

# Tribute Paid Four Students

By Carol Zimme

Through the grace of the student body, *The Mary Potter Gazette*, we pay tribute to Janet Clayton Bapjah Holman, fifteen year old jun-  
 iste, seventeen year old senior; Eli-  
 or; Harold Glover, fifteen year  
 old sophomore; and Arnetia Mc-  
 Ghee, fourteen year old freshman.

You were chosen from 484 high school students for your scholastic standing, your personality, your initiative, your cooperation and especially for your genuine desire to excel in all endeavors and to serve in all capacities when called upon. You have given unlimited time and patience to many of the school organizations. The four of you represent us well in activities within

our district and state, and you humbly serve continuously seeking no praise but enjoying immensely the desire to be of service to someone. You, in your youthful lives realize the enjoyment received in sharing and helping others.

Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Baptiste of this city, loves to read, sew, dance, and wear beautiful clothes. She is a comely young woman who desires to become a social worker.

She knows that hard work and fortitude are necessary assets to meet the challenges that life offers.

Being a senior, Janet, has chosen to become one of the number who will attend Central State, Wilberforce, Ohio, after graduation.

In school she is either in class or busily engaged in seven leading school organizations and holds office in six.

Janet also feels that our race must continuously struggle for equality; this is noticed in her zealous work with the N.A.A.C.P.

She is an active member of the Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church. Her advice to underclassmen is strive ever to succeed.

Second, stepping into the Autumn spotlight representing the Junior for 1963-64 is Elijah Holman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Holman. His curriculum includes 5 challenging courses, but he still has time to participate in 7 extra-curricular  
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Students of the Month are Arnetia McGhee, Janet Baptiste, Harold Glover, Elijah Holman.

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## Mary Potter Adds New Teachers

Mary Potter Junior and Senior High Departments have added six new members to its faculty: Mrs. Willie Bullock Gibson who teaches grade 7-WG; Miss Icelean Levanne Davis, 6-D; Henry Joy, band music; Willie "Pete" Hayes, Physical Education; Theodore Burnis Thornton, Industrial Arts; and Harold Elmore Wade, English.

Miss Davis, Joy, Hayes and Thornton have much in common in that they are alumni of Hillside High School in Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Willie Bullock Gibson, native Oxfordian, is an alumna of Mary Potter, and a graduate of North Carolina College where she majored in elementary education. She received her M.A. degree from the same institution in elementary education. Her experiences are varied in that she has taught in Morantton, N. C., Toler High, Shaw High, and Angier B. Duke Schools in Granville County.

To the student body she gives these challenging words: "To achieve in this changing society, one must remember that the heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

With an elementary major, Miss Davis graduated from Bennett College in Greensboro in 1961. She taught in the North Wayne Elementary School in Goldsboro, N. C. While commenting about education and its importance she gave her recipe for success to the seniors: Strive always and continuously for an education, and a goal and success can be yours. Miss Davis is a native of Durham.

Joy is a native of Durham and a 1963 graduate of North Carolina College in Durham, N. C. As band director, he finds his first teaching experience quite busy and stimulating in that he provides band instructions for G. C. Hawley and

Mary Potter High Schools.

Joy says that he is enjoying working with the band and that he has received wonderful cooperation and a wholesome atmosphere in which to work. He is married to the former Ernestine Steward of Durham.

Upon graduating from North Carolina College with a B.S. degree in Physical Education, Willie "Pete" Hayes taught one year in Winton, N. C., before coming to this institution as football coach and Physical Education instructor.

Hayes, a Durhamite, finds the faculty friendly and the work stimulating.

He is married to the former Dorcas Carter of Durham and is the father of one son, Theodore, age six.

Thornton, is a native of Durham and a graduate of A. & T. College in Greensboro, N. C., where he majored in Industrial Arts. He has done further study at the same institution, and is a Captain in the United States Army Reserve. His present teaching assignment is Industrial Arts and mathematics.

He is married to the former Carolyn Inson of Durham, N. C., and is the father of three children, two daughters, Susan and Gail, ages 4 and 3, and a son, Ricky, age 2.

