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Choir To Present 'Fortune Teller' In School Audit.

"The Fortune Teller," starring Peggy Jones, Larry Gupton, and Patsy Nelms will be presented by the choir in the senior high auditorium, February 16-17.

With the setting in Livonia, an imaginary European country, the story is centered around a lottery ticket which disappears. As the plot progresses, the Count is to marry the girl who he believes has the ticket; but the marriage plans switch and a gypsy girl becomes involved as a second-intended for the royal Count.

At this time Irma, the girl with the lottery ticket, disguises herself as an officer. Sandra Shearson, who is Irma, then has to play a dual role, Irma and Irma's twin brother.

Others in the cast are Bill Nelms, Henry Warren, Lyman Whitehead, Marilyn Richardson, Nannie Lindsay, Neil Eggleston, Stanley Vaughan, Linda Pittman, Bradley Dozier, Charles Edwards, Danny Rogers and Ben Davis.

Mr. H. T. Parry, director of the choir will direct the operetta and dramatics and sets will be under the supervision of Mr. Jacqueline Hathcock. Throughout the program Mrs. Veleria Sorrell from the Sorrell School of Dance will present ballets, featuring a number of her students. Judy Brown, sophomore, will be pianist for the operetta.

"The Fortune Teller" is a musical written in two acts, featuring the music of Victor Herbert.

Newsees

POLGAR ENTERTAINS

World-famed hypnotist, Dr. Franz Polgar, entertained a large audience in the school auditorium with his marvelous feats of mind-reading and hypnotism on Saturday, January 14.

One of the most interesting of Polgar's tricks occurred when he called several people from the audience and hypnotized them. The antics they performed were quite amusing to their friends.

FORMER EDITOR HONORED

Dr. David J. Pittman, former editor of THE BLACKBIRD, recently received the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. This degree was conferred on Dr. Pittman for his work in the field of mathematics.

Dr. Pittman was editor of THE BLACKBIRD in 1944-1945.

GAMBLING CRACKED

DOWN ON

Recently some students have been found guilty of matching coins on the school grounds. Matching is a form of gambling and is strictly against school regulations.

Mr. C. M. Edson, principal, said that gambling tends to divert one's interests from studying and that it was not the kind of thing to be indulged in in this high school.

Hereafter any student found guilty of fambing in any form will be automatically suspended from school.



Above, Cacky Atkins, chairman of the Elections Committee, gives instructions to Lynn Hatchett, Skip Brawley, and Jackie Skinner concerning the ballots for their respective classes.
Photo by Barringer

CollegeCom. Tours City

Presbyterian College Visitation Committee toured Rocky Mount January 14 to consider the possibility of bringing the proposed consolidated college here.

This group was shown prospective sites for the college. The business district, the Presbyterian Churches, the Senior High School, Rocky Mount Stadium, and the Emerson Shops of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad were places of interest visited by the group. The tour also included West Haven and other residential districts. The mills were among the business concerns toured.

Members of the Visitation Committee arrived in Rocky Mount in early morning and met at Brewer's Paint and Wallpaper Store, from where they went to Rio Restaurant for breakfast. Later they lunched at the country club. A buffet dinner was served them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robbins that evening.

This proposed new college will bring together the three smaller Presbyterian schools — the Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton; Flora MacDonald, a four-year school for girls in Red Springs; and Peace, a two-year school for

girls in Raleigh. Consolidation of these schools will provide stronger, larger, and better educational facilities.

The college board will now meet and discuss the towns which have asked for the college and decide on one to be the future home of this new institution.

Business Decline Poses Problem

After the cafeteria business began to decline, the question arose as to where the students were going for lunch.

In an assembly program Mr. C. M. Edson, principal of the high school, addressed the student body and told them the consequences if the patronage at the school cafeteria did not pick up. For health purposes and to lessen the opportunities for traffic violations, the school board may set up and enforce a rule restricting the students to the campus during the lunch hour.

