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'Voice Of Democracy' Contest Won By Mull

Wm. Penn Student Places Second

Frances Mull from High Point High School, was chosen local winner in the national "Voice of Democracy" contest by a group of prominent townspeople last Wednesday, November 16, during a scheduled broadcast over WHPS.

Frances was selected out of a group of participants from High Point, Hasty, Jamestown, William Penn, and Allen Jay high schools. Each of the students who entered this contest were required to write a speech suitable for five minutes of broadcast time on the subject, "I Speak for Democracy".

The local winner, Frances Mull, and Floyd Conrad of William Penn High School, who placed second, have each received table model radios. The students of High Point High School who entered the contest are Frances Mull, Ramelle Hylton, Thomasine Strother, Elzene Boyles, Norma Jean Ansel, Nancy Jean Monroe and Doris Brooks.

The first three listed above placed first, second, and third, respectively, in the high school contest. Frances then entered into the next phase of the contest in which she was picked winner of this High Point area.

That winning speech will be entered in the state contest from which four national winners will be chosen. Sometime toward the end of January, these four winners will be announced.

Each of these four national winners will be awarded a \$500 scholarship, a wrist watch, and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C.

"The Voice of Democracy" contest stresses the importance of democracy in connection with world affairs and gives each student a chance to express his appreciation of the American way of life.

Jr. Red Cross Pleads For Help

Somewhere on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean a hungry, shoeless waif will receive a gift from America. He will open the box and out will tumble a score of things, and the kid's face will light up because somebody thought of him.

Many such scenes will take place again this year because American boys and girls are sending Junior Red Cross boxes to children of war-ravaged countries. As in years past they will be filled with non-breakable personal, educational and health articles which are considered necessary for a growing child.

Last year the students of High Point High School sent approximately fifty-four boxes filled with pencils, paper, balls, tooth brushes, soap, needles and thread, etc.

This year High Point High has by-passed last year's amount and has pledged to fill approximately sixty boxes. The number of boxes was determined by requests from the individual homerooms.

All boxes are supposed to be filled by Christmas. The deadline was set near the holiday season in the hope that all students will show some of the same Christmas spirit toward their unknown friends which they share with their fellow Americans.

'Building Of A City' Continues

Lend an ear, ye worthy citizens! The information which many High Pointers have been collecting over a long period of time is now free to all of us. The "Building of a City" will be on the air throughout November. Listening time on Sunday is 5:30 p. m. over Station WHPE. Programs can also be heard each Tuesday night if the radio is tuned to WMFR at 9:30 p. m.

These dramatic radio shows about old High Point are entirely due to the efforts of High Point people. They are produced, directed, and acted by citizens of this city. Music and sound effects are also helping to make the programs as typical of old High Point as is possible.

Many high school students can fill up a dateless night by listening to the dramatizations, and still have a lot of fun. For instance, wouldn't it be interesting to hear how High Point got its name; or even to imagine one's self walking down the Old Plank road of yesterday to the leading stores of the time might be fun. Many people have already listened eagerly to the tale of "Crossroads," the story of that fateful day when it was decided that a railroad should run through the town.

There are many other interesting facts which may be learned from listening to your radio. Why not listen and learn about the "Building of a City"?

Seniors Name Superlatives

Cheers to the sixteen senior superlatives who were recently selected by the class of '50. After homeroom discussions and the drawing up of a slate of candidates by the executive board, a final vote named the following seniors to their honorable goal. So, here they are!

Buddy Nance and Joan Crowder came up victorious for the title of friendliest. Bubbling over with that stuff called personality are Perry McDowell and Becky Johnson.

In case you ever need a laugh, Jack Petty and Frances Allen will be right on hand, 'cause they're the wittiest. Bill McGuinn and Suzanne Slate coped the seniors' vote as most-likely-to-succeed.

Best-all-around are ("natch") Fred Farmer, senior-class president, and Doris Craven, president of the student body. Just leave the good looks to versatile Ken Yarborough and brunette Mary Lou Dillon.

When it comes to sports, Bobbie Joe Mickey and Anne Shipwash win the cup for being the most athletic. Strickly from Esquire and Vogue are blonde Ralph Brown and Carolyn Andrews, who fill the role of best-dressed.

