



ALL STATE BAND MEMBERS from West Charlotte High School pose with Band Director Richard Maxwell and their instruments last Tuesday. The six students, and Gary Ballard (not pictured) performed in the Southcentral All State Band Clinic at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, N.C. on January 24th and 25th. They are seated, left to

right, Ron Turbyfill, alto saxophone; and Edwin Dale Hart, baritone horn. Hart made first part, first chair. Back Row: left to right, William "Bill" McConnell, trombone, Lance Bridgeman, clarinet, Director Richard Maxwell, Gary Dorton, clarinet, and Vernon McGill, French Horn. Photo by Peeler.

7 West Charlotte Students Named To "All State" Band

Seven members of West Charlotte High School's Band were selected to this year's ALL STATE BAND.

The seven West Charlotte musicians were chosen from more than 300 high school students who participated in the Southcentral region Try-outs held at Southwest Junior High School in Gastonia, N.C. recently.

Of all the students trying-out, 92 made the Southcentral All State Band's 9th and 10th grade division and 89 young band students made the Southcentral All State Band's 11th and 12th grade division. The 181 band members chosen performed at the Southcentral All State Band

Clinic which was held January 24th and 25th at A. L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, N.C.

West Charlotte students selected to the 9th and 10th Grade Division of the Southcentral All State Band were: William "Bill" McConnell, trombone; Lance Bridgeman, clarinet; and Gary Dorton, clarinet.

The three students and other members of the 9th and 10th grade All State Band played King Cotton March, by Sousa; Avatars by Frescobaldi; Hootenanny by Harold Walters; Green Sleeves by Alfred Reed; and Psalm 46 by Zdechlik. They were directed by Joe Secrest of Wilkes

Central High School, North Wilkesboro, N.C.

West Charlotte band students performing with other members of the 11th and 12th grade division All State Band were: Ron Turbyfill, Alto Saxophone who played 2nd part, 2nd chair; Edwin Dale Hart, Baritone Horn, who played 1st part, 1st chair; Vernon McGill, French Horn, who played 4th part, 1st chair; and Gary Ballard, Trombone, who played 2nd part, 2nd chair.

This is the third consecutive year Gary Ballard has been selected to the Southcentral All State Band.

Three of the students representing West Charlotte High School made 1st part, 1st chair - signifying that they received the highest score in their instrument category from the judges during the try-outs in Gastonia.

Turbyfill, Hart, McGill, and Ballard, playing with other members of the 11th and 12th grade division of the All State Band, rendered 8 selections including: Song For The Young by Mitchell; Chester Overture by Schuman; Run For The Roses by Wolfson; Mazatlan by Rhoads; A Manz Overture by Wood; El Conquistador by Tarver, Lulu Belle by McLeod, and Johnnie Learns To Play by Webber. They were directed by R. D. Grabbill of Albany Junior College, Albany, Georgia.

Their band instructor at West Charlotte High School is Richard Maxwell.

Catawba Presbytery

Miss Wilma Powell Named Moderator

January 22 and 23 were history making days within the life of Catawba Presbytery.

The first Black woman ordained by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. delivered the first annual address ever presented to the Catawba Presbytery by an ordained woman minister.

The Rev. Miss Katie Cannon addressed an audience of more than 350 ministers, commissioners and visitors coming principally from the 34 churches within the bounds of Catawba Presbytery.

The opening service was held Wednesday night, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial United Presbyterian Church on Beatties Ford Road. On January 23 during the morning session Miss Wilma Powell became the first woman elected to the office of moderator of Catawba Presbytery which was organized Oct. 4 1866. Miss Powell was elected without opposition and became moderator after the stated clerk, the Rev. D.O. Hennigan cast one unanimous ballot for the Presbytery as a whole.

Miss Powell has served on many boards and committees over the years. They include the General Assembly, Synod, Presbytery and local church levels. However, Miss Powell's greatest work came through her efforts to promote the work of Presbyterian women throughout the denomination. Miss Powell currently serves as secretary

of the mission division of Catawba Presbytery and as clerk of the session at the Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church where she holds her membership. Miss Powell is a counselor in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System at the Kennedy Junior High School and has been recognized for outstanding service on several occasions by schools where she has served as a teacher and or counselor.

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