





# Buc Swimmers Topple Wake Forest, VPI In Matches

## Tankers Set Nine New Pool Marks In Baptist Encounter

by Mike Katslas

The Purple and Gold swimmers of East Carolina continued to show their growing strength as they stunned Wake Forest College and V. P. I. this past weekend. Unleashing an undeniable attack, the charges of Coach Ray Martinez vanquished the Deacons by a score of 53 to 23 and the Techmen by a score of 58 to 33.

Against the mermen of V. P. I. the meet was closer than the score indicated. The runnerup team in the Southern Conference, second only to powerful V. M. I. (another Pirate victim), V. P. I. exhibited its most powerful team in history against the visiting men of East Carolina. Excellent condition on the part of the Pirate mermen had much to do with the outcome of the meet. Speed merchant Jim Meads stunned the partisan Tech fans as he won the feature 100 yd. free style event from Bill Grossman, the Southern Conference titleholder. The Pirate mermen also set a pool record in the 400 yd. medley event.

The Deacons of Wake Forest had heard of the growing reputation of East Carolina but were not ready for the results that followed. In a display of brilliant team ability, the mermen made a maul of their Baptist opponents as they set nine new pool records against this new Atlantic Coast Conference swimming aggregation. The capacity throng on hand for the meet left with a vivid regard for the name of East Carolina in swimming.

Among the outstanding performers were Sydney Oliver, the freshman standout who won the butterfly event in the time of 2:33.1; Jack Koebberling who executed a 2:38.5 in the conventional breaststroke, a time which means this talented swimmer has progressed amazingly in the past year; Ken Midyette, diver par excellence, who set diving records in both meets as he gained new stature. In the 220 yd. freestyle, Harold McKee scored an impressive win in the time of 2:27.4.

The remaining meets on the Pirate home agenda offers Pirate fans a look see at Duke University and Wake Forest. Duke's Blue Devils will visit Memorial Pool next week in a meet which promises to be a real thriller. The Deacons will make their appearance on February 15 against a Pirate team for which they have new respect.

Martinez stated that he was well pleased with results accomplished by this year's team. "They are swimming amazingly well and should continue to show improvement." Now that the Pirates have gained new poise, they are eagerly eyeing the up-coming Carolina Championships to be held at Chapel Hill on February 11. Represented in this meet will be the cream of the South's swimming powers.

Among the entrants besides the Pirates will be the University of North Carolina, N. C. State, Duke, Wake Forest, and Davidson.

"If the boys stay in condition, we have an excellent chance of sharing a majority of the spotlight," stated the successful swimming mentor.

To date, the 1967 edition of Pirate swimmers is by far the best to represent East Carolina. They are a well-conditioned group of determined ath-

letes who have proven their ability to every critic. Every match brings new laurels to this group of deserving performers who represent the college in the water sport. In such swimmers as Sawyer, Meads, McKee, Koebberling, Oliver, and Denton, the Pirate swimming fortunes have reached their present status.

## Former ECC Star Signs Contract With Senators

KINSTON, N. C.—A former East Carolina baseball star, Nick Smothers, has signed a contract with the professional Washington Senators for an unknown amount, it was announced this week.

Smothers, a 6-4, 200 pound native of Reidsville, came to ECC in 1964 and became a two-year baseball performer for the Bucs.

Smothers signed the contract with G. C. (RED) Fowler, manager of the Kinston baseball club, a branch of the American League Senators. The signing took place last weekend.

The big Reidsville product will join the team at Fernando, Florida, on March 24, to begin spring practice. He has been working at the Reidsville Recreation Department since his graduation.

## Tracksters Are Beginning Drill

Those interested in participating with the East Carolina track team this season, who have not already contacted Coach Miller, should do so as soon as possible.

The Tracksters, last years North State Champions, will open their season with an indoor meet away on February 9.

Returning from last year's championship aggregation will be Jim Henderson, Robert Maynard, Bobby Patterson, Charlie Bishop, Eddie Dennis, Cliff Buck, Foster Morse and Jim Meads.

Bobby Perry, who piled up a huge number of points for the Bucs last season, was lost to the draft earlier this year.

Track will be a full-fledged varsity sport this year at ECC.

## Boone Comments About Gridders, Objectives For Spring Practice

Coach Jack Boone and his football assistants have been directing approximately 42 gridders through their paces this week in the regular spring football drills.

Coach Boone stated this week that "We are trying to keep the boys in shape and are working on conditioning more than anything else."

