

Home Ec. Dept. Presents Fashion Show

In a "dreamy" setting and using clothes that they made during the last six weeks, members of the two senior home economics classes presented a fashion show during regular assembly last Friday.

This show begins with the first scene at a pajama party in a friend's living room. All the models were wearing pajamas or tommy coats and were carrying on the usual activity of drinking cokes, eating cookies, reading magazines and just plain getting together.

Scene Two, Dream

As the lights dimmed for the girls to go to sleep, the second scene came on as a dream of what each of the girls would do

the following day. Some were going to a movie and have lunch up town, others were going shopping and a few had been invited to a tea. Of course there were one or two girls who had special dates the next night and they had to decide what to wear. As the girls came out modeling the dresses that they would wear on these occasions, the dreamer looked on from the side lines.

Among the dresses modeled was a two-piece blue and pink cotton which was made by Carolyn Rabil and was worn in a fashion show at East Carolina College on their high school day. Carolyn is extremely proud of this dress since she made it and it cost only \$3.10. The other dresses were

very inexpensive also.

Wrote Show

The entire program was written, produced and directed by senior home economics students with the aid of Miss Josephine Grant the head of that department. Miss Grant states that the senior home ec. classes now will begin their unit on cooking and later in the spring, home nursing and child care.

Pictured to the right is a picture of Charlotte Jones, Margie Fentress, Erwin Robbins and Kay Williford wearing the dresses that they made. As is indicated by the picture, many minor details went into the preparation of the dresses such as fitting, hemming and putting in zippers.



Jrs., Decide, Closed Dance

After two short discussions the junior class decided to have a closed Junior-Senior dance at the high school gym and the banquet at the country club.

When plans were first made, the juniors planned to have the dance at the Benvenue country club. After a few members of the decoration committee talked to Mr. Nick Petersen, manager of the country club, they decided that a reconsideration of the proposed plan should be discussed; therefore a class meeting was called.

The meeting started off calmly enough. However, when the new motion which stated that the dance should be held at the gym and the banquet at the club was brought up, the students started with the discussion both pro and con.

After having the week-end to think the question over, the juniors voted on Monday during homeroom period and passed the proposed motion.

So the banquet will be at the country club at 7:00 p. m. and after that, the students will go to the gym for the dance.

Como Selects Beauty Queen

"You have certainly put me in a difficult spot because all of the photos of the contestants are so beautiful, and personally I think all of them should be queen," wrote Perry Como when he returned the pictures of the beauty contestants with his selection.

After Mr. Como consented to act as judge, the pictures were numbered and sent to him and a separate chart was made for him to fill in. No names of the girls were given; he just put the number of the picture he thought was prettiest in the blank beside the queen and so on for the attendants.

Such valuable data was sent directly to Mrs. T. D. Young so there would be no leakage of the information, even to The Blackbird staff.

In the past the pictures of the sixteen contestants have appeared in The Evening Telegram and in Barringer's Studio window prior to the Junior-Senior date. This has created a great deal of interest among the patrons and other friends of the school. The pictures are ready for the paper and will be sent to them soon.

Students Pick SO Leaders

Fred Ruben was elected president and Ray Joyner vice-president of the Student Organization in the most important election of the year last Tuesday.

On Thursday there was a run-off for the secretary's position between Pat Parrish and Mariah Jane Parker, with Pat taking the post.

Cherry By Petition

Candidates for the office of president were Fred Ruben, and Kathryn Batten, nominated by committee, Sonny Cherry by a petition; for vice-president were Ray Joyner and Tommy Vaughan; and for secretary were Joyce Harris, Pat Parrish and Mariah Jane Parker.

Cacky Atkins, chairman of the election committee, said that, as a whole the percentage of the students voting was about average.

The juniors led the voting with eighty percent. The seniors followed with seventy-five percent and the sophomores last with a low sixty-six percent.

Of the ninety-five percent of the students registered, there were only seventy percent of them who went to the polls.

On the first day of the voting there were 426 students who cast their ballots. In the run-off, this number fell down a little with only 387 students voting.

Assume Duties Next Fall

The officers will take over their duties next fall, when Mr. Edson will administer the oath of office in an open assembly.

The pictures of Fred Ruben and Ray Joyner, who are president and vice-president respectively, can be found elsewhere in the paper.

