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Just Thanks

Yes, four wonderful years have come and gone. The memories that we have acquired, the friendships that we have made will always be with us. We seniors have come a long way since pig-tails, knickers, and a different girlfriend every week. Now, it's Tonis, pegged pants, and a different girlfriend twice a week.

The various members of the senior class have received many honors during the year and in past years; at Awards Day they were constantly in the spotlight. However, there is one group of people who do not receive due recognition, who do not win awards at Awards Day, who do not stand before the entire student body amid thunderous applause for some outstanding work.

As each class graduates and passes on into the "outside world," the teachers seemingly have only the remembrance of those who have graduated, of the many wonderful experiences had with them, and of the fact that their work will begin once again in the fall in trying successfully to educate a new "batch".

However, there is another memory that will stay with them even longer—for a life time. Perhaps we have given you the misconception that these teachers, who, whether you realize it or not, are very much concerned in you and your future, receive no reward. Certainly there is no material reward, but one much greater. They have the satisfaction of knowing that, through their efforts, we seniors are leaving high school much better prepared for life than when we entered. Through the years they have come to love all of us even when, in rare cases, this affection has not been returned. They struggled to teach us, though at times we did not show our greatest interest.

As you leave this year, be doubly sure that you do not forget to express your appreciation personally to your best friends, your teachers.

To You We Bow

During this past year there have been many persons, groups, and organizations that have done exceptionally fine work. Some of these have received acknowledgment and praise, but others have not. This editorial is designed to call your attention to some outstanding examples of achievement.

To Mr. R. C. Hatley, Mrs. Lyke, and Mrs. Saunders, and their students we take off our hats for a most successful Science Fair.

To Ann Ivey and Otty Lynn we extend our heartiest congrats and our wholehearted endorsement of their being selected Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively.

To Larry Hartsell, the recipient of the Civitan's Good Citizen award, we give our congratulations and hopes that he will continue his fine work.

As one walks around school, he couldn't help noticing and appreciating the fine work being done by the Student Council Clean-up Committee. This is no surprise, for the Council has accomplished many fine things during the past year.

To Phyllis Greer, Dickie Cashwell, Pat Allan, and Sandra Westerland, the AHS debaters, go our appreciation for their hard work and our expression of faith that they will surely go far in this world of public speaking.

John D. Moose and Charles James are soon to venture to the Boys' State. With you goes our hope that you will benefit greatly from your trip, and our satisfaction that you will represent AHS and Stanly County in fine style.

To Sherrill Aldridge, who always has two words to say, goes our thanks for his splendid work in taking care of the stage arrangements.

Truly one of the great men of tomorrow is Dwayne Lowder, three times first place winner of the N. C. Science Academy award.

Bill Beeker was presented the World Peace Award for winning the speaking contest sponsored by the V.F.W.; also Bill won second place in the American Legion Oratorical contest. Congratulations, Bill.

The W.O.W. U.S. History award, which is presented each year to some outstanding junior student in history, was presented to Dickie Cashwell. Congrats!

We who find it hard to come to school most of the time tip our hats to Nellie Pickler Tucker, who has found it difficult and even impossible to miss school since the third grade. We marvel at you!

The D.A.R. Good Citizen award went to a most deserving person, Phyllis Ann Greer.

Frances Litaker and Bobby Peck will attend the Civitan Youth Conference at Wildacres this summer. Congratulations.

Doris Hinson and Richard Jordan, receivers of the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship award. We express our approval of this choice.

Best Athletes—Evelyn Kimery and Otty Lynn—we certainly think so.

Hats off to you members of the Chorus and Band who received scholarships to the summer music camps. You deserve it.

To Dixie Schadt, the Al Capp of AHS, we give our blessing, as outstanding Art student.

Who's the best actor? It's Margaret Brunson, recipient of the Dramatics award.

To Jo Ellen Brooks, Janice Westerland, and Mary E. Griffin go our congratulations for being winners of the T.B. Essay contest.

And to everybody at AHS, the faculty, the students, and the office and maintenance personnel, we seniors express our thanks for putting up with us for these four wonderful years. We hope that you will always remember us as being your friends.