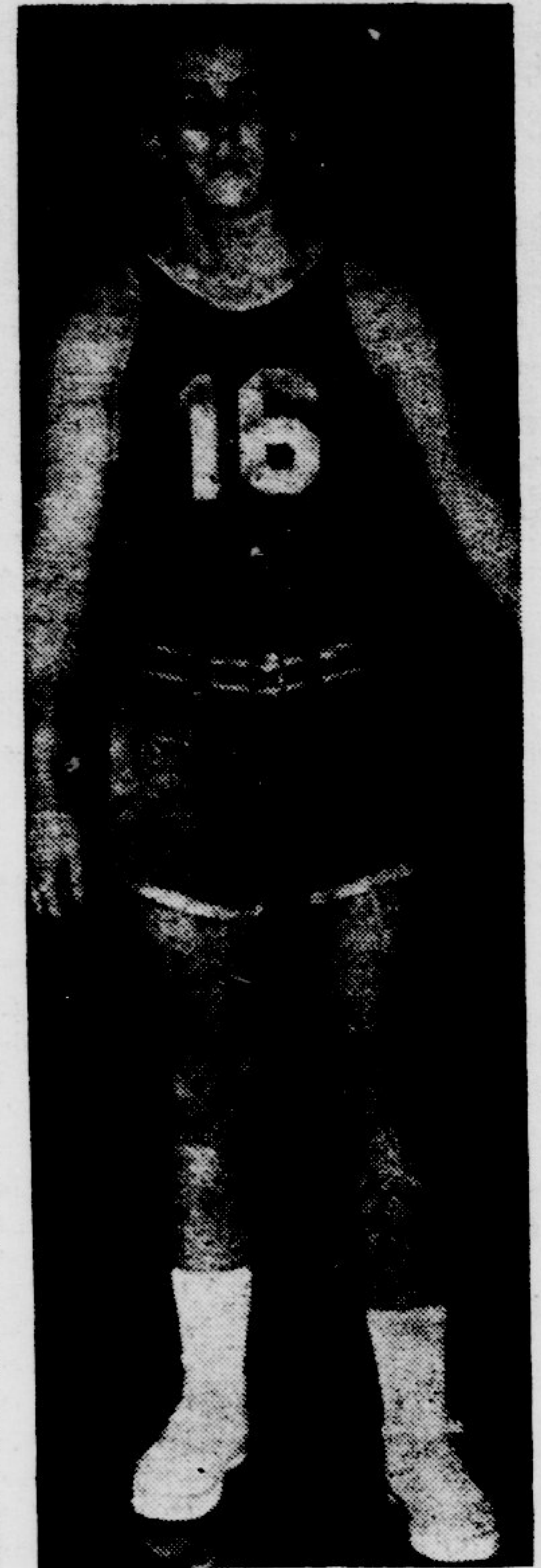
He pointed out that there were many new boys on the Pirate squad who still have a long way to go.

"The weather has been pretty bad for us so far," he said.

## Raleigh Cops Invitational Swimming Meet Last Week

Raleigh high school captured the second annual East Carolina Invitational High School Swimming Meet, here, Saturday, winning out over defending champion Greensboro, Myers Park (Charlotte), Chapel Hill and Charlotte Central in the finals. Raleigh took four first places, as did Greensboro, but added extra points in the diving and 150 yard Individual Relay events to win the meet.

### Charlie Adams



FLYING HIGH—Sophomore guard Charlie Adams, who transferred to East Carolina from the University of North Carolina, has been flying high for the Bucs during the past few games. He notched 25 against Belmont Abbey and 15 against Appalachian Tuesday. He will start tomorrow night against WCC.

## Pirates Defeat Belmont Abbey By 95-74 Mark

BELMONT ABBEY—East Carolina, rated a six-point underdog to the Belmont Abbey Crusaders, here, Saturday, went wild in the first quarter to rack up a substantial lead and hold it. They scored a stunning 95-74 win over the home club in the non-conference affair.

Freddy James, starting his first game for the Bucs since long before Christmas, combined with guard Charlie Adams to pump in the game's first 13 points, giving the Pirates a good lead.

Adams was the game's high scorer with 25. James, who started as a forward in Nick Nichols position, contributed 18. Guy Mendenhall added 16, Joe Plaster 12, Don Harris 8, Nichols 6, Tim Smothers 6 and Roy Dennis 4.

The victory gives the Bucs a 9-7 mark overall.

Other teams which entered but did not reach the finals were Durham and Wilmington. About 100 boys participated in the event.

Raleigh was presented with a trophy by local jeweler, John Lautares and each of the first three places in each event received medals.

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## East Carolina Cagers To Play WCC Friday

Coach Howard Porter's Pirates will be seeking revenge and an important North State victory Friday night at Memorial Gymnasium, when Western Carolina comes to Greenville.

Several weeks ago, in the first meeting of the two teams, Western Carolina edged the Bucs 66-64 in a game that was hotly disputed.

The Bucs will be fighting to strengthen their conference mark, although their chances of holding their position as defending regular-season champs are about lost.

Western Carolina is currently running high and mighty in conference ratings and boasts a tall, powerful club that scores well.

Coach Howard Porter is expected to start Don Harris and either Nick Nichols or Freddy James at forwards, Guy Mendenhall and Charlie Adams at guards, and Joe Plaster at center.

Probably seeing plenty of action at reserve posts will be Harold Ingram,

Marion Hales, Tim Smothers. James, who was a regular starter for the Bucs all last season and part of this, was benched early this year and has just recently been working with the first five. His shooting and defensive work has helped spark the Bucs, in the past four games.

