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Vocational Work Offered Next Year

Elective Course for Seniors.

By JANE LEFLER.

Plans are being made to give a great deal of attention to vocational guidance in the high school during the coming year. The state has promised to give aid in the expansion of this program.

There are at present several seniors working in various institutions in town an apprenticeship basis. It is a plan of the school to give seniors who are interested in a particular work an opportunity to get practical experience in that field before leaving the high school. During the past two years, hospitals and industries of Albemarle have indicated their willingness to co-operate in such a program. Many students have already been benefited by the work done.

With the expansion contemplated, it is hoped that no senior will go out of high school in the future without having had a definite and effective guidance of vocational nature. The school hopes to make clear to its graduates that its interest in them does not stop with graduation but continues throughout life. Registra-

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CLAUD GRIGG, Supt.

During the three years of Mr. Grigg's leadership, the Albemarle City Schools have made rapid progress. Added equipment, increased building facilities, widened curriculum and lengthened school term are but outward evidences of the many ways in which the schools have advanced under his direction. Mr. Grigg's personality and splendid executive ability make him a superintendent of which the schools and town may be justly proud.

Hi Y Club Organized

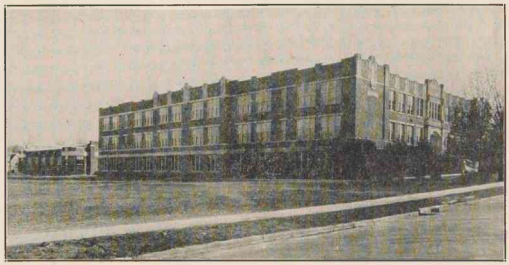
Under the leadership of T. W. Bremer, secretary of the Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, the Hi Y Club for boys was organized here this spring. The purpose of the Hi Y Club is to create, maintain, and extend through the school and community high standards of Christian character.

The membership is limited to boys in high school above the eighth grade. The local club has a membership of thirty, with the following officers:

Jack Jordan, president.
Edward Whitley, vice-president.
Jimmy Crowell, secretary.
James Morgan, treasurer.

The club meets each Monday night in the Christian Education Building of the Lutheran church. Membership in the local club includes the following boys: Bobbie Austin, H. M. Austin, Jack Castevens, Roy Coggins, Douglas Cranford, Jimmy Crowell, Wade Denning, C. B. Efird, Jack Jordan, Edgar Lefler, Sherman Lowder, Bill Mann, James Morgan, Ernest Safrit, Vernon Underwood, Edward Whitley, Sydney Smith, Charles Hopkins, John Snuggs, Ben Slack, Paul Brooks, Clyde McDowell, Sidney Gulledge, James Fry, Robert Moose, Franklin Niven, Bailey Gulledge, Bill Morrow, Grady Moyle, Carl Parker, and Lee Copple.

ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



Dr. Rondthaler To Address Graduates

Diplomas Awarded Tuesday Night.

Plans for Commencement Exercises for the Albemarle High School are almost completed. Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, president of Salem College and one of the outstanding educational leaders and speakers of the state, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address on Tuesday evening, June 8, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached on Sunday evening, June 6, at 8 o'clock by Dr. T. H. McDill, pastor of A. R. P. church, Gastonia, N. C. Dr. McDill is rated among the outstanding preachers of the state. His interest in young people makes him a particularly desirable preacher for the occasion. The school is fortunate in securing two such able men as Dr. Rondthaler and Dr. McDill for the commencement program.

There are 104 members of the graduating class this year with 62 girls and 42 boys. This is one of the largest classes yet to finish at Albemarle High School. The class last year was about the same size.

At the Graduating Exercises, Tuesday evening, the senior proces-

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Science Department Is Greatly Increased

New Laboratory Equipment Is Installed

By HELEN MORGAN.

Among the many improvements made in the Albemarle High School recently, the new science equipment is one of the most beneficial. Realizing that no science can be accurately studied without the proper equipage, the school has expended approximately $500 for science materials this year.

The new laboratory, equipped with tables, stools, and a large sink, will be put into use next year.

The biology department has been increased by one member—"Jerry."

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School Installs Movie Projector

By GWEN JONES.

The installation of a Bell and Howell sound picture machine has made it possible to devote attention to visual education in the high school. Arrangements were made with the University System of Georgia for the booking of a number of Erpi Educational Films this spring. Among these were "Animal Life," "Choosing Your Vocation," "How Nature Protects Animals," "The Nervous System," "The Solar Family," and "Heads Up

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Commencement Exercises

BACCALAUREATE SERMON
June 6, 1937.

Processional
Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal
Invocation—Mr. W. J. Bradley
Anthem—"Rejoice in the Lord"—Baines
Scripture Reading—Rev. J. S. Gibbs
Hymn—Love Divine
Introduction of Speaker—Rev. C. D. Whiteley
Sermon—Dr. T. H. McDill
Anthem—"Send Out Thy Light"—Gounod
Benediction—Rev. Arnold Slater
Postlude
(Music under direction of Annyce Worsham and Paul Fry)

GRADUATING EXERCISES
June 8, 1937.

