

# FEATURES

Fame Comes in Senior Year

## Honorable Reign Continues For Worthy Queen

Wearing a crown symbolizes dignity, and stateliness, an honor that fell not lightly upon the shoulders of a young woman, Carol Faye Payton, 16 year old Mary Potter senior.

Miss Payton, having reigned as Miss Mary Potter for two months, feels that no honor is so estimable as that of being queen of her high school.

On being asked how students react to her reign, she proudly replied: "They feel that it is one of the highest honors for a young lady to receive and that she must strive to live up to this ideal constantly."



Carol Faye was born on April 11, 1947, in Grifton, North Carolina, to Mr and Mrs. Taft Payton.

She entered school at Angier B. Duke Elementary School in 1952 and graduated in 1960.

After graduation from elementary school, she entered Mary Potter High school where she is now a senior.

Carol is a member of several organizations, Future Teachers of America, National Honor Society, Yearbook Staff, and Student Council. She is a member of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church where she is secretary of the Episcopal Young Churchmen.

At the present time Carol is living with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Chavis, her godparents.

When asked about some of her beliefs she replied: "I believe in

God," and "in being happy."

After Miss Payton completes her high school education, she plans to attend St. Augustine's College to become an elementary school teacher. Upon graduation from college, she hopes to teach in the West.

As for marriage Carol says, "I think matrimony is wonderful, and some day I hope to enter that phase of life and rear children. Just now, however, I am more concerned with my education and a career. I think every woman should be educated whether she plans to marry or not." Certainly with this wonderful outlook and Carol's lovely personality, success will be hers.

## The Spirit of Christmas Invades M. P.

The atmosphere around Mary Potter School seems to be charged with the spirit of Christmas.

So radiant is this spirit of anticipation, joy, and preparation for the approaching season, that one unconsciously imbibes this feeling and radiates it to those with whom he comes in contact.

Busily engaged in classroom decorations, programs, planned efforts for social and charitable functions for the season, and last minute efforts toward catching up loose strings of first semester studies before vacation, is a good reason for the hustle and bustle.

Members of our faculty have as a special project the collecting of toys for needy children of the community. They are pursuing this effort seemingly, with great interest.

The play presented by the Dramatics Club, entitled "The Birthday of a King" on Sunday, December fifteenth was the highlight of the pre-holiday productions.

Altogether, the above efforts, along with many other minute details of the season, give a note which is predominant in the hearts, minds, and lives of the faculty and student body of Mary Potter School.

## Granville Library Is Source of Knowledge

By Elijah Holman

The Granville County Branch Library on Granville Street continues its educational aid to both Granville and Vance counties, stated Mrs. Maud W. Lassiter, librarian, in a recent interview.

When asked about her duties, she mentioned that November is a very busy month with many days and weeks calling for special attention.

In her replies she discussed several very important ones. A digest of her comments appear below:

Yes, November is busy for me. American Education Week calls for some special work, for this week beginning in 1921 is set aside to acquaint the public with the work of education and with the problems of training children for effective citizenship.

National Children's Book Week, she continued, has been set aside to promote the interest of children and young people in reading good books. Many of these may be found in the Granville Branch on science, poetry, adventure, religion, sports, hobbies, and biography. There are, you know, many picture books for the very young also.

The establishment of Veterans Day by Congress in 1954 is given special attention through book and magazine displays. This day, November 11, honors the servicemen and women who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces.

To me, Thanksgiving Day, symbolizes a time to think of the many blessings that have come to the American people since the first celebration. We must, therefore, rejoice and give thanks to God for having brought us safe.

Her words were seemingly melodious as she quoted James Weldon Johnson's anthem:

God of our twenty years  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who has by thy might  
Let us into the light

Keep us forever in the path, we pray  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee.

Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand.  
True to our God  
True to our Native land.  
Upon leaving the interview, I felt and thought, "Here is a woman dedicated to her work."

## Christmas Thoughts

Let Christmas be a bright and happy day; but let its brightness come from the radiance of the star of Bethlehem, and its happiness be found in Christ.

H. G. Den.

Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it be given with affection.  
Pindar

Without dew and light, flowers fade. Charity and love are the dew and light of the human heart.  
De Gentis

And the star rains its fire  
While the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem  
Cradles a King.  
Josiah G. Holland

At Christmas, play and make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes but once a year.  
Tusser

Not stately Jerusalem,  
Rather humble Bethlehem  
Unknown

May joy come from God above  
To all those who Christmas love.  
Thirteenth Century Carol



## WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?

By Vertie Bagby

It's no wonder our friends above "nice," "natch," and "swell"—are battered up. They are among the most abused, misused, and over-used words in the English language. This banged-up family includes such expressions as "wonderful," "dumb," and "cute." Like tired soldiers, they are pressed into service in sentence after sentence, paragraph after paragraph.