## Ping-Pong Dates Set

The Student Union has announced that the following rounds of the current ping-pong tourney will be played off by the dates listed below:

- First round February 5th
- Second round February 8th
- Third round February 11th
- Semi-finals February 14th
- Finals February 18th

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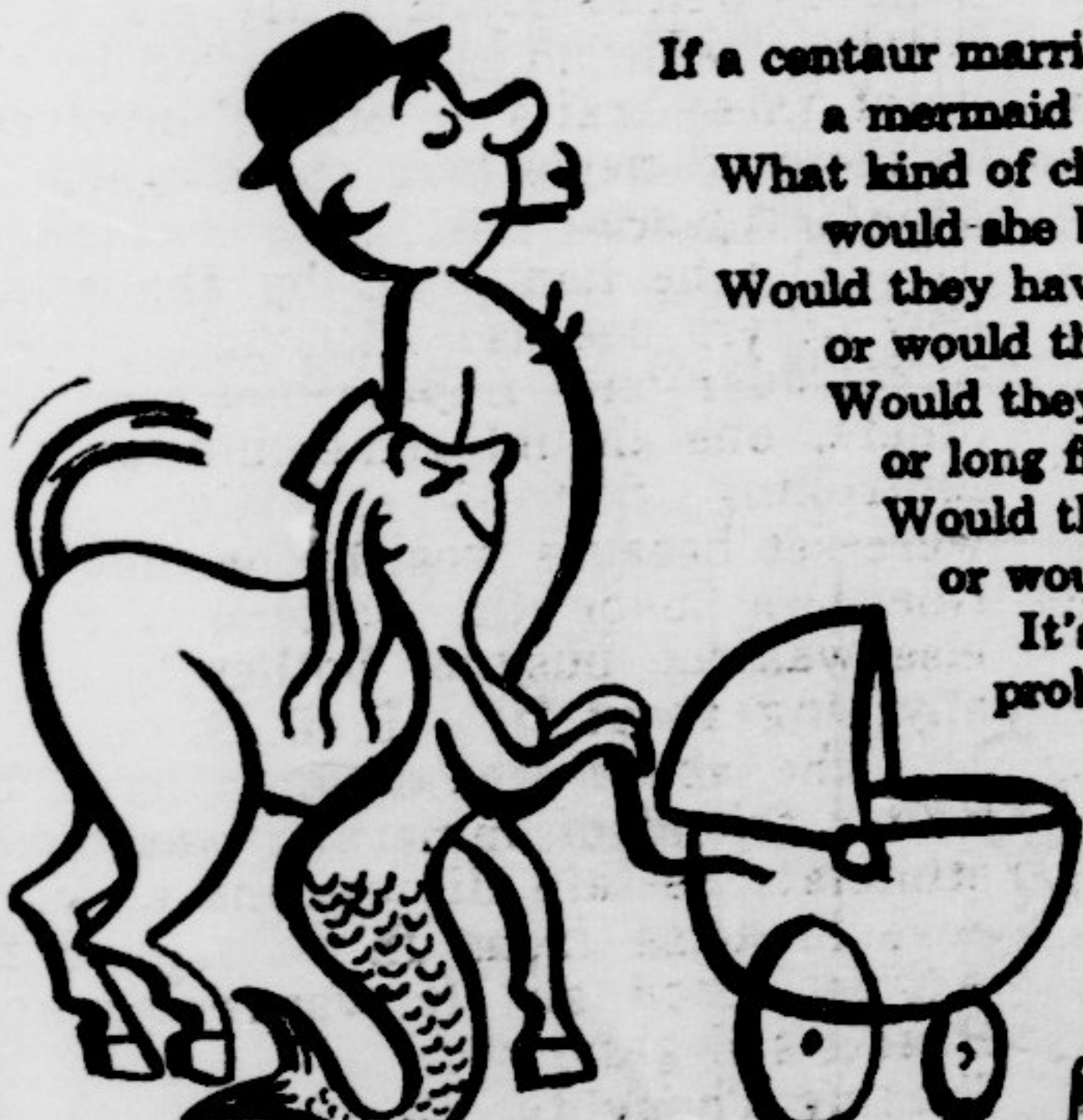
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### 30 High School Bands Attend All-State Band Clinic Here

Student musicians from thirty high schools in the eastern counties of the state will attend the Eastern Division of the All-State Band Clinic here Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9, chairman Herbert L. Carter of the faculty has announced.

With Herbert Fred of the University of North Carolina as director, the high school students will organize a 120-piece band on the campus here. After two days of instruction and rehearsal, the ensemble will appear Saturday night in a concert presented as chief event of the clinic. The program is scheduled for 8 p. m. in the Wright auditorium and will be open to the public.

Sectional meetings for performers on the various instruments of the band will include instruction, demonstrations, rehearsals, and lectures. Approximately twenty band directors and teachers of music in the state will conduct these sessions.

clarinetist, will attend the clinic as teacher and consultant. A graduate of the Paris Conservatory, he has been first clarinetist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Cleveland Symphony, and has toured with Toscanini. He is now professor of clarinet at the Juillard School of Music and is heard regularly on the voice of Firestone program under Howard Barlow.

#### Program

The East Carolina Concert Band, directed by Mr. Carter, will give a program in honor of clinic members Friday night, Feb. 8, in the McGinnis auditorium. James Parnell of the college faculty will be soloist with the group.

Members of the bands at East Carolina and the Greenville High School will act as hosts to visiting high school students and are now making plans for their entertainment.

