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Jaycees Sign 9 Contestants for Miss Oxford



TOPS IN SCHOLARSHIP—Mary Ella Webb, front, is salutatorian, and Sue Sowers and Linda Crabtree, in that order, are co-valedictorians of the senior class of Nichols High School. Miss Webb is from Saratoga and the other two students are from Durham. Nichols photo

Five Arrested In Brassfield Raid

Officers of Granville and Wake Join ATU Men in Successful Raid

Five persons were arrested, an automobile and 29 cases of whiskey seized Friday night as Granville and Wake enforcement men and Federal agents made a call at the Owen Bragg home, Route 1, Franklinton.

Charged with violation of whiskey laws were Eragg and Terry Vaughan of Franklinton, both white, and Willie Hawley, Negro of Oxford, and Charlie Green, also Negro, Route 1, Franklinton. The other man, a Negro, refused at the time to give his name. All were taken to Wake County by Federal agents who joined sheriff's men and Wake ABC officers in the round-up.

Hawley was apprehended after a 14-15 mile chase that started as he drove from the Bragg premises when officers were closing in on the residential area. One group of officers gave pursuit and finally cornered Hawley in a dead-end road off the Antioch Road. Officers were able to keep trace of the Hawley car by a cloud of dust which he churned up as he raced through country roads in his attempt to make a get away.

In the Hawley car officers found 16 cases of "white" whiskey. An additional 13 cases were taken at the Bragg farm.

Miss N. C. to Come For Saturday Event

First Rehearsal to Be Held Tuesday Night — Entertainment Planned for Contestants and Judges

The initial rehearsal is planned tonight for the Miss Oxford pageant to be staged at 8 p.m. Saturday night at the high school auditorium under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The second and final rehearsal is planned for Friday night.

Jaycee President Nelson Daniel disclosed Monday that 10 lovelies will appear in the program. In addition, there is to be musical entertainment provided by a sextet consisting of Allen Colenda, Bill Day, Maynard Gentry, Aubrey Clark, Hugh B. Haskins and Jackie Fitz.

The contestants are Helen Brown, Kay Candacy Burwell, Bonnie Lou Currin, Sandra Evans, Joyce Ann Murray, Barbara Reid, Barbara Jean Rogers, Rubie Dale Watkins, Judy Lane Williams.

Miss N. C. Coming

A special attraction for the pageant will be the appearance of lovely Ann Herring of Winston-Salem, Miss North Carolina, who narrowly missed the title of Miss America in Atlantic City last fall. Daniel said Miss Herring would perform for the audience.

Three out-of-town judges have accepted the responsibility for choosing Miss Oxford. They are Fred Poole of Washington, Clarence Boyd and Mrs. Daille Jones of Durham, Bill Kirby, former WOXP announcer, will emcee the program.

Party for Contestants

The Jaycees are to entertain Saturday with dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royster Critcher on Linden Avenue prior to the pageant. Their guests will be the 10 contestants, the judges and master of ceremonies, Daniel stated. This will be for the judges to observe the contestants. The event is planned to provide the judges an opportunity to become acquainted with the contestants, their personality and speech.

On the same basis as the Miss America Pageant is conducted, the local contestants will be judged on evening gown, swim suit and talent competition.



WILTON PREACHER — The Rev. Stuart McRae will deliver the Wilton High School commencement sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday. A student at Duke Divinity School, he also is pastor of Banks and Grove Hill Methodist Churches, both in Wilton Community. He is a native of College Park, Ga.

Oxford High Closing To Take Place June 6

Rev. A. S. Lamm To Deliver Sermon

Dr. Charles F. Carroll to Give Commencement Address — Hal K. Pittard, Jr. to Preside for Class Night Events

The Rev. A. S. Lamm, pastor of West Oxford Baptist Church, will give the sermon and Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will give the commencement address for the school closing formalities here early next month.

Mr. Lamm will preach the sermon at Oxford Baptist Church, on June 4 and Dr. Carroll will deliver the address at the high school auditorium on June 6. The class night program for the high school class will be on the night of June 5 and the Nichols class program will be on the afternoon of June 6 on the Orphanage campus.

