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Heath And Varner Sing, Win Torchlight Omnibus

In the annual Torchlight Talent Show presented Tuesday, April 5, in the school auditorium, Don Heath and Jerry Varner won the first prize of \$10. The boys sang "Sweet Lips" an original composition by Don Heath, who accompanied himself on the electric guitar.

With the playing of "Tuxedo Junction," the senior jazz band, the Melotones, took second prize, and Jean Ogburn and Ruth Hunt received honorable mention for their rag doll tap dance interpretation of "No More."

Judging the group were Miss Pat Basinger, of the City Recreation Department, Mrs. Luther Blue, youth worker at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, and Mr. Harold Hipps, assistant pastor and youth worker of the West Market Street Methodist Church.

Other acts included in the talent show were Randy Dodson playing "Star Dust" on the piano, Carol Stout, doing a whistling pantomime of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," Jerry Mann, accompanied by Helen White, singing "Because of You," and Agnes Tate and Jimmy Stanley indulging on a jazz dancing routine. Warren Wall tap danced to "Five Foot Two." The Queen's Men sang "Clementine," the sophomore band played their version of the jazz number, "Shake, Rattle, and Roll." Ruby Hohn accompanied on the piano by Ruby Huff sang "Open Up Your Heart." Singing "Sincerely" were Janice and Ruth Matthews accompanied by Junie Faye Blake.

The variety show was narrated by Bob Grant, a member of Torchlight Honor Society.

Each student paid 25 cents to see the performances. This is the only paid regular assembly, and the proceeds will go for a Torchlight Scholarship. It will be awarded to some member of the Senior Class on Awards Day.

Student Literary Work To Be Published Soon

HOMESPUN, Senior High School's literary magazine sponsored by the Quill and Scroll members of GHS, is scheduled to come out late this month. The magazine contains poems, essays, short-stories, and sketches which are written and submitted by the students who wish to have their creative work published.

Parents, Teachers Elect Mrs. McConnell Prexy

Mrs. J. Dan McConnell was recently elected president for the coming two years of the Greensboro Council of PTA and will be installed in May.

The Greensboro Council serves as a general council for the 21 city school PTA organizations.

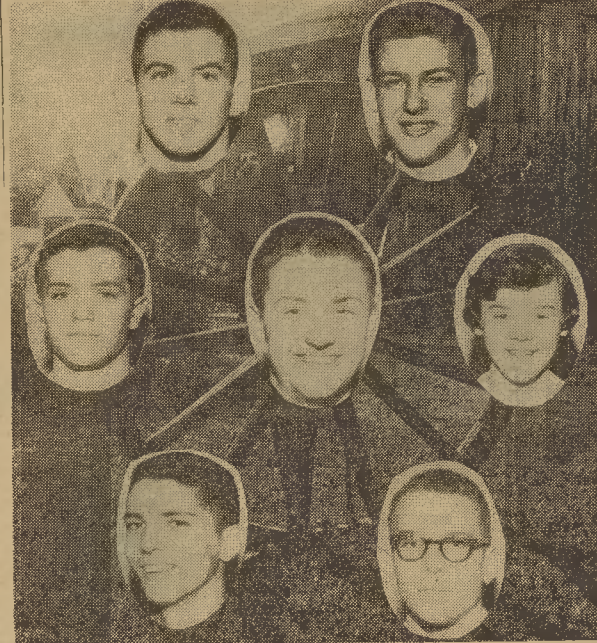
Other officers elected were Mrs. J. Q. Seawell Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. W. H. McCuiston, second vice-president; Mrs. R. Kennedy Harris, recording secretary, and Mrs. Hoyle, corresponding secretary. Carry-over officers include Mrs. J. M. Dodson, third vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Freedman, fourth vice-president; and Mrs. S. A. Helms, treasurer. These and the new officers make up the executive board.

Mrs. McConnell states, "The Parent Teacher Association is a service organization with its purpose to make better homes, and a better community. There are 12,000 members here in Greensboro alone. Our potentiality for service is too limited."

