



## "Life Begins At Sixteen" To Be Presented Tonight By Junior Class

The Junior Class of Lexington High School will present its annual class play tonight, April 25, at 8 o'clock in the High School Auditorium. The play is entitled "Life Begins at Sixteen," a comedy of youth, written by Hilda Manning. The production is under the direction of Mrs. Fred Lewis and Mr. Theodore Leonard, junior class sponsors.

The entire play takes place in the living room of the Hollis home, and revolves around the activities of several "teenagers" who try to prove that Crandal Smythe, a young man of means, is really a racketeer.

Paul Hollis, as portrayed by Tommy Young, tries to get evidence enough to convict him. Aiding him is the "Secret Seven," a society of sixteen-year-olds of which Paul is president. His schemes almost bankrupt his father, but in the end everything turns out happily.

The play promises to be an outstanding production of the school year, which all who attend will enjoy.

The cast is as follows: Paul Hollis, an imaginative boy of sixteen, Tommy Young; Hilda, a negro maid, Betsy Sink; Mrs. Jessie Hollis, his father, Bill Palmer; Frannie Hollis, Paul's twin sister, Betty Anne Wall; Marjorie Hollis, their older sister, Jane Shoaf; Crandal Smythe, a young man of means who is in love with Marjorie, Bill Blalock; George Gordon, a young man without means who is also in love with Marjorie Hollis, John Foust; Snookie Hollis, nine years old and still going strong, Lillie Byrd; Elsie Taggart, who works in the bank, Martha Cox; Theo Arbuckle as portrayed by T. D. Stokes; Piggie Miller, Mary Anne Hartzog; "Fattie" Zimmer, Edgar Swing; Daisie Jenkins, Ruth Jenkins; and Boots Bennett, Martha Harbinson are other members of the "Secret Seven."

Regular practices have been held with the entire cast for the past two weeks in order to make "Life Begins at Sixteen" a most enjoyable performance of the year.

### Mrs. William Wright Resigns; Position Filled By Miss Arriwana Shoaf

Lexington High School regrets that Mrs. William Wright, ninth grade Civics teacher, handed in her resignation effective Easter. While teaching here, Mrs. Wright was the advisor of the Student Council, of which as a former student, she had been a member. Her position has been filled by Miss Arriwana Shoaf, graduate of Woman's College in the class of 1940. Since graduating, she has taught in Ruffin, N. C., and Thomasville. Miss Shoaf, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Grady Shoaf, is making her home in Lexington.

## Local Lad Leads Law, Lapels Laudinum Lapper

—Young

One day about three or four weeks ago—well, maybe more or less—a handsome young man of Lexington High, name of "Jaybird" McCrary, that is, was speedin' down the Salisbury highway in his brand-new '29 Dodge when suddenly he was accosted by a villainous character, whom he immediately, after some thought, recognized as a notorious rubber check passer and flim-flam artist, extraordinary. This character, as Mr. Gilstrap would say, asked "Mr. Bird" for a ride. "Jaybird" refused and made like sixty, more like twenty, for the police parlor, where his papa reclines as a member of our local guardians of the law. Little "Bird" told big "Bird," his dad's name is "Jaybird," too, all about it. They both climbed back into the auto and sped away in search of "ye villanous character." They spied him shortly; they were both near-sighted, but not before he saw them. He threw down his coat and, amid threats of big "Bird," thinking he was Gunther Haag, he started off across a handy field. Big "Jaybird" fired once but missed, true to his marksmanship training as an officer of the law. As Papa is a little slow on the feet, son "Bird," grabbed a ball bat from the back of his limou-

## Lewis Homeroom Defeats Gilstrap In Intramural Tourney

In the intramural finals, Mrs. Fred Lewis' boys were victorious over the "Gilstraps" by a score of 33-35. It was believed by the majority of the students that the Gilstrap boys would win by a large margin; but, as the final whistle blew, the score was different from what was expected. The best team had evidently won.

## Our Hero



"JAYBIRD" AND HIS "POLICE CAR."

sine and ran off in pursuit of the criminal. He finally caught him and rendered him helpless by a manly blow of the bat, until his pop limped up.

Upon search of the new prisoner, it was found that he had a quantity of dope with him. Thus, "Jaybird" had caught a dope-fiend as well as a check passer.

And so, kiddies, let's all go out and catch us a dope-fiend so we can be a hero, and get me to go to the trouble of exploiting them in print.

At last report, little "Jaybird's" life was under threat by the prisoner. The doper says "Jaybird" stole his COMB, and he's gonna kill him for it.

In a beautiful coronation ceremony Chub Wilson and Mary Anne Hunt were crowned king and queen of L. H. S. on March 24. These two seniors were elected by popular vote to reign over the realm of Lexington High School. They were attended by Geraldine Butler and Myrtle Smith as pages, Edwin Payne and Judy Lea as crown-bearers, and Peggy Wood, Robert Peeler, Kathryn Sink, Jack Alber, Jane Gordon Shoaf, Johnnie McCrary, Mary Jo Sharpe, Jimmie Plott, Martha Cox, Shirley Richardson, and Buddy Morgan as members of the court.

The program opened to reveal the stage which was decorated with a great variety of foliage, vines, and evergreens grouped about the throne, to give a rustic and indeed lovely view. The throne was decorated in white and was raised several feet above the floor to give the effect of being on a pedestal. The various members of the court, preceded by the crown bearers, came slowly down the aisles to the stage, where the coronation ceremony took place. The crowns were presented to the king and queen by Peggy Jean Thomason, on behalf of the Tri-Hi-Y.

To honor the new king and queen a musical program was given by the loyal subjects. Betty Jean Saunders sang "How Are Things in Glocca Moro?" followed by a rendition of "The Minute Waltz" by Jo Deanne Swing. A monologue on life was envisioned by Mary McLendon. Nancy Thomason complied with their majesties' wishes by singing "Trees"—Kilmer. Also in the good graces of the Royalty were the members of the Tri-Hi-Y Chorus with their version of "Falling in Love With Love." Jack Swalm then joined the chorus to sing "The Anniversary Song." Kern's "Night and Day" was sung by Evelyn McDade to please their majesties. To end the day of merriment Adele Tuttle did one of her lovely toe dances. Peggy Jean Thomason had complied with all the wishes of His Royal Majesty and Her Royal Highness.

## Coronation of L.H.S. King and Queen



Pictured above is the Coronation of the King and Queen of L.H.S. Mary Anne Hunt and Chub Wilson were crowned King and Queen. The Pages were Myrtle Smith, extreme left, and Geraldine Butler, extreme right. Peggy Jean Thomason, second from right, was Mistress of Ceremonies. Attendants were, left to right, Jack Alber, Kathryn Sink, Johnny McCrary, Jane Gordon Shoaf, Jimmy Plott, Mary Jo Sharpe, Edwin Payne, and Judy Lea, crown bearers, Peggy Wood, Bob Peeler, Shirley Richardson, Buddy Morgan, Martha Cox, Melvin Lindsey. In the background is the girls' chorus and special performers.

—H Lee Waters Photo

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## Tri-Hi-Y Crowns L. H. S. King And Queen In Ceremony