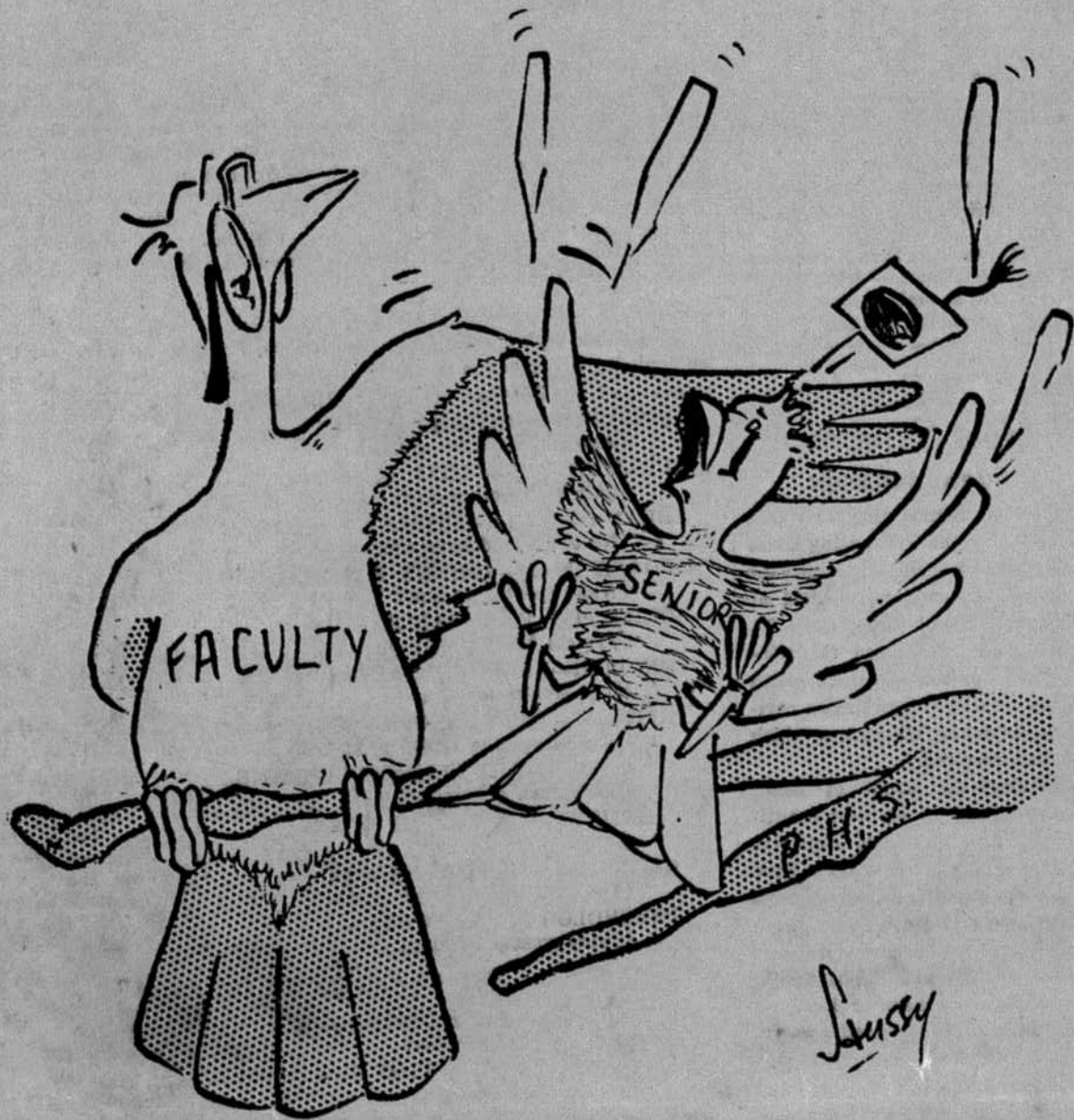


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Thespians, Dramats Look Back On Successful Year

The Thespians and Dramatic Clubs of Plant can look back to a very successful year as they read through the history of their clubs for the past school year.

Plant students can remember the play "Murder At The Class Reunion", which was presented November 4 in auditorium assembly. Stars of this show were Larry Pointer, Harry Trantham, Jimmy Rawls, Dudley Shreve, Tom Moore, and Louis Mixon.

These two active clubs had much to do with the success of the Senior Class Play "The Merry Widow", by helping with their time and efforts. They held a party at Sandra Schwartz's house for the Thespian members, Dramatic Club officers, and the cast of the Senior Class Play.

A very recent play, "White Iris", was presented to the P.T.A., May 18, by the Drama Class and the Thespian and Dramatic Clubs. The setting was about 60 years ago in the living room of the Doone home. The cast of characters were: Jessamy Doone — Tammie Knowlton; Marcia Doone—Martha Douglass; Lucy Claire — Jan Mercer; the house keeper — Elaine Simovitz. Sally Lemay prompted the play and Anthony Hamilton handled the lighting. The characters were chosen by the co-sponsors of the Thespian and Dramatic Clubs, Mrs. Opal Dudley, and Mrs. Margaret Haynes. The play, was directed by Mrs. Haynes.

