

WALTER E. CRISSMAN WORKED ON THE FIRST POINTER STAFF

By Howard Forrest

Walter Crissman, prominent local attorney, was one of the initial POINTER staff, at the time of his senior year in the high school.

The POINTER originated in 1921-1922. It was preceded by the "Bulldog," a humor magazine published outside of the school the year before by some of the students. This magazine, however, was discontinued.

The principal of the high school at this time was Mr. W. M. Marr. He readily agreed with the idea of publishing a school paper when it was suggested to him by Mr. Crissman and others. The senior class bought a press costing four hundred and fifty dollars. The printing press was installed in the basement of the old high school, then situated where the post office now stands. Because he knew a little about printing, Mr. Crissman was given the task of publishing the POINTER. He was made business manager and treasurer, while Nady M. Cates, Jr., who is now sports editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, was made editor-in-chief of the school paper. A local printer was hired to do the linotyping, while Mr. Crissman composed the paper, wrote the ads and headlines, and ran the press.

Mr. Henry Grady Owens, who taught English in the high school at the time of the first POINTER year and who later became the principal of the high school, supervised the publishing of the school paper and taught a special course of Journalism after school. All who were interested were free to attend this class, but no credit was given for taking this course.

"We printed the POINTER on Saturdays and occasionally on Saturday nights," Mr. Crissman stated. "The paper came out every Monday morning. Enough copy was printed to supply the high school and all the graded schools with POINTERS. Each edition paid its own way through the advertisements and subscriptions."

"We had a lot of fun working on the POINTER and the students always looked forward to seeing the POINTER come out. The only real trouble we ever had was collecting our copy. It was hard for the staff to get their work in on time."

The '21-'22 issues of the Pointer had three columns. They had 110 column inches, which equals to a page and a half of the present day paper. In the Christmas issue of 1921, a special paper with sixteen pages was printed.

In the spring of 1922, the seniors had their first annual play. It brought enough money to pay for the press and to leave \$25.00 for future publishing of the POINTER.

Mr. Crissman's experience on the POINTER enabled him to secure a job in the printing department of the University of North Carolina. He became business manager of the "Carolina Magazine" later in his college career.

JOE GIVEN ELIMINATED IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Joe Given and Mr. John Hodges returned from Durham last night where Joe had participated in the American Legion Oratorical contest.

Joe was eliminated in the contest, in which selections were being made for the final state-wide contest. He was defeated by a student from Pittsboro.



Walter E. Crissman

COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ONE OF FEW IN STATE

The Community Symphony Orchestra, organized by Miss Virginia Frank, member of the High Point Public School Music Department, has been holding regular practices for the past several weeks.

The organization came about Miss Frank stated when it became known that a group of talented musicians were living in High Point. These talented musicians, Miss Frank explained, had no opportunity for symphonic work.

The Symphony has 34 members, several of whom are professional musicians. Mr. Fred Kimball, director of bands in the High Point Public Schools, is director of the Orchestra.

This orchestra is one of the few in North Carolina that has complete instrumentation. Many of the members of the orchestra have participated in various musical organizations throughout the state, some of them having played with the Lamar Stringfield Orchestra.

JUNIOR CLASS DRIVES AGAINST CAMPUS CUTTING

The junior class in cooperation with the Student Council is sponsoring a drive to eliminate the glaring paths across our campus.

To start this project a meeting was called of all junior selected a committee, the duty of which is to remind each offending student that his continued passage over these paths will mar the beauty of our surroundings.

The juniors would like to ask the co-operation of all classes in the lawn preservation campaign. Especially in the spring the crushing of the young grass will leave a noticeable path which is not easily replaced when summer arrives.

Invitations Ordered

Seniors are beginning to order invitations and diplomas.

This comes with the announcement that the Baccalaureate Sermon will be held Sunday, June 4, and diplomas will be awarded June 5.

Invitations being ordered are similar to those of last year. The leather invitations will cost 25 cents and the regular ones will cost six cents each. Diploma fees are now due. They are fifty-five cents. This last statement should be considered by Seniors who should begin thinking of clearing up such details.

GEORGE HOSSFELD IN DEMONSTRATION

World Champion Typist Appears Here March 21

George Hossfield, world champion typist, gave interested members of the student body a demonstration of his skill on Tuesday, March 21.

Mr. Charles McDowell, representative of the Underwood Company, introduced Mr. Hossfield to the students. Mr. Hossfield gave demonstrations of typing rhythm, insertion of paper, correct posture, carriage returns, amount of time lost in erasing, and speed. Mr. Hossfield typed 141 words per minute for the students. During the entire demonstration he did not make one mistake.

