



Betty Taylor Is Winner

Essay Contest Prizes Are Won By AHS Student

Miss Betty Taylor, eleventh grade student of A. H. S. and winner of the 1946 essay contest sponsored by the News and Press, has been named first place winner of the state contest sponsored by the Education Committee of the N. C. Press Association.

Betty has received \$100 from the N. C. Press association, which, added to the \$25 already presented her by the News and Press, brings her winnings to \$125.

Essays were written by more than 2,000 high school students this year on the topic "A Free Press: Voice of Freedom—Guardian of Liberty." Students in six schools of the county participated in the News and Press contest. Winning essays from the separate schools were judged by the editorial staff of the News and Press and Betty won first place.

Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor of 216 North Sixth Street. She is in the English class of Miss Dorothy Spears, a faculty sponsor for the essay contest held at A. H. S.

Betty, a very surprised and happy girl when told that she had won the state contest, said she plans to bank the prize money for use in furthering her education. She is particularly interested in entering the nursing or medical profession.



BETTY TAYLOR

Propose Memorial For A.H.S. Alumni Killed In Service

Students of Albemarle high school are conducting a campaign to raise money for a hospital memorial in honor of A. H. S. alumni who gave their lives in World War II.

The program was outlined at a recent meeting of the student council. Donald McLain was named as chairman of a special committee to work out the final details of the campaign. The other members of the committee are Ottie Jane Springer, Don Knotts, Max Bogle, and C. B. Cranford.

The campaign will run for two weeks, ending February 21. A goal of \$1,000 has been set. If the students attain this goal, they will receive two half holidays.

Donald McLain announced that C. B. Cranford, chairman of the assembly programs, is planning to aid the drive by having several special chapel programs. Spot announcements will be frequently made over the public address system.

The memorial will be made in honor of the veterans of Albemarle high school who were killed while in the service of their country.

Plans are to furnish a room in the proposed new Stanly County hospital. Placed in the room will be a plaque, engraved on which will be the names of those who died.

On page seven of this issue there is a list of those whose names have been so far collected for the list. Anyone who knows of others is asked to report them to either C. B. Cranford or Mrs. Fry.

Highest Honor Is Averaged by 39 For First Term

There were 39 students in A. H. S. that made highest honor for the first half of the school year. This means an average of 94 or over on every subject.

Many others rated honor roll for the semester, with an average of 84 or above on everything.

Eighth grade highest honor: Lucille Curlee, Nell Hatley, Robert Scraggs, Phyllis Kluttz, Jo Ann Burrell, Martha Bell Knight.

Eighth grade honor: Helen Bowers, Elizabeth Elder, Dorothy Gaskin, Helen Harwood, Birdie Suggs, John Boyett, Jimmie Groves, Sidney Helms, John Herrin, Edward Patterson, George Causby, Carolyn Griffin, Charles Litaker, Charles Morris, Paul Watkins, Christene Melton, Virginia Brown, Angela Moncrief, Jane Rogers, Nelle Winn, Helen Efrid, Mary Ellen Speight, Ezelle Doby, Ardree Ferrell, Sallie Neal Kluttz, Elsie Lowder, Vina Ruth Lowder, Talmadge Moose, Betty Sells, Charles Whitley, Joe Whitley, Lillian Copley, Martha Griffith, Eunice Kimrey, Frankie Williams, Reggie Russell, Donald Tucker, Douglas Mason, Tommy Morris, Elbert Whitley, Jeweline Holt, Lois Lowder, Della Rose Mabry, Norma Jean Miller, Carolyn Simpson.

Ninth grade highest honor: William Grigg, Ellene Holbrook, Martha Moore, Sarah Frances Poplin, Sara Skidmore, Jane Bullock, Connie McLain.

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Grigg Nominated Pres.

Albemarle City Schools Supt. Is NCEA Candidate

Claud Grigg, superintendent of Albemarle city schools, has been unanimously nominated for the presidency of the North Carolina Education association by the Albemarle City unit of the N.C.E.A.

Mr. Grigg has served this past year as vice president of the N.C.E.A. and as chairman of its legislative committee, a capacity in which he has served before.

As chairman of the legislative committee, Mr. Grigg has enlisted the State Board of Education and the Advisory Budget commission on the side of the teachers of the state. He is being backed in his efforts by the Parent-Teacher association, the Woman's Club, the Grange, the State School Board association, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in presenting a six-point legislative program.

For a number of years Mr. Grigg has been active in the work of the N.C.E.A. He is a past president of the South Piedmont district. He has been president of the Department of Superintendents, and has served as chairman of that department's legislative committee and a member of its executive committee. His efforts in connection with the legislative program now before the legislature are well known.