Cast your countenance on page two for further information concerning superlatives.

Skating Party Held For Pupils

Do you like to skate? Soon the students of High Point High School will be given a chance to skate all they wish, when a skating party is given for them at the Unity Skating Rink in Thomasville.

The idea for this social was first presented by the P. T. A. in order to give High Point High School students pleasant and wholesome recreation. Besides offering students entertainment, this project will make money for the P. T. A., which they will use for the benefit of the school. This way students will be having a good time, as well as helping the P. T. A.

The skating party is to be jointly sponsored by the social committee of the P. T. A., the social committee of the faculty, and the student council. The P. T. A. and the high school faculty will provide the chaperones.

Tickets will go on sale several days before the party, and will be sold only at the high school. This will be done to limit the rink to high school students.

If there seems to be enthusiasm from students about the party, such a demand will mean several more during the year.

Coming Up

- Nov. 22—Thanksgiving holidays begin.
- Dec. 2—"Messiah" given for students.
- Dec. 2—Optimist Bowl.
- Dec. 3—Shrine Bowl.
- Dec. 3—"Messiah" given for public.
- Dec. 4—Second performance of "Messiah" for public.
- Dec. 9—High School Band Concert.



Above is Mr. Carl G. N. Cronstedt, who will again this year direct the Christmas presentation of the "Messiah"

'Messiah' Near Completion

Mr. Carl G. N. Cronstedt is completing plans for the production of Handel's Messiah which will have two public performances, Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, in the high school auditorium.

The curtain will rise at 8:00 p. m. both evenings. There will be no admission charge. Free tickets will be distributed by students and local business establishments.

This year will be the fifth consecutive year that this presentation has been given for High Point citizens. Mr. Cronstedt will serve his fifth year as program director. He has made this an annual event for the community, and it has become one of the most looked-forward-to happenings of the season.

Participating in the Messiah production will be a thirty-piece orchestra, two pianists, four soloists, and a two-hundred-twenty-five voice chorus. Miss Mae Kirkman and Dot Lewis will serve at the pianos. The soloists will be Miss Mildred Crowder, soprano; Mrs. Mary Lou Moran, alto; Dr. C. L. Gray, tenor; and Mr. Emile Serpos, bass. The chorus will be composed of students from the first, second, and fifth period choir classes and graduates who have sung in the program in previous years.

It has been the custom of the group to add a new chorus each year. "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" is the '49 addition. This will increase the number of choruses to ten.

Beta's Induct New Members

The scholars of High Point High School were recognized this morning in the auditorium during the Beta Club induction.

Thirty-one upper classmen, fifteen seniors and sixteen juniors, were admitted into the Beta Club. The purpose of the organization is to acknowledge those students who have made outstanding scholastic achievements. Senior members are required to have an average of 90 for their three previous high school years. A 92 average is necessary for a junior inductee.

The Rev. Tom Smythe, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was guest speaker for the occasion. Bob Fountain, club president, presided over the program.

Other officers are Tommie Lentz, vice-president; Nancy Monroe, secretary; and Peggy Clark, treasurer. Miss Geneva Highfill was recently appointed adviser for the group. Those inducted were: Seniors—Barbara Short, Doris Brooks, Ann Shipwash, Gordie Maxwell, Jean Armfield, Mary Jean Newell, Patricia Massey, Pat Johnson, Lisi Snyder, Barbara Whitson, Ann Folger, Jack Kay, Janice Murphy, Nancy Atkins, and David Brewer; Juniors—Frances Mull, Vivian Miller, Rachel Leonard, Jo Ann Graham, Martha Burton, Teasa Bloom, Janet Blair, Jeanette Hankins, Anita Byrum, Nancy Holloway, Colleen Ward, Anne Garst, Tommy York, Nancy Samuel, and Ruth Ann Phillips. The practice of inducting sophomores with a 96 average was abandoned this year.

National Honor Society Taps '49-'50 Members

Shrine Yells Led By Cheerleaders

James Buck and his faithful helpers are leaving us! They are making plans to travel down Charlotte way. Their destination is the Shrine Bowl game.

