

## Reporter Crone Learns All About Optional Studies

### PROJECT TO HELP ONES WITH DECIDED CAREERS

Goldsboro One of Three Progressive Schools in State Offering Students This Opportunity

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After 4 telephone calls, 2 arguments with the operator over the phone number of the office of the Goldsboro Grammar School and after tolerating 3 teachers meetings and missing 2 lunch periods, I finally got an appointment with Mr. Armstrong for an interview. I wanted to learn about the optional studies project.

Q. What is the optional studies course?

A. These studies will be given to the student who is definitely decided on what occupation he will enter. Then he can take only the courses which he will need for his particular occupation.

Q. When will the project start?

A. At the beginning of next year probably, if enough students are definitely decided on what occupations they wish to enter.

Q. Give some examples of the idea of this project.

A. All right, the aim of the school now is not to teach history or geography, but students. If a student wishes to be a baseball player, it is the aim of the modern school to do all in its power to increase his baseball ability.

Bobby Jones' principal in Georgia, urged him to give up everything but golf. Through Bobby's natural ability aided by his principal's foresight, Bobby Jones is the greatest golfer America ever produced.

These examples show how the progressive school, centering its teaching around the student, can reap even a greater harvest.

Q. What schools will be allowed to use this project?

A. Goldsboro High School and  
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## Gardeners Beautify West Campus Section

After many arduous hours of work, the Landscape Gardening activity has accomplished its aim of beautifying the brush covered field on the west end of the campus.

They have laid and constructed 4 walks and a pool, and planted grass, flowers and two holly trees.

Last September, Mr. Johnson asked this activity to undertake the project. They first had to burn the weeds and brush off. Then the ground was broken up and raked many times to destroy the roots of the weeds and the nut grass. Next, the pool and the walks were laid off, grass sowed and flowers and trees planted.

Taking interest in their project, the activity sold barbeque from which they raised 24 dollars to be applied on a 35 dollar expense account.

A number of interested citizens have contributed many bulbs and plants.

The activity is a member of the Junior Garden Club, which is sponsored in Goldsboro by the Woman's Club.

Miss Taylor has directed the planning and work of the project.

### College Editor



NORWOOD MIDDLETON

## Editor of '34-'35 Gets College Job

Secretary of YMCA for 1937-38; Also Editor of Y Handbook to be Issued Soon

An honor of high significance has been bestowed upon Norwood Middleton, '35, as he has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Brackety-Ack*, newspaper of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

This isn't Norwood's first editorship. He edited the *Hi News* in '34-'35; in '33-'34 he was sports editor and make-up editor of the *Hi-News*. When he was a freshman at Roanoke, he served as make-up editor of the *Brackety-Ack*; for the past year he has been make-up editor as well as associate editor. Norwood has also been elected secretary of the YMCA for next year at Roanoke. In addition he is editing the Y handbook for the year 1937-38.

In GHS Norwood took to journalism as a "duck takes to water." His interest has grown as he has worked, and he has decided to take journalism for his life's work.

## NSPA AGAIN RATES PAPER "EXCELLENT"

For the third consecutive year the *Hi News* has received an "excellent" rating by the NSPA (National Scholastic Press Association), securing 740 points out of a possible 1,000.

According to the booklet sent out by the NSPA, 979 high school papers were entered, while 43 received All-American ratings, 350 Excellent, 300, second class and 125 third class. The papers were divided into groups according to the enrollment of the school which put GHS in the group with 500-899 enrolled. Of the twenty-eight papers in the group with the *Hi News*, two received All-American and nine excellent.

This year the *Hi News* received its best rating in News Values and Sources, receiving 185 points out of a possible 250, and News Writing and Editing, receiving 215 out of a possible 280.

It fell down on Headlines, typography, and make-up, with 170 points out of 250, and Department Pages and Special features, with 170 out of a possible 220.

This honor rating is sponsored by the Department of Journalism, University of Minnesota.

## Council Branches Into Committees to Develop Plans

Homeroom Organization Committee Planning Questionnaire to Find Students' Opinions

In order to solve the objectives of the Student Association, President William Dees, upon Miss Beasley's suggestion, divided the council into four committees at a meeting on April 21.

The committees are as follows: Home Room Organizations—Mary E. Rackley, chairman, Scottie Dameon, Addison Hawley, Lorraine Taylor, Laura Helms, Lily Burns; Activities—Annie L. Howell, chairman; Jane Smith, Everett Proud, Sidney Gordon, Annabelle Moore, Ruth Hinson; Freshmen—Marshall McDowell, chairman, Antionette Lupton, Kala Rosenthal, Martha Best, Margaret Peacock, Ike Manly, Sarah Cox; Handbook—Rosanna Barnes, chairman; Olivia Ferguson, Virginia Lee, Mary Best, Bill Nufer, and Victor Hess.

These committees immediately began functioning. The Homeroom Organization committee is making out a questionnaire for the students, and at the present the other committees are aiding in doing this. The purposes of this questionnaire are: (1) to create interest; (2) to find how students feel about activities; (3) to find a way to improve conditions of the school; (4) to check how students feel and to discover their interests; (5) to find what the students don't know about the history and record of the school.

Plans are now in preparation for the election of next year's officers.

## SENIORS LINE UP PLANS FOR COMMENCEMENT

As GHS enters its last lap of the year 1936-37, the seniors are preparing for commencement.

The Baccalaureate sermon, to be delivered by the Reverend Robert Dwight Ware of the First Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, will open the commencement program on Sunday night, June 6, in the high school auditorium.

Class Day exercises will be Tuesday morning, June 8, at 10:30. Pat Witherington is the testator; Anne Hollingsworth, prophet; Rosanna Barnes, historian. The steering committee for the exercises is composed of Ozello Woodward, chairman; Mabel Deans, Marshall McDowell, Mary E. Rackley and David Langston. The music is in charge of Annie Laurie Howell, chairman, Everett Proud and Jane Smith.

