

Students Like 1948 Annual

Anniversary Issue
Result Of Eight
Months' Work

It was a gala day for the *Pemican* staff when an express truck rolled up to the back entrance and deposited 18 big boxes filled with 1,200 brand new yearbooks. These were immediately carted to Mr. Ralph Vance's room on the first floor and there kept under lock and key while lists were being checked and arrangements made for the delivery of the books on last Thursday.

Pemican Distributed

The exciting day for the whole school came on May 20, when distribution actually began. At noon students formed in long lines to receive their annuals, and afterwards carried them to the cafeteria during the lunch periods. From then on until the bell rang at 3:30, every *Pemican* had a pupil behind it, and the new publication, for that day, topped the list of best sellers. In addition, a brisk trade in autographs sprang up, and everybody seemed happy.

Theme of Yearbook

"The Fiftieth Anniversary of Public Education in High Point" is the theme for the 1948 *Pemican*. For eight long months the staff members and their adviser have planned and worked and read copy for this edition of the annual, which is beautifully bound in white and gold, well edited, and so full of excellent photographs and snapshots that some of the latter have even trickled over into the advertising section.

Summer School Plans Being Made

Each year there are approximately 98 students who, either because they wish to graduate within a shorter time than usual, or because they have failed one or more subjects, sign up for summer school.

This means attending five hours a day for 30 days if a new subject is being taken, or three hours a day for each subject repeated. Ninety-eight students require about six teachers. Usually some 25 diplomas are conferred upon seniors at the close of the summer term.

The subjects most in demand are English, mathematics, and history. A few pupils ask for biology. The daily sessions begin at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at 1 p. m. with a five-minute recess between each hour period.

EXAM SCHEDULE

SENIORS

May 28—Periods I and II.
May 31—Periods III, IV, V.
June 1—Periods VI and VII.

UNDERGRADUATES

June 2—Periods I and II.
June 3—Periods III, IV, V.
June 4—Periods VI and VII.

All students, including seniors, will attend all regular periods to 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday, June 1.

Driver Training Classes Are Successful At Senior High

Four hundred gallons of gas and six thousand miles plus one efficient and tactful instructor equal one hundred and fifty safe drivers. That, in a nutshell, is a summary of Sergeant Shields' driver training classes, which have been an asset to senior high this year.

Behind this course, one of the most popular ever offered here — so popular in fact that several faculty members are now taking it — lies a lot of careful planning and hard work. Of course, there are the innumerable laughs that are bound to come when a student, for the first time, sits in the driver's seat. In spite of the laughs, however, the members of the driving classes have spot-free records so far as student-caused accidents go.

One reason for this is the new equipment now being used in the course. Twelve different devices, including a color vision test, eye dominance tests, field of vision, glare acuity, and reaction time tests, together with a jerk recorder and steadiness test, have all recently been put into use.

The course has also revealed several eye weaknesses which students were unaware of having.

In regard to his job, Sergeant Shields says simply, "It is hard work, but when I feel that I am doing something for someone, it makes it worthwhile."

'We Shall Not Pass This Way Again'...

Soon our last school bell will ring and we shall part — and there will be nothing left of our high school days but memory. The laughter, the tears, the heartaches will fade and mingle with new raptures — but none so young or so lovely as those already instilled within our tender but foolish hearts.

As we cross the threshold and enter into the unknown future, we leave

behind the happy past. Our part in the uncertain arena of life and its importance depends upon the degree of courage and fortitude we have to withstand the forces which will fight against us. There are uncertainty, evil, and disappointment that will overcome both the weak and the unprepared. There are glory and happiness for the strong and the well-equipped. No one else can decide what we shall be—

the decision is ours alone. It is our successful decision or our mistake.

Whatever elevates a plane of living or whatever creates high ideals must come from within. Advancement will be made only by those possessing solid character with truth, simplicity, and understanding. But as we build from height to height, we must not forget the little things such as a spring day, a shy glance, the soft sparkle of a win-

ter's snow.

And if we have followed the call from within that demands a search for the best in life, we shall perhaps be together again, and clasp hands and smile and hear our God's great "Well done!" There are moments for dreaming, for creating, for sharing — take them, cherish them, for "we shall not pass this way again."

— "HEDRICK."

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ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR! The 47-48 graduating *Pemican* people above are taking a lo-o-o-ng "breather" (after eight whole months, to be exact). With a sigh of relief and a pleasurable grin, Miss Dot Hollar, faculty adviser, Miss Betty Jo Ring, Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Rodger Snyder, Business Manager, and Mr. Richard Davenport, Associate Editor, carefully examine their completed "masterpiece".

(Photo by ALTON)

Pointer Loses Staff Members But Retains Present Editor

Margaret Little To Head Betas

Margaret Little has recently been elected president of the Beta Club for next year. Rebecca Dickens, as vice-president, and Jean Short, as secretary and treasurer, will serve with her.

Miss Emma Milling, faculty adviser of the club, at this last meeting stated that "This year's Beta Club has been one of the most successful clubs yet. It is responsible for the undertaking of a real school activity — for the institution of the monthly Beta Club dances. These, I hope, will be continued next year."

Officers for the past year were Paul Friedman, president; Bill Stutts, vice-president; and Joyce Kearns, secretary and treasurer.

HPS TO CONTINUE COURSES IN BIBLE

That courses in Bible will again be taught at senior high during the coming year is now, according to Mr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of the city schools, an assured fact.

