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ASHS Is Host To District Choral Contest

Over 1500 high school choristers participated in the Albemarle District Choral Contest that was held here Friday, March 8.

From this district, which includes eight counties, twenty-two schools were represented by thirty-one choral groups.

Mr. Paul Fry, Choral Director of Albemarle Senior and Junior High schools, was chairman for the event. He was assisted by a group of ASHS students.

The Albemarle groups that participated were the Senior Choir, the Sophomore Choir, the Boys Chorus, and the eighth and ninth grade choruses from the Junior High School. All Albemarle groups participating received the rating of II or Excellent.

Each participating choral group sang two numbers for a panel of three judges. The judges were Mr. Perry Watson, State College, Raleigh; Mr. Elwood Roberts, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill; and Mr. Charles Isley, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Judges gave suggestions for improvements and ratings of excellence as follows: I-Superior, II-Excellent, III-Good, IV-Fair, V-Poor.

Contest events, which began at 8:30 a.m. and continued throughout the day, were so arranged that no group or director would be in Albemarle during lunch period.

The gym was used as the assembly room, the Student Lounge as headquarters, the Full Moon office as check room, and room 214 as "warm-up" room. The singers performed on the auditorium stage.

The parking lot was filled that day with buses big and small, two-deckers, and school operated buses.

The Student Council sold drinks and sandwiches during the contest for a fund-raising project.

Debaters Climax Intense Study In Area Contest

The ASHS Debate Club was represented in the district debates held at East Montgomery High School, Mar. 15, by Betty Herlocker, Scott Bennett, Terry Lorch, and Jimmy Lowder.

Terry and Jimmy, the affirmative team, and Betty and Scott, the negative team, report that they won one debate each during the contests. Mrs. M. M. Little coached the two teams.

East Montgomery High School which is located in Biscoe, North Carolina, was host to four debating teams, including those from Albemarle, Aberdeen, and Ellerbe as well as their own team. The teams debated the question "Resolved: That the United States should promote a Common Market for the Western Hemisphere." The debates were held in round table form, each team debating the other three school teams.

Results of the debates were announced after the final debate. Each debater was awarded from one to five points in areas of delivery, knowledge and evidence, case and analysis, reasoning and refutation, and organization. The total of the points awarded the two members of each team determined the winner of the debate.

East Montgomery High School received the greatest number of points in all three contests and will represent the district in future debates this year.



'BIBS, PINS, BONDS AWAY'

Arrival Of Directories Highlights S. O. Project

Many ASHS students are now enjoying the student directories which were distributed by Student Council representatives March 18.

The handsome blue directories, a project of the Student Council, include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of students, faculty, and the members of the Board of Education. Based on the style of the school handbook, the directories have blue covers with black lettering.

This is the first year that such a project has been undertaken. Mrs. Bess Young, advisor to the Student Council, has expressed a hope that Student Councils in following years will continue this project.

Susan Kayler and Neville Patterson acted as chairmen of this project.

DE Honors Given To Joan Walker

"Distributive Education Student of the Year for the Southwestern District" was the title given to Joan Walker, February 20, in Concord.

Joan's two prizes were a fifty-dollar savings bond and the opportunity to compete in the Distributive Education State Contest. One hundred dollars cash and a trip to the national finals in Chicago will be given to the winner of the state contest.

Three judges made their selection of the district winner from nine competitors on the grounds of their accumulative records, grades, letters from employers, recommendations of teachers, activities, and honors achieved in school.

Joan has a high scholastic average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She used her art ability in designing the DECA float for the Christmas parade on which she rode as DECA Queen. She is also on the art staff of the *Crossroads*.

Joan is employed by Dennis Concrete Works, Inc., Albemarle.

Teacher Honored

Miss Edwina Marsh has recently been notified of her acceptance into Phi Delta Sigma, an honor society for those of high academic achievement. Miss Marsh, a major in business education, is a 1962 graduate of Pfeiffer College. She teaches in the business department of ASHS.

Black Masque Presents 'The Curious Savage'

Stuffed Bear Reveals Plot

"The Cloisters," a mental institution, was the scene of the senior play entitled *The Curious Savage*, which was presented March 14 in the ASHS auditorium.

Mrs. James Brown, Jr., advisor to the Black Masque Club, directed the presentation. She termed the play a huge success and laughed at the fact that the plot was revealed early in the play when the bonds fell out of a stuffed teddy bear.

Among the cast of characters was Delores Morton, who played a wealthy widow, Mrs. Savage. The Savage children were played by Susan Kayler, Johnny Fesperman, and Mike Burleson, who portrayed Lilly Belle Savage, Judge Samuel Savage, and Senator Titus Savage, respectively. Inmates of "The Cloisters" institution were Susan Rogers as Florence, John Boaz as Hannibal, Nancy Ross as Fairy May, Bill Dobbs as Jeff, and Joanna Morris as Mrs. Paddy. Miss Willy, a nurse, was played by Wanda Tucker, and Dr. Emmett, by John DeWald.

Committees functioning in preparation for the play and their chairmen were as follows: furniture, Gene

Snuggs; properties, Ibba Wilson; make-up, Sherie Kelley; tickets, Raymond Earnhardt; programs, Linda Crisco; publicity, Virginia Hammond; and lighting, John DeWald.

