

Irish Eyes Are Smiling

By DEBBIE FARLOW

"Mother, forget about supper for me tonight! I've got a history, English, Trig. and French test tomorrow," yelled Kelly as she walked in the door.

"Now, where do I begin?" Kelly had just stretched out on her bed when she heard a saucy little tune being sung in an unfamiliar Irish brogue. I've got to stop watching the "Late, Late, Late, Late, Early Shows" she thought, but the sound persisted. She looked over her shoulder and gasped. Standing with his hands on his hips, dressed all in green, with a 4-leaf clover stuck in the brim of his hat, was a man. There wasn't anything too strange about him, except he was 3 inches tall.

"And a good evenin' to yea, lass. They call me Timothy

O'Connor, and I am a true to life leprechaun. I heard yer mumbling about those tests tomorrow, so I thought I'd sprinkle a little 'Luck of the Irish' on yea."

"That does it. No more double pepperoni and lemon pizzas for a while," Kelly said.

"You still don't believe, Huh? Well, I'll have you know I'm real. Just watch this."

Poof! All of a sudden there were green roses on her bed.

"OK! I believe you! Now, let's see. What have I always wanted to ask a leprechaun? Where did you come from, how old are you, and why is there a St. Patrick's Day?"

"Those aren't so tough. I'll take the easy questions first. I have as many years as a sheep dog has hairs. I came from Ireland, the

most beautiful country in the world. And St. Patrick's Day? Let's see. Have yea ever heard of Patrick the Good? He moved from England to Ireland in 400 B.C. He was a religious man, and he taught my ancestors about faith. Because he saved so many people, he was made a saint. Ever since then, people have celebrated St. Patrick's Day."

"Kelly! Get up. It's time for school."

"Mom! Did I sleep all that time? Oh no, I didn't study."

"Well, you were so tired, dear, I just let you sleep!" explained Kelly's mother.

"Timothy, wherever you are, I'll need the luck of the Irish today!" moaned Kelly as she started to school.



Holcomb prepares for the day's activities.

SAE Honors Mr. Holcomb

By DAWN LOWDER

This year, the honor of "Teacher of the Year" goes to Mr. Dave Holcomb, teacher and coach. This award, sponsored by the SAE Club, allows the students to vote for the teacher they feel should receive this award.

Mr. Holcomb teaches U. S. History and American Problems. Before coming to ASHS, Mr. Holcomb taught for five years and was assistant principal for seven at West Montgomery High School. He has been at Albemarle for the past three years. Mr. Holcomb has coached every year during his 15-year career.

In addition to teaching, Mr. Holcomb is an important part of the Athletic Department of the school. During the last two seasons, while Mr. Holcomb has worked with Coach Will Campagna, Albemarle's football team has improved in performance as well as morale. Concerning the football team and Coach Campagna's resignation, Mr. Holcomb states, "We've had a real good football season since Coach Campagna came two years ago. I hate to see him leave." In addition to coaching football, Mr. Holcomb has enjoyed coaching the Bulldogs in basketball very much. The teams under his supervision have won the SPC Conference cham-

pionship for the past two years. When asked his opinion of the tournament results, Coach Holcomb commented, "I am very happy for the ball team. They really worked hard this year, and they deserved the victory." Golf season is approaching, and Mr. Holcomb is looking forward to working with the golf team, also.

Mr. Holcomb graduated from Norwood High School, and later attended N. C. State and Pfeiffer College. He believes school has changed academically and socially since he attended. "Today's schools are far more open socially. Academically, they have declined," stated Mr. Holcomb.

Mr. Holcomb enjoys working with young people. He would like to see students get mentally "tuff," and be able to deal with their problems objectively. He says too many "cop out" and turn to drugs and alcohol. "The problems they face now are minor to those after they graduate," he said.

"Teacher of the Year" is an important award, and Mr. Holcomb is very honored. He feels that since this recognition comes from the students it is even better. Congratulations, Mr. Holcomb!

Mrs. Chrisco Announces Retirement

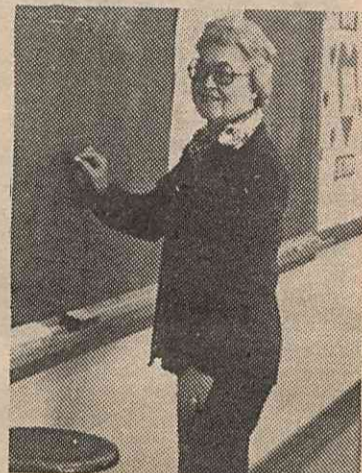
By JAN HILL

Leaving something you love and cherish is a hard thing to do. This is how Mrs. Geraldine Chrisco feels about retiring after thirty years of teaching school. Mrs. Chrisco graduated from UNC-G and is now living in Badin. She has taught in the Albemarle system for sixteen years. At ASHS she teaches typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping. During her teaching career she has always taught business courses except for two years when she taught eighth graders at New London. She is also the advisor of the F.B.L.A. clubs.

