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Seniors Elect Johnson, White

(Ed. Note: This is No. 1 of a series of articles to appear intermittently in this space, written for The Pointer by outstanding civic leaders of High Point. Just to get a city editor's viewpoint of the value and scope of high school organizations, publications, and athletic teams. Mr. Mitchell of The Enterprise was asked to be our first "civic contributor.")

BY EDWARD V. MITCHELL
Enterprise Staff Writer

So, the staff of The Pointer is turning back the hand of time for me. It has been years since I wrote my last article for a high school paper.

Times haven't changed a bit, as far as the part extra-curricular activities of the high school play in the lives of the adults. My dad and mother were just as proud of my high school team, my high school activities and honors as your dad and mother are today.

Don't fool yourself, I was just as enthusiastic over my high school teams as you are now. We had our problems, too, just as you do today. We weren't referred to as juvenile delinquents in those days, but "terrors," a word which means the same thing. Our parents were doubtful if we ever would survive the adolescent stage, but we did, just like you will.

There's much of value in a school paper, athletic teams, clubs, etc., to high school life. The paper gives the parents a real insight into the school lives of their children. Athletic events bring together parents and children on a common ground, where dad and mother get to meet and see other parents and children.

Problems? Yes, there are high school problems outside the classroom, but they are not serious ones. They can be met and solved by a frank discussion among faculty, parents, and friends. How can a better understanding between the various factions be brought about? By doing just what your school paper is doing—presenting a literary picture of high school life, athletic events, club activities and accomplishments of individual students.

CLUB TO GIVE ONE-ACT PLAYS

The Curtain Callers, newly organized dramatic club, will present a bill of three one-act plays in the high school auditorium on December 10.

"Long Retreat" is the first play in the series of three. The story revolves around the memories of a retired doctor, who is portrayed by James Buck. Shirley Kirkman plays opposite him as his wife Nora.

The second play, "Rehearsal," stars Venetia Wilcox and Bobby Baird in the leading roles as Ann Martin and Jerry Newton. The scene takes place in a barn where Ann is rehearsing for a play. Complications arise when the F. B. I. and police officials come to the barn looking for Jerry. What happens? The end is surprising.

"Soda Scene" is the third play. As the name indicates, it is set in a drug store and involves the quarrel of a fellow and his girl. The play is done entirely in pantomime. As yet, the characters have not been chosen.

ALUMNI RECEIVE ADVANCED RATING

Mr. D. P. Whitley, principal, has received a letter from the Dean of Freshmen of the University of North Carolina, stating that five graduates of High Point High School have received advanced standing at that university by special examination.

The following students have achieved this standing in the fields indicated: Dick Davenport in English, mathematics and French; Ronald Sullivan in English; Taki Thompson in mathematics; and Don Thurber in English and mathematics.

Many of the outstanding colleges give special examinations in freshman and sophomore work so that students who are capable may omit subject material which they have already mastered and may go on into the class above. Credit for graduation is given for work completed in this way.



These are campaign smiles! And it was these ten who were doing all the back-slapping last Friday in hopes of a successful campaign. Senior class candidates for office were (l. to r.): First row—Joyce Burrows, Jean Short, Betsy White, Betty Claire Schultheiss, Ann Shipwash. Second row—Martha Hodgkin, Ray Hayworth, Charlie Johnson, Ralph Brown, and Chet Allen. Paul Conrad was not photographed. Charlie, Paul, Betsy and Betty Claire emerged victorious.

H.P.H.S. EDITORS ATTEND PRESS MEET OUT WEST

Meekins, Craven Visit Convention

Jackie Meekins, president of student council, and Doris Craven, representative from the lower house, attended a convention of the Southern Association of Student Government, which was held November 11-13, in Mobile, Ala. They were accompanied by Miss Louise Hunter, faculty advisor of the student council.