Hossfield won the championship title in 1918. His record is 139 words per minute, typing for one hour with only 31 errors.

Mr. Hossfield, sponsored by the Underwood Company, tours the country lecturing on methods of developing typing skill. No tricks were included on the program. Mr. Hossfield stated that his purpose was to be informative rather than entertaining. He expressed the feeling that the students should strive for accuracy in typing rather than setting up speed as his goal.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

This year the Easter holidays in the city schools will begin on April 7 and extend through Monday, April 10. The usual custom for Easter holidays is from Thursday afternoon before Easter through the following Monday.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 11.

NEW STAFF THIS ISSUE

Amy Lou Holmes, senior, is editor-in-chief of this issue of the Pointer. The staff members selected by her to serve in editorial capacity are: Clifton Overcash, news editor; Gene Thacker, associate editor; and Bradford Thomas, sports editor.

The Journalism class served as reporters.

Heading the business staff of the Pointer are Baker Shelton and Mary Stroupe. These two people have been leading the work of business end of the Pointer. Serving with them were the following: Margie Pegrum, Dot Leach, Doris Long, and Marie Lilly. Mr. Edward Gibson, III, is faculty adviser to the business staff.

SUBSCRIPTION SURVEY CONDUCTED BY POINTER

In a survey taken by the POINTER, there were 473 students in High Point high school who have paid for subscriptions to the school paper.

The survey included a total of 590 students. Eighty-nine of these students have promised to pay for the Pointer before the end of the school year, 473 have paid for it already, and of the entire survey only 28 non-subscribers were recorded.

From available information, it was learned that six homerooms have subscribed for the POINTER 100 percent.

Homeroom 316 reported 38 paid subscriptions. This was the largest homeroom reported.

COOPERATIVE CONCERT PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR COMING YEAR



Lansing Hatfield

Following its fifth membership drive in High Point the Cooperative Concert Committee has selected many famed and talented artists to appear on the year's program.

The purpose of this committee is to bring to High Point better music and to educate the people of this city to be better music lovers. There are more than three hundred cities using the Cooperative Concert plan.

Among the artists who have appeared in our city in the past are: Barere Little Symphony Orchestra; Carola Goya, noted Spanish dancer; Fredic Jagel, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera; Bartlett-Roberts on, pianists; and Bidu Sayao, young Brazilian soprano. Lansing Hatfield, noted baritone, will bring to a close this year's program.

After the membership campaign of March 13, the artists' committee selected three great stars for the coming year. They are: Lisa Parnova, noted dancer; Erno Balogh, pianist; a former accompanist for Mme Lotte Lehman; and Helen Jepson, a glamorous star, who has won fame in the opera, on the concert stage, and in radio and pictures. Music lovers realize the advantage of hearing these artists at this minimum price.

Mrs. C. F. Tomlinson, chairman of the Concert Committee, stated that students desiring tickets may give their names to Mr. Carl Cronstedt, although the campaign for membership is closed. Admission to these concerts is by membership only. The cost of membership for students is \$1.50 and for adults, \$3.00.

Senior Class Meets Wednesday

Mr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of the city schools, will speak to the senior class on Wednesday morning, March 29.

The seniors will meet for the purpose of completing plans for the senior play. Committees for the selling of tickets and the advertising of the play will be appointed by Josephine Deal, president of the senior class.

The class will decide upon the form of entertainment which it will have at the end of the year.

Announcements about the sale of invitations and cards will be made.

At the completion of the business meeting, Mr. Carroll will speak to the seniors.

BOYS STUDY METAL WORK IN HOME ECONOMICS

Varied and interesting work has been conducted in the boys' class of Home Economics.

The boys, under the tutelage of Mr. Howard Carter, have been producing work in metal, wood, and plastics. Eight new machines placed in the class have made it possible for this work to be carried on.

Metal frames for stools, tables and other furnishings have been made. From copper and silver, ash trays and knickknacks have been fashioned. Costume jewelry has been made from plastics.

This is the first time that metal work has been carried on in the high school.

JUNIOR HI-Y PLANS EXTRA ACTIVITIES

The Jr. Hi-Y is planning many unusual activities for the coming season.

Herbert Hodgins, president of the Jr. Hi-Y, announces that the club is arranging to have spring outings and outside guest speakers to be a part of the regular operations of the organization. Under the direction of A. J. Simeon, faculty advisor, the Hi-Y is attempting to sponsor a wide variety of activities and thus promote greater interest in the club.

The officers, Herbert Hodgins, president, George White, vice-president, Jimmy Smith, secretary and treasurer, and Earl Frazier, program chairman, meet with the Jr. Hi-Y each Tuesday morning at first period.

The club is recognized as one of the most active organizations in the school.

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