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Half-Century of Progress Is Shown

Superintendent Gives Outline of Education at Greensboro

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK

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Although the Greensboro Graded School was the first such school in the State of North Carolina (1870) and included some high school work, it was so recent that a member (Dr. Henry Louis Smith) of the first class (1877) is still living among us. It was located on Lindsay Street.

The one-room brick building which was taken over by the city was, under contract with Seymour Stelle and C. N. McAdoo, enlarged into a two-story, five-room building with a chapel.

The first faculty was as follows: Jesse R. Wharton, Principal, and Misses Sallie Brent, Priscilla Macon and Annie Litchford, teachers. The enrollment was nearly 200. There were eight grades and the term was eight months.

In 1875 the city charter was revised to make more adequate provision for the school. The following year the election was held and the act ratified with only eight votes cast in opposition.

In 1876, Percy Street Graded School for colored children was opened.

Expansion of the Lindsay Street School came in 1887. It was called a "handsome brick building" with modern school furniture and with a seating capacity of 583.

With the extension of the city limits to a two-mile square in 1891, additional schools for white and colored, respectively, were located south of the Southern Railway, thus giving Greensboro four graded schools, two for each race.

Belleview School on McCulloch Street became so crowded that a bond issue in the amount of \$9,000

Orations Sponsored By American Legion

The thirteenth annual National High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, will be held in Senior High School on February 15, it was announced by Miss Mozelle Causey. Students enrolled in high school during the current year are eligible to compete.

The subject to be used in the contest for 1950 must be on some phase of the United States Constitution which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The contestant will prepare an original oration along this line, and it must not require less than ten nor more than twelve minutes for delivery.

The contest will involve a second part, which is to be the delivery of an extemporaneous oration, not consuming less than four nor more than six minutes for delivery. The purpose of the extemporaneous oration is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject and the extent of his research, and his ability to extemporaneously discuss the subject as related to the basic principles of the government under the Constitution.

The subject for the extemporaneous feature will be made known to each contestant approximately six minutes before the time of delivery. The subject will be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States. This will require each entrant to be thoroughly familiar with each Article and Amendment to the Constitution in order to intelligently present the oration.

After the local contest, the City-County competition will be held on February 20, with the winners from the various local groups competing. That winner will then go to the state contest to be held in Raleigh. Last year, Thomas Ginis ranked as regional winner here and was privileged to go to the state run-off.

was authorized in 1893 for the erection of the Asheboro Street Graded School. State Superintendent Mebone said, "It is one of the handsomest and best equipped public school buildings in the state." The seating capacity of this school was 361.

The Warnersville School was built in 1892 with a seating capacity of 144.

Lindsay Street School had outgrown its facilities. In 1899 the Catholic Church building adjoining was purchased for the higher grades, and with Samuel Smith as the first principal and George A. Grimsley as the superintendent, was begun the public high schools as a separate department.

Edgar D. Broadhurst succeeded Smith as principal in 1900. He later became superintendent (1902-04) and still later as Board of Education member (1925-32) was leader of a large school expansion program.

A school was opened in the Curry building of the State Normal Institute in 1902 for children in the western section of the city. It had

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Blanche Smith Lists Student Exemptions

Exemptions for examinations for the first semester have been announced by Mrs. Blanche Smith, faculty adviser of honor roll. Fifty-three students at G. H. S. are able to exempt examinations.

Students who are gold-star wearers and who take five major subjects may exempt two subjects. Ann Allred, Margaret Pearce, Emma Belle Pickett, and Doris Hill may exempt two subjects.

The following students who are gold-star wearers and who have only four majors, or students who are silver-star wearers may exempt one subject. Students who may exempt one subject are the following:

Jerry Ann Moore, Betty Mitchell, Elaine Leonard, Betty Jones, Georgia Smith, Norman Schlosser, Marie Sizemore, Bill Tutterow, Henrietta Bell, Julia Thomas, Becky Squires, Lyndon Anthony, Bobby Brown, Betty Jo Benfield, Betsy Wright, Jody Wilkinson, Barbara Hutton, Ellen Holt, Ruth Hawkins, Thomas Ginis, Edwin Boyd, Nancy Benson, Elinor Wrenn, Rowland Wisseman, Fred Upchurch, Mary C. Clymer, Edith Trosper, Jeanne Martin, Alex Panas, Tom Neal, Jr., Sue Purdum, Nancy Lou Faust, Billy Ferguson, Marion Faison, Ann Edwards, Frank Hough, Jo Ann Moore, Frankie Ogburn, Elizabeth McPheeters, Billy Wrenn, Hope Brown, Sallie Gray Hicks, Frances Dixon, Donald Johnson, Nancy Hudson, Jim Fulton, Evelyn Dermatis, Connie Curry, and Billy Crowder.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Examination period	Date to be taken	Time to be taken
6th period exam	Friday, January 20,	1:45-3:15
1st period exam	Monday, January 23,	9:00-10:30
2nd period exam	Monday, January 23,	10:45-12:15
3rd period exam	Tuesday, January 24,	9:00-10:30
4th period exam	Tuesday, January 24,	10:45-12:15
5th period exam	Tuesday, January 24,	10:45-12:15
7th period exam	Wednesday, January 25,	9:00-10:30

Registration for second semester

Seniors	Thursday, January 26,	8:45
Juniors	Thursday, January 26,	10:00
Sophomores	Thursday, January 26,	1:00



All hail to thee, our Alma Mater strong. We'll sing thy praise through all our days, with this triumphant song. All hail to thee, and as the days go by, we'll pledge our faith and love and loyalty—Greensboro Senior High. (Senior's new alma mater by Herbert Hazelman.) (Photo by Charles Mansfield, staff photographer.)

