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## JCL'ers Attend Nat'l Convention

One of the best fringe benefits of being a J.C.L.'er is that annual tour to the National Convention. This year our Latin Club proudly sent fourteen delegates: Emma Day, Glenda Currin, Dale Williford, Debra Fox, Anna Tarry, Karen Cutts, Charlotte Sloan, Edith Sherman, Gay King, Becky Webb, Sally Elliot, Dulcie Ellington, Rosalyn Mackie, and Anne Cheatham.

These girls boarded a bus in Greensboro on July 29 and were on their way. Traveling companions numbered thirty-one.

Visits to such famous places as Williamsburg, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston were included in the tour. In Canada the group saw much of Quebec, Montreal, and Ottawa.

At the National J.C.L. Convention, North Carolina was well represented by a fine delegation. Several from the N. C. group placed in individual contests and the N. C. scrapbook won the Blue Ribbon. Best of all, Webb High School took fifth place in the entire nation in the publicity contest!

With three weeks and 3,963 miles of riding, walking, hotels, and restaurants behind them, Oxford and their families were welcome sights to the Webb J.C.L.'ers.

## I. C. T. Gains Record Membership

Dust off your spectacles fellow students and take another look at the I.C.T. club. Mr. Hogsett, Webb's new I.C.T. instructor, is confident that this is going to be one of the best years yet. With a smart new president, Wayne Matthews, and the largest membership ever this year is sure to be full of exciting experiences.

On Saturday, September 28, the club members went to Hillside High in Durham to attend the First Regional Workshop. Participation in various statewide contests and field trips to different industries are sure to be rewarding experiences. The greatly anticipated event—Employer-Employee Banquet will be honored by a visit from former governor Terry Sanford. He has been asked to deliver a speech at that time. The date for the banquet is scheduled for some time this spring.

If the members continue with the enthusiasm for their jobs, which range from undertaker to I.B.M. operator, this is going to be a most exciting year for Webb's I. C. T. members.

## Future Farmers Hold First Meeting

On Wednesday, September 25, the J. F. Webb chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their first meeting in the form of a barbecue supper at the D. N. Hix Elementary School. Gerald Denny, this year's president, presented the welcome to the members and guests. Among the guests attending the meeting were the varsity football team with Coaches Jim Gravley, Steve Holleman, and Van Wood, the J.V. football team with Coach Pete Strother, the cheerleaders with sponsor, Mrs. Pat Gravley, and Mr. Stroud with his family. After a prayer by H. L. Wheeler, the supper was served. This first meeting proved to be a success as one-hundred fifty-eight people were present.



SANNE JONES

## Sept. Student Of The Month Chosen

Cheerful, hard-working Sanne Jones was elected Student of the Month for September. Sanne has been actively involved in much of Webb's curriculum during the past four years. This year marks her third year for work on *The Spectator* as well as for being in French Club for three years and serving as secretary for the past two. Last year, after maintaining an A average in French III, she was elected Mardi Gras Queen. Due to Sanne's faithful work as Secretary of the Student Council last year, the student body was well informed of our Student Council's plans and activities.

Regardless of her many duties, Sanne has evidently not neglected her studies, for she serves as chief marshal of her class and president of the National Honor Society.

Congratulations, Sanne!

## Currin To Head Forensic Society

Holding an organizational meeting Tuesday, October 2, the Forensic Society, otherwise known as the Debating club elected Tommy Currin as president, Becky Currin as vice president, Kim Royster as secretary, and "Charlie" Sloan as treasurer. Advisors, Mr. Danny Finch and Miss Mary Jay Evins have made plans to make this year's team a winning one. Aside from learning more about debating, the club is planning to stress public speaking and parliamentary procedure.

A trip to U.N.C. on October 26 is in the offing and plans are already in progress for attending the Round Robin Debates to take place later this year.



This is one of the many colorful scenes of the 1968 Homecoming Parade enjoyed by the students and citizens of Oxford.

## New Teachers Number Fourteen

Do you know all the new teachers here at Webb? Well, to tell you the truth, some of the upperclassmen are having as much trouble keeping the new teachers separated as the freshmen are. There are fourteen new teachers, a new librarian, guidance counselor, and a new principal.

The history department has three new teachers, Mrs. Suellen Bryan, Mr. Danny Finch, and Mr. Steve Holleman. Mr. Holleman teaches Health and P. E., too.

The three new teachers in the English Department are Miss Mary Evins, Miss Judy Clark, and Mrs. Gertrude Washington. Mrs. Washington also teaches French.

Mr. James Hogsett is in charge of I.C.T. this year.

The beautiful choral music that everyone will hear this year will be directed by Mrs. Ann Morgan.

If you walk into the art room, the creations you will see have been directed by Mrs. Sallie Peace.

The math department has Mrs. Alice Landis and Mrs. Betty Davis as two of its teachers.

The students who want to learn to drive should surely know Mr. Van Wood, the Driver's Education teacher.

Miss Brenda Stainback is teaching in the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Mary Thorpe teaches typing and shorthand.

Mrs. Mary Gray is in the library this year.

Mrs. Barbara Howell is our new guidance counselor.

Last but not least, is our new principal, Mr. Cecil Stroud. He has been wonderful to each student this year, and they should repay him with respect.