During the last student organization meeting a resolution was proposed to let the classes each have a month to see how many

individuals they could get to eat in the cafeteria.

In the journalism class a panel discussion was conducted. After each member of the panel gave his views, Mr. Edson and Mrs. T. D. Young, instructor of the class, voiced their opinions. Members of the panel were Barbara Davis, John Pearson, Jane Palmgren, and Gail Sutton. Don Harris acted as moderator. Then the discussion was opened to class members for questions to the panel.

Members of the school board have been eating in the cafeteria to find out if the criticisms of the students were justified. A special committee is still investigating the situation.

Four Boys Honored

Seniors Receive Nomination To Academies

Congressman L. H. Fountain of Tarboro has notified two seniors of their nominations for admission to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and two to the new Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Tommy Vaughan, who has been an outstanding student all through high school, received a principal appointment. Tommy is an Eagle Scout, a member in the National Honor Society, and the treasurer of the student body. He was president of the junior class last year.

Pat Weaver, who received a first alternate's appointment, has been

active throughout high school also. Pat was on the debating team, played on the tennis team, and has served on various student organization committees. He also is an Eagle Scout and has the God and Country award. Pat also received a first alternate's appointment from U. S. Senator Ervin.

Rodney Pittman and Luke Landin, both of whom were nominated for admission to the Air Force Academy, have shown interest by active participation in school activities and church work.

Rodney played halfback on the varsity for two years and is at present chairman of the Traffic Committee.

Luke has been active in school affairs but has also shown leadership in his church work. He has been delegate to the Methodist Youth Conferences, and he is now

Representative Fountain expressed best wishes for success to these students when he notified them of these nominations. treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

'Voting Time', Says Chairman As Committee Announces Slate

"Voting time is here again, says Cacky Atkins, chairman of the elections committee, as she presented the slate of nominees before each class for the second semester.

Candidates from the sophomore class were Jane Bradley and Allen Cronenburg for president; Daniel Harper and Pat Thurman for vice president; Brenda Burnette and Judy Brown, for secretary; and

Barbara Southerland and Martha Sutton, for treasurer.

Nominees from the junior class are Don Harris and Roger Gregory for president; Larry Warner and John Pearson, for vice-president; Clare Davenport and Jane Palmgren, for secretary; and Ronald Smith and Martha Ann Fountain, for treasurer.

Those from the senior class were Anna Yelverton, Mariah Parker, Foy Batts and by petition Dan Johnson, for president; Jimmy Davis, for vice-president; Alma Daughtridge and Minnie Williamson, for secretary; and Luke Landin, James Ezzelle and Charles Sanders, for treasurer.

Since other candidates for the office of vice-president withdrew, Jimmy Davis was automatically elected; however, on the ballots students found a place to write in another name if they desired. In the junior class the same thing was true of the treasurer's office after Martha Ann Fountain withdrew leaving Ronald Smith as the only candidate.

At each class meeting Cacky urged all students to vote and try to raise the voting percentage. Since yesterday was election day, the returns are in and those percentages are know. At the time this article went to press, however, the results were still in the future.

Students Turn In Annual Statistics

What have you accomplished? What honors have you?

Once again seniors have been asked to gather all activities in which they have participated during their high school years for the yearbook record. These statistics are sent to the Hi-Noc-Ar staff who arranges them with the pictures. Students include in that list activities such as offices they have held, sports, clubs or committees on which they have served.

This was the first time this year these statistics have been called for; however, after second semester gets well underway, seniors will have another opportunity to send in any additional honors which they have received. This last minute check is done to prevent leaving out honors which should be recorded.

Exam Schedule

January 20	9:00 A.M.
First period exam	
January 20	1:00 P.M.
Second period exam	
January 23	9:00 A.M.
Third period exam	
January 23	1:00 P.M.
Fourth period exam	
January 24	9:00 A.M.
Fifth period exam	
January 24	1:00 P.M.
Make-up exam	

Note: Make-up exams are given only to students who are excused by the office.