

WHISPERING GRASS

By Bill Currie

Thanks to all the 300 odd students who made written requests that we continue this corner. We appreciate your interest and we are going to try to make it better than it has been.

Naturally, all the letters we received were not of the nature which commended this column. In fact, we received two which were particularly hard on it. Since they were so set against the Grass, the letters follow:



Dear Bill:
In regard to your letters in the last issue of the Pointer, several other students and myself think that you are not attending to your business when you write these. You make it very obvious to whom you are referring. It causes much embarrassment to the students named. Last year's POINTER had no such sarcastic letters in them, and I think you will show much foresight in stopping these letters.
A H.P.H.S. Student

Dear Mr. Currie:

In regard to your letters in the POINTER, I do not think that it is any of your business to pry into other people's affairs. Even if it were your business you should not put it in the POINTER for the students to read. In regard to this letter, I hope that you will discontinue your column, "Whispering Grass."

(Unsigned)

Personally, we welcome letters and words of criticism, but everyone abhors a coward, and the authors of the above printed letters can be classed as nothing else. At least, if you have a conviction which you feel worth stating, you should not be ashamed to sign your name to it.

These letters came from two people, with obviously one mind since they both employ like expressions for something they are ashamed to say. We wish to condemn writers who are afraid to connect their names with their work, and wish to communicate to these two students who are afraid the truth will get out, that the Grass is dedicated to truth, and the whole truth will appear herein regardless of whom it hits.

The incident which developed into a free-for-all fight in Charlotte is indeed deplorable. The Queen City will bring its ball club to town tonight to play the Bison, and many students are planning revenge. Let us all remember that we are good sports, and we don't follow the example of rowdy people. While some other town (Continued on back page)

'Teen Age Problems to Be One of Many Interesting Panels at Conference

Social Standards Conference will convene on March 7th, the first Friday in March. This will be the same Friday that the Pointer comes out, so you can look for a detailed account of some of the panels that will be presented.

The council will secure a prominent nurse and doctor from the State Board of Health to speak on Teen-Age Problems. This subject is one of the highest to everyone, a vital subject which must be given serious thought and consideration.

Though no decision has been reached regarding music for the have an orchestra for the occasion. It was said in one issue of the Pointer several weeks ago that the dance would feature "Red Nicholsonian." This was a mistake. Dodead has made a bid for this occasion, and the council will act on his bid in the near future. He played last year and proved to be quite popular.

The eighth grades of Junior high will attend the panels, but will not attend any discussion held in the auditorium. This will acquaint them with the future conferences that they will attend here in high school, and will serve to introduce them to the high school.

HINSHAW ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY OF MASQUE AND GAVEL SOCIETY

Thurman, Wilson, Terry and Wilson Other Officers

Garnett Hinshaw was elected president of the Masque and Gavel Club, Friday afternoon, at its first meeting since recent initiation service.

Mary Anne Thomas acted as temporary chairman and the entire meeting was spent in the electing of officers. Nominations were made from the floor and the following were elected: Garnett Hinshaw, president; Clark Wilson, vice-president; Royster Thurman, secretary-treasurer; James Terry, sergeant-at-arms, and Mary Jo Wilson, program chairman.

Miss Ruth Goodman, who is co-sponsor with Mr. Sam Smith, spoke to the club, urging the members to tell other students about the principles of the club and to interest them in becoming future members. A further suggestion was that in a short time, each member is to be assigned definite rooms in the school and it will be his duty to see that all students in those rooms are well acquainted with the things a prospective member must do. She also stated that the members should help in every way they could with the coming Life Adjustment Conference, since the club's activity is more of co-operation than individual activity, and the members should be ready at all times to cooperate in any manner possible.

The meeting was adjourned with no definite date set for the next meeting.

BETA CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS, PLANS PROGRAM

At the last meeting of the Beta Club the new members, Nancy Meredith, Cathryn Albertson and Clark Wilson, were welcomed into the club. Plans were discussed for attending the state conference to be held in Charlotte sometime in March. The club also discussed plans for the next meeting and for the induction service. The possibilities of presenting a radio program were also discussed. No definite plans were made, however for any of these.

HONOR SOCIETY MEETS

With several new members attending, the National Honor Society held its regular meeting on January 22. Ruby Parker, president, and Mrs. Rogers, advisor, explained the work and activities of the society to the recently inducted members. It was decided that the annual sale of calling cards to the seniors would be quite worthwhile to undertake. These cards will go on sale at a date to be announced later.

Piedmont Model Club Recently Organized

A new club has been recently organized for Model Makers of High Point, called the Piedmont Model Club. Meetings are to be held every Friday night behind the Burrus Clinic, the meetings to begin at 7:30.

At a recent meeting of the new club, L. C. Andrews was elected president. Under Andrews' guiding hand, new members are constantly being initiated into the club.

All persons interested in joining the club are urged to see Lloyd Underwood, L. C. Andrews, or Harold Alexander for information on becoming members.

Every Sunday, providing the weather permits, the Model Makers fly models at Ragan Field.

