

PROFESSOR TRABUE TALKS TO TEACHERS

States That Four Years of High School Work Is Not Sufficient

SHOWS STATE'S RATING

In the assembly room of the Guilford County Courthouse Saturday, February 12, Prof. M. R. Trabue, a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, stated to the gathering of Guilford County school teachers that four years of high school work is not sufficient to overcome the handicap of poor elementary schools, the result being that only seven per cent of the hundred per cent enrolling in the first grade ever finish the senior class.

Professor Trabue, by use of graphs and statistics, showed that North Carolina's average school term is only one hundred, forty-five days, while that of New Hampshire is two hundred. Florida, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi are the only states having a shorter term than North Carolina. "We won't compete with other states in getting the best teachers as a result," said the speaker, "for one cannot blame the teacher who accepts employment over a long rather than a short term of months." Such a condition results in not the best work in the grammar grades. In 1924 only two high schools in North Carolina had typical senior ability in English composition, two others showed junior ability, two sophomore, two freshman, and one-half the high schools had less than freshman ability.

Professor Trabue closed his address by the statement, "The longer term means better work, better students, better teachers, for the latter are then easier to get."

FIRE!

"Ugh! What in the world has happened?"
 "Smoke! The school is on fire!"
 "I can't breathe in here. Give me air! I'm almost smothering."
 "Goodness! What's on fire? Why doesn't somebody turn in the fire alarm?"
 "Wouldn't it be exciting if the school would burn down?"
 "Teacher, we won't have lessons in here today, will we?"
 "I hope they don't think that we can live in here. I'm sick already."
 "Gracious! I can't even see the blackboard. I wish they would let us go home."
 "Just look at the smoke pouring in those windows! The fire started in the furnace room!"
 "Open that door and let some of this smoke into the hall."
 "Now, pupils, don't get excited; there is nothing on fire," the teacher in room 107 began. "The janitor just made a mistake."
 "May I move my seat?" a small voice called.
 "Yes. Let's get quiet now."
 Soon the room had settled down in stifling silence. Everyone was disappointed in the fire at G. H. S.

SENIORS TO SPONSOR DRAMATIC CLUB PLAYS

Senior session rooms 103 and 106 met February 17 to discuss the sponsoring of "The Valiant," to be given by the Dramatic Club, Monday, the 21st. The class went one hundred per cent for the selling of tickets and upholding the play in every way possible.

Jack Coble, business manager of the *Reflector*, announced the great success of the ad campaign. Eight hundred dollars had been raised by the senior class as a whole. Pauline Reece and Myrtle Gillis had led in the campaign, having brought in twenty-one ads.

James Peterson was recently elected one of the sub-assistant managers of spring football at Carolina and he will also serve the team next fall.

GLEE CLUB OF U. N. C. PRESENTS PROGRAM AT ODELL MEMORIAL

C. A. Eaton, T. B. Ogburn, A. Mendenhall, and J. R. Scurlock Are Greensboro Boys

SING NEGRO SPIRITUALS

"Volga Boatman," "O Mary, Don't You Weep," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and Many Others on Program

The glee club of the University of North Carolina presented an excellent program in the Odell Memorial Hall at the Greensboro College on Monday evening, February 14.

The program consisted of folk songs of different nations. The first part was made up of sacred songs, including "Prayer of Thanksgiving," "Beautiful Savior," and "Ave Maria." Then followed songs from the British Isles; these were "The Hundred Pipers," "The Next Market Day," "Lament For Owen Roe O'Neill," and "O, Us, Joline."

Perhaps the part of the program, which appealed most to the audience was that of American negro spirituals, among which were "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "Dat Suits Me," "Go Down, Moses," "Goin' to See My Sarah," "O, Mary, Don't You Weep," "Steal Away," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

The songs from Russia were the "Volga Boatman," "Fireflies," and "At Father's Door." Mr. Kennedy at this time gave Brahms' "Rhapsody in G Minor."

Greensboro was well represented in the glee club. C. A. Eaton, Thomas B. Ogburn, A. Mendenhall, and J. R. Scurlock, boys of Greensboro and graduates of Greensboro High School, were in the group.

STUDENT COUNCIL ON TRAFFIC PROBLEM

North Stairs Used by Those Going up and South Stairs by Those Going Down

In answer to the petitions that have been appearing in *HIGH LIFE* about the crowded condition on the stairs, the Student Council has established certain traffic laws in the New building. The north stairs are to be used only by those going up, and the south stairs by those going down.

This probably will inconvenience a few, but it is believed by the Student Council that it will on the whole save time and prevent confusion.

