JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD AT OCRACOKE

OCRACOKE — Members of the Class of 1961 were honored by the Junior Class at a banquet Saturday night at Ocracoke Restaurant. Tables were attractively decorated with class colors, pink and green, and the class flowers, roses, were used as decorations. At each senior's place was a large souvenir graduate and other favors were presented to those present.

Miss Louise Tolleson, Junior, was toastmistress and welcomed the Seniors and guests. After the delicious dinner was served, Miss Tolleson introduced Miss Betsy C. Styron, Senior, who read the History of the Class of 1961; James Barrie Gaskill, Senior, who read the Class Will; and Lewis Tolleson, Junior, who read the Prophecy. Honorees were Miss Betsy C. Styron, James B. Gaskill, William P. Garrish, Jr., Rudy Austin, and Ronnie Van O'Neal. Other guests were Theodore Rondthaler, Mrs. Benjamin Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. John Dearing, all of the faculty. Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Shinkle; Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler, Benjamin E. Spencer, Linda Teeter, Brenda Ballance, Mabel Mutro, Lorraine Howard June Yvette Austin, Donna Lewis, Sue Styron, Wayne Teeter, Ikey D. O'Neal and John Ivey Wells, Juniors were Louise and Lewis Tolleson, Dorothy Mutro, Stan Gaskins, and Floyd Styron.

Members of the Senior Class will also be honorees at the Ocracoke High School Alumni Banquet which will be held along with the annual business meeting of graduates this cocing Saturday night, May 13th.

Commencement Services at Ocracoke will be held on Sunday night, May 28th at Ocracoke Methodist Church. Rev. R. D. Shinkle, pastor, will preach the Sermon. Tommie Gaylord, Hyde County Superintendent of Schools, will award the diplomas.

W. S. C. S. AT OCRACOKE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met on Tuesday, May 3rd, with Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler presiding. Mrs. Rondthaler gave a brief report of the District Meeting which she attended in Washington, N. C. on April 25th. Reports of the Parsonage Committee were heard and several needs approved Mrs. Florence Willis, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the Committee's nominees and the following officers were elected Friday from Kecoughtan Veteran's dore Rondthaler; vice president, Mrs. Neafie Scarborough, Secretary, Mrs. Dell Scarborough; treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Garrish; promotion secretary, Miss Lela Howard; Secretary of Supply, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Howard; Pledge Treasurer, Mrs. Carlson O'Neal; Secretary of Publications, Mrs. Junius Austin; Secretary of Social Relations, Mrs. Benjamin E. Spencer; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. W. Howard Secretary of Youth and Student Work, Mrs. Benjamin L. O'Neal; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Jack C. Willis.... Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Earl H. Gaskill, and Mrs. Marvin Howard.

MIDDLETOWN PERSONALS

Mrs. Kate Burrus spent last week at Fairfield with Mrs. Annie Rue.

Mr. and Mrs. Huron Gibbs visited at Stumpy Point and Manteo Sunday.

Mrs. Burel Spencer visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie O'Neal Tuesday.

Mrs. Dickie Foster and Kevin were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinney. They will join Mr. Foster soon in Germany.

Web Whidbee of Newport News, Va., spent the week end at home with his family.

Mrs. Lee Carter spent last week in Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Spencer and Tommy.

Mrs. Thomas R. Spencer returned from Portsmouth, Va., Tuesday, after a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gibbs and son of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week end with Mrs. Ella Gibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Carawan of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ozrow Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Claf- Ballance and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. William Patrick and children of Washington, were the Sunday guests of Miss Olivia Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mann and Edward visited Mr. and Mrs. Columbus .Cuthrell and Mr. and Mrs Claude Litchfield recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Ballance Kenny, and Vicki of Mount Airy, Md., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinney and Mrs. Beddie Ballance.

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. — Mary Baker Eddy

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

News and Comment from our Raleigh Bureau - 2615 Oberlin Rd.

By EULA N. GREENWOOD

New days on the political frontiers of North Carolina were seen in the city elections held a few days ago.

Several Communities—including Lumberton and Raleigh among the newcomers—now have Negroes on their city councils. This has come about through the colored race concentrating on their one candidate.

A least one Western North Carolina city is putting its Democratic strength on the appointment of a popular Negro to a Federal position. Otherwise, they say, he is a shoo-in for the 1963 session of the Legislature.

Back To Reconstruction?

They don't talk about it much in public, but a lot of Democrats agree among themselves that the most important single development of the 1960 political races in state and nation was the new strength of the Negro. For, by and large, he votes as a unit—they call it single-shotting—and in so many counties and cities the Negro holds the balance of power. If he goes for John Doe, Richard Roe loses—or vice versa.

How long will it be until we have a Negro in the State Legislature? Not since the Days of Reconstruction just following the Civil War has the colored man had much active strength in the N. C. General Assembly.

But if colored people continue their interest, their unit voting, and their selection of able candidates for office, nobody here would be greatly surprised if the 1963 Legislature has one or two Negroes in its membership.