Interviews Tell Changes As Senior Progresses

Many changes and improvements have taken place at Senior during the past few years. Not only changes in the school system and in the appearance of G. H. S., but changes in the different student bodies.

Among those who have actually seen improvements in the making are Senior's "faithfuls," Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon, Mrs. Nellie D. Blackburn, and Miss Ida Belle Moore. Along with these is Mr. R. Thorpe Jones, a new teacher here at Senior, who hopes to be among those to see more changes for the better in the future.

Miss Blackmon graduated from Lancaster High School, Lancaster, S. C., College for Women, Columbia University, North Carolina College for Women, and Eastern Carolina Teachers College. She has taught history, geography, and government.

Mrs. Blackburn graduated from Concord High School; attended Leinor Rhyne and summer sessions at Columbia University, Woman's Col-

GREENSBORO FIRST

- Graded City Schools (1870)
- Cafeteria (1919)
- Diversified Occupations (1935)
- Creative Art (1936)
- Distributive Education (1937)
- College Day (1930?)
- Social Standards Day (1931)
- Veterans Education Program (1945)
- Televised School Program (1949)
- Industrial Arts (1930)
- Credit for Boy Scout Attainment (1936)
- Graduation Requirement (1939)
- Permit for F.M. Broadcasting Station (1949)
- Stadium (1939, completed 1949)

lege, and the University of North Carolina. She has taught general science and biology. Having charge of the girls' athletic program, she originated the point system for girls.

The above two feel that opportunities now are better, there are more versatile student bodies and better student leaders. The most outstanding change is the much broader curriculum. Take, for instance, the D.E.-D.O. program, the courses offered in Bible, art, printing, and music; the better facilities and buildings are better preparation for college, greater freedom, and the added outside activities.

Miss Moore graduated from Burgaw High School, attended Woman's College and Columbia University. Her "specialty" is Math.

She feels the most outstanding improvement is the varied and extensive curriculum. She stated that students of the past were more serious-minded and seemed to have more respect for each other and for their student government. However, the students of today are more well-rounded and are more able to meet situations as they come up.

Mr. Jones, teacher of Industrial Art and Diversified Occupations, stated that he looked around and found Senior to be "the best place" in which to teach. He is glad that he is here and is very well pleased with G. H. S.

He went to school in Boynton, Virginia (close to Buggs Island), graduated from N. C. State, and served in the Navy for three years.

Even the good-natured jokers of long standing at Senior have noticed changes in their fellow students throughout the short(?) time they have spent at good ol' Senior. And how they love their school! Why, they wouldn't think of leaving for another couple of years! (Beware, you teachers!) Among these students who stick to G. H. S. as flies stick to flypaper are George Younts, Charlie Wagner, Charlie Kennedy, and several others.

That's all right, boys, G. H. S. (girls, that is) love you too.

All library books belonging to Senior High School Library must be turned in by 3:30 on Monday, January 30, 1950. A part of the annual inventory will be taken during exam week. A fine of 25 cents per day per book will be charged during exam week beginning on January 30.

(Signed) Mildred C. Herring, Librarian.

Senior Has Passed Various Milestones After Fifty Years

At this half-century mark, 1950, the steps of progress at G. H. S. are many. In the past fifty years, Greensboro High School has moved from Spring Street to the ample campus site of Westover Terrace. The massive three-story main (Administration) building, the two-story smaller science building and the cafeteria building, which were all three completed in 1929, replaced an overcrowded frame building. The newer two-story vocational building is Senior's most modern building, and it was built nine years ago.

Last Year's Progress Greatest

The greatest progress in many years has come to G. H. S. during the past year. Many outstanding features have been added during the past twelve months.

Annual Is Big Accomplishment

One of the long-fought-for desirable things at Senior is the new annual, the *Whirligig*, whose first publication will be this May. The *Whirligig* staff editors, Fred Upchurch and Carolyn Birgel, and business manager, Lining Burnett, have done an excellent job. This yearbook is said to be one of the finest in the United States.

New Stadium Gains More Fans

Another big boon granted to G.H.S.'ers by civic-minded citizens is the new high school stadium, field house and press box. This past season was the first to make use of the outstandingly superior stadium.

New Classes Added

Next semester, there will be several new classes offered to augment the curriculum of Greensboro High. Possible formation of a dramatics class, long advocated and voiced recently in *High Life*, seems available. A course in Shakespeare will also be taught. Through the years many classes have been added. A few of them are D.O., D.E., band, orchestra, woodworking, shop, Bible, advanced math and many others.

Driving Class May Be Reality

There has been for some time talk about a driving class at the high school in which teen-agers could be taught fundamentals in safe driving and in correct driving. The school board has approved such a course. Local firms have donated materials, thus making this course possible. Sonny Oil Company has donated gas and oil; Ingram Motor Company has offered the use of an automobile, and the Police Department will provide a competent instructor. The class will, necessarily, be limited. This will be only a six-weeks course and it will carry no credit.

Improved Lockers Begin School Year

During the summer, a crew of workers renovated the student lockers. New locks had been placed upon them and they were re-stenciled. The greatest improvement has been the rust-proofing of them.

Sidewalk Paving A Convenience

Another job accomplished during the vacation months this past summer was that of the additional paving of sidewalks. This included the borders of Westover Terrace from the Science Building steps to the corner and from the Vocational Building to that corner.

Youth Center Still Going Strong

The Greensboro Youth Center, said to be the best in the entire South, was the project several years ago by the Student Council at Senior. Many name bands have been to the Center, and school functions and club meetings are often held at the "Loft."

New Radio Station Nears Completion

WGFS, the FM station at Senior, is nearing completion. It has been announced that all carpentry work has been completed and that other work will soon be done. The station's studio is located in the Green Room below the stage.