

Mary Potter To Get New School Plant

M. P. Host To East Piedmont Typewriting Contest Feb. 17

Nearly 50 contestants from eight high schools in the East-Piedmont District of the North Carolina Teachers Association were represented in competitive typewriting contests Friday, February 17, at the Mary Potter High School in Oxford.

Before the contest got underway, Mr. J. H. Lucas, principal of Mary Potter School, extended greetings to the group.

After the competitive contests, the business students of Mary Potter High held a social hour for the contestants and visiting students in the cafeteria. The group enjoyed music, a variety of games, sandwiches, punch, and cookies.

In Division One, "one-semester," Frances Colbert of Mary Potter High School won first place; second place went to Brenda Taylor of Hillside High School. Maggie Thomas of Mary Potter High and Patricia Bowling of Hillside High tied for third place.

Annie Smith of Hillside High won first place in the second division, "two-semester"; Martha Williams and Cheryl Henderson of Mary Potter High won second and third place ratings respectively.

In the Advanced Division, "three-semester," Barbara Adams of Ligon Junior-Senior High won first place and Flora Faison of Hillside won second

place. Evelyn Taborn of Mary Potter, Ida Durham of Henderson Institute, and Willa Jay Walker of Hillside High won a three-way tie for third place.

The contest material was furnished complimentary by the William Penn Business Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The following high schools took part in the contest: B. F. Person High, Franklinton; Henderson Institute, Henderson; Person County Training High, Roxboro; Hillside High, Durham; Ligon Junior-Senior High, Raleigh; Hawley High, Creedmoor; Shepard High, Zebulon; and Mary Potter High of Oxford.

Mr. J. V. Turner, Associate Professor of Commerce of N. C. College, judged the contest. Miss Inez Currin, Secretary of Mary Potter School, administered the tests, and Miss K. Artenia Davis, Secretary of Orange Street School was the official tests checker.

The winning teachers were Mrs. L. I. Riddick of Hillside High, Mrs. A. P. Harrington and Mrs. Geneva Harris of Henderson Institute, Mrs. Priscilla Cunningham of Ligon Junior-Senior High, and Mrs. L. J. Solomon of Mary Potter High School.

The 12 winners will compete in the State Typewriting Contest which will be held at N. C. College at Durham on Friday, March 17.

Principal Greet New Teachers

Our new teachers are working in the area of French, Physical Education, Social Studies and the Seventh Grade.

Miss Bernice Bullock, a native of Henderson, North Carolina is teaching French I, II, and III. She is a graduate of Henderson Institute and North Carolina College at Durham. Upon being graduated from the North Carolina College at Durham with a B.A. degree in French and Library Science, she received a Fulbright Scholarship to study for a year in France. While in France, she studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Caen in Normandie. Aside from teaching French, Miss Bullock is the adviser of the National Honor Society.

Mrs. Myrtle J. McNeill is a native of Pender County and was graduated from C. F. Pope High in Burgaw, North Carolina and North Carolina College at Durham. Prior to coming to Mary Potter, Mrs. McNeill taught at Palmers Memorial Institute, Sedalia, North Carolina, and Mickens High School, Lake City, Florida. She served as Librarian of Lincoln Heights Elementary School, Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. McNeill is a Seventh Grade teacher at Mary Potter.

Mr. H. J. Drew is a graduate of Virginia State College and is currently taught at West Morland Junior High School, Danville, Virginia. Mr. Drew coaches our Varsity basketball team and teaches in the Social Studies area.

Early in the school year, the members of the Oxford City Unit of the North Carolina Teachers Association entertained all of the new teachers in our system.

We feel that our new teachers have much to offer us and they have varied and wide-spread experiences. They have joined with the other members of our staff to help to make this a successful school year.

Faculty Members Present Many Surprise Gifts

The members of the faculty enjoyed surprising several of their co-workers during the past few months.

In a December meeting, which was termed "An Ideal Professional Meeting", members of the faculty presented the principal with a Christmas gift. This gift consisted of a white shirt, a sweater vest, and initialed cuff links.

In February, faculty members held another meeting and presented two co-workers who were married during the year with wedding presents. These were blankets given to Mrs. Ruel Solomon and Mr. Roy Anderson. Mrs. B. L. Parker, our secretary who resigned her position the last of January, was presented with a lovely pink negligee set. A short program was planned for this occasion with a poem and song dedicated to each.

Mr. J. H. Lucas presented the honoree gifts. Mrs. R. E. Howell, Mrs. C. E. Gregory, Mrs. M. H. Scott, Mrs. B. E. Dunn, Mrs. T. W. Anderson, and Mrs. B. P. Lucas were in charge of the arrangements of this program.



Mr. J. H. Lucas, Principal, is shown greeting our three new teachers. They are left to right: Miss Bernice Bullock, Mr. H. J. Drew and Mrs. M. J. McNeill.