If this does not happen in 1963, then look for it in 1965 and 1967. You cannot lean on the Negro for political strength in one instance and continue to deny him political ambition in another.

Different This Time

The biggest handicap Gov. Terry Sanford has to overcome in getting a tax on food for his program is not the housewife. It is the same old enemy in new dress: the Republican Party.

In Winston-Salem last week, for example, three Republicans—an unheard of thing in recent years—were elected to the board of Aldermen. The usually quiet and reserved Republicans in the Legislature are this time, quite cocky and inclined during carefree moments to become downright rambunctuous.

Afraid of God

The boys and girls, from the close counties are telling Good Friend Sanford that they love him, wish him well, but there is a Republican hidden out there in the bushes ready for ambush if they vote to "put a tax on vittles".

And, as of last week, there appeared to be less chance of a sales tax on food than at any time in the 90 days the leigslature has been in session.

It began to look as if the Governor could lose his entire program if he did not become as quietly ruthless as some of the legislators who are opposing his program.

July—or June 15?

As the Legislature moves into its fourth month, it looks as if it might be here well into a fifth. In fact, one of the old-timers believes it will be July before the angels look homeward. But one of our old friends who acts as one of the clerks in the House swears "it's going to be Labor Day weekend". Thoroughly disgusted.

Be that as it may, there is one thing most of the guessers seemed to be missing last week. There is a Governors Conference coming up in Hawaii the middle of June. Governor Terry Sanford plans to be there. Grapevine says he plans to leave June 15. That's not a Saturday, usual quitting day. Will he leave with the Legislature in session? We doubt it.

Five News Notes

1. We don't profess to know what it means (probably some type of Federal job), but an FBI agent was in Raleigh last week doing a lot of digging on Harry Gatton, executive vice president of the Bankers Assn., and Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News & Observer . . .

2. Raleigh folks couldn't help laughing behind their hands at Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges' pronouncement about price-fixing on the Federal level . . going after it, etc. . . . but obviously a lot of it went on right under his nose while he was Governor of North Carolina. The Terry Sanford administration must be given the entire credit for its discovery . . . and there may be more to come . . .

3. Three new Federal judges were scheduled to be named this week or next—and then perhaps we can come nearer to clearing the calendar . . .

4. North Carolina's Mother-of-the-Year, Mrs. Duncan Memory, is in N. Y. competing for national honors. She is accompanied by Mrs Maude D. Bunn of Raleigh, State chairman. National leaders in the project include Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale and Mrs. J. C. Penny. Assisting with the program in this State—with funds is: the N. C. Merchants Association.

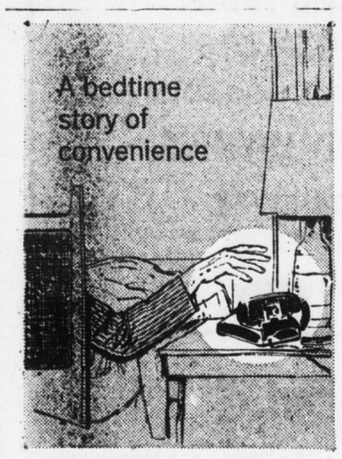
5. Two Republicans—William Osteen and Wayne West—prevented death for the N. C. Minimum Wage Bill last week. This measure would fix it so that firms having three or more employees would be covered by the 75¢-an-hour minimum . . . as against the present five or more. The bill had lost in the committee by 16-9. But the House rules say that the losers in the committee fight can take a bill to the House floor if they can get 25% of those present and voting (25 in this case) to sign the bill as a minority report. They had five signatures, needed two more to get the 25%. The two Republicans signed the bill, giving it seven—enough to take it to the floor May 11. Which again shows the strength of a minority . . . as it at least delayed death. Only time would tell the full story.

RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL PLANS ANNOUNCED IN N. C.

BAKERSVILLE — The 15th Annual North Carolina Rhododendron Festival will be held this year on June 22, 23, 24, and 25th according to the Bakersville Lions Club which has been sponsoring this event since it started.

This year, visitors to the Festival will see two new events added to the already popular mountain top festival. On Thursday night, June 22, something new in the form of A Junior Miss Rhododendron Pageant will be featured with girls eight through eleven being judged on talent, swim suit, and evening gown competition. A Junior Miss Rhododendron Queen will be chosen and she will appear in many events with the regular Rhododendron Queen.

On Friday night, June 23, The Rhododendron Pageant will be featured with girls competing for the title of North Carolina Rhododendron Queen. Many valuable prizes and awards will be given as the contestants appear in evening gowns, swim suits, and as they display their talent. The talent and swim suit winners will be announced on Friday night. On Saturday, June 24, the final evening gown appearance will take place in the Rhododendron Gardens on Roan Mountain at which time a new queen will be chosen from the contestants. The new Queen will replace Miss Gail Bailey, who has served as Rhododendron Queen for 1960.



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