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## Teen Age Problems

### Where To Go and What To Do

Probably the most frequent and troublesome question on a date is, "Where in the world can we go?" and "What's doin' tonight?" Because of the lack of a good "hang out" for Greensboro daters, many a good hour is wasted making that decision.

Since the decision is left up to individual couples concerning their evening's entertainment, many headaches occur when brain-racking for date pastimes is in order. . . . So, why not gang up on this O. P. M. situation and throw open a private home ever so often to provide a means of refuge from a night of boredom? If girls would take turns offering their homes as gang round-ups, a main part of the problem would be solved.

For many girls it is hard to escape from home without a complete itinerary submitted to the parents, so such a solution would be welcomed from all sides.

If this idea is a flop, try triple dating with a certain objective in mind, such as bowling, or any other sport which is practical.

Next time the question, "Where can we go?", pops up, slap it down with a quick decision and don't waste any time. Fun can be had just by the asking, if plans are made in advance.

## Not All of Mother Nature's Nuts Grow on Trees in the Fall

"Autumn in all her glory—leaves of red and gold, brisk breezes whipping through half-dead trees, furry squirrels gathering nuts for the winter, pumpkins on the vine" . . . this is the fall of tradition and of the poets.

But there is another side to this Indian summer business—the human side. All of Mother Nature's nuts do not grow on trees; there may be one sitting next to you. You have seen them; perhaps you are one of the number. As the leaves change color, these ordinarily normal students become nature addicts. They take to the open country, in conversation at least. They constantly extoll the virtues of Mother Nature and her cohorts. They spout pastoral poetry at the drop of a leaf. They are this world's "special edition" nuts.

As they come to school, they rave about the fine, invigorating tang in the air. They boast of their long hikes and of their hunting prowess. But when the less hardy students seek a place at the radiators on these cold mornings, there is no room: the pioneers have confiscated all the available space.

## Poet's Corner

### WINTER MISTS

Softly . . . pearly gray winter mists hover  
Over rustling amber leaves which cover the earth.

And more softly murmuring leaves speak  
Of Autumn when drifting leaves seek the earth.

And still softer winter mists seep  
And bring to the souls of those who sleep  
beneath . . . the earth.

—Daisy Belle Anderson.

## Jabberwacky Lingo Translates Modern English Into Popular Slangue

Jabberwacky, which might otherwise be called "slanguage," originated, as did the jitterbug rage, when some modern-minded youth used short-cut abbreviations to express what he had to say.

Thus jabberwacky has become, through popular use of the wacky slanguage thousands of times daily, a part of high school students' vocabulary.

It could not survive if the language was left to develop at a normal rate of speed, but there is no fear that modern slang will die, because each time a high school student opens his mouth, either a slang expression or an original interpretation of an idea is uttered.

For instance, if the expression, "Is that the truth?" were left up to a slang enthusiast to translate, he would say, "No Flit" or "Are you kiddin' me?", or perhaps "Are you birdin', kid?" Such expressions as "Well, cut off my legs and call me Shorty," which expresses surprise, and "Let's jive around to the gyp joint and gulp down a mug of

## Pupils Prescribe Peppy Pieces for a Pleasing Publication

According to "them that reads it," High Life is plenty good, but "it ain't what it could be."

A recent poll of opinion revealed that 65 per cent of the publication's readers agree with the above statement, 20 per cent believe that it is just about as good now as they want it, while 15 per cent either think it's dry and dull or don't think at all.

A vast majority feel that pep is what the paper needs. They recommend harder hitting editorials. They declare themselves disinterested in what happens outside the school unless it is of special interest to them as high school students.

### Like Features, Sport Page

However, the subscribers have many good things to say about High Life. They like the sports page, they like the new and ultra-modern "Teen Age Problems," and they enjoy the snappy "Scriptease."

One boy, when asked what he thought of the journal, exclaimed, "No kidding, it's the finest scholastic newspaper that I have ever seen, and believe you me, I have been kicked out of the best schools in the country." Taking an opposite view, though, was a lassie who moaned, "It's too dead. I think it needs more pep and more interesting stories. I would like to see more about senior high school students and less about 'outstanding personalities.'"

High Life takes notice.



Congratulations to Charlie Edwards on his election as vice-president of the state student council congress. It seems that Greensboro receives more than its share of honors when the laurels are being distributed.

The student council should be commended on the fine work it did during the Social Standards conference last week. Daisy Belle Anderson and her welcoming committee deserve praise for helping to make the program run more smoothly.

This corner wonders why more students don't try out for the comedy, "Second Fiddle," to be presented by Paul Frazier and his dramatic club sometime in the near future. Speaking as the voice of experience, we can tell you it's really fun, even if you can't act. According to Mr. Frazier, very few people have tried out for the various parts, and there is still time for those who are interested to participate.

