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THE POINTER

THE ANNUAL WILL ABOLISH THE PROM, OR WILL IT?

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Price—Two Cents

WHISPERING GRASS

By Bill Currie

There is a momentous measure facing the senior class of this school. A decision as to whether this class will have an Annual must be made in the near future.

Without a doubt, every student in the senior class would like to have an Annual, and we concede, in spite of our opposition in assembly that it would be a nice step for our school to take, but under the existing circumstances, it is next to impossible.

Our high school is looking up, continually making progress in every way. Last year we added a Junior Senior prom to our class activities. That, within itself was a terrific financial undertaking, but thanks to the magazine sales we were able to do it without much cost to the individual student.

This year, we have already progressed by adding a lower house to our student council, and adding two columns to our paper. Those are great strides in progress, and everyone is gratified with them.

We have the prom, the lower house, the paper, and this is definitely NOT the time to undertake such a financial burden as publishing an annual. The cost will be terrific. A conservative estimate can be made at \$1,000. Where is that thousand coming from? The proponents of this measure have no solution for the financial problems. Their attitude is one of idealistic ignorance.

Advertising supports most publications, but to raise the needed \$1,000 (and remember that's a low estimate) it will take 20 pages of advertising sold at \$50 a page. Knowing from experience, \$50 per page is plenty good. So you can see that under the most ideal circumstances, the Annual would have little chance of financial success.

When we opposed the magazine sales last year everyone cried, "you don't want all the students to have a chance to come to the dance". Now we contend that the price of the Annual would, of necessity have (Continued on back page)

THOMAS DODAMEAD ON WAY TO TOP IN HIGH POINT'S SWING WORLD

High School Maestro Plays It Sweet and Hot—And Do They Like It

High Point high school's own contribution to the swing world is Thomas Dodamead and his Ten Gentlemen of Swing who are appearing currently over the local radio and on the stage of a leading local theatre.

The solid little jam and jive group has a growing and interesting history. It has been the project and the aim of Dodamead to have a band ever since he was in Junior High School and took up the study of the trombone, and after reaching the ripe age of 17, and acquiring financial stability, the youthful maestro organized his first version of his present band, called it the Tuxedo Ten and had Tuxedo Junction as his theme.

The first public appearance was made in the auditorium at lunch last year and he was met with such acclaim that he was immediately signed for the social standards conference dance last year.

FIRST STEP UP After that first dance things got easier and the fame spread, (Continued on Page 4)

Awards Offered By Scholastic School Magazine

Students Are Eligible to Participate In National Contest

The 17th Annual Awards for creative work in literature, music, and the arts and crafts were announced by Scholastic, The American High School Weekly, in the October 14 issue. The Awards, which consist of \$12,500 in cash, scholarships, merchandise, trips and national honors, are open to high school students only and all undergraduate students in the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grades in any public, private or parochial school in the United States, possessions and Canada. Students graduated in February 1941 are free to compete if their entries are completed prior to their graduation. The closing (Continued on back page)

SENIOR CLASS SAVED FROM MAGAZINE SALES BY H. SMART'S OFFER

Offers Use of Theatre To Aid Seniors In Raising Money For Activity

Mr. Hugh Smart, manager of the High Point theatres has made a most attractive offer to the senior class, and in spite of the fact that most of the time was taken up in fighting pro and con over the Annual situation, the seniors finally took Mr. Smart up and agreed to sponsor a show at the Broadhurst Theatre on November 13th and 14th.

The purpose of the whole project would be to raise money for the class, and it is badly in need since money which was thought to be on hand was expended last year. It will be to the mutual advantage of both students and the theatre to undertake this measure.

LIBERAL PLAN

A well balanced financial plan has been worked out and is on the whole, most liberal to the high school. If, and it is generally conceded that it will, the total amount of sales from the tickets exceeds one hundred dollars the senior class will receive 25% of the gross intake. If, however, the scheme flops, and less than \$100 worth of seats are sold, the students are still protected and will receive 20% of the gross intake.

Most members of the senior class welcomed this idea since it makes it virtually certain that it will not be necessary to sell magazines to raise money for the Junior-Senior prom which is the highlight social event of the year and takes place in the late winter.

ANNUAL WET BLANKET One thing which is a wet blanket on the hopes of the individuals who hope to defeat the magazines this year is the possibility, no matter how remote, that the Annual might come through and money must come from somewhere. If, however, the Annual is defeated as expected, and the scheme is successful as expected, the senior class will have plenty of money to conduct their activities.

The picture which will be shown will be "Tom Brown's School Days". The students will have two days at the theatre and tickets for the show will be turned over to the seniors for sale within the near future.

ATTENTION

For the convenience of the students and to promote a bigger and better Pointer, it has been arranged to have the Pointer office open during every period of the day. Every student is urged to bring in any news or bits of gossip available. In this way the Pointer will broaden its scope of contributors and every one will have an opportunity to do his bit toward the making of the Pointer.