High School Principal E. F. Sloan announced Friday that Brenda Gupton and Barbara Rogers, scholarship leaders in the 80-member senior class at Oxford High, had been chosen valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Hal K. Pittard, Jr., is president of the senior class at Oxford High and will preside for the class exercises. Others participating will be: Jimmy Harris, gitorian; Barbara Rogers, poet; Anna Feed, prophet; Billy Seate will present the seniors; Nancy Hogan is testatrix; and Thomas Adams, historian.



BRENDA GUPTON valedictorian



BARBARA ROGERS salutatorian

Shelia Louise Ruff is mascot of the senior class.

Seaboard Trains Detour to County

Silver Meteor, Star, Comet, Palmland Pass Through Dickerson, Creedmoor

Seven crack trains of the Seaboard Airline Railway rolled through Granville County in a 17-hour period between 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The line between Henderson and Raleigh was closed by a derailment.

Three of the speedy passenger trains were southbound and four were northbound. A detour between Apex and Durham was on the Durham and Southern and between Durham and Henderson, on the Henderson-Oxford-Durham division of the Seaboard.

One local, No. 5 en route to Raleigh made a turn-around at Dickerson Sunday morning after the closed main line between Wake Forest and Raleigh was reopened to limited traffic.

The Comet, the Star and the Silver Meteor each made round trip over the detour and the Palmland, northbound, also came through the county.

So far as could be learned, it was the first time that such crack trains of the Seaboard were ever routed through Granville County, according to H. M. Lilly, who was unaware of the "visiting" trains until a Ledgerman made inquiry. Mr. Lilly called up and found that the Seaboard had agents on duty at Dickerson, Creedmoor and Durham for the duration of the emergency.

Damage from derailment of 20 cars of a SAL freight train north of Raleigh Saturday was estimated at \$164,000. Fourteen of the derailed cars remained Sunday night at the site of the Saturday afternoon accident. One car was reported out of sight at the base of a 60-foot fill.

The trains on detour were limited to a 25 mph maximum speed.

County's Festival Participation Good

UDC and Committee Chairman Elated at Granville's Appearance in Events

UDC's and the chairman of the Granville County Centennial committee were elated yesterday at the outcome of Granville's participation in the Confederate Centennial Festival in Raleigh Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Edith Cannady, chairman of the Granville Committee, said "the local participation was just perfect—a credit to North Carolina. It couldn't have been finer."

UDC members and leaders here echoed her remarks. They were all pleased with the parade, the exhibits and the ball.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barker and son, Charles, wearing period clothing, drove a buggy in the parade. Miss Lillian McFarland, the Confederate Belle from the local UDC chapter, rode atop a convertible with Wallace Clayton as her chauffeur and at the ball Saturday night, Miss McFarland and her escort, Bill Hicks were presented, each wearing attire of the Confederate period.

Six Get Degrees At East Carolina

College Exercises Held Sunday Afternoon in College Stadium

Six from Granville had degrees conferred at the annual commencement Sunday afternoon when over 1,000 received diplomas at East Carolina College, Greenville.

The exercise took place at 6 p.m. in the college stadium. Family, friends and relatives of the county students were in attendance at the exercises.

Thomas B. Currin, principal of Nichols High, received the Master's degree, and B.S. awards went to Nancy Fleming Clay of Stem, Treva Wiggins Dean of Oxford, Patricia Carole Farmer of Butler, Lillian Hicks Gill of Bullock and Jannie Catherine Harris Preddy, Route 1, Creedmoor.

Berea Sermon To Be Given Sunday

Rev. W. I. Johnson to Address Members of Senior Class at 8 P. M.

The Rev. W. I. Johnson of Mt. Zion and Enon Baptist Churches, will give the commencement sermon for the senior class of Berea High on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Graduation is planned for Berea seniors on May 31 with an address by the Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., pastor of Oxford Baptist Church.

Rev. H. C. Triplett, principal of the school, announced the closing plans.

