

## Levina, Fick Represent School in Spelling Bee

Ed Johnson

Ferndale was represented in the city-wide spelling contest by Susan Levina of homeroom 112, and by Lasley Fick of homeroom ten. Both girls are seventh graders. They gained this position by winning the school spelling contest.

Actually, Susan won the school contest by winning over Lasley, but the school has two representatives in the city-wide contest. Susan won when she spelled the word which Lasley missed and then spelled correctly the next word. She correctly spelled silhouette.

In third place was Bruce Sice-loff of homeroom 110. Bruce also is a seventh grader.

There were two representatives from each seventh and eighth grade homeroom. The contest was started with two rounds of junior words and then went to intermediate words and then to senior words. Each contestant was allowed two misses.



Susan Levina and Lasley Fick pause after winning spelling contest.

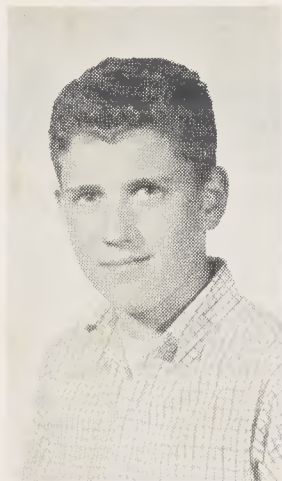
## Dr. Scott Underscores Value of Good Grades

Among the many multiple choice blanks facing students in the spring are the spaces to be marked to chart educational courses for next year and maybe for the rest of the way. Dr. Jack Scott, principal of Central High, considers ninth grade choices so important that he made two trips to Ferndale to counsel ninth graders and their parents.

Dr. Scott's main concern was that everyone should understand that, like it or not, grades are crucial for college admissions or employment, and they will become more crucial. Citing several instances of college rejections of students having average grades, Dr. Scott advised first that students avoid overloading in the tenth grade and that they make sure now that required courses are in their schedule.

"I would advise very few — or I would say not any — tenth graders to take six subjects," said the Central High principal. He explained that it wasn't that some students weren't capable of handling six subjects; it was that, with six preparations, students find themselves incapable of the academic excellence that concentration on five would achieve.

Central is offering two new courses to rising sophomores. The courses are dramatics and general music. Scott explained that the dramatics course is not just play-acting, and the music course will not train one to perform. The courses will give a



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## Decorators' Forum

## Ferndale to Get Badly-Needed Sprucing Up

Carl Bridgers

Ferndale once claimed to be Miss Junior High of the Carolinas. But now she's run-down and just plain shabby — in looks, that is.

Hearing that the summer of '65 brings Ferndale's turn for attention, the Junior Pointer staff found Mr. Cox, head of maintenance department, and asked him what improvements he had in mind for this school.

Mr. Cox said that he had nothing specific in mind and that he would welcome suggestions. So the staff talked to the people who live here to see what they have in mind.

BRENDA KELLY: The auditorium is to a school what a liv-

ing room is to a home. What a place we have to take our guests in our school home! The pink walls with the orange do-dads and curlicue decorations would be unpretty even if the paint weren't chipping and falling off everywhere. Paint the whole auditorium ONE NEUTRAL SHADE.

PHILIP WOOD: Whatever it takes to get rid of those three generations of names plastered everywhere back stage.

PEGGY MILNER: The halls are dark and gloomy. If the walls weren't so drab, maybe people

## Students Go to Polls Today To Select 1965-66 Officers

Barbara Alexander

With primaries just over on Monday and final elections today, both candidates and students are awaiting the results with interest. After hours of poster-making and speech-preparing, candidates find that their work is over and the decision now rests upon the voters. In the primaries Mary Burnley and Mike Parker were chosen from an original field of three, including Lynn Gladstone.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burnley, is a member of homeroom 3, a straight "A" student, and is active in the Modern Dance Group.

Mike Parker, member of homeroom 205, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Parker. He played first string on the junior varsity basketball team this year.

Fighting it out for vice-president are Kathy Morgan of homeroom 3 and Lee Lyles, a member of homeroom 206. Danny Dagenhart, who is in homeroom 117, was also in the race for vice-president originally.

Gail Cadick of homeroom 104 and Sara Oldam of homeroom 3 are still in the race for secretary, although Myra Lancaster and Susan Kirk also competed.

