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Celebration of May Day Includes Queen, Court, Narrations, Music

GHS's annual May Day festival, which took place yesterday on the front lawn, was opened with the presentation of Linda Johnson, May queen, and her court.

After the coronation of the queen by Jerry Robertson, student body president, Frank Harmon, narrator for the program, took charge. He presented a medley of song and dance that has been a part of the "Old South."

First on the agenda was the "Rochester Schottish," a rather lively folk dance. This was followed by the "Patty Cake Polka" and the "Varsouvienne." Then the fiddlers began the music of the "Virginia Reel."

Library Association Elects Pat Adams New President

Pat Adams, junior, was elected president of the North Carolina High School Library Association at the convention at Woman's College, April 23 and 24.

Having served as treasurer of the state library association for the past term, Pat has been a library worker since her sophomore year at Senior.

Other Officers

The other newly elected officers are Peggy King, Greensboro Senior High, vice president; Susan Culbreth, Pleasant Garden High School, secretary; Jo Crowder, Boughton High School, Raleigh, editor; David McLemore, Salem High School, Roseboro, reporter; and Danette Freeman, Edwards High School, Asheville, treasurer. Peggy King is a sophomore and a newly elected member of the student council.

Registration begins

Registration, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and continuing until 1:00 p. m., was first on the agenda for the convention. The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 by the past president, Karen Rawlings of Salisbury. Nominations for new officers were made, and discussion groups were conducted. A banquet Friday night in Spencer Dining Hall was followed by a dance at Elliot Hall. During the Saturday morning session the elections were completed, and committee reports were given. The convention closed at noon Saturday with a luncheon for the incoming and outgoing officers.

Band Plays In New York City; Performs At NYU, Union Square

The band members and eight chaperons started for New York City, Thursday, April 30, for a four day visit in order to render two performances.

Virginia First Stop

Richmond, Virginia, where dinner was eaten, was the first stop. After dinner, the group moved on to New Castle, Delaware and spent the night in the General Wayne Motel. At 7:30 a. m., they boarded the Queen City chartered bus and traveled on to New York. The band played two concerts. One program for the New York University was given at 12:00 noon, and Union Square, at 14th and Broadway was the site for the 3:00 show. Included in the repertoire were: "Colonial Rhapsody," "Roman Carnival," "Prelude and Love Death," "Bombasto," and "Dixie."

Picadilly Hotel

While in New York the members lodged at the Picadilly Hotel, and visited the sight-seeing attractions, including the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty. The Broadway musical, "The Music Man" was the entertainment highlight of the trip,

according to Mr. C. S. Maxwell.

Chaperons were: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Maxwell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jeffus, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rooker, Mr. James Decker, and Mr. David T. Helberg.

The group began the return trip at 8:00 a. m., Sunday and drove straight to Greensboro.

Dickie Bowen, shown below, has been selected by the student council as GHS's delegate to the National Student Council Convention. Dickie, the 1959-60 senior class president, has also been chosen as Senior's delegate to Boys' State Convention this summer.

The members of the May Court pleased the queen next with their presentation of the "Minuet" and were followed by a group of waltzers.

After the last notes of "The Waltz of the Blies" had died, the Queen's Men, James Apple, Eddie Pickard, David Mallison, and Joe Hill, sang one of the slave songs traditional to the Southern plantations.

The "Paul Jones Mixer" was next on the program. Becky Chambers, senior followed it with a war song. Before the "March of the Priests" was played for the recessional, the May pole dance was given by the Senior Honor Court. May Day was under the direction of Mr. Hubert Morrow.

Spanish, French Students Enter Language Contests

Ten students will participate in the annual state Spanish Contest given on May 6, and the annual state French Contest will be conducted on May 8 with twenty-four students entering from Senior High.

Includes Vocabulary

Both tests will include vocabulary, as well as grammar and reading. The best three papers in each category will be sent to Chapel Hill to be entered in the contest.

First-place winner in the state in each division receives a Merit Scholarship to Chapel Hill, renewable only if the student maintains a satisfactory average. Only second year students are eligible.

