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Someone wonders if the music department can't be persuaded to go in a little more for harmony. This is not a reflection on the music, but rather on the combination of tunes. It's rather hard to keep one's mind on lessons when down in the music room some young hopeful is playing "The Rosary" on the violin, and a part of the orchestra is rehearsing a snappy march rather laboriously, all the while a tantalizing jazz number is drifting down from the radio in the physics laboratory.

Anyone who wants to know about all the commotion and confusion in the halls and in tower I last Thursday will be kindly informed that the seniors were having their pictures taken. Anyone who knows how much trouble a high school student and especially a senior takes when he is about to have his "likeness struck" will realize what a time the photographer had when he attempted to put one hundred and twenty-five seniors together and keep them all still, even for a few seconds.

THE BEAUTY OF OUR GROUNDS

The grounds around the building are especially pretty and restful looking right now and we are glad that we stayed off the grass when it was coming up and gave it a chance. Not even the prettiest, or rather, we should say, the most magnificent structure, whether it be a home or a school or even a factory will look half as well with no well-kept grounds around it as it will with them. Only a little shrubbery has been planted around the school, but, together with the new grass that is just beginning to come up, it adds to the beauty of the building as no other one thing could do. On seeing the trees with the grass below them from the window of a classroom, one is able to rest his eyes and at the same time to enjoy some of the beauty of the outdoors which is most beautiful to some of any time of the year.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO WIN?

Sometime ago we heard a student remark that no one from High Point ever won. That we were always third or fourth or honorable mention than a first place. We wondered at the time just how much the speaker had ever done to win a first place for us. And we also wished that we might have a chance to show him that we are not always last. About two weeks ago our negative team debating against Greensboro there, won a unanimous decision. And last week one of H.P.H.S.'s students won a signal honor when she was chosen as regional contest winner in the national flag contest. If the person who was kicking believes that this was any small thing, then let him stop and consider how many people were entered and how rigid the requirements were. For anyone who has been inclined to find fault with what we won, we would like to give a little advice right now: If you would get out and work as hard as many of the people who represent us in contests and other activities, perhaps we would win more honors, first places, etc. But remember that it doesn't matter how much you win as how hard you work to win it, and whether or not you do your best, as well as your share.

NEW COMMENCEMENT FASHIONS

A new circular concerning the styles for graduation and just "what is being worn" in the smart circles, has recently come to our notice. According to this bulletin, white is no longer the sole correct color for the graduation gown, but the pastel shades are also being used. It is said that at the most fashionable schools the girls in the graduating classes wear dresses of shades most suited to their coloring. In this way they are said to be given a chance to look their prettiest even if they do not look well in white.

This may be a variation of the old idea and perhaps many who do not think they look well in white heard it with much pleasure. It is doubtful, however, if the new fashion will ever take the place of the old. Graduation is one time when white is supposed to be "the" color, and few shades can be found which are much prettier, any one will admit. Then too, to have one color predominate makes a picture that is hard to beat.

Some high schools of today even have the regulation caps and gowns to be worn by those who take part in the exercises, and though this idea has not been presented to the class this year, several of the seniors have spoken of it. The general opinion seems to be, however, that caps and gowns are too near like college dress, and that one graduates from high school only once and so has only one chance to wear the conventional white gown or dark suit. It is true that "the old order changeth and giveth way to new," and the day when the senior girls will trip across the stage in either a gray cap and gown or a delicately

shaded dress may not be far off. For the present, however, we believe that the seniors will keep the white as the uniform color, and will be glad that modern ideas have not supplanted the old customs in High Point High.

THIS LAST WEEK

The rules that have been made for the school year will be good up till the time that school is declared officially closed. It is much harder, we will admit, to keep on the "ruled path" rather than wander a little, when school is so near over, but it is no easier for the teachers to keep order and conduct class now than it was when we started out.

Some of those who will graduate may feel that they are so near their diplomas that they don't much care what they do. If they have taken any pride in H.P.H.S. however, and have prided themselves on having any school spirit, they will see it from another viewpoint. Instead of being careless these last days why not be careful, and do everything possible to make the end of the school year even better than the beginning? If you want to leave school feeling that you have done your very best up till the very close, then the time from now to the seventh of June is the time for doing that. Remember that the teachers are just as anxious to get out of school and at their vacations as you are, and probably they have a hard time keeping still when they want to be out-doors as anybody. If they resist these impulses and can keep at their work as long as necessary, then it is because they have learned the art of self-control.

How much of that art have you learned?

Houston Boyd Hiatt, Jr.

The class of 1927 of the High Point high school lost by death its first member last week when Houston Boyd Hiatt died at his home in this city.

This young man, always strong, was in his usual good health up until about two weeks ago when he was suddenly stricken with pneumonia. He was brought to High Point from Oak Ridge Military Academy where he was a student, and all that was possible was done for him, and for many days before his death it was thought that he was winning his fight for life. The seriousness of the disease, however, took its toll, and he passed away Monday morning, May 20, about 2:30 o'clock. He was 18 years old and the only son of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Hiatt. One sister, Billie, survives. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from St. Mary's Episcopal Church, of which the deceased was a communicant.

Houston Hiatt was one of the most outstanding members of his class, and took part in many school activities while a student at the old building. He was considered an unusually brilliant scholar, and the news of his death cast a gloom over members of the school who had known him. He was also a leader in Boy Scout work and was the fourth boy in High Point to be awarded the Eagle Scout badge, the highest honor that can be attained by a Boy Scout. At one time he was patrol leader of troop No. 4.

The fall after receiving his diploma here he entered Oak Ridge Military Academy, Oak Ridge, where he was when taken ill. This year he had been an assistant in the chemistry laboratory and had distinguished himself for his work in this subject.