This new order of going to classes has been undertaken with the approval and co-operation of Mr. Phillips. It is hoped that the students will do their best to aid and not to hinder this plan. The Student Council is looking especially to the upper classmen for support, and they are hoping that since the students have seemed to realize the necessity of some change, that no force will have to be used.

MR. E. T. McSWAIN SPEAKS TO THE MEMORIAL CLUB

Mr. E. T. McSwain on Monday, February 14, spoke to the Monarchs at the King Cotton Hotel. He spoke on the origin of Valentine Day.

Mr. McSwain stated: "The origin of the Valentine holiday is in the Lupercalian feast and games observed by the early Romans in honor of the god, Lupercus. When Rome was Christianized the feast was retained, but had lost its pagan characteristics and was named after St. Valentine, a holy servant of God who was beheaded by the order of Emperor Claudius in 270 A. D."

Miss Tillett, reading senior themes on "Childhood,"
 "Foul deeds will rise,
 Though all the earth o'erwhelm
 them to men's eyes."

SENIORS UNDERGO INTELLIGENCE TEST

Many Are Found of Inferior Mentality—However, Some Answer With Great Wit

MANY PUPILS OVERCOME

Tuesday, February 15, the inmates of wards 103 and 106 were given an intelligence test lasting from about 10:30 o'clock until 12 o'clock. This test corresponds to the Binet-Simon test, its object being to distinguish the morons from the idiots. But the result of such an examination was tragic in that some of the most mannerly patients were having the most unusual hallucinations. Perhaps this perturbation caused the few mistakes that were made.

However, nobody missed the question about Paul Revere, because Miss Blackmon had particularly stressed his midnight ride on the famous mule named "Maude."

Due to an error in printing, only the villages of Greensboro, Raleigh and Charlotte were suggested as possible capitals of the state. And so the class as a whole tastefully added "High Point," and checked it for the answer.

In the elimination of words contest, most of the class fell short of the mark. But in the group such as dog, cat, rat, bat, and mat, how was one to know which word to omit? The students figured that since the cat chased the rat, and the bat and mat played baseball that the dog should most probably have to stay out.

Miss Walker was particularly delighted with the way the section on geometry was tackled. But this part was fatal to some, and it provoked those immortal last words of a habitually drowsy senior, "Never say geometry!"

DURHAM STUDENT WINS DECLAMATION CONTEST

Charles Livengood Winner of Gold Medal at Duke University Friday, February 11

GUMP REPRESENTS GREENSBORO

Friday night, February 11, Charles Livengood, of the Durham High School, won the gold medal in the annual declamation contest conducted at Duke University under the auspices of the 9019 society. About 26 high schools of the state were represented. The prize-winning declamation was on "The Dangers of Modernism."

Harry Gump represented Greensboro High School in the contest. He was one of the ten to win out in the preliminaries Friday morning. His declamation was "America, a World Power."

OFFICERS OF JUNIOR HI-Y CLUB ARE CHOSEN

The Junior Hi-Y Club elected officers at a meeting held Friday, February 11, at the Y. M. C. A. Fred Sullivan was chosen president; Billy Scott, vice-president; and Edgar Broadhurst, secretary and treasurer.

This Hi-Y Club, the third that has been formed at the Greensboro Y. M. C. A., is made up of high school boys fifteen years old or younger. It is based on the same principles as the other clubs, and will be managed in the same manner. Mr. A. P. Routh is leader of the club. The pin which has been chosen has a white torch on a blue background.

The members of the club are as follows: Fred Sullivan, Fritz Byerly, Edgar Broadhurst, Ernest Hunt, Bernard Gilmer, Billy Horton, Billy Troxell, William Sockwel, Bobby Moore, Charles Kellenberger, Otis Phillips, Abbot Brown, W. B. Mayes, and Leonard Faulkner.

City Health Department Doing Successful Work

Session Room Chairmen

Cynthia Vaughn	106
Frances Williams	107
Wylie McGlamery	103
Margaret Neal	102
Anna Lyon	206
Raymond Beckham	204
Katherine Vanstory	203
Alethia Sykes	208
Sadie Sharpe	207
Bill Latham	202
Maud Faye	A2
Stanley Williams	B5
Henry Betts	B3
Guy Hope	B2
Lillian Ziglar	B1
Kate Wilkins	B6
Holt Knight	B7
George Sherrod	No. 1
Edwin King	No. 2
Ethel Wilkinson	No. 3
Watkins Nowlin	No. 4
Jack Wimbish	No. 5
Kate Harrison	No. 6
William Lee	No. 7
Clarence Phoenix	No. 8
Dick Burroughs	No. 9
Irene Dorsett	No. 12
Charles Schoffner	No. 13
Evelyn Hire	No. 14
John Foster	No. 15

FRESHMAN OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR YEAR

William Mitchell Elected President; Stanley Williams Vice-President—W. Lindsey Gives Musical Selections

On Wednesday, February 6, the freshman class held a meeting in chapel. The officers were elected for the present semester. William Mitchell was elected president; Stanley Williams, vice-president; Annette Corbin, secretary and treasurer; William Varanon, press reporter; and William Scott, student council representative.