Frank P. Scott Pilots Student Council Activities

Under the leadership of Frank P. Scott, the Student Council has engaged many activities.

The council projected through the school the giving of gifts to needy families of our community. Several baskets of food were prepared and delivered to these needy families.

On January 26, the council held its annual installation exercise in the high school auditorium. Mrs. M. W. Gant, adviser, was guest speaker.

Officers for this term are president, Frank Scott; first vice president, Evelyn Taborn; second vice-president, Annie Ruth Terry, head of the Junior high department; secretary, Barbara Jones; treasurer, Clifford Gregory; parliamentarian, Al Lewis; and Lonnie Peace, Chaplain.

The class representatives for 1960-61 are as follows: 12 Lucas-Maggie Thomas-Reginald Leathersberry; 12 Scott-Juanita Hargrove-Ellis Latta; 11 Solomon-Flora Jiggitts-Wardell Webber; 11 Boston-Arcelia Taylor-Don Royster; 11 Bass-Annie Moore-Calvin Hester; 10 McNeill-La Verne Johnson-James L. Hester; 10 Henderson-Martha Williams-William Anderson; 10 Drew-Frances Colbert-James Jackson; 9 Coe-Bullock-Mattie Anderson; 9 Hester-Joseph Collins; 9 Hester-Johnson-Hicks-Nolly-Robert-Carole Harris;

The council is now mapping plans for a travel program social and the election of officers for the school year 1961-62 which will culminate their major activities of the year.

School Secretary Resigns Post

After eight and one-half years with the Oxford City Schools, Mrs. Bessie L. Parker has resigned her secretarial duties to accompany her ministerial husband and family to a new Pastorate in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Parker served five years as secretary at Orange Street Elementary School and three and one-half years at Mary Potter High School under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Lucas, principal.

She was a very active church and community worker who will be sorely missed.

Reverend T. E. Parker, Jr., moved his family to the Philadelphia area on February 2.

Louis and Thomas Parker III will be severely missed in numerous school activities. Gwendolyn Parker attends school in Tennessee and frequently returned to the Oxford Area. The influence of the Parkers will be Granville County's loss and Philadelphia's gain.

Fisk Jubilee Singers To Appear In Oxford

Under the sponsorship of the Mary Potter School, the Fisk University Jubilee Singers of Nashville, Tennessee will be presented in concert on Friday, April 21, 1961, at the Oxford National Guard Armory at 8:00 P. M.

This group has received praise of fame nationally and internationally and is directed by Mr. Matthew Kennedy of Fisk University.

New Building To Be Erected At Cost Of \$300,000

The Board of School Trustees met January 20, 1961 and adopted a resolution calling upon the Board of County Commissioners to make available funds necessary to initiate two building projects for schools in the Oxford district.

School Superintendent, Mr. C. W. Duggins, said initial steps have been taken and the Oxford Board, headed by Mr. Hugh M. Currin as chairman, has employed Haskins and Rice of Raleigh as architects to prepare plans for the projected new high-school building.

Plans which Haskins and Rice drafted for class-room and other facilities at Mary Potter High have already been approved. When the Oxford Board is assured of funds, bids will be sought and an April groundbreaking date is envisioned by Superintendent Duggins. The construction for Mary Potter will be two stories and will include classrooms, administrative offices, library, counseling department, science facilities, and home economics department under a single room. The cost is approximated at \$300,000.

National Honor Society Taps Six;

Mr. J. E. Byers Gives Address In an impressive installation exercise, the National Honor Society, under the direction of Miss Bernice Bullock, inducted six honor students into the society.

Mr. J. Estes Byers, Principal of John H. Hawkins High School, gave an impressive installation address to an appreciative audience. Mr. Byers message was centered around the topic, "An Old Word for a New Year, IF". The address was very informational and well delivered. The society and student body were greatly impressed by Mr. Byers' message.

The new members are James McDougale, Selena Harris, Maxine Glover, Arcelia Taylor, Gloria Bullock, and Thomas McGinosey.

Annie Mae Daniels, Catherine Jordan and Demetrias Daniels were recognized by the society as probationary members. These students were encouraged to maintain good scholarship, leadership, character, and service in order to hold active membership in the society next year.

The officers of the Society are president, Carolyn Bibby; vice-president, Vivian Hunter; secretary, Ella Mallory; assistant secretary, Ruth Eaton; treasurer, Clifford Gregory; reporter, Maggie Thomas.

AKA Sorority Give Scholarship

A scholarship in the amount of \$50 has been received by Mr. J. H. Lucas, principal, from the Durham Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. This

scholarship is to be awarded to an outstanding girl in the senior class. The recipient of the scholarship has not been named as of now.

