

# Council Performs Ably

BY BILL HALL

Commendations are due to the student council for its fine work this year in carrying out numerous projects conducted for the improvement and benefit of W. H. S.

Among the first projects engineered by the W. H. S. student council was the Freshmen Orientation Day. This service welcomed the freshmen to the W. H. S. student body.

The Platter Chatter Party, a fine rock 'n roll dance in the cafeteria, was the next student council project. In October, all social affairs were overshadowed by Homecoming. The gigantic Homecoming Parade and half-time show at the football game were sponsored by the student council, as were the prizes for best floats.

Our very useful student stores have been operated by student council members every day, before school. Motorcades were very numerous during the year's primary sports activities away from home.

During the year the student council deliberated for many days before attempting a revision of the school constitution. The constitution was critically discussed, article by article, until the student council's toil proved successful.

Revisions were that an "A" on conduct and a "C" scholastically had to be maintained by student body officers each six weeks, and the point system for extra-curricular activities was discontinued.

The year's largest undertaking by the student council which was considered to be the greatest improvement and most effective project was the Western AAA conference meeting held at W. H. S. Each school in the conference was invited to send representatives to the meeting.

Better sportsmanship all-around and better school policies were discussed. The meeting came to some definite beneficiary plans for better school relations. W. H. S. has set an example which it hopes other schools in other conferences will follow.

The student council plans to make this conference meeting a regular affair, in hopes of uncovering many new benefits for each school concerned. Good school relations and student problems will receive top billing on the programs of these meetings.

For this idea, W. H. S. has received recognition throughout this and surrounding states. Already, other schools are making plans for these meetings. The inter-school conferences by the student councils of these schools are expected to show much progress within the next year.

W. H. S. sent "Welcome" telegrams from the student council to the visiting teams this year as a part of its "Better Sportsmanship" program. Teams from other schools appreciated the warm welcome and fine recognition given them by the student council.

Future projects include the all-important election of student body officers for next year, and probably an "Operation Spirit" movement to increase attendance at the spring sports activities, baseball, track, tennis, and golf.

The latest student council project is a section in the school library for all school annuals and newspapers. These will be presented for students to look at and study in the library.

Alvis Rich, our student body president, deserves a great deal of recognition for the leadership he has given our fine student council. With the help of the '57-'58 student council, progress is the key word at W.H.S.

# Easter --- Time For Worship

BY GAIL ELKINS

Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, begging at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you. —St. Luke 24, 46-49.

Isaiah predicted His coming, and John the Baptist was his forerunner, yet He was born humbly in a stable. During His thirty-three years on earth, He did more good than other men before or since. He was a true King, but his throne was a cross and His crown one of thorns. He led the perfect life, defying evil, and exemplifying the righteous way. "An eye for an eye" was replaced by a kiss to the offender. His 12 disciples were His court, but everyone shared in His ministry. His one great procession was on the back of a donkey over palm-covered streets. One of His beloved betrayed Him. Yet His living, suffering and dying was for a purpose. As He died on the cross, centurians gambled for His clothes. On Sunday morning the three Marys journeyed to His tomb to pay homage, and the Angel of the Lord told them of the resurrection. Christ had arisen! Truly He was the Almighty!

Easter is the commemoration of this event, and churches will be crowded with devoted worshippers. The day stands for more than a holiday or a suit of new clothes; it stands for a man and His gift to the world. And what could be a greater gift than one's own life.

Couldn't we afford to give a little time and a little extra effort for one who gave so greatly, for one who sacrificed His life in the lowliest of deaths, for our sins. We pay tribute to Him when we visit His house and praise His name.

Will you be in church on Easter Sunday?

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# New York City Excites Publication Staffs

BY RUTH LUPTON

New York City, that magic metropolis, is more than the world's largest city to the 1958-59 publications staffs of Williams High School. It represents a great pilgrimage, made annually by thousands, to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention.

Burlington's representatives left the bus station Wednesday night, March 12, at 8.30, with their families and the old staff members giving final advice about New York conduct (from the parents) and N. Y. "musts" (from the old staffs). This year an unprecedented event took place on

the trip. Some people slept. Alan Long was the first to do the "impossible" but after about five minutes of sleep he was as wide awake and excited as any of us. How can anyone sleep when New York lies ahead?

After a long night of singing, eating, and talking, we stopped in New Jersey for breakfast—at a Howard Johnson's, of course. From there it was only a short time before we entered the big city.

Our triumphant arrival was marked by the great Confederate flag being waved at Yankees through an open bus window. Arriving at the Taft Hotel, we were greeted by a man who read our room assignments. The

amazing thing is that he pronounced Ginger Hruslinski's name correctly, with no effort at all. That afternoon most representatives set out for Columbia and the press meetings. However, not all of the group reached Columbia. After all, most Burlingtonians are not familiar with the fast moving subway, and ending up in Harlem instead of at the University was a true experience. Thursday night we attended the television show "Tic-Tac-Dough." From there it was either off to bed, or off to explore New York at night. Anyone for hiking to the Empire State Building?

Friday morning found the city covered with snow, which caused many of us to run out to buy boots. Hurrying to Columbia through the slush and cold early in the day is no picnic, but it was worth it to find a second place rating for "The Barker" posted in the Low Memorial Library. Also in the Library were exhibited student publications from throughout the nation. Lectures and displays were interesting and informing, and should prove helpful in the staff's work next year. That night we enjoyed seeing the hit musical, "My Fair Lady."

The banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Saturday morning was the climax of the convention. The rest of that day was spent shopping. (Who came home with three "sack" dresses, a hat, and a pair of shoes?) For our last night in New York, we saw "The Brothers Karamazov" at Radio City Music Hall.

