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Bailey Gets Annual Dedication



MRS. SARA BAILEY

The 1962 Stoco High School yearbook has been dedicated to Mrs. Sara Bailey, music director.

The annuals are to be distributed Monday.

THE DEDICATION reads as follows: "In recognition of her constant efforts throughout the year to improve the Music Department, her interest and desire to be of service to Stoco High School, and her devotion to the school and community, we, members of the annual staff, are happy to dedicate 'The Wigwam' of 1962 to Mrs. Sara Frances Bailey.

An Indian theme is carried out throughout 'The Wigwam' for this year. The annuals were printed by the Delmar Company of Charlotte, N. C., at an approximate cost of \$8 each.

JOYCE LILLY is editor; Norma Payne, business manager; Shirley Seigler, page editor; Darrell Lilly, sports

Sharlene Thompson, feature editor, with other members of the feature staff being Flora Mitchem, Charles Miller, Jimmy Jennings and Joyce Shrewsbury.

Brenda Cruise heads the art staff; William Bruce, artist; Bill Farley, Brenda Lilly and Patty Porter also served on the art staff.

Gloria Kincer has worked on the business staff and Patricia Rash is in charge of circulation. **JACK HURLEY**, faculty sponsor,

commented, "The yearbook staff was headed by a capable editor, Joyce Lilly. The entire group has been most helpful and efficient. They have produced a good book. I am highly pleased with them and their work."

The padded covers have a white background with a red modernistic design, suggestive of a wigwam from any angle, viewed.

Puffs Of Smoke

By Carol Canterbury

The students of Stoco High surprised the band members by turning out to give them a send-off first period on May 4. Songs were sung by the group.

"My, look at all the important news stories in their paper. Look! A girl is going to Hollywood to take a screen test!" Stoco's paper staff was looking over Woodrow Wilson's student publication, reading carefully, when turning to the last page they were confronted with a large "April Fool!"

Were they doing it for themselves, their teachers, or their fellow students? On May 3, fourth period, Richard Massie, William Bruce and Eddie Payne began a silence contest. It lasted until sixth period when it was discontinued by mutual consent.

Stoco Begins Guidance Program To Help Students In Adjusting

Our government has been especially interested in the establishment of a guidance and counseling program in all schools in the nation, due to its desire to identify talented students who may keep democracy uppermost in the eyes of the world.

As our society becomes more and more complex, students must face problems that are increasingly complex.

STOCO HIGH SCHOOL has joined the national endeavor by beginning a guidance and counseling program. This program started in September, 1961, with Miss Janet Farley as teacher-counselor.

It is the purpose of this program to supplement classwork and assist each student, so far as possible, in making wholesome personal adjustments and wise personal decisions. Some of the ways this can be done is by conducting conferences with the students, discussing matters of personal importance to them; disseminating occupational and educational information to the individual, in the classroom, and by use of the bulletin board; planning curricula and schedules to

best meet the needs of the student, and administration and discussion of ability and achievement tests.

IN ADDITION to participation in the county testing program, ability tests have been given to the entire student body. A good deal of occupational and educational information has been obtained and made available to the students and teachers. Several students are making plans to continue their education with the aid of scholarships and loans. Some have taken vocational preference tests and are discussing jobs and job training.

At the present plans are being made with the English Department to group students next year. The first step has been taken by the administration of reading tests to freshmen, sophomore and junior students.

WITH THE PROGRAM underway we hope to see it increase in scope and helpfulness to the students, teachers, and parents as they make use of its services — and in turn to the state and nation as the students go forth to take their place in society as well-trained, well-adjusted individuals.

Quill And Scroll Pins Awarded To Walker, Mitchem And Payne For Journalism Achievement



GALE WALKER



FLORA MITCHEM

Quill and Scroll pins were awarded Gale Walker, Flora Mitchem and Eddie Payne for achievements in journalism during the annual Raleigh-Wyoming Scholastic Press banquet May 7.

Mullens High School was in charge of the initiation exercises for all members eligible for these pins.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, two or more years of journalism are required as well as a scholastic rating in all subjects.

Since its organization, April 10, 1926, Quill and Scroll has given pins to 7,500 high schools. It has over 400,000 "alumni" in all walks of life, many of whom have a promising career in the field of journalism.



EDDIE PAYNE

The Bishop of Rome in 354 A. D. first fixed Dec. 25 as the anniversary of Christ's birth.

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Lilly, Thompson Lead Graduates

Joyce Lilly and Sharlene Thompson will lead the 1962 graduating class of Stoco as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, June 4.

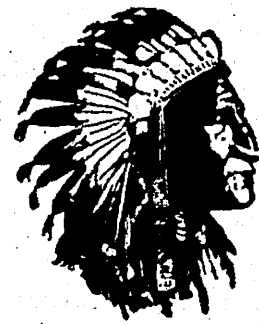
Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Lilly, has an average of 3.90 for the first seven semesters in high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, president of the Pep Club and secretary of the senior class.