Yes, the honor of leading the yells at the Shrine Bowl game on Saturday, December 3, belongs to High Point High School's own cheer leaders. This opportunity comes from the fact that Coach Simeon is to be head coach of the game. He had the privilege of choosing the cheer leaders for the game because of this. The band and the letter girls are also making the trip to Charlotte.

Our cheer leaders are now quite busy. They are trying hard to work up an extra amount of pep and energy for the big occasion.

Two new yells are being practiced now, and all the old yells are being changed to fit the game.

The band, letter girls, cheer leaders, and even Coach Simeon will have to buy tickets for this game. The reason for this is that the Shrine Bowl game is played for the purpose of raising money for charity.

Ceremony Led By Tommy Lentz

Against a background of flickering candle-light in the darkened high school auditorium, twelve new members from the senior class were inducted into the National Honor Society of High Point High School Friday morning.

Tommie Lentz, president of the society, presided over the induction. After the devotions had been given by Bill McGuinn, four Honor Society members representing Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, came forth and interpreted each of these qualities for which the National Honor Society stands. The new members were chosen to be inducted because of having proved themselves superior in these four qualities. Light, which is the symbol of the society and is indicated upon its emblem as a torch, was personified by another member.

As the strains of the traditionally-used music, "Largo," were heard, the old members of the society quietly went about the auditorium tapping the new members. Solemnly marching down the aisles of the auditorium, holding lighted candles, the new members reached the stage where they received their membership cards and the red and gold colors of the Honor Society, distributed by Suzanne Slate, secretary of the society.

The newly inducted members are: Dorothy Lewis, Fred Farmer, Carolyn Andrews, Jean Armfield, Joan Crowder, Nancy Monroe, Jim Woollen, Jack Marion, Barbara Short, Jack Willis, David Brewer and Van Boyles.

Parents of the new members were not notified of the induction until immediately before the ceremony Friday morning, so that the inductees would have no indication of their becoming members of the Honor Society.

Y-Teen Clubs Sponsor Paper

At the November meeting of the Inter-Club Council, plans were made for a newspaper to be sponsored by all local Y-Teen Clubs for the year '49-'50.

The newly organized paper will be published bi-monthly under the editorship of Billy Ruth Pilcher, a tenth grade Y-Teen. Assisting Billy Ruth in the editing of this paper will be Amencis Whitley, who is a member of the ninth grade group. Composing the editorial staff will be reporters elected from each club. Since the paper has no title as yet, a contest will be held in order to select a suitable name for it.

The tenth grade Y-Teen club will play hostess to a Teen-Age Benefit Square Dance to be held on Saturday night, November 26, from 8 'til 11 in the Y. M. C. A. gym. Featured on the program for the night will be square dancing under the direction of a well known caller. Hill-billy music will be furnished by a band which will also play for round dancing.

Radio Schedule

- Nov. 22—Program by Biology Department.
- Nov. 23—Social Security Program (No. 2).
- Nov. 28—Program by Library Department.
- Nov. 30—Social Security Program (No. 3).
- Dec. 2—"Messiah."
- Dec. 5—Program by Library Department.
- Dec. 7—Social Security Program (No. 4).
- Dec. 12—Program by Library Department.
- Dec. 14—Social Security Program (No. 5).

Shop Boys To Play Santa

Pretty soon Old Saint Nick may be seen working his whiskers off in the woodworking department. Wooden toys, instead of the usual array of furniture, will be flying off the assembly line.

Don't be alarmed if you see a team of reindeer and a sleigh parked in Mr. Gibson's parking place. (He asks that you please not tease the reindeer.) Also don't let it be a surprise if you see the shop boys running around in the duds of old Santa himself.

Along the line of toys to be made will be wooden horses, pull toys, and wagons. Some of the toys will even feature seats to make the ride more enjoyable. Leave it to the advanced woodworking students to make those little red wagons which are constructed entirely of wood.

Many students will be making presents for their parents this Christmas. Among these will be footstools, ash trays, candleholders, and other gifts.

The toys made by the classes will be given to less fortunate children, in the hope that they will help to brighten their Christmas holidays.

After the Christmas season other projects will be made by the class. These will include cabinets, book ends, and various other household articles. Rings, ash trays, picture frames, etc., will be made out of plastic. Mr. Gibson also hopes to instruct his classes in the making of electrical equipment.