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Well, well,—there must be something to Coach Marlette's line after all, for just look what he's been doing with it these last few weeks, and remember how well it worked last January.

So—a phone has been installed in the library and in the gymnasium. Does this mean that there is to be a good deal of conversation between Mr. Spencer and Miss Foster—or maybe Miss Graham?

Page Mr. Roosevelt, or whoever was crying for a new form of English. Around the corners these days you are likely to hear at almost any time some such mutterings as "Whan that Aprille". Perhaps the seniors have decided to help out in a new language, or maybe they are only looking forward to the time when Chaucerian will reappear.

One, of, the supreme requisites of a school paper is that it should be written by the school. It is rather too much to expect the staff alone to produce all the material printed. All high school students are invited to write contributions, whether news articles or editorials, and send them to the POINTER office. If they are appropriate and well written, they will be printed. There are many of you who have never tried your hand at this. Possibly you have a spark of undiscovered genius in you, which only needs to be called upon. Write about something you are interested in and that you can discuss well. Every contribution will be given impartial consideration. Thus THE POINTER will be the result of the work of all, instead of a few.

WASTE PAPER AND WASTE BASKETS

Do we work our waste baskets enough? "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but all play and no work—! And that is exactly what's happening to our waste baskets; we don't work them enough. Waste baskets have always been objects of ridicule. Paper, all sizes and descriptions, has been thrown at them, and it never hits them. Let's turn the waste baskets into our friends, and work them to their full capacity by making them presents of our discarded love letters, themes, scrap paper, and pink slips, too.

Home Room 205 has made a complaint about the amount of waste paper deposited in the desks and on the floor. Their complaint is justified, for no one likes to come into his room at the close of school and have to "clean up" before going home. If everyone would make the waste basket the receptacle of all trash, we would not have such troubles. Students, let's rally round the waste baskets!

—MARGARET YORK

JOIN A CLUB

At last the clubs are being organized. Since there are so many clubs in the school and each club is of a different nature, surely each student will become especially interested in one of them. Have you decided which one you will join?

The clubs are more beneficial than any of us realize. Beside the real knowledge that we gain, we have a great amount of fun. The facts learned in these club meetings lead to greater interest in class discussion. The clubs also take us away from the daily routine. Most of us get tired of doing the same thing five days a week, so why not join a club and vary our program? The clubs make us better all-round students as they create in us a greater interest in our school. They develop leadership and intelligent cooperation. If we would sum up the profits that we get from being a member of any of the clubs, each of us, most likely, would immediately join at least one.

The Value of Beauty to a City

High Point, known as one of the largest industrial cities of the South should also be known as one of the most beautiful. A great many cities of the United States are following the European plan of beautifying the towns; that is, of adopting a uniform plan in laying out the city and in planting grass, trees, and shrubbery all over it. There are a great many things which could be added, or taken away, that would help to beautify the town.

On entering a strange town, certain impressions are made that linger in the mind, coming into remembrance at mention of the place. It is the duty of every individual as a good citizen to make his own home as attractive as possible, and to cooperate with the town in making it a better place in which to live.

An impressive entrance to a city is one of color and neatness. If the houses along the highways and railways had green, well-trimmed grass, a few brightly-colored, blooming plants, and a freshly painted appearance, think what a lasting impression would be made on the tourist passing through. When planted lots and corners take the place of glaring billboards in vacant lots, overgrown with weeds, and a gathering place for stray papers, the town will take on an entirely new aspect.

Streets are as an index to a town. When you ride through clean, well-paved streets, you naturally believe the whole town to be clean and neat. The streets should be built with a view to efficiency, economy, and beauty. The sidewalk has a great deal to do with the neatness of a street. If mud, old leaves, and papers are allowed to blow over the sidewalk, an appearance of uncleanness is given. Underground wiring does away with the use of telegraph poles, thus giving much more room to the pedestrians.

Uniformity in construction of the stores and buildings along the street, with the goods displayed attractively in the windows contributes a look of neatness to the street. Show bills, of some almost forgotten entertainment, in the shop windows and tacked on trees or buildings lend a touch of neglect.

Certain buildings are necessary to the growth and government of a town. The school system, for instance, must be enlarged every few years to meet the demands of a growing city. Every school needs

some sort of playground; therefore, grass and shrubs are not practical but foundation shrubbery and shade trees may take the place of grass and flower beds.

Quite a lot of progress in church building is being made in High Point at the present time. Beautiful and well-equipped buildings are being constructed, and the grounds are being planted with grass and shrubs.

Many of the city officials need offices; these offices along with the library, city court, fire and police headquarters can be found in the city hall. This municipal building should be outstanding and impressive in the city, and it should be well cared for.

People in passing a city on the train see the station more than any other building. Are we proud of our station? A station should be clean and restful, affording some diversion for the weary travelers.

In the industrial section we very often see the poorly kept places. Attractive, well-kept buildings might give an inspiration to some of the workmen. If only in the homes of the people who work in these plants could have some individuality even though simple and plain, flowers and a little care would give them a charm that would affect the lives of the people living in the houses.

The house of distinction is not always the largest or most imposing but more often the livable house. Compare the cozy little home with its smooth, trim lawn, bright red and yellow tulip beds, shrubbery and narrow path, with the large, elegant house next door, the very plants around it looking formal. Which would you choose for your home?

