

WHISPERING GRASS

By Bill Currie

Well, with the Bison all ready to attack his many foes, and everybody all buried in his scholarly duties, I believe it's about time I came out of my shell where I have hibernated for three months and let you all in on some of the action which may have escaped your attention.



It was a glorious summer in many respects, and although I had more fun than I can ever remember before, I'm pretty glad to be back at the old institution of higher learning, as our pal, Bus Overcash, used to call it. Naturally, we all had to take the bitter along with the sweet during vacation, but what I believe will interest you mainly is the sweet.

Elsewhere in the POINTER you'll find a feature on Boys' State, and it's worth your reading, because it really describes what a wonderful institution Boys' State is. However, for you really to appreciate the fun we had down there at Chapel Hill you must know a little of the personal side of the meeting. Of course, I could not resist trying to get acquainted with everybody because I intended to dabble in politics (which I did unsuccessfully). There not being any girls present, I sought out the best looking boys with whom to be seen (that might get votes). What a job! That was a swell looking crew, but I found a couple of fellows (excluding the High Point delegation—I already knew them) who were really straight.

It wasn't long until I found that they were not only straight in appearance but in character as well. I have very little doubt that any of you fail to know what I mean by straight in character. They were fine guys, it's hard telling which one of them was the finest fellow, and because they were such good guys, and so much like folks from home, I want to tell you about both of 'em.

The first gent I met was Charlie Blanchard, from Raleigh. God's gift to the women. So help me, I believe he'd be number one on the average High Point girl's man parade. I don't know what he is interested in except girls, and football, but he was one great guy, and I hope we'll get him around here one of these days for a visit.

Then, long about night, when the soft lights and dim music were beginning, I saw a beautiful face in the moonlight. Of course, I was only interested from a standpoint of art, so I walked up and said, "Pardon me, Miss, but you look just like Margie." Then the face said, "Whaddya mean, pal?" I about fainted, when the beautiful face in the moonlight turned out to be a HE. This blushing laddie was none other than Seth Murdoch, of Salisbury—built like a Greek God, with the features of Apollo, and a swell personality. Hes great, and by the way girls, I can arrange an appointment (vulgarily called a date) for a nominal fee.

I also met some debaters from Raleigh who soundly drubbed me in the last forensic campaign. It was great, as I have said a half dozen times, and for further information consult me.

Mr. Baldwin, our science teacher, was on the campus while I was at Chapel Hill, and if you can find a subject that he isn't well informed on, I'd like you to tell me. Believe me, the prof knows his stuff. He made a monkey out of me on the foreign situation, and I was glad when his business called him away and I could lick my wounds, and plan to catch him in something which he didn't know. Try Mr. Baldwin on anything you want to learn about, and you'll certainly accomplish your purpose. I sprung what he told me when I got into an argument on the war, and everybody shut up and walked off.

George Humphreys (for your information, president of the student body) saw a good looking nurse in the infirmary, and remarked (Continued on page 4)

COUNCIL PLANS CAMPAIGN UNDER HUMPHREYS

Girls Learn State Government While At Girls' State

Girls Find Lectures and Meeting Excellent in Training Qualities

On Sunday, June 16th, convened the first Girl's State ever held in North Carolina, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary in the interest of our future American womanhood. As the name suggests, it was a state for the girls, by the girls, and with the girls.

There were 106 girls attending the State, two of whom are members of our Senior class this year, Mary Lou Bennett and Helen Gibson, who were sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of this city.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in the study of election laws, county and state conventions, nomination of state officials, primaries, and finally Tuesday at noon was held the election of the governor. Martha Hipp of Greensboro; Billie Mae New, of Gastonia, as lieutenant governor, and Margaret Hord as chief justice. The associate justices that were elected on Tuesday were: Mary Katherine Frye, Hickory; Frances Moore, Weldon; Dora Love, Monroe; Inez Wilson, Newton; Dorothea Mills, Statesville.

On Tuesday evening came one of the high lights of the week, a governors dinner, which honored three governors, the Governor of North Carolina, Clyde R. Hoey; the governor of Girl's State and last year's governor of Boys' State, Douglas Hunt.

Present besides the three governors were the entire council of state: Secretary of State Thad Eure; State Treasurer Charles Johnson; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Clyde Erwin, and State Auditor, George Ross Pou.

Governor Hoey reviewed briefly "a day in the governor's office" for the girls who represented 45 counties and 58 communities of the state. He mentioned the duties, and the powers given to the Tar Heel governor, and recounted the many avenues of the life of the state that the official touches.

After Governor Hoey's address, Douglas Hunt, governor of Boys' State, was called upon and he urged the girls to "make themselves felt" in their communities when they return home.