The main theme of the convention was "Democratic Actions for Democratic Living." High Point was well represented in the activities of the conference. Jackie Meekins led the discussion on "How Can the Student Council Provide Experiences for the Student Body Which Will Assure That Problems of Citizenship Are Squarely Faced." Miss Hunter sponsored this discussion group.

Doris Craven was appointed secretary to another group. High Point High School ran for vice-president of the Southern association, but was defeated by Texas. Doris Craven handled the campaign, while Miss Hunter and Jackie supplied the much needed support.

Out of the 14 states represented at Mobile, North Carolina supplied 12 delegates.

Three journalistic-minded HPHS students and an adviser will travel as delegates representing this school to the National Scholastic Press Association convention to assemble at French Lick, Indiana, on Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27.

Two representatives from each of the two HPHS "All-American" publications, the Pointer and the Pemican, the yearbook, were selected to attend. Heywood Washburn and Miss Dot Hollar, Pemican editor and adviser, respectively, and Pointer editor, Marilyn Robinette and associate, Bill McGuinn, will leave, via Eastern Air Lines, on Thanksgiving morning, landing at Louisville, Ky., at noon. A two-hour bus trip brings them to French Lick.

The 22nd annual NSPA convention remains in session for two days with headquarters at French Lick Springs Hotel. Concerned with high school yearbooks, magazines, and newspapers, the NSPA will sponsor panel discussions on various phases. Miss Hollar will speak on the advertising field. "All-America" publications will be on display at the convention. One novel innovation will be the presence of caricaturist, Len Redman, formerly with Walt Disney.

The convention ending late Saturday, the High Point delegates will return on Sunday night.

JUNIOR PLAY ACCLAIMED BIG HIT

BY JOANN WHITE
Once again the junior class has come across with a hit play. "You Can't Take It With You" played on both Thursday and Saturday nights to a capacity house and was met with gales of laughter from the audience.

Under the direction of Mr. Louis Heniford, the play progressed smoothly. On hand to lend much help to this production was Miss Laura McInnis, who was general supervisor over properties and advertisements. Rebecca Johnson, student director, also added much to the production by her faithful work.

The play takes place in the quaint old home of Martin Vanderhof, in New York. The so-called living room is truly an "every-man-for-himself" room. Here meals are eaten, plays are written, snakes collected, ballet steps practiced, xylophones played, printing presses operated—if there were room

enough there would probably be ice skating.

Penelope Sycamore, who is ably portrayed by Margaret Stamey, is doing what she likes more than anything else—writing plays. She is on her 11th now and pounds away in her "Mother's Corner" at an old-fashioned typewriter during much of the play.

Penelope's father, Grandpa Vanderhof, played by Bill McGuinn, is a codger-like old man, who doesn't believe in income tax; so for 30 years he just doesn't pay it.

Mary Lou Dillon as the beautiful, young, sane daughter of Penelope, is madly in love with Tony Kirby, better known here as Tommy Beaver; but family difficulties try to hinder their marriage.

Max Shoaf, who is Paul; and Robert Dixon, who is Mr. De Pinna, have the charming hobby of making fireworks.

Jo Anne Ronk, the ballet student, Essie, adds much to the gay,

Run-Off Necessary In Class Election; Conrad And Schultheiss Also Winners

MESSIAH TO BE GIVEN DEC. 5

The fourth annual performance by combined High Point High School choirs and alumni, of George Handel's greatest work, The Messiah, will take place in the high school auditorium on Sunday, December 5.

Mr. Carl G. N. Cronstedt, instructor of vocal music and Messiah director, announces that once more an orchestra, two pianos, soloists, and a choir of approximately 225 voices will combine for rendering Handel's composition. The Messiah is rarely given by a high school group; and Mr. Cronstedt, a widely-read musician, states that he knows of no other group that sings it from memory.

A performance will be given before the student body of the high school probably on Friday, December 3. For the Sunday program free tickets will be distributed to assure seating, as only one performance will be held.

Mr. Cronstedt adds that it is of interest to learn that Miss Sofia Steffan, '48 class member, choir member, and now a freshman at Northwestern University, has been selected contralto soloist in Messiah presentations at Evansville, Illinois.