Officers elected today will be the seventy-second set of officers at Ferndale and will take office next fall to serve the first semester.

## Creative Writing To Be Published In Last Issue

Athletes have their space in the Junior Pointer. So do the artists, the singers, the spellers, and the dancers.

Creative writers will have their turn in the last issue. A whole page will carry original poems and essays. Steve Ellis will edit the page and Mrs. Elizabeth Beamon of 205 will be its adviser.

Every teacher is invited to send entries of student literary effort to Steve or Mrs. Beamon right away.

## Any More Ideas?

wouldn't get so tired. However we don't need to see six colors at one time as we now see in the hall outside the auditorium.

LINDA McDERMOTT: For three years I have been walking down the halls of Ferndale and each year I've noticed the floor gets dirtier and dirtier and dirtier. Now the floor is actually an expensive terrazzo tile; but, through the grime, it's hard to tell. Once it's really clean, a wax and shine now and then would be wonderful. Ferndale has a right to a bright outlook; so let's get on the ball in the hall!

## N. C.'s Advancement School A Unique Effort

Beth Bencini and Beth Hunt

"North Carolina's Advancement School has been called the most exciting experiment in American education today." The Raleigh News and Observer made this statement concerning this experimental school at Winston-Salem.

The only such school in the United States founded to help eighth grade boys who don't achieve what they could scholastically because of lack of motivation. It has already had 135 boys to pass through its first regular session. The session consists of eleven weeks of study and recreation.

Born in the old City Memorial Hospital, this five month-old school will operate for at least three years on state and federal funds and a grant from the Carnegie Corporation.

Director of the school, Dr.

Gordon McAndrew, a young educator with a Ph.D. from the University of California, said that his first reaction to the school was "impossible." "And yet," said McAndrew, "when I left to go back home, I couldn't get it out of my mind. If we could bring it off, it would be the most exciting thing in education in the United States."

Miss Estelle Litaker, eighth grade English teacher at Ferndale, was chosen to be a social

studies and reading teacher for the school.

Other staff members were George Sains, football player for the Buffalo Bills; Alton White, football player from Florida State; Lowell Dodge, an educator who just returned from the Ivory Coast of Africa; Bickley Dodge, a 1963 graduate of Smith College, who had also been in Africa; and Dr. Lawrence Conant of the University of British Columbia.

## Ninth Grade Chorus Rated Superior in Choral Contest

Mary Austin Gray

Armed with determination, Ferndale's ninth grade girls' chorus strived for, and received a superior rating from the an-

nual District Choral Contest. Directed by Mrs. Lena Hedrick, the 38 girl chorus sang "Ours is the World" by Haydn Morgan and "Boundless Mercy" by Lara Hoggard. The judges, Mr. Donald Plott, of Davidson College; Dr. Richard Cox, from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Miss Ann Royster, from Hickory schools, were consistent in their complimentary comments.

Ferndale and fourteen other junior high schools from the High Point-Greensboro-Winston-Salem area were judged on tone, intonation, diction, technique, balance, interpretation, and musical effect. This contest was held at Ferndale on March 20.

The eighth grade girls' chorus, directed by Mrs. Hedrick, along with the boys' glee club, directed by Mrs. Florence Greene, received excellent ratings.

## News Notes

### Mrs. Hester Honored Cheerleaders Art Contest

Suzanne Hurley  
MRS. REBECCA HESTER, Latin and TV math teacher and mother of seven children, was nominated for the 1965 State Mother of the Year. Mrs. Hester was nominated by the High Point Kiwanis Club for "traits such as courage, cheerfulness and understanding that are associated with good mothers". She and the other nominees were honored with a luncheon and tea in Raleigh.

MAUSTY GRAY, BECKY MCKINNEY, DEVAIR CATER, DEBBIE CECIL, GARY PACE, and ROBERT HEDRICK were selected for Central High School's cheerleading squad from Ferndale.

BETH BENCINI of homeroom 210, won second place in the Junior Women's Club art contest. Her winning entry was a water color entitled "Autumn Scene on Ferndale's Campus." Also, Andrea Sanders of 118 won honorable mention for a pastel portrait of a fellow student, Andrew Newcomb.



Cheryl Caudell, Arzella Bare, and Delight Matthews are three of those responsible for a superior rating in the ninth grade chorus.