Mrs. Chrisco feels that teaching is an ideal job for a woman. She enjoys the free summer which she loves to spend with her husband, three children, and two grandchildren. She has many interesting hobbies which keep her busy. Oil painting is one

of her hobbies along with reading. She has three fish aquariums which she enjoys taking care of. Another one of her interests is indoor and outdoor plants. After retiring Mrs. Chrisco plans to spend more time with her hobbies and family.

Mrs. Chrisco said she loves her students and dreads leaving everyone at school. Teaching has been a great experience which has left many memories for her to take along. After retiring she will never forget her happy moments with students. All the faculty and students of ASHS will indeed miss this wonderful teacher.



Mrs. Chrisco teaches business courses.

My thirty years of teaching in the schools of North Carolina have been most satisfying, and it is with mixed emotions that I retire at the end of this school year. As much as I am looking forward to retirement, I know I will miss teaching.

As a Business Education teacher, I have seen students achieve skills that will be useful to them for the rest of their lives. That has made me very happy.

I wish for all the students I have taught during my sixteen years with the Albemarle City School System much happiness and success in all they do. To the Administration and Faculty I wish success in guiding and teaching the youth in Albemarle. I will miss you.

Geraldine R. Chrisco

Could They Be From North?

By TIM DWIGHT

A few weeks ago, large dummies (not teachers) turned up in our lunchroom. Some people at first considered them pale students. "Maybe they ate too much lunchroom food," some mused. But after looking closer, others exclaimed, "Ah! These dummies look like they came from the Art Class."

These students were right. The artists of Ms. Leviner's second period art class portrayed themselves, molding their heads from papier mache and stuffing their own clothes to represent their bodies. Some of the dummies were modeled after Ervin Currie, Cindy Parker, Bill Moore, Conrad Lowder, and Tracy Dailey.



Wanda Allen talks with replica of Ervin Currie.

Soldier Reflects On Civil War

By MELISSA McKEITHEN

Jim Mundy, by Robert H. Fowler, is one of the new books the Senior High library has acquired this year. It is a Civil War novel and will have extra appeal to Juniors who have recently completed their study of this period. The story is told by the hero, Jim Mundy, from the first person point of view. The introduction consists of two letters written by Jim years later to his grandson at Harvard. The grandson has requested that his grandfather write and tell him about the war. Jim decides to give him the whole story, and the narrative begins.

One of the most appealing things about the book is the hero's personality. At eighteen the Methodist preacher's son from Oldham County, North Carolina enlists in the tenth North Carolina Regiment to fight for the Confederate cause. The personality of the character at eighteen and as an old man both show through as Mundy describes himself and his friends. The incorrect grammar and the language used at times make Jim Mundy even more real, and the reader has little trouble identifying with him. One comes to like the poor country boy more

and more with each new adventure and encounter. The reader is with him through the well described battles as well as his courtship of, among others, his colonel's wife and his lieutenant's sister.

The pace of the book never slows and insight is added by the old man's comments, in looking back, on the great leaders, and the good and bad military strategy. In Jim Mundy Fowler has created a hero and an adventure to be enjoyed and remembered.

Give Us A Break

By SONYA MAULDIN

Many students have been complaining lately about the cut in our spring vacation. In the past few years, ASHS has enjoyed a week of vacation during Easter. This year, however, the time has been cut to two days, Good Friday and Easter Monday. The news has really hit some of the students hard. Many families accustomed to taking vacations during this time are having to change their plans. Students must continue to go to school without a break in their routine. They have to be content with an occasional teacher's workday and two long weekends. This situation disagrees not only with much of the student body of ASHS but with some members of the faculty as well. Everyone enjoys some time away from his work,

even if his work is school.

Even though for some this turn of events may seem bad, others are looking at the bright side. School will get out on June 9 which is not any earlier than last year. Seniors will graduate June 2. This should make them happy because it means the annual beach trip is just a little closer than before.

Easter was not the first cut in vacation days that ASHS has experienced. No winter break was received this year at all.

Whatever the effect of this year's vacation time on us, it's too late to change it now. So we must, therefore, make the best of our plight. After trying it both ways, we should be able to judge which calendar is actually better.

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