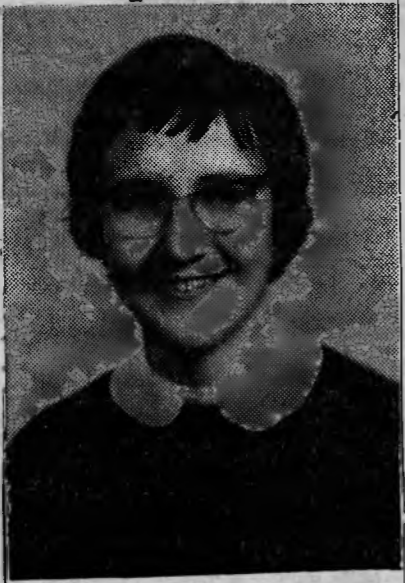


Local Student Is Semi-Finalist In National Merit Scholarship Contest

Principal Glenn L. Cox of Southern Pines High School announced yesterday that one of the school's students has been named a semifinalist in the 1960-61 National Merit Scholarship competition. She is Patricia Gordon-Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Gordon-Mann of Feedee Rd.



PATRICIA GORDON-MANN

These Semifinalists are among the 10,000 high scoring students on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, a test of educational development given in more than 15,000 high schools last spring. The Semifinalist group is composed of the highest scoring students in each state and in United States territories.

Each Semifinalist now moves a step closer to winning a four-year Merit Scholarship to the college of his choice.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the annual program, stated that "Merit Semifinalists represent the most promising brains in the nation. From this group of able, attractive students will come the scholars and intellectual leaders of tomorrow."

The Semifinalists will take another rigorous examination, the three-hour Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board, to be given in testing centers throughout the nation on December 3, 1960.

Students whose scores on the second test substantiate their performance on the qualifying test and who are endorsed by their high schools will become Finalists in the competition. In past years, more than 95 per cent of the Semifinalists have become Finalists.

As Finalists, the students will be eligible for scholarship awards sponsored by 115 business and industrial organizations, professional societies, foundations, individuals, and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation itself.

In the final phase of the competition, the high school grades, extra-curricular activities, school citizenship, and leadership qualities of the students will be evaluated along with their scores on the tests.

About May 1, 1961, the names of the Merit Scholars will be announced, the exact number depending on the extent of sponsor support of the Merit Program.

Each Merit Scholarship is a four-year award to cover the undergraduate college years. The recipient's stipend is tailored to his need. Stipends have been averaging about \$750 a year.

For students who require finan-

cial assistance, awards may reach a maximum of \$1500 per year. For students who already possess financial resources which will enable them to attend the college of their choice, awards of \$100 a year are granted.

The minimum stipend is a form of "educational insurance" for the student who receives it, because the amount will be increased at any time while he is in college if there is a significant change in his family's financial situation.

Finalists designate the college they wish to attend and the course of study they plan to pursue. The colleges chosen by the Merit Scholars in most instances also receive cost of education grants ranging up to \$500 per year to help defray the actual costs of educating the students.

The Merit Scholarship Program is now in its sixth year. It was founded in 1955 with grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation and sponsors have thus far contributed direct financial assistance to nearly 4,000 students and their colleges.

The competition is open to students in any public, private or parochial high school in the United States and its possessions.

FAIRS

Some 25 agricultural fairs are held in North Carolina during October. A new feature of the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh October 11-15 will be the finals of the International Tobacco Queen Competition at the State Fair Arena October 12. In the Great Smoky Mountains, the 43rd annual Cherokee Indian Fair is October 4-8.

MOORE COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT

Carthage Man Acquitted of Traffic Charges After Not Fully Identified

A Carthage man, Joe Leon Collier, was found not guilty of a variety of traffic charges, including speeding 80 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone, when positive identification of him as the driver of the speeding vehicle could not be proved, in Moore County Recorder's Court on Monday.

Carthage Police Officer John McDonald named Collier as the driver but Collier produced two witnesses who said they saw the speeding car—which never was stopped by the officer—and that they were positive Collier was not the driver.

Lacking more certain identification, Judge J. Vance Rowe found Collier not guilty of the speeding charge and also driving without operator's license while license revocation was in effect, failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to stop at the signal of an officer.

Other cases heard Monday:

Lawrence Everett Sellars, Asheboro, speeding 60 in 45 zone, plea of guilty of speeding 55 in 45 zone accepted by the State, \$20 and costs; Pete Wooten, Route 2, Carthage, assault and battery on female, 60 days on roads, also same defendant in another case, public nuisance, disorderly conduct, cursing, 60 days on roads, to begin at expiration of other 60-day sentence, both sentences suspended for two years on payment of \$25 fine and the costs in each case on condition of good behavior, to be under supervision of probation officer for two years; Kenneth Charles Wallace, Pinehurst, careless and reckless driving, accident, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, not to operate a motor vehicle in careless and reckless manner for 12 months.

James Herbert Briggs, Route 1, Cameron, speeding 60 in 45 zone, \$10 and costs; Devro Cole, Carthage, assault and battery on wife, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, to refrain from molesting his wife from whom he had been separated for three years, good behavior conditions for 12 months; Desell Elias Davis, Robbins, failure to report accident, not guilty; Jack Peoples, peeping, trespass, 60 days on roads, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$40 and costs, and on condition of good behavior and that he obey the law; Robert Thomas, Vass, assault and battery on female, 60 days on roads, suspended for 12 months on payment of \$25 and costs, not to molest Wilma Dobbin or otherwise violate the law.

Charlie Knight, Hamlet, non-support of child, abandonment of wife and child, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of costs and \$10 to the clerk of court and \$10 per week, for benefit of child, until further order of the court; Paul Chisholm, Highfalls, non-support of minor children, abandonment of wife and child, judgment continued on payment of costs and on condition that he support his family in the best of his ability; Willie Andrews Goins, West End, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, found guilty of trespass and larceny, four months on the roads, suspended on payment of costs and on condition of good behavior and that he obtain some kind of regular work, to be under supervision of probation officer for 12 months, recommended that defendant's family try to get him into a training school.

A non-support case in which Norman Kennedy of Greensboro was defendant is reported in a separate story elsewhere in today's Pilot.

GARDEN SITE

The site of the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island covers 10 acres adjoining Fort Raleigh, scene of Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated attempts to establish permanent colonies on land claimed for England by his expedition of 1584, and "The Lost Colony," inspired by the mysterious disappearance of the colony of 1587 from Roanoke Island.

The date chosen for the formal opening of the garden was the 373rd anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, first child born in America to English parents.

WILDLIFE CAMP

Wildlife camp can be a wonderful experience for 4-H Club members who are interested in the great outdoors. At a recent statewide wildlife camp, classes were

held on big game management, small game management, gun safety, boating and water safety. All these subjects were areas of interest for the young wildlife enthusiasts.

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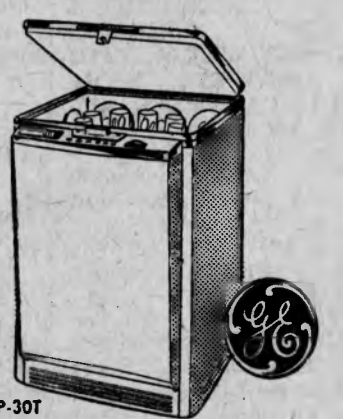
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