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Shown above is Ronnie Felton presenting Mr. C. M. Edson the microphone which will be used in the radio station WCME, the high school station named in Mr. Edson's honor.

Musettes Sell Candy

Elect Mr. And Miss F. T.

"Calling all people with a sweet tooth — get your candy here", sing out the Musettes who are selling candy this week.

Each semester, members of this future teachers organization make and sell candy to earn money for the club. Heretofore individual members sold their own, but this time the product is brought to the Musette Candy booth, located in the A building just off the senior walk.

Each member of the club has an opportunity to help in this project. Sales will continue through this Friday. "It tastes mighty good," say some of the "regular" customers.

Mr. and Miss

Chosen by the club on the basis of such qualities as intelligence, reliability, leadership, pleasing appearance, and the intention to make a career of school work, Charles Harris and Carolyn Rich will represent the local group as the Mr. Future Teacher and Miss Future Teacher, at the state F. T. A. Convention in Asheville, March 24 - 26.

Bids — New Officers

Bids to the club were issued at the beginning of second semester to Clare Davenport, Pat Edwards, Barbara Davis, Carol Melton, Joyce Farris, Pat Reaves, Bettie Ann Whitehurst, and Edward Riner.

Newly elected officers for the

club are president, Kathryn Batten; vice-president, Myra Floyd; secretary, Sylvia Poland; treasurer, Shirley Parham.

Mrs. Ora Van Buskirk and Miss Ella Cherry Moore are the faculty advisers.

Jr.-Sr. Beauty Court

"And now it is with a great deal of pleasure that we crown Miss Blank, queen of the 1955 Junior-Senior ball!"

Such an announcement usually is made in a silence one can almost hear.

Miss Blank hasn't been selected yet, but she will be one of the following eight senior girls: Joan Backett, Betty James, Leah Lee, Lee Ann Brown, Jeanette McIntyre, Doris Cooper, Judy Brewer or Peggy Daniels. The eight junior girls in the court contest are Ginger Roney, Pat Parrish, Tonya Pennington, Alma Daughtridge, Fay Mears, Joyce Harris, Lillian Daughtridge and Skippy Stone.

Jimmy Stewart has been chosen by The Blackbird staff to act as judge this year. He is to pick the queen from the senior girls. A maid of honor and five other attendants may come from any of the other fifteen contestants.

The staff hasn't received a reply from Mr. Stewart yet, but hope for a favorable answer soon.

Honor Society Plans Activities

Members of the National Honor Society have been busy picking delegates for the N. H. S. convention, planning for the spring tapping service, and the selection of a famous American for the Hall of Fame.

Four delegates, selected from the old and the coming new junior and senior members, will be at the N. H. S. State Convention in Wilmington on April 15-16. Rocky Mount had the privilege of being host of the convention last year.

Local romanoca chapter of N. H. S. is planning for another of its candlelight initiation services. This initiation will include junior and senior students excelling in scholarship, leadership, character

and service. March 8 is the date set aside for the service.

Will O'Henry or Stonewall Jackson be the N. H. S.'s nominee for the Hall of Fame? Each National Honor Society is the U. S. is ask to nominate one person for the Hall of Fame. Each nominee must have been dead 25 years and have been a citizen of the United States. The person can be famous in any field.

The Hall of Fame, founded in 1900 and located on the University Heights campus of the New York University, is a memorial of great Americans. Any person put up for such an honor must be approved by the senate of the New York University.

Students To Have Radio Station Call Letters To Honor Principal

NEWSEES

Little Symphony Concert

Tomorrow afternoon, the "Little Symphony", composed of a few instruments from the "North Carolina Symphony", will present a concert in the auditorium for the grammar school students.

In the spring, the entire symphony will present another program, to which all students may obtain tickets.

'Playmakers' Present Program

"Arsenic and Old Lace", a comedy in three acts, sponsored by the local Kiwanis club, will be presented in the auditorium Friday night.

Tickets may be bought from any member of the club and part of the proceeds will be used for band uniforms and the school beautification program.

This play is produced by "The N. C. Playmakers."

'Show Boat' Given

The Edsonians will sponsor a trip to Chapel Hill, Saturday, March 5, to see "Show Boat", a musical by "The North Carolina Playmakers."