FEUD

The feud between two well known girls over an insignificant weiner roast is hotter than a third rail. Both sides are calling each other outlandish prevaricators. This is pretty strong for girls to say.

Pointer Movie Big Triumph When Shown

Mr. Baldwin Receives Praise and Commendation For Masterful Work

Writer-photographer Thomas R. Baldwin, physics professor, made his debut as a producer last Friday morning as he presented his first full length epic, that mighty, thrilling drama, the POINTER movie.

The picture was shown in conjunction of the mid-term subscription drive of the Pointer, and really provided a fitting climax to the most important financial business of the year for the Pointer.

Disaster hit the film at the opening minutes of the show when the reel broke. Mr. Baldwin was forced to rush into the projection booth in an attempt to repair the film.

As the commentator, Bill Currie, described the action in the projection booth at the time, Mr. Baldwin's hands were shaking as he nervously attempted to insert the repaired film in the projector. In addition, color was added to the show when an almost life-like description was made of Mr. Baldwin rushing from his reserved "box" to the booth to investigate the cause of the trouble.

His imaginary white gloves, top hat and tails, as described by the commentator, must have been fragments of a warped imagination, since Prof. was attired in truth as we have all seen him in school for the past several years.

This Pointer picture is not the end, it was stated by Mr. Baldwin after the triumphant producer had witnessed the throngs who viewed the showing. He stated that moving pictures would be made soon depicting other activities of our school.

[The picture is not the only part of the Pointer subscription drive which was a success. The student body responded even beyond the fondest dreams of the POINTER staff, and from now on the Pointer is assured of a healthy circulation.

Nineteen Initiated In Hi-Y Induction

To initiate new members into the Hi-Y Club of High Point High School was the purpose of the Sophomore Assembly held Tuesday morning.

Nineteen new members from the class were accepted into this club at the ceremony. Each member took the oath for Hi-Y membership and were recognized by the officers.

Taking part in the services were the present officers, which are: president, Herbert Spees; vice-president, Charles Kinsey, and secretary and treasurer, Abbie Short.

The following members were initiated:

Grady Goldston, Marian Rowland, Reitzel Morgan, Charlie Coleman, Charles Upshaw, Jim Shaffer, Charles Harper, Ronald Craven, Bill Connor, Jack Preston, Joe Woollen, Everett Vaughn, Royster Ilderman, Davis Bouldin, Frank Amick, Kelly Lawson, Wayne Cagle, Maxie Crowder, Clyde Manghum.

A regular business meeting for the sophomores will be held in the near future, as announced by Mr. Kenneth Smith, class advisor.

After Graduation, What Comes Then?

Students, this issue we are diverting your attention from some of the light frivolous stuff that has come in this column to ask you a serious question. What do you intend to do for your life's work and how well prepared are you to do it? This is a question that everyone likes to put off to the last minute, but it is a vital one and we think your attention should be called to it.

First, what do you intend to do when you finish school and enter your field of labor? Some of you will no doubt go to college, and some will not. Even though you do go to college, you should have some aim in life, and this is what we want to stress.

Some want to draw, paint, sing, dance, act or play a musical in-

Juniors Close Successful Campaign Of Magazines; Clearing Almost \$200 Treasury Swells For Jr.-Senior Prom

LOWER HOUSE NOW IS BUSY WITH CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN CAFETERIA

Also Helping With Work and Details on Conference; Urges Cooperation

While the upper house of the Council is engaged with planning the fourth annual Social Standards conference, the lower house has other business. It has been influential in getting speakers for the conference and has proved valuable in many ways.

In addition to their work on the Conference the lower house has started a campaign to clean up the cafeteria. Students have been forgetting the regulations in the hand book pertaining to the Cafeteria, and also they have neglected their civic duties.

The lower house has recognized this fact and through its organization, that is having one representative in each home room, it has been appealing to the students individually, and by personal contact to be more conscientious about the cleanliness of the cafeteria.

In such a case as we have here in High Point High School, where the students are responsible for the condition of the cafeteria, the Pointer would like to add its voice to that of the lower House of the council in urging the students to try to keep our place of eating clean.

The lower House presiding officer, Ruth Culler, has asked that students in the various rooms note with particular interest the weekly reports of the representatives of the lower house. It is by these weekly reports that the students come in close contact with the student council.

Girl Reserves Are Active; Dancing Is Taught Each Week

High Point high school's three Girl Reserve Clubs have gone ahead with many plans recently, although Miss Thomas, Girl Reserve secretary, has been out of town.

On January 21, the Wednesday night club had a skating party at the Sedgfield Rink. They are now making plans for their gala Spring Formal which will probably be given in late February.

The newly organized Monday afternoon club is improving their dancing by lessons at their weekly meetings.

The Thursday night club girls are busy making plans for a Scavenger Hunt to be held soon. Wednesday of this week, the two upper clubs had a joint meeting. Two students from W. C. U. N. C. gave interesting talks on conditions in Germany and Austria where they lived up until the time of the persecution.