AN AVERAGE of 3.83 for the first seven semesters of high school, Sharlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Thompson. She is a member of the National Honor Society and vice-president of the senior class.

At the graduation sermon, the mixed chorus, consisting of 109 members, will sing a few various

selections. The Rev. Elmer Wilson, pastor of the Beckley Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon to the graduates.

Speaking at the commencement exercise will be Ralph E. Kirkman, registrar of Concord College.



Taking part in the commencement exercises of Stoco High School will be the mixed chorus consisting of 109 voices, under the direction of Mrs. Sara Bailey, music director. The mixed chorus presented the Christmas concert and the Spring concert earlier this year.

Happy Or Sad Event?

Well, school is near an end again. No doubt there will be many students who are jumping for joy and many seniors who are sad at the thought of leaving something that, in twelve years, has grown to be an important part of their lives.

Many think of the terrible things that have happened to them in school—being sent to the office for throwing paper in a classroom or going to shop to send a desk on which you have written your name. This can be rather embarrassing for a girl to go into a room full of big machines which she knows nothing about; and worst of all, boys laughing at her.

Some students think of the many mornings they have had to drag themselves out of bed, after being out late the night before, to go to school in order to take a big English test or give an oral report in history.

Yes, these are very upsetting to think about, but just think of all the good things. Of course football games are always fun, especially if you win. It is always a great honor to become a member of some club or organization, and don't forget the prom. Why, the prom is the big social event of the year. A prom is a nightclub, a paradise island, a Roman Holiday. A prom is a new formal, flowers from your beau, and you fellows decked out in fancy suits and your dancing shoes. Yes, the prom is very important.

School, come to think of it, hasn't been such a bad place after all. But don't forget the most important fact about going to school—the education you have had the opportunity of receiving. Your education doesn't have to stop after high school. On the contrary, it is only beginning. Colleges offer knowledge to any student eager to have a better education and who have the will to go after it.

Teenagers To Blame?

Several adults have stated teenagers are the most reckless drivers of today, yet they never consider that only a small portion of the teenagers are involved in highway accidents.

When confronted with this fact, they then say that teenagers kill and cripple more people than drivers of other ages.

Actually only 13 per cent of all highway accidents have teenage drivers involved, according to state traffic authorities. From the same source of information, it is shown that 50 per cent of the accidents have adults involved from the ages of 25-44, and 24 per cent are caused by those over 44. The remaining 13 per cent of the highway accidents is accredited to those whose ages range from 21-25.

Even with these statistics there are those that would still have teenage driving abolished, but perhaps soon those teenagers who wish to have their license will not have to fear the required driving age being raised for the argument against teenage driving is sound; yes, merely sound.

Guest Editorial:

All Tasks Incomplete

Donald Meadows, sports writer for The Raleigh Register, and former editor of the Stoco Smoke Signals, has consented to write this editorial as a guest writer for this special issue.

For everything accomplished, there awaits yet another and greater challenge. Nothing is done to its fullest capacity and everything may be completed further.

Thousands of high school students, perhaps successful in meeting and conquering their first great challenge, will graduate this June with their most important adventure yet to come. They will be facing life, not from between the pages and backs of a book but first hand.

Life, today, is in itself a major accomplishment for those who successfully live it. Many covet riches and glory but all, no matter race, creed or color, seek happiness.

And to be happy, one must set a goal and strive to reach it fully.

You are armed, trained and now the results of the battle are up to you. It is a spine-tingling thought to know you are more or less alone on your own. You do not have the teacher to ask questions, you can not expect your parents' help because they have fulfilled their obligations in "getting you prepared" for the strange world at hand.

The change is a happy and yet sad one. You look forward to "being your own boss" but find out you never are really as such. There is always someone who is just a little higher than yourself.

Securing a job is one step in attaining success. It is not the best paying occupation, but it is yours and by it you must regulate your financial standings.

Slowly you will adjust to the "adult world" and you may be surprised to find how quickly you mature. Soon you begin to lose yourself from fears of a child and you take your important stand in the world as an individual.

Life is something everyone must face at one time or another. Many try to hide from it subconsciously by remaining "kids" but sooner or later they must have a showdown with reality.

No two people are alike and no two people will react to life in the same manner. But all, if they are to be successful in the world today, must greet and accept the various changes. Remember...happier individuals are the essence of a stronger and better America.

Damewood, A Junior, To Serve As NHS Leader



Leading the National Honor Society for 1962-63 are (left to right): David Allen, vice president; Vernie Wood, sergeant-at-arms; Gale Walker, secretary; Alma Meadows, treasurer; Philip Damewood, president.

Philip Damewood, a junior, will serve as president of the National Honor Society for the coming school year.

Other officers are David Allen, vice president; Gale Walker, secretary; Alma Meadows, treasurer, and George Vernie Wood, sergeant-at-arms.

