

Ina Jones, Benjamin Bagby Capture First Place In Omega Talent Hunt

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Post Feature Writer

A sparse crowd of not more than 100 people witnessed the musical rendings of some excellent young musicians at the 28th presentation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Talent Hunt last Sunday night at Memorial United Presbyterian Church.

Ten accomplished Junior and Senior High School musicians competed in the two divisions and their musical competence was judged by Miss Edythe Grady, Mr. Marvin Davenport and Mrs. Jennie Garnett.

Violinist Ina Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Jones of 1506 Dean Street was judged the winner in the Senior Division. Miss Jones is a senior student at Garinger High School and chose to play "Concerto in G Major" (third movement) by Mozart in the competition.

Delcia Harper was awarded second place in the Senior Division for a piano rendering of "Spring Song" by Felix Mendelssohn. Miss Harper is also a student at Garinger High School and a piano student of Charles McRae Music Studio.

Pianist Brenda Watkins won third place in the Senior Division for performing "Automne" by Chaminade. She is a music student of Mrs. Blanche Oliver.

Others participating in the Senior Division were Vanina Murray, a West Charlotte High School Student who



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WINNING CONTESTANTS in the 1974 version of the OMEGA TALENT HUNT pose with plaques and fraternity Basileus Joseph W. Harper, III, at left, and Omega Fraternity member Sterling P. Woodard, right. Winners were: left to right, Ina Jones, First Place

Senior Division; Delcia Harper, Second Place Senior Division; Brenda Watkins, Third Place Senior Division; Benjamin Bagby, First Place Junior Division; Patricia Ann Blakey, Second Place Junior Division, and Smith Turner IV, Third Place Junior Division.

played "Bonn," Sonata, No. 1 (first movement) by Beethoven on the piano; and Rosella Clemmons, also a West Charlotte High School

student. Miss Clemmons is a piano student of Charles McRae Music Studio and played "Theme from Love Story," arranged by Henry

Mancini, on the piano. First Place in the Junior Division went to Benjamin Bagby for his performance of "Sonatina," Op. 49 No. 2 on the

piano. Benjamin is a student at Randolph Junior High and a music student of Charles McRae Music Studio.

Pianist Patricia Ann Blakey won second place in the Junior Division. She played "Puck" (Kobold) by Edward Grieg. She is a student at Hawthorne Junior High School.

Smith Turner IV was the third place winner in the Junior Division. The McRae Music Studio student played "Sonata" (Andante Allegro) on the piano. He is a student at Northwest Junior High School.

The competition in the Junior Division was rounded out with performances by Shari Blackwell, an Albemarle Road Junior High School Student who played the piano and is instructed by Mrs. Blanche Oliver; and Vernice Brown, pianist who performed "Liebestraum" by Beethoven.

Guest artist for the Omega Talent Hunt was Darrell Erwin, an 11-year-old 6th grader and student of Charles McRae Music Studio, who played the piano with perfection.

Miss Jones, the First Place Winner in the Senior Division, will represent Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the regional competition to be held April 20 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

All the participants in the Talent Hunt Program were awarded plaques by Mr. Joseph W. Harper III, Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



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BRINGING BIRTHDAY GIFT to celebrant, p.m. party were: Mr. and Mrs. Alford Boyd, Mrs. Margaret Carothers, left are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Boyd, Katie Vance, James Springs, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Hill, Marion Darby, Jimmie Etta Fullwood, and the honoree's husband, Fred Carothers.

Mrs. Gore To Appear On Opportunity Hour

Mrs. Ruth Gore, professor of Guidance and Psychology and Director of Counseling and Testing at North Carolina A&T State University, and Mrs. Pearl Neal of 126 Martin St., will be the special guests on WSOC-TV's popular "Hour of Opportunity" here Sunday morning, beginning at 9:30

o'clock. The program, "The Saga of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.," is one of the highlights of Delta Zeta Chapter's Finer Womanhood Observance.

Mrs. Gore, the sorority's first anti-basileus, holds a national office in the sorority. She will appear in a scene with

20 junior high school girls at which time she will talk with them about the problems of growing up.

A few of the many positions held by her are:

Editor of Southern College Personnel Association Newsletter; Member of

College Entrance Examination Board of the Southern Regional Advisory Council; Member of the National Urban Scholarship Advisory Council; vice president of Greater Greensboro Republican Women's Club, and board member of Guilford County

Mental Health Society.

One of the founders of the sorority, Mrs. Neal is an ardent church worker. She is a member of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church and has served in an advisory capacity whenever called upon by members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

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