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TO PRESENT 'H. M. S. PINAFORE' FRIDAY

E. R. Brietz To Lead Approximately 125 Voices in Operetta

Combating the handicap of the inevitable triangle in what otherwise would be a perfect love affair, Ralph Rackstraw, the hero in the operetta, "H. M. S. Pinafore," to be presented by the vocal music department, November 28, finally succeeds in winning the hand of the fair heroine, Josephine, and will thus bring to a close the first operetta to be presented by the local music group since the depression.

In the Gilbert and Sullivan story, Ralph, an able-bodied seaman, is confronted with the difficulty of winning a girl who is already engaged to Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., First Lord of the Admiralty. Facing what appears to be an insurmountable obstacle, the hero, in the grand finale, learns that he is not of common birth, as was originally supposed, but is of higher origin than the Captain who has forbidden the marriage. All ends well with a triple marriage and everybody on the Pinafore is happy.

Two Performances Scheduled

Two performances, one in the afternoon and the other at 8 p. m., will be presented by the department. E. Raymond Brietz, music instructor, will direct the production. He will be assisted by Adolph Goedecken, David Waltrip, Paul Frazier, Misses Lily Walker, Doris Hutchinson, Ida Belle Moore, and Mrs. Blanche Smith, members of the faculty.

According to the plans of Brietz, two separate casts will be used for the two performances, with Edgar Sikes and Dick Kiser portraying the part of the hero. Annie Laurie Bennett and Dora Lewis have been selected as the heroine, Josephine. Other members of the cast were announced in the last issue of High Life.

The cast will include 125 members of the music classes. Music will be furnished by a combination orchestra from Woman's college and local talent.

150 Scouts To Feature Big Christmas Parade

Approximately 150 girl scouts from all over the city will participate in the merchants' Christmas parade, November 21. These participants will be divided into groups, each suggestive of the officially opened Christmas shopping season.

Other scout activities for the week centered around a new crafts shop opened last week at the city armory for the Greensboro girl scouts. Troops may come here by advanced registration. Miss Mae Hardin and Miss Mildred Childs, directors, teach the use of clay, leather, wood, and metal. The equipment belongs to the scout organization and is kept at old Mill camp for use during the summer.

In addition, 35 senior scouts are continuing their Red Cross first aid course by giving one hour each Monday afternoon to this course. Joel Day directs the group.

Other individual groups, prompted by the season, have had entertainments, such as hikes, weiner roasts, courts of awards and various others.

Industrial Art Students Do Construction Work

Members of the industrial arts classes will be available during the next few months to aid other departments in the school desiring to have woodwork projects constructed, according to an announcement today by Adolph Goedecken, director of the shop activities.

Snapped at Operetta Practice



Stars Designate Rank Of Honor Roll Pupils

Wearing her gold star for the sixth consecutive time, Rachael Whiteside, 12th grade student, heads the list of honor roll students who have received stars since the first report card period. Bobby Clark is the only Greensboro high school student, other than Rachael, to wear a gold pin.

System Includes Three Stars

In explanation of this honor system, Miss Ida Melle Moore, who issues the stars, stated: "After making the honor roll one time, a student has the privilege of wearing a bronze star. This he keeps until he has been placed on the honor roll for six consecutive times. He may then exchange it for a silver star. If, after three more report periods, he still maintains the required average, he receives the distinction of the gold star."

19 Pupils Wear Silver Stars

The following 19 students have received the silver star. They are as follows: Martha S. Koontz, Ann Edmunds, Joan Holleyman, Earle Holliday, Virginia Hunter, Melva Foster, Ruth Winterling, Lolene Harrison, Jeanette Stephenson, Virginia Stoffel, Alice Trospier, Billy Donald, Alyne Roseberry, Oscar Sapp, Anne Newton, Martha Pearson, Bob Perry, and Billie Jean Phipps.

In addition to these named, around 70 students, the majority of them juniors, have secured bronze stars.

English Five Students Start Work in Creative Writing

Under the supervision of Miss Jean Edgerton, a student teacher from Greensboro college, members of the sixth period English class in room 10 began work in creative writing, November 10. They will write original compositions and stories as well as review punctuation and study proper use of picturesque words for their written material.

For the past two weeks, the pupils have studied social letter-writing and various types of discussions. Among the latter, the panel proved most outstanding. The class enjoyed an informal discussion on "Movies as a recreation for high school students" and a panel debate on the question, "Is it worthwhile to continue school-sponsored dances?"

Forensic Society Plans For Local Tournament

To prepare inexperienced members for the local debate tournaments, Martha Ann Moore, program chairman for the forensic society, announced yesterday that approximately 10 contests between individual teams will be held during the next three weeks.

"At the present time, only seven debaters have had necessary training in speech technique, six of whom engaged in the National Forensic league tournament in Asheville, November 15," Chairman Moore declared.

"Twelve local teams will enter the Senior high school practice contests December 6," Martha Ann said.

Hutchinson Asked To Serve On School Study Program

Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, last week asked Miss Doris Hutchinson, school nurse, to serve on a central committee to study the broadening of the school's health and physical education program in relation to the new twelfth grade addition.

The first committee meeting was held in Raleigh, November 13, in the new state office building. K. R. Curtis, of Wilson county, presided, and Dr. Gerald S. Craig, from Columbia university, led the discussion on science. Meetings will be held at intervals throughout the year.