Maria Gambarelli, Dancer, Coming Soon. Story on Page 4

Orchestra Well Received In Initial Concert; Looking to State Contest

Turning To The Lighter Music Has Made For Popularity

After giving their annual mid-winter concert last Sunday afternoon, the orchestra is now looking forward to the yearly State Music Festival at Greensboro sometime in April.

At the mid-winter concert, an interesting program was well received by one of the largest audiences ever to hear a concert given by the orchestra. The program included such numbers as Pavane, in which Homer Haworth played the solo trumpet part, Bacchanale, March of the Tin Soldiers, The Man I love, Ol' Man River, and Hungarian Dance No. 5.

On February 4, a group of about twenty-one of the best members of the orchestra will travel to Durham to participate in the second Eastern Carolina Orchestra Clinic's annual program given at Duke University. Upon arrival, the group will practice together until lunch; after which sectional rehearsals will be held. The group will rehearse together again until time for dinner, after which a concert will be given at 7:30. Miss Frank, director of the orchestra, will be in charge of the second violin sectional rehearsals.

Sometime during the latter part of April, the orchestra will play in the State Music Festival at Greensboro, at which time they will present the G Major Symphony, by Mozart.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY LUNCEFORD DANCE

Last Friday night after the basketball game between the Bison and Greensboro, several of the students went out to the Armory to the Duck Club dance which featured Jimmy Lunceford and his orchestra.

Lunceford's band was really a swell outfit. One of his trumpet players could hit a note above high C with the greatest of ease. This drove the "jitterbugs" wild. His sax section was also hot. The drummer was plenty good. He would twirl one of his sticks with one hand and beat with the other, when a break would come he would sling the stick up and go to town. After the dance the people wouldn't let him go. They made him beat it out for about half an hour. His efforts caused him to get thirteen bottles of beer, as I counted them.

There was a large crowd there and everyone had a swell time. Lunceford felt his way out at first and found out that the crowd liked hot music and we got it. He did not play but just a few sweet pieces.

Senior Class Elects Mascot Betty Adams In Overwhelming Landslide

Appoint Committee Chairmen For Junior Senior Prom At Class Meeting

After hibernating for most of the first semester, the Senior Class has come to life and is working smoothly under the direction of President Gloria Ilderton.

The class met and elected their mascot for the year. Miss Betty Adams won the election by an overwhelming vote. Her recitation of a rhyme made a great hit with the class, and it was largely thru her personal charm that she won the election.

Although all other business was dispensed with for the morning, the seniors are expecting to be called into joint session with the juniors at an early date to discuss final plans for the Junior-Senior prom.

The Seniors have already appointed their share of the committee chairmen, while the Juniors are expected to follow suit at an early date. The chairmen will have a great deal of influence in appointing the committees, whether they are directly in charge or not. Likewise, they will have a lot of say-so in regard to the orchestra and other important matters connected with the prom.

Slane Tops In Magazine Sale By Juniors

Junior President Bill Sizemore Well Pleased Over Response Of Senior High

Two weeks ago the Junior Class ventured out to sell magazines, a yearly affair of the Junior Class, to gather money for the Junior-Senior prom.

The sales were rather good this year as they acquired a pleasing sum of \$200. The class was encouraged by the salesmanship talk that the Curtis Publishing Company sent down.

Meridith Slone was the leading lady in the sales campaign. Her sales totaled close to \$60. Mary Elizabeth Clark made her look to her laurels with the sum of \$48. Several others received an honorable mention and passes to the theatre.

Class President Bill Sizemore said that the cooperation received during this campaign was highly commendable, and that if future attempts to raise money, one met with such splendid success, the class will close the year with a splendid record.

With the money from the magazine sales and the money from the senior class movie, the juniors and seniors are assured of a good prom.

SHRUBBERY BEING PLANTED TO BEAUTIFY THE GROUNDS

In order to beautify and to make the campus a spot that everyone enjoys coming to, shrubbery is being planted around the school building. This is being done under the supervision of Mr. Hasty, maintenance director.

Replanted to our campus from the Junior High campus shrubbery is being put around the Senior High school. Later, a new kind of privet will be planted so as to surround both schools and both campuses. Temporarily, the ground has been tilled and fertilized; in the near future it will be planted

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED FOR JR.-SR. PROM

Plans are at last formulated for a Junior-Senior prom. Each class held separate meetings where the plan for a prom was submitted to each class and enthusiastically received. Members of the social committees of both classes will serve as chairmen of the various committees for the prom.

The prom will take place in the gym. The time is uncertain but it is thought that it will be set for sometime late in April. Chaperones will be parents of students chosen by the committee headed by Winifred Wall. Several bids have been received from which the music committee, under Herber Hodgins' leadership, will choose a band.

Other chairmen are: Bertha Schwab, decoration; Margaret McIntyre, check room; Grady Goldston, floor committee; Sarah King, powder room; Arnold Koonce, tickets; and Betty Jean Culver, program.

Members of these committees will be chosen from the list of students who have signified their willingness to help as they are needed. As plans progress more people will be added to the committees.