

Mr. Thayer, Principal, to Speak Before Top National Educators

Judy Robins

Mr. Lloyd Y. Thayer, principal of High Point Junior High School, will drive to Washington on Feb. 24 to speak before the convention

209 Will Give Seasonal Poem At Assembly

Connie Newman

Today, at assembly period, Miss Unity Nash's room 209 will give a dramatization of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine." It will emphasize the theme of Valentine's which comes up tomorrow.

The story of the poem concerns an old man dreaming of his younger years and his teen-age sweetheart. Jerry Beck will act the part of the old man with Carole Kearns as his sweetheart. Carole will sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Members of the cast will portray in costume such popular tunes as "Tea for Two" and "School Days."

Dinah Nibbelink will be narrator and Judy Beth Hicks will have devotions. Other cast members will include Judy Cox, Jim Foley, Robert Guarino and Linda Weisner.

Junior High Age A Hazardous One

Bill Abernethy

What age is involved in more accidents than any other? It would seem that the Junior High age boys and girls would be. According to figures released by Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro this is correct. Pilot Life's scholastic accident policy covers most of the pupils in High Point's city schools.

In the city of High Point 5,557 were insured under this policy last year and on the average about 52 out of 1,000 collect on their policies. High Point is very fortunate because interscholastic football games are covered by this policy. This city is one of the few that does this. We only pay a few cents more for this extra protection. About one fifth of all people who collected were engaged in football at the time their injuries occurred.

Over one half of the accidents happened on the school campus or on the athletic field. Other places which proved hazardous were the classroom, gym, going to and from school, and on the stairs of High Point city schools. Throughout the state of North Carolina the most hazardous places were the grounds of the school and the gym.

of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Mr. Thayer is one of the two selected from the whole nation to discuss the Junior High program.

He will speak on the subject, "What Education Program is Needed in the Junior High School." The convention will then discuss his ideas. This speech will be published in the "Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary School Principals."

In commenting on the significance of this trip to him, Mr. Thayer said thoughtfully, "One reason why I was so grateful for this opportunity to speak is that very few people from the southeastern states are ever asked to be on the program and practically no one from North Carolina has been invited previously."

Finishing Touches Now Being Applied To New Gymnasium

The new half million dollar gymnasium between Junior and Senior High School is beginning to take on that completed look and tons of earth are being upturned for a new athletic field.

According to Dr. Dean B. Pruette the gym will be one of the finest in the state. It will be much bigger than the gym in either school. It will have two half courts, one for Senior High and one for Junior High. The new half court will be larger than the court at Junior High.

In all, there will be 14 baskets, two for Senior High exhibition games, six for Senior High Physical education classes and six for Junior High physical education classes.

In the balcony, after the seats are pulled away, there will be a volley ball court which can be used for gymnastics and for wrestling matches.

The new athletic field will also offer greatly improved facilities, according to Dr. Pruette. A standard one quarter mile size, it will have 220 yards straight-a-ways. Curbing on the turns will be of bull-nose brick instead of boards.

In the center of the track will be the football field where the high school Bison will practice.

The baseball field which is used by Junior High, Senior High and the Red Shield Boys' Club will be moved over about 100 feet to the right. The batter's box will still face the same way with the backstop and the position of the bases being changed.

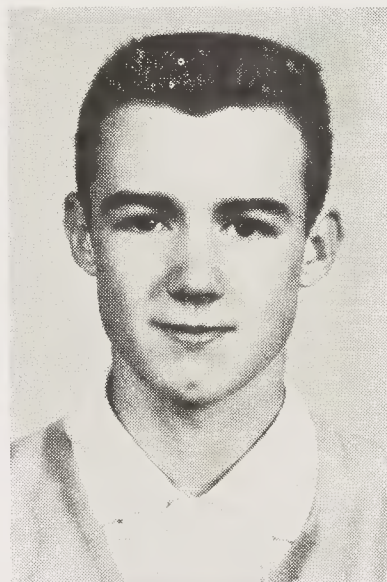
A public dedication is being planned but the date cannot be set yet.

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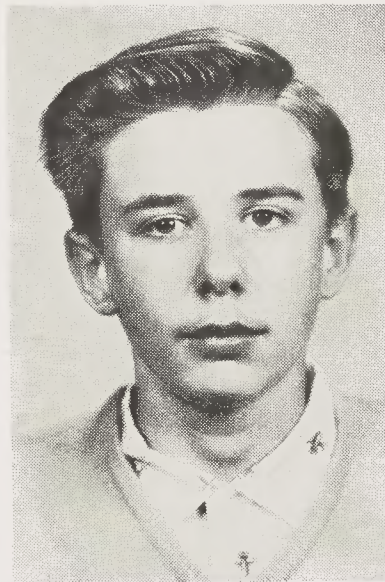
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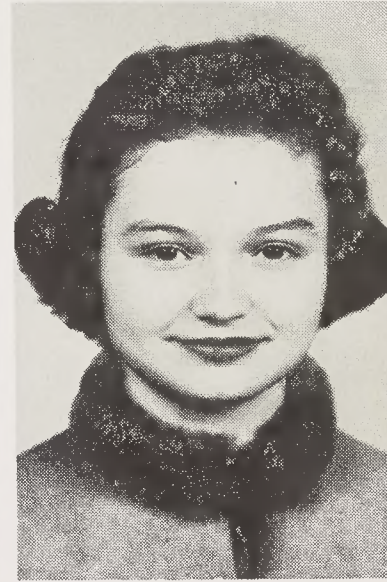
February 13, 1957



Bill Petree, President



Jim Fuller, Vice-President



Linda Weisner, Secretary

New Officers Take Oath of Office

Betty Ring

"Try to live our best, act our best today, for today is the sure preparation for tomorrow and all the other tomorrows that follow," advised Bill Petree as he made his inaugural address to the student body in the installation service held February 5.

