

8th Grade Teacher Writes Original Play For Assembly

"A Twentieth Century Teen-ager Drops in at Mount Vernon", written by Mrs. A. S. Lynn, an A.H.S. eighth grade teacher, was presented in assembly on February 22, George Washington's birthday.

The play compared life at Mount Vernon during George Washington's time with that of the average teen-ager of today. Music as a background for the play was presented by the recently organized eighth grade chorus, directed by Mr. Paul Fry.

In the play George Washington had just received news that he had been nominated to run for President of the United States. As he was trying to decide what to do, a group of teen-agers of 1952 dropped in to pay him a visit. After talking with them for a while and learning that great advancements had been made, he knew that he should accept the nomination.

Characters of the play were as follows: George Washington, Ted Burleson; Martha Washington, Kay Cauthen; Nellie Custis, their adopted granddaughter, Zalotta Harris; Parke Custis, their adopted grandson, Billy Lowder; Bishop, a Negro servant, Eldon Holt; Onnie, the Negro cook, Jerry Vismor; and teen-agers of today, Wade Smith, Joan Melton, Dottie Walker, and Vicky Eagle.

Martha R. Harris Contest Winner

Martha Rae Harris, a member of the junior class of Albemarle high school who recently took first place in the American Legion Oratorical County and District contests, did not participate in the regional contest because of laryngitis.

Martha Rae was chosen from the school to enter into the county contest. She was winner of the county contest by default and was also winner of the district contest by default. She was then eligible to enter the regional contest held in Lincolnton, North Carolina, last Thursday, but could not participate because of laryngitis. The winner in the regional contest will participate in the state finals.

A handsome trophy was awarded to the regional winner. A \$500 college scholarship will be awarded the state champion and a \$100 United States Savings Bond to the runner-up.

Topics for the talks were suggested by the American Legion—all based on the Constitution. "The Privileges and Responsibilities of An American Citizen" is the topic on which Martha Rae gave a ten-minute talk.

Birthdays

- March 14 — Loma Russell
- 15 — Jeannette Dennis Lydia Hall
- 16 — Georgia Beaver Lynn Morgan Gantt Bernice Thompson
- 17 — Nancy Austin
- 18 — Jo Ann Atkins Betty Jean Burris Jeanette Harward Peggy Poplin Betty Sue Rogers
- 20 — Ellen Cook
- 21 — Charles James
- 23 — Pauline Russell
- 24 — J. C. Boone Harold Harkey
- 25 — Jimmy Johnson Donald Morton
- 26 — David Morrow Donnie Smith
- 28 — Judy Scaggs Keith Sikes
- 29 — Frances Russell
- 30 — Margaret Brunson Bruce Lowder Sue Swanner
- 31 — Evelyn Burris Zalotta Harris Mildred James
- April 1 — Elliot Gaddy Ann Ivey
- 3 — Janice Wallace
- 4 — Vaden Springer Ronnie Fox Sue Redfern
- 6 — Mary Foreman
- 7 — Julie Ussery Buford Lucas
- 8 — Carolyn Gaddy
- 9 — Maxine Harwood David Whitley

Burrell, Huckabee To Edit '53 Annual

Frank Burrell and Bill Huckabee were recently elected to the offices of editor and business manager of the 1953 annual, respectively.

Every year the junior class nominates and elects capable and dependable persons for these jobs. Nancy Jo Haynes, present editor of the annual, talked to the class and stressed the extensive duties of these two offices before the voting.

The seniors have been busily measuring for their caps and gowns for the past several weeks. The color will be white, as it was decided by the class some time ago.

Marimbist Team Performance Here

Eddie and Jeannette Janns, a marimbist team, presented a musical program in assembly on March 3, featuring the marimba, a native musical instrument of Mexico and Guatemala and much like the xylophone in appearance except that it is larger.

At the beginning of the program Eddie put the marimba together, explaining each part. Later he showed all the different kinds of hammers with which to play the marimba and played many types of songs demonstrating the many gadgets used to accompany the marimba.

The marimbist team was the second paid performance that has appeared at A.H.S. this year. They are members of the Southern Assembly Association.

One of the highlights in the program was Eddie's playing a military march on a drum. He also played the drum in rhythm, representing a train from Albemarle to Porter. He explained that a person has to become a fairly good drummer before he can learn to play the marimba.

The songs that Eddie played on the marimba were "Brazil", "Cry", "Boogie Woogie", "Bells of St. Mary's", "Tea for Two", "Jealousy", "Chopsticks", "Sleigh-ride", "Goofus", and "Sweet Georgia Brown."

Jeanette sang the following songs while Eddie played them on the marimba: "On the Sunny Side of the Street", "Tico, Tico", "Cuban Pete", "Slowpoke", "Ballin' the Jack", and "Down Yonder".

It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good too to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy.

Dramatics Club, Student Council Give Performance

"Our Aunt From California", a comedy in one act, written by Madalene Demarest Barum, was presented Friday evening by the Student Council and Dramatics club.

This play tells the story of three sisters who try to make a favorable impression on their aunt from California. Mrs. Merry Muntoburn, their aunt, who hasn't seen her nieces for years, plans to take the one she likes best on a trip to Europe with her. Of course, all the girls want to go; therefore they put on a very special show for her benefit. Sally Needey is the lucky niece who receives the trip to Europe.

The characters were: Felicia Needey, Carolyn Williams; Rosalie Needey, Martha Rae Harris; Sally Needey, Carolyn Miller; Mrs. Needey, Peggy Jo Lowder; Miss Wilcoxngibs, the dressmaker, Catherins Atkins; Mrs. Merry Muntoburn, the aunt, Bettie Gantt; the maid, Doris Rogers.

Miss Bankett directed the play. A talent show was given after the play, in which students displayed their talents. Junior Josey was the master of ceremonies. Some of the acts given were "Irish Lullaby" sung by Ted Burleson; "Can't Help Loving That Man of Mine", Gay Lambert; "Any Time", Marilyn Greene; "If You Want Some Loving", Shirley Medlin; a tap dance, Barbara Lowder and Patsy Pettit; "Cry", J. C. Boone; Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis act, Bill Huckabee and J. C. Boone.

The talent show was planned and prepared by Harold Smith, chairman of the committee, and Miss Harrison.

The man who watches the clock usually remains one of the hands.

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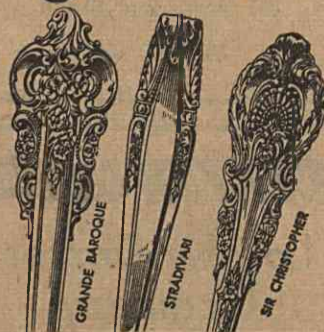
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