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The Game

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## DR. P. S. KENNETT IS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

### College Professor Tells of Guilford County Dur- ing Revolution

In celebration of "Carolina Day" Dr. P. S. Kennett, professor of history at High Point college, made an address before the student body last Friday morning, in which he spoke of the part played by Guilford county and two of its citizens during the Revolutionary period.

#### The Two Patriots

The speaker gave a number of incidents in the life of Dr. David Caldwell, preacher, doctor, teacher, and patriot. The story of his escape from the British afforded amusement to the audience. Another citizen of Guilford was John Gillespie, a man who had fought at the battle of Alamance and who was hated by the Tories, who tried time and again to capture him.

#### Guilford Courthouse

Greene's retreat across North Carolina and the battle with Lord Cornwallis at Guilford Courthouse were mentioned by Dr. Kennett.

"The British," stated the speaker, claimed the battle at Guilford Courthouse as a victory. They had captured four cannon from the American army; but when Greene sent him a message saying that there were four more to be had on the same terms, Cornwallis packed up and returned to Virginia, where he shortly afterwards surrendered at Yorktown.

#### Carolina Songs

Proceeding the address by Dr. Kennett, two of the state songs, "Ho! For Carolina" and "The Old North State" were sung by the school. Frank Sizemore, who was in charge of the exercises, introduced the speaker of the morning.

## JUNIOR UNDERGOES SERIOUS OPERATION

### John Munyan, Staff Member, Is Now Recuperating in Local Hospital

John Munyan, member of the junior class, is at present recuperating from an operation for acute appendicitis at the High Point hospital. He suffered a severe attack at his home last week and was immediately taken to the hospital, where he underwent the operation on Friday night.

During his necessary absence from school, Munyan will be much missed in various phases of school life. In addition to being an outstanding member of the junior class, he is chairman of both the program committee and the "Little Store" committee, and is an active worker on the "Pointer" staff.

Visitors to the hospital state that he is recovering in a satisfactory manner, and that he is spending some of his enforced vacation in reading.

## 'Cheer Up' by Miss Muse Pleases Club

Presenting the selection "Cheer Up," Miss Johnnie Muse appeared for the first time this year before the Senior Green Mask Club, last Wednesday morning.

In this selection, Miss Muse impersonated an overgrown boy attempting his first stage performance. This number was received with much applause by the audience.

The second number on the program was a delightful selection given by Miss Louise Hunter.

Nancy Myatt and Frances Einstein, members of the club, played several popular pieces at the close of the meeting.

## Eighteen Students On "A" Honor Roll

For the first semester eighteen students have the distinction of being on the "A" honor roll. The number is high compared with that of last year, when only three students succeeded in making a record of A on each subject.

Senior, junior, and sophomore classes each have four on the list. The freshman class has six.

Seniors: Dorothy Bowen, Robert Guarino, Robert Hall, Frank Sizemore.

Juniors: Nick Antonakos, Kathleen Embler, Doris Hedgecock, Mabel Koontz.

Sophomores: Mildred Crowder, Ruth Perdue, Margaret Shillington, N. L. Smith.

Freshmen: Kathryn Dillard, Edna Mae Douglas, Marion Elliott, Elizabeth Hatcher, James Parsons, Vera York.

## SENIORS MEET TO DISCUSS BUSINESS

### Committee Makes Recommendation About Reception—Decision Is Left to Juniors

The chief matter brought up for discussion at the meeting of the senior class held last Thursday morning was the question of whether or not this class should take the initiative in recommending the temporary dropping of the annual Junior-Senior reception for this year.

Emma Carr Bivins, acting as spokesman for a representative committee of seniors, gave a brief report on the subject. This was followed by an open discussion in which the following points were brought out: It is difficult to find a place large enough for holding a gathering of this kind, owing to the increasing enrollment in the two upper classes, and it is also difficult to provide entertainment for them. In the second place, it is considered advisable during this period of industrial depression to omit the reception for this year.

When a vote was taken on Friday morning, the result showed that a large majority of the seniors were willing to stand by the recommendations of the committee. The final decision in the matter, however, is left to the junior class.

