

# Many Junior High Students Participate in Regional Music Contest



Representing the ninth grade chorus which recently won a rating of superior in the district music contest are: Libby Tucker, alto; Marilyn Walters, first soprano and Priscilla Kidd, first soprano.



Representing the band which won a rating of excellent in the district music contest are: first row, Charles McAnally, Peggy Urley, Becky Caddell and Tillman Nolan. Second row, they are: Louis Neal, Bill Wyche, J. R. Maners.



Representing the eighth grade chorus which received a rating of excellent in the district music contest are: Betty Lewis, first soprano; Judy Culp, second soprano and Fonda Asbury, third soprano.

## Science Club Is Formed By Teachers

Judy Robins

Members of the newly organized science club sponsored by Mr. George Nicholson, science teacher of room 207, and Mr. Robert McGowan, science teacher of room 206, are busily engaged every Monday fifth period in room 206 or 207 on science projects.

The members choose their own projects and are supervised by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Nicholson.

Some of the junior scientists have already begun their projects. Bill Rich of room 203, has made an apparatus to test the steadiness of the hand. Carolyn Watson and Jean Allen of 209 and 211 are studying assorted slides under a microscope. Roger Strickland of 209 and Billy Davis of 205 are studying general and organic chemistry. Larry Kilby and Bill Wyche of 207 are going to kill a rabbit and reconstruct its skeleton. John Whiteside of 202 plans to make a device that will turn on motors at the touch of the hand.

Students are planning to exhibit some of these projects in the science fair to be held in Senior High, March 21.

### THANKS, MR. DUNCAN

Mr. David Duncan, director of the Junior High band, is now making all the pictures for the Junior Pointer. Mr. Duncan is an expert photographer.

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## Ratings of Superior, Excellent, Awarded To Choruses, Band in District Contest

Jon Cox

The High Point District Music Contest was begun Friday, March 1, in the High Point College auditorium. The contest was one of the eight such district contests being held throughout the state. They feature competition for Junior and Senior High school bands, pianists and boys', girls', and mixed choruses. Contestants in the three divisions of the district meet received ratings from judges.

The High Point Junior High Band, under the direction of Mr. David Duncan received the rating of excellent at the contest. They were the first to appear at High Point College out of 14 bands.

Judges for this contest were: Herbert Fred, University of North Carolina; Paul Bryan, Duke University; Frank West, Davidson College. Some of the other bands participating were from Lexington, Allen Jay, and others.

The choral portion of the district meet took place in Senior High auditorium on March 2. The ninth grade girls' chorus un-

der the direction of Miss Nancy Staley received the rating of superior. The eighth grade chorus under the direction of Mrs. Lena Hedrick received the rating of excellent.

Other choruses receiving the excellent rating were from Children's Home Junior High, Allen Jay and Denton. Judges for this event were: Paul Fry, Albemarle High School, Carl Cronstedt, Myers Park High School and Earl Bery, Queens College.

## Mathematics Classes Study Insurance

In a recent study of insurance by Miss Susan Copeland's math classes, rooms 202 and 205, it has been found that almost every student has some type of insurance. The types vary from ordinary life insurance to insurance for paper boys. The paper boy's insurance covers broken arms and legs and even dog bites.

The following list shows the type of insurance carried by members of both classes and the num-

## Better Conduct Sought in Halls And Auditorium

Jane Ripley

Attention of Student Council has recently been taken up with improving auditorium and hall conduct. A lengthy discussion brought forth many standards which were sent out in bulletin form for the benefit of all Junior High students.

One of the most important of the auditorium rules was that of considering the other person's comfort. Such things as pulling the other person's hair, punching and wiggling chairs in chapel were termed impolite. Another request was to wait in line when leaving the auditorium and not rush up the aisle.

"The hall traffic is still a problem, but it has improved somewhat", stated the Council.

ber of students who are insured 202: polio, 5; hospital, 28; accident, school, 31; life, 31; accident, paper route, 2 out of 3; family liability, 11; medical care, 6; personal liability, 3; scout trips, 1 out of five.

205: educational insurance, 24; endowment, 14; accident, school, 24; medical care, 9; hospital, 22; personal property (dogs) 4; band instruments, 22; jewelry, 5.

Only two students in 205 do not have life insurance of any kind.

## Mr. Thayer, Mrs. Padgett Attend Educational Meets in New York and Washington

Connie Newnam

Mr. Lloyd Y. Thayer, principal of High Point Junior High School, has recently returned from the annual meeting of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. There are 15,000 principals in this group from every state in the union, 4,00 of whom were at the convention in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harold Stassen, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's special assistant, spoke at the meeting on "Peace in a Changing World."

Mr. Thayer was one of the few representatives who addressed the convention. The topic of his speech was "What Educational Program is needed in the Junior High School." The representatives then divided into thirteen groups to discuss the problems of the schools and how the educational system

could be improved. Afterward, a pageant was given which pictured a century of progress in education honoring the one hundredth anniversary of the National Education Association.

Thirty-three high school students from thirty-three foreign countries discussed education in their homeland then compared it to the education in the United States. The students agreed that here the schools are too easy on the pupils. Mr. Thayer commented, "In Ethiopia teachers not only are strict, the children there bow down and kiss their teachers' knees when they enter the room."

"To make a summary of it," Mr. Thayer added thoughtfully "The value of this convention comes through meeting leaders in the Junior High School work and in talking to people from many parts

of the nation. We hear their problems and how they solve them. It can be truthfully said that our school has achieved many things which other schools have not, but this does not mean that we cannot learn many things from all the sections of our country."

### Mrs. Padgett To New York

Mrs. Don Padgett, girl's Counselor, also has recently returned from a trip to New York City, where she attended a conference sponsored by New York University. It was a national conference that was attended by invitation only.

Mrs. Padgett was one of three representatives from North Carolina to attend the conference.

The theme of the meeting was "The Role of the Junior High School in Meeting the Nation's

Manpower Requirements." The main purpose was to bring into focus the need of our nation for an expanding supply of qualified and well-trained specialists in the fields of science, engineering, medicine, management, creative arts, and teaching.

Mrs. Padgett said seriously "It was the most challenging and worthwhile meeting I ever attended and I was interested in comparing our course of study with others."

I found I was very proud of the type of youngsters we have here, and the caliber of instruction by our faculty. I am especially proud of Mr. Thayer and his uncanny ability in organizing the schedule and in providing opportunities for growth and explanations on the student and faculty levels. I found it inspirational to realize

the interest in education throughout the nation and that the leaders are striving to meet the needs of the student. Actually the purpose is for us, the teachers, to do a better job with you, the students, so you can do a better job as adults."

Mrs. Elizabeth Beamon, home room teacher of 205 has been elected vice president of the local classroom teachers' organization.

On March 21, Mrs. Don Padgett, girl's counselor, Mr. Charles Weaver, boy's counselor, Mrs. Rebecca Hester, teacher of room 104, and Mr. Robert McGowan, teacher of room 206, attended the state convention of the North Carolina Education Association at Wilmington, N. C. as representatives from High Point.