

Just Reflecting

Once upon a time there was a high school freshman just getting started on four of the happiest and most important years of his life. (Although he didn't know it then.) That year passed quickly; then, as fall rolled around again, football games and hamburgers, a Saturday job, and sometimes dating were an all-important part of this fella's sophomore year.

Later, as a junior, he went steady a while, studied a little harder, and drove his dad's new Chevy. Formal dances and sports came along as an inevitable part of the fun that year.

Yet, all along, he got a taste of the deeper things. Character was built as he learned better to understand personality, boy-girl relations, and his religion.

Then one day he stopped — and suddenly found himself a great big important senior. With the realization that the last of the four years was coming to an end, he wondered if he had left a mark on the high school as valuable and indelible as the one left in his memory. He wondered . . .

Another school year on the campus of High Point high school is drawing to a close. In exactly forty more days, a bell will ring at HPHS and many students will leave, only to return at the summer's end, when the leaves begin to fall. But there are the graduates who will walk away that day, shutting forever the door on one phase of their lives, locking it in their memories and throwing away the key.

There are those who will find no moral and little point to this piece of writing. But there is a moral. It's there for you to find.

After all, there's still a lot of truth in the old proverb that "Still waters run deep."

1372 Register For Next Year

Thirteen hundred and seventy-two students have already registered for high school next September. This number represents a slight decrease from this year's enrollment.

The cause for this decrease lies in the fact that junior high, because of the extra rooms to be added this summer, will retain a larger number of ninth graders than they have heretofore done. The registration in the three higher grades, however, shows a slight increase.

According to the present registration, the ninth grade at senior high will number about 189 students, instead of the 300 of this year. Grade 10, the largest, will have 483; grade 11, 406; and grade 12, 294.

Approximately 5 per cent of the total number will probably drop out before September, leaving about 1300 students at the beginning of the fall term, in comparison with the 1369 who entered school last September.

In vocational work, the largest registration was in the commercial arts department, where over 700 registered for the various courses now offered. As over 200 of these students will be unable to take this work because of the lack of both teachers and accommodations, Mr. D. P. Whitley, principal, is now holding individual conferences with pupils in regard to other electives for which they may enroll.

Students To Have Nursing Course

For the first time during the past seven years, members of the second-year home economics classes are now having the opportunity of taking the standard Red Cross course in home-nursing.

Under the direction of Miss Mary Louise Hasty, registered nurse and member of the city health department, the girls will learn to make up beds, read thermometers, and take care of the sick in their own homes. Satisfactory completion of this six-weeks' course will entitle each one to receive the Red Cross home-nursing certificate.

In addition to this course, second-year students have been planning the making of improvements in their own homes. Such plans include outlines for furnishings, the study of color schemes, and other practical considerations adapted to their own immediate family needs.

First-year home economic classes, after completing a unit of work on meal planning and luncheons, are now gaining practice in the preparation of party luncheons.

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Students Plan To Stage Mock Convention

U. S. History Classes To Decide On Slate And Party Platform

For the purpose of making it clear to all students, particularly those who are not having social science this year, just how a "Mock Convention" can be carried out, the following announcement is made by Miss Meador, head of the social science department.

"As all of you know, both the Democratic and the Republican conventions will be held this summer. National conventions nominate candidates for President and Vice-President, and they formulate the policies of their respective parties.

To Summarize Events

"During the mock convention to be held in High Point high school we shall attempt to summarize briefly the essential happenings which take place in a regular convention. Before this time, however, the social science classes, working as members of the Platform Committee, will decide what planks are to be submitted to the delegates for consideration."

First Convention In 1928

The first Mock Convention at this high school was staged in 1928. The platform, which was worked out by the social science classes in that year, was submitted in the National Contest, sponsored by *Scholastic Magazine*, and won first place. This earned for the school library a prize of \$100 worth of books. Successive "conventions" have been held each election year since 1928, with the exception of 1944.

It has been the custom at the time of these events for each homeroom to adopt a state in the Union and carry its flag. Once again, therefore, this spring, the auditorium will be a maze of color during the three days' convention, which will take place about the middle of May.

