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## "THE CAPTAIN" SHOWS TO LARGE AUDIENCES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Music Department's Annual Operetta Presented Successfully at Three Performances. Roles Well Portrayed.

"The Captain of Plymouth," a comic opera by Tibbals and Elridge was presented before large audiences at three performances Thursday and Friday by the Music Department of the school. This was the fifth annual operetta given under the direction of Lewis L. Stookey and it equalled, if it did not surpass, previous like performances. Thursday afternoon a matinee was presented for the benefit of the grammar grade school children, and Friday afternoon a second matinee was presented. Friday night was the climax of all the performances, and a capacity house witnessed "The Captain" at that time.

The story centered around the love of Miles Standish, Captain of Plymouth, for Priscilla, the fairest maiden of the colony. In spite of the blustering, rough, man-of-war's affections for the maiden, he is unable to present his suit in a tactful manner, so he engages his friend, and diligent scribe, John Alden, to do his lovemaking. The well-known story of how John does as the Captain bids, in spite of his own love for Priscilla, and is rewarded by finally being given her as his very own, furnished, with a few new "frills," the rest of the play. According to this story, the captain and his inimitable man-at-arms, Erasmus, are captured by the Indians who prepare to burn them. Katonka, an Indian princess, (Continued on Page 2)

## CHAPTER OF QUILL AND SCROLL IS ORGANIZED

All candidates From Local High School Are Accepted By National Organization.

A chapter of the National Quill and Scroll Journalistic Society was organized in the local high school last week. The charter members are members of the staff of THE POINTER.

Miss Derrick presented the names of the following people to the national secretary, George Gallup for acceptance; Mary Elizabeth Harlee, Gladys Culler, Frances Douglas, Wesley Jones, Mayna Allen, Robert Davis, Eloise Best, Margaret York, Virginia Hunt, and Alma Andrews. Miss Derrick received a letter last week from Mr. Gallup in which he said that all candidates from High Point high school had been accepted, and that (Continued on Page 3)

## MATHEMATICS CONTEST TO BE HELD APRIL 26

The state mathematics contest for high schools, which is an annual affair, will be held on April 26, this year. This contest is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The best paper submitted from the entire school will be sent to Chapel Hill where it will be judged by the instructors at the University of North Carolina.

A pupil of Ahoskie high school won the contest in 1925; an Agden high student won in 1926; and a student from Charlotte was awarded the prize in 1927.

Mr. L. E. Andrews, head of the school mathematics department, will supervise the contest here. He will announce the names of the High Point contestants at an early date.

## STUDENTS PREPARE TO ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Those eligible Meet To Discuss Questions of Coming Election; Intend to Present Program.

The advisers of the student council, Misses May Meador, Janet Harris, and Louise Shipman, intend giving an assembly program Tuesday, April 16, which will consist of short speeches by some of the possible candidates for president and vice-president of the student body. In this way the students in general will be able to judge which would fill the position best.

Under the usual procedure the juniors eligible for these offices gathered in the auditorium to confer on questions related to the election. They earnestly discussed the method of nomination from the floor, the number to be chosen by the student council, the qualifications making up a desirable president, and other important items.

The subjects chosen for the speeches have been the targets of innumerable queries; and a lesser object of the program is to satisfy these apparently insatiable "thirsters-after-knowledge."

## SCOUT WHO WENT TO AFRICA SPEAKS HERE

Robert Dick Douglas, Famous Eagle Scout from Greensboro, Makes Address to Students. Tells of Experiences.

Africa! Who does not thrill at the sound of that magic word? Although few high school students have been so fortunate as to travel in the "dark continent," those of our institution recently had an experience not far inferior, that of hearing Robert Dick Douglas tell the story of his adventures in the veldt and jungle. The scout touched on the most interesting points of the voyage across, mentioning the affectionate greetings of the French scouts and the kind reception extended to the three boys by Marshal Foch. Regarding the heat of the Red Sea, Dick merely remarked that a man who remained in the open sun one hour without the protection of a sun helmet was dead of sunstroke by the next day, letting the instance speak for itself.

