



MAY FESTIVAL

On May 6 the first May Day Pageant of Walterboro High School was given. The stage was beautifully set in the cedar grove back of the High School building. The Queen's throne, which was draped in white, had as a background and cover a huge live oak tree. The May Pole was placed to the right of the throne.

Cast of Characters:

May Queen, or Proserpina, Helene Rivers
 Ceres ----- Jean Wichman
 Pluto ----- Elizabeth Boynton
 Water Nymph ----- Carolyn Tindal
 Winter ----- Helen Beach
 Messenger From the Gods, Jewell Bennett
 Herald ----- Jane Shaffer

Butterfly Dancer ----- Ruth Frank
 Cupid ----- Fletcher Riddle
 Queen's Attendants: Harriet Howell.
 Myrtle Beach, Gertrude Marvin, Sara
 Rainey, Maxine Walker, Elizabeth Sullivan, Elizabeth Star, Genevieve Skardon.
 Train-Bearer ----- Louise Pontious
 Flower Girl ----- Vivian Padgett

Grecian Maidens, Snowballs, Flower Dancers and May Pole Dancers.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PAGEANT

FIRST EPISODE: Ceres, the Goddess of the Seasons, enters with her daughter, Proserpina, and her eight Grecian Maidens. They welcome Ceres with a dance. Cupid appears, shoots a dart at Pluto, God of the Underworld, who is lurking about, and another at Proserpina. Pluto seizes Proserpina and carries her away to become his Queen of the Underworld. The Grecian Maidens gibe a dance of pity and consolation for Ceres.

SECOND EPISODE: A water nymph enters bearing Proserpina's green girdle. Ceres believes that her daughter has been swallowed up by the earth and pronounces the curse of Winter upon earth. Winter, North Wind and Snowballs enter and give a dance.

THIRD EPISODE: A messenger from the Gods enters and tells Ceres that her daughter may return for six months of the year. Ceres then alters her curse, making winter six months and summer six. The May procession enters, bringing Proserpina whom Ceres crowns Queen of the May, or Goddess of Spring.

FOURTH EPISODE: The first dance is a flower dance and the second the May Pole dance. The Recessional is the conclusion.

This pageant was given under the direction of Miss Brawley.