The Curious Savage is the story of a woman who is left ten million dollars by her husband, and the frantic efforts of her step children to get their hands on it. The latter, knowing they cannot touch the wealth which is in negotiable bonds, commit her to a sanatorium hoping to bring her to her senses. Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a fund to help others realize their dreams. In "The Cloisters" she meets various "guests" who just cannot adjust to life, people she can help. Life in the home is gracious, amusing and useful. At least her friends conspire to get rid of the brow-beating inlaws, and through their faith, she is able to carry out her plans. As the play ended one could understand the words of Bryon — "And if I laugh at any mortal thing — 'tis that I may not weep."

Mrs. Brown stated that the play presented was of professional level and very difficult. "Most of my crew had had previous experience and did a wonderful job with this particular play," Mrs. Brown commented.

The Curious Savage was presented in cooperation with the Dramatists Play Service, Inc. John Patrick was the author of this three-act play.

Juniors Score 99% On ITED

Results of the ITED (Iowa Test of Educational Development) show that the Albemarle Senior High School rates in the ninety-ninth percentile in the nation.

The normal percentile, which is the average of all local scores, is 74; however, the school percentile, in comparison to other schools in the nation is 99.

Mr. Webb stated in a recent interview, "We certainly are pleased with the scores made by our students on this test."

The purpose of the test is to enable students and teachers to keep themselves up to date on the educational development of each high school student.

This series of tests was administered to the juniors January 21 and 22 by Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Gamewell. It is the last step in the general testing program of the city school system.

Around 350 copies of the directories were sold at fifty cents each. After deducting the cost for printing, which was done by the Carolina Printing Company, the Student Council made a profit of about \$95 from this project.

Honor Students, Teachers Attend Honor Society Tea

Eighty-two students who attained the semester honor roll and all ASHS teachers were invited to the Honor Roll Tea which was sponsored by the National Honor Society, March 20. The event took place from two until three o'clock in the Student Lounge. Light refreshments were served to those attending.

Committee chairmen for the tea were as follows: decorations committee, Susan Rogers; invitations committee, Beverly Freeman; music committee, Olivia Hartsell; and refreshment committee, Jane Herlocker.

Those attending the tea were as follows: Joan Walker, Ann Edwards, Delores Morton, Betty Herlocker, Sharon Holt, Frances Trivette, Ibba Wilson, Robbie Bost, Eddie Mauldin, Jimmy Lowder, Brenda Page, Mary Napier, Sue Plyler, Brenda Peeler, Mark Stambaugh, Jimmy Barrier, Gwen Davis, Diane Greene, Drinda Harley, Wayne Dick, Larry Hatley,

James Lowder, Jane Boaz, Beverly Freeman, Susan Kayler, Doris Eudy,

Joanna Morris, John Boaz, Raymond Earnhardt, Edith Harwood, Nancy Ross, Virginia Hammond, Jane Herlocker, Steve Smith, Tommy Smith, Bonnie Benton, Tish Stockton, Andy Cook, David Still, Wanda Holt, Tony Almond, Carol Lefler, Monty Montgomery, Linda Morton, Richard Summerlin, Bobby Lowder, Shelia Hall, Debbie Sweet, Jack Deese, Robert Lowder, Lynn Calder, Edith Johnson, Pam Lowder, Diane Morton, Sally Efrid, Johnny Morris, Charles Morton, Jane Austin, Matilda Boone, Eugene Coley, Neville Patterson, Peggy Smith, Diane Stephens, Paul Allred, Joe Frick, Judy Cranford, Karen Hatley, Sheila Shankle, Terry Stiller, Anita Wall, Barbara Furr, Pam Cooper, Gary Nicholds, Janice Claywell, Joanne Lisk, Janice Ragsdale, Alan Russell, Kay Almond, Robert Lee Smith, David Miller, Cindy Stone and Joyce Russell.

MOONBEAMS

Perfect Attendance

One hundred and eighty-six students achieved records of perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks' period. That number includes forty-six seniors, fifty-two juniors, and eighty-eight sophomores.

Merit Exam

Sixty-two juniors took the National Merit Exam in the cafeteria March 5. This test is given to high school juniors who want to compete in the Merit Scholarship program. The exam consisted of five tests on the following: English, mathematics, science, history, and vocabulary.

SAT

Students from ASHS and the neighboring communities took the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board March 2 in the school cafeteria.

Election Plans

Petitions have recently been circulated and registration completed for the Student Organization elections which are to be held either April 16 or 17. Registration day for sophomores and upper classmen who had not previously registered was March 19. Petitions for the senior offices of president and vice-president, and the junior offices of vice-president and secretary, were circulated March 20-22.

Student Teacher

Edward Ballard of Pfeiffer College will begin his practice teaching at ASHS early in April. He will be supervised by Miss Caughman and will teach Algebra II and trigonometry.

Fry Attends SMEC

Mr. Paul B. Fry, choral director of ASHS, attended the biennial convention of the Southern Music Educators' Conference in Charleston, West Virginia, March 20-24.

As chairman of the Southern Region of the American Choral Director's Association, Mr. Fry was in full charge of plans for the week's activities. He also presided at the opening session and served on a panel during the week.