Since "The Playmakers" are interested in the various high school dramatists, the groups taking advantage of this opportunity will have complimentary tickets to any performance between March 4 and 6.

Senior Officers Name Committees

In a recent meeting of the senior class officers and homeroom teachers, with president Gene Arnold presiding, the special commencement committees were named and the chairman and faculty advisers were selected.

Committees with the chairmen and advisers are Commencement Night committee with Carole Morgan as chairman and Mrs. A. M. McGregor, adviser; Baccalaureate committee with co-chairmen Audrey Kennedy and Lee Ann Brown and Mrs. T. D. Young adviser; Cap and Gown committee with Carolyn Rabil and Kenneth Killebrew as co-chairman and Miss Josephine Grant, adviser.

Invitation committee has Joyce Hudson as chairman and Mrs. Sue Bowden, adviser; Senior Day committee with Jane Hatchett and Bobby Savage as co-chairmen and Miss Dorothy Craighill, adviser; the Gift committee, James Brown as chairman and the Senior Play committee, Peggy Daniel as chairman and the senior faculty adviser Miss Charlotte Reid. Mimi Brewer is the student director for the play and Mrs. Jay Hathcock is the faculty director.

Club Picks WCME For Station Name

In a recent meeting of the Radio Broadcasters Club, the members voted unanimously to have WCME for the call letters of the new student radio station in recognition of Mr. Cy M. Edson, principal of the senior high school.

Mr. Edson was selected for this honor because of the untiring service and the guidance that he has given to the Radio Broadcasters since he has been in Rocky Mount. He served as adviser to the club for several years before Mr. Charles Fox Graham, a speech therapy specialist, was secured for the city school system.

News and Blues Started

It was under the guidance of Mr. Edson that the Radio Broadcasters made the most important steps toward school-wide recognition. During this time the club secured its radio program, "News and Blues", over station WEED to inform the public about the school activities and to give valuable experience to students interested in venturing further into the field of radio.

Ray Wilkinson, Key Figure

Mr. Ray Wilkinson, program chairman at WCEC and WFMA, is the key figure responsible for starting the new student radio station and through his efforts pieces of needed equipment, such as two turn tables, several microphones and a two channel amplifiers have been secured. Most of the equipment has already arrived and as soon as the radio room is sound-proofed and wired with (See RADIO On Page 6)

'Ladies In Retirement' Next Production

"Ladies In Retirement", a play in three acts by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, will be presented as the second big production of the year by the Edsonians on March 25.

This is a humorous play telling the story of three old ladies who have come to live in the house of a retired actress on the marshes of the Thames estuary some ten miles to the east of Gravesend. The actress wishes to rid herself of them and when she finally kisses them good-bye the action really begins.

Cast members in order of their appearance are Lucy Gilham, the maid, Myra Floyd; Leonora Fiske, the retired actress, Minnie Branch; Ellen Creed, the sane sister, Peggy Jones; Albert Feather, nephew of the actress, Henry Thompson; Louisa Creed, one of the sisters who is rather peculiar, Erwin Robbins; Emily Creed, another peculiar sister, Lucinda Oliver; Sister Theresa, a nun from the priory on the hill, Ann Brin-

son. Larry Gupton is the student director.

"Gloria Mundi" and "The Storm" have been chosen by The



Edsonians as the two contest plays to be presented in Chapel Hill this year.

"Gloria Mundi" is set in the reception room on an insane asylum and stars Peggy Jones as Virginia Blake, a new nurse; Gene Arnold as Robert Cartwell, a doctor; Retha Kerman as a nurse; and Mimi Brewer, Sue Yelverton and Jimmy Herring as persons interested in the asylum.

"The Storm", a terrifying story told on a cold snowy night, stars Fred Harris as Jeff Mulkey who was involved in an automobile accident five years ago on a snow-swept highway. Other characters are Pat Parrish as Mary, Jeff's understanding wife; Adam Maples as the hunter, Judy Kabo as a woman; and Carolyn Rabil as her daughter, who is about 14.

Pictured at the left are Mrs. Jacqueline Hathcock director, Larry Gupton, student director and Minnie Branch working out the costume plot for the first act of "Ladies In Retirement."