As to Africa, Dick says, "I had supposed it to be a tangled mass of unhealthy jungle. Instead it is one of the most beautiful and healthy places I ever saw." After discussing the appearance and habits of such beasts as the giraffe, zebra, and gazelle, he came to the "king of beasts," the lion.

"I could best describe him as a gentleman," continued Dick. "He is entirely different from the blood-thirsty animal of storybook accounts. Ordinarily he is perfectly harmless as long as you let him alone." According to the scout, the only time he ever knew of an unprovoked attack occurred when a lioness feared for her cubs. While (Continued on Page 3)

## NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM PROVING SATISFACTORY

The system of having home room reporters for the library has just been in operation for a week, but already indications show that will be a simplified and satisfactory one.

For the past week, beginning April 3, the report was especially good. There were no overdue books or fines to be paid in five home rooms. These rooms and their reporters are as follows: 201, Elva Grissom, 201-A, Agnes Byrum, 304, Helen Marshall, 307, Annabel Sowers, and 316, Mozelle Frazier.

## LOCAL DEBATERS MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF GATE CITY HIGH SOON

Frensic Combat Will Be Held Before Student Body In Greensboro-High Point Meet.

The dual debaters have settled down to work in earnest in anticipation of the contest with Greensboro to be staged at an early date. Reports from Greensboro are that their speakers are also preparing for a stiff combat. The debate will take place before the student bodies of both schools; the affirmative debating Greensboro here, and the negative meeting their affirmative there.

The High Point speakers have all had some experience in public speaking. Eloise Best was in the triangular debate last year; Mayna Allen was an alternate for the same debate; Ralto Farlowe was in the finals of the declamation contest at Duke; and Mabel Koontz has spoken in the Oratio club.

Speakers from High Point are: affirmative, Eloise Best and Mabel Koontz; negative, Mayna Allen and Ralto Farlowe.

The Greensboro speakers are: affirmative, Hadley Hayes, Douglas Cartland, and Clary Holt; negative, Harry Buice, Orlando Cate, and Charles Hagan.

The query for discussion is: "Resolved: That the United States Should Cancel Her Inter-Allied War Debts."

## MISS RUTH CLINARD WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO BRYN MAWR

Plans to Tour European Countries In Preparation for Work.

Ruth Clinard, former High Point high school alumna, has been chosen as one of the two girls in the United States to win the Grace Dodge scholarship to Bryn Mawr college.

The requirements for the scholarship were based on scholarship, outside activities, and character. The award will provide for a one year post-graduate course at this institution near Philadelphia. The course to be studied is social economy.

In preparation to the post-graduate course, Miss Clinard will make an "open road tour" through Turkey, Germany, and the Balkan states this summer.

## FLAG CONTEST DATE IS MOVED TO APRIL 12TH

Announcement Is Made By Miss Lindsay; Other Competitions Create Interest Here.

April 12 instead of April 5, as was formerly announced, is the date set for the "deadline" of the flag contest papers. The change, which was made on account of the many late entries in the competition, was announced by Miss Lindsay who received notice of it last week from headquarters. The extra week will allow many who have as yet not had time to do their work to get their papers and questions and answers in on time. Miss Lindsay who is in charge of the contest, however, says that she would like to have all material in by Thursday 11, if it is possible.

There are also several other contests on foot and Miss Lindsay (Continued on Page 3)

## COMMENCEMENT PLANS DISCUSSED BY SENIORS

Class Takes Up Subject of Senior Gift; Play To Be Given May 12; Other Announcements.

REPORT ON INVITATIONS

Plans for commencement were the subject for discussion in the regular monthly meeting of the senior class held Wednesday, April 3. Miss Janet Harris, class adviser, read the program for commencement week, and then Miss Elizabeth Lindsay, the other adviser, told the boys and girls what kind of wardrobe would be necessary for the exercises.

Mr. Johnston next submitted a plan for the annual senior gift. Heretofore, the principal said, the money has been used to buy equipment, statuary, pictures, etc., but his suggestion is that it be utilized in starting a school fund with which to subsidize activities for which the money cannot be provided by the school board. A general discussion on this plan was held but no definite action was taken.

The report from the invitation (Continued on Page 3)

## TWO NEW COURSES ARE ADDED TO CURRICULUM

Social Science III Is Required of General Students—Solid Geometry Is Offered Seniors.