The Bookshelf

By DONALD DORTON

With the close of the school year you are, no doubt, unconcerned with reading books. Just think, no more books to read to make that last minute report. No more rushing to get through with that novel before exams. Yes, summer is here at last with plenty of time for fun and frolic.

Listen, juniors, now is the time to be reading some of the many books that will be required next year. Next year the rising junior class will be required to read books by American authors. You will have to read novels, essays, short stories, poems and magazine articles. This summer will be an exceptionally good time to do some useful reading.

To the rising senior class we would like to say that next year will be a very busy year for you. Time will pass much faster than ever before. There will be so many things to do that you will find it a hard matter to keep up with yourself, as well as have time to read a few novels, plays (Shakespearean), poems and other books. The next three months of planned reading would make your senior year a lot smoother.

Suggested Reading List For Juniors.

Ferber, Edna. *So Big*. A country school teacher becomes a farmer's wife in a community just outside Chicago.

O'Neill, Hester. *Young Patriots*. What happened to young people during the war years (1937-1945) is a story of great courage in countries all over the world.

Tarkington, Booth. *Monsieur Beaucaire*. Story of a gentleman in disguise.

Roosevelt, Theodore. *American Ideals and Other Essays*. Wisdom of a great American leader.

Day, Clarence S. *Life With Father*. Family life in New York in the eighties and nineties with a tyrannical yet lovable father.

Wilkie, Wendell. *One World*. Observations of a private citizen who flew around the world in the middle of World War II.

Lewis, Sinclair. *Arrowsmith*. Story of a doctor's career and his absorption in research.

Suggested Reading List For Seniors.

The reading list for seniors will be anything written by an English author; however, it can include other authors as well.

Shakespeare, William. *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Hamlet*, *Antony and Cleopatra*.

Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*. The horrors of nineteenth century London poverty and crime powerfully presented.

Hugo, Victor. *Les Miserables*. A panorama of Paris in the early nineteenth century, and the trials of Jean Valjean.

Tennyson, Alfred. *Complete Poems*. A great Victorian poet discusses life.

Chaucer, Geoffrey. *The Canterbury Tales*. These are tales told by imaginary pilgrims on their way to a shrine at Canterbury.

Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*. Story of the Saxons and Normans in old England.

Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield*. Dickens' masterpiece. Although not an autobiography, it contains many details of Dickens' life.

Dickens, Charles. *A Tale of Two Cities*. The "two cities" are London and Paris in the turbulent, dangerous days of the French revolution.

Kipling, Rudyard. *Kim*. A trip to India with Kim, a little Irish orphan who had the good fortune to meet an aged Tibetan priest. They went to seek the all-healing River of the Arrows, and Kim stayed to experience many exciting adventures among Oriental men and women and to win fame and success in the English Secret Service.

ONE DAY DURING French, Mr. Pendergraft caught Jimmy Brown looking out the window. "What's the matter with you, Jimmy?" he inquired.

"Nothing. I'm just thinking."

"Well," Mr. Pendergraft quipped, "be careful. Thinking is dangerous when you aren't used to it."

Inquiring Reporter

Question: What has meant most to you in your high school career?

Senior Girls.

The football games and all the dances afterwards.—Emily Morton.

Playing basketball and coming to the football games.—Janet Glover.

The friends I have made and the boy I am going with now.—Nancy Farmer.

Being tapped into the National Honor Society and dating Claud.—Jo Ann Atkins.

Keeping the bench warm at the basketball games.—Patty Sue Almond.

The summer vacations and moving back to Albemarle.—Barbara Morton.

Parties and dances, especially the Senior Banquet.—Dot Luther.

The people that were with me through school.—Jeanette Andrews.

All the parties we have had, and Bennie.—Doretha Boone.

The art work we have done and all the parties.—Dixie Schadt.

Laying out of school and getting caught.—Jo Ann Coley.

My friends and all the good times we've had.—Billie Harris.

Singing in Mixed Chorus and going to the Greensboro State Choral Festival.—Rochell Ritchie.

Working on extracurricular activities.—Ann Ivey.

Being a mighty senior and finally getting that diploma.—Kay Snuggs.

