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By Nancy Witherspoon

Since this column is about your mind, the reason for the title is quite obvious. If you can't figure it out, you're worse off than I thought (and, brother, that's pretty bad). This month we have a little quiz. Anyone answering all the questions correctly will win either a pass to the picture show or a 1948 Cadillac. Here goes. The easy questions are first:

1. In what year did L. H. S. win the South Atlantic Football championship?
2. What is Kitty Philpott's first name?
3. Of what school is Mrs. Hedrick an alumna?
4. Whose name is on this year's football trophy?
5. Who were the first Mr. and Miss L. H. S. this year?
6. Whose name is on the dedication plaque in the back of the auditorium?
7. What is the date on the front of the school building?
8. How many teachers were in the Follies? Name them.
9. What do J. L. Peeler's initials stand for?
10. Who was Chief Junior Class Marshal last year?
11. How many times does the word LEXHIPEP appear in this issue?
12. How long has the flagpole in front of the building been standing? (The rest are a little harder.)
13. Whom does Barbara Ritchie like?
14. Ditto Mike Siceloff.
15. How long have Mary Ann and Johnny been going together? How long will they go together?
16. Why all the orange sweaters?
17. Why do some people like peroxidized hair?
18. Who is the most conceited boy in L. H. S.?
19. Who will take Stinky's place?
20. What subject does Mr. Gathings know nothing about?
21. When will spring come?
22. What makes Young's hair so stiff?
23. Who has the biggest collection of Buick rings?
24. When will prices go down (to normal, that is)?
25. How do some people pass?
26. How many times is "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" played on the radio each day?
27. How many letters has Jane Gordon written since Bill went to Carolina?
28. How does Wayne Everhart keep his pilot's license?
29. When will Jimmy Grayson stop getting into fights? And who is his secret lover?
30. Why is Sonny Timberlake so fond of the lake? (Barbara will give five dollars for that answer.)
31. (This is our giant jackpot superduper deluxe question.) Give the age of each and every teacher in L. H. S.

"Lest Our Old Robes Sit Easier Than Our New"

—Eunice Auman

Divorce was the only answer Margaret could find. She had tried her best to make a go of her marriage, but she felt that she could not take anymore of David's carelessness and misunderstandings. Not only did he leave his clothes lying around on chairs, and drop ashes on her best rug, but he was always forgetting to phone her when he could not get home for dinner.

These things and many more small misunderstandings were very rapidly carrying their once happy marriage on the rocks. Margaret and David never went out or had their friends in anymore, for Margaret explained that always when she had something planned, David would break the date or engagement at the last minute. Finally David abused Margaret once too often. She was fed up. She left that night while David was working overtime. "Divorce" was the only answer.

Two years later there was a picture of Margaret in the paper. It was announcing her marriage to Robert Greene. Margaret had put David entirely out of her mind. Margaret's marriage was a happy one for the first few months, but soon she began to see Rob's faults also. He would stay out late at night and give no excuse at all as to his whereabouts. Often she could smell whiskey on his breath when he would come in early in the morning.

When she found that she was going to have a child, she hoped that Rob's attitude would change; but after the baby came Rob complained of the child's crying and its clothes hanging around everywhere. As the baby grew older, Rob would punish the child needlessly.

When the child, Bobby, was asleep, Margaret would often think of her

Have You Plans?

—Grace Hendricks

The time is now approaching when, we the seniors, will don caps and gowns and proudly receive our diplomas. That will be one of the most important events in our lives. As I realize this, I stop to think: "What do I want to do in my lifetime? What do I want to be?"

In high school one gets only the fundamentals of his subjects. Boys and girls hardly take the time to taste their subjects; very few chew and digest them. Also very few take time to plan the courses that will help them in their life's work. A great many high school students take certain subjects because someone said it was easy or the teacher was not too strict.

Today there is a crying need for trained, capable workers, both men and women. The prime requisite for both is to choose what they wish and can do, and do it well. Never be satisfied with "Oh, just anything," in connection with one's life's work. No matter whether one is beginning high school, it is not too early to plan for the future. Choose subjects wisely, and build dreams high.

first marriage and how she had never tried to see David's side of anything. She now realized that she should have put forth more effort into understanding him, but the wrong was done. She would stay here as Rob's wife and be the best mother for Bobby that a child could ever want. As she put aside her thoughts of David, a high school quotation slipped into her mind, "Lest our old robes sit easier than our new."