Processional—"Follow the Gleam"
Invocation—Rev. Geo. B. Clemmer
"Dear Land of Home"—Sibelius—Glee Clubs
Address—Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler
"A Brown Bird Singing"—Wood—Selected Groups
Presentation of Diplomas—Mr. F. N. Patterson
Presentation of Class Gift
"Keep On Hopin"—Maxwell—Glee Clubs
Recessional

Commercial Dept. Is To Be Added

Typing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping Offered.

A well-equipped commercial department will be opened in the high school next fall. Provision for this department was made in the new addition to the high school building. The plan is to develop as rapidly as possible a well rounded commercial course for high school students that will equip them to go directly into business offices.

Miss Doris Cockerham, rated as among the best commercial students at W. C. U. N. C., will have charge of the department next year. Among the courses that will probably be offered are general business training in the ninth grade, typing and bookkeeping in the tenth grade, and typing and shorthand in the eleventh grade. Only a limited number of students can be accommodated in this course the first year. It is hoped that approximately seventy-five students can take typing, about forty students, shorthand, and forty students bookkeeping.

The selection of students will be made on a basis of vocational plans, grade of work done in the past, and determination to do excellent work. It is planned that no student who does not give promise of success shall take this course. The school expects to be able to recommend its graduates to the business and professional men of the city.

A large number of students have indicated their desire to take the course, and it is probable that the department will expand rapidly.

SENIOR CLASS LEAVES GIFT TO SCHOOL

Pictures Presented for Use In Study Hall And Class Rooms

After having made approximately $310, $200 of which was clear, on the play, "Big Hearted Herbert," the Senior Class held a meeting in the auditorium Monday morning, May 24, for the purpose of obtaining suggestions for the class gift. The floor was thrown open to discussion, and after several suggestions were made by members of the class, the president appointed a committee to meet with Mr. Grigg, Mr. Gibson, and Miss Laws, the senior adviser, to consider the various suggestions made and to decide just what form the parting gift of the class of 1937 should take. Pelham Whitley, Jack Jordan, Dona Gantt, Ed Whitley, Gwen Jones, and Homer Carter composed the committee headed by Ernie Safrit, president of the Senior Class.

The final decision was to continue the project of furnishing pictures to the school, a plan begun by the gift of W. C. Russell to the Senior Class. It is the plan of the class in selecting copies of pictures by outstanding artists to create consciousness of art appreciation throughout the school.

A brass plaque bearing the name of the class will be inserted in each picture. The Senior Class of 1937 wishes to be remembered as a class which will inspire an appreciation of beauty that a love for artistic pictures gives.

The following pictures were bought with the money donated by W. C. Russell and have been placed in the study hall and the senior home room: "Avenue of Trees," Hobbema; "Harp of the Winds," Martin; "Age of Innocence," Reynolds; "Sir Galahad," Watts; "The Gleaners," Millet; "Children of the Shell," Murillo; "The Boyhood of Raleigh," Millais; "Dance of the Nymphs," Corot; "Feeding Her Birds," Millet; "The Angelus," Millet, and "The Boy With the Apple."

Senior Play Proves To Be Big Success

"Big Hearted Herbert" Given.

By LYNNIE EAST.

The Senior Class presented an hilarious three-act comedy entitled "Big Hearted Herbert" before two record-breaking audiences in the Albemarle High School audito ium. The matinee performance at 1:30 on May 20 was attended by five hundred children from the elementary schools. The evening performance at 8 o'clock on May 21 was attended by an appreciative audience as an amateur cast could wish.

The play, written by Sophie Kerr and Anna Steese Richardson, deals with the open question as to whether father or mother knows best how to bring up the children. Herbert Kalness is a self-made business man who insists that his family must be brought up in the plain traditions. When his daughter becomes engaged to a Harvard man and his wife has not only ice cream but Harvard men to dinner, Herbert nearly goes out of his mind with rage. Herbert's home becomes safe for Harvard men only after his family has embarrassed him by embracing his plain tradition literally. The sight of his wife in the

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A. B. GIBSON, Prin.

A. B. Gibson, of Laurel Hill, completing his first year as principal of Albemarle High School. A graduate of Duke University, he had several years of very successful teaching experience before coming to Albemarle. During his first year in Albemarle he has contributed greatly towards creating a fine school spirit and enlarging the high school curriculum. The school is very fortunate in having a man of his ideals and ability to direct its activities.

Albemarle Ties for First Place In French Contest

Two Albemarle High School students, Helen Morgan and Gwendolyn Jones, submitted perfect papers in the state French contest, thus aiding Albemarle to tie with Rockingham School for state honors. Out of 81 possible errors these students made not one. Fifty-five schools were represented in the contest with 710 students participating. Katherine Hatley was the third member of the local team.

Albemarle and Rockingham also tied for first place in team work, each team making a total of three errors.

Annual Recital To Be Given Tonight

Miss Annyce Worsham will present her high school piano pupils May 28, at 8 o'clock in the annual music recital in the high school auditorium.

On June 1, Miss Worsham will present Helen Morgan and Mary Pelham Whitley in a graduating recital. This is the second recital of its kind to be given in this school.