

### A Tribute—H. T. Webb, Jr.

For the past several years the school system has been fortunate to have Mr. H. T. Webb on its staff. In addition to benefiting the school by serving as a teacher, coach, and principal, Mr. Webb has contributed great amounts of work as a Prom carpenter, a pancake chef, and a superb dishwasher. But more important, his service in various academic functions of the school system has added greatly to the educational development of many students. Only a man of great talents can do these many things. It is hard to imagine the absence of one so intimately connected with school life.

But it is not as though Mr. Webb were leaving the country; instead, he is moving on to "happier hunting grounds." We are confident that Mr. Webb will continue to serve the Albemarle City School System in the office of Superintendent just as proficiently as he has previously done in the Principal's office. May his record of impressive achievements follow him through this newly acquired office of School Superintendent.

### Protecting Our Privileges

For several years, our school has observed Senior Week as a special privilege for the graduating class. This tradition is anxiously awaited during three years of high school. It is a tribute well earned by any student who is completing his twelfth year of school. And it is about the only way that all sophomores and juniors can show the respect due their higher classmen. Therefore, the Senior Class should have the right to continue observing all of their rights during this week of strict superiority. True, there are those who misuse these privileges. But these are the kind who misuse any type of rights given to them, no matter who they may hurt. So the question arises. Should an entire group be deprived of a much deserved honor because of the faults of a few? The answer is plain and simple. No.

### Briefly Speaking...

The Prom was one of the prettiest ever presented to any senior class. The Seniors were worried at first about all the cardboard boxes they saw in the gym and Coach Smith's room; they thought the prom may be turned into a pep rally with a bonfire at midnight. But, the night proved that no pep rallies were going to be held—beautiful decoration and an impressive band! Everyone had an enjoyable evening. Only one thing marked the event, though. Very few, if any, students applauded after the band finished a number. They certainly deserved our expression of appreciation since their talent was well developed. Maybe at future dances students will remember this small act of courtesy.

After the recent election of a new slate of student-body officers for the coming school year, the *Full Moon* wants to extend its congratulations to those officers. We are sure that Edwin Sides, Fossie Webb, Pam Medling, and Louise Harrington will make as capable officers as the school has ever elected. When the seniors leave, they may rest assured that the old *Alma Mater* will be left in the experienced and suitable hands of our newly elected officers.

While speaking of people assuming new offices, a new head officer will be present in our school next year. That officer is Principal of Senior High. As Mr. Webb steps up to become the City Superintendent of Schools, so does Mr. Jacob Carter move up into the principal's office. Mr. Carter, now serving as Principal of Albemarle Junior High School, has proved himself to be a man that can handle his new office. The school will surely continue to be one of the area's most impressive schools under the leadership of Mr. Carter. We are confident that Senior High will be in capable hands when Mr. Carter assumes his new principalship.

Just one criticism about the lunchroom this time. Why do the students who eat at the first of lunch period have desserts like chocolate cake with icing when those who eat during the latter part of the period get desserts such as apricots in jello? Equal desserts for all students should not be hard to arrange. Although no one suffers greatly because of this injustice, it just seems that if one student gets apricots and prunes, everyone should get them. Jello is no substitute for chocolate cake!

Our retiring assistant principal had the distinction of being the first male in our school to be awarded an Honorary Future Homemakers of America medal. And if anyone deserves this award, Mr. Walter Smith certainly does. Mr. Smith has done everything from sampling brownies to criticizing dress designs, to helping build woodwork for the home economics class. But all kidding aside, Mr. Smith has contributed great amounts of work and personal time to student activities. We sincerely appreciate his help in the many faces of student life. The student body joins the FHA in wishing Mr. Smith the best luck possible in his new office of Principal of Albemarle Junior High School.

## Julia's Viewpoint

I was happy to be able to go to the Prom. I did not expect to be asked for it, so, I was especially glad that I got to go and see all those pretty decorations of the gymnasium. It was the first time I went to a formal dance like that one and I enjoyed it so much. I understand that many juniors worked a lot for the Prom and really they deserve congratulations for all that good job they did.

It was nice to be able to go to New York City to spend Easter vacation with my brother. He took me to several parts of the city to see several museums, the New York City Ballet and the musical play "Half a Sixpence" and to listen to the Metropolitan Opera's performance of "The Barber of Seville" and to Philharmonic concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra. I enjoyed my stay there and I myself could not believe that I was near all those skyscrapers. When I was in Greece I had never thought that someday I should be able to go to New York and see the sky-scrapers which were familiar to me only by post cards.

One of the things I saw in New York and seemed unusual to me was the appearance of some teenagers. Some boys had their hair grown very long, so long that I could not tell if they were boys or girls. I saw some groups of teenagers among which there were boys and girls too. But all of them looked so similar since the boys of the group had their hair as long as the girls hair and since the girls wore pants too. So, it was hard for me to tell which one of that group was a boy or a girl. But when they came near me just then I could hardly tell but even I was not very sure.

