

A. H. S. Exchanges Choral Programs With Tech High

Albemarle high school choir and the Tech high school choir have recently exchanged assembly programs.

On May 13 the choir from Tech high in Charlotte visited AHS and furnished music for the assembly program. The AHS choir returned the visit on May 15.

Under the direction of Charles White, the group included the following numbers in the program: "Lamb of God", "Open Our Eyes", "The Lord's Prayer", a serenade from "Student Prince", "Make Believe", and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". The boys' quartet sang "High O'er the Mountains". There was also a baritone solo, "Ol' Man River."

Included in the program the AHS mixed chorus gave, were "Thanks Be To God"; "Lord, Thou Art Mighty", "Climbin' Up the Mountain", "Sleep, Baby, Sleep", "One Kiss", "The Blue Room", "Syncopated Clock", and "Oklahoma". The girls trio and boys' quartet sang one number each.

Treasure Island Is Banquet Theme

The annual senior banquet was held on Friday, May 16, in the high school cafeteria. Harold Smith, president of the senior class, acted as master of ceremonies.

The theme for the 1952 graduating class was "Treasure Island." At one end of the room was a mural of a pirate ship sailing toward the island, and in the center of the floor was an island with a treasure chest overflowing with jewels and money. The island was decorated with a sword, which was placed beside the chest, palm trees, sea shells, and a pirate flag. Over the speaker's table hung an anchor from which streamers of crepe paper were extended over the tables to the sides of the room. The class colors, blue and white, were centered between the bright colors.

The tables were decorated with candles in beer bottles, which served as lights during the banquet. Each senior found his place marked with a colorful place card which also included the menu and the program. As favors, each senior was given a

Ruth Morris Is National Winner

Ruth Morris, an eighth grader in Mrs. Saunders' room, was a third prize winner in the "America Is Great" contest.

The competition was keen, since every citizen in America was eligible to enter. Ruth first noticed an advertisement of the contest in the "Junior Scholastic Magazine". Sponsored by General Mills, Inc., the contestants were to finish this sentence in 50 words or less: "America is great because . . ."

Ruth Morris gives credit to Mrs. Saunders, who has kept reminding them all this year that America is a great nation. In her entry Ruth pointed out the fact that America has freedom beyond compare as far as most other countries are concerned. Ruth's prize will be a View-Master Stereoscope complete with 42 full-color Koda-chrome pictures. She will receive it soon.

miniature skeleton and a treasure chest filled with colorful candy.

The program opened with the singing of the school song, after which Mr. Richard L. Brown, chairman of the school board, gave the invocation. Then a delicious three-course meal was served by the junior waitresses, dressed as gay pirates. The meal consisted of orange juice, tomato salad, turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, butter beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls and butter, iced tea, and cherry pie topped with ice cream for dessert.

After eating, the master of ceremonies welcomed the school board and faculty and Miss Chiora Caughman, class sponsor, was recognized. Then Alton Talbert, class poet, read the class poem, and Doris Rogers read the class history. Several junior boys, dressed as deadly pirates, provided the entertainment. They sang "Fifteen Men on a Dead Man's Chest." The giftorian, Catherine Atkins, presented gifts to various class members; Joe Gaskin read the Last Will and Testament; Flynt Josey, Jr., presented the prophecy; and Jimmy Skidmore recognized the superlatives in an appropriate short story. At the conclusion of the program, the waitresses sang a farewell song to the class of '52.

Dwayne Lowder Wins First Place For Clay Models

Dwayne Lowder, a tenth grader in AHS, recently won first prize for an exhibit of clay models of the digestive system of animals entered in the exhibit sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Science held at Woman's college, in Greensboro.

The academy sponsors the exhibit of high school science from all over the state annually to stimulate interest in science and to search for scientific talent. Dwayne was competing against eleven other people in the modeling class. The title of his exhibit was "Animal Methods Solving the Food Problem". His exhibit contained twelve models of clay illustrating the digestive systems of simple and complex animals.

Dwayne won \$20 in cash for his prize. The other classes exhibited were preserved animals and plants, chemistry and physics experiments, plastic work, and live animals.

Dwayne is a student in Mrs. Lyke's biology class.

Summer School To Begin June 9th

Summer school will open on Monday morning, June 9, at 8:30, at the high school. All pupils planning to enroll are asked to meet Mrs. Fry in room 74 at that time.

Courses will be offered in all required subjects for which there is a demand. Pupils who have failed a required subject are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to make up the work and keep their records straight.

On Monday individual schedules will be arranged and books distributed. Beginning Tuesday, school will be in session from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00.

8th Grade Chorus Presents Concerts In Grammar Schools

Joan Melton Wins Paderewski Medal

Joan Melton, eighth grade student of Albemarle high school was recently awarded the Paderewski Memorial Gold Medal by the United States Piano Guild.

Joan, who has received national honors for ten consecutive years and obtained not less than Superior from ten different judges in the National Piano Playing auditions, is the first North Carolina pianist to win this honor.

Joan gave her third piano concert alone on May 20.

Merchants Give Gifts To Seniors

Several merchants have extended invitations to members of the senior class, inviting them to visit their stores and receive free gifts.

Starnes and Loftin's Jewelry stores gave each girl a piece of silver in her chosen pattern. Miniature Lane cedar chests were given to the girls by Maxwell Brothers. The Jewel Box gave a single strand of pearls to the girls and a fountain pen to the boys.

Eagle's Jewelry store gave a 21-jewel Bulova wrist watch to the senior whose name was drawn in assembly. Rossie Barfield was the winner.

Programs have recently been given at Central elementary, West Albemarle, and North Albemarle schools by Mr. Fry's eighth grade chorus.

The chorus sang two hymns, "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Sun of My Soul"; two spirituals, "Steal Away" (Hubert Rogers, soloist) and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (Wade Smith, soloist); two patriotic numbers, "America" and "America the Beautiful" (with descant); and in the lighter vein, "Tell Me Why", "Now is the Hour", and an encore number, "Ten Little Indians".

Joan Melton, piano soloist, participated in these programs, and the eighth grade boys quartet sang "Bye Low, My Baby".

Also in these programs Ted Burleson sang "Irish Lullaby", and Vicky Eagle sang "Turn Back the Sands of Time".

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