"The important thing is to rule yourselves, and in order to rule yourselves, you must let yourselves be heard," Mr. Hunt said. "If you are ready to go home a crusader for democracy, then the (Continued On Page Two)

High Point Youth Find Benefit At Boy's State

Foursome of High Pointers Learn Plenty of State Matters at Week's Meeting

Boys' State, under the sponsorship of the American Legion, served to awake in every boy who attended last month a spirit of Americanism which the leaders of the state of North Carolina consider beneficial. High Point was well represented, with a delegation of four.

Within itself the name implies a lot, for, as it suggests, it is virtually Boys' State. Under the expert guidance of North Carolina's noted statesmen, the 135 young men learned every function of state government and put the principles into practice in their own mock state government.

For six long days, the boys in attendance listened to instructive talks by noted North Carolinians. Judges, state legislature members, and farmers featured the speakers. A "real live" "G" man gave the most popular talk of the entire meeting, and he was greeted with several young gentlemen who stated they would be plugging for a special agent's job one day in the future.

Politics occupied all one night and a good part of the next day. The entire body of delegates was divided into two bodies or parties. One side was "Federalists," the other, "Nationalists." The gubernatorial candidates did not have time to resort to corrupt means to win the election, but the defeated Federalists claimed the Nationalists won only because the gentleman running for school commissioner gave away cigars liberally.

After the election, which saw Marion Woodberry of Wilmington take the governor's chair by two votes over his opponent, Josh Slaughter, of Raleigh, the boys went back into session to learn more about government before setting up their own guiding bodies.

High Point's ventures into the political field were anything but successful. Currie got beat on every hand, and Arden tried to keep up with him in defeats; while Humphreys and Connor took an "if nominated I won't run, if elected I won't serve" attitude about it all. The local boys made their influence felt, especially after the two houses of the legislature were set up.

One of the bills introduced into (Continued on Page 2)

Davis Assumes Band Master's Job As Kimbal Goes to South Carolina

Expansion Programme on Tap for Local Band

High Point high school's crack parade band takes a new step-up this year as it secures a new leader, Mr. James Davis, who comes here from Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. Davis is indeed well qualified to take over the job vacated by Mr. Fred Kimbal. Before coming to High Point, Mr. Davis was bandmaster of a professional drum and bugle corps in Mayfield, Ky. This one hundred and fifteen piece musical organization covered the south on a most successful concert tour.

When Mr. Davis assumed the leadership of this corps, the quality of work being done by it was of a low degree, according to reliable reports, but in eleven months, the proficiency of the drum and bugle corps had increased to such a height that it was demanded for road engagements.

While taking his undergraduate work at Mayfield State Teacher's College, Mr. Davis acted as drum major for three years and was proclaimed one of the best in the south. He plays every instrument

imaginable with the exception of the piano, and he has had several years of voice culture. Through his vast musical and marching knowledge High Point's band should indeed prosper.



Jim Davis, new band director of the High School band comes to us from the blue grass state of Kentucky. The teachers and students, as well, recognize his handsomeness.

THE GRAND DAILY RUSH



Shown above is a typical exodus of High Point high school students after they have spent a day in learning the advanced ABC's. The grand rush for the door never fails to result in at least one casualty. It's a wonder students would want to leave such a wonderful school so suddenly, isn't it.

Clubs Look Forward to Banner Year as Plans Take Rapid Shape

NEW TEACHERS ADDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

High Point high school has added to its staff three new teachers, Miss Helen Bickley, Miss Sara McClure, and Miss Bess Munroe. Mr. "Jimmy" Davis is replacing Mr. Fred Kimbal as band director. On behalf of the student body and faculty, The Pointer extends to them a most cordial welcome.

Miss Helen Bickley, of Charleston, S. C., is the new teacher in American history, and she is also serving as the assistant librarian. Miss Bickley succeeds Miss Lucy Ruffin, former assistant librarian.

Miss McClure received her A. B. degree at Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina. For the past three summers she has been studying at Duke University, for her Masters degree.

Miss Bess Munroe, formerly of Junior High School, is teaching English III and English II at H. P. H. S.

At the present time Miss Munroe is recuperating in Greensboro, where she has been in the hospital with an impacted wisdom tooth.

MR. JUDISH FINDS ENTHUSIASM HIGH

The diversified occupation program, under the direction of Mr. F. L. Judish, co-ordinator, is beginning its second year of preparing high school students for entrance into the vocation of their choice. With seven more students than were accommodated last year, this year's program may prove to be even more successful. However, 260 juniors, seniors, and post-graduates who applied for class entrance could not be accommodated last year, this year's program may prove to be even more successful. However, 260 juniors, seniors, and post-graduates who applied for class entrance could not be accommodated, according to Mr. F. L. Judish.

A few of the varied occupations for which the students this year have registered are: Office work, salesmanship, mechanics, the manufacture and repair of radios, hosiery mill work, and florist work. The students spend at least 15 hours a week on their jobs, and are given high school credits for this work. Once a day, they meet for a class under the direction of Mr. Judish. In addition, they may register for any regular course in relation to their occupation.

