

Girls' Gym Classes Revive Old Art of Square Dancing

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"How can the United Nations be strengthened?" is to be the topic of the high school world peace speaking contest now being undertaken by the Masque and Gavel Society. The High Point bar association is sponsoring the local contest and will award a medal to the winner. Competing for speaking berths are Jackie Meekins, Jane Beam, Joe Aaron, Florence Fine, Betsy Baker, Evelyn Nance, Dolly Moser, and Nancy Snyder.

Another club project will be the presentation of a skit at the talent show. This same skit will later be given before a local civic club.

March Is Convention Time

Although this is not April, now is the time in America when "folk do long on pilgrim-ways to start." In keeping with the quotation, three of the local high school clubs will, this month, attend conclaves in nearby cities. Today, both the Key Club and the Honor Society leave High Point in order to further their respective interclub activities. The former will be joined at the convention in Charlotte by Key Clubbers from North Carolina and South Carolina.

Several members of the local chapter of the Honor Society today will attend the statewide convention in Goldsboro. Several members of the Beta Club are also formulating plans to attend their district convention in Raleigh on March 26 and 27.

Students To Give Easter Program

"The Crucifixion," a narrative poem by James Weldon Johnson, will be dramatized before the student body at an assembly just before Easter. A background of negro spirituals by choral groups from Mr. Cronstedt's classes will feature in the program.

Miss Laura McInnis, Bible teacher and director of the Easter presentation, says, "It is hoped that through this program the Bible students can pass on to the members of the student body something of the real meaning of the season."

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copy editors; Shirley Kirkman and Mazie Strickland, printing editors; Bobby Padgett and Doris Craven, engraving editors; Max Thurman, sports editor; Clyde Baxter, feature editor; Tom Garst, art editor; and Evelyn Nance, typist.

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Deserving of Special Mention

Of the staff members listed, special mention should be made of Alton Embler and Tom Garst, photograph and art editors, respectively, of this year's annual, and also of Max Thurman, a present junior staff member.

Boys Watch Eagerly For Opportunity To Take Part

"Swing your partner" and "do-si-do" are familiar calls that resound from the gym these days as the girls' physical education classes are learning the almost forgotten art of square dancing. From the simple "promenade" to the more varied figures of "dine for the oyster" the girls are finding in this old type of dancing a new kind of fun. Everyone dances with everyone else. The boys, by the way, are watching eagerly for a chance to fill in as the "gents" — a chance that they will soon have, as the physical education classes are, in a short time, to be combined.

The dancers hope to get all other students so much interested that it will be possible before long for boys and girls to get together and have an old-fashioned frolic. Just for the sake of color and the real square dance atmosphere, the boys are planning to don gay checked shirts, and the girls will swish to and fro in gathered skirts and peasant blouses.

Music for the dances is of the string band variety, furnished by recordings of well-known square dance musicians. Two of the favorite tunes are "Little Brown Jug" and "Darlin' Nellie Gray."

Just for a warmer-up, all join in a large circle and go through several figures before dividing into sets of eight. After that they go into figures such as "Swing that corner lady on the garden gate; then your partner, if it's not too late." To wind up, each "gent" "promenades with his lady anywhere, then leads her to an easy chair."

Driving Classes Have Successful Results

"Come with me, Sarge Shields, in my merry Oldsmobile." (Well, Ford, anyway.)

High Point High's driver training class, now one year old, is still rolling along with the result that already 75 pupils who have taken the course this year have passed the required tests, obtained driver's licenses, and are now full-fledged drivers.

Sergeant Shields, member of the city police force, whose full time is required for teaching the course, has recently been assigned a driver training room located in tower three, second floor.

According to the sergeant, the new office space provides an "excellent place for classroom instruction." New devices, which measure such things as alertness and speed judgment, have been transferred to the room, whose walls are lined with attractive safety posters.

Because of the manner in which members of the Beta Club carried out their initial dance, students may now look forward to having another each month.

Gibson Feels Arctic Cold

When Uncle Sam decided this winter to conduct experiments to speed up acclimatization, he went to the U. S. Army airborne infantry at McDill Field, Florida, and asked for volunteers. One of the men volunteering was Bill Gibson, of the class of 1946.

Bill's outfit left Florida (temperature 55 degrees) on Tuesday, January 20, and began the experiment at Camp Shilo, Canada (56 degrees below zero) on Friday, January 23. The men were divided into three diet groups: 1000 calories, 3000 calories, and 5500 calories. Bill was fortunate enough to enjoy the 5500 calories.

For twelve days the men bivouacked in unsheltered areas some miles distant from Camp Shilo, living in small tents and well supplied with Arctic survival clothing and equipment. Because of the danger to woods in the neighborhood, there could be no open fires, and gas stoves supplied necessary heat.

Cards, checkers, magazines, skis, and snowshoes were the recreational facilities with which the men amused themselves in the day time, but when darkness came, they zipped and buckled themselves into their two-layer, down-filled sleeping bags, whose only opening was a six-inch circle over the face. At the end of the twelve days it was found that the 1000-calorie group had lost considerable weight, but the others had suffered no ill effects other than frost-bitten ears and toes. Following the experiment, the men had a recovery period of six days, then were allowed four days on pass.

"It was a good experience," said Bill, "for it shows what a fellow can take. Knowledge of this kind would really be handy if men ever crashed in the Arctic regions. As for the Canadians," he continued, "they are very much like our own people and were very hospitable to the men in our outfit."

School Bus Drivers Attend Meeting

A representative from the Highway Safety Division was in Jamestown on March 10 for the purpose of instructing and testing drivers of school buses.

Raymond Meredith, Jack Wrenn, and Houston Sloan, drivers from senior high, attended the meeting.

Enter Senior School

Two of the latest arrivals at senior high are Joyce Loflin, junior, who returns to H. P. H. S. from Atlanta, Georgia; and Fred Phipps, also a junior, who comes from Needham Broughton High in Raleigh, N. C.

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To Be Ready In May

Although the 1947-48 Pemican has now gone to press, it is announced by the adviser, Miss Dorothy Hollar, that distribution will not come until the third week in May. All students, however, are requested to pay for their copies as soon as possible.

Moose Sponsor Third Dance

The third dance sponsored by the local chapter of the Moose Club will be given in honor of the members of the varsity basketball team at the old Rankin home on Church Street on Friday, March 19, from 8 to 11 o'clock.

The first dance, in honor of the senior executive board was held on the night of January 30. Members of the Pemican staff were entertained several weeks later.

Because of the limited space the number of couples attending each event is necessarily limited. Various organizations however, will have the opportunity of attending the remaining dances.

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Former Editors Honored

Two former editors-in-chief of the POINTER, Caroline Arden and John Briggs, have distinguished themselves recently in their respective fields.

Miss Arden, a freshman at Woman's College in Greensboro, was taken into the campus dramatic club, the "Playlikers", the first freshman ever to receive this honor.

Mr. Briggs, now a music critic of the New York Post, recently rated an interesting article by a well-known New York columnist, Earl Wilson. The column appeared in the Winston-Salem Sentinel on January 27.

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