Mrs. S. L. Vaughan of Berea Community is a patient at Granville Hospital.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Moss, Route 1, Oxford, a daughter, Barbara Elaine, May 13, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Ayette Route 2, Oxford, a son, Frank Cameron, May 14, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Faucett of Route 3, Oxford, a son, Haywood Leonard, May 16, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Elliott of Route 4, Oxford, a daughter, Shelby Jean, May 17, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elmore Ross, Jr., of Hillsboro Street, Oxford, a daughter, Beverly Ann, May 16, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gearly, Route 3, Oxford, a son, Bruce Allen, May 16, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Keranakis, Route 4, Oxford, a daughter, Terry Lynn, May 18, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Watts of Clarksville, Va., a son, May 18, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barger of 2701 Highland Avenue, Durham, a daughter, May 20, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watkins of Butler, May 21, at Granville Hospital, a daughter.

Lighting Committee To Meet Here Today

A Merchants Bureau Committee today will consider plans for street decorations here to be installed six months from now.

The Christmas decorations committee, headed by Frank Pruette, is to meet in the office of the Chamber of Commerce at 10 a.m. to discuss the needs and possibilities.

Other members of the committee are Harold Penny, Walter Hughes, Jr., Nelson Wilson and Irvin Fox.

Robert D. Hunt Named For Wilton School Job

Member of Faculty Picked by School Committee to Succeed Robert Ed Strother

A member of the Wilton High School faculty, Robert D. Hunt, an Oxford native and East Carolina College graduate and possessor of a graduate degree from that college has been named Wilton principal for the 1961-62 term, succeeding R. E. Strother.



ROBERT D. HUNT

Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Earl Hunt of this city joined the Wilton faculty last fall after having earlier taught at Richlands, served as a Boy Scout field executive in Eastern North Carolina, and taught in Washington.

Hunt gained his A. B. degree at East Carolina in 1955 and thereafter joined the faculty at Richlands. He was active in Boy Scout and community activities there and was named by the Junior Chamber of that town as "Man of the Year."

He received his M. A. at East Carolina with specialization in the field of school administration.

Mrs. Hunt, the former Julia Stout of Siler City, is a member of the Berea School faculty.

Election of Hunt by the Wilton Committee was announced by Chairman Garland L. Cattle. He said Hunt had proven himself to be a good man during the year he had been a member of the school faculty. He has worked energetically in the school program and also in the Boy Scout troop of the community, according to Cattle.

Wilton has a faculty of 12 including vocational home economics and agriculture teachers. Strother has resigned to become principal of Green County High School at Snow Hill.

Awards for Band Work Presented

Program at High School Auditorium Thursday Night Draws Crowd

Brenda Ashworth received the coveted John Phillip Sousa Band Award presented Thursday evening at the school auditorium as the Oxford High Band presented its spring concert before a large and enthusiastic audience.

The award, provided by Howard Harrell to encourage faithfulness and perfection in band participation, was presented by George Curdin, president of the Band Booster's Club.

Mare Duggins was presented the Woman's Club Cup by Mrs. Hardee A. Ayers in behalf of the Music Department of the Club.

Members receiving Band pins were Claudia Curdin, Kay Garner, Linda Curdin and Ann Gholson. Similar awards went to color guards, Emilee Adeock, Katherine Duffy, Diane Cox, Lynette Curdin, Amelia Wheeler and Brenda Carole Jones. Presentation was by School Principal B. F. Sloan.

School Superintendent C. W. Duggins presented to 25 members of the senior band musical monograms and pins to nine junior high members.

The program was under the direction of Bandmaster Frank McCulloch.

Finals at Stem High Scheduled

Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr. to Give Sermon, Rev. J. D. Young, Address

The pastor of Oxford Baptist Church, the Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr. will give the commencement sermon at 8 p.m. Sunday at Stem High School.

School Principal M. R. Vickers announced the program would be in the school auditorium.

On Wednesday, May 31, the Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of Oxford Methodist Church, will give the commencement address at 8 p.m.

