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Chorus Concert Pleases Listeners

Anyone attending the annual chorus concert on December 15, in the Webb cafetorium discovered through song what "Christmas Around the World" is like. The two mixed choruses, girls' chorus and Madrigal singers combined to sing Christmas carols from all parts of the globe. The first part of the program consisted of sacred music. Familiar carols, several adorned by lilting descants, provided a type of music that even the most "unusual" person could enjoy. On the third section of the program, the audience enjoyed everything from "Deck the Halls" to "White Christmas." Credit for preparing this fine performance goes to Mrs. Pete Humphries, Webb choral director, who has been working with the choruses since September (yep! they've been singing Christmas carols ever since the first week of school!!) Accompanying the choruses this year are Nancy Hicks, Linda Montague, and Kathy Webb.

Seniors Enjoy Louisburg Players

On Wednesday, November 22, 1967, many of Webb's seniors loaded two buses headed for Louisburg to see a production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Influenced by having seen the Louisburg Players last year in their production of *Camelot*, these seniors eagerly admitted that they just couldn't miss the chance to see them again. And again, everyone who went admitted that it was truly a wonderful production. In comparison, some said they liked *Camelot* better, but there were also others who thought the dramatic *Merchant of Venice* was tops.

Fascinated by the beautiful costumes (and actresses), everyone paid close attention. Miss Boyd's seniors, who had previously read the play, marveled at the number of lines the actors had learned.

Thanks go to the chaperones and especially to Mr. Stallings and Miss Boyd who provided us with the splendid opportunity.

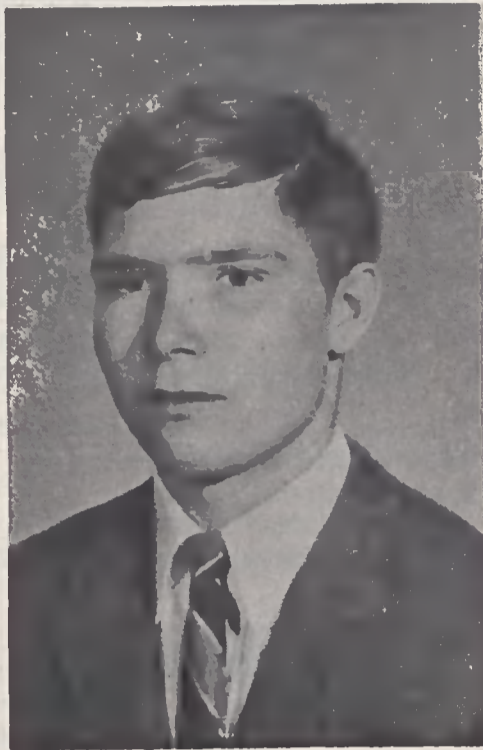
Romans Enjoy Christmas Program

Webb's Latin Club celebrated the approach of the holiday season with a Christmas program of carols sung in Latin and a skit on Saturnalia, the ancient Roman festival.

The Latin classroom, decorated with Christmas posters and murals during December, made a good setting for the Christmas program which was concluded with refreshments. Program chairmen in Latin II are Jane Oakes, Harry Dixon, and Frank Hielema.

For their Thanksgiving program the Latin II groups heard reports by several students on "A Day in Old Rome." They were Gary Angle, Keith Clement, Cathy Daniel, Florence Dickerson, and Robbie Watson in one section; in another, Shirley Averett, Ann Cheatham, David Wheeler, Fred Thorp, Mike Gant, Dot Williford, and Tommy Hobgood; in another, Linda Silver, Luther Penny, Doug Nelms, James Wilson, Sharon Belcher, Becki Newcomb, and Glenda Currin.

