

Seniors Name Superlatives

Sixteen Top Seniors Are Selected From Long Slate Of Nominees

Fanfare!

Tops in the '48-'49 class, the senior superlatives, were elected on December 6 by vote taken in senior homerooms. The slate was drawn up by senior executive board after homeroom discussions. Anyway, here they are!

Red-headed Mary Lee Church and Allen Conrad came up victorious for the best-dressed title. Best-looking seniors were blonde Colleen Allen and that tall athlete, Illard Yarborough. The brainiest, most-likely-to-succeed seniors were Margaret Little and Dewey Greer.

Friendliest boy and girl, Dot Kendall and Paul Conrad. Best all-around seniors are easy to recognize as Student Body Head Jackie Meekins and Charlie Johnson, the senior class prexy. The personality cup goes to Joann White and Jon Barnes.

In the sports realm Betty Lou "Butch" Hayworth, and Bill "Ig" Ellington were named most-athletic seniors.

Anytime you're looking for some laughs, see Doris Rae Glenn and Rudy Upton, 'cause they're the wittiest.

Mr. Ralph Vance, senior class adviser, announces further that mascots will be chosen soon after Christmas, and seniors are reminded that now is a good time to be looking around for likely contestants. The main requirement is that the contestants be below school age.

Steel Bleachers Bought For Gym

Shiny, new steel bleachers will soon replace the old wooden ones now in use in the balcony of the high school gymnasium, according to a recent statement issued by D. P. Whitley, principal of the school.

After reviewing bids received from three manufacturers, the Athletic Department has ordered from a company in Atlanta, Georgia, bleachers which will accommodate about 350 people. These seats will be installed in the balcony in time for the oncoming basketball season.

Mr. Whitley stated that seating facilities in the balcony of the gym are at present uncomfortable, as well as unsafe, for further use. The new bleachers are of much better construction than those in use now, and should relieve, to some extent, the insufficient seating capacity prevalent at many home games last year.

Andrews To Take FCC Test Dec. 23

John Leslie Andrews, a junior, has qualified, along with five other leading radio amateurs throughout the state, for the Federal Communications Commission test to be taken on December 23 in Winston-Salem.

This examination is open to all ages and is given yearly in Winston-Salem. In order to register for the F. C. C. test, John Leslie familiarized himself with the Radio Physics Course, a book of 950 pages. The winner is privileged to own and operate a transmitter and to communicate with foreign countries and distant stations throughout the United States.

This Kind Of Arithmetic Adds Up, Says Returning Delegates

BY MARILYN ROBINETTE
Two 700 mile plane flights, plus 12 educational panels, plus 1 "big time," divided by 4 days equals the 22nd annual National Scholastic Press Association convention at French Lick, Indiana—as taken in by Heywood, Miss Hollar, Bill McG, and Marilyn.

It was 1:40 P.M., as an Eastern Airliner roared into City Airport in Louisville on Thanksgiving Day. Seven hundred miles, 4 hours, and we were finally there! Then Bill lost his breakfast!

That afternoon, after "cluing" a certain Mr. Sim Southard, former teacher at H.P.H.S., now a student at Baptist Seminary, we went to the movies. That was a sad mistake. Miss Tatlock's Millions was on. It's about a fella who's a little "off." Anyway, Heywood and Bill went around acting like turtles the rest of the time we were gone! (I'm glad I'm writing this!)

Later that night we registered



A Christmas Dream In Sketches



The white, deep silence of an afternoon snowfall . . . furry earmuffs and mittens, a sled . . . the cold, dazzling gleam of a streetlamp on crusty snow at night . . . softly hummed Christmas carols drifting from a neighbor's yard . . . cold, stiff fingers, a red nose, near an open family fireplace . . . silver tinsel, shining lights, shimmering baubles, and a star on the tip-top of a cedar tree . . . the rustle of crisp tissue paper broken by an occasional "pop" of string . . . mistletoe . . . "The Night Before Christmas" . . . a bedside prayer . . . the sleepy surprise of Christmas morning . . . nuts, 'n' fruits, 'n' candy . . .

Multi-colored rays of sunlight through a stain glass window on Christmas day . . . the great throbbing roar of an organ breaking into song . . . a minister's quiet and soothing prayer . . . the familiar story of His birth . . . great bells sounding from a tower . . . the happy voices of friends and neighbors, young and old, joining in a closing hymn . . .

And for you . . . a warm heart, a sincere prayer, sparkling eyes, a cheerful word for all . . . peace of mind . . .

Can Christmas be more than this?

THE POINTER Merry Christmas!

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Christmas Pageant In Preparation



Looks like a lot of fun! Anyway, all these "cats" got "real gone" when the Curtain-Callers staged three one-act plays on Friday in order to boost student council funds. The above scene is from "Double Break" which starred (left to right) Bobby Lee, Betsy Guin, Ray Greene, Vera Dean Puckett, Rosie Beam, and Max Shoaf. Also don't overlook the jukebox. (See page 4).

