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PTA Tackles Wide Range Of Problems

The North Carolina Congress of Colored Parent Teachers Associations concerned itself with a wide range of problems at its annual state convention in Raleigh, November 22-23, according to the report submitted by Rev. C. A. Atkins, delegate from the Oxford PTA.

Questions ranging through voting, venereal diseases, race relations, family problems and alcoholism were discussed during the two day convention.

First Goal For Lights In Sight

Through members of the P. T. A. the need was felt for the development of the high school activity program. The greatest need at present was the installation of outdoor recreational lights.

With careful planning of this project by members of the P. T. A., along with the principal, J. H. Lucas, the project got underway early in September. To accomplish such a project it would naturally take the support of every citizen. Many citizens far and near have given generously to this worthwhile project.

According to Mrs. M. H. Scott, treasurer, this organization has collected to date \$2,001.10 only \$1,500 short of the initial goal set for the drive.

Mary Potter's New Principal In First Year

We are indeed glad to have Mr. J. H. Lucas as our new principal. He is the former principal of Orange Street Elementary School here in Oxford. Just before coming to Oxford, Mr. Lucas was a member of the Adkin High School staff in Kinston, N. C.

Mr. Lucas is a native of Rocky Mount, N. C., having completed his early education in the public schools of that city. He earned (See New Principal, page 6)

Library Club Elects Officers, Presents Program

The Library Club of Mary Potter, we feel, will be among the truly outstanding clubs of the year. To make this possible, the members were very careful in selecting officers.

We disregarded friends and thought only of the characteristics and abilities of the persons to be officers, and in so doing, we feel that we have elected the best.

Our officers are: president, Arlene Harris; vice president, Brenda Anderson; secretary, Ethel Jeffers; and treasurer, Joan Tyler.

On November 21, 1957 in observance of National Children's Book Week, the Library Club presented during an assembly, a program entitled, "What's My Title." The program was patterned by the television program, "What's My Line."

This program featured Decosta Lindsay as moderator; Elnora Belle, Brenda Anderson, Larry Leatherberry and Rendall Howell as members of the panel. The contestants who represented a title of some books were: Delores McGhee, *The Yearling*; Charles Webb, *Pinocchio*; Delia Hicks, *Treasure Island*; Vivian Daye, *Alice in Wonderland*; Mable Hicks, *His Eyes Are On The Sparrow*.

Our commercials concerning over-due books and care of library materials were presented by Irene Downey and Joseph Mitchiner.

The theme, "Explore With Books" was used as the title of an original song which was sung by all the members of the club.

Our posters were done by our club artists, Erma Thomas, Ruth Asgill, Ethel Jeffers and Vivian Daye.

Ruth Asgill, club pianist, furnished music. Presiding over the entire program was our efficient president, Arlene Harris.

RENDALL HOWELL
Reporter

RAMS LOSE GRID CONTEST

Ninth, Sixth Grade Presidents Reign As Queen, Princess Over Homecoming Fete

Miss Carolyn Bibby was crowned Queen of Mary Potter at the culmination of a School-wide money raising drive which saw contestants from each of the school's 7 grades competing for the two highest honors.

Top honors in the elementary department were won by Cheryl Lucas, who was crowned Princess along with Queen Bibby at ceremonies during a Ball in honor of the winners.

The winners were selected on the basis of amounts of money raised by their respective homeroom, nine-one, turned in some \$459.88, largest amount reported in the high school division. Cheryl's six-one homeroom reported \$380.96.

Carolyn accounted for \$356 of her homeroom's total. An honor student, the nine-one president was the only student in the high school to maintain straight "A" average for the last six weeks.



CAROLYN BIBBY



CHERYL LUCAS

Cheryl, also an honor student, contributed \$186 to her class' winning total.

The "red carpet" treatment was reserved for the two ranking members of Mary Potter's royalty. They were crowned at ceremonies during a Ball in their honor, and a day was set aside for them during which they received several gifts.

In addition, they will be given free lunches, free admission to extra-curricular activities at the school and hold standing invitations to accompany the basketball and football teams on out-of-town trips.

Following their coronation, principal J. H. Lucas commented, "there will never be a queen and Princes like these."

Runners-up to Carolyn in the high school section of the contest were George Wright, second, and Verline Thornton, third. Wright's 12-1 class turned in \$309. Thornton's class, 10-2, reported \$120.90.

In the elementary division, runners-up were Randolph Lockett, president of 8-4, and Juanita Rogers of 8-2. Lockett's class had \$174.73, while Rogers' classmates turned in \$84.55.

