

Mother Rome Tells Of Former Glories

Many Countries Pay Tribute to the Influence of the Latin Language

"Today," said the Spirit of the Ages, "we shall summon forth the Spirit of Rome, who will tell us of her past glories, and of her illustrious progeny."

To a fanfare of trumpets, white-clad Mother Rome came in, and took her stand on the box (previously provided for the purpose).

Spirit of Rome Speaks

"I," said she, "am the Spirit of Rome. For two thousand years, my people flourished. Then they fell into decay, but traces of the ancient glory of Rome still remain in the languages derived from that of Rome."

Then, to another fanfare of trumpets, in marched the Romance Languages. France, in a blue smock and beret, was there; Spain, with mantilla of black lace; Italy, in a wide hat and shoulder-sash that must have been woven of the same bolt as Joseph's coat; Portugal and Roumania in flowing skirts. Each spoke of the manner in which his country's language maintained the tradition and the glory of Rome. In this respect, Roumania is notable because its people speak the purest Latin of any people today.

English Language Appears

The English Language next appeared, and told of her many descendants. The classical influence, in light buff, spoke, as a procession crossed the stage, of the classic influence upon things of today.

Latin Influence Shown

The influence of Latin words upon present-day prefixes and suffixes was demonstrated by the aforementioned procession, each of which bore some article or symbol of a trade which was derived directly from the original Latin.

Next, the Latin influence upon literature and upon drama was demonstrated. The influence of Latin upon spelling was also taken up, in its relation to unchanged Latin words.

The need for Latin in the professions of the doctor, lawyer, engineer, scientist, nurse, banker, scholar, and editor were then brought out, as well as for the educator and student.

As each member of the cast had passed across the stage, he had taken up his position behind Mother Rome's throne, and, when the final tableau was formed, the entire cast concluded the program with a Latin chant.

Why Study Chemistry?

Why go to school? It is after all the same question. Your education, young man, is not complete unless you have studied chemistry. Chemistry is everywhere. Foods, medicines, toilet articles, ice, gas, coal, water, all go through a chemical laboratory before you use them.

We heat a little of that dangerous metal, sodium, and mix it into a jar of chlorine, the deadly gas used during the World War; we have a golden-yellow flame. The dangerous metal and the dangerous gas completely disappear, and in their places comes an entirely different substance, one important to the strength of every person—common table salt.

This is only one of many interesting experiments performed in the laboratory by every chemistry student. Others are making the sulphur, chlorine, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and the developing and printing of films.

Several trips are made each year to different manufacturing plants. Recently one trip was made to the city gas plant, where the students found out how the gas, used in nearly every home, is made.

Chemistry is undoubtedly the coming field of the day, and I might say that there is no better place to start this subject than right here in our high school. Chemicals and equipment are in abundance, teachers are of the best, and everything is arranged for the pupil's convenience. May I urge that you seriously consider this subject before signing up for those elective courses?

News Items Gathered by Reporter

Margaret Klemme, a former student, and now a senior at Fassifern, Hendersonville, recently visited here at school.

Frances Lewis spent her Easter vacation at Hendersonville, visiting the Misses Mabel and Helen Hayes.

Charlie Amos, Bill Millis, Billy Siceloff, and Roger Edwards, all former students now attending Western Military Academy, McCallie and Duke University, respectively, were home for the holidays and attended the Easter dance at the local country club.

John Gurney Briggs' vacation was pleasantly passed away with a number of divers enjoyments, among which were short jaunts into the rural districts in an old relic of Henry Ford's, a model 1914 flivver.

Charles McCandless made two model airplanes, type R.O.G., during his vacation.

The manual training department now uses the check system in regard to tools and equipment. A student is stationed in the tool room at each class period and checks the tools taken out by those working. When they are returned, they are put in their proper place in good condition. This prevents loss and unnecessary breakage.

Mrs. S. M. Baylor visited her daughter in Spartanburg, S. C., during the Easter holidays.

It is pleasing to note that the totem pole, together with a 500-word essay written by Wendell A. Dunbar, senior, was winner of the Uwharrie Council award, and placed first in an Alaskan Totem Pole contest conducted recently by the Uwharrie Council. The essay and the pole are to be entered in the national contest.

Loree Todd, junior, visited her friends in Whitesville over the Easter holidays.

Hallie Smith and Paul Bodenheimer have been absent recently because of sickness.

Miss Clara Whitehead's science classes have been fortunate enough to have the aid of slides in their study of physiology. This advantage will be extended for some time.

Harold Kearns recently made a trip alone to Washington. He greatly enjoyed his sight-seeing excursions about the capital.

Jimmie Welborn, that ubiquitous young man, says that he spent his vacation in a number of pleasant diversions; namely, fishing, reading, bicycle riding, and talking.

Mildred Johnston has been absent lately on account of illness.

Marion Sams, well aware that the year is drawing to a close, read a few books for book reports during his vacation.