The new curriculum as announced for next year contains several changes from the old. One new subject that has been added is Social Science III. It is required for graduation under the General Curriculum. Social Science III deals with economics and sociology. This includes banking, laws of natural resources, cooperations, trusts, laws of supply and demand, labor unions and many other problems concerning everyday light. It is considered a very interesting and beneficial subject and will doubtless be a welcome addition to the school.

Another interesting subject is Physics. This subject is confined to senior courses. Although this is now a new subject it is considered worthy of mention. It deals with scientific problems and formulas.

In the mathematics course there are also new courses to be had. The seniors may choose solid geometry. This is Mathematics IV and deals with cubes and squares. This will be the first time that solid geometry has been offered here, although plane geometry has been a standard course for several years. It will be divided into two semesters, the first taking up advanced algebra, and the second solid geometry. Algebra is used in preparation for the geometry.

## LIBRARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH ANNOUNCED

Circulation Is Largest of Any Other One Month In Past Year; Report Is Much Above Average.

The library report for March was above the average in all of the different divisions, and the total circulation was the largest yet reported during any one month of the past year. The report is as follows:

Total circulation	3,423
Days open for circulation	21
Average circulation per day	163
Largest circulation daily	206
Reference questions answered	514
Books mended	146
Books added	35
Visitors	52

## COMMITTEES TO WORK ON COMING RECEPTION HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

Five Groups of Juniors Will Prepare for Social Event of Year; Faculty Will Advise.

The junior class held a meeting recently in order to hear the report of its officers as to their plans for the Junior-Senior reception. Various committees had been appointed, each with its two faculty advisers. The general committee consists of: Adelaide Crowell, Frank Armfield, Dwight Barringer, John York, Ivan Crissman, Roy Hepler, Julia Gold Clark, Harriette Folwell, Josephine Ferguson and Chesie Kinsey. Miss Abernethy and Mrs. Guthrie are advisers.

### Specific Committees

The program committee: Alma Andrews, Joseph Vaughn, Robert Byrum, Nell McMullen, and Rose Aske. The faculty advisers are Mr. Sloan and Miss Helen Derrick. Decoration committee: Ernest Auman, Rip Tabb, James Hinkle, Mildred Von Drehle, Marion Williams; advised by Misses Beard and Bulwinkle.

Thereshment committee: Margaret York, Dot Kirkman, Eloise Ingram, Wyatt Wall, and Harry Williamson. Advisers: Mrs. Harbison and Miss Tucker. Genevieve Sheetz, Agnes Byrum, Nellie Ellington, William Mertin, and Rome Sales make up the invitation committee. Miss Abernethy and Mrs. Guthrie "ride herd" on this group.

The chairmen announced their intention of working energetically on their task.

## SLOAN SISTERS ENTER ASHEVILLE CONTEST

Two Local Musicians to Compete With Other District Winners; Play Violin and Flute.

Miriam Sloan and Frances Sloan are leaving Thursday morning for Asheville to compete in the annual music contest of the Federated Music clubs, which is meeting there Thursday and Friday. These two High Point high school students, sisters, were the winners in the district contest held in Greensboro, March 16, and this entitles them to go to Asheville and enter the contest against the winners in the other North Carolina districts. There are several such districts in the state and each held the preliminary contest at the same time the one for the Piedmont section was held.

Miriam plays the flute, and Frances, the violin. They are considered among the most talented young artists in the state, in spite of the fact that they have had comparatively few private lessons in their respective instruments. In a (Continued on Page 3)

## ELEVEN STUDENTS ENTER SPANISH CONTEST HERE

Eleven second year Spanish students took the state Spanish test last Wednesday, March 20. They assembled in the cafeteria and took the test during the first and second periods. The outstanding students from all the Spanish classes were selected to enter the contest. These students were Thelma Scott, Elizabeth Gurley, Mary Holley, Mildred Boswell, Dell Hicks, Robert Hubbard, Raymond Ritchie, J. T. McGhee, Mildred Payne, Ina McAdams, and Virginia Hunt.

The results of the test have not yet been received, but will be announced later.