



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Miss Print contestants are: first row (l-r), Susan Klitzner, Carolyn Swaim, Ginna Aldridge, Miss Print; Lindy Brice, Gerry Dowdy, and Shelley Stallings; second row, Sharon Land, Betty Jones, Lee Cuthrell, Jackie Smith, Mitzi Moore, Patricia Whaley, and Pam Luper.

### LINDY BRICE CHOSEN MISS PRINT; DANNY TALBOTT IS MR. PRINT

Lindy Bruce, a sophomore candidate, was crowned Miss Print for 1962 in assembly last Friday. The crowning was the climax to a two-week campaign conducted by 14 Senior High girls.

One of five finalists which were determined by the amount of money turned in, Lindy received the most votes from the student body. Other finalists and their escorts were Shelley Stallings with Steve Wright, Jackie Smith with Johnny Moring, Susan Klitzner with Mickey Bailey, and Mitzi Moore with Julian Fenner. Danny Talbott, escort of Miss Print, was hailed as Mr. Print.

All the candidates, wearing evening dresses, and accompanied by their escorts, entered from the back of the auditorium and were seated on stage. Dwight Thomas, Editor of THE BLACKBIRD, then crowned Miss Print while Dell Harris, Business Manager, crowned Mr. Print. Miss Print was presented a bouquet of flowers and a charm engraved "Miss Print 1962."

"Winter Wonderland" was the theme for the assembly. The stage was decorated with a snow scene, highlighted by a sleigh which served as a unique throne. Music was furnished by pianist Lynn Peterson.

The Miss Print assembly is an annual affair conducted by THE BLACKBIRD staff. The money received helps to defray the expenses of THE BLACKBIRD.

### Thanks

THE BLACKBIRD staff wishes to thank the student body and all the candidates for Miss Print for their co-operation in the Miss Print contest.

### Many Hear Choir Christmas Music Including Some Clubs, Student Body

Senior High Choir, under the direction of Mr. Harold Parry, is presenting Christmas music to many groups in Rocky Mount and will participate in the traditional Christmas program at Senior High next Thursday.

The Choir program will consist of the following eight selections; "Help Me To Help My Neighbor", "The Angels' Song", "Birth of a King", "An Old-fashioned Christmas", "The Baby Was a King", "Holy Jesus", "Night Journey of the Wise Men", and "We saw Him Sleeping".

Last Sunday the choir presented its program for the Woman's Club at the Rio Restaurant. This has become an annual tradition for the choir.

### Theme Is Unusual For Annual Dance

Annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Student Organization will begin tomorrow night at 9:00 in the school gym.

Theme of the dance will be focused on Christmas and the Blackbirds, State Football Champions. To emphasize the Christmas theme, a twelve-foot Christmas tree will hang from the center of the dance floor. The ideas for decorating were originated by Linda Dickson and A. G. Smith, with the help of the Social Committee.

Refreshments will be furnished by the P. T. S. A. with Jean Hayworth in charge of the committee.

At the Civitan meeting last Tuesday, they also presented a Christmas program. This meeting was held at Buck Overton's Barbeque Restaurant.

Next Monday they will be singing for the Current Topics Club.

### Assembly Planned By Service Club

Mr. C. M. Edson, Miss Alma Murchison, and the Senior High choir will compose the traditional Christmas program December 20 during sixth period. This program is sponsored annually by the Service Club.

Mr. Harold Parry will conduct the choir in a 25 minute program. The choir will sing these eight selections; "Help Me To Help My Neighbor", "Holy Jesus", "Night Journey of the Wise Men", "We Saw Him Sleeping", "The Angels' Song", "Birthday of a King", "An Old-fashioned Christmas", and "The Baby Was a King". Mr. Parry has been presenting a Christmas program for about 30 years.

Miss Murchison, English Teacher, will tell a serious story about the true meaning of Christmas.

Principal Edson will do his traditional impersonation of Santa Claus. With the help of his elves, Pinky and Pudgy, Santa will read letters from Senior High students.

The assembly will close with the annual presentation of money to the janitors and maids. This money is collected by Service Club members and it expresses thanks for the many services of our janitors and maids.

### Students Compete For Elks Award

Six seniors of Rocky Mount Senior High have been chosen by Principal C. M. Edson to compete for the local Elks Leadership Award. Ginna Aldridge, Greg Low, Jan McCrary, Routh Oates, Dwight Thomas, and Skipper Tuttle will represent Senior High in the competition.

Candidates must complete a brochure about themselves. This brochure should contain a recent photograph of the nominee, a statement of less than 300 words by the nominee summarizing his activities and accomplishments, a letter from a parent or relative, two or three letters of endorsement from persons who have had an opportunity to observe the nominee, and newspaper clippings, photos, etc., that the nominee deems important. The official entry blank must also

be placed in the brochure.

Each Elks Lodge will select an outstanding boy and an outstanding girl upon a special rating formula. Leadership, which includes initiative, organizational ability and influence on others, will count 40 points. Twenty points will be awarded for citizenship appreciation. This includes "interest in and concern about our cherished privileges of citizenship and constituted government, and participation in community and Americanization programs", Perseverance, resourcefulness, and sense of honor also rate 20 points. These qualities are judged as "exemplified by their record in school, church, community, etc., especially in overcoming difficulties, includes integrity, sportsmanship, general character and reputation". Neatness and arrange-

ment of the brochure will count ten points and compliance with instructions will constitute the final ten points.

Winners in the local competition will receive a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond and the right to compete on the state level. Winners in state competition compete on the national level with the top award being a \$1000 U. S. Savings Bond.

Each of the students competing for the award from Senior High have exemplified their leadership in various ways. Ginna is Business Manager of the HINOC-AR, Greg is President of the Student Organization, Jan is Secretary of the Student Organization, Routh is Secretary of the Senior Class, Dwight is Editor of THE BLACKBIRD, and Skipper is President of the National Honor Society.

### Holiday Schedule



School will be dismissed December 20, for the Christmas holidays. Students will return to school January 2.



Miss Kitchin explains the Elks Leadership Award Contest to the six Senior High nominees. They are (l-r) Greg Low, Jan McCrary, Skipper Tuttle, Ginna Aldridge, Dwight Thomas, and Routh Oates. (Photo by Killebrew)