CAUGHT IN PASSING

At the junior class meeting last week the vitaphone part of the program evidently got out of order. No one was able to hear anything, although the little presentations were really good.

We have about come to the conclusion that popularity doesn't pay. After examining some copies of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," the most popular book in the library, we find that they are somewhat the worse for wear.

Well of all things! Who would have thought it! Yes it's true. Sherrod Salsbury was seen going down the tower the other day with a five-inch cigar in his hand. No, it wasn't lighted, but we've been wondering ever since if it were a Cremo or a Fifty-fifty.

If some of Miss Leila Bell's third period, French I, students are seen going around in a daze before long, don't be surprised, for they will only be having a passing infatuation over some far away French boy or girl. You see, the group is starting a correspondence with French students. Each one has to pay five cents to get someone to write to in France.

Hymn to Aphrasia (Loss of Speech at Crucial Moments)

Swearing, when truck-drivers die, Vibrates in the memory; Onions, when shy violets sicken, Live within the breath they quicken.

Tea-leaves, when the tea is fled, Fall on the garbage-man's plump head;

And so thy bones, when thou art gone, Fido himself shall nibble on.

(With apologies to the shade of Shelley, Mr. Henry Grady Owens, the memory of Dr. Edwin Greenlaw, Dudley Miles, and the Scott, Foresman and Co.)

HUME CUP CONTEST

Mr. L. R. Johnston, High Point, N. C.
Dear Mr. Johnston:

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to the High Point high school to take part in the ninth annual contests in high school journalism for North Carolina high schools. These contests are known as the Hume Cup high school newspaper contest and the state high school magazine contest.

We are enclosing a copy of the regulations which will govern the contests. Also a copy is enclosed on an article by Mr. N. W. Walker which deals with the life of the late Doctor Thomas Hume, who was for a number of years head of the department of English at the State University.

It is necessary that an article on Dr. Hume be carried in some issue of your high school newspaper during this school year, if you plan for your newspaper to enter the newspaper contest. Your editorial board may use the enclosed material as the basis of its article.

All high schools which desire to enter their publications in the contests should send us by June 1, 1932, the files of their newspapers and magazines for the year 1931-32. We trust that the High Point high school will enter the journalistic contests.

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E. R. RANKIN,
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ANNUAL RECEPTION WILL COME IN MAY

In the name of the president of the junior class an invitation has been sent to the members of the senior class to attend the annual Junior-Senior event to take place in the early part of May. The invitation follows:

Mr. Gatewood Shipman
President of Senior Class
In behalf of the class of 1933 I wish to invite every member of your class to attend the annual Junior-Senior reception, which will be held in the high school building on the evening of May sixth at eight o'clock. We are looking forward to having you and them present.

Sincerely yours,
N. L. Smith
President of Junior Class.

REASONS FOR TAKING FREEHAND DRAWING

(Winifred Robertson)

In the prescribed courses for students at this school, the student is left to make his own decision in regard to elective courses.

Only too frequently the student selects with reckless abandon the elective courses which are offered. Great care should be exercised when choosing the elective courses. The choosing of these subjects should be influenced by these considerations: Does the student enjoy this type of work? Will it be of any commercial value? Will it develop any latent resources that the student may possess?

It was for the last reason that I chose freehand drawing as an elective. In the freehand drawing course, I have been taught a true appreciation of art. In order to gain this, a person must know the phases which go to make an object a thing of art.

These are a few of the many essential things I have gleaned from the freehand drawing course. And in closing, I wish to stress once more the value of selecting electives with the utmost care.

There are many different ways by which an individual may profit by taking free-hand drawing.

In freehand drawing one gets an idea of designing and drafting.

If a person thinks that he or she has any latent resources which may be developed through the medium of drawing, I would advise him to take as his elective freehand drawing.

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VARIED STUNTS GIVEN AT FRESHMAN MEETING

Ten stunts, representing each of the freshman home rooms, provided the program for the freshman at their class meeting last Wednesday.

Home room 310 enacted for the devotionals the passage in Acts concerning Peter's and John's curing of the lame man. The human Ford was presented by 207; Sir Ronald the Ruthless by 308; Radio Recipes by 205; Big Tail chorus by 202A; The Human Organ by 301A; and the poem Get Up and Bar the Door by 313 and 307 combined.

String music was rendered by 310, and rooms 210 and 314 furnished a tap dance and toe dance respectively.

The Tale of a Dollar

Falls City, Neb., (ABS)—For one week a certain dollar bill circulated in Falls City. To it was attached a piece of paper asking all who got it to sign the paper and put the bill back in circulation at once. At the end of the week the bill was bought back by the Falls City High civics class, which originally started it on its journey.

New \$500,000 School Building
Spokane, Wash., (ABS)—Hillyard High school here is now John Rogers High. It is housed in a new half-million dollar building.

Students' Eyes Tested
Two Rivers, Wis., (ABS)—Two Rivers school children are now having their eyes tested through efforts of the Civic Service society. Students with weak eyes will hereafter be seated near the blackboard, so there will be no unusual strain.

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