Sunday, after a four-hour tour of the most famous New York sights, we left it all behind for Dixie and "our town."

# Study Habits Are Helpful

BY NANCY LORIMER

Study means to apply the mind to a subject in order to learn about it. The student obtains fact and skills by which he can organize and express his thoughts and talents. The secret to acquiring successful study habits lies in following a few simple rules.

Effective studying calls for knowing where and how to obtain facts, and the ability to make intelligent use of them. It means that the student must be able to organize, classify, and arrange facts in their proper relationship to the subject being studied. Because knowledge is very important to every person it is wise to learn how to study well.

The art of studying effectively can be acquired only with regular practice. If we neglect to study today, it becomes that much easier to neglect studying tomorrow.

Good reading habits are an important aid to studying well. Cultivate the habit of taking notes in outline form both while reading and during classroom work. Notes provide a

ready source of reference and they also help to fix a subject in the person's mind. This is very important and can be accomplished only by mental discipline. The mind is often tempted to wander, sometimes even from an interesting subject. Mental discipline is a habit which can be cultivated only through constant effort.

Each day's work should begin with a quick review of the previous lesson. This helps to fix in mind the points already learned, and to form a bridge to the next assignment. All the work covered in a semester should be reviewed at regular and frequent intervals.

A study method is a virtue of greatest importance to both the teacher and the student. Even the citizen who has to cope with life's problems has to have a method of study for the most effective approach to his solutions.

With the close of school only two months away, every Williams High School student should seek to apply these study habits.

# Fortunes Of The Tea - Leaves Are Found In New York

BY PAT PEGRAM

The "Gypsy Tea Room" was advertised in bright red letters across the street from our hotel. Six of us who made the trip to New York with the publications staff decided to venture forth and investigate. We stood in the doorway and looked up a tiny winding stairway.

There was a mysterious, eerie atmosphere about the room as we entered at the top of the stairs.

Kay Ellen Isley, Judy Wrape, Pollyanna White, Ann Porterfield, Linda Browning, and I were the unfortunate girls who stood hesitantly at the door until an old Gypsy woman dressed in a pink flared dress came to take us to a table.

What a creepy place! The lights were turned down low, and small tables were scattered about.

We all ordered tea; all of us, that is, except Judy, who had already been once and knew how the awful stuff tasted. It was more like water with lemon in it than tea. I took one sip and started to give up this fortune idea, but I managed to down the rest of the cup—only for the sake of my fortune.

Ann gave up after she had drunk half a cup and let Judy finish it. In her fortune she was told she was wish-washy and lazy. After finishing the tea, we sat very still and watched the weird looking fortune tellers reading tea leaves, palms and decks of cards. One strange man with a turban on his head sat staring out a window as if he weren't there until a woman came up to have her palm read. Another fortune teller sat gazing at the palm of a half frightened girl. She predicted a future happy life.

Finally they got around to us. Kay Ellen went first and had her tea leaves and her palm read. While her

fortune was being told, I was led off to a dark corner where a mysterious looking woman sat waiting to tell my fortune.

Kay Ellen never disclosed what the Gypsy told her.

It was fun while it lasted, but I think all of us felt a little bit relieved when the door shut behind us and we were downstairs just looking at the sign again.

# WHS Music Excels In District Contest

The Glee Clubs of Williams High School have led and will continue to lead a busy schedule throughout the rest of this year.

They began the year with rehearsals for their Christmas program given with the orchestra for the P. T. S. A. in December.

When the New Year rolled around, came the contest music. As a result of many strenuous rehearsals they achieved very high ratings in the contest. The Mixed Chorus which meets first period received a Superior as did the Girls Chorus, made up of girls from second, third, and sixth periods. A rating of Excellent went to the fifth period Men's Chorus.

Next on the agenda is the Spring Concert set for April 18, followed the next week by the N. C. Festival Chorus which will be held at Woman's College in Greensboro.

And, last, but not least, is the music for Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Many people don't realize the big part that the Glee Clubs play in the curriculum of a high school, but students join in giving a round of applause to them and Mr. William Fitzgerald for the fine work they have done this year.

# Can You Imagine?

Calvin Linnemann president of the Elvis Presley fan club?

Ben Rushin going to Boosters Club? Dee Brown singing with the "Harmonettes"?

Anyone being able to spell Ginger Hruslinski's last name?

Jimmy Suggs not talking?

Bonnie McEvoy on a girl's soccer team?

Mike McMannus wearing elevated shoes?

Fuzz Carter playing center on the Williams basketball team?

Liz Loy with black hair?

Fred Miller in a double-breasted suit?

Nancy Lorimer in a charm school? Alvis Rich being expelled.

Frank Rich being cremated at Burke's?

George Best with a Thunderbird?

Mrs. Coleman talking about Virginia? Frances Windham having an overdue library book?

John Yarborough carrying a picture of George Best?

Rossana Gant playing hopscotch?

Jim Copland failing speech?

William Bane pole vaulting?

Linda Gilliam winning a hog-calling contest?

Mike Lassiter taking a Charles Atlas course?

Gary Kent smoking a Viceroy?

Sally Wright with a poodle cut?

David McCorkle with a Southern drawl?

Bill Harriss going to Duke?

R. B. Jennings with laryngitis?

Wesley Batten being in the eighth grade?

Miss Gill having a Spanish accent?

Who wrote this?

A salesman was passing through a small town and had several hours to while away. Seeing one of the natives, he inquired, "Any picture show in town, my friend?"

"Nope; nary a one, stranger," was the answer.

"What form of amusement have you here?" asked the salesman.

"Wall, come on down to the drug store. That's a freshman home from the university."