Each one of these persons is qualified to teach students in every way they can. The most important thing is that each one of them wants to be your friend!

## F.H.A. Previews Year's Agenda

A "ride" through the 1968-69 plans and progress for J. F. Webb F.H.A. members was taken on Friday, September 27, 1968, in the Webb cafeteria. Members, sponsors, and F.H.A. mothers were given a "Train-Ride of Fun" on which they previewed the year's work of rallies, programs, and National F.H.A. week. Each step of the trip was described by the following members and officers: Wanda Dickerson, Marjorie Cash, Karen Cutts, Debbie Simpson, Cindy Boyd, Jackie Clark, Sandra Blackwell, and Becky Webb.

Wanda Dickerson presided over the meeting and an inspiring devotional was given by Teresa Currin.

## Principal Cecil Stroud Assumes Duties

Have you ever thought much about what kind of person our new principal, Mr. Cecil Stroud, is? Haven't you wondered from where he comes, what kind of high school and college life he enjoyed, what employments he has fulfilled, and, of course, what are his goals and opinions? Well, this interview should answer these questions and more.

As a native of Wayne County, Mr. Stroud was raised on a farm near the Seven Springs community. He attended Seven Springs High School, where he was a marshal and a member of the Beta Club, a type of honor society. He graduated in 1956 in a class of twenty-five.

After entering Campbell College that fall, our principal remained there for about a year and half. At this time he entered the Air Force and served for three years, including a thirty-month hitch in Bermuda.

Following his discharge, Mr. Stroud reentered Campbell and became a very active student. He participated in the student government and served as vice president of the Honor Society. Furthermore, he not only was elected senior representative in the May Court, but he also was chosen as one of the ten outstanding seniors in his class. Lastly, he graduated in 1963 as a member of the first graduating class of Campbell College.

After graduating with a B. S. degree in social studies, Principal Stroud started teaching United States History at Dunn High School. Then, while he was teaching language arts and social studies at Goldsboro Junior High School, he began work on his Master's degree in Administration at East Carolina University. Mr. Stroud soon became the purchasing agent of Goldsboro City Schools. Last year he became principal of D. N. Hix Elementary School. About the time of this move, Mr. Stroud completed his Master's Degree. Also, in the meantime he was married. His wife's name is Kaye and Kathy is his four year-old daughter.

As a citizen of Oxford, Principal Stroud is an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He is also an avid sports fan and he enjoys hunting and fishing. As for music, pop and semi-classical are his favorite. Furthermore, he and his family are members of the Oxford Baptist Church.

As principal of J. F. Webb High School, Mr. Stroud has several aims and goals for which he is striving and he also has some opinions about the school and the student body. In the future, he hopes that a broader curriculum can be offered to meet the needs of the students and that through more extra curricular activities more students will become involved. Mr. Stroud wants to build and strengthen the intramural program and to expand school sponsored athletics depending on the athletic facilities offered.

## F.T.A. Holds First Regular Meeting

On Tuesday afternoon, September 24, 1968, the first meeting of the F.T.A. was held in Mrs. Grace Bullock's room.

The officers for the coming year are Mary Glenn Lilly, president; Lyla Breedlove, vice president; Ginnie Dickerson, secretary; Ivy Lawrence, treasurer; Susan Corbitt, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Grace Bullock, Advisor.

Mrs. Nelson Thomas gave a talk on "What Makes A Good Teacher." Plans were made to attend the state F.T.A. Convention in October.



Furthermore, he is hoping that the music program may be broadened by working more with the feeder schools. Another aspect with which he is concerned is that of improving the time factor within the lunch schedule. Of course, his main objective is to maintain the "excellent" relationship among students, faculty, and administration.

As the principal and as an administrator, naturally he has an opinion of the students. "Generally speaking, the students are cooperative, friendly, and enthusiastic in their support of the school. I have found that most of them have an eagerness for learning and I am greatly impressed with the general behavior of the student at school and at activities concerning the school." Also, he gave his reasons for putting into effect the recent liberalizations. "I feel the high school students are of the age to be given responsibilities concerning their own conduct and that the student will be appreciative to the point that they will police their own actions. The idea of self-discipline is what we are seeking here. Also, I would like to add that the key to the success of this school year so far is the attitude of the students and the patience of the faculty."

Now that you know something about our new principal and his ideas and opinions, about us and our school, won't each and everyone of you students strive to prove that his opinions are true and to help maintain them at such a high level?

## Pep Club Encourages Spirit

A big note of thanks should be given to Webb's newly developed Pep Club for the spirit of sportsmanship which has risen in our school. By following the motto, "We serve with spirit and sportsmanship," these Webb students have aided our student body's enthusiasm.

The Pep Club has a slate of able officers that does everything it possibly can to boost our school spirit. Officers for the Pep Club are Susan Fox, president; Frank Hielesma, vice-president; Benjie Hester, secretary; and Anna Tarry, treasurer.

The activities of the Pep Club have included attending all football games, sponsoring a bon fire during our homecoming festivities, building a float for the Homecoming Parade, composing a yell booklet, making posters and many other activities.

As a result of the Pep Club's efforts, Webb is going to become one of the best known teams in our conference for spirit, sportsmanship, and fair play.