Mrs. McConnell was asked to join the PTA in 1942, before her oldest daughter started to school. Since that time, she has been an active member of the organization, serving as vice-president of the Greensboro Council of PTA for two years, vice-president of the Senior High PTA for two years. (Continued on Page Eight)

Groome Selected Student Body Head; Classes Choose Robinson and O'Brien

Approximately 1,500 students cast their vote for the candidate of their choice on April 1 when school wide elections were held. Houston Groome was elected to be president of the GHS student body beginning next September. The president of next year's Senior Class will be Dick Robinson, and Bill O'Brien will be president of the rising Junior Class. Named as



Above is the wheel which will be the nucleus of GHS's student government beginning next September. The hub about which the wheel will revolve is the president of the student body, Houston Groome. The names of the newly elected officers are, clockwise, Bob Herford, vice-president of the student body; Maxine Callisher, school secretary; Tom Hudgins, GHS treasurer; Manly Dodson, traffic chief; Dick Robinson, president of the rising Senior Class; and Bill O'Brien, president of the rising Junior Class.

For the position of Senior High treasurer, neither of the opposing candidates had a majority in the school wide elections held on Friday, April 1. Monday a special vote was taken, and Tom Hudgins won out over Mary Lou Hutton.

vice-president of the student body was Bob Herford. Maxine Callisher will be the school secretary, and Manly Dodson will assume the duties of traffic chief. Tom Hudgins was voted to be the next treasurer of Senior High School.

Houston Groome defeated John Gardiner, who has been president of his Sophomore and Junior Class. Dick Robinson, defeated John Horney for the office of Senior Class president.

Vice-president of the Senior Class and Junior Class, respectively, will be Jim Martin and Libby Garvin. Shirley Smith and Camille Merriman were named as secretaries. Treasurers elected for the next year classes were Robert Hewett and Susan Martens.

Representatives from the rising Senior Class who will sit on the Student Council next year are Leon Boggs, Wayne Griffin, Gail Kirkman, Zade Turner, Janie Walters and Bill Williamson.

Bob Baynes, Susan Brooks, Buck Hoyle, Nancy Lambeth, Jane Lynch, Karle Ray, Harriet Wells, and Pete Wyrick are members of the rising Junior Class who will represent the juniors in the Student Council next year.

Results of the elections were announced last Friday night by Miss Dorothy McNairy, adviser to the elections committee. Aiding Miss McNairy in the elections were Rob Pearce, chairman of the elections committee, Phyllis Brooks, Jimmy Jordan, Sue Simmons, and Bob Cowan.

"Installation of the new officers will be held in May, and they will begin their duties in September when the 1955-56 school term opens," said Mr. A. P. Routh, principal.

Martin To Edit High Life During Next School Year

Filling the top position for 1955-1956 on the HIGH LIFE staff will be Jim Martin, taking over the job of this year's editor, Martha Ann Burnet.

Donna Oliver and Diane Schwartz will be the two associate editors, and taking the responsibility of managing editor will be Dick Robinson. Mary Lou Hutton will be business manager, and Ginger Bass, advertising manager.

As leading member of the staff, Jim's duties will include the responsibility of printing negotiations, and general production management of HIGH LIFE. On his shoulder will rest all the major decisions.

The duties of the associate editors are headline supervision, feature assignments, and make-up. The job of the managing editor will be heading the news staff and assisting publication. Ad planning and make-up will be the business of the advertising manager, while financial matters will be handled by the business manager.

Jim, a rising senior, served this year on the sports and news staffs taking care of assembly reports and special sports assignments. In his junior high days at Gillespie Park, he served as associate editor of the GILLESPIAN. In addition to his journalistic interests, Jim is a participator of the golf team. He also makes honor roll.

Jim was recently elected vice-president of the Senior Class.

Donna, also a rising senior, served HIGH LIFE this year in the capacity of assistant editor. In recognition of her journalistic achievements this year, Donna was inducted into Quill and Scroll. She wears a silver star.

