

A Credit To The School

On February 4-5, 110 musicians representing high schools in all the major cities of North Carolina met at Duke University to form the 1954 All-State Orchestra Clinic. There was nothing new about this clinic; except during the war years, it has been held every spring since the late '20's. The outstanding fact about the '54 Clinic, at least from our point of view, was that members of the High Point orchestra composed almost a fourth of the organization. Even this fact was not too new or different; it has been true for several years past.

The conclusion to be drawn from this evidence and from the fact that the orchestra has received a "Superior" rating in the state contest for three consecutive years is a logical one. That the High Point orchestra is one of the best in the state, is the opinion of N. C.'s outstanding music educators.

Considering the rank the orchestra has attained in the eyes of musicians and educators, it might be well to review briefly the history of the organization.

The orchestra began in 1927 as a small group of students who rehearsed after school hours in the attic of the old high school building near the post office. This group was under the direction of Mr. Lewis L. Stookey, now supervisor of music in a large Alabama city. One member of that first orchestra was chosen that year for the National High School Orchestra and placed 27th in a section of sixty violins from all over the U. S.

An instrumental program was first added to the curriculum when the high school moved to the present building. It was shortly thereafter that the orchestra reached what was, up to now, its height of 65 pieces.

With the coming of the depression, all music was dropped from the curriculum, to be restored five years later when Mr. Charles Carroll became city superintendent.

Miss Virginia Frank became director of the Senior High orchestra at that time. The greatest advance since that time, according to Miss Frank, was the instituting, six years ago, of a string program in the elementary schools. This program is responsible in part for the fact that the orchestra is the largest this year that it has been since the early '30's. Alumni of the orchestra have performed in all civic orchestras in this selection of the state, and several have become members of the North Carolina Symphony. Many "music" graduates have gone into professional music or teaching.

Considering the record of the orchestra over the years, we heartily agree with Mr. Harold Blackman, of Florida University, who said of the High Point orchestra, "This organization is a great credit to its school."

Quiet Please!

"Silence is golden." Perhaps this seems to the students of High Point High School an old, worn-out saying, but is it?

Wherever large groups of people congregate, there will always be noise, but there need not be noise such as is heard reverberating through these halls, where the acoustics are excellent, anyway. Most of this noise is made by boys and girls who apparently have nothing to do, and spend their spare time pacing the hall floors, waving to friends in classrooms, calling to people at the other end of the hall, or congregating around the student store. Especially during fifth and seventh periods, the teachers find it difficult to conduct a class above the magnas voices. Just because these people aren't in a class, taking a test, or taking part in a discussion, they don't realize how they are handicapping their fellow students. It is simply impossible to concentrate unless under reasonably quiet circumstances.

Please, don't walk up and down the halls so often, and if it is necessary to go down the hall during periods, at least do it quietly; others will appreciate it. Remember: Silence is golden.

A Thought For The Morning

All this day I am going to be a child of God. His love is round about me. Underneath are the everlasting arms. I am going to be honest and true in all events of life and I believe that to those who love God all things work together for good. I am going to rise above all worry, fretting, fear, and hatred, and live in an atmosphere of spiritual serenity. Behind all that comes God's love and wisdom will be present to strengthen and sustain.

—Albert W. Palmer.

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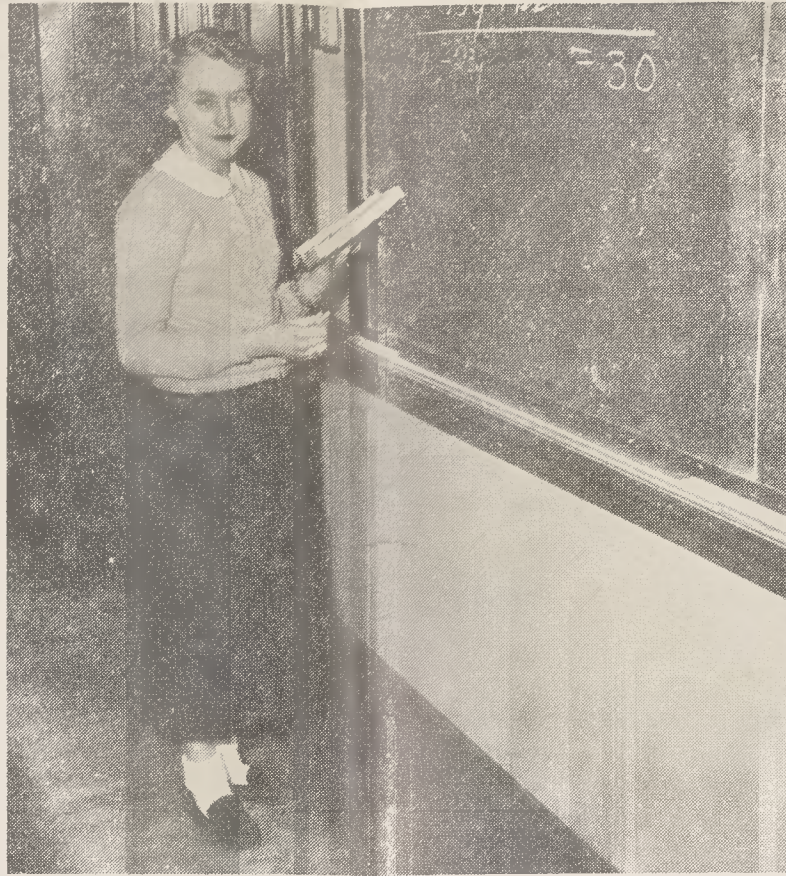
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Pictured above, working on her "favorite subject," is Renate Mueller, a native of Germany who has recently come to High Point. A sophomore, Renate is a member of Homeroom 107.