Play Written By Former H.P.H.S. Student

"In This House" (the story of the birth of Christ) is the chosen script for the traditional Christmas pageant to be presented Tuesday, December 21, in the high school auditorium. Directed by Miss Muriel Bulwinkle, the pageant is held annually on the morning before Christmas holidays begin.

An unusual feature of the play this year is the fact that the script was written and copyrighted by Bob Curry, an alumni of High Point High, now a pre-med student at Duke University. In former years Mr. Curry was active and well known in H.P.H.S. dramatics.

Appropriate background music for the program will be furnished by the A Capella Choir under the hand of Mr. Carl G. N. Cronstedt. Mrs. Vera Walden will supervise stage setting, costumes, and lighting committees.

The scene for the actual presentation centers around an inn at Bethlehem in which the baby Jesus was born. This old and long-familiar story unfolds with a new slant as the story progresses.

Jerub, the inkeeper and his wife, Rachel, are portrayed by Dewey Greer and Jackie Meekins. The part of Jonathan, their son, goes to Arch McMullan. Norman Sohnchen and Bill Adams are cast as strangers seeking shelter. (Continued on Page Three)

Good-will Practiced By H.P.H.S. Students

Inaugurating a "good-will" practice this year, H. P. H. S. students will pack 64 Red Cross boxes and send them to underprivileged children in foreign countries.

The boxes are being sent from this high school, along with boxes from all other schools in the United States which are enrolled in the American Junior Red Cross.

The small boxes, only 9 x 4 x 3 inches, hold a surprising number of items which have an estimated value of \$2. Some of these items include: crayons, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, buttons, and toys.

From January 1, 1945, through June 30, 1948, the American Junior Red Cross has shipped 1,668,259 gift boxes to 28 needy countries of the world.

J.T.M. To Hold First Meeting

The Junior Town Meeting is scheduled to hold its first discussion of the year today in the high school auditorium before an assembly of the entire student body.

The principal speakers will be Jane Beam, Margaret Little, Jackie Meekins, Ruth Ellen Monroe, Bobby Padgett, Dewey Greer, and Kent Jackson, with Miss Goodman, the faculty advisor, acting as moderator.

This meeting will be of particular interest to high school students, since the program of activities in High Point High School will be discussed.

This program is being presented for the benefit of all the students in order that they may become better acquainted with the aims and purposes of the various clubs and other organizations here in the high school.

New members will be initiated at this meeting.

The Junior Town Meeting over the air will not begin until the second semester.

Jazz Band Makes Debut At Honor Society Hop

Wire Recorder Is Purchased

A new wire recorder, for use in various high school departments, has recently been purchased by the school.

According to Mr. Louis Heniford, English teacher, this recorder will be of great help in the English department in connection with the correction of poor speech and the preservation of good public discourse. The instrument is so constructed that voices may be recorded and then immediately played back to the speaker or, if it is deemed wise, preserved for future use.

Mr. Heniford pointed out further that news broadcasts, dramatic productions, and musical programs could be recorded; and that typing teachers might find it helpful in pointing out errors to beginning typists.

The recorder will be kept in the principal's office where it will be accessible to any teacher.

Key Club Selling Imported Xmas Trees

In order to make money for the Key Club Scholarship Fund, members of the club are selling Christmas trees again this year.

These trees are balsam fir imported from Canada from J. Hoft Company. Unlike cedars, they do not shed their needles after being cut several weeks.

Trees may be seen and purchased at the high school and possibly at one other place to be announced later. Orders will be taken by any member of the Key Club.

Prices of the trees range from \$7.75 for two- and three-foot trees to \$6.00 for twelve-foot trees.

Profit made by the Key Club from sale of trees will be used as payment on the Key Club Scholarship Fund.

Yo-Yo Craze Hits New High How Far Can This Thing Go?

BY BILL MCGUINN

"Watch me go 'round the world!" "Take a gander at me rocking the cradle!" "That was all—right!" The previous highly technical terminologies have been heard quite often in the Jones Street vicinity. A person familiar with the spinning do-jigger on the end of a string would recognize them as the simplest maneuvers of the ancient sport of "yo-yoing."

Like the seven-year locust, this spinning wonder that climbs a piece of string in apparent defiance to the law of gravity has again taken the country by storm. It can't be blamed on the Democrats or the Republicans. It has just come back.

Just in case you are one of those persons who are completely unaware of the yo-yo, or that the automobile has replaced the horse, you'll want to know what the yo-yo is. This invention of

some long-forgotten fiend who hated his parents looks as if it consists of two small discs of wood, fastened together side by side so that there's space between them.

A string fits into this space. The operator—now, note carefully—holds the far end of the string around one trained finger, takes the disc expertly in his hand, and throws it.

The top spins downward along the string, reaches the end of its rope, and then carefully spins right back up again. You can throw it up or down, sidarm or straight ahead, and if you know how, it always spins right back at you. It really is quite an art.

Some of the more advanced Yo-ology students in our institution, with a few hours of practise, can make the things pick pockets, whistle "America," and even write under water. Ain't it wonderful?