In the Latin I groups, Elizabeth Williams gave a book review of *The Unwilling Vestal*. The freshmen have learned "America" and the pledge to the flag. Program chair-



GEORGE HUNT

George Hunt Chosen Student Of Month

In the last regular meeting of the Student Council before the Christmas holidays, the council chose George Hunt Student of the Month for December. A well-balanced student, George is at present occupying the cat-bird seat as president of the Webb Student Council. He also is vice-president of his French class and a member of the Key Club in which he holds the position of hard-working program committee chairman. George is a member of the Science and Latin III clubs and was middle linebacker for our illustrious eleven this fall. He is also a member of the golf team. Congratulations, George.

Vagabond Players Delight Audience

On November 16, the Vagabond Touring Theatre presented "The World of Carl Sandburg" on the stage of the J. F. Webb cafetorium. This performance proved to be very informative and was well received by the sophomore and junior students who attended it. Since Carl Sandburg was a fellow North Carolinian, more meaning and interest were added to the production. Originating in the Flat Rock Playhouse, this troupe has given 240 performances in high schools around the state under the administration of the Department of Public Instruction. The stage presentation was by Norman Corwin. It was directed by Robroy Farquhar. The very efficient lighting by Jerry Seiple gave the production its greatest appeal. The actor was Harry Carlson; the actress, Helen Bragdon; and the balladeer, Laura MacFarlane. Jean-Claude Vasseux narrated the performance. These professionals, who have performed on Broadway, deserve much credit for the work that they did. As a result of their superb acting this production proved to be a great benefit to all.

men are Mike Peters and Karen Cutts.

Having been solicited by JCLers in another school, Webb "Romans" may next spring run another candidate for state office, but just who will be throwing his (or her) hat in the ring has not been decided.

In the past ten years Oxford's JCL has furnished six state officers: President Jimmy Wright, Vice Presidents Marsha Ray and Betsy Suitt, Secretaries Lea Lea Hall and Sallie Thomas, and Treasurer Doris Poole Watkins.

Future Farmers Win Two Contests

On December 6, 1967, the J. F. Webb chapter of the Future Farmers of America defeated Middleburg and Aycock High Schools in the Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure contest and also in the Public Speaking contest. By winning their second and third successive contests the Webb Future Farmers are well on their way to winning for the fourth time in five years. This places them among the best of Vance and Granville Counties.

Jesse Butts defeated Jackie Wilson of Middleburg in the Public Speaking contest. The outcome of the Parliamentary Procedure contest was Webb first, with a score of 940; Aycock second, with 900; and Middleburg third, with 875, out of a possible 1000 points.

Members of the Parliamentary Procedure Team are Johnny Butts, Ossie Smith, John Hightower, David Wheeler, Wayne Newcomb, and Jesse Butts, with Ronnie Bowling as alternate.

Mother-Daughter Reception Given

The FHA held a Mother-Daughter Reception, December 1, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The program consisted of a choral group, Amy Stovall, Isabel Talton, Jane Oakes, Claudette Hilton, and Annabel Watkins. Miss Nell Woods also showed some beautiful Christmas arrangements.

After the program, refreshments were served and the mothers and daughters got acquainted with other members there.

Key Club Makes Plans For Active Year

The Key Club has really gotten off to a booming start this year. Along with helping make the J. F. Webb barbecue a big success, it has many other activities planned, some of which should take place in the next few weeks. First of all, Key Club members, under the guidance of their sponsor, Mr. Robert Hill, will run the concession stand at all Webb home basketball games, and hopefully at all Webb home baseball games. The small amount of profit taken in from this concession stand will be used toward worthwhile projects which will benefit all Webb students. So come out and support your Key Club, as well as your team, by buying all your refreshments at the concession stand.

The second project on the Key



The Key Club officers for this year are Charles Piper, president; Dal Mackie, vice-president; Bill Mitchell, secretary; William Landis, treasurer; Davis Smith, chaplain; and Bryant Haskins, reporter.

