

WHISPERING GRASS

By Bill Currie

Dear readers, this is a Grass to end grasses. We have received so much criticism about this corner that it will cease to be, and will be like a withered hoola skirt after this issue, that is, unless you still want the thing. Since this may be the last time, we have tried to write something worthwhile, a series of open letters.

Dear G. H.:
From time to time this year we have had dealings with you of one nature or another, and throughout the fall we have formed a very high opinion of you. You have a brilliant future, since you are a cheerleader, and generally respected by all students. In time, we don't doubt but that you will be a success in whatever line of endeavor you choose. While all that is true, let us commend to you this thought:

Don't let these things affect you too much. Some of the things you do aren't exactly what could be expected from you. For instance, it is not only impolite, but a distinctive mark of ill-breeding to refuse to date with one boy, and give it to another on the same night. I refer you to Emily Post for information along that line. Furthermore, you aren't very considerate of people in general. Boys and girls alike whom you don't particularly like you ignore and often give the wrong impression. We hope that you will think these matters over, and take them in the spirit they are given, and in that way you won't let your future success slip through your fingers.

Sincerely,
Bill

Dear J. R.:

We have nothing for you except orchids. Although we have not known you long, throughout that time you have been an ideal friend, and have generally exhibited yourself as a gentleman of the highest breeding. One thing about you that we like is that you are considerate of others, always remembering the other fellow, and you possess an unselfish attitude, marked by generosity which we think highly commendable.

While we have no kick to make about you, we think you ought to take stock of yourself and see if everything you believe and trust in is on the square. It would be a terrific tragedy for a young man, so fine as you are, to be disillusioned and possibly hurt by something that is a magnificent fraud. Doubtless you will know what we are referring to, and we hope that you will look into this matter.

All that glitters is not gold, neither does all gold glitter, so look yourself square in the eye, and remember that while the present is rosy, you should prepare for the future.

Your sincere friend,
Bill
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JUNIORS LAUNCH SALES CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Yesterday morning at their regular class meeting the juniors accepted and began work on the annual Curtis subscription campaign.

The class convened with President Bill Sizemore presiding. Sizemore presented to the class the plan of selling magazines to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom fund.

Mr. B. A. Lowery, a representative of the Curtis Company, explained the campaign in detail, presenting some interesting facts about salesmanship and about the various publications offered. He told of prizes to be given to groups and individuals with high sales.

Several members of the senior class have expressed their willingness to aid the juniors in every way they can in their new under-

FIRST SEMESTER WAS SUCCESSFUL; FUTURE OF SCHOOLS PROMISING

Athletics, and Clubs Are Looking to Bright Coming Months; Past Satisfactory

Now that a new semester has arrived, we can look back with pleasure upon the first semester and see just what has been accomplished during the first four and a half months.

The football team met with a disastrous season, winning only three games, tying one, and losing six. The soccer team also won few games, but the sportmanship displayed by both the players and fans was remarkable.

Basketball, however, promises, to give the Bison more prestige, and the team has already started what looks like a successful season. Wrestling will be determined mainly by the success of the youngsters on this year's club, as several lettermen of last year's squad will not be back.

After making an admirable showing during the football season, the band, under a new leader, Mr. Jas. Davis, has gone on to give successful radio programs.

The orchestra presented its first concert of the year in November, at which time it admirably presented the G Minor Symphony by Mozart, generally conceded to be one of the most difficult musical compositions to play with finesse.

Only last Wednesday, the Student Council presented the moving picture, "Trans-Atlantic Merry-Go Round," featuring Jack Benny, to obtain funds for the forthcoming Life Adjustment Conference.

The POINTER has been enlarged and has been made better in many ways.

The Masque and Gavel Society was organized by Miss Goodman and Mr. Sam Smith to coach the students who were admitted to the society in the arts of public speaking and dramatics.

The National Athletic Scholarship Society has just been organized by Mr. Simeon. Both instrumental athletics and recipients of monograms are now eligible for the society, although only winners of monograms formerly eligible for the society.

Classes in training for National Defense are now in progress in the high school shops, largely through the efforts of Mr. Judish in his diversified occupations work.

The POINTER movie has just been completed by Mr. Baldwin, and was the feature of this morning's assembly program.

All in all, we've had a successful first semester and we must now work hard to make the second and final semester even more successful than the first.

RETRACTION

In the last issue of the POINTER, an article appeared on the "mutiny" in Tommy Dodamead's band. The situation was grossly exaggerated, and the POINTER is glad to retract the story and offers its apologies.

Eighteen Students Inducted Into New Masque and Gavel Society Monday

Eighteen students of High Point high school were initiated into the Masque and Gavel Society—to promote better speech in secondary schools—January 17, at High Point high school auditorium.

Presiding over the meeting were Mr. Sam Smith, coach of debating team, and Miss Ruth Goodman, adviser of dramatic club. Mr. Smith called the meeting to order, explained why the Masque and Gavel Society was formed in High Point high school. The society being a charter chapter in High Point is to promote better speech and dramatics.