German Student, Renate Mueller, Likes Swimming And Basketball

Sparkling blue eyes, pretty blonde hair, a warm friendly smile, and a German accent are all characteristics of Renate Mueller, a new student at High Point High School.

Renate's home in Germany was a town called Zoppot, but she moved with her family to America on April 12, 1952. With Renate came her father and mother and her two brothers, Reinhold and Guenter, Renate has another brother, whom the family believes to be somewhere in Russia, but they have had no word from him since the Second World War nine years ago. Her oldest brother, Reinhold, is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, where he makes excellent grades and ranks near the top of his class. Guenter, Renate's younger brother, attends Johnson Street School, where he is in the fourth grade.

At first, Renate and her family lived near Trinity, but later moved to High Point, where her father built their house at 214 Ward Street by himself. He completed this home in about nine months. While living near Trinity, Renate

attended Trinity High School; but she says that even if she does work a little harder at High Point High, she likes it better.

Renate is a sophomore in Homeroom 107. When asked about her favorite subject, she replied, "Algebra, I guess." Renate has no particular hobby, but likes to swim and to play basketball. She says she never played basketball in Germany. Renate is a member of the G. A. A.; and when questioned as to whether or not the rules of basketball were hard to learn, Renate replied, "Oh, you catch on!"

Renate says the food in Germany is much the same as in America, but they do not have things like potato chips or popcorn. Asked if she ever misses Germany, Renate replied that she has never been homesick, but does miss seeing her friends.

Renate hasn't yet decided where she wants to attend college, but she does know she wants to go. Neither is she positive about the type of job she wants; but Renate ponders, then says, "Maybe, I will teach."

Pointer Personalities

Patsy Garrison

All of the ball games are made much brighter and gayer through the help of a certain little red-head. This green-eyed, red-headed girl is Patsy Garrison.

Patsy, who is one of the cheerleaders for High Point High School, is always on hand to help cheer her team

to victory, and who wouldn't want to win with a girl like that cheering for him? Patsy, herself, admits that she likes cheerleading best of all her school activities.

Patsy likes other things besides cheerleading, too. Among these are sports, of which her favorites are swimming and basketball. To these she adds music, dancing, noisy pep rallies, and anything that is edible. However, her chief like is people, as she has clearly shown. She always has a smile for anyone she meets and a friendly greeting for all of her friends. However, if she happens not to smile, just look at those vivid green eyes. There you will see a bright, sunny smile which is fit for a king, and those eyes never quit smiling. But, no matter how much she likes people they had better watch out. Patsy received her driver's license about two months ago and she just l-o-o-o-oves to drive a car.

A member of Homeroom 315, Patsy is treasurer of the Sophomore Class and homeroom representative to the Lower House. Patsy sings in the girls' glee club, of which she is secretary, and is a member of the Musical Arts Club and the Y-Teens.

Jerry Bullin

As it is with many other high school boys, Jerry Bullin seems

to have an enormous liking for sports. He plays on several of the teams, and it seems that there is nothing he would rather do. He plays basketball, football, and baseball. Of these, football is his favorite.

Also Jerry likes politics. This is very easily proved by the fact that he can argue with someone until the other person gives up in despair. No, he just likes to argue (politics in particular). Of course there are other things which Jerry likes. Next to politics and sports Jerry says he likes food and girls.

Nevertheless, Jerry gets serious once in awhile. He takes his school work seriously and makes good grades. As everyone else, though, he likes a little fun and his likable humor keeps all of his friends laughing. Everybody agrees that his bright, gay humor is a big help on a seemingly boring or strenuous day.

Jerry is an active member of both the Key Club and the Hi-Y. A student in Homeroom 201, Jerry is Upper House representative for the Sophomore Class and a Lower House representative for his homeroom. In this way he is learning how to be a better leader in order that he may be up to date on politics. He is just determined to learn more about politics. Well, you just can't tell! He might even be President of the United States someday, but that is a long way off.

