

## Junior High Valentine Dance Court



Reading left to right: Arch Hicks, Mary Campbell, Robert Ellis, Ann Gholson, Russell Harrison, Cynthia Watkins, Jimmy Hester, Patricia Seate, Queen Lea Lea and King Paul, Harper Ruff, Carolyn Moss, Susan Daniel, Billy Frazier, Sandra Day and Donald Barnes, June Hall, Paul Duffy.

## F. F. A. Wins In Two Contests

The local F.F.A. rated second place recently in public speaking competition at Oak Hill when Russell Barlowe spoke on "Secrets of Successful Farming." Michael Latta of Wilton won first place.

Earlier this chapter won first place in the Crops Contest held in Roxboro. Contestants were Jarvis Newton, Vernon King, David Currin, and Ernest Milton, with a score of 1998 of a possible 2400. This is the fourth consecutive year Oxford has won in this competition. The team plans to enter the State Crops Contest on June 26.

A demonstration F.F.A. program was presented in assembly Feb. 15 in observance of National F.F.A. Week. After the officers and sponsor explained their duties and the insignia of their office, five boys read papers. Russell Barlowe reviewed the history of F.F.A., Don Oakes spoke on the club program, Claude Morgan on "Shopwork", Freddie Watkins on money-making projects, and Jarvis Newton on their socials.

Officers are Russell Barlowe, president; David Ford, vice-president; Don Oakes, secretary; David Currin, reporter; Maurice Hester, door-keeper; and Mr. Robert Hill, sponsor.

F.F.A. motto follows: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve".

## Sam Ragan To Speak To Beta Club

O.H.S. Beta Club will hear Sam Ragan, executive editor of the *News and Observer* and *Raleigh Times*, here on March 29 at 8:00 P. M. in the Homemaking Cottage.

Beta members have invited *Owl* and *Oxonian* staffs to be their guests for that evening. This will be the first program for the new Beta members, to be initiated this month.

Mr. Ragan, whose column "Southern Accent" appears in the *Sunday Observer*, will include in his talk some reviews of books designed to interest teen-agers.

## Marsha Ray Vice-President J. C. L.

Marsha Ray, president of the local Latin Club, was elected vice-president of the Junior Classical League in their annual state meeting at Chapel Hill February 9.

Bill Stencil of Rocky Mount is the new president; Barbara Proctor of Henderson, secretary; and "Prissy" Wyrick of Greensboro, treasurer.

The Oxford club appeared on the afternoon program with ten other high schools in the dramatization of Hercules' labors. Oxford's assignment was "The Swordbelt of Hippolyta". John Webb was narrator; Marsha Ray, Hippolyta; and Bobby Ray, Hercules. Others in the skit were Charles Stovall and Joe Wheeler, attendants to Hercules; Callie Frazier, Carolyn Hamme, Brenda Ligon, Augusta Burwell, Betty Daniel as Amazons; and May White as Juno. Shields, swords, and spears used in the skit were made by John Cheatham.

Campaign speech for Marsha Ray was made by John Webb. About 1,000 handbills plugging for her election were distributed among J.C.L.ers present. Advance advertising had been mailed to Latin Clubs throughout the state.

Others going from Oxford who were not in the program were Elouise Horner, Neil Norwood, Arch Crawford, George Pat Tarry, Kelway Howard, William Lytton, and Donald Knott. Furnishing cars were Mrs. Jesse White, Elouise Horner, Marianna Daniel, and Mrs. Satterwhite, club sponsor.

## Oxonian At Printers

The *Oxonian* staff can rest from their labors until the printer returns the material for proof-reading.

The book should be ready for distribution before the rush of exams descends, thereby giving autograph-seekers the opportunity to get their books "written all over."

## Lea Lea Hall and Paul Ellis Crowned At Dance

Lea Lea Hall and Paul Ellis of Miss Bullock's room were crowned King and Queen of Hearts by Sallie Webb at the Junior High Dance in the OHS gym February 7.

