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## Music Week Brings Festival Planned By Choral Groups

Libby Greenberg

As part of music week Mrs. Lena Hedrick, music teacher

and choir director, is going to present a Choral Festival by the High Point Junior High choral groups. The program is on Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 P. M. in the Junior High auditorium.

The purpose of the Festival is not only to give a performance, but to give each group a chance to show the public the work they have done during the school year. The program will consist of singing from the seventh grade chorus, the eighth grade chorus, and the eighth and ninth grade groups will combine. Barbara Perry, the pianist for the choirs will play a solo number.

A week is set aside annually for music. Each year during this week music is emphasized in the schools. This year it is from May 7 to 13.

On Wednesday, May 9, Mrs. Hedrick is going to present part of the program in chapel for the students.

The members of each choir group have chosen officers. The presidents are, for the seventh grade it is J. R. Maners, the eighth grade, Joyce Groome, and the ninth, Maureen Zimmerman.

## Student Council Talent Show To Feature Singing, Dancing

Libby Greenberg

Haul out the big spotlight and put on the wheel with all of the colors! Junior High's own children will sing, dance, and act. A variety talent show for the public is the reason for the outburst. The show is on Friday evening, April 27.

In response to a request that has come up as regularly as April showers have come down, Mrs. Don Padgett, student council advisor and Mrs. Lena Hedrick, music teacher, are planning the show. The Student Council is acting as a steering committee. During the past few weeks they have held seven tryout sessions during which eighty students displayed talent. Final selections were made on Monday, April 16.

Admission price is fifty cents. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Mary Murrow Scholarship Fund. This project of the High Point Classroom Teachers Association which helps with the education of future teachers.

Tryouts have turned up a wide range of talent among the students. Some of the acts are singing solos, duets, and trios, dancers, comedy acts, acrobatics, readings, an accordion number, instrumental numbers, organ selections, and a chorus line.

Mrs. Padgett said, "With a production staff of about fifty students an interesting evening of entertainment is guaranteed."

## May Calendar

- May 2—Art Exhibit
- May 2, 3, 4—Sixth Grade Days
- May 4—Candidates file for elections
- May 7—Nomination of Candidates
- May 9—Introduction of candidates to Student Body
- May 10—Choral Festival
- May 14—Primary Election for Student Council officers
- May 18—May Dance
- May 21—Final election for Student Council officers



These are the key students in the musical organization of Junior High. Standing are Joyce Groome, Nancy Boone and J. R. Maners. Seated is Barbara Perry.

## Library Report

Betty Ring

Miss Margaret McIntyre, school librarian, received about 300 new books for the library. These books were just checked but by students after the Easter holidays. The book covers were on display before. These books range from funny books, such as "Giggle Box" to books telling about hurricanes, atoms, and expeditions of famous and courageous people.

There are many simple science books about experiments and tricks. "Atomic Experiments for Boys" and "Experiments in Chemistry" give several simple experiments. Another book, "Simple Tricks" tells of science tricks. "The story of Amelia Earhart," one of the new biography books, tells about her life and experiences. It is written by Louise De Leeuw. "Ladies of Courage" written by Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok is a book about the lives of famous women.

One of the most outstanding history books is "Rainbow Book of American History." This tells some important events on the history of America. There are vivid pictures, which helps explain the book.

## 105 Helps Red Cross Project; Gets Donors For Bloodmobile

Martha Ridge

In co-operation with the school's policy of active participation in the Citizenship Education Project, Miss Susan Copeland's eighth grade homeroom will work with the Red Cross in securing blood donors for the High Point Bloodmobile. The next visit of the Bloodmobile to this city will be Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20.

The C. E. P. (Citizens Education Project) is a national undertaking sponsored by Columbia University. Suggested by President Eisenhower while he was president of that school, the purpose of the project is to train better citizens for tomorrow.

As part of their work in securing donors, sixteen students have been working on Main Street talking to employers of the stores. On April 9 the students met with the officials of the Central Savings Bank.

Letters were sent to Junior and Senior High faculty members. Interested teachers have been contacted by students of 105. Students have also called at the homes of residents in their districts.

To identify them as Bloodmobile

workers the Red Cross gave the members of 105 buttons to wear while working. The quota of volunteer donors assigned to the room was 100. Cards filled out by students or donors were turned in to the Red Cross on April 11.

Mr. Bill Snoterly and Mr. Dick Miesky visited the class to talk to students about the blood program. They told the class how the program works, the process of giving blood, how to fill out cards, when to go and who can give blood. Students had prepared lists of questions to ask their visitors. Jere Ayers and Bill Peters went to a Red Cross luncheon (meeting of Bloodmobile).