Advisors for the winning and runners-up classes are Mrs. G. J. Farmer, nine-one; Mrs. B. B. Lucas, 12-1; Miss L. M. Jones, Lucas, 12-1; Miss M. L. Jones, 10-2; C. C. Powell, 8-4; and Mrs. M. H. Shepard, 8-2.

The drive was climaxed at the school's homecoming celebration which saw the football Rams wilt in the second half after playing the invading Hillside high school team on even terms in the first half. The Durham team won 25-6.

The Rams' only touchdown in the football game was scored by Edward Spencer, who caught a pass from Henry Thorpe and raced 45 yards. The Rams succeeded in holding the Hillside gridders to a 6-6 tie for the first half of play, but were overpowered in the second half.

A street parade preceding the game and which prominently displayed Mary Potter's newly established royalty, was led by principal Lucas. Other units following in order were the Queen and Princess and their attendants; the Toler high school float; bands from the Oxford Colored Orphanage, G. C. Hawley high school and Henderson Institute; the Cheering Squad; Boy Scouts; Cafeteria workers; Homemakers; the H. S. Davis Ensemble; the NHA and NFA; Raleigh Road Beauty shop; America Legions; Safety Patrol; Tyler Trio; Soda Shop; and Shepard Funeral home.

Toler high school's float, a car decked with blue papier mache with silver wings, won the parade's first prize trophy.

Joy Jeffers To Pilot This Year's Paper



At the beginning of this school term there were only two members on the GAZETTE staff from last year. During the first meeting it was recommended that the entire student body take an active part in the election of the editor and associate editor of the school paper. Plans were made; registration was held for two days; then the voting.

Joy Virginia Jeffers was elected editor and received 298 votes and Mable Pauline Hicks was elected associate editor and received 112 votes. Joy is secretary of the senior class, member of the Dramatic Club, member of the Crown and Scepter Honor Society, the school reporter for the city paper, secretary for our school supervisor, Mrs. Gant, an honor student for the past two reporting periods and was voted by her classmates as being the most versatile and dependable senior.

Mable, a prominent junior, is president of the Glee Club, member of the Cheering Squad, member of the Y-Teens, member of the Library club, pianist for the First Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U., Olive Grove Baptist Church pianist, assistant at the Granville County Library and is also an honor student.

Other members of the Gazette staff are feature editor, Ethel Jeffers, sports editor, James Morgan; copy editors, Maggie Thomas and Mary McCormick; business manager, Ruth Warren; Circulation Managers, Polly Roberts and Irma Harriston.

N. F. A. Officers

President, James Long, vice president, James Hicks; secretary, Robert Long; treasurer, James Harris; reporter, Andrew Glover.

R. A. LEWIS, Advisor

Bus Transportation Route Is Listed By President Of Drivers' Organization

The bus drivers club of Mary Potter High School was organized September 11, 1957 for the 1957-58 term. Since Yvonne Hester was the only girl bus driver, she was voted president of the Bus Drivers' Club. William Freeman is the secretary.

We have twelve buses with twelve regular bus drivers and three substitute drivers. These buses transport several hundred pupils to and from school daily.

The buses are now leaving the parking lot according to their numbers. The buses with the smaller numbers leave the parking lot first.

Eugene Alston drives bus number 2. Eugene's route is the Stovall section and the Kinston Fork section. John Hunt drives bus number 4. John's route is the Oak Grove section and Belltown section.

Charles Bumpass drives bus number 8. Charles' route is the Huntsboro section. James Jones

drives bus number 20. James' route is the Kinston Fork section and Belltown section.

Dock Royster drives bus number 23. Dock's route is the Stovall section and Lewis section. Billy Tyler drives bus number 25. Billy's route is the Clay's Station section and Knotts Grove section.

Since Wesley Cates has been suspended, Elvin Hunter will drive bus number 26. Elvin's route is the Antioch section. Grant Peace drives bus number 27. Grant's route is the Dickerson section.

James Long drives bus number 28. James' route is the Durham Highway, Belltown, and Shady Grove section. Robert Long drives bus number 29. Robert's route is the Belltown, Providence, and Olive Grove sections.

Crawford Webb drives bus number 30. Crawford's route is the Kinston Fork and Cornwall-

is sections. Yvonne Hester drives bus number 80 and makes the Fairport route.

The bus driver's club meet every Wednesday at activity period to discuss the rules and regulations of driving.

Other substitute bus drivers are George Wright, William Freeman, and Hayes Baskeville.

Since school opened a state patrolman has visited the school two times to check all buses to make sure they were clean and in good condition. The mechanics visit the school every day to check the gas, oil and other minor particulars of the buses.

The motto of the organization is:

"We, the bus drivers of Mary Potter High School, will obey the laws of driving at all times, for the safety of the pupils who ride the buses and for the safety of the other drivers."

YVONNE HESTER,
President