## Second Semester Brings Changes in High School

Since the beginning of the second semester a number of changes have been made both in courses and in individual schedules. Mr. Johnston has been seeing those pupils who wished to make any change at all.

Miss Whitener's class in "Civic Sociology" has completed the book and is now taking up "Elementary Economics," a study which deals with problems of the present day which are of vital importance to America.

Two special classes in English III have been started. These groups are composed of pupils who are desirous of strengthening themselves by reviewing the work covered during the first semester. They will be taught by Miss Beard and Miss Bulwinkle.

In the home economics department the usual change has been made, the first year classes now taking cooking instead of the sewing which they had during the first semester. In sewing there is now one junior class and two second year groups of pupils from the three higher classes.

#### SENIOR PLAY TO BE CHOSEN

If "coming events cast their shadows before," then discussion concerning the selection of the senior play to be given, probably, during May seems to herald the approach of commencement.

## THOMAS GORDY HAS WORKSHOP AT HOME

### Personality of High School Senior Is Shown By Exact Workmanship

Unlike many other students, Thomas Gordy is known by his work, and not by what he says about himself. From his workshop in the basement of his home on Montlieu Ave. have come all manner of beautiful and useful things such as ship models, miniature wagons, and all kinds of book ends, and magazine holders. Yet Gordy is so modest that he can hardly be persuaded to talk about himself and his work.

His works reflect his personality; for each and every model is built to a scrupulous standard of exactness; they fit perfectly, and have numerous minor details worked out to perfection. Everything is made with painstaking thoroughness. For instance, at the Annual Flower Show, Thomas exhibited a tiny wagon that was a model of patient achievement. Every detail was worked out to perfection, though the completed model could not have been more than eight inches long—even the diminutive brakes would operate!

Young Gordy is planning to build an oscillator line from his workshop to the home of a neighbor, Franklin Carpenter, a block away. This they hope to erect "as soon as finances will permit," according to the latter.

## DIRECTOR CHOOSES CAST FOR OPERETTA

### Frank Tucker to Have Leading Role —Players to Change For Three Parts

The cast for "The Emperor's Clothes," the operetta to be presented by the glee clubs this year, has already been assembled.

"Some of the parts," states Mr. L. L. Stookey, director of the operetta, "will be played in the afternoon performance by one person and in the evening by another."

The characters are:  
Beaumont—Emperor of Grand Manteau—Frank Tucker.  
Baron Archivieux, Imperial Chancellor—Irwin Coffield, Harry Williamson.

Prince Jarrotiere, a courtier of high degree—James Hinkle.

Princess Chausette, daughter of the emperor—Adelaide Williamson, Maxine Kennedy.

Flou-Flou, a swindler—Frances Einstein, Caroline Dalton.

Fripion, another swindler—Lawrence Russell.

Pierre, a courtier—Billy Siceloff.

Toinette, a companion to the princess—Mildred Stewart.

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#### TO JOIN FORENSIC LEAGUE

A letter, accepting the petition for a Forensic League, is expected soon as the acknowledgement of Mr. Andrew's petition has already been received. Those now eligible for membership in the League are as follows: Raymond Royal, Dorothy Bowen, Bernice Peace, Mabel Koontz, Ollie Hutchens, and Winifred Clinard.

## Why The Groundhog Stays In

Many, many years ago a little Groundhog, snug in his cozy burrow, waked from his winter slumber, poked his nose into the warm, sunny world, and said with an ecstatic chuckle. "The sun is shining, and spring is here! My long sleep is over. I shall go out and hunt and kill that I may eat." And so he came out. That day was the second of February.

## Spring Atmosphere Pervades Assembly

This all-pervading atmosphere of spring which is so much talked about seems to be affecting Mr. Stookey, if one may judge by the flowery numbers selected for the chapel program last Tuesday. Among these were "An Old-Fashioned Garden," "Garden of Tomorrow," "Roses of Picardy," and "Mighty Lak' a Rose."

The solo parts of the various songs were taken by Adelaide Williamson, M. T. Hicks, Frank Tucker, and Mr. Dan Smith, with the whole assembly joining in the chorus. The entire school sang "Mighty Lak' a Rose."