It will not be so hard to keep the homes beautiful after evergreens and foundation shrubbery are used and hardy perennials such as phlox, iris, and delphinium are planted. The all-year round plan of planting keeps the lawn beautiful all the time.

It has been said that "Communities can afford anything they want, if they want it enough." And, although the effort to improve High Point will cost the community something, we believe that it does pay in the long run to use forethought in planning a city, to build adequate playgrounds and efficient houses, and to do anything to meet the spiritual, physical, and economic needs of the people.

—GENEVIEVE SHEETZ

Enter— "The American Girl"

The number of magazines in the library is increasing. Another newcomer is "The American Girl." The library officials have long wanted this charming magazine for the use of the high school girls as it is a noted and very interesting publication. It is published by the American Girl publishing house under the auspices of the Girl Scouts of America. Its very atmosphere is reminiscent to the girls who are or have been members of that great organization.

There are topics concerning everything that is interesting to the average American girl. There are mystery stories of colonial days, wide-awake stories of modern school life. In the September issue there is a story about a girl who took an exciting balloon ride—even if it was rather impromptu. There are stories galore, and all kinds of them. Every type of girl will find just the sort of fiction that interests her most.

There is a delightful article in the September issue for all the would-be cooks in the high school; all kinds of ice creams for desserts, sponge cakes, icings, and salad dressings. Doesn't that sound good?

There is a page devoted to handicraft for those who are clever with their fingers. Even the boys, at least the scouts, will find this page interesting and worth-while.

Another page which will be heartily indorsed (this time only

by the girls) is that page which is devoted to the art of—beautifying oneself.

There are double pages covered with pictures of camp life, and all sorts of outdoor activities. As the title suggests, you are taken from reveille to taps. You are carried on horseback rides, on picnics in out-of-the-usual-way places; you go on night hikes among the whispering pines and probably climb the grand eternal hills which are such lasting symbols of nature; you swim with a group of lively girls; you gasp with the contestants in a hard fought tennis tournament; you turn botanist and roam through the fields and marshes for rare specimens and cultures. Perhaps, you turn astronomer, and go out to watch the panorama of the heavens. All this you may do through the "American Girl," which knows just what you want, and how you want it. There are breezy instructive accounts on every one of these subjects, and many more besides. You have a hobby—at least to some extent; an account of it will be sure to be in one of the issues of this girls' magazine.

There are stories about the methods used by the Girl Scouts, when they go on hikes or pitch their tents for a stay somewhere; you learn how they cook quaint dishes, and how they weave interesting baskets. Everyone of these topics has a lasting story in it.

An article which will be especially interesting to the girls of H. P. H. S. at present is the story in the October number entitled "Mary Ellen Plays Hockey." It is instructive, and at the same time

is enjoyable because of its value as a story.

In the October issue there is also a topic which will be a great help to scouts or people who are of an architectural frame of mind; it is entitled "When You Build a Troop Room." Read it. It is dandy.

Of course, we can't leave out a most important subject which occupies a prominent place in "The American Girl." That is the corner which is devoted to fashions. It is a good one, and is well chosen, too. What girl isn't interested in that subject?

There is, in addition, a corner for the books which the authorities thought would be interesting to the majority of the girls who are likely to be in touch with this popular publication. They have splendid reviews, and suggestions for books as gifts for all possible occasions. Everyone who reads will like this little corner.

There are, of course, jokes. What magazine of this type would be at all complete without a good snappy joke page? Well, this one is certainly plenty good.

The very advertisements in "The American Girl" are worth reading. In fact, there is not a printed word in the whole magazine which was not put in especially for the amusement and instruction of the girls. Most of the ads have to do with the Girl Scout uniforms and all kinds of equipment.

There are two copies of this magazine in the library now. They are the October and the September issues. The subscription will be continued throughout the year. And throughout the entire year there will be more and more splendid stories, news articles, articles on household arts—everything which interests the girls.

The magazine is its name to the last word. It is the American Girl. Treat it as such, and ready everything in it. You'll like every sentence in it and come back for more.

—FRANCES DOUGLAS

H. P. H. S. COMPARED WITH KNOXVILLE HIGH BY A NEW STUDENT

In changing from one school to another, any pupil will note many differences and some similarities. Such was my observation in coming from the high school in Knoxville, Tennessee, into that of High Point.

The total enrollment in Knoxville was 2,000 with an average attendance of over 1,700 each day. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors attend this school, located in the center of the city and a few blocks from town.

The square building is built of red brick, and covers a square block. There are four entrances, one at each side. In the hall leading from the main entrance are cases with trophies and loving cups won and left by the seniors. The lockers are lined against the walls, and one is about the size of two of the lockers here. The auditorium is used for a study hall; the girls occupy one section, and the boys another.

The gymnasium is across the street. It was built after the school and therefore is more modern. Sliding doors divide the boys' and the girls' gymnasium. These can be opened for basketball games, boxing matches, and other athletic events.

The cafeteria is large, containing separate lines for boys and girls. Only twenty minutes is allowed for lunch, and one can't leave the cafeteria, because there is no campus.

The students of the High Point high school should be proud of their modern building. The student body as a whole has kept the building so neat that it looks as though this were the first year it has been in use.

The rules of the two schools are similar. In Knoxville firecrackers expel a boy from school so that he can never enter again. For smoking one is usually expelled, but he can re-enter.

The clubs are about the same in both schools. K. H. S. had the