### Playhouse Plans To Produce Mr. Roberts

Plans have been announced for the major Spring workshop production of the immortal Navy comedy, "Mr. Roberts." This two-act play enjoyed, on Broadway, one of the lengthiest runs in the history of the legitimate theatre. The tentative production date is set for March 13th and 14th.

The story behind the valiant crewmen of the USS Reluctant has left audiences in an uproar the world over during the play and the movie. It numbers among the best presentations of the theatrical world has offered in recent years. The East Carolina Playhouse is combining this endeavor with its search for new talent here on campus. There are twenty-nine roles available of which twenty-eight males are required. Among these are eighteen speaking parts and ten crewmembers who rise to prominence in strategic scenes. It is the wish of the director to get the majority of the cast outside of the playhouse in order to increase the membership.

Castings will be held February 4th and 5th at seven o'clock in McGinnis Auditorium and everyone is invited to audition for these initial readings. Serving on the casting committee for this production are Dr. Frank Hoskins, who will serve as Faculty Advisor for the group, Mr. Claude Garren, of the English department, and the director, Charlie Briggs. Mr. Garren will also serve as Technical Consultant for the play.

### YMCA

Prayer services will be held each Friday morning at 7 a. m. in the Y Hut. Y officials have announced. Services will be conducted by Gus Manos, vice-president of the YMCA. All students and members of the faculty and staff are invited to attend the brief services.

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### Work On 'Pygmalion' Set



Members of the technical crew from "Pygmalion" are shown painting the set which will be used in the production. (Nora Willis photo)

### Former Wac Attends College On GI Bill

By JAN RABY

Not only are there over 600 male veterans attending East Carolina College on the GI Bill, but a new addition of the feminine gender, by the name of Miss Virginia Gray Jones, has been added to the roster this year.

Miss Jones, of Roanoke Rapids, is entitled to the GI Bill by virtue of three years of service in the WACs from 1951 to 1954. She was stationed at Fort Lee, Va., as general clerk and projectionist. At Fort Knox, Kentucky, she was a typist and Addressograph operator (typing up dogtags). As a Corporal she was discharged in June, 1954; then she returned home to complete two years of high school.

It was when she returned to high school that Virginia met Miss Betty Sue Branch, a business teacher at Roanoke Rapids and a graduate of East Carolina College. Miss Branch told her all about ECC and encouraged her to attend. Now Virginia is a freshman and a four year business major who is planning to teach upon graduation. She is a member of the

FBLA. A resident of Jarvis Hall, she says of the students, "They're great—some of the nicest, friendliest people I've ever seen."

#### Familiar Topic

The military service is a familiar topic of conversation at Virginia's home. She had two brothers in WWII and one in the Korean War, plus a sister who was in the WACs.

When asked why she joined the WACs Virginia said that she had been thinking about it for a long

time and that she just wanted to join. She will receive two years of schooling under the Korean veterans GI Bill.

#### Experience

Relating some of her experiences in the service she said that while she was stationed at Fort Knox she could sleep all day and work at night. Explaining this she stated that due to the new trainees coming in Receiving and Shipping at such a rapid rate it was necessary to make their dog tags on the Addressograph at night.

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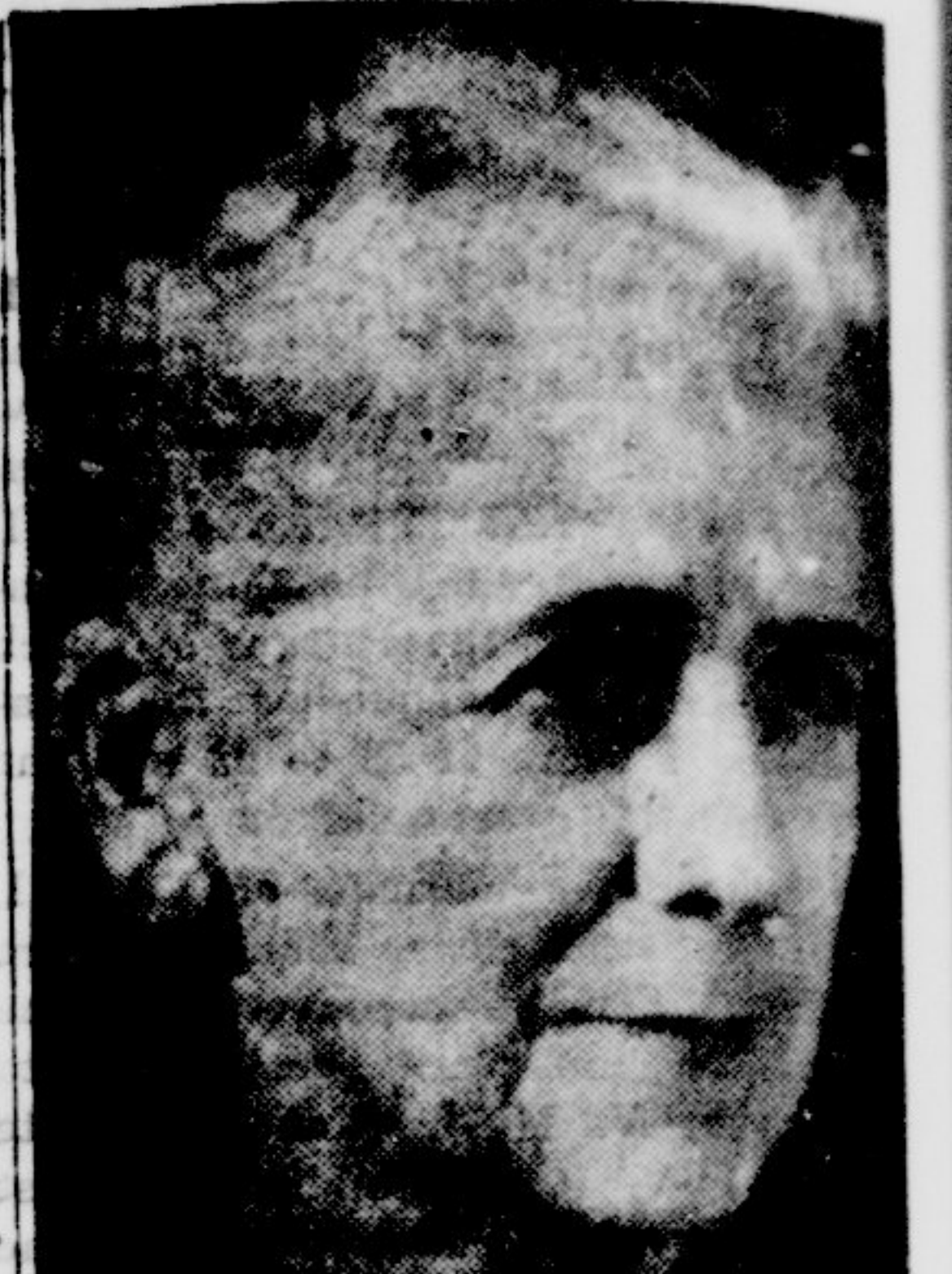
Coming to the college in 1936, she was in charge of operating the North and the South dining rooms for a period of eleven years. In 1947 she was appointed stewardess and has been purchasing agent for supplies for the dining halls since that time.