Pamphlets have been passed out and read. There have been many class discussions on what the students have been reading and doing in connection with the project.

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## Band Participates In State Contest

Brenda Haywood

High Point Junior High Band participated in the State Band Contest yesterday, April 17. They earned their trip by their excellent rating, which they received at the District Contest. It was held at High Point College, March 10. In its class, Junior High's band, under the direction of Mr. David R. Duncan, is the only one to receive this high rating.

At the concert, each band has five selections planned. The judges choose one piece out of every band for them to play.

The two bands gave a band concert in the Junior High Auditorium. It drew one of the largest crowds in the history of the school's band programs. The concert was divided into two parts. In the first half, the Cadet, or second class band performed. The last part presented the Junior High Band which is first class.

In addition to the State contest, the Junior High Band has been preparing for another concert tentatively set for the last week in this month.

## David Williams, 108 Shines For School In City-Wide Bee

Ginger Honeycutt

David Williams, eighth grade student of homeroom 108, outspelled all other contestants in the city-wide spelling bee. David will represent High Point in the state spelling bee which is to be held in Winston-Salem in the latter part of April.

Sonny Dowdy, seventh grade student of homeroom 116 and James Wall, seventh grade students of homeroom 103 took second and third places in the Junior High spelling bee. Sonny misspelled imagery to take second place and David won the contest by spelling imagery and imbiber.

The spelling bee covered a period of three days. Mr. Lloyd Y. Thayer stated, "We have gone further this year than in any of the other four or five years I have been principal of this school."

## Orchestra Performs; Officers Elected

Phyllis Krieger

The following students were officers of the orchestra first semester: Diane Wagner—President, John Kirkman—Vice-President, Myra Bullock—Secretary and Treasurer, Linda Lloyd and Phyllis Krieger—Librarians. Taking over these duties for the second semester were: Harriet Austin—President, Danny Poteat, Vice-President, Yvonne Womble—Secretary and Treasurer, Judy Loflin and Jerry Peele—Librarians.

The orchestra greatly enjoyed a trip taken recently to Ray Street Elementary School. Mr. Lowder, principal of the school, invited them for the concert. One of the main attractions was a solo, on the bass, by Larry Helmstetler. The piece played, "Murmurs," was a very strange one. Imaginary black cats, witches, and ghosts could be heard.

## Suicidal Safety Pipe Is Revealed

Daphne Gentry

Note: This is a conversation among three ninth grade girls of High Point Junior High School. We shall call those girls Wanda, Lucy, and Jo Anne.

Lucy: Say, Wanda, have you heard the news? At last, the news has leaked out, and it is sensational!

Wanda: Yes, Lucy. Everyone is talking about it.

(Pass group in hall)

Wanda: Hi, Jo Anne. Have you heard the news?

Jo Anne: Hello, kids. No, I haven't. Is that what the excitement is all about?

Lucy: Yes, it is.

Jo Anne: Well, don't keep me in

suspense any longer. I'm dying to know what it is.

Wanda: Well, here goes, Jo Anne, you know about those pipes sticking out of the English room floor. Well, someone went in to see the teacher of that room and heard her talking. She stopped when she saw her, but what she heard got this girl snooping and she found out that it was true.

Lucy: She found out what the pipes were.

Jo Anne: Well - - - ?

Lucy: As you know, this teacher has charge of the school paper. You have also heard that she is a very nerve racking person, but only to the editors of the paper.

Wanda: Well, it has never gotten out before, but several editors have tried suicide!

Jo Anne: Oh, no.

Wanda: Oh, yes. Well, as you know, it would be an awful scandal if the news ever got out.

Jo Anne: Yes, but what about the pipes?

Lucy: That's the best part. Those pipes lead to the outside of the room. When pressed, a net shoots out to catch the person attempting suicide.

Jo Anne: Yes, but now that it is out, what will happen?

Lucy: I don't know . . .

(Bell Rings)

Wanda: Well, we'd better get to class. See you soon kids.

## Science Award Goes To Sarah Norman

Tam C. Larry

A Junior High student, Sarah Norman of 102, took a second place award at the Science Fair recently put on by the Senior High science department. Sarah's entry was a poster on paints and varnishes.

In the fair, which was planned to develop an interest in science, students could enter posters, mechanical and electric projects, and chemical and biological displays. Out of these projects winners were chosen.

Other projects entered from Junior High were a telegraph set made by George Coppedge of 207 and a poster on the four strokes of a gasoline engine made by Tom McConnell of 210.