In addition to the installation of the president, Jim Fuller took the oath of vice-president and Linda Weisner became secretary-treasurer of the school.

Lloyd Y. Thayer, principal, installed the president. Myra Bullock, last semester's president, installed the vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The mayors, councilmen and monitors for this semester also took their office.

Miss Nancy Staley, music director, and the ninth grade chorus presented the devotions. Carolyn Martin played the piano for the program.

The new faculty members were introduced to the students. Each teacher spoke for a few minutes. They are: Mrs. Patricia Eby, Mrs. Marion Erath, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. Katharine Ring, Mrs. Imogene White, Mr. Charles Weaver. Miss Patricia Privette who is also a new teacher did not speak to the students.

The committee chairmen for the second semester are: Auditorium — Dickie Blackwell, Bill Wyche; Bulletin Board — Carol Criddlebaugh; Cafeteria — Rita Wiley, Becky Burwell; Campus — Darrell McDonald, Ed Ellington; Civic Affairs — Carolyn Martin, Larry Kilby; House — Jim Fuller; Devotions — Dinah Nibbelink, Judy Culp; Junior Red Cross — Yvonne Womble, Pat Bescher; Lost and Found — Betty Wheelless, Myra Bullock; Social — Johnny Corpening, Martha Temple; Visual Aids — Jim Foley, Scotty Parker.

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\$2,540 Brought In For Stamps Sales

Over 3097 students have participated in the sale of saving stamps which started October 23. The total amount collected from these sales is a spectacular \$2,540.10.

The students in charge of these sales every Tuesday are Jon Cox, Tom Kester, Bill Petree, Becky Caddell, Dinah Nibbelink, Jimmy Morgan, Judy Culp, Judy Bruton and Billy Michaels.

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The salesman in room, 209 dreads to see Bill Grady coming to buy stamps. The reason for this is that Bill brings all pennies for his stamps.

Attendance Record Show Improvements

Attendance records for January show success in the fight against two chronic school ailments, absenteeism and tardiness. The percentage of attendance for the fourth school month was 93.9%. Last year's record shows a percentage of 92.3% for the same month.

The reason for this success, says Mr. Charles Weaver, boys' counselor, is that, this year, Junior High has organized itself in such manner so as to make attendance desirable. "Students know," continues Mr. Weaver, "that teachers will insist on legitimate excuses for absences and tardies within two days, or they will be dealt with according to the rules of the school."

Mr. Weaver says also that he could write an amusing article about some of the un-legitimate excuses he receives for school absences and tardies. For instance, one boy said he had to stay at home to keep the dog from biting the carpenter who was coming to fix the porch. A girl said she was tardy because her aunt went to the bakery at 7:30 to buy doughnuts.

Nothing But A's For 11 Students Second Semester

Eleven students have nothing but A's on their report cards for the first semester. They are: Hope Knight, 212; Lynnette Rice, 10; Nancy Woodell, Kenneth Wallin, 113; Judy Gilliam, 103; Larry Kilby, 207; Jill Knight, 208; Roger Strickland, Carole Kearns, 209.

A close score of six to five gave ninth graders a one point leadway in the perfect record department. The five were seventh graders. No eighth grade student with an all A record was reported.

Hope Knight, a seventh grader and Jill Knight, a ninth grader, are sisters. They moved to High Point from Chicago, Ill. the middle of last year. Both have made straight A's since the fifth grade. For the last report in the sixth grade, Hope made all A pluses.

Nancy Woodell of Miss Rowena Austin's room 113 also has an unusual scholastic record. Since the first grade she has made only five B's.

Dr. Dean B. Pruette, superintendent of High Point Schools, returned to his home Monday after undergoing major surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He is "doing splendidly" and hopes to be back at his office soon.



Yvonne Womble and Chum, her dog. Yvonne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Womble, 820 Arbordale Drive, was selected school Valentine in a contest sponsored by the JUNIOR POINTER.

Queen of Hearts is Very Fond..of a Dog

"Love me — love my dog" is not just an old saying to Yvonne Womble, the school Valentine for 1956-57. "I would just die," says Yvonne, if Chum should get run over. She is just like a sister to me." Chum, a Manchester terrier, has been with the Womble's almost as long as Yvonne has, having come to live with them when Yvonne was only one year old.

"Yvonne" is a girl of several accomplishments. As a special art student she has done several oil paintings. As a musician, she is first violinist in the Junior High Orchestra. As a dancer, she is now doing toe-tap, the most difficult form of dancing. She is also an honor roll student.

Her school work comes ahead of all her other interests.

How has she attained proficiency in so many things? "Just by being interested and working constantly with them," says Yvonne. She developed her skill as a violinist entirely in group classes in the public schools. She has had no private instruction. In addition to her art classes at school her mother, who is an artist, has helped her. As for dancing she has had lessons in this art for 11 out of her 14 years.

In a Junior Pointer sponsored contest for the prettiest, sweet-

est girl in school to be featured as the school Valentine, Yvonne came out ahead of the other two finalists, Beth Parks and Priscilla Davis. All homerooms had a chance to vote on these three who had been chosen from a list of candidates submitted by the homerooms. The original list included: Becky Smith, Beth Thomas, Carole Kearns, Martha Temple, Marlene Cox, Janice Rogers, Becky Caddell, Betty Lewis, Belinda Davis, Candy Crawford, Fonda Hampton, Kay Hedrick, Pat Moser, Kitty Stronach, Kathy Jowett, Carolyn Martin, Price Marsh, Diana Winslow, Ann Tinsley, Judy Bruton and Linda Weisner.