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THE PRINCIPLE OF THE THING

What measures should be employed against someone who willfully destroys school property? Now, I know this has been preached again and again, but sometime during the past two weeks something happened which merits the bringing up of this subject—this time along harsher lines—much harsher. During recent days someone deliberately and willfully ruined the backs of several library books with some sharp instrument. Miss Capel, the librarian, reports that in all her three years of service here there is only one slight account of anything pertaining to this. Even then, only two books were molested and those just slightly. This time there were ten or twelve books, five of which were so badly damaged they had to be sent back to the binder! On some, deep gaps were cut!

This is undoubtedly the first time that anything so devastating to the morale of High Point high school has ever happened in this building since its erection in 1927. In most schools, ordinarily, this would have been just another incident but to those who know the record of the fine conservation of High Point senior high school property in former times, this happening warrants special attention and immediate action.

The late Superintendent T. Wingate Andrews set this out in a well-defined speech, "What This School Means To You," which he delivered several years ago in this auditorium! Mr. Andrews said, "If I could rise above the smoke and stir of this dim spot that men call earth, and drop a message from above the clouds as you leave this auditorium to inspect the building, it would be this: Except the Lord of Truth, and Beauty, and Righteousness build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Now, I ask again, what should be done with these deliberate destroyers? It is a question with which the entire student body should be concerned. He is hurting you as much if not more than he hurts himself. I say again, "we must rid ourselves of this creature."
—A. H.

SHIPS OF STATE

Today Europe's ships of state float helplessly on a sea of fear and hate, driven one way after another by conflicting currents of international relationships. Every country's leader stands upon a gangplank, one false move and his country may be ducked into the depths of war. Old racial hatreds are being revived in the following manner: (1) drag out, (2) dust off, (3) add 2 tons of red pepper, (4) add 6 measures of rotten propaganda, (5) spread thickly over entire nation.

Take another look at the international situation. Is that mess supposed to be a sample of careful managing of governments in this modern so-called civilized world? Is it the result of civilization that governments acquire such a greed for land and power that they become tyrannical terrorists, clapping everyone who dares to criticize them into concentration camps, purging the country of all who are not strictly of that country's race, and threatening war on the slightest provocation?

With the inventions of science bringing the nations of the world into closer and closer communication, there is one fact that must be learned. If the present nations are to remain in existence, they must preserve a constant friendly and cooperative attitude.
—A. L. H.

ANOTHER EUROPEAN

Is there to be another European crisis in the spring? Will this end in a general war? All outward signs apparently say so. The three have-not nations—Germany, Italy, and Japan—can no longer be bluffed into accepting the terms of the have nations. They are determined to have the things vital to their well-being—namely, more raw materials, food, colonies for their overcrowded populations, and a substantial army for an equitable prestige. If war is the only way out, they are willing and ready to fight. Aggression has become a political policy with these have-not nations, and they are determined to satisfy their wants. Hitler looks eastward, to the coveted Ukraine region of Soviet Russia; Mussolini has his eyes toward the Mediterranean, on the colonies he does not now possess; and below Russia is another have-not, Japan, now in a war with China to get something she wants.

Fascism, Communism, the vitriolic speeches, the great

BAD ENGLISH



NEWS CONTINUED

BETTY JO HEDRICK INSPIRES HIGH SCHOOL ROOTING SECTION

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"playing school" and reading books. She enjoys playing alone and had rather be in the yard with a football or baseball than a doll carriage. She is an athletic "little bit" and so she should be. After all, she is the sister-in-law of Athletic Director, A. J. (Tony) Simeon and a sister of Dolan Hedrick, a Conference referee.

Her other brothers are well known for their participation in sports. Worth Hedrick, who graduated in 1937, was a cross country star; Charles Hedrick, who graduated in 1937, was a cross country star; Clyde Hedrick, who hopes to graduate in 1940, is a baseball fan; and "Pinky" Hedrick enjoys soccer.

This blond-haired, brown-eyed Betty Jo has stolen the show at many of the basketball games when she gracefully lifts her 50 pounds into the air on the last part of the yells. May she continue her activities in this field and lead the '45 Bisons on to victory.

JUNIORS TO BE INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY

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award, will be published soon in the Student Life, a publication for honor societies and student councils of the state. The article will be accompanied by a picture of the award. This service award is presented each year in connection with the Honor Society to the most outstanding senior. Irene Parker was recipient last year.

armament race everywhere—all of these contribute to the fact that another European crisis is on the way.