Student Council Sponsors Barbecue; Three Homerooms Win Prize For Sales

Barbecue, baked potato, slaw, bread, and homemade pie. M-m sounds good—and it was. This was the menu of the J. F. Webb Barbecue that was sponsored by the Student Council on December 2.

Bill Mitchell, vice-president of the Student Council, was in charge of the barbecue. Nancy Hicks was his publicity chairman with Miss Averett as her advisor. (If you were wondering why Miss Averett was always "chasing" Bill over the school, you now know why.) Artists were solicited from the school to make posters for uptown and school and to make a wooden pig that was placed in front of the monument. This committee certainly did a fine job for over 1100 tickets were sold for the meal.

Before the barbecue, the Student Council had a sum of \$210.60 in its treasury. After the barbecue the treasury was a whopping sum of \$1,512.35. Over \$1,300.00 of this is receipts from the barbecue. Approximately \$600.00 of this will be paid out on expenses of the barbecue. The profit will be around \$700.00. This money will be used to finance dances and a Student Council project which will be decided on later.

Many fine patrons donated food and objects to the barbecue, making the Student Council able to have a larger profit. The P.T.A. donated homemade pies which were very delicious and added much to the meal. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Faucette (workers in our lunchroom) were up at 9:30 Saturday morning making more pies to insure that we would have enough. (I bet you were still in bed Saturday morning while they were working.) Because of Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Faucette's diligent and careful work, the Student Council is giving them \$15.00 and \$10.00

respectively.

To increase the selling of tickets a contest was held to see which homerooms could fulfill their quota (two tickets per person) and who could sell ten tickets or more. The three homerooms that fulfilled their quota (Hep, hep! Hurrah!) were Mrs. Nutt's and the two Averett's (Miss Averett and Mrs. Averett. The trait of winning must run in the name.) The prize these homerooms receive is a free period out of one day. A free ticket was given to anyone who sold ten tickets. Thursday afternoon before the barbecue, some Webster's "attacked Oxford's downtown" with selling of tickets. All these efforts were not in vain for many tickets were sold.

On the day of the big event, Websters began work at 10:00 in the cafetorium getting prepared for the meal. Potatoes were washed, greased, and wrapped. (Some people are still trying to get the grease off their hands.) Cabbages were cut and grated for slaw. Pies were cut and placed on plates. (Ask Mrs. Watkins if she knows how to divide a pie into six equal parts!) From the work shift at 10:00 to the clean-up committee at 7:30, everyone worked hard, and I mean hard. Even Mr. Stallings was seen testing his coordination at constructing "take-out" boxes.

In the end though, all efforts were rewarded, for the barbecue was a success. It just goes to show what we can do if we try. After working Saturday afternoon on the barbecue, Mrs. Bullock was asked if she wanted to do another one next week. Her reply was emphatically, "Yes, but I think we ought to have spaghetti this time." Spaghetti . . . well . . . (you must admit it's original . . . we'll think about it.)

Juniors Given Vocational Tests

The word spread, tests were to be given! The date was set, November 20 and 22. What a way to begin the Thanksgiving holidays! Most of the students were only dimly aware of the purpose of the tests, only knowing that it was a test. Boy were they in for a surprise!

This test was the *Kuder Preference Record Vocational*. It is designed to show your interest in ten fields: outdoor, mechanical, computational, scientific, persuasive, artistic, literary, musical, social service, and clerical. This test was to survey our interests to that of people already employed in certain jobs. (Too bad they didn't mention the field of girls!)

High scores on this test were no better than low scores because they indicate the individual students' interests.

ICT Club Receives Official Charter

The ICT Club received their State and National charters last month which makes them officially affiliated with the National ICT Clubs.

The major activity for this month was an Inter-Club Council held with Henderson on December 2. Following the meeting the members were treated to refreshments and a combo party. The club also sponsored a turkey shoot on December 9 at Lake Devin.

A final article of notable interest is that during the month of November, seventeen working members chalked up an overall average of \$1,350.00.