CONTINUE DRAMATIC COURSE THIS SEMESTER

Disappointment Reigns Among Senior High Students.

FORMER PUPILS DIRECT

Miller and Johnson Express Their Appreciation to Old Casts.

One of the popular special courses of Greensboro high school has been the dramatic class of technical stage training under the instruction of Joe H. Johnson.

This year, due to the financial crisis, this course was unable to be offered to the students.

A number of seniors, as well as lower classmen, had planned tot wait until this semester to take this course, and have been greatly disappointed.

Grady Miller presented our first opera in 1927. He had no trained material to assist him. Yet, using borrowed equipment and fresh assistants, he did present an opera that was a success.

The dramatic education of some students began at that time. They learned through the experience which they gained. Thus dramatics began in Greensboro high school.

The following year Mr. Johnson was added to the faculty and organized the first dramatic course held in Greensboro high school. The object of this course was to train students to be capable and efficient stage craftsmen.

The first year was as big a success as could be expected with poor equipment and borrowed supplies.

The following year the dramatic course was offered against the background of the new Greensboro senior high school's $16,000 equipment. In 1929 the stage productions began to show a polished smoothness that comes only after teachnical training.

Since that time students have actually directed and staged whole productions without any aid from Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnson find that even with a production as large as the opera, they can turn the production over to the students with perfect confidence in them.

The commencement pageant, that will be remembered as one of the most successful programs ever produced in the high school, was stage-managed by Charles Hagan, who had worked under the direction of Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnson. Because of Charles' experience he was able to manage a production as big as the pageant with great skill.

The career of the dramatic course in Greensboro high school has been one of achievement.

This year through the aid of those students trained in dramatic work in the past, the school productions should be a great success. But after this year it is uncertain if the plays and operas will live up to the standards which have been set for them by trained dramatic students.

GREENSBORO HI P. T. A. GIVES BENEFIT BRIDGE

Party Held in Ballroom of King Cotton Hotel—Prizes Donated by City Merchants.

The P. T. A. of Greensboro high school consider the benefit bridge given on September 22 a great success. Over $100 was cleared by the association at that time. The party was given in the ballroom of the King Cotton hotel. It was sponsored by the finance chairman, Mrs Henry L. Hanes and her committee, and by the chairman of refreshments, Mrs. A. C. Holt. There were over 50 tables taken for the game. The prizes were both handsome and numerous. These were donated by merchants of the city and friends. C. W. Phillips presented the prizes for the P. T. A. Refreshments and flowers were also furnished by local concerns. The following high school girls cooperated in serving: Doris Hanes, Lucy Neal Brooks, Geraldine Bonkemyrr, Jane Goodwin, Beverly Reaves and Ruth Whaley.

Fair Attracts Many Students

In the past ten years the Fair has come and gone to and from Greensboro. On Friday, September 25, 1931, all of the students in the city schools were given free tickets. Greensboro high was very well represented there. There was much at the Fair to draw a crowd, for the Fair president, Garland Daniels, said that the Model Shows is most likely the biggest one that has ever been in Greensboro.

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BOOK REVIEW

Lone Cowboy—JAMES WILD

James Wild has recently written the story of his life and titled it *Lone Cowboy*. How the author cut his wisdom teeth on sharp edges of experience the west moving from ranch to ranch with the movies in the army as an illustrator, and writer, is the theme of *Lone Cowboy*. The type and spacing is excellent making it easy to read.

Little America—RICHARD BYRD

Little America is an intensely gripping narrative in chronological sequence of Byrd's expedition to the South Pole. The book contains splendid illustrations from photograph and good print.

The Lunch Powder Mystery
By ELLERY QUEEN

The Lunch Powder Mystery is an unusual detective story which is described by a hospital librarian as being the kind for readers who like to use their heads as they go along and enjoy sharpening their wits with the author. *The Lunch Powder Mystery* in parts is rather difficult to understand but pleasing when the mystery is solved.

Poems of Gerald Manly Hopkins
By GERALD MANLY HOPKINS

The first edition of *Poems of Hopkins*, published in 1918, has been out of print. In this book are sixteen poems not included in the original volume. Poems for all occasions are included in Gerald Hopkins' new volume.

Years of Grace
By MARGARET AYERS BARNES

Years of Grace is an appealing story of American social life of the last forty years in which two generations are contrasted. The setting is Chicago and the characters really live. *Years of Grace* will particularly appeal to thoughtful young women.

The Cap of Youth—JOHN A. STEWART

The Cap of Youth is a historical novel written by John A. Stewart. Stewart has written many books on Robert Louis Stevenson. This being his love romance.

The story takes place about when Stevenson was a law student at the University of Edinburg.

Meeting Katie rummond at the inn, he falls in love with her. Katie finding this out and tells him to go as his parents have bid him. So the two lovers depart Stevenson became the wanderer, and Katie became a governess in the Highlands, her home.

A stranger, years later visited the Highlands and met Katie. He presented her with Stevenson's book, "Kidnapped" and after a little more talk left, telling her that he would see her next summer.