Mr. Grigg is well known throughout the state, having served in several schools in the state before coming to Albemarle. He has been superintendent of Albemarle City schools for the past twelve years.



CLAUD GRIGG

Poetry Contest Open to Students

A poetry contest in which any type of poem will be accepted is being sponsored among the students of A. H. S. by Mr. Harold Burney of Bading.

Any kind of poems—jingle, limericks or sonnets—may be entered in the contest.

Two prizes will be given. A medal and a book of poems by the winner's favorite author will be given by Mr. Burney as first prize. A Reynolds pen will be given as second prize. Honorable mention will be awarded to the runners-up.

Mr. Burney has been interested in writing poetry since his high school days and this is an effort to encourage others to write poems.

The contest closes April 1, 1947.

Further information will be given in the English classes.

Six Juniors Tapped Into National Honor Society

Gilles Guilbert Renders Concert

Gilles Guilbert, noted European virtuoso, gave a concert in the high school auditorium February 6, under the sponsorship of the Music Department of the Albemarle schools.

The French pianist came to the U. S. after a tour of Central and Southern Europe. He has played recently in Canada, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington.

During his American tour, he will be guest soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra.

Guilbert during the last year, has been acclaimed by critics as the foremost interpreter of Ravel and Debussy.

Scholarships Are Offered Seniors

Scholarships of \$300 each are being offered by the National Honor Society to the ten students in the nation who make the highest grades in competitive examination.

Betty Bivens, Ann Powell, and Paul Lowder are the three students from Albemarle high school who will take the examination here in March.

Only three students from A. H. S. are allowed to take the exam, and these students must be members of the Honor Society.

Cardinal Principles Are Discussed by Senior Members.

Six members of the junior class were tapped into the Albemarle chapter of the National Honor society at their initiation ceremony Friday morning.

Buddy Lowder, Betty Taylor, Miriam Whitley, Lou Merle Griffin, Janece Lowder, and Alex Moorehead were the students who were tapped on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Paul Lowder opened the program by reading the scripture from the twenty-eighth chapter of Job, the twelfth through the twenty-eighth verses followed by a prayer.

C. B. Smith, president of the society, explained the keystone shield, which is the emblem of the Honor Society, and introduced the speakers of the program.

Character, the first ideal of the society, was discussed by Anne Powell. "Character is the quality in one man that distinguishes him from others. It is the incentive which gives a man the will to have high ideals and to maintain those ideals," she said.

Sue Culp explained the meaning of scholarship. "That a student show himself willing to learn and to advance himself is the primary requisite for entrance into our Honor Society."

"Leadership is the art of directing others," was part of David's address.

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By Their Words

"They (the football team) were a good bunch of boys."—Mr. Peiffer.

"Are you going to college? or are you going to Duke?"—Howard Wentz.

"All I can think of is corn."—Mrs. Stovall.

"To drive our bus you need a co-pilot, a master mechanic, and a navigator as well as a driver."—Mr. DeLotto.

"The standing army stood."—C. B. Smith.

"There is no place out in space where there is no place."—Mr. Grigg.

"You all were little children cause I was quite young."—Mrs. Chrisco.

"I used to be a candy salesman in a furniture store. I sold suites."—"Monk" McLain.

"God numbers the hairs of one's head—if he has any hair."—Mr. Grigg.

"Promptness develops character."—Miss Gantt.

"Today is our last day to meet as friends."—Mrs. Fry. (Day before exams.)

"One of the most important things in your life is your attitude. Develop a kindly attitude toward everybody, honestly wishing for all people those fine, desirable things that all your life you have wanted for yourself."—Mr. Grigg.

"I'm not really dumb, I just don't want to wear out my brains."—Delmar Efrid.

"She had on a heavy coat of lipstick because it was cold weather."—Crawford Earnhardt.

Trade School Plans Made: 97 Veterans Are Enrolled

Plans for the opening at Albemarle high school of a veterans trade school, operated by the veterans administration and supervised by the vocational department of the school, were announced last week by Mr. E. F. Wilson, vocational instructor.

Courses will be offered in brick masonry, cabinet making, carpentry, mechanical drawing, blue print reading, sheet metal work, and auto mechanics. Cost of the courses will be borne by the Veterans Administration under provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Non-veterans may take the course by paying tuition charges of \$35.00 per month.

The registration of students was held last Monday and Tuesday nights at the school, a total of 97 signing for the classes.

Mr. J. C. Morris will teach Carpentry; Mr. Ed Burleson will teach sheet metal work; Mr. Wilson, blue print reading. Instructors for auto mechanics and brick masonry have not yet been selected.

Mr. George Stovall will handle the clerical business of the school.

So far the number of students who have registered in auto mechanics is 35; carpentry 22; sheet metal work 6; masonry 23; and 11 in blue print reading.