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## ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1929

At this time we are standing on the threshold of another year. Many of us are giving serious thought to what that new year may bring. Others of us, with the happy, carefree abandon that youth fortunately possesses, say, "Let come what may," and go whistling down the road. The way we look at it may not change the things in store for us, and again it may. That is entirely as to whether or not you believe in predestination. But every one is willing to admit that the way we meet our problems in life has much to do with the outcome of the struggle.

But to get down to high school parlance. We are all boys and girls working together toward a big aim—the accomplishment of something. Just a few days ago we were told that we were to have twelve more months to work in—twelve months that will mean exactly what we make them mean. Right now they are in our possession, absolutely clean. If we were attempting to preach, we would say, "Take this New Year and keep it as spotless as it now is. Be good, and see that you are properly appreciative of all your blessings." But preaching is not our aim.

Every boy and every girl and many who are no longer called such, know that youth cannot be restrained or bridled. It must run its gauntlet, and a new year is mostly 365 more days to run in. But those of us now in high school must needs feel that somehow we are learning to restrain our impulse for freedom to do as will would. We are learning that we are soon to go out into a world that has little time for him who cannot take on his share of responsibility. And so with 1929 we are curbing some of the wildest dreams and are beginning to understand that reality is always present even though we have tried to override it in the past.

However, a New Year is not to mean too much seriousness and too heavy responsibilities. For every "tit" of care there is a "tat" of hope and unlimited opportunity. "New Hope" we might call it, instead of "New Year," especially when you are a high school boy or girl and have at your finger tips one of nature's most gracious endowments—YOUTH. So, happy New Year to you, students of High Point high. May you try your wings in 1929 and find them strong.

## BASKETBALL IS HERE!

A few weeks ago we informed you through this column that basketball was "on the wing." Well, folks, it has arrived safely, and perhaps none are gladder to see it than the students of High Point high school. For us, basketball season is always a good season, and its coming promises a round of clean exciting competition.

Remember the Candor game last year? Everybody is probably secretly hoping that there will be at least one more like that this winter—but with the extra point on somebody else's side. Our chances for going far in the championship race are good now, and they will probably increase as the season advances. At any rate let us remind you, as we have done many times before, that the team needs every one's support. On the whole last year, we had good attendance. Why can't we set a new record this time. Turn to the basketball schedule and plan to be at every game that is possible for you to attend.

So from now until the fifteenth of March, every time you give a cheer for something else, give three for basketball.

## QUO VADIS

This is clean scholarship week. Does it concern you? In the past, have you been closing your eyes, and saying, "Well, I'm not the only one?" Have you chosen to be dishonest because your neighbors are dishonest? What would you think of your parents if they refused to pay their debts because they wished to be like their neighbors? Why not say to yourself, "I am a cheat. I am dishonest. I steal another's work. I am forming a habit which will remain with me, throughout life, if I do not change. The longer I wait to begin being honest, the harder it will be to change."

If you have a record of clean scholarship yourself, do you choose to close your eyes to the dishonesty about you and say, "I have only myself to account for?" Do you choose those who cheat for your friends, and refuse to take an active stand against dishonest work?

There are more students in school who are clean in scholarship than those who are not. If all honest students actively worked for honesty, dishonest students would be as ashamed to have their fellow students see them cheating as they would to be seen stealing money. And they might, by example of others, be awakened to a conscientiousness of

their wrongdoing and be directed toward higher ideals of character. Nothing that you do in school is as important as clean, honest, habits of work. Latin, history and geometry are merely aids in the formation of character.

Where do you stand? Are you active or passive?

—EDITH BARKER

## HONESTY AND SELF RESPECT

There are some things that make our daily lives more worth the living—make us better for the doing. Among these, none is less valuable or less important to us than honesty. It is so natural to some that they scarce list it as a virtue of theirs, if they were asked. Others attain honesty only by great care and will power.

Whichever of these two classes you belong in you are fortunate. You can never know exactly how fortunate until you have the opportunity of seeing the unhappiness brought on by aversion to good. Then you will see that no matter how much you have to pay to be honest, the reward is ample.

For centuries, wise men have praised honesty, and the success of many famous men is attributed, in a great respect, to it. If for only this reason, boys and girls should feel that being honest is worth while. But there is something else that is even stronger—self respect. Money cannot help you gain it, and still it can be purchased—by a clean conscience, and a conscience clean honestly.

## CLUB NOTES

### Scribblers' Club

During the meeting of the Scribblers' club Tuesday morning Miss Bulwinkle discussed with the club "verse" and "poems." She also read some poems that were written by high school students. Doris Allen presided over the meeting and Frances McCrary had charge of the devotional.

### Junior Dramatic Club

Ted Thomas, president of the Junior Dramatic club, has moved away, and the meeting Tuesday morning was presided over by Margaret Hedrick, former vice president. She is now president and a new vice-president will be elected at the next meeting. The program was: Devotional, Mary Scoggins, and "Toast to the School," Hazel Scoggins. Miss Beard then read a New Year's play "The Care of the Fates," by Alcott.

### Oratio Club

During the meeting of Oratio club Tuesday morning, Mr. Andrews made a short talk concerning the debates the club would have. The constitution was read and one amendment made; the dates of the meetings were changed. Reports from the committee chairmen were given concerning the presentation of a play.

### Sophomore Girl Reserves

The freshman and sophomore Girl Reserves held a joint meeting Tuesday. Miss Matson presided. The program opened with songs, and afterwards New Year's resolutions were read. The code was given at the end of the meeting.

### Travelers' Club

The selection of pins for the club was the main business of the club in the meeting Tuesday. No special program was held.