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Two Publications Elect Editors

With graduation just around the corner and the major elections in the student organization finished, the HI-NOC-AR and THE BLACKBIRD staffs have elected the top offices for 1955-56.

Succeeding Bill Kincheloe as editor of the HI-NOC-AR is Fred Harris who was also nominated for president but couldn't run because of his new position. Fred has been in training as a staff member during the past year so he is well prepared for the position. Jimmy Moore has been selected by THE BLACKBIRD staff to succeed Julian Aldridge as editor.

NEWSEES

Mascots Chosen

Jamie Harris, and Ann Wells are to act as flower girls and Tommy Felton is the crown bearer in the coronation ceremony of the Junior-Senior.

Jamie is the little blond daughter of Mrs. Dell Harris, Ann the brunette daughter of Mrs. Queenie W. Wells and Tommy is the small son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Felton, (Ronnie's little brother).

D. E. Banquet

Employers are guests instead of hosts at the annual banquet given by the Distributive Education students. This year's affair took place in the school cafeteria, April 14. Roberta Eason gave the invocation. After each of the employers were introduced by their student employees, student entertainment was provided.

Math Test

State tests on algebra and geometry (teasing the students with mathematical aptitudes) were given to a few juniors and seniors, April 15.

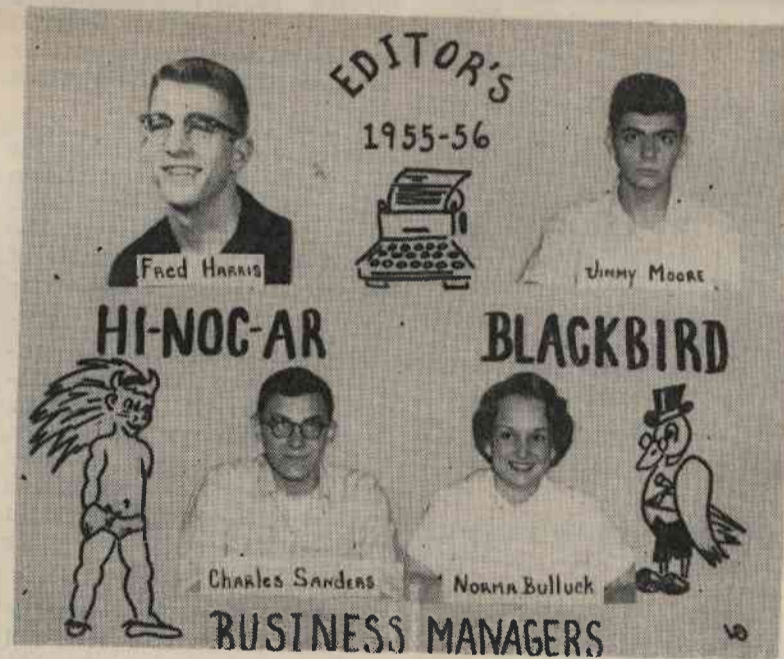
Spanish Banquet

First and second year Spanish students attended the annual Spanish banquet with the Wilson as host to Rocky Mount and Goldsboro students, April 14.

A welcoming speech was given by Baker Morgan, president of the Spanish class in Wilson. For entertainment Spanish songs were sung and dances were provided.

Seniors

Members of the senior class will be selling candy, cookies and other "goodies" in the halls for the next week or so to make money to be spent on Senior Day. Buy a "bite to eat" from one of them and help the class!



To head the business end of the publications, Charles Sanders has been elected business manager of the HI-NOC-AR following Mimi Brewer and Norma Bulluck from THE BLACKBIRD to succeed Lucinda Oliver.

Neither of these two publications could get along without an advertising manager and circulation manager. For next year, Skippy Stone and Faye Batts have been chosen as the "ad man" and the "distributor" for the HI-NOC-AR. These two people will follow Marvin Barnes and Bobby Savage. James Ezzell and Sonny Cherry have been chosen from THE BLACKBIRD staff following Ronnie Felton and Eddie Felts.

Later this spring or early in the fall, new members for the two staffs will have the opportunity to start learning the ropes and other officers will be chosen from the old members.

Pictured above are Fred Harris and Jimmy Moore, the new editors, and Charles Sanders and Norma Bulluck the new business managers. Since these positions are so important, these people will not be allowed to hold any other major offices in school.

The staff of THE BLACKBIRD wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the new editors and business staff and to wish them the best of luck in making the 1955-56 publications worth medalist ratings.