The charter members who were inducted into this club were selected by the faculty on the basis of oral work in classrooms, as well as achievements in the speech and dramatics clubs. They are: Gloria Ilderton, Cathryn Albertson, Luth-



This is Miss Virginia Frank, high school orchestra conductor, who led the school symphony in a concert of swing last Monday. Her achievements were received with enthusiastic applause. The orchestra will present a concert soon.

Orchestra Is Turning to a Group of Cats

School Musician Get "Hep" In Assembly, Competing With Dodamead for Swing Honors.

Members of the audience first stared, listened, then sat up and patted their feet in accompaniment to the solo part played by Trumpeteer Homer Haworth in "Pavanne" at the assembly program given by the high school symphony orchestra at the assembly program Friday morning.

Never before in the annals of H. P. H. S. history had such a thing taken place. To think of the high school symphony orchestra in competition with Thomas Dodamead!

After hearing "Pavanne," featuring the solo part of Haworth, the audience nearly went wild. Because of the tumultuous applause received, the orchestra played "Pavanne" through the second time, receiving even more applause.

Mixed with the modern music was Hungarian Dance Number Five, which, said Miss Frank, was more in her line than the modern music.

The program was as follows: "Pavanne," "O! Man River," "Hungarian Dance Number Five," and "The Man I Love."

This same program probably will be given by the orchestra at its next concert, on Sunday afternoon, January 26.

ATTENDANCE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR; MENDENHALL

Miss Anna Mendenhall, dean, has stated that the attendance record of this school year has thus far been superior to that of last year, especially during the period preceding the Christmas holidays. She expressed her desire for the continuation of such a record and her belief that the students would endeavor to keep the record. Miss Mendenhall further stated that she was depending upon their efforts.



Mr. Baldwin, our science prof, has turned from a mere teacher, to a movie producer as well. He wrote, directed, produced, and photographed the POINTER movie which the students will see soon. Our hats are off to him.

Seniors Have Dull Meeting; Floor Quiet

Annual Committee Reports; Play Passed, Mascot Discussed, Committees Appointed Tuesday.

Adhering to the pressing need for a business session, the senior class came to life last Tuesday when President Gloria Ilderton called the second meeting of the year to order.

In spite of the fact the class had not met since October, there was little business other than routine matters that made the floor. In the silence of the classes' argumentative element, most of the talking came from the chair.

Arthur Kaplan, chairman of the ill-fated annual committee, made the expected report against the annual. After a brief questioning by Luther Brown, the recommendation of the committee was accepted by the chair and declared the policy of the class, although no vote was taken.

The president stated the purposes of a senior play and the class voted unanimously to have one.

It was then brought up that the class must select a mascot, and the date for taking care of that at the called meeting to be called next Tuesday.

Although some committee chairmen were appointed in regard to the prom, no definite section has as yet been taken. Naturally, there will have to be a joint meeting of the junior and senior classes for consideration of prom issues, but no definite time has been announced for that meeting yet.

Lorraine Mac Dowell wishes to announce to her friends that she has moved from her former home on Park Street to 1107 Adams Street.

SNOOPING WITH THE MYSTIC THREE

By THE MYSTIC THREE

We, the Secret Three, have looked over this campus from one end to the other, and, during our search, we have uncovered facts which would make old ladies' blood run cold, and which would make the sweet young thing's ears prick up.

When you sat under that tree sublimely holding your girl's hand, thinking how wonderful she looked, and saying about the same, you didn't see us there, but we were, and we heard every word.

Now, let's get to a specific fact. You, no doubt, remember in the last issue of the POINTER, our good friends, Seek, Snoop, and Snitch, told you all about Blimp Bencini and his dates. Well, we thought that was fine, but we have found something new. Not only is Blimp a typical boy, but he goes even further, he is a magnificent lover.

But let's let him alone. Let's try another source. You all know the best looking boy in school, don't you, Well, here's a little from one

Best Conference In School History Now Being Planned; Clyde Erwin To Deliver The Keynote Address

POINTER MOVIE TOPS MID-TERM DRIVE FOR NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Baldwin Produces and Shows Movie of Pointer in Production; Prize To Be Awarded

Mr. Thomas Baldwin, school movie photographer, has recently made an interesting movie showing the vital steps in putting out the POINTER.

The movie shows steps carried out from the time of assignments to covering the story and then to the news room. This will acquaint future members of the journalism class with the many difficulties that arrive when producing the school paper.

The picture will be shown in collaboration with the POINTER subscription drive, to take place today. The movie will be presented free of charge to the student body.

Mr. Baldwin has taken great pains to take pictures of the staff at actual work and not "put on," or fake pictures. You will laugh to see some of the feudal scenes that take place in the print shop.

You will change to a melancholy mood to see the advertising members refused an ad, and see the expression of their faces. They are autographed with despair.