For the commencement speakers the seniors elected Irene Mitcham and Marshall McDowell; the faculty selected William Dees and Mr. Armstrong. The graduation exercises will be June 9 at 8 p.m. Each senior will have 3 passes for reserved seats for their family or friends.

Diplomas and invitations have been ordered. Mabel Deans and James Zealy served on the invitation committee.

## JUNIORS OUTSTANDING IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Junior Class has an outstanding record in drama, debating, democratic actions, sports and scholarship.

Junior drama, in 1936-37, has centered around their Christmas Pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," and their Junior Play, "Life Begins at Sixteen." In these productions  
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## Seven Rooms to Alleviate Crowded Situation in GHS

### School Executives Laud School Fair

Approximately 4,500 Visit Exhibits By Goldsboro Students: 500 More Than Last Year

Praised highly by patrons and visiting school executives of North Carolina and Virginia, the second annual school fair closed May 1 with an estimated attendance of 4,500, which is 500 more than attended last year.

The theme running through all the exhibits was "Schools for a Growing Democracy."

Miss Hattie Parrott, from the State Department of Education in Raleigh, described the fair as a distinct contribution to education in eastern North Carolina.

Other out-of-town visitors included Dr. W. J. McKee of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Fred Alexander of the Virginia State Department of Education and principals from Raleigh, Wilson and Wayne County schools.

Throughout the fair order and ease prevailed. Ushers, appointed by Katherine Jones, chairman of the Social Committee of the Student Association, were on duty throughout the three day period. They acted as guides for the visitors, taking them to the various exhibits.

The interest and enthusiasm of the students as they explained their work held the attention of the many visitors.

## BOARD MEMBERS NOW SERVE DEFINITE TERM

In accordance with an act passed in the last legislature, the Board of Trustees of the Goldsboro Graded Schools will hereafter be elected by the County Board of Education and will serve a definite term of six years.

Since this act, Mr. W. G. Britt has been elected to fill the vacancy created by Mr. George S. Dewey, who resigned.

The bill provides that the terms of three members shall expire every two years and that they may be either reelected or other persons elected to fill their vacancy. The bill also validates all action of the board in the past. In case of death or resignation, another member will be elected to finish the term.

The old members were reappointed so that the terms will expire as follows: Col. J. D. Langston, Messrs. W. A. Dees and Lionel Weil, June 30, 1939; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. R. J. Smith and Mr. Frank Daniels, June 30, 1941; and Dr. D. J. Rose, Messrs. A. B. Edgerton and W. G. Britt, June 30, 1944.

In the past the members have served an indefinite period of time.

## Six Girls Enter Contest

Mary Clyde Hill, Lena Reeves, and Ada Belle Mazingo in Shorthand II, and Virginia Ginn, Katherine Jones and Ruby Whitley in Shorthand I are to represent GHS in the approaching North Carolina State Shorthand Contest.

A cup is offered to the school that wins and individual prizes are also to be awarded.

The results in this year's class far surpassed those of last year.

## WORK TO BEGIN IN JUNE; TO BE FINISHED BY FALL

Mr. A. J. Maxwell Given Job; Addition is a Part of Original Plans of Building

Students of GHS will have 7 new classrooms next year.

It has been announced recently that the School Board has voted for the addition to the building. They have appointed the architect, Mr. A. J. Maxwell, and have instructed him to draw up the complete plans.

The construction of the new classrooms is to begin immediately after the closing of school this year and will be completed in time for the opening of school in the fall. The 7 rooms will be used for manual training, science, printing, history, mechanical drawing, English and the commercial subjects.

The additions will be made at the rear of the present manual training room.

The new addition is a part of the complete plans of GHS. According to the plans that were first drawn up, the entire construction was never finished. In the first plans the building should be extended back from the east and west wings and then connected. This would place the heating plant within the enclosure.

The new addition will aid the school authorities, partially in relieving the crowded classroom problems. Also, as the Southern Conference of Accredited High Schools has threatened to remove GHS from the accredited list because of the crowded conditions, the additional classrooms will aid GHS in retaining its high standard.

## SOPHOMORES TO EDIT THIRD ANNUAL PAPER

On May 21 the first-year Journalism class will publish the third consecutive sophomore paper, the *Hi News, Jr.* The class, consisting of 30 members, taught by Miss Gardner, has chosen the following staff:

Editor, Mary Best; news editor, Olivia Ferguson; associate editor, Ernest Glisson; sports editor, Charles Liles; scouting, T. L. Ginn and Mary Louise Parks; feature, Ruth Hinson; advertising, Hartwell Graham and Randolph Middleton; business manager, Hugh Dorch; circulation, Carolyn Langston, Jack Smith, and Grace Hollingsworth; cartoonist, Berta Parks; photographer, Billy McClure. The make-up editors have not been chosen as yet.

Throughout the school year this group has been writing for the *News Argus*, selling ads for the *Hi News*, and striving to learn newspaper work, to gain experience for the publication of the *Hi News, Jr.*

## LIGHTS FOR AUDITORIUM SECURED AFTER 5 YEARS

The GHS students, after receiving a part of their "light of learning" in the auditorium for the last five years under disfigured ceilings, have been given a \$600 system of practical lighting by the Goldsboro School Board.

With three 300 watt bulbs, six 1,000 watt bulbs, six chandeliers and nine shades, GHS will no longer be compelled to tolerate the faults of a disfigured ceiling or a poorly lighted auditorium.

The Manual Training students, under the direction of Mr. Askins and with the aid of the janitors, erected a scaffold, aiding the electricians to reach the fixtures.