

### Ferndale's Friendship Go On

Pete Thomas

From Ferndale, I have acquired much more than knowledge. I have made true friendships that will last much longer than my three-year stay here. I have had experiences which I shall never forget. I have learned many things which I could never learn from books. Just being a student is an education in itself.

Every day as I talk with my friends and classmates, I don't think much of it, but in years to come, these will be the things I'll remember. My friends and I rarely do anything of real importance, but we have built up friendships that are made possible only by opportunities Ferndale offers us.

As we are about to leave Ferndale, we take with us three of the most important years of our lives. We are all grateful for the many things we have gotten from this yellow-brick building.

### Pity Poor Teacher! When Collecting Autographs

Nancy Hutto

Do you have writers' cramp? This seems to strike most students, as well as teachers, when the school year is nearing completion.

As the last few days of school fly by, students face that Bug-a-boo, FINAL EXAM, and the realization that regardless of how they have complained during the year, it is sad to end the year's association with friends and teachers.

Teachers also have additional responsibilities during these last few days—making out tests, grading papers, and completing all the necessary reports.

Among the extra curricular activities, the collection of autographs places high on the list. It is a good thing to have these little reminders and it certainly is pleasant to the bright sayings and well-wishes of our friends and teachers. However, have you ever thought of the extra burden which this habit places on our teachers?

Signing names on the autograph books would be time-consuming enough, but think of the wear and tear on the poor teacher who must think of something original, witty, and wise for each of her students. Couldn't we resolve this year to keep the memory of these teachers who have worked so faithfully in our hearts rather than locked away in a little book? Perhaps teachers would remember with more kindness a body of students who had been thoughtful enough to eliminate this extra work at the end of the year.



### John Britt Asks No Favors

Lynda Huffman

Activities offer no handicap to John Britt. He finds them only a challenge and asks no favors, help, or special consideration. He can do anything anyone else can do.

John Britt lives with his mother at 504 Hill Street. His father died when he was two years old. Two months later John was stricken with polio.

This dreaded disease has necessitated John having five operations and three more yet to undergo. He is now fifteen years old, and, since entering school at six years of age, he has lost only one year of school, due to the fact that he was in the hospital for eight months. He has made his grade each year with good grades, keen interest, and with little or no "goofing off."

Should you meet John at any time during the school day, you

would find him a "regular guy." He carries his own books to and from school in a satchel with a special strap over his shoulder. A cafeteria tray is no obstacle to John even though he uses crutches. Physical education activities have proved a great help to him. Rope climbing has built his arm muscles until he can climb as high as any other boy. It has also made a terrific snowball fighter out of John. He can retaliate just as fast as he receives.

Football is his favorite sport. In softball he has proved himself quite capable. The only help he needs is a runner to first base while he is changing a bat for his crutches. From this point on, you may expect him to score.

John hates to leave Ferndale, and Ferndale hates to lose a well-liked student.

### Ann Delgado, Cuban Refugee, Expresses Thoughts, Feelings

I am a Cuban refugee and I am glad to give my impressions of life in the U. S.

I came to High Point December 11, 1961. Until recently I lived with my aunt, Mrs. J. R. Fox, 416 Edgedale Drive. Now my parents are here and we live at 505 Lindsay Street.

In Cuba my mother was an English teacher at Ruston Academy. My father worked for Warner Brothers Studios.

No one can imagine what it means to get to this country after overcoming all the obstacles the communist government of Fidel Castro has put in the way of escape to freedom.

As you might suppose, customs in most of the Latin American countries, including Cuba, are somewhat different from those in the United States. Our ways show Spanish influence. Although the life of most Latin Americans is benefited from modern advances, our heritage, respected through hundreds of years, is predominantly European.

The life of the teen-ager in Havana is much like your life in High Point. It consists of schooling, church activities, friendly meetings and fun. The life of these young people, however, has been full of civil wars, blood and fear. This makes them appreciate freedom and security with sincere hearts.

I am sure that if all the young people of the United States could go to most parts of Latin America, they would find love and sincerity. I'm sure our mutual world would become a place of understanding and would become, "One world under God, indivisible."