ARTIST BUREAU ALREADY HAS PRESENTED 15 SHOWS

Juanita Coppedge and Charles Medlin appeared on the program at the meeting of the Ladies' Exchange, Tuesday, October 29, in the fifteenth performance of the artists' bureau. This organization is under the direction of Miss Virginia Frank, and it is composed of talented high school students. The purpose of this project is to aid the community by allowing members of the organization to appear on the programs of clubs.

It is the only organization of its type and it has received much publicity. It has been given a complimentary write-up by the State Magazine, which is published in Raleigh.

Senior Class Has Stormy Session In Regard to Old Issue Of Annual

Pictured to right is the upper house of the student council in action previous to their jaunt to the Greenville Conference.



The new lower house of the student council is shown in action in picture at left. Vice-president Ruth Culler heads the group.



Kaplan Has No Little Trouble If Approved

Pointer Editor Currie Leads Opposition; Says It Will Injure Pointer

The stormy sessions that were often held in the auditorium last year when the senior class was in business session, came to life again last week when the 1940 class convened for their initial meeting of the year.

What was supposed to be a routine session turned out to be a hot and heavy debate from the floor as to whether the class president, Gloria Ilderton, should appoint a committee to consider an annual for the current seniors. Last year the measure was brought up and defeated by a large majority.

Arthur Kaplan, unknown in political circles, gained the floor and asked that a motion be carried for the appointment of a committee to consider the possibilities of having an annual. He was supported by various school leaders who spoke in heart-rending terms about the lack of an annual in High Point high school.

OPPOSITION ALIVE In spite of the fact that Kaplan did have a nice following, Pointer editor Bill Currie made the stand of that publication plain. After his remarks concerning the competition of an annual to the Pointer in trying to sell local advertising, the meeting was subject to a barrage of argument about the possibility and probability of selling national advertising.

Principal D. P. Whitley aided the opposition when he threw cold water on the enthusiasm of the proponents of the annual, by stating the cigarette ads which the supporters had in mind could not be run because of obvious reasons.

CLOSE VOTE Finally, after the president acted on advice of Mr. Whitley, the discussion was limited and a vote was taken. President Gloria Ilderton ruled that the "ayes" were in majority in a close vote and appointed Kaplan as Chairman of the committee and delegated him to choose his own committee.

That statement brought forth another barrage of criticism from the Pointer head in that he stated a committee composed of "pro" (Continued on page 4)

Council Attends Student Meet

RINGS, PINS ORDERED LAST WEEK FOR FALL

Students Respond To Order With 130 Class Rings Requested

One hundred thirty rings and six pins have been ordered by the junior and senior classes.

Mrs. Jackson, who is in charge of ordering the rings, said upon questioning, that this order was larger than the first order last year. Cost of the rings and pins is as follows: heavy stone \$8.25, heavy standard \$7.75, light standard \$6.75, pin with guard \$4.65.

The Star Engraving Company of Houston, Texas, is expected to send the rings before Christmas. Every owner of one of these rings or pins will be proud to display this emblem of dear 'ole H. P. H. S. and will treasure it forever as a reminder of his carefree high school days.

Those who did not get their order in this time will have an opportunity to place their order on the spring list.

Class rings on the campus at colleges are distinguishing marks, and embody a lasting memory of high school life. It is hoped that the spring order will be equally as large as the one just sent off. The three rings offered by H. P. H. S. make variety possible.

Pupils Hear Talk By C. F. Carroll

In an address to the student body, Mr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of the High Point city schools, brought out the fundamentals of education.

"Today," Mr. Carroll stated, "more students are in school than ever before."

He explained that this fact was due to the laws of compulsory education. In regard to this, he said that the individual must be well equipped to carry on in the present-day world in which a majority is well educated.

He made the statement that the basis of education is the seven cardinal principals of education, health, command of the fundamentals, worthy use of leisure time, worthy home membership, training for a vocation, citizenship, and ethical character.

Through an example, Mr. Carroll explained that students should have a definite aim in life and prepare for their vocation during their high school days instead of waiting until they are seniors in college and find themselves without a purpose.

COUNCIL HAS PLANS THAT PROMISE TO BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL

Meet Attended By Student Leaders From All Over State

The annual North Carolina Student Council Congress convened at Greenville High School when more than 300 advisors and delegates registered for the convention. Those attending from High Point were: Ruth Culler, Rebekah Conrad, Mary Anne Thomas, Mavis Peace, Miss Louise Hunter, and Miss Frances Mendenhall.