National French Contests

Second year students in French have just competed in the National French Contest. From the first year level, the paper of Pam Pfaff was selected and entered, and from the second year level, the paper of Yvonne Kincaid.

This test is a different test from the state test in that it requires aural comprehension and knowledge of French civilization, as well as vocabulary, verbs and grammar.



Remaining senior members of the May Court are left to right above Kay Smith and Barry Troxler. Juniors are Sondra Childress, Elaine Ellis (not pictured), Carol Smith, Betty Tucker, and Sue Anne Wrenn.

Squad Elects Taliaferro New Head Cheerleader

Penny Taliaferro, junior, was chosen head cheerleader for the 1959-60 school year by the members of the present squad Monday, April 27.

New and old members voted by secret ballot on the new head cheerleader. In the past the cheerleaders and the head have been chosen in the early fall, but this custom was changed by this year's group because they felt that more time was needed to practice, work up new cheers, and to plan more and better skits for pep rallies. These and several of the problems usually confronted in the fall will be worked out during the summer.

The eleven-member varsity cheerleading squad for next year consists of Penny, Jimmy McGee, Sue Anne Wrenn, Lucinda Clark, Marilyn Mills, and Christina Stewart, rising seniors; Betty Welch, Martha McKee, Jimmy Thompson, and Nancy Helton, rising juniors; and Georganna Sartin, rising sophomore.

The junior varsity head cheerleader will be chosen in the next two weeks.

Council Elects Bowen As Delegate To NSCC

Dickie Bowen, new senior class president, has been elected a delegate to the National Student Council Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 25.

All the North Carolina delegates will leave Charlotte June 20, and spend the first night in Virginia. They will arrive in Pittsburgh June 21.

A minimum number of delegates from the state organizations may attend this gathering, so the group is selected carefully.

It is an honor for Dickie, representing this school, to have been selected to fill the available spot, according to Mrs. Jean Newman, student council advisor, because this is the first time for such an election.

The student council of GHS will pay the \$25.00 registration fee.



Senior members of the May Court shown above are left to right Linda Johnson, queen, Susan Caviness, maid-of-honor, Harriet Coble, Robin Farr, Pat Hutchins, and Carol Overstreet.

Demetriou, Radcliffe Win Pythias' Speech Contest

Frances Demetriou, senior, and Mary Radcliffe, sophomore, were first and second place winners respectively in the Knights of the Pythias speech contest, "My Favorite Character in History."

The contest was conducted Thursday, April 23, and the first place winner, Frances, will advance to the state contest. The state contest, according to Miss Causey, speech teacher and Playmasters' advisor, will be held in the next two weeks.

Sandra Sharpe, senior, was last year's winner of the speech contest.

WHIRLIGIG Staff Reads Final Pages Of Yearbook

The final one hundred pages of WHIRLIGIG have been copyread by the staff, sent to the printer, and should be received by students next week.

New staff members have been added, according to Miss Virginia Powell, staff advisor. Six new members for the literary staff are Sue Wade, Jim Perry, Peggy Colner and Carolyn Hough, juniors; Carol Moser and Linda Stack, sophomores.

In addition to the regular salesmen, the following have been added on a permanent or temporary basis to the sales staff: Joe Rubin, Tommy Gruehn, and Linda Thorney, rising seniors; Linda Pearnan, Gail Friedman, Gary Brittenham, and Joan Perry, rising juniors.

Carol Inman Gives Pins To Good Citizens' Group

Citizenship Honor Roll pins were awarded in an assembly May 7 by Carroll Inman, junior class president.

Seniors to receive the honors were Michael George, and Dianne Pfaff. Dickie Bowen and Yvonne Boyles were top citizens in the sophomore division.

Michael George is a member of the Spanish Club, Torchlight, and Junior Engineers; Dianne Pfaff is staff member on HIGH LIFE

and a member of Torchlight. Dickie Bowen has recently been elected Senior Class President, is a member of the band, and has served this year on the student council. Yvonne Kincaid is an honor roll student and a member of the FTA. Charles Thompson is a member of the Key Club and Philomathions, and makes special honor roll. Sandra Boyles has recently been elected Treasurer of the rising Junior Class and makes honor roll.

