

## Campaign Ends; Students Begin

Campaigning will end tomorrow. April 2 is election day.

Petitions for student office seekers were issued, starting Wednesday, March 13. Before running, candidates were given nine days to secure 100 names.

Students seeking the nomination of President were David Plyler, Billy Freeman, and Teresa Wagner; Vice President, Roy Trivette, Ernie Whitley; Secretary, Susie Griffin and Ronnie Garber; and Treasurer, Sherry Howard, Linda Carpenter, and Neesie Huneycutt.

The nominating convention was held Tuesday, March 26. Nominees were narrowed to the following: Billy Freeman and Teresa Wagner, President; Ernie Whitley and Roy Trivette, Vice President; Susie Griffin and Ronnie Garber, Secretary; Linda Carpenter and Neesie Huneycutt, Treasurer.

The following Friday, candidates delivered their campaign speeches to the Student Body. The decisions will be made tomorrow.

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors had to register in order to vote.

## Casper To Enter School Of Arts

Cathy Casper, a senior, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Casper, has recently been notified of her acceptance to the North Carolina School of the Arts.

This school, located in Winston-Salem, consists of grades from the elementary level up to the fourth year of college. It was established for the advancement of promising students excelling in the various areas of art.

Cathy will attend the School of the Arts from two to four years, concentrating her studies in the area of drama.

On completion of her studies, it is Cathy's hope to work for a repertoire company, particularly dealing with Shakespearean plays.



Characci "Daisy Mae" Morgan waits impatiently for her lover!

## Mrs. Smith Stages Shakespearean Theatre

Recently one of the classrooms at ASHS turned into a Shakespearean Theater as Mrs. Smith's English classes presented a succession of synopses of plays by the famous English author.

The various playettes given were of the more famous ones by Shakespeare, including "Macbeth", "Hamlet", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Twelfth Night", "Romeo and Juliet", and "The Tempest".

The first, third, fourth, and sixth period classes, including both sophomores and seniors, were all involved in the study of Shakespeare.

For approximately six weeks each class familiarized themselves with the work and style of this great playwright by reading and studying "Macbeth."

### Groups Perform

From this point each class was divided into small groups, each group being responsible for reading its assigned play and presenting a summary, a dramatization, a discussion, or any combination of methods in order to give the whole class an idea of the plot and a general understanding of a number of Shakespearean plays, as this was the main objective of the study.

Although a few of the presentations were given in the audi-

torium, for the most part the scene of the action was in the classroom where the newly discovered dramatic artists made use of a piece of sky blue and pink cardboard which transformed itself, (through the audiences' imagination), from a balcony ("Romeo and Juliet") to a witches' meeting place ("Macbeth").

With the aid of such a unique prop as the above, in addition to wooden sticks, a rubber lamb chop that squeaked, and a papier-mache head, the students were able to display vivid interpretations of the plays as Shelia "Juliet" Ritchie bade Ricky "Romeo" Swaringen wherefore art he was, as Mike "Macbeth" Williams gallantly dueled with Guy "Macduff" Gay, resulting in the decapitation of Macbeth Williams, and as Paul "the Shrew" Wolf voraciously ate his squeaky rubber meat.

Since one of the most rewarding aspects of teaching is seeing a student work independently, this study project proved to be a true success in that it not only taught the students to learn the skills of independent study while enjoying working as a group, but it also enabled them to practice organization, creation, and presentation of an original interpretation. —Jane Nicholds

## ASHS 'Gals' Treat 'Fellers' To Vacation

The girls at ASHS were really hopping for the entire week of March 18-22. Most had prepared in advance for the festivities of Sadie Hawkins' Week. They had their "fellers" lined up and their patches made before Monday rolled around.

The girls scouted diligently all week for their men. Monday they chased and patched them.

Wednesday the Student Council sold Tootsie-Roll Pops, the girls footing the bill, of course.

Friday offered a climax to the activities. During a third period assembly Mike Massey and Characci Morgan were elected L'il Abner and Daisy Mae.

Friday night the Tymes Syndicate played for the dance and carnival in the gym. Eleven clubs set up booths that afforded enjoyment for any couple whose female counterpart could afford it.

The FHA operated a concession stand selling Kickapoo joy juice and other refreshments.

For those with an itchy palate, the Library Club's cake walk was the next stop. The Boosters Club offered food prizes for those with a powerful and accurate pitching arm.

Other activities that required

physical exertion were putt-putt golf, bingo, fishing for prizes, dart throwing, and tossing coins. These activities were sponsored by the Jr. Civitans, DECA, FTA, National Honor Society, and Black Masque Club.

Love, as was expected, inspired many booths. The Science Club constructed a "love meter" to test the affection of couples, and the FBLA was on hand to take pictures of the sweethearts. To top off the evening, girls dragged their "fellers" to the Student Council's Marryin' Sam booth to get hitched.

## National VICA Week Concludes With Assembly

As a special highlight to National VICA Week, March 10-16, the local chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America presented an assembly March 15.

Moderator Jerry Holt assumed the role of President of the Emblem Team. He began the presentation with an introduction and explanation to VICA.

He then introduced the respective officers of the club and members of the Emblem Team.

At this time, Jerry Holt introduced the three members of the Advisory Committee for Trade and Industrial Education, who were the guest speakers in the assembly. Dwight Stokes, a contractor and former mayor of Albemarle, Crenshaw Thompson, Stanly County Hospital Administrator, and Michael Snyder, Manager of the Textile Laboratory at E. J. Snyder's, composed this team.