Coming Up...

- Nov. 30—Miss Simplicity Fashion Show.
- Dec. 3—Masque and Gavel Play.
- Dec. 5—First performance of "The Messiah."
- Dec. 7—Junior Town Meeting Program.
- Dec. 10.—Curtain Callers' Plays.

H.P.C. Seniors Practice Here

Special blue ribbons are going out this six weeks from the students to the twenty-one seniors of High Point College who are practicing-teaching here.

Those strange faces seen in the halls during the past few weeks will be future teachers. They are all seniors from High Point College; and, on the average, they spend an hour a day here trying to teach the same things to H. P. H. S. students that they had to learn in high school. Most of them are High Point High School graduates, but many hail from other towns.

Bill (Phys. Ed.) Williams, of High Point College football fame, is a native of Asheville, while Bob Fleming comes from Greensboro. Miss Betty Trollinger is from Asheboro and Miss Shirley Phylar, from Marshville. The latter three are majoring in business and are teaching in that department. Miss Elizabeth Lindsay has in her history class Elmer Bradshaw of Salisbury and Bill Harding of Winston-Salem.

Rollicking rhythm along with boisterous campaign antics in the forms of skits, pantomimes, hill-billy and gangster stunts and the like, highlighted the senior class campaign in the election of officers Friday, which saw Charlie Johnson, president; Paul Conrad, vice-president; Betsy White, secretary, and Betty Clair Schultheiss, treasurer, named as winners only after a Monday morning run-off between the offices of president and secretary.

The two-hour assembly was presided over by former president of the '48 class, Jon "Bucket" Barnes and devotionals were led by Marilyn Robinette. The meeting was then turned over to Nos Alman, co-chairman of the election committee. Nos introduced the campaign managers who in turn introduced their candidates. After a speech along a serious vein from each candidate, they retired from the auditorium, and the "fireworks" began—literally in some cases.

Doris Rae and "Paw," Uncle Bill from Denton; Roughouse and the other half of the football squad, Butch, the jazz band, and cap pistols—all took a part in the shenanigans that followed.

All campaigning completed, voting took place before seniors left the auditorium. The election committee, composed of a representative from each senior homeroom, tallied votes and found an exact tie for the office of secretary between Jean Short and Betsy White. A plurality, not a majority, appeared between Charlie Johnson and Ralph Brown, presidential candidates.

Optimist Bowl Queen
During the business session preceding campaigning, Principal D. P. Whitley announced to seniors that he had been contacted in connection with the election of a senior girl to reign as queen of the Optimist Bowl game on December 3, and suggested that the election committee serve in selecting nominees again.

BIBLE CLASSES MAKE PROGRESS

With a final enrollment of about one hundred and ten students, the Bible department has been going forward with plans to "get things done" this year.

Plans are being made for taking a one-act play to the Religious Drama festival at Greensboro College, which will take place sometime in February. This will prove to be a valuable experience for both those in the play and those helping with the plans. It is the first time that the Bible department has done anything of this type, and Miss Laura McInnis, Bible teacher, states that the students are looking forward eagerly to this rich experience.

A great deal of original work has been done again this year in the department, and it is hoped that some of the material can be re-worked and used by religious organizations in the community. Four plays have been written, and these probably will be developed into producible scripts. The Bible department has a display on the bulletin board in room 105, which changes each week, and students in that department state that everybody is welcomed to come by and visit their room.

LATIN CLUB JOINS CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The Romani Modern Latin Club has recently become a member of the Junior Classical League, which is a national organization for Latin students. Its purpose is to promote better understanding and appreciation of the classics.

A great number of the Latin students have ordered J. C. L. pins, and many of these have arrived and are being worn by the students. These pins are sterling silver, round in shape, and have the letters J. C. L. on the front.

Along with other material sent by the league, Mrs. Vera Walden, teacher of the Latin classes, received a blue and gold membership charter which is posted in the Latin room.