Next year the stranger returned and looked for her he did not find her. True to the last Katie had gone home to wait for Louis.

The *Caps of Youth* not only tells of Robert Louis Stevenson's romance, but of his inspirations, his writings and his travels.

"SMOKY"

Poor old "Smoky" is dead. It has not yet been determined whether it was a case of suicide or an otherwise inflicted wound. Nevertheless, "Smoky," a black bear in the form of a paper-weight, has been mistreated. Probably you who do not visit the office frequently are not acquainted with "Smoky." He is really a very cunning bear. Since Black Bear Camp is the summer interest of C. W. Phillips, "Smoky" was presented to him by Miss Henrietta Lee, of the art department, two years ago. Up until a few days ago "Smoky" resided quietly on the desk of our beloved principal, but for some unknown reason "Smoky" now resides in pieces. Poor ol' "Smoky" will be missed.

REPTILE BECOMES LATIN STUDENT

Maybe you think that all visitors are welcome at G. H. S., but you are mistaken. You would have been convinced of this if you had seen the fiery-eyed visitor who attracted the attention of Mrs. Smith's third period class one day.

Mrs. Smith, noticing the inattention of her class, began to look for the cause, when her eyes fell upon a snake in the corner.

A boy picked up the visitor and carried him to the science room where all good snakes ought to go.

Mrs. Smith, suspecting the cause of his presence, asked that we say it with flowers rather than snakes.

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SHORT WAVE SET BUILT AT G. H. S. DURING SUMMER

According to Mr. Johnson Numerous Messages Have Been Sent.

LYNWOOD BURNETT AIDED

Object of Class to Train High School Boys for Service Men and Operators.

Stanley Johnson, physics and radio teacher, with the aid of Lynwood Burnett built a short wave radio station at G. H. S. during the summer. This station, called letters W4AOE, is crystal controlled making the frequency steady. This is a 75-watt station and was built for the purpose of supplying problems for the radio and physics classes and to handle friendly messages from the members of the student body.

According to Mr. Johnson there have been plenty of messages to send.

This station has been keeping in touch with various parts of the country.

Interest in radio at G. H. S. is shown by the fact that visitors enter the station room, on the second floor of the Science building, at every hour of the day.

The station is in charge of operators who have smalled stations of their own and who have been licensed.

At the present time the scheduled hours for the station are: 8:30 until 9:00 then from 1:00 p. m. until 3:30.

In the regular radio class, according to Stanley Johnson, there are about 20 boys enrolled. At the first of the semester it was thought that a few girls would take the course but so far none have.

The object of the Radio class is to train service men and operators thus, they construct 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6- tube battery sets and also an electric set. Anyone interested in amplifiers, and similar equipment, receive the aid of Mr. Johnson as a special part of the course. Also the members of the class learn to send and receive ten words a minute in the Morse code.

When asked what he thought about Television and talking pictures Mr. Johnson replied, "I think that television will be practical later on, but at the present time, it is still in the experimental stage and is very costly.

"Talking pictures are closely related to the radio and were developed to a great extent by radio experts."

Mr. Johnson spent the past summer in teaching summer school, building short wave set for the school, umpiring in the Commercial baseball league, pitching ball for as semi-pro outfit, and at the beach.

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ALUMNI NEWS

A recent visitor on our campus was Henry S. Goodwin. Henry was graduated with the class of 1926 and in 1930 completed his course at Davidson college. Since that time he has been connected with the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, in the research department. This year he plans to study for his degree at the University of Michigan.

Lewis Brooks of the '29 class paid us a visit also. Lewis seems to have spent some time in observing classes.

The Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. is now employed in the department of boys work as secretary, Wayne Arnold who graduated in the 1925 class at G. H. S.

Outside help is always appreciated, especially when it is a former student. Shelby Fitzgerald has been helping considerably around the school of late.

Homer Coltrane, alumnus of teachers of G. H. S. officiated in the Greensboro-Sanford football game. This seemed natural as Mr. Coltrane was a former G. H. S. coach.

A former columnist of HIGH LIFE, Henry Bagley, has been seen on the grounds for several successive days.

Curtis Wilson, better known as "Zeke" a graduate of the class of 1924 who also finished at V. M. I. was seen on the school grounds the other day.

Glen Boyd McLeod has arrived at her home in Greensboro after an extended tour abroad. She is a well-known alumna of G. H. S.

A very famed alumnus of G. H. S. is Bruce (Willie) Green now an insurance man in Philadelphia. Willie captained four athletic teams while in G. H S and was a fine success at Duke university.

Two of the class of '31, Bob Settan and Earnest White, are now students in Guilford college. Earnest and Bob are continuing their good newspaper work.

HEY, GIRLS! BOYS CAN COOK, TOO!

Have you heard the latest news from the Boys' Home Economics class? Well, it seems the next work they will take up is cooking. Civilization marches on! Imagine a member of the male sex deftly placing the finishing touches on a cake. And how good that cake would be. With cherries, whipped or spanked cream on top. It is very good for the football boys. (Ask Coach).