The students who are chosen for participation in the co-operative program are definitely not the type who plan to "loaf" through the year's work. Instead, most of them possess above-the-average intelligence, Mr. Judish reported.

New Amendments to Have Test In Near Future As Representatives Convene

CLASSES' PLANS FOR ELECTION OF LEADERS STILL INDEFINITE

Advisers Will Be Appointed In Near Future

Elections of class officers are still events of the future, but class politics are getting warmer all the time.

Principal D. P. Whitley said upon interrogation that as yet the class advisers have not been appointed, but at an early date after school settles down, the advisers will be selected and class business will get underway.

Last year the main platform plank was without exception pertaining to a junior-senior prom, and, doubtless, this year the candidates will woo votes in a like manner. The junior-senior classes of last year were more than satisfied with the outcome of their prom, and because it was so successful, all indications point to the establishment of the prom as an annual affair.

Seniors have little to worry about, since they do nearly the same things every year with successful results. The annual picnic will be a project this year, and the senior play, being an established institution at High Point high school, will continue. Otherwise, the seniors know no more about the action which their class will take than do the underclassmen.

It is wondered in many circles whether the old issue of an annual will again camp on the door of the senior class. Last year's stormy sessions regarding the year book saw it go down in defeat; however, annual enthusiasts are already beginning plans to wage a campaign for their favorite brain child.

The Annual will, no doubt, be a major issue in the classes this year when they finally do get down to business.

TICKETS

Season tickets will go on sale next week for the remainder of the home football games.

Greater Participation Will See High Point High School Come to Front in Student Government

With two constitutional amendments ready to be put into action, the Student Council of High Point high swings into high gear next week with regular meetings getting underway.

Last year, under Cecil Prince, the council set several precedents which are expected to benefit the school in various ways. This year, the school governing body intends to continue in the progress already begun. The newly approved house of representatives, including a representative from every home room, will be formed in the near future, according to authorities, and following that, actual work of the council will begin in earnest.

Faculty Adviser Miss Louise Hunter accompanied by student body President George Humphreys, attended a National Association of Student Officers meeting (Continued on Page 4)

GLEE CLUB PLANS LARGE SCALE ADVANCEMENTS SOON

Strains of "Old Black Joe" and "I Dream of Jennie With the Light Brown Hair" echoed through the halls as hopeful aspirants awaited their turn to prove to Mr. Cronstedt that they were future Grace Moores or Nelson Eddys.

This year finds some change in the Glee Club in that the mixed-chorus has been divided into two separate groups.

Approximately 85 girls and 60 boys registered for this year's course. As it was impossible for all to take the subject, voices were tested and after much thought, those who would benefit the club were chosen.

Plans for the year have not, as yet, been formulated, but according to Mr. Cronstedt, the Glee Club looks forward to a full year's work.

"Tulip Time," an operetta in two acts, was the major presentation of the Glee Club last year.

Student Body President George Humphreys Offers Welcome

Popular President Extends Right Hand of Friendship

My friend and colleague, genial Bill Currie, has asked me to write a short greeting to the new, as well as old, students of High Point high on behalf of the Student Council. This I am extremely happy to do, and so students—WELCOME to High Point high school.

I would like to take this excellent opportunity to make a few remarks concerning the Student Council and its relationship to each student. Student government centers around each and every student in this school. It's your student government and it's here to represent you. However, student government is just as good as the individual it represents. You owe the student council no more than you owe yourself. It is for you to appraise the debt. Only a foolish student hopes to get something for nothing. If you put your all in student government, you will regain it three-fold.

The Student Council has planned many interesting and enjoyable events for you during the

coming year. With your cooperation and enthusiasm we can make a lasting success of them. Unless every student does his part, we will have to mark the year 1940-1941 down as a failure. And I'm sure there's not a person here who would want that to happen.

During the past summer it was my pleasure to attend the National Association of Student Councils in Milwaukee, Wis., as the delegate from High Point high school. There, I met with students from all of the forty-eight states, Canada, and Hawaii. It was the finest thing I've ever experienced in my short life. We discussed every phase of student government. The faculty angle, the principal angle and the student angle. Of course I got many splendid ideas, but the one thing that stood out was this: No student council, no matter how large or how small, can function successfully unless there is complete cooperation from all three branches of the school. Mr. Whitley and the faculty have already assured the council of their cooperation. So it's up to you students. Are we going to have a council that every one will be proud of? Well, if I know High Point students, we will. So let our slogan be—Always Forward—A United High Point High School.

—George Humphreys

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN UNABLE TO RETURN

"Gone but not forgotten" is High Point high schools ace orator, Joe Given. He is known to all the students by his apollo-like image but he is especially known and appreciated by the seniors as their able representative. It is with deep regret that we give up Joe, but we wish him much success in his new venture.

Charles Varner will be the probable choice for the position, having been "runner up" in last spring's election.