The *Owl* annually sponsors this dance to raise money to help publish the school paper.

Two candidates were selected by each of the nine Junior High homerooms. For three days an election was held, votes costing a penny apiece. The results were not disclosed before the dance.

Members of the court were Jimmy Hester and Patricia Seate from Mrs. Nutt's room; Harper Ruff and Carolyn Moss from Mrs. Lamm's; Billy Frazier and Susan Daniel from Miss Smith's; Russell Harrison and Cynthia Watkins from Mrs. Wright's; Sandra Day and Donald Barnes, who was substituting for Floyd Carmichael, from Mrs. Thomasson's; Arch Hicks and Mary Campbell from Miss Breedlove's; Robert Ellis and Ann Gholson from Mrs. Squires'; and June Hall and Paul Duffy from Miss Lyon's. The girls were presented with corsages and the boys boutonnières.

Refreshments of soft drinks and cookies were sold, cookies being provided by members of the *Owl* Staff.

Assisting editor Sallie Webb in putting on the dance were Mary Ann McSwain for decorations, Derwood Robinson for records, and Nellie Holmes Ballou for refreshments, and others of the staff.

## Latin Club Hears of J. C. L. Convention

Those who did not attend the State J. C. L. Convention in Chapel Hill heard about it at Gail Squires' home on March 4 from those who did attend.

Committee assignments were made for the Roman Banquet the club will have April 27 in Credle School Cafeteria.

After the program, the hostess, assisted by her committee, served refreshments.

## Juniors Present Comedy Coached By Miss Averett

"The Birds and the Boys", a delightful comedy concerning the innocence of young love and "wayward" antics of reformatory inmates, was presented by the Junior class here March 1. Written by William Davidson, the play was directed by Miss Lorena Averett.

Russell Barlowe and Nancy Hix were cast as Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Adam and Cricket), Martha Taylor as Debbie, Linda Knott as Beanie, with Madge Daniel as their mother, Mrs. Barker, all next-door neighbors. Debbie's friends were Ann White (Hank) and Julianna Yancey (Miles). Joanna Watkins portrayed a wheel-chair invalid.

The three reformatory inmates in the play were Dan Averett, Derwood Robinson, and Larry White, with Neil Yeargin as their superintendent.

Cast as reporters from "Home and Garden" were Carolyn Stephenson and William Watkins. From the same magazine were Martha Parham, Judy Dean, and Hope Harrison as photographers.

Committees that worked for the production are listed with their chairmen: Make-up, Nellie Holmes Ballou; Stage Construction, David Currin; Poster, Gwen Hester; Ticket Sale, Zack Mitchell; Publicity, Dorothy Williford; Stage Properties, Jarvis Newton; Program, Joyce Hicks; Stage Assistants, Carrol Pruitt and James Dickerson.

## J. C.'s Honor Beta Club and Derwood Robinson

Beta Club members were guests of honor of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce at a dinner on January 14 honoring Derwood Robinson, who received the first prize in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest.

After dinner the Beta Club and their sponsor, Miss Eugenia Boyd, were introduced by President Stan Fox, and Frank Bullock, Beta president, thanked the J. C.'s for their courtesies, explaining the aims and ideals of Beta Club.

Mr. John D. Mackie presented Derwood Robinson, district and regional contest winner, two savings bonds of \$25.00 each.

## Latin I Students At Assembly

Latin I students recently participated in an assembly program when Latin II students dramatized one of the labors of Hercules.

"Pat" Leveque served as mistress of ceremonies. After the scripture was read in Latin by Nancy Lawson, the following appeared: Carolyn Brooks with the school motto, Shirley Tippet with the state motto, Annie Laura Dixon and Betty Lou Rawls with other state mottoes in Latin, Betty Howard with the origin of the calendar months, and Beth Lanier with the national motto and those of the federal seal.

The group then sang "Gaudeamus Igitur", with Julia Ruth Carrington at the piano. Bonnie Currin sang the solo part.