After the business was over, Will Lindsay, negro musician, played on the banjo, mouth organ, and piano. His selections were composed of many popular songs.

INTER-TROOP MEET OF GIRL SCOUTS HELD

The monthly Inter-Troop Campfire of the Girl Scouts of Greensboro was held in the hut of the Church-by-the-Side-of-the-Road February 11, 1927, at 6:30 o'clock. The ceremonies were in charge of troops two and five of the First Baptist Church.

The Scouts formed in a circle and went through the regular drill and the flag ceremony. Then each troop sang its song which had been recently composed especially for the Campfire.

After a short Scout game, Miss Coleman introduced Dr. Bumpass, a student of stars and an authority on the subject. He made an interesting talk, answering the questions found in the requirements for the Star Gazer's Merit Badge. He also extended an invitation to all girls interested in stars to remain after the meeting and observe the moon, planets, and stars with the aid of his special glasses. The Campfire closed with the "Scout Lullaby" and "Taps."

IRENE McFADYEN IS HEAD OF JUNIOR STAFF

The following people compose the staff for the Junior Issue of *HIGH LIFE*:

- Editor-in-chief—Irene McFayden.
 - Business manager—Ed Davant.
 - Assistant business manager—Clyde Norcum.
 - Editors—John Brown, Margaret Britton, Carlton Wilder, Jack Kleemier.
 - The remaining members of the staff will be selected according to the ability they show in work on the paper.
- One dollar today is worth two tomorrow.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Physical Examinations Given to All Students in City School at Frequent Intervals

PARENTS KEPT POSTED

Pupils Given Special Instructions in Care of Teeth, Ears, Eyes, and Throat

The city schools are doing splendid work in teaching the children to live in a healthy manner, according to a recent report by the City Health Department. All children who attend public schools must be vaccinated for small-pox. Besides, each child is given a complete physical examination, and the parents notified of any defect. Each child is weighed and measured by the school nurse at least three times a year. If he is underweight, his mother is notified immediately; the school nurses also test the vision and hearing. Especial attention is given to the care of the teeth, and pupils are instructed as to the proper way to use a tooth-brush.

Practically every school in Greensboro is provided with good lunch-rooms, where the children may obtain nourishing food. At ten-thirty each pupil is given a glass of milk, or some fruit, and then the regular lunch later on.

To prevent the school routine from becoming tiring, and also to promote better health, play and rest periods are provided for. The play is supervised by the teacher.

It has been stated that children thrive better at school than at home. Dr. C. C. Hudson, city health officer, says: "Most of them fail to gain as rapidly during the summer while on vacation as they do during the regular school year, and when placed back in school in the fall, we find that they take on weight very rapidly. We also believe that they show the same mental improvement that they do physically."

SENIOR SNIFFS AND SOBS

Mr. Routh had just handed Sarah Mendenhall a handful of paper, when she was heard to say, "Bills, bills, bills, but there's only one 'Bill' for me!"

Jane Harris, "O for a thousand tongues so I could tell all that must be told!"

Graham, we hear that you are threatening to quit school. "Madness in great ones must not unwatch'd go."

Myra Wilkinson: "But break my heart, for I must hold my tongue."

"But look, the morn, in russet mantle clad,
 Walks o'er the dew of yon high eastern hill."

And still they did not come. 106 was in a turmoil. There was tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth. Was their half-holiday going? Eighteen minutes to nine! Sixteen!

Puff! Puff! They had arrived at last and as Myra and Ruth pounded vigorously on the back door, they were heard to say, "Best safety lies in fear!"

"For this relief much thanks"—exclaimed Jack Coble, the heretofore greatly worried business manager of the *Reflector*, when sufficient ads had been brought in to cover the costs of that publication.

"And we were sick at heart," said the *Reflector* staff, before the light of many ads brightened their path.

Oh, why should intelligence tests be given to those who have no intelligence!—*Ernest Scarborough.*

Oh, that waste baskets were preservers of chewing-gum!—*Miriam Block.*