

Publication Delegates 'AllAboard' For CSPA Meet



Above Miss Alma Murchison is shown as she grants her permission for Jenny Fields, a member of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff, to make the trip to New York with the publication staffs.
Photo by Johnnie Harper



Charlotte McIntyre, Sandra Wiggins, and Burt White show their excitement about the New York trip with their smiles as they point out the Broadway plays and sights they are planning to see.
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"All aboard!" is the call for the 19 members of the Hi-Noc-Ar and The Blackbird staffs who are heading for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in the "Big City" of New York tomorrow morning, March 11.

This trip is made to give the students opportunity to learn of the problems and the techniques of putting out a paper and a year-book. The Hi-Noc-Ar has already received its rating for this year and the delegates from The Blackbird will receive a rating at the convention.

Highlight of the convention is the luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria on Saturday. At this time ratings, recognitions, and special announcements will be made and a well-known personality will ad-

dress the group of approximately 4,500 delegates to the convention. Also the big birthday cake is presented to the group.

Leaving early tomorrow morning the group is planning to arrive in New York in time to see a play tomorrow night. Although the trip is for the convention mostly, it is made more enjoyable by the many sights that are to be seen in New York. Both groups hope to visit the United Nations Building, Radio City Music Hall, and the Hall of Fame if time permits.

Delegates representing the Hi-Noc-Ar staff are Charlotte McIntyre, Bonnie Murchison, Mary Brent Elmore, John Hines, Dennis Barnes, Jenny Fields, Turner Coley, Janet Caldwell, and Winnie Coley, Jane Fountain, Frances Gorham, John Fleming and Frannie Harrison. The Blackbird staff is represented by Ann Adkins, Jane Crumpler, Margaret Strickland, Bobbie Shreve, Burt White, and Sandra Wiggins. Mrs. T. D. Young and Miss Alma Murchison, advisers to the groups, will be chaperones for the trip.

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Tappings Scene of Excitement As 20 Students Receive Honor

Excitement prevailed at the taping of the new members of the National Honor Society, Friday, March 6, since this was the last opportunity for the seniors to become members and the first for juniors.

Betty Gail Fuller gave the devotion, after which Frances Gorham sang "The Lord's Prayer." The president, Lou Bryan, explained the qualities required for membership of the National Honor Society, emphasizing the four cardinal principles—character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Four speakers defined these qualities. David Williams spoke on Character, Judy Leonard on Scholarship, Reed Nelson on Leadership, and Ed Dunn on Service.

While Faye Simpson played the traditional "Claire de Lune," the members lighted their candles, walked down the aisle, and tapped twenty members.

Seniors tapped are Gloria Nelson, Lou Ann Randolph, Roberta Williams, Patsy Howell, Norma Hobbs, Henry Waters, Edwin Arie and Francis Yost.

Juniors receiving this coveted honor are J. T. Webb, Jenny Fields, Frannie Harrison, Sue Daughtridge, Jeanette Widdfield, Dorothy Rotters, Doris Jordan and Lucy Aldridge.

A tea was given afterwards in honor of those new members and their proud parents, thus completing a memorable occasion for them.

Junior Heads Plan For Jr.-Sr. Tentative Date Set for May 8

Junior class members led by their president, Frannie Harrison, are eagerly making plans for the major social function of the year, the Junior-Senior dance and banquet which is tentatively scheduled for May 8.

Committee heads are working out arrangements and all plans are still incomplete. As soon as the committees and class officers have any definite plans, they will be announced.

Committee chairmen, chosen by the junior homeroom teachers and the class advisors are as follows: Clean-Up Jimmy Rabil, Mr. Earl Privott; Invitations — Betty Brock, Mr. Ralph Gorham; Banquet — Doris Jordan, sub chairmen — Lucy Aldridge and Margaret Strickland, Mrs. Ora VanBuskirk; Program and Figure — Margaret Carmichael and Moody McKinney; Mrs. Annie Mae Denton and Miss Rubie Yause; Decorations — Shaw Cad-

dell and Bobby Branch, Mr. Chris Carpenter and Miss Alma Murchison.