Propaganda also plays an important part in bringing out today's economic illness. In this, the United States, for the most part, is guilty also. The Pathfinder says, "Although it enjoys relative isolation because of geography, the United States is at present engaged in a program that is definitely martial in character. Great and costly defense plans are being shaped; men high in the nation's political life make speeches as bellicose as any delivered in Woodrow Wilson's day; small developments here and there are disturbingly reminiscent of atmosphere that prevailed just before America entered the World War hardly 20 years ago."

If we must keep our relative standing, America's foreign policy must be left free to adjust itself to modern and constantly changing conditions.

Thus, if the mass of people could be made to fully realize the immense devastation of the next World War, "then there could and would be some equitable distribution of the earth's wealth among those nations that hunger for it."

M. A. H.

CREDIT IS OFFERED TO MUSIC PUPILS

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THE POINTER, which had been dropped because of conflicts in the schedules of the staff.

The addition of these courses as electives for graduation has given the students a wider range of subjects from which to choose and therefore gives a student the opportunity of taking those in which he is most interested.

BUSINESS COURSES HAVE INTEREST FOR STUDENTS

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curriculum. Miss Emily Gentry was installed as its head.

At the present time General Business Training alone serves 237 students while Typewriting has a total of 167, Bookkeeping 63, and Commercial Arithmetic 58.

The fact that such a great number of students have now added business education to their schedules illustrates the necessity for such courses to be adopted by the local high school. It is raising the standards of High Point high school in such a way that it matches those of other educational centers of the Carolinas, thus allowing us to retain our title as being one of the leading Southern high schools.

REPRESENTATIVES OF 35 COLLEGES TO MEET HERE

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plan their work to meet requirements of the college of their choice, or the particular courses which they wish to pursue."

Between thirty five and forty delegates will represent their colleges here on April 12th. These representatives come from all the

colleges in North Carolina and from some colleges out of the state.

Out of the state colleges in which seniors are interested will be asked to send representatives upon request of seniors.

ORGANIZATIONS ENTER CONTEST

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from the orchestra. He will play both the clarinet and the saxophone.

In addition to the Greensboro contest approximately ten members of the band will participate in the all-state band in Raleigh in the spring.

LIFE ADJUSTMENT CONFERENCE PLANNED

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various panels will give outlines of the discussions in their group.

As the concluding feature of the day, the students will assemble in the auditorium for a summing-up speech.

Students will compose committees which are to plan details of the conference. Wide student participation is expected by the faculty committee.

The members of the faculty committee are Miss Eloise Ward, Miss Louise Hunter, Miss Anna Mendenhall, Miss Leslie Johnson, Mr. Sam Smith, and Mr. A. J. Simion.

COLLEGES WILL SOON AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

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for: Glenn Smith, Eftehia Athanas, and Edward Martin; to Meredith: Georgia White, Iris Rose Gibson, Alice Chandler, and Mary Ruth Wollen.

Other scholarships open for consideration this year are as follows: College of Engineering of Cornell University, \$400, competitive scholarship awarded, on the basis of scholastic achievement, character, and general ability, to the fifth district, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Mary Baldwin, in Stanton, Virginia, offers a scholarship of \$200 first year, \$100 each for last three years, awarded on the basis of mental ability as indicated by high school record, intelligence test, personality, and general fitness. Swarthmore College gives a \$500 scholarship to an outstanding senior, determined by competitive examination. Penbroke College in Brown University awards one \$500, five \$400, and two \$400 scholarships for one year only, on competitive basis. Connecticut College offers one \$400 scholarship for scholastic achievement. Achievements tests by the College Entrance Examination Board and a personal interview will be required to determine awards.

The American Legion Department of North Carolina will sponsor an Oratorical Contest among high school students in North Carolina. The High School Contest must certify its winner to Oratorical Contest Chairman W. M. Pickens before March 18th, 1939.

Mr. John Hodges has charge of the Oratorical Contest in High Point senior high.

The winner in the National Contest will receive a four year College or University scholarship (at the University or College of the winner's choice) in the sum of \$4,000, which is awarded by the National organization of the American Legion, and made possible by a gift of \$4,000 from Eddie Cantor. The National winning contestant, together with the runners-up in the final National Contest, will each receive an engraved wrist watch, awarded by the National Organization.