In our writing and speaking, we should always try to use exact, sharp words in order to keep the meaning clear. Our use of all-purpose words, like those above, are too often fuzzy, foggy, and faulty.

In one scene of *Through the Looking Glass*, in which Alice and Humpty Dumpty are characters, Alice asks Humpty Dumpty to explain what he meant by the word, "glory." He answered: "I meant 'there's a nice knock-down argument for you!'"

"But 'glory' doesn't mean 'a nice knock-down argument,'" Alice objected.

"When I choose a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

That is exactly what's wrong with all-purpose words. They quite often mean too much.

It is written in the Old Testament: "How forcible are right words." This is deep wisdom. Right words can stir the anger of a nation. They can express deep love. They can create pity and sorrow. Great writers using right words have moved mankind for centuries.

Men are judged by the friends they choose. Their ability to write and speak well is judged largely on the basis of the words they choose and use. Perhaps it would help us to make wiser choices of words if we follow this rule for writers: Select words for their purity, propriety and precision.

Doing your best with the little opportunities that come along will get you farther than idly wishing for the big chance that may never arrive.

## THAT TWENTY FIFTH HOUR

That 25th hour! How convenient it would be to have an extra hour in the day! Apparently the Mary Potter students feel the same way, as can be illustrated by the results of a poll taken recently.

To the surprise of many, 41% of the girls indicated they would study while only 17.5% of the boys desired to study.

The second largest percentile was that of eating and sleeping of which 31% of the females flocked and 27.5% of the males. The girls and the boys were almost evenly matched in the category of "just mess around" (17.5% female, 15% male).

20% of the boys chose sports as their activity during a 25th hour. No girls, however, fell into this category. There were evidently a few Romeos and Juliets in the group, because 12.5% of the males indicated they would go on a date and 3% of the females indicated likewise.

Who said women like to talk more than men? 5% of the men would use the extra time to talk, but only 3% of the women would do this.

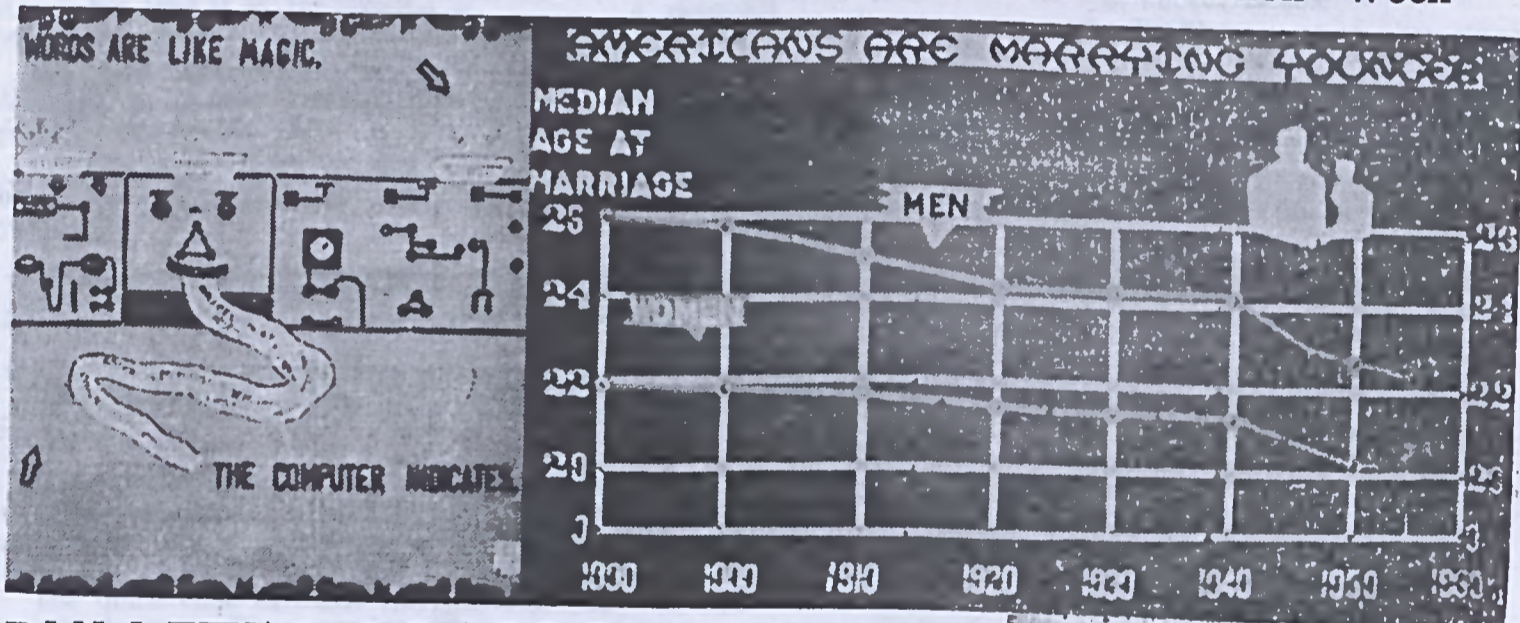
The remaining few would do such horrible things as think (2.5% male, 0% female), write letters (3% female, 0% male), and work (1.5% female, 0% male).

