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### SERIOUS THOUGHTS

Thou art . . . thou shalt be . . . John 1:42

*Rodin, the French sculptor, always carried in his pocket an exquisite bit of bronze. His friends would see him gaze upon it. He let his mind soak in its beauty. In this way he kept himself sensitive to loveliness.*

*Once I watched a sculptor at work. With a hammer and chisel he cut away the marble, and with each stroke I recognized a design. There was no hesitancy of technique. His touch was sure and real. Watching him, the following lines came to mind.*

*"The more the marble wastes,  
The more the statue grows."*

*Life cuts deep; it hammers and hacks at us. How many things must be cut away—pride, conceit, and selfishness! There is no beauty or usefulness in such qualities; no enduring value.*

*"The more the marble wastes,  
The more the statue grows."*

### ARE YOU POPULAR?

—Kirksey Sink

Have you ever stopped to think what makes a person popular, and just why he or she is better liked and "belongs" more so than others? Let's take a look and see what really goes toward making a person the type we'd like them.

First there is the quality of friendliness. Everybody likes a person who speaks and smiles even on "blue Mondays," so why not polish up on this a bit.

How about feeling "at home" wherever you are? This doesn't mean sprawling all over everything and taking possession of a place as if it were your own, but being poised and self-assured. You should bolster your self-confidence by thinking, "Well, I belong here as much as the rest do," rather than "I feel so out of place." You would enjoy yourself much more if you just let go, and you would be grand company too; therefore, putting yourself in a good position for a second invitation.

Then there is a most important social quality: the art of making conversation, and it is really hard for some people to acquire this ability. But if you try, you should be able to become a good conversationalist. Expressing your own opinions counts; but if you do all the talking, you're bound to be a bore, so give the other fellow a chance and listen a little on the side.

Last, are you fun to be with? Just join in and have a good time with the crowd. Looks aren't everything, because certainly everyone can't be beautiful and handsome. In fact, personality is really what counts, and just about everyone can have this quality if he tries hard enough. You may not have the best personality or be the most popular; but if you put out a little effort, you can surely put up some stiff competition. Why not try it?

### LEXINGTON BAND WINS HONORS (Continued from front page)

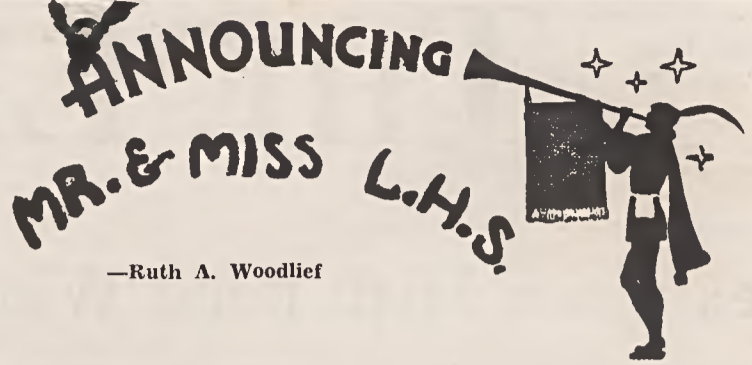
running feet and slamming doors, and from inside the walls came funny noises which an outsider could only interpret as a group of barbarians on the loose. The merry-making continued until the wee hours, and the effects of the "night before" were very evident the next morning.

Our fatigue was forgotten immediately when we were informed that we had won first prize of \$200. This was more than any of our hopes or expectations, and we were so thrilled that whenever the people of Rich-

mond saw us on the streets they thought that we were inmates of an insane asylum on a picnic!

With light hearts and swimming heads, we began our trip home. Immediately upon our arrival, we went straight to Holt-Moffitt Field to practice on our maneuver for the game that night.

We will long remember the happy moments of our stay in Richmond, and it is with a great deal of anticipation that we are looking forward for a return trip next year.



—Ruth A. Woodlief



Well, looks like Mr. and Miss L. H. S. are goin' to be sure they have a turkey fat and sleek for Thanksgiving dinner! And in the meantime, they apparently are having a general good time with the turkeys.

This month our honorees are Priscilla (Rachel Fritts) Mullins and John (Johnny Dixon) Alden. According to our historian, M. Leonardavinci, Priscilla is called "Smiley" by her friends (which are numerous!). Pris likes friendly people, sports, Bobby (could that be Miles Standish, in disguise?!?); shorthand (hmn—methinks this is a new invention). She also likes chocolate cake, laughing, and having fun (who doesn't?!) and being a Senior! (What a strange thing to say. Everybody knows a woman won't admit she's getting old! What's that? You say, that's not what you mean? It's really an honor? Well, why didn't you say so!?!)

Our little Puritan friend doesn't like exams (what are they?!?), conceited people, and squash. (Do remember not to put that on the menu for our Thanksgiving feast!)

Priscilla's ambitions are to learn to drive, and to be a nurse, the latter at Cabarrus Hospital, in Concord.

Her favorite pastime is sleeping, and her hobby is dating that boy! (That ain't the way we interpreted COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH; according to us, it was John Alden that she liked the better; well, that's history for ya!)

Pris's hit parade goes as follows: Song—"Bewitched"; book—"Strange Proposal"; movie—"Stars in My Crown".

Her favorite type of date is one who is considerate, nice, and talks a lot.

She is popular and friendly, and it is because of these qualities she represented the Beta Club as their Homecoming Sponsor.

Rachel says: "The thing I have the most fun doing is living!!!"

Well, here comes John "Rufus" Dixon Alden, our Mr. L. H. S. for November! Johnny likes: turkey, trig, study hall, and football. He also likes to eat, but says it doesn't help much. He doesn't like spinach, chemistry, school, or unfriendly people.

His ambition is to become a lawyer, and he wants to go to Carolina for this training. His hobby is arguing, and his favorite pastime is sleeping, also—(must be the spring in the air!?!)

These things are tops with him: Song: "All My Love"; book, French(?) Movie: "Broken Arrow". Under this category, Johnny says his ideal, "Pris," is a girl who is witty, but intelligent; short, with black hair and brown eyes; and her initials are B. W.—(No coaching, please!)

Johnny says: "This world's in a sad shape! What's this generation coming to?" (Why so optimistic, Rufus?!?)

E'en though sometimes we are sad,  
Thanksgiving Holidays will make us glad!  
How do you rate when we celebrate?  
Are you thankful on Just that date?  
For all the Freedoms we enjoy  
And even the duties we employ,  
Let us be thankful EVERY day  
For EVERYTHING that comes our way.