You will thrill at the dignity in which Editor Bill Currie performs his difficult duties.

All in all, students, this is a picture you will all enjoy. You will see it in the near future. The first homeroom getting the most subscriptions will receive a valuable prize.

SOPHOMORES TO HAVE LAST MEETING SOON; SEE MOVIE

The sophomore class has scheduled a second and final meeting of the year. Mr. K. Smith, adviser, states that the aim of this meeting is to promote greater activity in the various clubs on the part of sophomores.

Representatives of the different clubs and departments will be present to give the class members some idea as to what actually takes place in their respective clubs. This program will be presented in the near future.

Mr. Ball, representative of the Standard Oil Company, presented a movie, "Friction Fighters," to the sophomores last week. This picture was an excellent example of photography, as well as being educational.

WING TO BE ADDED TO SCHOOL TO IMPROVE VOCATIONAL COURSES

\$65,000,000 Appropriated By County for New Work; Date of Beginning Unknown

As announced on January 13, the Guilford county treasury has appropriated the sum of \$65,000 to the needs of High Point high school.

It has been announced by school officials that the money be used for enlarging the left wing of the building. The construction will face Chestnut Street and be two stories in height. The new space will be devoted to the Diversified Occupations department of the school. There will be a new class-room for student groups, a newly equipped machine-shop, with the remainder of the remainder addition devoted to regular classrooms.

Although no definite date has been set for the work to begin, it is expected that it will be started in the immediate future and be ready for occupancy by the 1941-1942 school term.

Society for Bright Athletes Is Formed

A local chapter of the National Athletic Scholarship Society is being organized here by Mr. Simeon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Erwin is a noted speaker. He has a pleasant manner in the way that he speaks, which is interesting and forceful. This address will be broadcast through the facilities of WMFR. This will enable your parents who cannot attend this conference a chance to hear the splendid things that you will hear.

The aims of the society are four-fold: to foster high scholarship among boy athletes, to stimulate a desire for balanced training, to elevate the ideals of sportsmanship, and to develop more outstanding leaders in the high schools of the United States.

Any boy in senior high school is eligible under the following regulations: he must have earned an athletic letter having taken an active part in either a major or minor sport, his average for three consecutive semesters, before, at the time of, or after he has earned his letter must average at least a "C," and he must have exemplified the highest type of citizenship and sportsmanship.

The fee of ten cents for each new member is charged to cover partially the cost of certificates, cards, and mailing.

Joe Whitley, son of Principal and Mrs. D. P. Whitley, has returned to Annapolis and has resumed his studies after an extended illness.

Dr. Hamm of Burlington Is Also Coming

Interesting Panels and Tea Dance to Feature February Event.

The Social Standards Conference is an event that we would not miss for the world. The fact that it only comes once a year is also one reason that we enjoy it so much.

There will be two panel discussions as usual this year. There will also be a selection of new speakers for the panel discussions. This is one feature of the conference.

For those students who went to the Burlington Conference you will be pleased to know that Rev. Ham will speak in the morning for devotionals. For those who enjoy heard Rev. Hamm you will haven't him very much.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Erwin is a noted speaker. He has a pleasant manner in the way that he speaks, which is interesting and forceful. This address will be broadcast through the facilities of WMFR. This will enable your parents who cannot attend this conference a chance to hear the splendid things that you will hear.

Student Council President, Geo. Humphries, states that he believes this year's conference will be the best that he has ever attended in his high school.

The highlight of the conference will be the tea dance after the panels in the afternoon. This was enjoyed by everyone last year and everyone had a grand time. This year it will be even bigger and better than last year.

Students, let us cooperate with the Student Council and have the best conference that we have ever had. The sophomores who have not attended a conference will be highly pleased with this conference that will enlighten your mind as to the occupation that you wish to pursue in your later years.

Please bear this in mind, unless we cooperate, this conference will be a failure.

Girl Reserves Are Planning Full Year

Numerous events for the Girl Reserves clubs of the Y. W. C. A. are being scheduled for the near future.

A highlight of the Wednesday and Thursday night clubs is to be a talk by two students from Germany who are now attending Woman's College in Greensboro. Plans for a banquet and scavenger hunt are being considered by the Thursday night club, but, as yet, they are indefinite.

The Wednesday night club has been active lately. A card dance was given by this club, and at recent meetings the girls have made necklaces and other novelties.

The month of January has been reserved by the True Blue Club for the purpose of improving their dancing ability. Mrs. W. E. Davis and Miss Carolina Dalton are instructing the group. Though newly organized, this club has already undertaken many projects, and the president, Julia Sears, prophesies even more successful functions. Their plans include a dance, which will be given sometime in the spring.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome these new students to our midst, who have journeyed far to be with us:

Joan Hansman, sophomore, who hails from Chatham, N. Y.
The Melton sisters, Ruth Wayne and Mae Nell, who come to us from Milwaukee, Wis.

We sincerely hope you like us and our ways.