Two ministers serving Baptist churches in the school district are to assist in the two events, Rev. L. W. Smith of Providence will assist in the sermon service and Rev. Glenn Patton of Tally Ho Baptist Church in the graduation.

Bonnie Lou Currin Enters JC Pageant

Leading Contender in 1960 Event Ninth to Enter Local Show

Jaycees yesterday recruited a new contestant for the Miss Oxford Crown, which will be awarded here Saturday night.

She is Bonnie Lou Currin, a rising sophomore at East Carolina College, Greenville, and a leading contender in the 1960 event.

Miss Currin, 19, came home Sunday from college and found a Jaycee delegation waiting. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Currin, and resides on Hancock Street.

Her special talent is music and her lyric soprano voice has won (See CURRIN Page 4)

School Bus Leaves Road, Driver Taken To Shaw Hospital

A school bus, beginning the morning run Friday, left highway 15 south of Oxford and came to rest off the road where the front of the bus struck a culvert adjacent to the residence of Dorsey DeMont on the west side of the road.

The driver, Alvin Heester, operating Bus 92, en route to Mary Potter High School, only occupant, was taken to Shaw Hospital by ambulance. He was released Monday after a physical which disclosed no major injury.

The right front of the bus was damaged including the steering mechanism, wheel and tire. Damage was approximated at \$75.00.

Sgt. T. E. Cook and Patrolman Byrd are continuing their investigation of the incident.

No other vehicles were involved.



BONNIE LOU CURRIN

Stovall Club Girl Best Junior Baker

Annette Parham Wins Trip to 4-H Club Camp in Corn Meal Muffin Contest

A Stovall 4-H Club girl, Annette Parham, on Saturday won herself a free trip to the annual 4-H Club camp on Roanoke Island by turning out the most attractive, crisp and tastiest corn meal muffins in the annual contest in Granville open to junior club girls.

The expense paid trip was a gift of the North Carolina Corn Mills Association. The contest was under the supervision of Mrs. Bettie H. Parrott, girls' club leader in Granville.

Marilyn Stovall was winner of second place and Ellen Gresham of Oxford was third. Other participants were Margaret Sanders of Oxford and Jeannette Elliott of Stovall. Each received a cooking utensil.

Judges were Mrs. Lawrence Ryster, Granville foods and nutrition leader and Extension Agent Dorothy Wilkinson.

Committee Convened For Study of School Merger Bill as Drawn

The 14-member school merger or "Against" the proposal: "Merger of the Granville County Board of Education and the Oxford City Board of Education and a supplemental school tax throughout Granville County not to exceed fifteen cents (15c) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation."

If a majority of voters favor the issue, the merger will become effective July 1, 1963, with the supplementary school tax to become effective on the same date. If a majority of the voters ballot against the proposal, then the merger will not become operative.

The bill provides for a seven-member Board of Education, three to be elected from Oxford township and one each from Fishing Creek, Brassfield, Salem-Sassafraz Fork, Dutchville-Tally He and Walnut Grove-Oak Hill township district. Provision is made in the act for an overlapping of tenures of some members of existing boards to provide for a smooth transition during the period of merger. Board members will be elected by ballot for six-year staggered tenures.

The bill sets out that the Board of Education may employ associate (See SCHOOL Page 6)

Winners Named In Nichols Pet Show

Dogs, ducks, squirrels and snakes were among the pets exhibited Friday afternoon in the pet show at Nichols High School.

Dogs were the principal prize winners. Third grade students have been studying about them during the year.

In the dog division the winners with their pets were Dickie Adams, first; Bettie Joe Clark, second; and Mary Lou Cox, third.

Joe Russ had the best booklet on dogs and the first grade turned in the best poster.

Judges for the show were Miss Annie Gray Burroughs and E. T. Regan.

George Curkin Talks at Lions Club Meet

Speaking at the Thursday night meeting of the Oxford Lions Club, George Curkin presented a history of the time-recording devices and told the club of newest developments in the application of the principles of horology. Curkin arranged his own program.