

Seniors Study English Classics

English IV has just completed its unit on English classics.

Appreciation of these novels by the class was enhanced by reports and discussions and by the reading of at least two of the books by each member of the class.

Each author was studied in an effort to learn something of his background, why he wrote the book, his style of writing, and his ability to build a life-like plot.

DISCUSSIONS

Discussions centered around the reality of the plot, character portrayal, important passages and scenes, and the possibilities of present day themes and plots.

The class was divided into groups composed of those students having read the same book. Each group under the guidance of a chairman presented its author and book. Then the class as a whole was invited to ask questions and add further comments.

BOOKS

During the two-week study the class became acquainted with fifteen books of recognized merit. Among the selections studied were The Little Minister by Barrie, Vanity Fair by Thackeray, The Tale of Two Cities by Dickens, Pride and Prejudice by Austen, Lorna Doone by Blackmoor, Oliver Twist by Dickens, Mill on the Floss by Eliot, Return of the Native by Hardy, and Kenilworth by Scott.

After a general test on all the books, the unit

ended with the students' writing a theme discussing some thought derived from the study of the plots or the characters.

The play given by the seventh grade was outstanding and one of the characters especially played his part well, Malcom Joyner.

WHAT A COMPARISON!

One of the ninth grade boys was heard remarking right after the first bell in the morning: "First call to get in your cell blocks,". He then jumped into his seat.

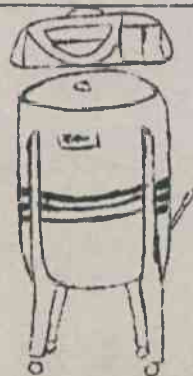
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