Dr. Bunyan Tyner, head of the Department of Education at Meredith College, delivered the principal address, his topic being "Student Government As A Laboratory For Democracy." Highlights in his address were his expression of tremendous faith in the youth of today and his belief that there is something sound about democracy. "The youth of today is meeting the challenge of great dictatorial powers," he said.

Following Dr. Tyner's address, students went into various rooms for discussion of the following topics: "Democracy in the Organization and Conduct of Student Government," "Student Government Experience as a Basis for Citizenship in the School," "Democracy in the Relations of Student Government and Community," and "Student Government Experience as a Preparation for Later Life."

Later in the evening, a banquet was held in the dining hall of Eastern Carolina Teachers Col- (Continued on Page 4)

P. T. A. TO SPONSOR NITE OF VISITING

Parents Will Have Opportunity To See Two H.P.H.S. Functions

The Parent Teacher Association of High Point high school will have its initial meeting of the year November 13, when it will sponsor the annual "Parent Go To School night."

A membership drive has been going on since October 17, and authorities are gratified with the number of members who sent in their blanks.

According to a report from Miss Anna Mendenhall, approximately two hundred parents have joined the high school Parent-Teacher Association.

The purpose of the organization is to promote greater harmony between the teachers, the pupils, and their parents. If this can be accomplished, the association will have done what has been the aim of every organization of its kind for many years.

This is the second year that a Parent-Teacher association has been held in High Point high school, the mistakes of last year have been realized, and the organization of the association went smoothly this year.

Orchestra Ready To Open Concert Season Soon Under Baton of Henry

Prominent Musicians From Throughout the State Will Be Present

The High Point high school orchestra will present its first concert to the public on Wednesday, November 20. Mr. T. R. Henry, noted musician and orchestra leader of state renown, has conducted the orchestra in a series of night rehearsals in preparation for the concert.

A series of night rehearsals has been conducted by Mr. Henry at the high school for the past two weeks. In these rehearsals special attention has been given to the G Minor Symphony by Mozart. This is a very difficult number to execute with finesse and is rarely attempted even by college orchestras. The first movement of this difficult selection will be presented by the orchestra in the State Music Festival at Greensboro this spring. This will be the first time an orchestra representing High Point high school has ever given a whole symphony on one concert.

the orchestra will present the following numbers: Grand March from Aida by Verdi; Angelus by Massinet; and a flute trio, the Three Blind Mice, which will be played by Sara Scruggs, Phyllis Strickland, and Effie Irene Moose. Following these three pieces will be a five minute intermission.

MUSICIANS EXPECTED

Present at the concert will be prominent musicians and educators from all over the state, who will be especially invited to attend the concert. The orchestra will be expected to make a good showing before these noted critics, as it won the state championship in Greensboro last spring. Miss Frank, director of the orchestra, announced that she has selected about forty-five of her best performers to play for the concert. Such sterling performers as Kelly Lawson and Homer Haworth, national contestants; Charles Medlin, Sara Scruggs, Jacquelyn Price, and Sloan Gibson are to be on hand for the concert. Many parents and students are expected to be present for the concert to back and cheer for the orchestra.

Williard Defeats Rodenbough And Cops Presidency Of Sophomore Class

After failing to elect their president during the first election, the sophomores returned to the polls last week and placed the burden of responsibility of leading the new class through the year on the shoulders of Ray Williard.

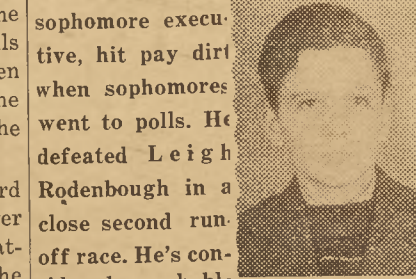
In the first election, Williard failed to gain a majority over Leigh Rodenbough, and necessitated another run-off election. The majority was not gained in the run-off until the final few rooms reported and for a time class adviser Ken Smith was afraid another run-off would be forced.

The class plans, of course, are yet to be made, but Williard showed his ability to lead and others followed when he delivered his campaign address from the stage and drew hundreds of votes from candidates who were supposed to be more powerful.

NO MACHINE

The sophomores are thankful that none of them were unfortunate enough to be supported by High Point high school's ill-fated political machine which has lost every election in which it took a side. The sophomore class of this year is a machine within itself—

Ray Williard, sophomore executive, hit pay dirt when sophomores went to polls. He defeated Leigh Rodenbough in a close second run-off race. He's considered probable debating timer.



virtually a machine of cooperation is found in the high school's youngest class, from head adviser Mr. Smith to the lowliest member of the class at large.

Williard is a believer in wide student participation in student government and will probably devolve a lot of the functions of his class to committees where it can be done right and in minute detail. His parliamentary experience makes his class fortunate in having him at the helm.

The beauty of the sophomore situation is that the defeated candidates stand as a second line of defense and are ready to aid their victorious friends in making the class a success.