Feature editor of HIGH LIFE this year was Diane Schwartz. As a result of her work in journalism, she was also taken into Quill and

Scroll. Diane has a silver star, also.

Dick is active in school politics, having been treasurer of his sophomore class and now treasurer of the school. He has held the position of news editor this year. Dick too has a silver star.

In the past election Dick was chosen president of the Senior Class.

The business staff will be headed by Mary Lou Hutton. (Continued on Page Eight)

April 25 Deadline In Annual Story Contest

Monday, April 25, is the deadline for entrants in the annual O. Henry Short Story Contest.

The contest is open to seniors only. The requirements are that the stories be original, and be typed. Stories must be turned in to Miss Mims in room-300 no later than April 25.

A \$25 war bond for the first place entry and \$15 cash for the second place entry will be presented to the winners on Awards Day. The stories may be any length.

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School Views Convention, Selects Names For Ballot

March 29 students at GHS witnessed the annual electoral convention, consisting of an assembly followed by a meeting of the delegates, at which they placed the two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes on the ballot.

Tabulating on the board during assembly were Jimmy Jordan and Sue Simmons. The parliamentarians included Miss McNairy, Student Council advisor, Margie Boren and Phyllis Brooks, and Miss Causey, speech instructor.

Roll Call

Following the parliamentary procedure, Rob Pearce, Senior Class president, introduced Gail Kirkman, school secretary, who called the roll of the delegates.

At the second roll call during the assembly programs, nominations were open from the floor for president of the student body. Candidates nominated were Bill Franklin, John Gardiner, and Houston Groome.

With the third roll call, Houston Groome, received the greatest number of votes and was placed first on the voting ballot. John Gardiner, received the most votes on the second roll call, and was placed second on the ballot.

Nominations for vice-president of the student body were given at the next roll call. Nominees were Lisa Anderson, Nestus Gurley, and Bob Herford.

With the second roll call for vice-president, Bob Herford was placed first on the voting ballot, and Lisa Anderson was placed on it second.

After assembly the delegates met in the auditorium to finish placing the nominees on the ballots. Maxine Callisher and Liz Sutton were placed on the ballot for secretary of the student body.

With the roll call for treasurer of the student body, the voting

was deadlocked twice between the three candidates, Mary Lou Hutton, Tom Hudgins, and Jack Jessup. Mary Lou Hutton was elected on the third ballot after the deadlocks.

At the fourth and fifth roll call the voting was deadlocked between Tom and Jack. The delegates decided on a direct primary, but later decided to place all three students on the ballot.

Nominees for traffic chief of GHS were Manly Dodson, Charles Pemberton, and David Wible. Manly Dodson was placed first on the ballot with David Wible placed second.

John Horney and Dick Robinson were placed on the ballot for president. (Continued on Page Six)

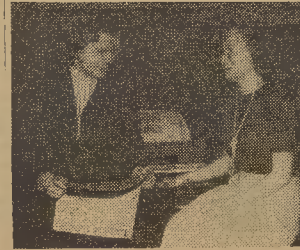
Matherly Gets Grant Available To Seniors

Jerry Matherly, senior, received a telegram March 22, stating that he had won a General Motors scholarship valued at approximately \$700 a year to Wake Forest College.

In order to hold his scholarship, Jerry must maintain a scholastic average in the upper quarter of his class. While majoring in English, he plans to take two foreign languages during his freshman year.

Jerry, who was at Wake Forest March 19, was interviewed by a panel of professors who gave him oral and vocabulary examinations.

At Senior High, Jerry is in Torchlight, Quill and Scroll, assistant editor of HOMESPUN, and a staff writer for WHIRLIGIG. He is on the Class Day and Washington committees, treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Young Writers, and was elected most intellectual by the Senior Class.



Slaving over printing problems that arise in the publication of a newspaper are the students who will fill the key positions on next year's HIGH LIFE staff. Left to right they are Diane Schwartz and Donna Oliver, who will serve in the capacity of associate editors, and Jim Martin, who takes the position of editor. With their hands in the money are business manager, Mary Lou Hutton, and advertising manager, Ginger Bass.