Other physical education people on the committee include Charles Spencer and Miss Olive Brown, from the state department of public instruction, and Miss Ethel Martus, from Woman's college.

Dramatists Seek Roles In Playmasters Production

"Second Fiddle," a farce in three acts by Guernesie Le Pilly, will be presented in the near future under the auspices of Playmasters, senior dramatic society, announced Paul Frazier, dramatic coach today.

A number of girls sought one of the feminine parts of the cast which includes the parts of Minnie, Aunt Miriam, Joan, Janet, Dorothy and Mrs. Keeler, while the male dramatist tried out for the roles of Wilbur, the butler, Harold, the hero, and Mr. Cronch, a lawyer.

New Dramatic Society Makes Campus Debut

To answer the need for an organization for those seniors who desire to take part in dramatics at Senior high school but who are not yet eligible for Playmasters, a new society will make its debut on the local campus this year.

Appropriately named Senior Dramatic club, the society will be the next step up from Thalia's, junior organization. Club members, who meet every other Tuesday, will welcome all seniors interested in dramatics.

Add 39 New Books To Library Shelves

Thirty nine books have recently been added to the library shelves, Mrs. Beatrice Hall, librarian, stated in a report to the office this week. In answer to a plea to find lost books, the school librarian also stated that 20 had been located and returned.

Include Wide Variety

Included on the list of recent additions are books of a wide variety—history, fiction, encyclopedias and several trail-blazing novels.

One of the most popular of the recent additions to the library shelves is "Nolichucky Jack," a book filled with adventure and suspense, which traces the exploits of John Sevier, American hero of the early Revolutionary period. Another favorite, "The Hollow Reed," gives the reader a new sense of enjoyment in reading poetry. It includes models from great master poets as well as experimental work by apprentice writers.

Book For Every Interest

A partial list of new books follows: Assigned to Adventure, How to Be a Fashion Designer, Introduction to American Forestry, Northanger Abbey, Houseboat on the Styx, The Fleet Today, What Every Woman Knows, How to Be an Army Officer, Men of Mathematics, Jane Eyre, Martha Berry, Dolly Madison, and Ocean Gold.

Author of 'Merry Go Round' Reveals Early Experiences

"Success as a journalist means hard work at the office by day and pounding a typewriter at night," Drew Pearson, a well-known writer and co-author of the nationally famous "Washington Merry-Go-Round," a syndicated newspaper column which is printed in 360 papers in the United States and Canada, told a High Life reporter in an interview recently when Mr. Pearson visited Greensboro.

Talks to Club

Pearson talked at a recent meeting of the Executives club, and granted an interview to Bill Andrews, junior member of the school paper staff.

While in high school Pearson became editor of his school paper and repeated this job while in college. Beginning his actual newspaper career at the age of 14, Mr. Pearson desired to enter the diplomatic service and to fulfill his early desire to travel. In preparation for his work, he entered the editorial room of a Philadelphia paper; however, as he became so impressed by his job he abandoned his early inclinations and began to devote himself to being a good news reporter.

Finds Partner

When Pearson met his partner, Robert S. Allen, he found that they both

Employment Bureau To Locate Positions For Student Workers

To solve the employment problem of Senior high school students and to help them make the proper connections with local industries and business houses, George L. Sandvig and A. S. Proctor, of the school faculty, began last week to organize a bureau to secure jobs for interested pupils.

Student, Employer To Benefit

According to Directors Sandvig and Proctor, the new placement bureau will be of mutual benefit to student worker and employer. It is expected also that every high school student who desires to work will be given an opportunity to do so.

To determine the personal characteristics of each pupil, the directors had members of the student body supply necessary information on blank forms early last week. From these cards Messrs. Sandvig and Proctor will endeavor to find a job that is suitable for the individual personality of each worker. According to present plans, local firms will secure students to work in the afternoons, on Saturdays and during vacation periods.

To Be Decided Asset

"Through this new set-up a central employment office can be maintained at Senior high school," Mr. Proctor explained, in commenting on the plan this morning. "We believe that such a bureau will be a decided asset to every boy and girl who seeks employment. Also it will provide local business men with employees of high character and ones who, he knows through experience, have received proper technical training," he concluded.

At the present time 18 student workers are engaged in the local diversified occupations program, while 20 more now work through the distributive education department of the city schools.

According to Mr. Proctor, the present demand for student part-time employment has increased steadily during the year.

Author of 'Merry Go Round' Reveals Early Experiences

had worked on competitive papers in Washington. Their famous column was first written as a book, Mr. Pearson declared.

At the beginning of the Nazi uprisings in Germany, Mr. Allen was stationed there, and, as a result, gained a quick and complete picture of the early conditions which let Hitler rise to power. Both Pearson and Allen are considered authorities on political affairs and because of their wide experience, they are frequently in demand as lecturers.

Dr. Hudson Vaccinates Students at G. H. S.

Approximately three-fourths of the student body were vaccinated for smallpox, November 13, by Dr. C. C. Hudson of the city health department. Mrs. Margaret Dolan, school nurse, assisted Dr. Hudson with the vaccinations.

As inoculation for smallpox is necessary every five years and since a person must be vaccinated before entering college, Dr. Hudson and Mrs. Dolan made a special visit to the school to give injections to members of the graduating senior class. However, many juniors also received the treatment.