I, being a member of the so-called weaker sex heartily congratulate the inaugurators of this scheme. At last the men are put to some use!

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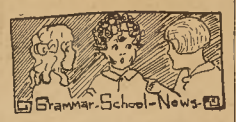

Are you familiar with the magazine entitled *North Carolina Teacher*? In the September issue of this year, appeared a very interesting article by Mr. Harry Spiers, a member of the Aycock grammar school faculty. The article was concerning the fine work that has been done on the *Aycock-a-Doodle-Doo*, their paper. It interests the Senior high school in that every member of the present HIGH LIFE staff was a past staff member of the *Aycock-a-Doodle-Doo*. Another part also concerns Senior high students. If you are interested in writing, do it and send it to HIGH LIFE. All contributions are more than welcomed, Mr. Spiers writes:

"No project, however, can be justified purely because of its financial success; its real success must be determined by the educational advantages."

YELL, STUDENTS, YELL! USE YOUR VOCAL CORDS!

Greensboro high's first pep meeting went over with a bang, but "Oh" how punk we sounded Friday night; at the opening game too. We don't have to yell loud to make a lot of noise in the chapel but students honestly, we wish you would yell at the stadium. We hope that no one will have sore throats on Friday, but make it some yelling Friday night. (It might come in handy on class Monday).

Curtis President Epworth-Hi Dept.

Paul Curtis, senior high student, was elected preesident of the Epworth-Hi department of the West Market Street Methodist church at the annual banquet. Other officers elected were as follows: H. Grady Hardin, secretary; Grace Martin, Nancy Miles, Elizabeth Edgerton, Marie Atkins, and Nan Hardin, vice-presidents.

The program of the evening consisted of a number by Frank Warner entitled "Gas Light." "Spot Light" was the title of a reading by Dot Hanes. Mary Elizabeth Moore spoke on behalf of the department, expressing appreciation of the service rendered by the retiring superintendent, W. K. Hess. Mrs. Tittle will be the new superintendent. Reverend Mr Fletcher Nelson made a short speech which was entitled "Fuel." Reverend Mr. Allen Frew, of the Church-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, made an address on "Shining Afar," which brought the meeting to a close.

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Stay Out of Halls During Lunch

Every year a plea is made to keep the students out of the halls during the lunch periods. It is impossible for a teacher on the first floor of any building to hold a recitation with laughter, talking, and locker-banging going on outside. The Girl's Council and Girl Reserves have been appointed to maintain order in the school and ask for every student's co-operation in helping these groups keep order.

BIG SISTERS PLAN PICNIC TO ENTERTAIN NEW GIRLS

Rebecca Jeffress Elected Representative to Lower House From Girls' Council.

TO KEEP STUDENTS OUT OF HALLS

The Girls' Council met Tuesday afternoon after school for the first meeting of the year, with Josephine Lucas, the president, presiding. Rebecca Jeffress was elected as representative from the council to the lower house. Josephine Lucas was elected as representative to the Student Council at a meeting last fall. The duties for the coming year were discussed, and it was decided that for the first part of the year, at least, the aim of the council would be to get the various committees, that the girls of the school signed up for last year, formed and functioning well, with a teacher sponsoring each committee. This year, as before, the council wil have two meetings a month—one during school hours, and the other after school.

Different plans were discussed for the entertainment which is given each year for the new girls that come over to high school by the Girls' Council and the Big Sisters. The plan for this year's entertainment is a picnic. Details for it will be made later.

The Student Council has given over to the Girls' Council that duty of keeping students out of the halls during the three lunch periods. The girls on duty will appreciate your co-operation as the necessity for quiet is the only reason pupils are not allowed inside.

The members of the council are Josephine Lucas, Marjorie Banker, Dora Lyne Hodgin, Martha Burnett, Rebecca Jeffress, Elizabeth Craven, Selma McDonald Phyllis Morrah, Frances Rogers, and Helen Crutchfield.

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WILL STUDY VOCATIONS

Once more the Senior Hi-Y club has started to function. The club started its activities at the initial meeting on Monday the 14th, and caught a glimpse of the goal for this year's work, which is "to live the Purpose instead of merely talking about it." At the meeting President Bill Venning promised a well rounded program that should bring back all the old members and attract new ones.

Although the first meeting was small, the club shows a fine spirit of support and co-operation to the new president. Everyone was interested in the first meeting and as a result a lively discussion followed.

The program this year is going to be interesting, but it cannot be so if the club does not co-operate, by attending the meetings. A program committee is to be appointed and Frank Warner is positive that he has an abundant supply of speakers. It is possible that the meetings will be given over to a study of the different vocations.

At the end of each discussion a speaker who is well versed on the subject being discussed will give his opinion on the matter. This has many advantages. Aside from making a profitable meeting, all will get an outside and inside view of the vocations.

No definite arrangements have been made about the transferring of memberships. So all boys who have been members of Senior Hi-Y groups elsewhere will please be patient and a decision will be made very soon.

A word to the socially inclined members. President Venning promises the club more social activities this year.

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