Plans For Senior Day Are Approved

Plans for Senior Day, recently submitted to Mr. D. P. Whitley, principal, have been approved, and the details are now being worked out by the various committees, headed by Betty Jo Ring, planning; Sophia Steffan, program; and Jeane Walton, dance committee.

This senior event is scheduled for Friday, May 14. As stated by the students, the purpose of the day is "To give seniors recognition, and also to give them an outstanding day of fun to remember."

Privileges Listed

Tentative plans at this time include the following: Seniors may wear any unusual outfit — within reason; for one day they will have the privilege of lording it over the underclassmen; the giving of tests on this day will be discouraged, and eighth periods will be "tabu." Certain special privileges, however, will be left up to the individual teacher.

In order to inform everyone of the events of the day, a special broadcast (Continued on Page 3)

MEEKINS AND YOUNTS ELECTED



IT MUST HAVE BEEN an "awfully" interesting document to rate the attention of all five 1948-'49 Student Council presidential candidates. Above (left to right) are Ruth Ellen Monroe, Jackie Meekins, Dot Kendall, Kent Jackson, and Bob "Tweedy" Younts. — (Photo by EMBLER.)

Official Installation To Take Place May 5

Jackie Meekins and Bobby Younts have been elected next year's president and vice-president, respectively, of the student council. They, together with the newly elected Upper House representatives for the coming year, will be officially installed on Wednesday morning, May 5, at assembly.

Charles McConkey, retiring president will administer the oath of office to the incoming president and vice-president, and the former will in turn administer the oath to the newly elected representatives.

Representatives for next year's Upper House have not yet been chosen. The former will be elected today and the latter at some time next week.

The student body heard speeches by the candidates and by their campaign managers last Tuesday at assembly. Candidates for president and vice-president were the following juniors: Kent Jackson, Jackie Meekins, Bobby Younts, Dot Kendall, and Ruth Ellen Monroe.

Their respective campaign managers were Tom Garst, Doris Craven, Judson Ruth, Dick Davenport, and Richard Crowder. After the meeting in the auditorium, the students returned to their home rooms where ballots were cast. This primary election reduced the number of candidates to one boy and one girl. In the final election on Wednesday, the winner became president and the runner-up automatically became vice-president.

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS TEST

Under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club and under the leadership of Mrs. John Herndon and Mrs. George Machen, a hearing test was recently given to every student at High Point high school with the exception of the sophomores, who will be tested next year.

Numbers were called from an audiometer in both masculine and feminine voices. Each student was equipped with ear phones and pencil and paper with which to record the numbers as he heard them. Results from the test are reported to each student in order to inform him of his correct hearing percentage.

This test is being conducted in all of the city schools. The Kiwanis Club plans to sponsor similar tests on alternate years for each school child.

Shop Classes Enter Contests

Students in the industrial arts department have lately begun working on their projects, which include the Fisher Body contests and other national and local competitive events. The Continental Furniture Company is offering to the leading senior in the shop classes a chest of drawers, the presentation to be made in June.

Students in the metal-work classes have been working with all types of metal-working machines, and have been making such articles as table lamps, window shelves, basketball goals, small tools — such as hammers and screwdrivers — book ends, and some metal furniture. These students are taught to work in sheet metal, art metal, ornamental iron, in the machine shop, and in welding.

In the wood-working department the students have been making table lamps, smoking stands, hand tables, magazine stands, card tables, bureaus, and some few are making bedroom suites.

In the first year woodwork classes the boys have been learning to work the machines and are now completing various articles.

To Edit 'Blue Stocking'

Margaret Barric, '46 former editor-in-chief of the *Pemican*, will next year edit the Mary Baldwin college annual, the *Blue Stocking*.

Registration Completed For Social Standards Conference

Program To Include Panel Discussions And Assemblies

Registration for the Social Standards Conference to be held in the local high school on May 7 has been completed, invitations have been extended to the speakers, and plans for the day are now nearing completion.

The program for the day includes a morning assembly in the auditorium. An invitation has been extended to Troy J. Barrett, recreation director at Duke University to address the students on this occasion. This period will be followed by two panel discussions in each of the home rooms for the smaller groups, and in the study halls, library, and auditorium for the larger panels. To these, pupils have already been scheduled.