Reed Nelson Wins 4-Year Scholarship

Reed Nelson, prominent Senior High student and Student Organization president, is a recipient of one of 47 Morehead Scholarships to the University of North Carolina.

In order to be considered as a possible recipient Reed, along with 63 other semi-finalists, was subject to stiff examinations and interviews with representatives of the Morehead Foundation.

The Morehead Scholarship Foundation, started by John Motley Morehead in 1951, each year awards four-year educational funds valued at \$5,000 to young men of exceptional leadership, scholarship and citizenship.

Announcing . . .

SPRING DANCE SCHEDULE: Plans are in progress for the Spring Dance sponsored by the social committee for April 3. Decorations will be centered around a modern theme with music furnished by a juke box. Party dresses for girls and coats and ties for boys make up the proper dress for the dance, lasting from 9-12.

THE GIRL IN THE RAIN: Edsonians' production scheduled for Saturday, March 21, causes much tension and excitement as the building of the set and the "polishing" of the action of the actors begin.

BLACK MASQUERS, HONORARY DRAMATIC ORGANIZATION inducts nine new members. They are Skippy Best, Jerry Blankenship, Penny Connell, Gale Koonce, Billy Melton, Vicki Odom, Lou Ann Randolph, Ben Singleton and

Service Club Plans Underway For Easter Sunrise Program

Easter is almost here and the Service Club, under the direction of Mrs. Gladys Robbins, has already started plans for the annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Trinity Lutheran Church, March 26.

Betty Gail Fuller, president, is in charge of the service. The organist is Teddy Gossett, and the pianist is Susan Harris. The Senior High choir, under the direction of Mr. Harold Perry, is going to present a selection of Easter songs including "Awake, Arise."

Following the music, Betty Gail is to give the welcome to all of those present. The scripture is by Bill Stancil, after which David Williams will present the Easter address and then close the service with a prayer.

Donuts and coffee will be served to everyone immediately following

the service. The Service Club will furnish the food and the Kudos Klub, under the direction of Mrs. T. D. Young, will help in the serving.

For three days prior to the Sunrise Service, the Service Club plans a series of Easter messages to be given by ministers from the city. These messages are given during regularly scheduled homeroom periods. The speakers have not yet been announced.

"I think it is a wonderful idea to sponsor such a series of Easter services as these. It helps to create in the students a better understanding of the true and real meaning of Easter and helps to keep the students from straying from this meaning," says Mr. C. M. Edson, principal.

Schoolmates Pick

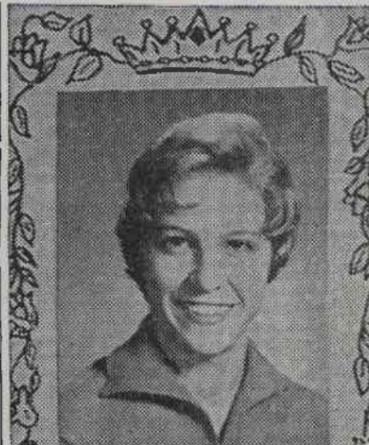
Virginia Norment to Represent RM

At Azalea Festival

Students chose Virginia Norment, a senior, last week to represent Senior High in the Azalea Princess Court at the annual Azalea Festival in Wilmington, N. C., April 2-5.

Virginia, known as Noggie by her friends, has blue eyes, blonde hair, and fair complexion. She serves her school as a cheerleader and as an office helper. Virginia served her school in the Miss Print contest sponsored by The Blackbird, and by helping her friends in other campaigns.

This year Virginia has been selected as candidate for the annual Junior-Senior beauty court, an honor she received last year too.



Virginia Norment smiles as she learns of her selection to the Azalea Court.

Plans for Virginia's weekend are not definite and will not be until Wilmington is notified of the outcome and sends instructions to her.

For the Azalea Festival selection, a girl must be nominated by her school on the basis of natural beauty and poise. Also she is required to be a junior or senior and she may not be married or engaged to be married.

Senior girls nominated were Kay Beach, Janet Bulluck, Nancy Coggins, Jane Fountain, Virginia Norment, and Ellen Stovall. Juniors nominated were Margaret Carmichael, Patsy Warren, Donna Ramsey and Frannie Harrison.