Former Grad Becomes Secretary



FORMER GRADUATE BECOMES SECRETARY—Miss Inez Currin, a former graduate of Mary Potter and recent graduate of Shaw University, has replaced Mrs. Bessie Parker as secretary of the Mary Potter School.

Miss Currin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce at Shaw University in June, 1960. Prior to this, she completed her student teaching training at the Mary Potter School and has also done secretarial work in New York City.

Gregory Wins First Place In Talent Hunt



Calvin Gregory, a promising musician of the Mary Potter Band, won first place honors in the Omega Talent Hunt which was held at the Person County Training School in Roxboro, North Carolina on Sunday, day, February 12.

Calvin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gregory is a student of the Eighth Grade. He is a lover of music and blows the trumpet very well.

His winning instrumental was Sabre Dance from "Gayne Ballet" by Arom Khaeturian.

On March 26, Calvin will journey to Shaw University accompanied by his instructor, Mr. R. A. Anderson, to compete in the State Omega Talent Hunt.

Bad Weather Causes Saturday Sessions Here

Due to the loss of school days on account of bad weather, school will be open on the following Saturdays: March 18 and

Guidance Gives Chance To Solve Problems

Guidance services offer opportunities for students to gain rich and varied experiences in becoming more self-directive in solving their problems. Testing is a vital part of the guidance services. There can be testing without guidance, but there can be no guidance without testing.

Under the NDEA program, School and College Ability Tests (SCAT) and Sequential Tests of Educational Progress (STEP) were given to tenth grade students in October.

In early fall, juniors and seniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

Students taking the Cooperative Intercollegiate Examination in Henderson in November included Carolyn Bibby, Katrina Carroll, Robert Davis, Maxina Glover, Selena Harris, Samuel Henderson, Delaine Jeffers, Barbara Jones, James McDougale, Maggie Thomas, and Mrs. Artelia Pritchett. As a result of this test, Carolyn Bibby and Maggie Thomas have been awarded scholarships from Bennett College.

There was more testing on March 7. The National Educational Development Tests were given to ninth and tenth grade students and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to the eleventh grade.

The High School Placement Test will be given on April 25.

Tests give a picture of the student's performance in relation to other students throughout the nation in the same grade. The results are helpful to teachers in planning classroom instruction for students and to the counselor for guiding students in choosing careers for which they show interest and aptitude.

April 22. The other days lost will be taken from the spring vacation.

Good Citizenship Concepts, Mary Potter Counselor Urges

Mrs. Mary W. Gant, Counselor at Mary Potter High School, addressed the student body during a recent assembly program sponsored by the Student Council.

Mrs. Gant called to the attention of students the importance of forming a good citizenship mental image considering self in the light of: Who am I? Where have I been? Where am I now? Where am I going? And what do I have to take with me to help me to get where I am going?

Some basic elements of good citizenship were presented by Mrs. Gant. Included were a knowledge of the theory of democracy, feeling of law and order, intelligent respect for law and order, intelligent respect for authority, increasing self-direction, leadership and follower-ship, cooperation and morale. The discussion pointed up a student participation approach to civic education.

Others on the program included Miss Bernice Bullock, sponsor of the Honor Society; Lonnie Peace, student council chaplain; Mrs. B. B. Redding, Junior High School Chairman; and Mr. J. H. Lucas, principal. Frank Scott, president, presided and introduced the guest speaker. Randolph Lockett, a member of the Junior Class, was in charge of the music. The program was planned by Annie Moore, Arcelia Taylor, Don Royster, Theodore Bowden and Annette Anderson, Chairman.

Delta Sorority Provides Milk For Students

The Oxford-Henderson Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has established a free milk program at Mary Potter which has enabled various underprivileged students to have milk daily.

Principal Speaks At Hawkins High

Mr. J. H. Lucas, principal of Mary Potter High School was guest speaker at the annual National Honor Society Induction Services which were held in the auditorium of the John R. Hawkins High in Warrenton, on Monday, February 20.

Clarke Seales, a senior and president of the Society, gave greetings. Mr. J. E. Byers, principal, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Lucas gave inspiring remarks to those who had successfully fulfilled the necessary requirements to claim membership in the most outstanding organization in the school.

Fourteen students were inducted into the society and twelve sophomores were made probationary members. Others were encouraged to develop the necessary requirements for admission into this organization.

Annual Career Day At Toler Interests Many

Career Day for Granville County, which included Hawley, Mary Potter, Shaw, and Toler High Schools was held Wednesday, March 1, at Toler High School. Dr. Charles Ray, Chairman of the Department of English at North Carolina College at Durham, was the guest speaker.

An array of consultants were present and discussed career opportunities in many fields. One hundred and fifty students of the junior and senior classes at Mary Potter attended this program. Mrs. C. H. Broadie, Counselor at Toler High, was the Career Day Chairman.