Another thing that seemed to me unusual was that in the 5th Avenue's Easter parade there were many dogs with hats on. Almost all of them looked very cute with their tiny dresses and hats and it is true that I was surprised seeing them for it was the first time I saw little dogs with dresses and hats on.

The month May is a beautiful month in Greece. Just for the first day of May all the schools and stores are closed and there is a custom almost everybody to go to spend the day in the country having picnic there, singing, playing and generally having a good time. The custom means the will of the people to welcome May in the country where they pick different kinds of flowers and make wreaths of them which they put on the front door of their house. It is beautiful to see all the houses with the colored wreaths on their front door.



## Are Finals A Must?

"Do I really need to take a final exam?" To answer this question one must first look to see who asked it. Certainly the vast majority of our students need final exams. Final exams are given for a three-fold purpose: first, the exams serve as a pillow to cushion the slap a former senior receives upon entering college; in second place, and probably most beneficially, exams can help pull up grades for the final semester (believe it or not); and lastly, final exams serve as a culmination of one year's work in a course. Is this to say that everyone should take a final exam in each subject? No—not at all. But the students who are exempted from finals should first prove that they deserve the privilege. When a student has achieved consistent high grades in a course, he has demonstrated his thorough knowledge of the subject. Then could he be justifiably exempted from finals. What better surprise could a student have than to go into a classroom several days before the exam and find that he does not have to take the final exam?

If a student makes highest honor grades in a course, we see no fault in letting him miss the final exam. He could even use the spare time to help a teacher grade exams of the subject which he has proficiently learned.

## Tooting A Golden Horn

When subscriptions to the *Full Moon* are sold in September, many students buy them; however, several students persist in saying the paper is not any good. Apparently these students do not want to buy a subscription. But still, they are not justified in their remarks about the paper. The staff members think their paper is fine. At least it is good enough to earn two consecutive first place ratings by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in only two years of entry. Let us hope that students will not criticize our school paper just because they do not want a subscription.

## Annie Got Her Gun!

It's not every day that a school accomplishes such a great feat as was effected on March 25-27 when "Annie Get Your Gun" was presented in the school auditorium. Through the efforts of many faculty members and students, the production overwhelmed many observers. Comments from "Great" to "The best yet" were heard from many people who attended. Amazement was expressed at the quality of acting exhibited in the play.

Perhaps this play did more for the drama department than any previous production. The maze of lights, scenery, and small props was tremendous. Also costumes were remarkably well-suited for the musical. No one seemed to mind the exhausting practices nor the tedious hours during the presentation. Quite to the contrary, everyone thought it was fun to present, and, therefore, enjoyed everything that was put in it.

Congratulations to students and faculty members who gave their time to this great success.

## Bits Of Cheese

Nickname	Hangout	Pastime	Ambition
Big Dick	Pop's	Guzzlin'	to wreck a Duesenburg
D-wainne	Jennifer's car	being cool	thumbing to O. D. in four hours
Rob	Wilhelm's	washing windshields	to go fast enough
Blue	B & G	writing SWAK	to join the WACS
Two	Susan's	buying stuffed animals	to grow a pretty mustache next time
Panther	his Ford	bursting buttons off his shirt	to get a wrestling scholarship to Davidson
Howell	petshop	lifting weights	to be Mr. America
Rip	local drug store	painting putt-putt	to get out of English

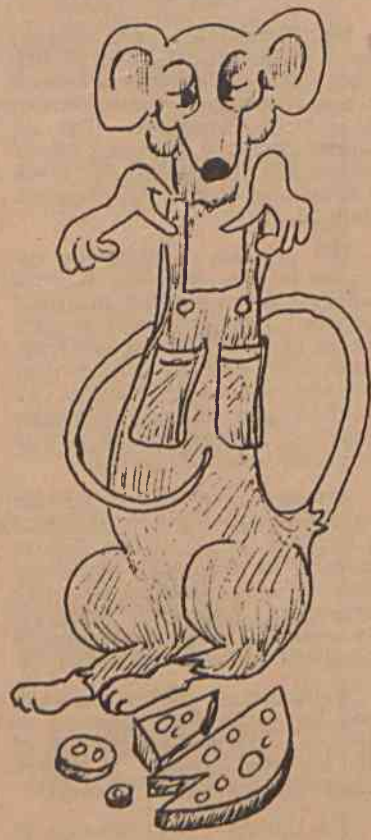
### Answers

- Dickie Talbert
- Dwain Roache
- Robert Land
- Martha Beam
- Danny Lisk
- Steve Brown
- Ronnie Furr
- Billy Howell

## Silence

Thirty seconds silent meditation for those eaters of humanity—the termites, which are no more! They who did so much for our school. They who seemed grown into us. They who ate their way into our hearts. And ate . . . and ate . . . and ate.

After a detailed study of Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, Mrs. Gamewell's second period English class began to read *Huckleberry Finn*. On a test Mrs. Gamewell gave her class, one of the questions asked, "What was revealed on Peter Wilks' chest in the graveyard scene?" Her most unusual, and also "most wrong" answer read, "Would you believe a scarlet letter A?" . . . didn't give him one either.



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