string player,

played excellent defensive and offensive guard, coming into the game to replace David Jackson. Head coach Lloyd est summarized the game by saying it was "high-spirited," "tension sharp between teams," "teams looked evenly matched."

Prior to the game on Dec. 6, a pep rally was engineered by the Cheering Squad and its sponsor, Mrs. Vertina Umstead. The student body assembled in front of the auditorium and participated in several cheers led by the squad. The band was on hand to lend a musical background. It was directed by Novella Phifer.

Captains Harold Troy and

Beatrice Hill presented members of their teams respectively. The coaches were also present.

Members of the Cheering Squad are: Helen Gaskins, Bettye Thompson, Myrtle White, Lena Simpson, Alie Gore, Elsie Davis.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Central's faculty and friends fellowshiped here on last Wednesday night at the annual Christmas party given by the Whiteville Chapter of NCTA.

A repast of fruit cake, hot coffee, candy and nuts were served in the buffet style. Music and games were furnished for entertainment.

The party was given in the school's auditorium.

PTA SESSION

A brief session of the PTA was held here last Thursday

night, with the President, H. L. Simmons presiding. Two reports were heard, one on the band uniforms and another from the Treasurer.

Parents, teachers and friends were entertained by one of the ninth grade classes, whose sponsor is Mrs. Beulah G. Monroe. The class presented the "Christmas Story." The story of Jesus's birth and the many ways in which Christmas is celebrated in different lands was told.

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