Mrs. Rives' long and efficient service to the college received recognition at a recent dinner held by faculty and staff members, who presented her with a gift of silver. Expressing the appreciation of her co-workers, F. D. Duncan, vice president and business manager of the college, with whose office she has been closely associated in her work, described her as a "valuable, efficient, loyal, and lovable" member of the East Carolina staff.

Mrs. Rives is a native of Bland County, Va., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Honaker. She spent her early life in Wytheville, Va., and is a graduate of the public schools there. After receiving the liberal arts degree at Sullins College, she became a school teacher and for three years was principal of the high school in Glasgow, Va.

Her marriage to L. L. Rives of Greenville ended her work as a teacher. She came to Greenville as a bride, and for a number of years her chief interests were centered in her home, especially in the rearing of her two children.

Beginning a new career in 1928, she became manager of the cafeteria of the Greenville High School, the first work of the kind which she had undertaken. After eight years in this position, Mrs. Rives was asked to join the East Carolina staff and to assume the duty of operating the dining



Mrs. Rives

Mrs. Rives says that she will continue to be a busy woman after her retirement. She is looking forward to having ample time to enjoy the attractive home on East Eighth Street in Greenville, where she and Mr. Rives have lived for many years and where they have provided a pleasant social life for a large circle of friends.

### Tickets For Valentine Dance Will Be On Sale

Advance tickets will soon go on sale for the annual Valentine Dance sponsored by Pi Omega Pi and the Future Business Leaders of America.

Plans for the dance, many of which have already been formulated, schedules this year's semi-formal affair on February 15 at 8:30 p. m. Music will be furnished by Calvin Chesson and the Dreamers.