Playing basketball and all the good times.—Doris Hinson.

Senior Boys.

Getting the Academy of Science award.—Dwayne Lowder. My high school friends.—Jimmy Griffin.

It has all meant so much to me, but coming to Albemarle would be first.—Preston Burr.

Being a member of the Albemarle High School Senior Class.—Johnny Hall.

Going to Mars Hill for the Choral Clinic.—Bobby Brooks.

Going to the football games.—Ronnie Curlee.

Association with the students.—Donald Dorton.

Being able to help in the Student Council and being a member of the Band.—Larry Hartsell.

The friends I have made and the enjoyment I've gotten from sports.—Larry Tucker.

Being a member of the football team which won the conference and beating Belmont.—Lowell Hartsell.

Singing in Chapel and being in Mixed Chorus.—Sherrill Aldridge.

My science courses.—Victor Dry.

Being a member of Mixed Chorus.—Larry Talbert.

Going to school with nice people.—Craig Smith.

Being president of the senior class.—Myron Snotherly.

Going out with "Big Bertha".—Bobby Reeves.

CLAUD GRIGG: "RALPH, do you know what an operetta is?"

Ralph: "No, what?"

Claude: "A person who works for the telephone office."

CAMPUS CHATTER

This is Station AHS signing on for the last time. This program is dedicated to the seniors of '54. All the big events have been broadcast over this station in the past and now we bring you the events of the Senior Banquet.

One of the newest steady couples found there were Lydia and John. They sure do make a cute couple. Looks like Talbert is left out. Huh, Talbert?

It seems that the girls got out on their own for once. Congratulations, gals. (By the way, did that beach party break the boys?)

The party at Doretha's cabin after the banquet proved to be a big success. Practically the whole senior class plus some of the alumni turned out.

Enough for the senior banquet; now on to the gossip. Pretty nice things are being said around school these last couple of weeks, due to the arrival of the annuals.

Have flashlights been shining in your eyes lately? Seems that visitors in black Plymouths have been invading the Airport. Huh, Seniors? Badin Lake is becoming more and more popular now.

Break up or make up, it's all up to you, seems to be the story with Doretha and Buck. Does this also apply to Lowell and Anne? Maybe even to Kat and Keith.

All these cedar chests the senior girls have are beginning to be filled with letters. Sylvia's is bulging at the sides with letters from a guy in Illinois. Dot Luther isn't doing so bad either, we've been told.

Is there a case starting in Albemarle High between a "Pygmy" and a "Mule"?

Senior Day turned out to be a pretty big splash when Mulehead threw Jimmy Brown into the lake. Some boys carry their joking a little too far.

Bobby Reeves has been hitting it off with a certain Junior girl, but something seems to have happened. Wonder what.

The Senior girls have formed a "Waiting Club", with Ellen Palmer president. She only has till June 8 to wait for West Point holidays. Oh, happy day!

Wedding bells will soon be heard by Lou Thomas, Jimmie Carol Burleson, Margaret Gilbert, Peggy Smith, and Marcelle Floyd. Wonder when Georgia will be getting her MRS degree. Lucky girls. The bells have already sounded out for Bryce.

Congratulations to all the students receiving the awards on Awards Day. Dwayne Lowder has proved his scientific ability by winning the N. C. Academy of Science award for three consecutive years. The whole school is very proud of you, Dwayne.

What's wrong, Wayne, Snur, L. P., and Sherrill? You haven't made much progress with the gals this year, although they have had their eyes on you.

We hear that Jo Ann and Claud are back into the swing of things again. Where there's smoke there's always a spark. What's between Dan and Ann? Is it love?

Car trunks have been more popular than the front seats these past few months. Those Drive-ins seem to be losing quite a bit of money. How about that, gals?

By the way, Lowell, where did you get the nickname "Frosty"? It couldn't be that you've snowed too many girls lately, could it?

It'll soon be time for all the Seniors to receive their diplomas and say goodbye to AHS. We hate to go. Next year, Juniors, keep everything shining. We're proud of what has been accomplished this year, so keep up the good work.

This is Station AHS signing off. So long. It's been nice knowing you.

THE EAVESDROPPERS.