### Senior Dramatic Club

In the meeting of the Senior Dramatic club Tuesday morning a suggestion was made that the club present to the Junior Dramatic club a play some time in the spring. This was discussed among the members of the club. The three one-act plays to be given sometime in the spring were also discussed.

### Senior Hi-Y

The meeting of the senior Hi-Y Tuesday morning was spent in reports of Older Boys Conference which was held in Morganton, December 7, 8, 9. The reports were as follows:

Registration—Harvey Curlee.  
The First Meeting—Carl Jones.  
Meeting Saturday Morning—David Parsons.  
The Banquet Saturday night and the closing meeting Sunday—Wilbur Hutchens.

David Parsons, Robert Morrow, and Wilbur Hutchens told about discussions in their groups.

### Senior Girl Reserves

A new year's program was given in the meeting of the senior Girl Reserves Tuesday morning. Poems and readings about the new year

were given. Miss Matson gave her New Year's resolutions, and called on others to give theirs. The whole club divided into committees who discussed the work which they had planned to do this coming year. Miss Albright gave an attractive book cover to each member.

### Art Club

Miss Albright showed the members of the Art club, Tuesday morning, how to make a covering for a home-made book. A pan of water, a piece of paper, and a few tubes of oil paint are the necessary materials.

### Chemistry Club

The program for the Chemistry club Tuesday morning was based on "The Part the Negro has played in Certain Fields of Science." Several of the members spoke on the subject.

### Radio Club

During the meeting of the Radio club on Tuesday morning plans were made for the construction of a school radio. As the fundamental radio is new to the members, the parts are being studied and after much studying, a radio will be constructed in the auditorium.

### Senior French Club

The program committee of the senior French club gave the members of the club a cross word puzzle to work out at the last meeting. Many other games were played. The program for next time will be a play in French.

### Tumblers' Club

There were about eighty at the meeting of the Tumblers' club Tuesday morning. Plans have been made for a contest to be presented between the two sides of the basketball team toward the last of school. There are some very good acrobats, according to Coach Marlette.

### Junior Hi-Y

At the meeting of the junior Hi-Y Thursday the names of twenty sophomore boys were selected to be handed to Mr. Johnston. The ones he "O.K.s" will be voted on as to whether they will be taken in or not. Gilbert Clinard gave a report on the Morganton Conference for Older Boys.

### Home Nursing Club

The members of the Home Nursing club finished making toys at the meeting Tuesday morning. Due to the fact that school let out earlier than expected the toys were not completed for Christmas. They will, however, be given to the sick children at the Guilford Sanatorium.

## ENGLISH SCRAP BOOK WILL GO TO LIBRARY

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projects and require much skilful work. The console table will take sixty one-hour periods for construction. It will be twenty-seven inches high with an attractively fluted apron and appropriate cut-away and will be finished in brown walnut. The desk will be finished in genuine mahogany. All the turning work of the latter has already been completed.

## Exchange Notes

We are glad to receive The Ruralite from Rural Hall, N. C. This is quite a "newsy" paper. We wish to suggest that perhaps some double column headlines would be an agreeable variation for the front page.

The Spotlight comes to us from Kernersville, N. C. Your front page make-up is good, and your editorials well timed and well written. The column of "Reflections" is very clever and interesting. We like your paper.

The Sandspur dedicated its issue of December 11 to their Wildcats, who (as we know) kept the state football championship title. A ballot is also printed in that issue, so that the subscribers may vote for the feature of the paper that they like best.

The Flashlight from Superior, Neb., seems to be steadily climbing the ladder. You have much good poetry, which we think would justify a section all of its own.

The Full Moon from Albermarle tells us that they now have a Quill and Scroll club. This is a national organization and we congratulate you on having a chapter.

The Student Prints from Wadesboro is a good eight-page paper. We wish to suggest that you have sub headlines instead of the names of the writers on the front page. If your headline print were heavier your front page appearance would be improved.

The "Drops o' Coffee" which helps to fill the Cup o' Coffee from Enterprise, Ala., is a good column. If you could put famous quotations or sayings of great men instead of jokes as fillers, especially on your front page, you could perhaps give someone a new idea about something, and save your jokes for your joke column.

We welcome the Mercury from Worcester, Mass. The page of club news is good. Your sport page certainly commands attention. Sport news seems to be plentiful.

Fine Yarns from Gastonia, has been running short accounts on literature, with the answers in the next issue. These little tests on who said and who wrote that are very interesting.

The Mirror reflects Elgin, Ill. The front page make-up is very good. The pen sketches of characters from Dulay is a very clear way of advertising. Bumping into your plea for snapshots at every turn should certainly make every reader remember to bring them.

We are glad to receive the Tar Heel, from Chapel Hill, and Old Gold and Maroon from Wake Forest.

## PAST YEAR EVENTFUL ONE FOR THIS SCHOOL

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class of '25, had been elected president of the student body of N. C. C. W. Eleanor Idol's play, "The Tollivers" was taken to Chapel Hill for the state dramatic contest.

In May the music department won several places in the state music contest held in Greensboro. And new uniforms were obtained for the band. The senior play, "Babs" was also successfully given.

June was graduation month. One hundred and fifteen seniors received the first diplomas given from the new building.

School re-opened in September. The new term ushered in other innovations for the high school students, such as the new Pointer published in September; in October the first hockey team ever organized here played under regular schedule. In November, a straw election was held, in which the students forecast the trend of the national mind by electing Hoover president. Another epoch-making event was the Black Bison's victory over Greensboro, the first in four years.

In December, the schools were dismissed nine days earlier than planned on account of the "flu" epidemic.