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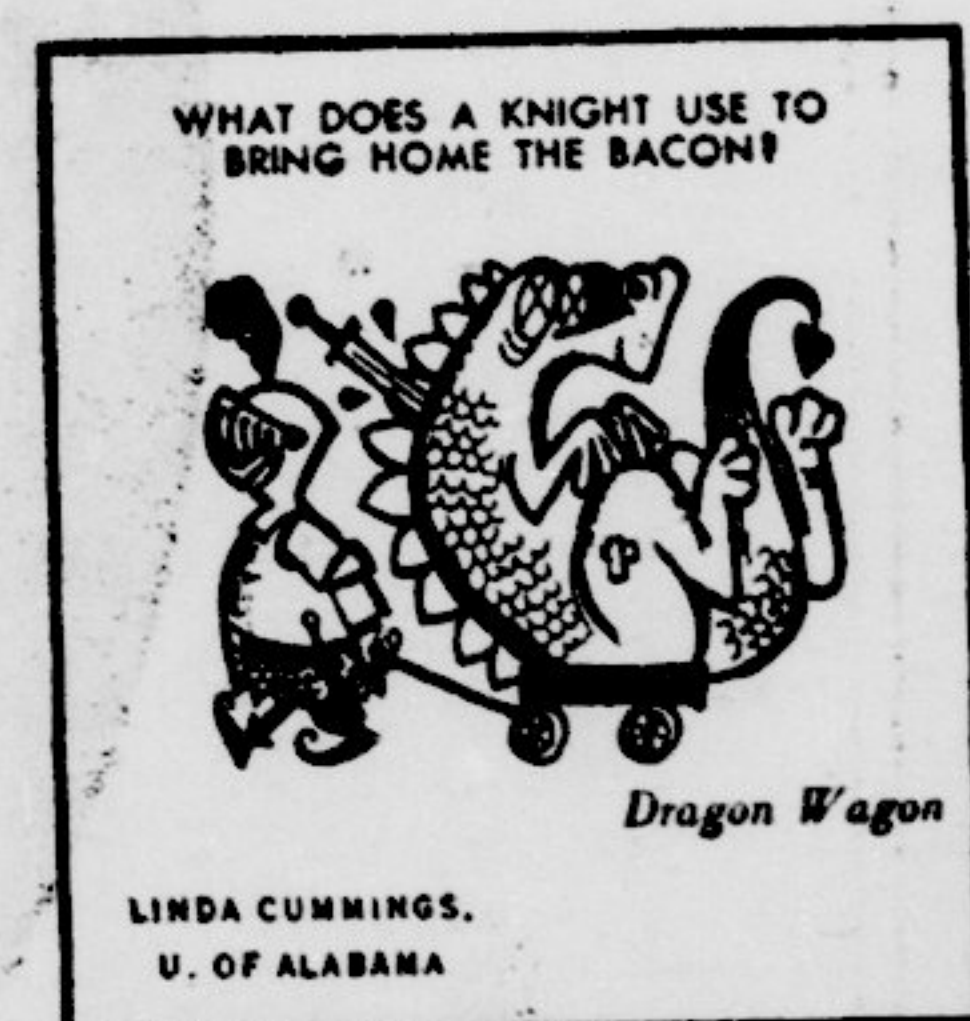
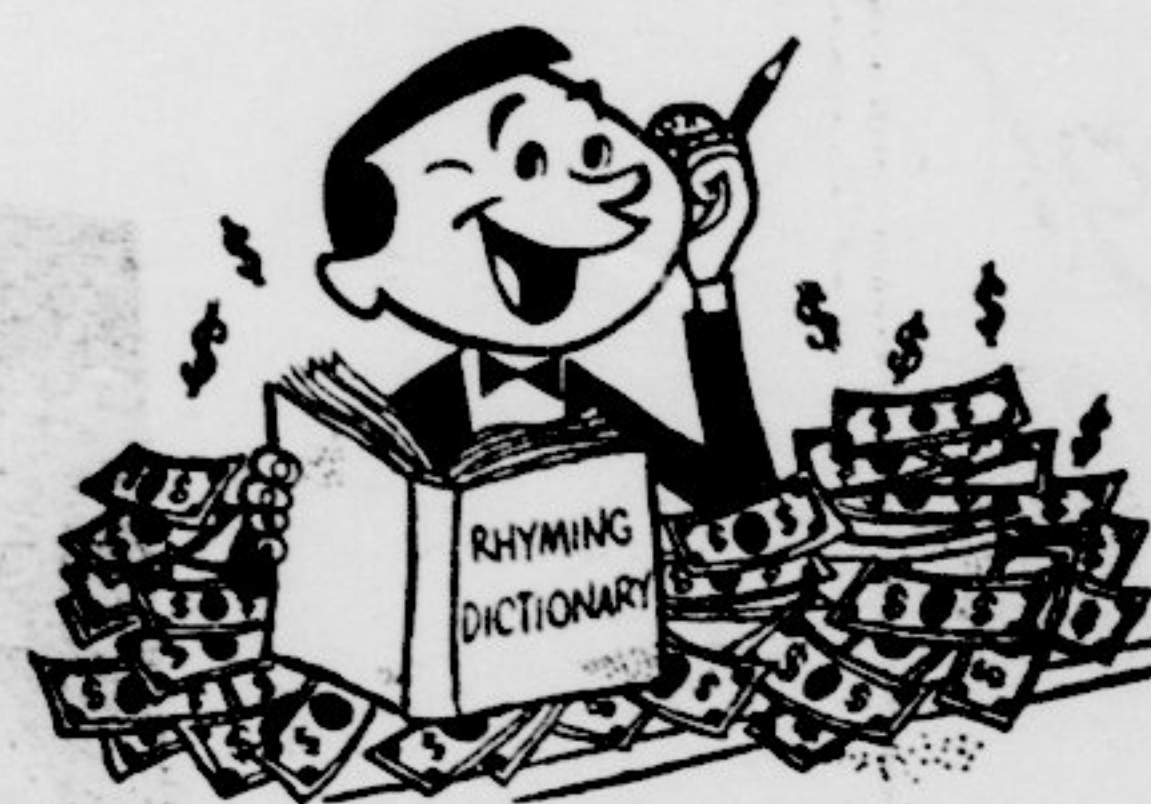
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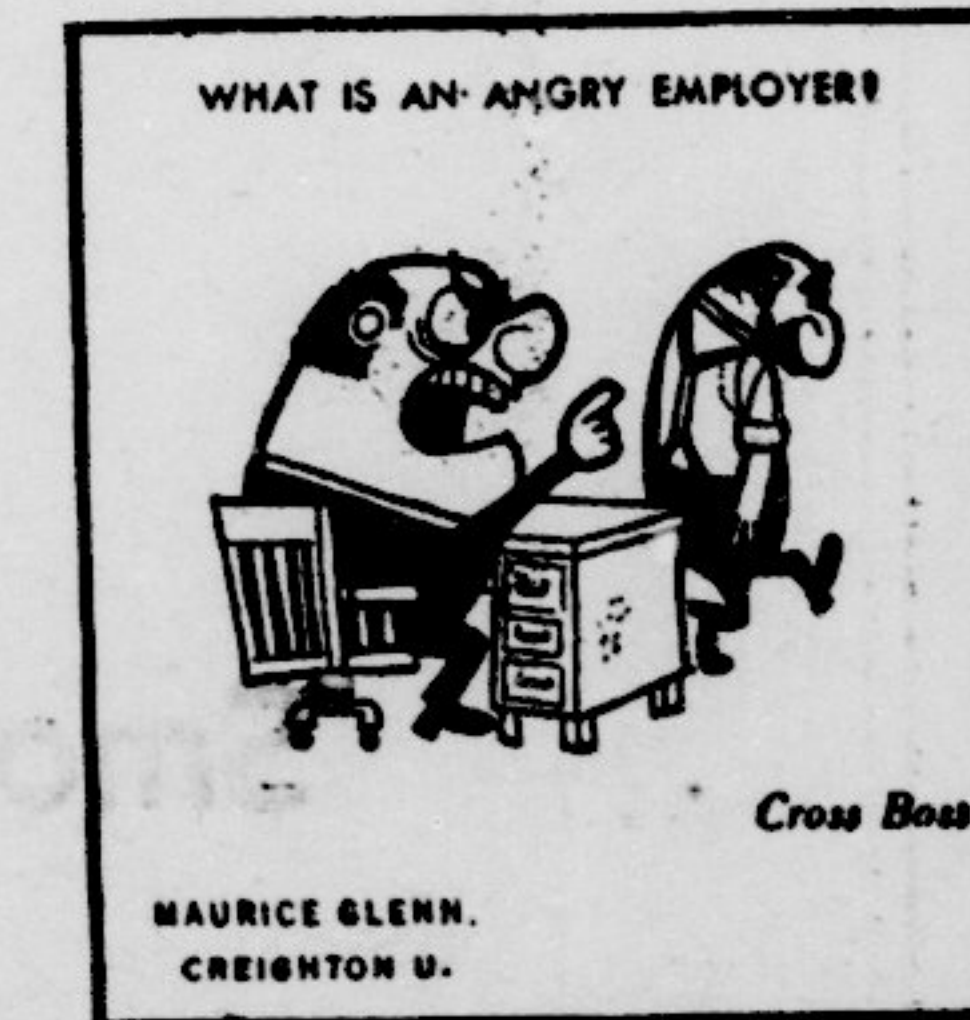