## GIRLS MAKE PLANS FOR SPECIAL WEEK

### Clubs to Work Out Ideas For Different Days—Week to Begin April 26

Further plans for "Girls' Week" were made at a meeting of the committee representing each club of the junior and senior high schools, Thursday evening, at the Y. W. C. A.

Each club had voted before on the kinds of days desired to compose the week. After counting the votes, it was found that Recreation, Adventure, Mother and Daughter, Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., and Service had the highest number of votes. Besides these six, services on Sunday will begin the week.

After discussing what could take place on different days, each club in both schools was assigned a day to work out the best ideas as to what the girls would like for those days.

Some of the things which seemed to please the girls were: free movie, free swim at the Y. M. C. A., basketball games, tea at the Country club, Mother and Daughter banquet, sunrise hike, recognition service, tea at the Y. W. C. A., and visits to different places of interest in the city.

Ida Gray Harmon was chosen chairman of the Publicity Committee. It was decided to have the next meeting of the committee on February 12, to discuss further plans for this week which will begin April 26.

## Senior Hi-Y Boys Hear Talk by Mr. H. G. Owens

Mr. Henry Grady Owens, head of the English department, spoke to the boys of the Senior Hi-Y, in place of Rev. G. R. Jordan, who was unable to be present, at the last meeting.

Taking the subject "Teaching as a Vocation," Mr. Owens told the boys many things which they had not before known. As he spoke from experience, the talk was greatly enjoyed by the members, who expressed the hope that he would be with them again.

#### TRYOUT TO BE HELD

Debaters are preparing for a try-out for the triangle debates with Greensboro and Winston-Salem. The query is, Resolved: That the United States Should Grant Immediate Independence to the Phillipine Islands.

## CRITICAL STUDY IS MADE BY PRINCIPAL

### Mr. L. R. Johnston Com- pares School in 1922-23 With Present Size

Mr. L. R. Johnston has recently made a critical study of the last nine years in the local high school, in which he has paid particular attention to the enrollment, the number of graduates, the increase in the size of the faculty, the salaries paid, the average attendance, the cost per student, and the addition of various courses.

#### High School Graduates

Among the items which will be of special interest to students is that concerning graduates. During the school year of 1922-23, there were fifty-four graduates. With the school expanded to its present size, there should now be one hundred twenty-five to finish in June. As a matter of fact, instead of this number, the high school will probably have about one hundred seventy graduates. This means that, although standards are now much higher, there is an increase of 35 percent over the number completing the course nine years ago.

#### Size of Senior Class

Sixty-five seniors were enrolled in 1922-23. On the same basis, this year's senior class should number one hundred and forty-nine. It actually numbers two hundred and six, showing that the high school at present is holding 39 percent more of its pupils than it did formerly.

#### Total Enrollment

Nine years ago there were four hundred and eighty-eight students on roll. These were taught by a faculty of seventeen. Today there are one thousand, one hundred and fourteen on roll, with a teaching force of thirty-nine. It is of interest to note that if the high school of 1922-23 were expanded to present size and teachers were employed on the same basis, thirty-nine would be the number required.

#### Opportunities of Today

These facts show that, although the school has been run on an economical basis as far as the number of teachers employed is concerned, yet the past nine years has been a period of expansion as well as growth. New courses and new departments have been added, making it possible for the student at the present time to enjoy opportunities that were not offered nine years ago.

## Juniors Have Course In Library Science

Not since the days of '27 have the students been given so exhaustive a course in literary science as at the present. Miss Graham has been instructing the junior English classes in the use of the library for the past week. The juniors have been forced to prepare homework on the subject, and after school last week they could be seen perched in the library, seeking to fulfill the requirements of the library science course.

Each student is given mimeographed sheets with certain requirements to fulfill, to which they refer from time to time. Books are taken from the library, and certain of the students are sent to the library every day.

Instruction is given on where to find various books, where to find books dealing with certain topics, how to use the reference works, and under what numbers to look for certain books. It is just such questions as these that the librarians are forced to answer every day, and it is hoped that by these courses the students will learn to use the library without having to consult the librarians so frequently.