

GHS Council Host To Six Schools For District Meet

Registration



Pictured above are a few of the thirty-odd out-of-town delegates registering in the lobby of the GHS auditorium for the second annual district student council convention on April 24.

Goad Chosen President Eastern District; Kinston Selected for Next Convention

As Kinston is the place for the next meeting of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Student Council Congress, its nominee, Walter Goad, was chosen as president; Edward Kissam, of Greenville, vice president; and Rachel Fleming, of Greenville, secretary, at the district meeting held in GHS April 24.

Motions were passed providing that the president of the district be chosen from the host school for next year's convention and that the treasurer and parliamentarian be chosen by the president of the student body of the host school from his own school.

Another motion provided that the constitution for the district be adapted from the state NCSCC constitution and that it be drawn up by a committee from the Kinston high school and presented at the next district meeting for adoption.

The nominating committee was composed of John Ray Hardy, chairman, Greenville; Walter Goad, Kinston; and Marian Phillips, Ayden; and the election committee consisted of the nominating committee and Edwin Lee, SA Board of Elections chairman.

Mr. Armstrong Stresses Individual In Keynoting One-Day Convention

"The purpose of school is to help people become more and more self-directing in a society that is becoming more and more social", stated Superintendent Ray Armstrong in introducing the topic "Evaluation", for the second annual meeting of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Student Council Congress, held in GHS April 24.

Mr. Armstrong emphasized the importance of the student in student government. Each individual should be self-directing, and a good government directs individuals to become self-directing.

To be successful it is necessary for an individual to know what he wants to succeed in, and then he must direct himself along that line. "Why have a student association?" he asked. Such an organization may not increase grades in academic subjects, but it helps students to get the real meaning of democracy. Experience is the basis of all learning; so democratic experience found in a student association is helpful in directing its members. Democracy can work better, not by talking about it, but by having and using an opportunity to practice it.

Freedom to be Achieved

Every democracy has to have rules, but rules mean nothing unless they have a definite effect on those for whom they are meant. Freedom of religion in America means nothing to the non-religious man. Freedom of speech means little to the person who knows nothing to talk about. "Freedom," he emphasized, "is something to be achieved."

"Every member of a democracy



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Superintendent Ray Armstrong

has a chance for leadership," said Mr. Armstrong. A good leader is not necessarily one who presides well, but a person who has enough tact to "get things done". A person shows leadership every time he makes a suggestion.

As well as stressing the importance of the individual, he also recognized the importance of the minority in a democracy. Minorities, if they are right, may be trodden to earth, but they will rise again.

Mr. Armstrong concluded saying, "All life is momentous. Your life will be successful only as you base it on right."

Personalities !!

By Walter Hicks

Here are a few notes on some of the outstanding delegates to the Convention.

Walter Goad of Kinston, newly elected president of the Eastern District of NCSCC, was a delegate to the NCSCC meeting in Greenville last fall. Walter, incidently, is an amateur radio operator, answering to the call of W4GEQ.

Ben Hooks of Kinston, who led the panel discussion on organization, is president of the student body of Grainger High School. At the NCSCC meeting last fall, Ben led the panel discussion, "Student Government As a Preparation For Later Life."

From Greenville came Jack Edwards, president of the NCSCC. Jack has also been elected next year's editor of the Greenville *Green Lights*. Also representing Greenville was Fenner Corbett, president of Greenville High's Student Cooperative Association.

Deane Bell of Washington, is quite outstanding in Student Association in home and state circles.

Four Panels Evaluate Student Government

Ninety-six students participated in the four panels—organization, citizenship, student relationships and activities—at the Eastern District meeting of the NCSCC held in GHS April 24.

A "free-for-all" social is given each year to acquaint the students with each other stated one school in the panel on Organization, led by Ben Hooks of Kinston. Another school suggested that a "student-of-the-week" award be given to get more student participation.

The basis of the discussion on the Citizenship panel, with Walter Hicks presiding, was the difference between the two methods—punishment and student's action—of trying to solve discipline problems. Open forum for the students concerned was emphasized by one school as the most effective method.

In the Student Relationship panel the three topics discussed, under the leadership of Lessie Mallard, were student-student, student-teacher, and student-teacher-parent. The main point brought out in the group was that the teacher should offer the "lending" hand by giving council and guidance more than the "ruling" hand.

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