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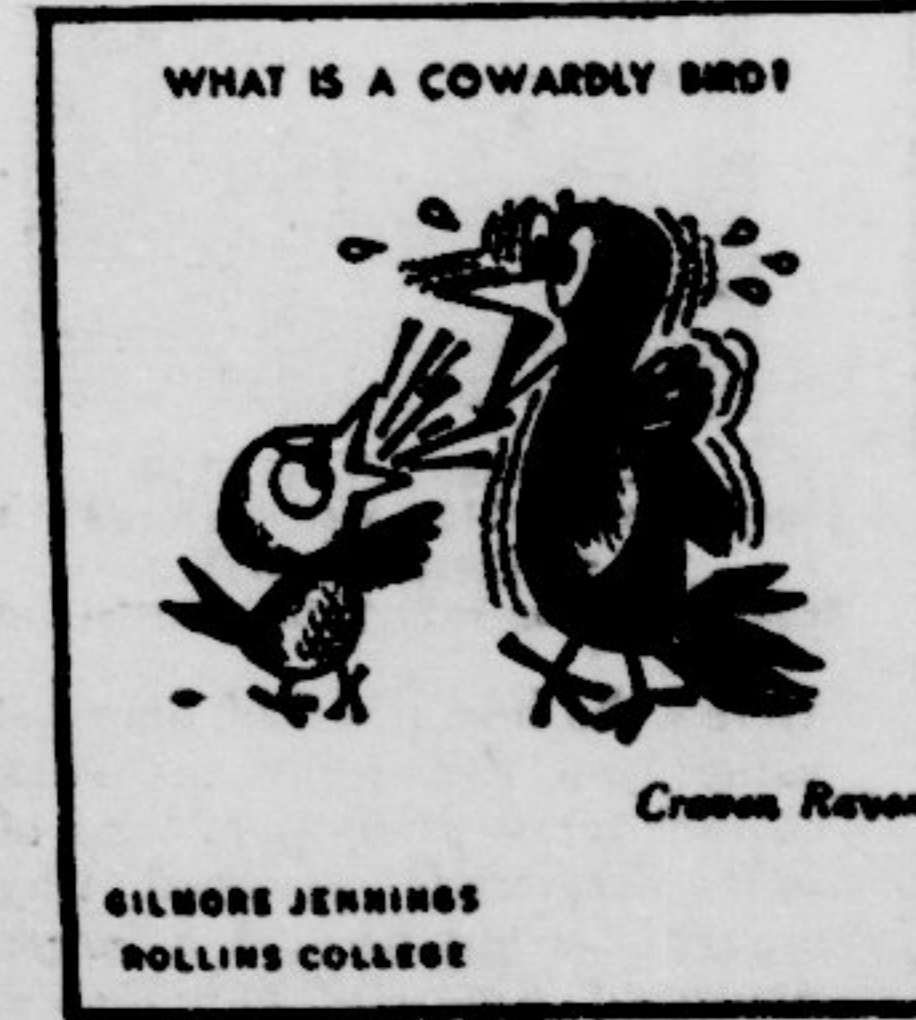
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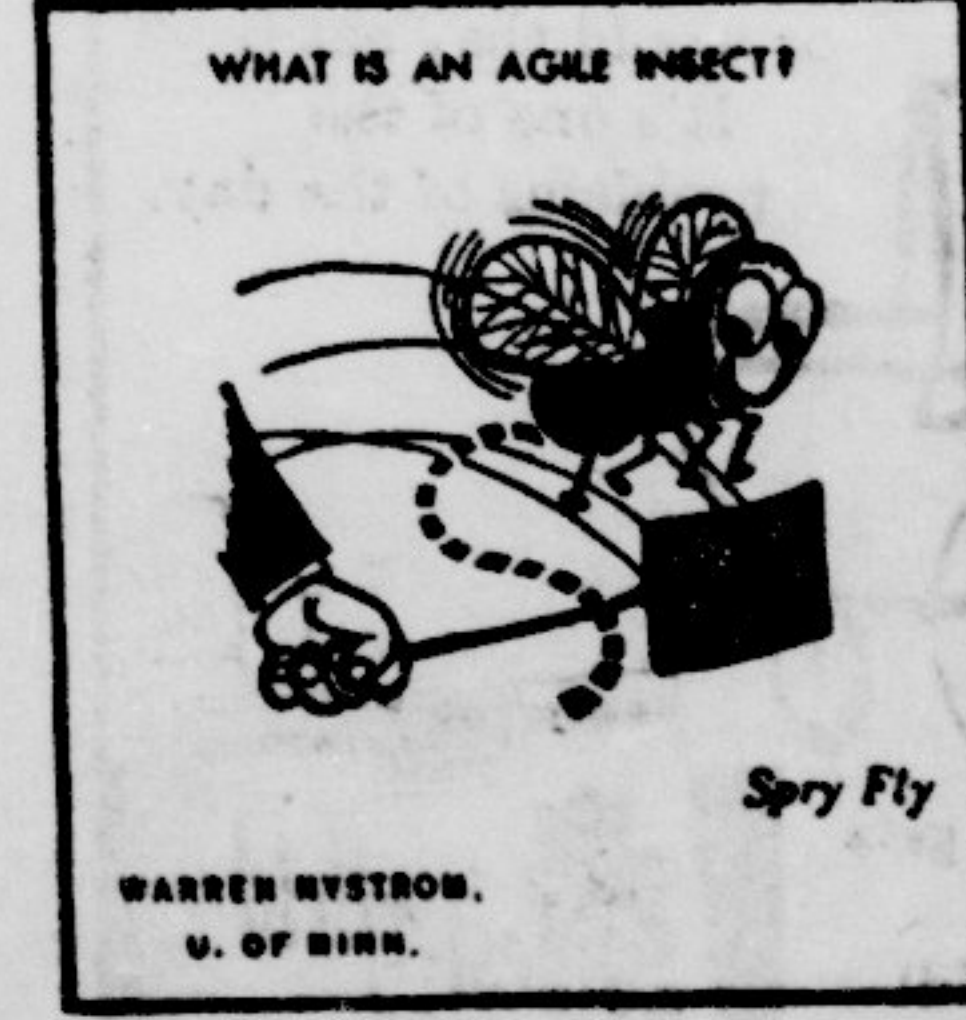
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### DANCE