## Gazette Is Voice Of The Students

The *Mary Potter Gazette* is the organ through which you, the students of Mary Potter, express your opinions. It's designed to be the voice of the student body. It has not been used to its fullest potential, but during the year 1963-64, we will continue our efforts to make the *Gazette* an effective instrument of student policy. We invite you to use it extensively.

We believe that a student publication is a vital part of any educational institution since any such institution exists for its students. The *Mary Potter Gazette* staff will try to create a newspaper that will live up to the purpose for which it was established.

## Bulletin Boards As Displayed During American Education Week



## BULLETIN BOARDS DEMONSTRATE PLANNING

Classroom by classroom the bulletin boards of Mary Potter School every few weeks present a carefully planned progression of ideas beginning with vital elementary facts and progressing to relatively complex theories and applications.

The casual observer, the alert, and certainly the slow student may steadily grasp important and oft-times complex facts or theories from these displays.

The arrangements of the various bulletin boards are attractive, well designed, and thought-provoking. The ideas and questions appear in carefully planned sequences built on

interpretations and associations that have been taught in preceding lessons or will be taught in new areas.

These devices for communicating ideas and facts are prepared by the students under the guidance of qualified teachers. They are valuable supplements to the teachings of the textbooks and are unique displays of understanding and communication of ideas.

It is interesting to note the variation of ideal expression in the different areas of study, as each classroom seemingly vies with the other in trying to present ideas in the most interesting and fascinating manner.

## Campus Calendar

### PLAYS

The members of the Drama Club will present "A Raisin in the Sun" in the Orange Street Auditorium, December 18, at 8 o'clock.  
"Birthday of a King," a Christmas Pageant will be presented by the student body, December 15, at 8 o'clock in the Orange Street Auditorium.

### BASKETBALL GAMES

Mary Potter will play Louisburg, December 13, in the school's gymnasium.  
The annual Heart's Pageant will be held in the school auditorium February 14, 1964.  
The Elementary and High School Departments will present a Variety Show in early 1964.

## what's, when's, why's

By Jacqueline Atkins



Often, yes, very often, a classmate and fellow student grunts, moans, and groans beneath the burden of heavy assignments, rules, regulations, tests, class procedures, and teacher techniques.

Isn't it ridiculous that all of these "pet peeves" can't be put in a waste basket and dumped in the incinerator?

To be unmercifully frank, here are some typical complaints and questions grunted lowly, expressed vehemently, and sometimes wheedled at the Mary Potter instructors.

**Complaints:**  
I have a science test; I really didn't have time to study English last night.

Oh, I simply had to see "Dr. Kildare" on T.V. You know I couldn't do the assignment.  
Gee, my head aches; I don't feel like studying.

You know, I have five subjects daily; it's impossible to do all of this work.

I had my work, but I left it at home.

Mama wasn't at home last night; therefore, I had all the chores to do. *Questions of a Lighter Nature.*

May I go to the bathroom?  
May I speak to Miss \_\_\_\_\_?  
May I purchase some paper and a pencil from the office?  
Do you have a pencil or paper?  
May I borrow it?  
May I use your stapler art gum, ruler, ink or other essentials?  
Isn't the bell ever going to ring for lunch?

Oh shut up! Make John stop worrying me.

What are we going to do next?

May I take my pill?  
Yes, these and many, many more mark the typical groans, grunts and questions uttered every hour on the hour. To help you to rid yourselves of these "pet peeves," try the following recipe:

Check on time, habits and schedules. Constant checking keeps one from being a fool. Sharpen pencils and get essentials at the start of class each day, to be prepared for each task at hand, to assume duties that will make a man. Read avidly, study wisely, all things which come your way.

Then questions, groans, complaints and "pet peeves" will dissipate.