Poets' Corner



SUCCESS

—Bonnie Leonard, '49

If when climbing the ladder to success
A missing rung you spy,
Do not lose courage and turn back,
For just beyond success may lie.

Stay always unaffected then
Whatever heights you may achieve;
Make friends and keep them;
True friends who will believe.

Then, if the highest point you reach,
And unaffected you remain;
The friends you've made you've kept;
Success is only half your gain.

YOU AND I

—Alene Staton, '49

We will have another fuss some soon
soon day,
And of course it will end in the
usual way—

You going your way and I mine,
Leaving the awful past behind.
Then we'll make up, but in the end
We'll find we are only beginning again.

The Little Red Schoolhouse

—Nancy Witherspoon

When the younger generation finds fault with today's so-called modern school system, grandpa begins to reminisce about the days gone by and the little red schoolhouse. He has us believe that he enjoyed cutting wood for the classroom stove. He seems to think that the inadequacy of his education excuses the inadequacy of ours.

To understand history or sociology it is necessary to realize that what does not progress must degenerate. There is no standing still. Most of our American schools have degenerated. The recent war is, of course, partly to blame, but if the schools had been in good condition at the war's beginning, they would require little work to make up for the lack of attention during the war years.

Overcrowding, lack of textbooks, lack of space, the teacher shortage and other problems are the outer signs of a gradual degeneration. If something is not done about these problems immediately the future of the school system will be endangered.

The only possible solution to this and all other social problems is leaders who can see beyond today into the future. They must be practical idealists whose only thought is of the welfare of the people at large.

Study (?) Hall

—Agnes Wilson, '49

When old people get together, they usually talk about "way back when—". Most of the talk is about their high school days. And no wonder! Although high school life has changed considerably since then, it was far advanced.

As I sit here in the study hall I wonder if all the people around me realize the full meaning of all the names written over each of the shelves. Men and women, who were kind enough to leave us their knowledge of a particular subject, have given these fine works. It's up to us to take advantage of it.

Th teacher of this period is one of the most patient teachers in the school—she has to be. She is there to help us to find, as she found, that books are the foundations for all dreams.

Again I begin to wonder if these students around me, some working and some playing, if they really feel the wisdom that they should, and respect truthfully the library.

If we sit and idle our time away in study hall and don't acquire the knowledge that is there for us, we have only ourselves to blame.

YOU

—Alene Staton, '49

You brought me the world
Tied with a ribbon of blue.
You set me down upon it,
And promised always to be true.
You put a cushion beneath me,
And promised a life of ease,
And then while no one was looking,
You proposed to me on bended knees.

JUST DREAM

—Alene Staton, '49

When you are sad, just dream,
No matter how dark everything may seem,
For dreams always lighten the way
As you live from day to day.
So if someone has done you wrong,
And you think life is no longer a song,
Just dream.

THE LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

Bonnie Leonard, '49

Over yon hills and over yon streams,
Over yon clouds and over yon dreams,
Ther lies the rainbow and a great pot
of gold
Where the peppermint trees and the
lollipops grow.

Where the housework and schools are
things of the past,
And where the gingerbread houses
their shadows cast—
Over the rippling of the lemonade
stream
Oh, it's wonderful to be there, if it's
only a dream.

And on your trip to the land, they say
You can reach out and touch the
Milky Way—
Where the soda pop fountain flows
free for your taking
It seems a pity when from this dream
you are waking.

So when twilight comes and all is still,
From over yon valley and over yon hill
Will come a small fairy to carry you
back
To a king's richest mansion from a
homely shack
In the Land of Make Believe.

LEXINGTON ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

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probably save us five dollars in future years. A city free of crime, illness, and poverty to a great extent would be a wonderful place in which to live. A community center would greatly aid in bringing this about.

This project would also serve our adults as well. For them it would be a place of wholesome and inexpensive entertainment. In my opinion, the adults of this city would also appreciate such a building.

Our youth are in a certain sense loafers and wanderers who would jump at a chance to spend their leisure time taking part in some sport or reading and dancing at a place where only the right kind of influences were present. Therefore, with boys and girls eagerly anticipating such a thing even before it is constructed, there is a definite need and a wonderful opportunity for the city and citizens of Lexington.