Seniors Hold Vivid Memories Of What Every Family Has

One of the most unique visitors High Point High School has ever entertained has gone. It is not likely that she will ever find her way here again, but fragments of her personality have been left behind. Lily (what every family has) is a distinct and dynamic personality.

There are some things which will always remind High Point High School students of Lily. Everytime one of our distinguished Seniors goes out to play with his pogo stick, which is, like all pogo sticks, covered with whipped cream, he will automatically think of Lily, who first introduced this new toy to the local high school. When Barbara Cook throws Rachel Richardson a cutting look, you may be sure it is Lily she is thinking of, not Rachel.

Lily is not the only immortal character from this year's Senior play. Who will ever forget haughty Mrs. Parker and her husband. Why, whenever any history teacher mentions the Mayflower, you may be sure one of her pupils will obligingly tell her that the Parkers came over on the Mayflower. "Who offered her life to save the life of Captain John Smith?" "Why, Pocahantas Parker, of course," will be the pupils' answer.

It is doubtful that Jim Casey will ever again eat oatmeal for breakfast, or Margaret Slate will ever ask for a pat of butter again. From now on Sarah Johnson will probably be content with buying preserves instead of making them. Ray Montgomery may not have decided definitely what he plans to do after high school, but it will certainly not be selling brushes.

Ideal Boy And Girl

Levis tight—Clyde Kelly
 Shirt bright—Bruce Clodfelter
 Jaunty walk—Bobby Wienberry
 Soft talk—Jimmie Casey
 Constant grin—Chester Hayworth
 Masculine—David Fagg
 Strong physique—Buddy Boyd
 Flushed cheek—Ray Harris
 Placid sighs—Lee Groome
 Brown eyes—Arlen Yokely
 Teeth like pearls—Ronnie Brewer
 Loves those girls—Charles Dority
 Intellectual guy—David Pancoast
 Kinda shy—Larkin Kirkman
 Friendly lad—Wayne Walker
 Never sad—Buddy Shapard
 Voice, the best—Charles Vaughn
 Zip and Zest—Sammy Guy
 Winning Ways—Dean Mac Pruette
 Thoughtful gaze—Eddie Smothers
 Charm galore—Don Warren
 Witty and more—John Turner
 Dev'lish gleam—Doug Wood
 Perfect dream—That's for you to decide.

Giggles and squeals—Linda Groome
 High ideals—Marilyn Pruette
 Complexion fair—Kitty Tuttle
 Glossy hair—Betty Adams
 Saucy grin—Shirley Yokely
 Feminine—Sarah Johnson
 Small feet—Carolyn Welch
 Temper sweet—Barbara Ellington
 Sweater bright—Hannah Barr
 Heart light—Polly Yow
 Lots of pep—Nancy Robinette
 Real gone hep—Rachel Richardson
 Freckled nose—Evelyn Hyman
 On her toes—Peggy Martin
 Dimpled cheek—Peggy Kepley
 Short and sweet—Christine Andrews
 Distinctive walk—Sonya Sloop
 Likes to talk—Nancy Deaton
 Peaches n' cream—Sherry Curlee
 Perfect dream—Take a dash of all those, mix well, and you will have it.

News From Other Schools

From Reynolds High School comes word that the enormous job of painting the inside of their school is finished. A crew of eight men used approximately 500 gallons of paint. With men working from 7:30 a. m. till 5:00 p. m., the job took over three months.

Also from Winston-Salem comes the news that John Handy, coach of Reynolds High, received the Young-Man-of-the-Year award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Concert Choir of Mount Airy High School will appear on WSJS-TV sometime this month in a series of programs about North Carolina.

A letter was received in Thomasville from a '52 graduate of T'ville High, now in Korea. He told of the great need for the food and clothing contained in CARE packages. In immediate response, the students of T'ville High began a drive for food and clothing. A large quantity was collected and is now on the way.

Cure Is Available To Those Afflicted By Terrible Disease

Most teen-agers, from the time they are able to claim this glorious title for their own, are afflicted with a dreaded disease. It strikes blonde, brunette, and redhead alike. This disease, strangely enough, does not cause the sufferer as much pain as it does his parents. It is called telephonitis.

Now, telephonitis can be cured if caught in time. The doctor's general prescription is somewhat as follows:

1. Before you embark on a forty-five minute discussion of the present state of world affairs, ask if anyone in the family is expecting an urgent call. If so, postpone your call. At least you can be sure Father's conversation will be shorter than yours.
2. When you answer, identify yourself, "This is Harvey speaking," instead of shouting "Hello!" for the benefit of your next-door neighbors.
3. Do not ask "Who is this?" of the person at the other end of the line. Ask politely for your party.
4. Mystery calls are enjoyed only by the caller. Leave off the "Guess who this is!" routine.
5. A girl should call a boy only for a good reason, such as to invite him to a party, dance, etc. Follow directions specifically. Cure guaranteed!