(Continued from page 1) of blue." According to Don Graziano who is in charge of the decorations, "It will be perhaps the most beautifully decorated dance this year." The decoration committee has arranged the ball room so that the guests will have an effect of "walking into the skies," said Graziano.

The figure for the ball will consist of the class officers and their dates. The man of honor will be Freddy James, president of the junior class. Other members of the junior class in the figure will be Ted Garmon, Barbara Whitehurst, and Lillian Griffin. The senior class will be represented by Dave Carson, Eddie Harris, Bob Hyatt, Dot McCoy, Betty Joe Butts. Sophomores will include Delano Driver, Mary Lou Dickens, Mary Lou Wyrick, Diana Johnson, and Don Graziano. Freshman members will be Tommy Ragland, Tony Brandon, Ann Hall, and Barbara Davenport.

#### One Of Finest

Dave Carson, president of the senior class and in charge of the Blue Star Ball, believes that it will be one of the finest attractions of its kind ever offered to the students of East Carolina. "Cooperation on the part of those who helped have made this as successful a planning as possible."

### Jobs Available

Mr. D. T. Hammons and associates, from the State Board of Health of North Carolina would like to meet all young men, graduating this year, who would be interested in hearing about the many opportunities for careers in public health service. This meeting will be in Room 215 Joyner Library at 5:00 p. m. Thursday, February 7th.

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