Wherever he was, he was always known as a young man of the highest type and one who always lived up to the ideals of the organization in which he had been so interested, the Boy Scouts.

Club Notes

Senior Hi-Y

The last meeting of the Senior Hi-Y was held Thursday, May 3. Wilbur Hutchins made a short talk on the subject, "Jesus, the All Round Man." He said that Jesus is the finest example of all-round development, physical, mental, social, and religious—that the world has ever known. In proof of such a statement, Wilbur gave examples of the Savior's development in all four ways. He said that boys should be careful to develop themselves in four ways rather than in one,

and should make themselves well-rounded. Abraham Lincoln was used as an example of all-round development.

Ralto Farlowe also made a talk. His subject was "Paul, the World Citizen," and he said that Paul is one of the greatest characters in history, having had the best in education and training. Before his conversion, so the speaker told the club, he was one of the worst persecutors of the Christians and was known as Saul, but after he became a Christian himself, he was the greatest single factor in the spread of the religion. Paul was interested in all the people of the world, and he suffered many dangers and hardships in bringing the message of Christ to them. The speaker said that each boy today should also be a world citizen, and should invest a part of himself in work for others in the distant places of the globe.

Mr. Johnston then spoke to the club. He said that since the Hi-Y was established all the clubs have been good, but that this year's club had raised the standard several notches, and that those who come into it next year will have a high mark to live up to. He also told them that the Hi-Y has had much influence in school life and that cooperation has helped make the club a success.

David Parsons, the retiring president, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the members this year. Coach Marlette, adviser, said that it has been a pleasure for him to be with the club and that he had got several good points from the programs. He also said that he felt much had been accomplished by the club this year. The members voted unanimously to have him for adviser next year.

Oratio Club

The Oratio club held no regular program at the meeting Tuesday. There was an open forum discussing how to benefit the club. Mr. Andrews announced the banquet to be given in Greensboro Thursday night, May 23.

The Radio Club

The Radio club held its last meeting for this year Tuesday. No special program was had except a talk given by Mr. Alston. His subject was waves and he related some very interesting facts about their frequency, speed and other characteristics. The radio club this year has learned some of the fundamental principles of radio and Mr. Alston hopes to be able to go further into the practical construction of apparatus next year.

The Latin Club

The members of the Latin Club are still constructing Roman soldiers. They have a good many finished and painted.

The Senior and Junior Dramatic Clubs

The junior and senior Dramatic clubs held a joint meeting in the cafeteria, the twenty-first. Miss Singer gave a reading, "The Theatre Party," taken from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Mr. Marshall urged all the graduating members to take up dramatics in the colleges they may enter. The dramatic clubs have had a very suc-

cessful financial year. At the beginning of the year there was one dollar and seventy-seven cents in the treasury and now at the close, after paying all expenses they find that they have sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents to start next year with.

Freshmen and Sophomore Girl Reserves

The Freshmen and Sophomore Girl Reserves held a joint meeting Tuesday. Dorothy Crawley gave the devotional after which the members sang "Follow the Gleam." The speaker on the program, Mrs. Stevens, was introduced by Miss Carrier. Her subject was "Indians and Mountain Life." Among the points she discussed were the history of the Indians, and their customs and school life. She then exhibited some interesting Indian relics which she got at the North Carolina reservations.

French I

The French club held its regular meeting Tuesday morning. The program consisted of very interesting discussions on the following subjects: "Paris at Work," by Essie Brown. "How Paris Keeps House," by Jamie Smith. "Shops Large and Small," by Sarah Jarrett. "The Servant Problem in France," by Mabel Cecil.

* **LUCAS SHINES AGAIN** *
* High Point High's most *
* illustrious tennis player, Lucas *
* Abels, was selected to play *
* Miss Annette Kellerman last *
* Wednesday afternoon at the *
* Country club, and defeated her *
* 6-1. Miss Kellerman is con- *
* sidered the most beautifully *
* shaped woman in the world. *
* She was in High Point prepara- *
* tory to an engagement at *
* the American theatre. Be- *
* cause she enjoys playing tennis *
* and likes to keep in practice, *
* a match was arranged for her *
* here.

* In the singles which started *
* about 5 o'clock, Lucas de- *
* feated her, but she put up a *
* game fight. Later, she and the *
* high school boy paired off to *
* give a team composed of Mr. *
* Capus Waynick, of this city, *
* and Mr. Lambeth of Thomas- *
* ville, a close race, dividing their *
* victories.

* Miss Kellerman was to have *
* played at the club Tuesday, *
* but because of incorrect in- *
* formation given out about the *
* condition of the courts, did not *
* appear. A large crowd was on *
* hand, Wednesday, however, to *
* see her game. *

THE JADE GOD

By RUBY HICKS—30

"And this here is the Old Jordon Place," said my youthful guide, pointing at the blackened ruins. "It burned down when Pop was young; don't nobody know nothing about it."

"Who own it?" I asked.

"Nobody knows."

"Who could tell me something about it?"

"Nobody can."

I could get no information from this village child, about this place which interested me. He had started to show me the sights of the village, and this was the last place he had to show me.

Dusk was falling and night was drawing near. The little boy whom I had secured from the village as a guide, nervously looked around him, viewing the ruins with an apprehensive air. Before us, in the dusk of evening, spread the site of what was once a large, rambling house, but now only the chimney and crumbling foundation were standing. Wild life was dominant. The old stone foundation was covered with brambles, to the chimney tenaciously clung a trumpet honeysuckle vine, its blood red flowers standing out in the brown dusk, adding the only touch of color. It seemed as if a black mist hung over the crumbling ruin, giving it a mysterious air. The appearance of the place fully justified the village superstitions.

(To be concluded next week)