

## Northside Elementary School

### Northside Has New Teachers

Northside Elementary School, like Lincoln High, has only two new faculty members this year: Miss Madie L. Dick, who teaches the fifth grade, and Miss Annie J. Melvin, who teaches the sixth grade.

Other Northside faculty members, and the grades they teach, are:

James H. Peace, principal; Miss Geraldine Alston, fourth grade; Miss Faye A. Bowser, third grade; Mrs. Catharyne Butler, sixth grade; Mrs. Virginia Caldwell, second grade Mrs. Barbara J. Dunlap, first grade; Mrs. Frances Hargraves, special education; Mrs. Carolyn Harrington, first grade; Mrs. Pauline C. Hogan, fourth grade; Mrs. Barbara S. Lynch, second grade; Mrs. Lillian P. Robsinson, third grade; Mrs. Nettie Rousseau, second grade; and Mrs. Sarah T. Ruffin, librarian.

### More Than 400 Get Merit Scholarships

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More than 400 graduates of Southern high schools will go to college next fall under the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are winners in this year's screening to determine the cream of the nation's crop of high school graduates.

Of the 423 Merit Scholarship winners from the South, only 224 will use their awards to attend Southern colleges and universities. Others will take the scholarships outside of the region to attend undergraduate colleges of their choice.

High school students all over the nation take the "National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test." The three-hour examination is given in the high schools and is a well-designed test of educational development.

From this test, 10,000 students who are the highest scorers in their states are selected as "finalists." Each of these 10,000 fin-

alists is considered to be fully qualified to receive a Merit Scholarship, but since there are only some 1,500 scholarships available, additional screening and tests are given to determine the final winners. Final selection is made by the Merit Scholar Selection Committee, composed of national experts in academic selection. They consider the leadership, citizenship, grades and extracurricular activities of each finalist as well as his test scores.

Southern students this year won 27 per cent of the 1,500 scholarships available. But only 15 per cent of the total will attend Southern colleges or universities.

Recent figures about graduate fellowship winners show that 47 per cent of the college graduates going on to graduate school with fellowships chose to use them in colleges or universities outside of the South. The per cent of Merit Scholars going out of the region is exactly the same.

Sixty-five per cent of the Merit Scholars will go to private colleges and universities, which indicates that these schools have strong appeal for the outstanding high school graduate.

Higher tuitions in the private schools are not a detriment to Merit Scholars since their scholarships are tailored to fit the needs of the individual, depending on the financial position of the parents and upon the cost of attending the institution chosen. The institution chosen by a Merit Scholar also receives a grant according to its expenditure per student for educating a student.

Only two per cent, or 21, of the Merit Scholars from outside the South will use their scholarships in Southern schools — the same percentage as that of graduate fellowship winners deciding to come into the region. Of the 21 imports, 1 will attend private colleges or universities in the South and 9 of these chose Rice University in Houston to study the physical sciences, mathematics and engineering.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation was launched in 1955 through grants of \$20 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Because its screening devices are widely respected, many of those qualifying for Merit Scholarships, but not winning one of the 1,500 available, are granted scholarships and aid from other sources.



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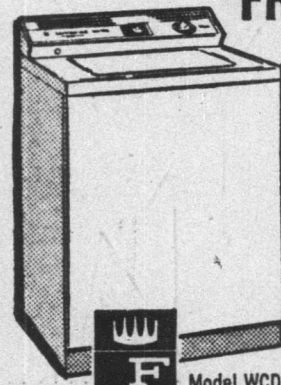


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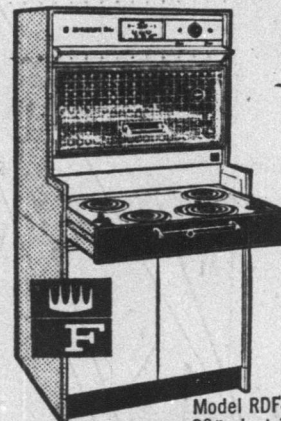


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