This corner believes that it is feeling the public pulse when it makes the statement that all the high school lads and lassies are now ready for another dance. The tea affair sponsored by the council in October was a big success and the students are itching for another one. This council has kept up with the times, so far. How about it, folks?

In this connection it is interesting to note that one of the junior English classes recently conducted a panel discussion on the value of school dancing. It was the opinion of the group that school-sponsored dances should be continued.

## Scriptease

November . . . winter coming . . . too much turkey . . . cranberry sauce . . . Christmas parade . . . term papers . . . conference football games . . . thoughts on Christmas . . . wondering when report cards are issued.

As the little boy said while surveying the beautiful Thanksgiving feast before him, "All this, then turkey stew!"

For those who wonder what we have to be thankful for, we at least have a day to be thankful for what we're thankful!

### Let's Talk Turkey

This year when  
Do we give thanks,—  
On Pilgrims' day . . .  
Or cousin Frank's?

### Unprintable

We could tell an amusing tale of two girls who made the trip to the debating tournament at Asheville. But it wouldn't be nice to relate how they went wading . . . in the middle of November . . . in a mountain stream and were forced to "swim out." Also we won't say that one false step on a slick rock was too much.

### POEM

Hiking trip,  
Slippery rock;  
False step—  
Icy shock!

### Congratulations

Hats off to the Social Standards committee, which carried out their program without once getting locked in the building.

### G. H. S. Goes Athletic

Main sport of the less hardy members of the student body these days is bowling. Every day a group of students journey to one of the local alleys to bowl them over. It is to this group we dedicate this bit of rhyme:

Bowling's simple,  
So they talk;  
Get a sample—  
Then try to walk!

### Speaking of the "Land of the Sky" Trip

The citizens of Asheville did something for which this city should feel grateful. The representatives from Greensboro, seven of them, including the adviser, lodged at one of the city's best hotels for two nights. All this cost the visitors from Senior high nothing. That's what we call real "mountain hospitality."

### Conversation of Two Journalists:

First newshawk: High Life!  
Second Bird: 'Bye Life!

### Dirty Dig of the Week

The soldiers aren't the only ones who are practicing "special maneuvers" these days!

The fall German at Chapel Hill attracted quite a group of local debs. Many of them came back with gleaming pins and beaming grins.

### GRIDIRON EPIC

Gal, so diz,  
Football hero;  
Pop quiz:  
Both made zero!

Which reminds us: Whose Pop is Pop Quiz? We can't think of anybody that will claim him!

### Autobiography Department

Daffynition of an autobiography: the story of a T-model.

Some quite interesting facts can be gleaned from this year's crop of senior lives. But, as Earle Holliday says, the best parts have been censored!

### Dedicated to Mrs. Blackburn and Her Boa-Constrictor

Big snake,  
No fake!  
Makes girls  
Shiver and quake. —S. S.

### Presenting Scriptease's Own "Poets Cornered"

I think that I shall never see  
A girl like that one next to me:  
She primps all day, dances all night,  
She combs her hair in public sight,  
Her saddle shoes are never clean,  
She is as sloppy as I've seen;  
But hear, friends, this fact not jocular:  
This young belle is always popular!

But that's life, so Scriptease will do its last tease until next time . . .

## For the Courageous Shall Receive Both Congratulation And Condemnation

Emblazoned on the front page of the *Hi-Rocket*, newspaper of nearby Durham high school, is a two-column editorial named "The Will of the People." According to this editorial, democracy is facing its biggest test in Durham: a test coming as a result of ridicule in the election of class officers. This paper mines no words in its condemnation of the farce that was called an election, and displays amazing courage—courage which is destined for a severe test by many who fear the truth in its words. This student paper has fulfilled in part the biggest duty of a school paper, that of pointing out the faults in a school and doing something about them. The staff of the Durham paper deserves a salute from every student newspaper seeking to benefit its school.

## Do You Want a Job?

When local officials established an employment bureau at Senior high school recently, one of the most important steps in the advancement of the vocational department was taken. This action opens a new field of opportunity to students wishing to secure positions with downtown business firms.

Also pupils desiring part-time, Christmas, or permanent jobs in this city may secure them through this new set-up. Already jobs for 18 diversified occupations students and 13 distributive education students have been secured in business houses.

## That Military Feeling

Recently, *Time*, the popular magazine, reported that Harvard and Yale students, representatives of the highest intellectual collegiate group in the entire country, were decidedly in favor of immediate entrance into the war against Germany. Such a change in opinion, the magazine revealed, became evident almost overnight and was not the popular sentiment in the two schools until recently.

It is quite interesting to note that in 1940 the survey of Senior high students and the one made then at the two great universities coincided—the high school students here were as much against the nation's entrance into the war as was the Harvard and Yale survey.

However, the present feelings of the students seem to be more in harmony with their college friends' newer reaction. At the present time it is apparent that the students' opinions are in step not only with those of other high school students but with those of a great many American citizens. What this means or may mean, *HIGH LIFE* is not qualified to state.