A cook-out is planned June 2, 10:30 a. m. as the annual group activity of the NHS. The event will take place at Stoco High School.

MIKE MEADOWS, who has served as president of the NHS this year, had the following statement to make to the members as he presided over his last meeting held May 3:

"When you are a member of the National Honor Society, not to speak of being an officer, you are faced with a great responsibility—but not an unbearable one.

Students and teachers look upon you as a person who possesses better manners, better leadership qualities and a better scholastic average than the ordinary. You must live up to these standards.

"Minor faults and troubles can be overlooked, but major trouble cannot. Each of you has a definite responsibility. I sincerely hope each of you will live up to his responsibility, especially the officers.

"THE OFFICERS who served with me were cooperative and helpful. I believe the officers you just elected will fulfill their duties in a noble way. This has been a very pleasurable year for me and I have enjoyed it tremendously."

There are an estimated 2,000 species of roses.

Statesmen Will Play For Junior-Senior Prom

Entertainment for the Junior-Senior Prom at Stoco High School will be provided by the Statesmen, a vocal and instrumental group from Beckley.

The prom is to be held Friday, May 25, in the school auditorium.

"ROMAN HOLIDAY," theme of the prom, will be carried out in the refreshments, decorations and invitations.

Decorating for the prom will be the junior class officers: Philip Damewood, Wayne Coalson, Judy Wallace, Alma Meadows; and the ways and means committee members: Jewell Meadows, Gale Walker, Lind Wallace, David Allen, Silas Manning, Butch White, Linda Eanes and Sandra Whitt.

A PROM QUEEN and two attendants, all senior, will be chosen by the junior class to reign that night.

Eight girls from the sophomore class were chosen to serve at the prom. They are Drema Pigg, Myra Helvey, Pat Farley, Carol Shrewsbury, Pat Smith, Charlotte Demyan, Karen Hubbard and Janice Lilly.

JUNIOR CLASS sponsors helping with the prom are Mrs. Patricia Waddell, Miss Linda Lawson, Jack Hurley and Herbert Jacobs.



Music by The Statesmen will be featured at the Stoco prom. The orchestra includes Lyle Weagle, vocalist; J. D. Lilly, organist; Jimmy Hatcher, saxophone; and Randy Taylor, drums.

RCL Track Meet Will Be May 16

Stoco, having won the championship for the past three years in the Raleigh County Track Meet, again will be trying for top honors along with Stratton, Marsh Fork, Trap Hill and other county schools this year.

County schools will be competing for the RCL championship May 16.

THERE WERE QUITE a few records set last year at the meet. In the 800-yard dash John Norris of Stoco was clocked at 2:12.4. Joseph Neal of Stratton set the 100-yard dash record of 10.6 seconds.

Jimmy Bowman, Don Phillips, James Walker and Larry Daniel of Stoco hold the 880-yard relay record with 1:40.5. Running the mile in 4:47, John Norris of Stoco set this record in 1961.

Giving the stop watch a good race, Larry Daniel of Stoco ran the 220-yard dash in 24.1 seconds. A Trap Hill boy, Larry Grahovac, set up a 55.7 second for the 440-yard dash.

BARRY STANLEY of Stoco and Joseph Neal of Stratton hold the high jumping title both 5'6" Seldard, Terry, Williams and Lilly of Trap Hill hold the mile relay title with 3:38.2.

Holding the discuss title is Jimmy Bowman of Stoco with a 115' 3 1/2" throw. Joseph Neal of Stratton holds the broad jumping title with a 22' 1 1/2" jump.

JIMMY BOWMAN hurled the shot put 40' 1 1/2" in the last year.



Stoco's track team will be trying to retain the championship in the Raleigh County Track Meet this year.

Members of the track team are (kneeling, left to right): Larry Dewese, John Christian, Gene Clark, and Randy Taylor.

for the record, but it was broken by Gene Clark of Stoco with a 45' 1 1/2" throw.

ORIGIN
The superstition of "Three times, a bridesmaid never a bride" stems from the idea that good or evil always happens in threes and then the fourth occurrence will be the opposite. However, if one could be a bridesmaid seven times the spell could be broken.

CALUMETS

Ceremonial pipes of the American Indians, known as calumets, were respected symbols used only on special occasions. One end of the calumet usually was decorated with the head of a bird.

JUDAS TREE

The name of "Judas tree" has been given to a species of the red-bud because it is thought that Judas hanged himself on such a tree.

Calendar

May 5 ... Open Meet at Beckley
May 11 ... May Festival Marsh Fork — Home
May 12 ... Regional Track Meet
May 15 ... Princeton—Away
May 16 ... Raleigh Track Meet
May 17 ... Mullens—Away
May 19 ... State Meet
May 25 ... Junior-Senior Prom
June 3 ... Graduation Sermon
June 4 ... Commencement
June 5 ... End of School Term