Mr. Stokes stressed the importance of skilled, highly trained workers. He commented that a person should like his job, be interested in work, and make an honest effort. The rising demand for service industries was emphasized.

Mr. Thompson explained further the importance of service organizations. He named enthusiasm, dependability, and respect as necessary attributes of any employee. Mr. Thompson encouraged the students to continue their education as well as train for a specific job.

The last member of the committee to speak, Michael Snyder pointed out specific opportunities available in Albemarle and Stanly County. Mr. Snyder listed textiles, insurance, sales, and farming as only a few of the fields to choose from.

Mr. Waddell, bricklaying instructor, and Mr. Bourne, I.C.T. sponsor at ASHS concluded the program by urging any students interested in bricklaying or I.C.T. to contact them.

### WHERE HAVE ALL THE FOOLS GONE?

What has happened to April Fools' Day? No longer do children run, laugh, and play as they plot and exercise their mischievous pranks. No longer do adults cower in dark corners, afraid to venture out to face the traditional episodes of holiday cheer. Today's April Fool has become a mere annual occurrence with no symbolic meaning.

This year, April Fools' Day will come and pass. There will be no Miss April Fool and no April Fools' Parade. It will be a sad April Fools' Day this year.

If only some "strong leader" would take upon himself the responsibility of rebuilding one of our oldest and most honored holidays, then our nation could again unite for a common cause. Throughout America, AFD clubs would grow, their influence bringing world peace and internal security.

Hark! The "strong leader" is here! April Fool's Day has come—but it is not gone. And there is a strong chance it will not be forgotten. See pages two and three and see what's happened on this A.F.D.

Long live the "strong leader"—us!

## Mike Melton Bags Science Award

Mike Melton, a senior physics student, won second place in the Senior Physical Science Division of the South Piedmont Science Fair at Park Center in Charlotte, Saturday, March 16.

He will travel to Chapel Hill April 5-6 to compete for an opportunity to represent North Carolina in the National Sciences Fair in Detroit.

His project, Design and Con-

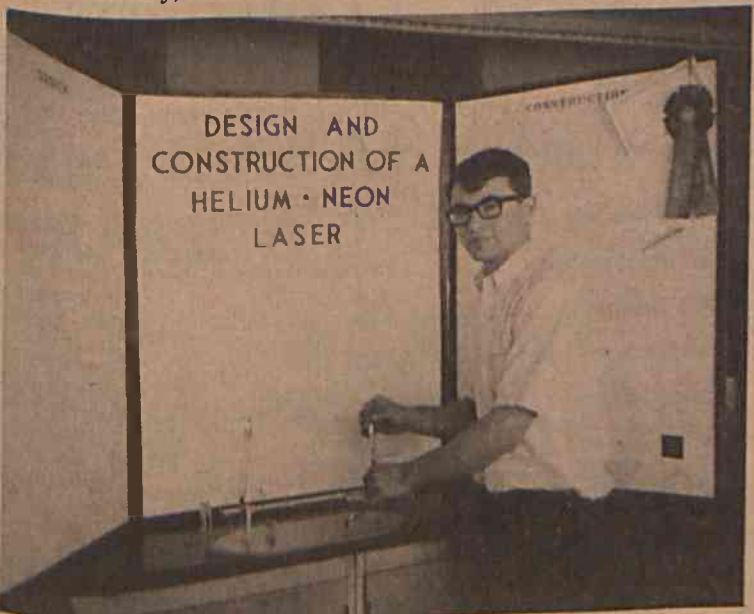
struction of a Helium Laser, was judged, along with the fifty-one other projects in the division, on workmanship, neatness, comprehension, and fulfillment of goal. The contestants were also required to answer oral questions posed by the judges.

As a sophomore Mike began his project for personal research. A laser is light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation. Mike's project, which uses a mixture of two gases to produce coherent light of one wave length of color, resembles a neon sign.

Some of the difficulties he encountered were blowing the glass tubes and obtaining gas. Mike used thirty feet of glass tubing in blowing one tube which is thirty inches long.

During the Thanksgiving holidays Mike attended lectures and demonstrations by Dr. A. W. Schalaw at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. Scott Griffin and Lee Herlocker accompanied him to Raleigh.

President of the Science Club, Mike will enter the University of North Carolina at Charlotte next fall with majors in physics and mathematics.



Mike emphasizes the what's, why's, and wherefore's of his prize-winning endeavor.

## Former Graduates Return To Old Tramping Grounds

Graduates do not just fade away; they often return. It happened here!

Larry Tucker and John Ellington, Class of '54, returned March 19 as state supervisors of English and social studies, respectively.

During their visit they renewed old friendships with former teachers: Miss Misenheimer and Mrs. Fry taught them English.

Also, Mrs. Westerlund and Mrs. Deese welcomed them as "fine examples" of their former students.

And according to Mr. Tucker and Mr. Ellington, "Of course, we could never forget Miss Caughman; she really gave us a rough time in math!"

They had visited the Junior High School earlier in the day and stated, "Incidentally, that building hasn't changed a bit."

They mentioned that our school has improved a great deal and that the methods of teaching here are more up-to-date than many schools in the state.

Incidentally, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Ellington's coordinator and Assistant Director of General Education is Mr. Joseph Cashwell, their former principal at Albemarle Senior High School.