Afternoon Activities

Following the lunch period, students and visitors will attend a second assembly in the auditorium. The activities of the day will culminate in a tea dance in the gymnasium, sponsored by the Lower House.

There are forty panel groups, the most popular of which seem to be "Teen-age Problems," "Youth and Crime," "F. B. I.," "Sports and Sportsmanship," "Marriage and Family Relations," "Music," "Universal Military Training," "Personality and Charm," "Choosing One's Life Work," and "Hypnotism." Taking second place in popularity are "Photography," "Aviation and the Air Corps," "Radio," and "Automotive Engineering and Designing."

The committee for the conference includes Charles McConkey, Joe Aaron, Jackie Meekins, Heywood Washburn, Joyce Kearns, Fred Farmer, and Gordie Maxwell, Cyrus Brooks, Gladys Hall, Betty Jo Hedrick. Faculty advisers are Miss Louise Hunter for the Upper and Miss Katherine Whitener for the Lower House of the Student Council.

Junior-Senior Prom

A "glittering" theme (supposedly unknown) with soft welcoming lights, and the popular strains of Tommy Dodamead and his orchestra "backing up" the torchy, vocalizing of Carolyn Ward — all these give an idea of the setting chosen for the 1948 Junior-Senior prom.

Plans for the event to be held on Friday night, April 30, are now being "ironed" out. Miss McInnis, faculty adviser for the decoration committee, has chosen students in this group to be in charge of the different props which will be used in decorating. Other committees are also completing arrangements.

Since the theme is not to be revealed and since everyone will want to see the surprising events that take place, why not ask that girl you've been eyeing in the halls or, if you're not able "to screw your courage to the sticking place" to do this — then come stag. We're expecting you!

Betty Jo Ring Receives Award

Presentation of the National Honor Society Service Award to Betty Jo Ring highlighted the spring induction program, at which twelve seniors and thirteen juniors were tapped, during the traditional candle-light service, for membership in the local chapter.

The service award was presented to Betty Jo Ring for her outstandingly unselfish work throughout the four years of her high school career. The presentation was made by James Johnson, last year's winner, who came from Chapel Hill especially for this event. Betty Jo, whose name has been engraved on the silver cup with those (Continued on Page 4)

Lest 'Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten' ...

Way back yonder when parasols were stylish, model T's were "all the rage", and the new look wasn't new at all, High Point high school had a yearbook!

In 1916 HPHS was housed in a rambling wooden structure down on South Main street, and the senior class of that year produced an annual called *The Atelier*. From Mr. Jake Harris we recently borrowed a copy. (they are as scarce as are the proverbial hen's teeth) and at school were given orders to "protect it with your lives."

The book was assembled in much the same way as yearbooks are today with dedication, photos of alumni, features, and even ads. It was dedicated to Mr. J. Elwood Cox, a prominent banker of early High Point.

In 1916 High Point High boasted of eight faculty members and an enrollment of about 250. According to a

description in *The Atelier*, High Point's pride and joy then was the "White Way" (Main Street), now one year old. To date, there were three auto garages, six grocery stores, a dime store, four schools, and a movie called the *Broadway*. The population stood at 15,000, and a firm belief was expressed that "High Point may yet grow beyond any predictions."

Activities at the high school were well-rounded for that day and time, although, scholastically, it didn't quite come up to the required number of units for college entrance. We found out that Betty Clare Schultheiss' father was then president of the junior class, while ex-mayor Arthur Kirkman, James Lyon (Helen's father), and Tom Kearns (Jean's dad) were prominent seniors. Royster Tucker, Sr., was in the Stag Patrol of the Boy Scouts, and Miss Mae Kirkman was a campfire

girl! Scemore's daddy was "testator" (whatever that is) of the senior class, and T. E. Dodamead was the artist who illustrated *The Atelier*.

The early glee club members in white middle blouses were quite different from Mr. Cronstedt's blue-robed choir. And the basketball team was something else! It's rather generally known that the team of '47-'48 lost only one game during this season. In 1916, on the contrary, their team won only one!

But don't think that our first annual was stiff and dry. It wasn't. Juicy bits of gossip were occasionally inserted and humor (of that time) was evident. One shining example follows:

A girl, a girl,
No heart, a whirl,
A pearl, a curl,
A girl, a girl (!?)

It was quite a book!