

Schools Lauded For Entries In Annual Drama Festival

The second Ashe County Dramatics Festival was very successful and a large number of people attended the two nights of productions.

On Thursday night Healing Springs presented "Bobby Sox"; Jefferson, "Glamor in the Pocosinos"; Fleetwood, "The Neighbors"; Annabel Colvard, Janet Sue Houck and Arleigh Grogan were given special praise for their performance in these three plays.

Friday night, Jefferson presented "Sunday Costs Five Pesos"; Lansing, "The Weatherman's Secret," and Riverview, "Oh, Say Can You Sing."

Outstanding performances were given by Nancy Haynes, Thomas Roberts, and Sue Littlewood.

Friday night the make-up and costume contest was held with the following entries:

From Lansing in the "Bigger and Better Babies' Contest," Robert Miller and Paul Roberts as the twins, Mike and Ike Vin Dietz, Thomas Roberts, Algernon Aloysius DeVoid, Jr. Clara Shepherd as Mrs. Van Snoot.

From "The Weatherman's Secret," Sue Littlewood, Mrs. De Speppes, Pauline Sapp, Cotton Ann Corn, Charles Dolinger, Bill Gadget, Katherine Carter, Miss Kate Penn, Secretary from "Rats," Geneva Greer, as Jill from Kittenish and Cattenish, Bettv Blevins as Stella, the old maid.

Riverview had the following entries: Iva Deane Lewis, Mrs. Blodgett, Georgia Roark, Miss Diann Dobbs, Sue Norris, Danny Driggs and Ruby Lewis, Tom Driggs, from "Oh, Say Can You Sing."

Jefferson had the following characters from various plays given during the year:

Dorothy Dean Bare, Grandma in "Sauce for the Gossings," Imogene Bare, Lizzie Wright in "The Glamour Girl," Kathleen Weaver, Polly Lincoln Washington, in "Polly, Put The Kettle On," Ina Ruth Werth, Sylvia, in "Polly, Put the Kettle On."

From "Sunday Costs Five Pesos," Nancy Haynes, Bertha Carter, Ivan Rash, Fidel Duran, Ruby Bare, Celestina Garcia, Ann Francis, Salome Molina, Mary Jo Little, Tonia.

From "Glamor in the Pocosinos," Bernard Bare, Henry Timberlake, Joe Neal, Jr., Julius Karp, Calvin Miller, Basil Rainey, Wanda Bower, Amy Ferris, Annabel Colvard, Jane Duke, Billie Oliver, Martha Breen.

From "Now That April's Here,"

Bobbie Hodges, Bonnie, Paula Lee Badger, Justine. From "Vandy and the Doodlebug," Dot Rash, who was Vandy. Fleetwood had from "The Neighbors," these characters: costume Vannoy, Mrs. Abel Arleigh Grogan, Grandma, Betty Bieckoe, Mrs. Moran, Charles Hardin, Ezra Williams.

The following winners were chosen by the judges from Appalachian: Best coached play, "Glamoy in the Pocosinos," given by Jefferson; best actor, Thomas Roberts, as the senator from California; Deuteronomy Flowers; second place, Calvin Miller as Basil Rainey; honorable mention to Bernard Bare, for his representation of the principal, Mr. Timberlake.

The best actress award was given Annabel Colvard for Jane Duke in the Jefferson play; second, to Janet Sue Houck for Bobby Sox, in Healing Springs play and honorable mention to Sue Littlewood for her portrayal of Mrs. De Speppes in Lansing's play.

In the costume contest for boys, Thomas Roberts won first place in Lansing's play; Bernard Bare from Jefferson, second and honorable mention to Charles Hardin, from Fleetwood.

In the costume contest for girls, Ruby Bare from Jefferson, won first place, Arleigh Grogan, from Fleetwood, second, and Nancy Haynes, from Jefferson, honorable mention.

First place in make-up for boys went to Bernard Bare, second to Thomas Roberts and honorable mention to Ivan Rash.

In the make-up contest for girls, Nancy Haynes, from Jefferson, won first place, Iva Deane Lewis, from Riverview, second place and Sue Norris from Riverview, honorable mention.

Cratis Williams, director of Appalachian Playcrafters, commended the performers and their coaches for their fine work in the plays.

Judges for the occasion were Playcrafters Julian Hawks, J. B. Blevins and John Rooks. Mr. Williams served as critic for the plays.

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught was in charge of the festival.

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December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



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