Still another highlight of its year was the painting of the hall and the two rooms in back of the auditorium, light blue. Plans included giving the dressing rooms new lights and dressing tables. They will continue this project next year.

Two outstanding Thespians, Dudley Shreve and Louis Mixon were selected for the Best Thespians of the year 1953-54. They both are past presidents of the Thespians. Their names will appear on the Honor Roll of the October issue of the Dramatics Magazine.

GOLD AND BLACK HOLDS PICNIC

Members of the Gold and Black Club entertained their dates at a watermelon cutting on Davis Causeway on Saturday, May 22.

Members of the club met in front of the school at five o'clock and traveled in a group to the picnic site on Davis Causeway. Each couple brought a packed dinner. Watermelons were cut later in the evening. Chaperones for the group were Mr. and Mrs. Frank McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin. Mrs. McWilliams is current club sponsor, and Mr. Griffin was recently elected by the club to be their sponsor next year.

Panther Yearbooks Dedicated To Dudley, Haynes

Mrs. Opal Dudley, English instructor, and Mrs. Margaret Haynes, speech instructor, received the dedication of the 1954 "Panther" at an assembly during six period last Friday in the school auditorium.

Carol Collins, yearbook editor, presented the dedication and gave the first two copies of the gold and black annual to the two faculty members. The student body received their annuals immediately after the assembly in their home-rooms. Mrs. Jean Veal, cafeteria director, was also honored on a special page.

The annual, which has a black cover embossed with a gold panther, has television as its theme. Drawings of television sets throughout the book carry out the theme.

Additions to the yearbook this year are individual pictures of the Pantherilla Court, a picture of the Junior-Senior Prom and also larger junior pictures.

Two teachers shared the dedication for the fourth successive year. Mrs. Julie Lane and Miss Terry Gil were honored last year; O. M. Schlichter and William Lucka received the dedication in 1952.

Kiwanettes Tap New Members

The Kiwanettes of Plant tapped their new members for the school year 1954-55 on Tuesday, May 18.

The same night of the tapping the girls were initiated at a candle-light ceremony at the home of Judy Polk. Among those present were Mrs. Margaret Smith, club sponsor from Plant, and Mrs. Hill, sponsor from the Palma Ceia Kiwanees. The new members are: Juniors—Laura Bryan, Sue Pendarvis, Mimi Stokes, Sandy Schwartz, Gail Woodward, and Joan Hedrick. Sophomores are: Barbara Barritt, Jean and Joan Cable, Tammie Knowlton, Camille Crockett, Gail Roberts, Judy Ramsey, and Jean Thompson.

Announced at the meeting were the new officers for the coming year who are: President, Judy Brown; Vice President, Mary Ellen Cochran; Treasurer, Goldie Wolfe; Recording Secretary, Freddie Gashoff; Corresponding Secretary, Joanne Hecker and Sergeants-at-Arms, Wava Barnes and Nancy Blair.

The Kiwanettes have been very active this year. Under the Capable leadership of the former President, Mary Anne Snead, the club accomplished much. After the annual Turkey Day game between Plant and Hillsborough, the Kiwanettes teamed up with the Key Club to sponsor a semi-formal dance at the Municipal Auditorium. When Christmas time came around the club picked up the feeling of good cheer and prepared a basket of food for a needy Tampa family. They also sponsored a dance after one of the other football games.

Summer school will be held at Jefferson High School for eight weeks, starting June 21, 'till August 13. Students may take not more than two subjects. Only seniors needing the credit to graduate may take three subjects.
 Cost of one subject is: \$12.00
 Two subjects 20.00
 Three subjects 30.00
 Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue 'till 12:30 p.m., each class lasting one hour and a half.

Seniors Anxiously Await Graduation Ceremonies

A little before eight o'clock next Friday night over two-hundred and seventy Plant High Seniors will nervously be awaiting in front of the Municipal Auditorium for commencement services. Upon their entrance, to the strains of Mendelsson's "War March of the Priests," done by the Plant Band, under the direction of Mr. William Lucka. They will be seated in a specially reserved section. David Shear, President of the Senior Class, will present the Invocation with responses read by the congregation.

Outstanding Senior Students Selected

Fifteen senior students were recently selected as outstanding in the various educational divisions by the Plant High faculty department heads.

Reg Heine was the only student named as outstanding in two departments. Reg attained this honor in both mathematics and science. The science department picked three students as outstanding. In addition to Reg, Charles Hansult and Harry Trantham were selected. Senior second year Spanish student Phil Hamer was named tops by the language department, and the social studies teachers so cited Bruce Pelz. Third year home economics student Jean Fussell was chosen as the outstanding student in that department because of her interest and ability.

The English department decided to name Frances Protiva as the best senior English student, and the commercial department picked Pilar Mendez as its best all-around student. The industrial arts were mastered by Willie Gardner, who was named tops in the department. Fine arts selected ceramics student Virginia Walker as outstanding, while the music department so cited band conductor Larry Pointer. ROTC calls Daniel Goodson its outstanding senior student, and the physical education departments name Betty Hodges and Roland Bourgeois.