Already 158 students have registered for courses in Bible I and II, which will again be taught by Miss Laura McInnis of Charleston, S. C.

With the graduation of the class of '48, the *Pointer* staff will lose many of its present members. Marilyn Kobbette, who is now a rising senior, will however continue as editor-in-chief of the publication, and Mazie Strickland and Carolyn Andrews, present feature editors, will also remain.

Gladys Linthicum will continue as business manager, and will retain as her assistants Max Shoaf and Bob Ladehoff.

Plans are now under way for the formation of an incomplete or "skeleton" staff to take up the work early next fall, when additional staff members may be chosen and assignments made after a brief but intensive course in journalistic writing.

Students interested in this form of extra-curricular activity should at once submit their names either to the business or the editorial advisers. All staff members will be carefully selected on recommendation by both their teachers and the staff for cooperativeness and dependability, alertness and interest in school affairs, and for ability in expressing themselves in writing.

Hobby Collection Is Now On Display

Private collections submitted by students of Miss Louisa Hatch's second period civics class are now on display in the library.

These interesting collections, which carry out the project of recreation, consist of perfume bottles brought by Susan Schwabenton, after-dinner coffee spoons by Ann Bain, old circus advertisements, collected by Cam Criddlebaugh, Jr., and cap pistols by Bobby Bundy.

World War II display of medals and insignia was brought by Bobby McLeod, while junk from wrecked automobiles indicates Arch McMullan's hobby. Baseballs, namely "Detroit Tigers," collected by John Hayworth; movie star photographs, by Connie McGhee; and a wishbone collection by Mary Lib Casey complete the display.

To Use White Tassels

The class of 1948 will be the first in the history of the high school to wear white tassels instead of blue ones on the traditional mortar-board caps. In addition to adding variety, the tassels will help to carry out the school colors — blue and white.

What Happened On The Trip To Badin

With a combination of rattlesnakes, busting boiler pipes, flat tires, and mountains, the recent trip to Badin, N. C., proved both interesting and exciting to our would-be high school scientists.

First of all, the rattler, discovered on the side of the mountain, near where we were eating lunch, was the cause of some fast climbing and courageous remarks, such as, "If it bites me, I'm gonna bite it back."

Next, that afternoon just after one of the guides at the aluminum plant had said that the company rarely had any boiler trouble, one indignant boiler decided that it was high time to blow up. It did, and so did everyone else (that is, "blow"). "Seemore" was voted the most outstanding sprinter, though it was a closely contested race.

Then came the flat tire. If it hadn't been for this, we might never have become acquainted with Denton — and probably have been far better off physically. Take it from me — High Point pickles and Denton ice cream just don't mix. In fact, they're likely to react violently.

But, all in all, the trip was lots of fun!

City Lake Opened Officially May 29

Under the management of Coach Tony Simeon, head of the physical education department of senior high, the city lake has been opened to the public on Saturday, May 29. During the following school week, it will be open at 3:30 each afternoon. The price of admission will be the same as formerly.

Special events, such as swimming exhibitions, will be presented every two weeks. There will be stunts, rhythmic swimming, and pageants.

Lessons in swimming and life saving will be taught by a crew headed by Miss Betty Deane Knox, and co-sponsored by the city recreation department and by the American Red Cross.

Swimming teams for boys and girls will be coached respectively by Dick Meiskey and Coach Simeon. Anyone is eligible for these teams, and inter-city meets will be held.

Senior High To Hold Finals On June 6, 7

Dr. Luther L. Gobel To Deliver Address

Plans for commencement exercises, which will be held on the evenings of June 6 and 7, have now been completed. On Sunday night the Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, will deliver the commencement sermon. Both the invocation and the benediction will be given by the Rev. Cecil E. Haworth of the Friends church.

Music for this service will consist of selections by the A Cappella choir under the direction of Mr. Carl Cronstedt. Mr. D. P. Whitley, principal of senior high, will preside at this time. Both friends and relatives of the graduates are invited to attend.

Graduation Exercises

The program on Monday night will be in charge of Mr. Charles F. Carroll, superintendent of the city schools. Dr. F. L. Conrad, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, will give the invocation and the benediction. Mr. Cronstedt will again direct the music.

Dr. Luther L. Gobel, president of the Greensboro College for Women, has been invited to deliver the commencement address. After the announcements of awards and honors by Mr. Whitley, Mr. Charles L. Amos, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Seats To Be Reserved

On Monday night, as the seats will be reserved for relatives of the seniors, admission to the graduating exercises will be by tickets only.

BACKSTOP MADE BY SHOP BOYS

Students in the metal work classes have been putting their acquired skills into practice by making portable baseball backstops, which will be given to the school for use on the diamond. One of these has already been completed, and another will be finished next fall by the boys taking metal work at that time.

The backstops, which consist of a framework of scrap piping covered with chicken wire, are mounted on three wheels for portable use. By making the first backstop instead of buying it, the school has been saved an estimated \$200.

During the year, the boys have also made aluminum lamps of art metal, mailboxes and lamp shades of sheet metal, garden tools of ornamental wrought iron, and book-ends of cast iron. In their machine shop practice, they have been doing lathe work, and some of the more advanced have made actual parts for the lathe.

As the metal work classes are not considered vocational, no job training is given. They are merely a part of the general curriculum, as in the case of math or English. The school, however, hopes in the future to be able to secure more teachers, and thus set up a vocational class which will permit many additional students to take advantage of the excellent facilities at senior high.