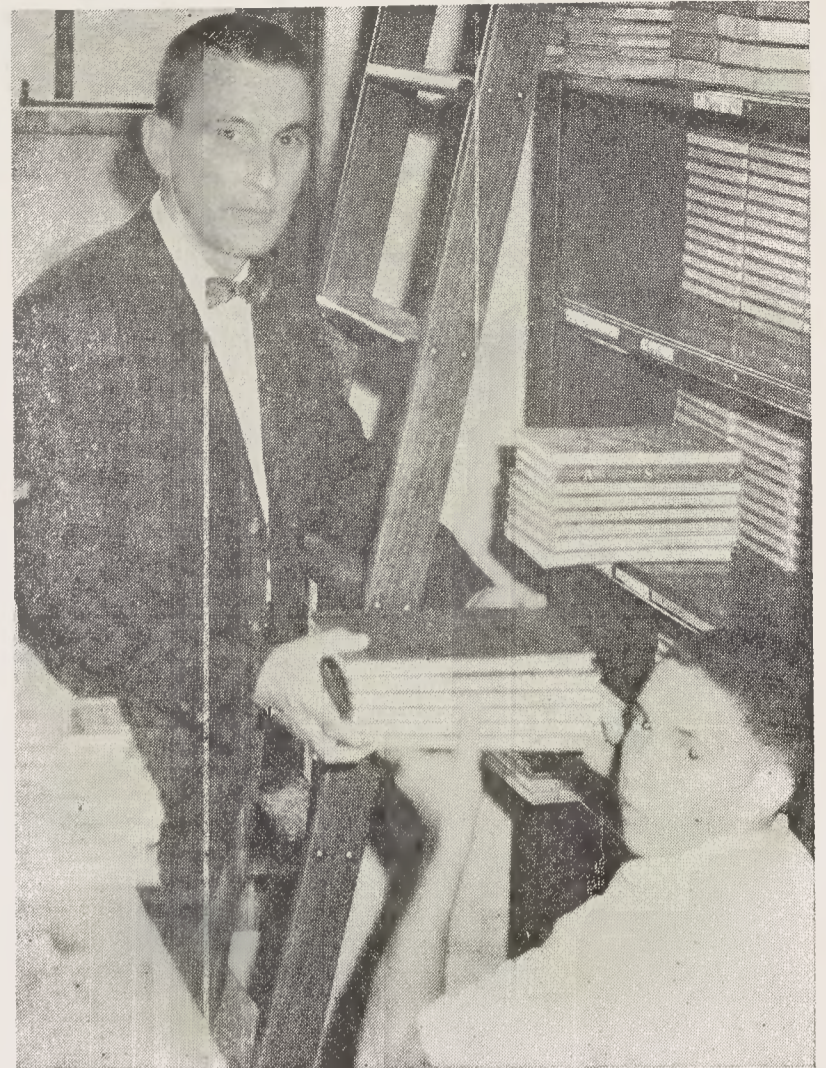
### Old Salem Visit Interests Class In Moravian Design

Ginny Gray

This picture of the Home Moravian Church on Old Salem Square in Winston-Salem was one of the many taken by Donnie Turner, when he toured Old Salem with his homeroom 108 and homeroom 202 on April 16. This field trip was supervised by Mrs. Rebecca Hester in conjunction with her social studies classes. The hooded doorway which is typical of the Moravian Architecture, shows to an advantage in this picture. Since 1810 services have been held in this church where membership is still very active.

In the center of the Moravian village of Old Salem is a public square around which the first important public buildings are located. The Brothers' House, Sisters' House, the Church, Community Store, Girls' School, Boys' School and the Inspector's House are still standing and in use today.

Most Moravian buildings, having the hooded doorways, are made of bricks, made by the local brick-makers. The houses are usually rectangular and have one or two stories, some three or more, with dormer windows. The style of architecture is simple colonial style, because the Moravians have simplicity as the cornerstone in their lives and religion.



Mr. Robert McGowan and Garland Amos

### Mr. McGowan's Broad Shoulders Bear Many Burdens Gracefully

Eddie Dyer

Many mathematicians would tell you that it is neither logical nor possible to cram 10,000 books into 300 square feet of space, but this is only one of the tasks included in the job of Mr. Robert McGowan, boys' counselor and man of several abilities.

Of course checking books is a hard chore, but could be considered one of the easier ones of his yearly routine. He must make many decisions and be strict and also fair, but he is never emotional nor does he ever try to dramatize a situation. Passing through his office every day for misdemeanors or more serious offenses are students ranging from the worst students to the "A"—students.

Also, Mr. McGowan must issue tardy slips each day to the late students. He has heard many excuses, but one of the most recent ones is an excellent example of these. A boy came in on morning after the tardy bell, and, when asked why he was late, replied, "My shoestrings broke and I had to go

to the shoe store and get another pair."

In connection with the attendance of students, Mr. McGowan states: "The right to a free education is the most basic right of children. Every effort should be used in being regular and punctual in attendance."

Upon seeing Mr. McGowan quietly moving about around the school, completing his daily duties, one might mistake him for an executive, because he is a very neat, well-groomed, handsome man.

Mr. McGowan resides at 802 Westwood with his wife and three children. He came to this school 11 years ago as a science teacher.

Being very interested in professional study, Mr. McGowan has almost enough credits to receive his Master of Arts degree.

So, if you see a quiet man moving about the building in a quiet manner, quietly doing his job, don't interrupt him, because his work is very vital to the quality, rank, and existence of our school.

### Old Books Fascinating to Ellesa Utt

Nancy Gravley

Ellesa Utt of room 118 has a very interesting hobby of collecting and reading old books. Her collection consists of about fifty books published between 1887 and 1938. An author's edition of Charles Dickens' Works printed in 1867 is

the oldest book in her collection. Ellesa has found many interesting things which have been used as book markers. The most common articles are pennies and pressed flowers. Another was a letter written twelve years ago which had never been mailed.

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