

West Claims Fourth Quiz Bowl Title

After getting off to a late start, a team of sophomores continued West Brunswick High School's winning tradition in the Brunswick County Quiz Bowl this month.

Captained by John Leslie Bell, West's team claimed the school's third consecutive and fourth overall Quiz Bowl victory Friday, Feb. 15, in competition against teams representing North and South Brunswick high schools. It was West's fourth win in the seven-year history of the county bowl.

Sponsored by the Brunswick County Library in cooperation with the three county high schools, the 1985 Quiz Bowl was held at the Brunswick County Government Center at Bolivia. Children's Librarian Felecia Hardy coordinated the event.

West's team will advance to district competition to be held March 16 at the Scotland County Public Library in Laurinburg. Winners and runners-up in eight district play-offs will compete in a statewide championship April 27 at the State Library in Raleigh.

"We're hoping they do exceptionally well in the regionals," said Ms. Hardy. "They seemed to be one of the better prepared teams."

Along with Bell, players for West are Greg Bland, Michael Norton and Robert Bellamy, with counselors Bertha Bell and J. Harris as sponsors. Alternates are Keith L. Stanley and Donald Gates. They will get to keep the Quiz Bowl trophy at West for another year, plus each received a \$25 savings account from Security Savings and Loan Assoc.

The bowl tests not only participants' knowledge of a wide range of subjects, but also their ability to perform under intense pressure. Playing in rounds, students answer questions of increasing difficulty that cover current events, history, science, mathematics, literature, the

arts, sports and trivia.

"The literature category was everybody's weak point," said Ms. Hardy. "They don't know who wrote the books."

Participants were allowed five seconds to answer questions in rounds one and two. On the third round, teams members may consult with one another and are allowed 10 seconds to respond. The point value for correct answers increased with each round from 10 to 30 points each.

For a short while the Friday night of the county competition, it looked as though West would not even get to compete, much less win.

After a wait of approximately 30 minutes West was still short two team members. West was given a bye, Ms. Hardy said, and North and South squared off in the first round of the double-elimination tourney.

South lost that game, and North went on to lose the second game to West, whose team members had finally arrived. When the two first-round losers paired off, South lost a second time to North and was

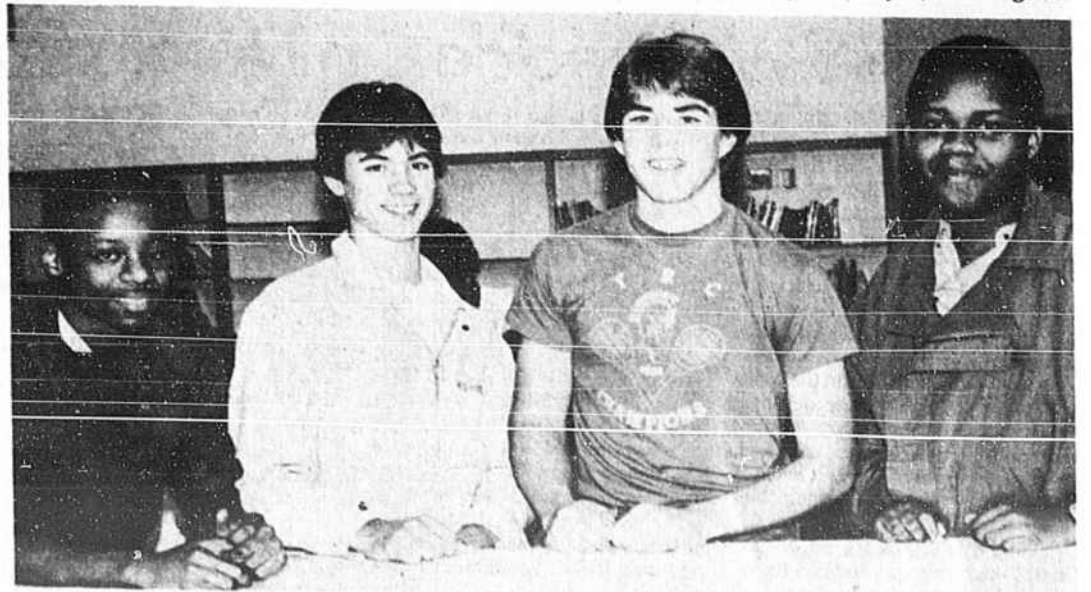
eliminated from competition.

North and West faced each other a second time, with West again emerging the victor, by a five-point margin.

West's victory was challenged, however, by a North Brunswick player who thought she might have gotten half-credit for an answer, said Ms. Hardy. If one team misses a question, the opposing team has an opportunity to answer it for half-credit. Replay of a videotape of the bowl game last week confirmed that West was indeed the winner.

Competing from North were Cheryl Chauncey, captain, and Rommy Skipper, Veronica Phelps and Tina Butler. Librarian Carol Callahan was their sponsor, alternates were Sammy Richardson and Chris Williams.

Patrick Bruce was captain of the South team, which also included Pauline Hankins, Rochelle Johnson and Curtis Cowan, with alternates Chantal Wall and Steve Vernon. Counselors Irene Hankins and Marsha Cochran were their sponsors. Moderator for the county quiz bowl



WEST BRUNSWICK QUIZ BOWL competitors, county champions, will advance to district competition in Laurinburg on March 16. From the left are Leslie Bell, captain, and members Michael Norton, Greg Bland and Robert Bellamy. All are sophomores.

was Ralph Parker, director of minority affairs for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Judges were Wanda Frazier and Doris Wilson. Quiz Bowl was begun in

Southeastern North Carolina in 1978 and is sponsored by the state library system.

Homemakers Plan Workshop

St. Patrick's Day and Easter hospital tray favors will be made at the Supply Extension Homemaker's Club craft workshop, Wednesday, March 6, 10 a.m. at the home of Ms. Evelyn Gunnerson.

Members should bring plastic, canvas, yarn and a sandwich to the workshop.

The Supply homemakers celebrated their ninth anniversary Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the home of Ms. Gladys Geeler during their monthly meeting. Awards from the annual county achievement night were also distributed at the meeting with Ms. Millie Evans receiving her certificate as a participant in the 1984 Governor's Award Program.

Ms. Gunnerson also gave a short demonstration and talk on the care and laundering of antique handiwork, along with a display of lace and handkerchiefs.

Ms. Aileen Miles and Ms. Pat Nash were given gifts as retiring officers. At the March 16 meeting at the government complex in Bolivia, newly-elected President Clara Schuester will assume her duties for the year.

Club members voted to help the Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Supply Volunteer Fire Department as community projects at their February meeting. A collection was also taken for Pennies for Friendship while gifts for the nursing home in Shallotte will be distributed by Ms. Schuester as game prizes.

Also attending the meeting were Ms. Liz Busby, Ms. Claire Thomer and guests Ms. Kathleen Zinn and Bill Geller, a Governor's Award winner.



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