These choices were made by the teachers of the various subjects in the particular departments to honor the students with the most interest and who have accomplished the most in their senior year. Congratulations to these fifteen for an honor well deserved!

19 INDUCTED INTO CIVINETTES

Nineteen girls were inducted into the Plant High School Civinette Club on May 24, at the home of Beverly Brown in a formal installation service.

The new members who pledged their loyalty to the club were: juniors Ginger Akin, Mary Lou Barreras, Gloria Otero, Shirley Stein, Martha Mosely, Patsy Coates, Sammie Richards, and sophomores Judy Poppell, Pam Perry, Tifi Webb, Sandy Thacker, Jill Simpson, Laura Bea Culbreath, Finley Farrior, Maurine Simms, Paddy Murdock, Barbara Bower, Connie Spoto and Martha Douglass.

In the installation service, Mickey Brevda gave the invocation. She was followed by Clarinel Wolfgang and Ida Felecione, who gave the objectives and the purposes of the club, respectively. Arlene Evens then read the creed of the organization and welcomed the new members.

During the club's first year of existence the Civinettes took part in many drives and undertook these projects: They sponsored the first Twerp Week climaxed by the Twerp Twirl; they entertained the children at the Children's Home with a variety show; they sold poppies for the American Legion Auxiliary on Poppy Day; they helped the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their fund raising drive; they sold cushions at the football games; they filled a basket for a needy family at Thanksgiving; they helped the Civitans in financing the ticket booth to Dad's Stadium; and as their main project, they added venetian blinds and painted the wicker furniture in the teacher's room.

The club's sponsor is Mrs. Norma Hoffman.

Following the Invocation, distinguished American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary personnel will make the annual presentation of their awards, the receivers of which are determined by scholastic ability, personality, and leadership.

"If We Had Three Wishes For You," a tri-sected speech, will be delivered by Valedictorians Adelaide Gonzalez and Charles, and Salutatorian Harry Trantham. Adelaide and Charles maintained a Scholastic average of 97.3 while Harry accomplished an average of 96.86.

The four types of diplomas possible to obtain at Plant; General, College Preparatory, Scientific, and Practical Arts will be distributed by Micah H. Ruggles, Principal.

Pierre Kennedy, noted Plant High vocalist, will lead the class in singing the "Alma Mater," followed by the famous "Pomp and Circumstance", written by Sir Edward Elgar and played by the band. "Pomp and Circumstance" originally penned for the coronation ceremonies of English kings will serve as recessional music.

Present to witness their home-rooms graduation will be: Mrs. Opal Dudley, Mrs. Leona Harwood, Mrs. Margaret Haynes, Mr. Frank Lorenzo, Mr. Harry Tropp, Mrs. Pulie Lane, Mrs. Eleanor Hayt, Miss Shirley Schroeder, and Mrs. Lorraine Sewell.

Ushers will be Bobby Austin, Wava Barnes, Carl Fuller, Peanna Harterman, Mary Lou Hamm, Joanne Hecker, Herbert Johnson, Vivian Lewis and Ernest Moya.

Hattie Norton, Verns Lee Robertson, Mike Scionti, Reggie Seane, Mimi Stokes, David Tillack, Fred Turpin and Gail Woodward will also usher.

PHS-TV Theme Of Senior Dance, Banquet at TYCC

Using "Television" as its theme the Senior Class Banquet and Dance was held the evening of May 26th at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club.

Tupper Saussy emceed the banquet and the blessing was given by Jack Lively. David Shear, a President of the Senior Class, gave the address of welcome. Judy Polk gave a toast to the faculty, and Mr. Leo MacDonald responded. A toast to the girls by Burwe Jordan received a response from Clarinel Wolfgang. Barbara Jean Little made a toast to the boys which was reciprocated by Bill Alderman.

Maril Jacobs announced the Ide Seniors and presented them with a certificate. They were: Prettiest teeth: Bobby Davis and Jar Perdigon, Prettiest Hair: Pe Bramlett and Barbara Fripp Armitage, Best Dressed: Tor Thompson and Mike Edelstei Most Fun: Burwell Jordan and Dee Moody, Best Sport: Phil Rotol and Madeline Knoklton, Best Figure: Susan Ross, Best Physique: Rod Fields, Prettiest Eyes: Adelaide Gonzalez and Denny Craig.

Guests of honor were the Senior Homeroom Teachers, who were Mrs. Opal Dudley, Mrs. Leo Harwood, Mrs. Margaret Haynes, Mrs. Eleanor Hayt, Mrs. Julie Lane, Mr. Frank Lorenzo, Miss Shirley Schroeder, Mrs. Lorraine Sewell, and Mr. Harry Tropp.

Comprising the floorshow at the dance were Mary Lou Gonzalez who entertained by tap-dancing and Phil Rotolo, Phil Tomas, Tupper Saussy, and Rod Fields who sang several songs for the group. Tupper introduced the numbers