

The Music Goes Round and Round

By FISH FISHER

STEEPIN' ALONG: Beads of perspiration could plainly be seen on Mr. Hauss's forehead and neck and his voice quivered somewhat as he announced the three numbers, but with the skill and poise of a seasoned veteran, he led the Albemarle High Band to a rating of Excellent at the district band contest in Salisbury on March 10.

The performance, consisting of "New Colonial March," "Sunlit Summits Overture," and "Thendora Overture," was judged by Earl Sloucum of U.N.C., Dr. Paul Bryan of Duke University, and George Dickerson of W. C. U. N. C., who gave the band ratings of I, II, and III, respectively.

As in previous years, the contest was the culmination of long, hard rehearsals and intensive home practice (Just ask the neighbors of one certain bass player if you don't believe THAT!)

First clarinets, Jerry Lou Holbert, Jimmy Miller, and Gary Whitley, and flutist, Pamela Hinson, received very favorable comment from the judges, while Dr. Bryan said that Mary Jo Winn's piccolo playing "had excellent tone and was remarkably well in tune."

Rogell Hunsucker's brilliant performance on the baritone horn was also enthusiastically received by the judges and caused

many of the band directors to sit up and take notice. His flawlessly blown solo in "Sunlit Summits" was one of the high points of the entire afternoon.

OFF THE BEAT: A great many thanks to Eugene Burris for getting the band safely to and from the contest. His safe and sane driving was appreciated by all.

Other bands at the contest were Kings Mountain, Concord, Rockingham, Dallas, Wincoff, and Granite Quarry.

The band members were very glad to see Mr. Spencer B. Hatley, former director of the band, who is now selling instruments. Incidentally, he's replaced that bronze-colored Ford with a handsome green Pontiac station wagon.

Cary McSwain, Richard Peck, and the author of this column served as stage managers.

ON THE BEAT: Band members who had hoped to loaf along the remainder of the year are going to be surely disappointed. A few of the band's future jobs include its spring concert, a concert at West Albemarle Elementary School, and the Easter Sunrise Service at Stoney Hill Church.

A treat in store for the marching band is the banquet, to be held on April 10. The Civitans, who are sponsoring the banquet, plan to make it an annual affair.

Theme Is Chosen For Annual Hop

April Showers is the theme of the annual Sophomore Hop, which will be held March 29.

The Hop committee is made up of Becky Coble, Diane Watkins, Betty Holt, Peggy Sue Lisk, Gay Crowell, Rita Morris, Judy Eford, Katherine Morton, Sue Winn, Pat Smith, Graham Harwood, Tommy Murrell, Richard Peck, Johnny Eford, Larry Mullis, Eddie Burleson, and Stanley Lawhon. These are in charge of decorations.

The refreshment committee is made up of the following: Peggy Smith, Evelyn Underwood, Molly Holbrook, Virginia Huckabee, Martha Huckabee, and Kay Swindell.

Pat Starnes, the invitation chairman, has as her committee Saura Burlison, Steve Saunders, Larry Mullis, and Emma Lynn Morton.

New Committees Named For Prom

The juniors, once again, will be running everyone from the gym because of "secrets". It is spring and plans for the Prom are under way.

Vicki Cranford and Mary Griffin will serve as chairmen of the refreshment and the invitation committees. Those helping Vicki on the refreshment committee are Sue Page, Barbara Kimery, G. C. Wilhoit, Buddy Stoker, and Roderick Jordan.

Mary Griffin's committee is composed of John White Iddings, Libby McLeod, Clara Bost, Sylvia Jane Mauldin, Rex Whitley, and Robert L. Smith.

Mrs. Carter New NCEA President

Next year's officers of the North Carolina Education Association are Mrs. Jake Carter, a teacher at Albemarle High School, president; Mrs. Toby Webb, Central School, vice president; Miss Peggy Eford, West Albemarle, secretary; Mrs. Agnes Boysworth, North Albemarle School, treasurer.

A NCEA banquet was held on March 13 under the direction of Miss Doris Tucker, this year's president.

At this meeting a life membership in the NEA was presented to Miss Beulah Lyerly. Miss Lyerly has taught the second grade at North Albemarle School for a number of years. For the past two years a life membership in NEA has been given by the local teachers. Last year this was

given to Mr. Claud Grigg. For entertainment, Mrs. Tommy Hauss played a solo on the melophone, with Mrs. Helms as accompanist. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Clifton Beckwith, executive secretary of the North Carolina State Employees Association, Raleigh.

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