Wade is a native of Huntsville, Alabama and a Stillman College graduate, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He majored in English and minored in Spanish during his undergraduate days. He has done further study in English at the same institution. At present he is assigned to teach Eleventh Grade English, Sociology and Economics; he has an Eleventh Grade Homeroom.

Before coming to Mary Potter, Wade played professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins Farm Club in Wytheville, Va., and from there was transferred to Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Seated left to right are Theodore Thornton, Miss Icelean Davis, and Henry Joy. Standing are Harold Wade and Willie Hayes.



MR. LUCAS

## Student Council Conducts Installation

After marching to the tune "Pomp and Circumstance," Mary Potter Student Council officers began their installation program with former principal of Mary Potter and present Hillside Principal, John Harding Lucas, as guest speaker.

The Student Council Song was sung by the audience and prayer was rendered by Mrs. Mary Wimberly Gant, Mary Potter counselor. Floriatta Gilreath, Vertie Bagby and Stella ... attitudes. The Principal, Jimmie

Vaughan Morris installed the officers and representatives, and presented the gavel to President, Joseph Colson, Jr. Colson presented the guest speaker whose subject was "The V.I.P.'s" Mr. Lucas stated that V.I.P. meant Very Important People. He, however, gave each letter different values.

V is for Vision. He pointed out that you must have mental windows in order to look into the fu-

I is for Integrity. You must be honest and sincere in dealing with your fellow man.

P is for Perseverance. Be steadfast and possess the quality that will enable you to give stubborn continuance. Perseverance, he continued, will cultivate quality in leadership, fellowship and character. Mr. Lucas concluded with this thought: "Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things."

The assembly was concluded with the Alma Mater by the audience and the recessional of the Student Council participants.

## "Birthday of a King" Presented Dec. 15

"The Birthday of a King", a pageant showing "The Annunciation," "The End of the Journey" and "Christmas Day" was presented Dec. 15, by the High School and Elementary Departments.

The major participants were Juanita Puryear as Narrator; Gloria Brown as Mary; Archie McNeill as Joseph; and Sherwood Spells as Herod.

The twenty-two character pageant is part of the Christmas festivities presented annually by the Junior and Senior drama groups, along with the Mary Potter Choral Club.

A Narrator told the Christmas story portrayed against the background of appropriate scenery and Christmas music.

Various musical selections included in the pageant were "Bethlehem Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive," "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," "Glory to God in the Highest," and "There's a Song in the Air."

The directors of the pageant were Mrs. Roberta Ellis Howell, music; Mrs. Bessie Bizzell Redding and Leonard Platt, dramatic skills and scenery.

## GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES VIEWED

Guidance activities throughout November and December will include sessions, testing and guidance talks relative to good study habits and the importance of staying in school, reports the counselor, Mrs. Mary Wimberly Gant.

Senior conferences are in progress relative to college selection, filing of applications and information concerning the College Entrance Examination Board, (CEEB). This activity will continue throughout the year.

Conferences are scheduled and in progress for all students in grades nine through twelve. The best time to plan for a conference is during the study hour for convenience, but it is permissible to come during class period for a few minutes if the need arises.

The counselor is available to help students along lines of education and occupational information relative to post high school education plans, post high school employment, job opportunities, apprenticeship programs and high school adjustment.

Guidance talks will be made to class groups and homeroom classes emphasizing the importance of good study habits and staying in school. Special suggestions on "Rules for Efficient Study" have been distributed to all grades five through

## National Day Of Mourning Observed

National Day of Mourning for President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was observed by the Mary Potter faculty and student body.

The American Legion Post 166 of which William Peace is Sergeant-at-Arms gave a brief ceremony at the facade of the administration building on the pavilion.

Teachers, dressed in black, lined both sides of the walkway with the student body surrounding them.

During the playing of the National Anthem Peace presented arms to which all present saluted the colors. The 23rd and 24th chapters of Psalms were read by the Reverend Roscoe Walls, Pastor of the Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Hampton Umstead, Post Chaplain, and taps were sounded by Timothy Gregory, eleventh grader.