

High Times Editorials

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TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

There are doors one does not open
In the chambers of the mind,
Closed and the keys discarded
For the rust of years to find.

Yet, when the time has reached the hour,
Like the chiming of a clock,
Memory picks up the key
And turns it in the lock.

— Dorothy Moffatt

THOUGHTS ON BECOMING A SENIOR

As I look toward being a Senior, I see a bright new year unfolding before me. All the routine occurrences of the school year take on a new meaning. I can feel the tense excitement of my last Homecoming Game. My own classmates are the heroes of the game, and the crown of the Homecoming Queen is placed on the head of a friend I have known since kindergarten days.

As time moves on, the thrill of another triumphant Junior-Senior play is soon past, and I am swept into the stream of busy winter activities. Basketball season seems to end in no time, and talk of the Junior-Senior prom has already begun. I smile at the memory of the fun and work that went into planning my Junior-Senior.

Slowly the end of twelve incredible years approaches. Letter Day arrives, and I can feel the tears rising as the Alma Mater is sung for the last time. Finally, graduation arrives. Where could the last four years have disappeared to? Can the happy times at SHS really be over?

In most respects, I suppose my last year at SHS will resemble those of many other students who have long since left the crowded halls and banging lockers of high school. I can't help but feel, however, that I have a reason to be a little prouder, and perhaps a bit more sad upon graduation than other SHS seniors have been, for I shall be a member of the last class to graduate from Smithfield High.

Barbara Baker

LOOK BACK; LOOK AHEAD

It is only appropriate that my last editorial should be on the past and the future. Graduation brings with it the memories of the past and thoughts of the future. Although this will be directed mostly toward the seniors, it concerns everyone.

Our high school years have been filled with many "magic moments." Remember the frustrations of our first day in high school? "Could you tell me where Mr. Temple's room is?" "Yes, right here it is. I'm Mr. Temple!" We finally made it through those first few weeks. Then suddenly it was the night of the Freshman Dance, and then the Homecoming Dance; and then it was all over.

We were no longer "green" freshmen; we were sophomores. That year flew by and before we knew it, we were juniors.

Our junior year was great. We worked hard on "The Mouse That Roared" and made our debut in "The Land of Enchantment." And then our Junior year was over too.

Seniors! ! We had finally made it. Oh, the wonderful feeling to be a senior! We strolled the halls of SHS with heads held just a little higher. Taking time out from our studies and applying for college, we produced "Oklahoma", attended our last football and basketball games, bombed the juniors with water balloons, viewed "Under the Sea," and attended our last Letter Day Chapel. Now our senior year has come to a close and with it a door closes on part of our lives. We can never open this door again except through our memories.

Along with all the fun, we've made many friends. Some of these friends are just casual ones but some are lasting ones. With these friends we've shared all the happy times and fun but also the sad times. We've had many serious talks which helped to shape our future.

What does the future hold? No one knows, but each person makes his own future with his day to day living. Be like the bird who, pausing in his flight, lights on a limb. If he feels the limb breaking beneath him, he knows that with the help of his wings he can soar upward rather than fall. Always try to choose a strong "limb" but if you feel it sag beneath you, know that you are strong enough to soar up and not fall.

To the underclassmen, I say, make the most of your high school years. Be proud of S.H.S. and work hard to build a strong foundation for your future.

— Janet Sellers

"Sylvia"; "Now The Day Is Over"; and "Every Night."

In the Senior Chorus, the girls wore pastel formals, and the boys wore white dinner jackets. The Junior Chorus girls wore pastel dresses and the boys wore suits. The stage was decorated with flowers given by the two clubs. The centerpiece for the piano was given by Jeanette Spence.

The program was directed by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Boone. Mrs. McLean is the music teacher for Smithfield High.

Mrs. Boone is a student teacher from Atlantic Christian College. We have enjoyed having her help us very much.

Pam Eason

Band Report

By Barbie Taylor

Your band has been doing something nearly every week lately, and I am going to try and tell you about some of the things we've done.

We went to the State Band Contest in Greensboro on April 4. We had a wonderful time there and received an Excellent rating.

We traveled to Wilmington for the Azalea Festival on April 20. There we participated in one of the best parades in many years.

The Pep Band played for the Post Office dedication the following Sunday and the Dance Band played for the P.T.A. on April 31.

The Band gave its final concert May 16. We played Festive Overture, Selections from "My Fair Lady," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The concert also included the Beginner and Junior Bands.

We've just finished making a record of this year's Musical Memories. If anyone would like one, see one of the band members. We'll be happy to oblige!

Music Club Wins First Place

The most recent meeting of the Hunter B. Johnson music club took place in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Smithfield. Piano students of both Mrs. Woodard and Miss Canaday who had won honors were featured at the meeting. Ensembles from the Junior and Senior Choruses from Smithfield High School also sang. Mention was made of the honor ratings won by the Senior High Chorus and Boys' Ensemble in Durham at the Senior High Contest. This was a very enjoyable meeting for all who attended.

High school piano students winning the "Superior" rating at the N. C. federated Music Clubs Festival held in Wilson were Joyce Kilpatrick, Rhonda McLean, piano and vocal, and Rebecca Talton. Joyce and Rhonda also received "Superiors" at the State High School Contest in Lumberton. On March 30, in State Competition held at Guilford College, Rhonda won a scholarship for summer study at St. Andrews College Music Camp. She was a soloist at the Junior Day Convention of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on May 4. High school winners of the the honor ratings study with Miss Flora Canaady.

Thirteen elementary and grammar grade pupils of Miss Canaday (2), Mrs. Fred Woodard (8), and Mrs. Lloyd Gilbert (3), won the top rating at the Federation Festival of Junior Music Clubs held at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson on May 9. Congratulations to all these winners!

To The Graduates Of Smithfield High:

Let me extend to each of you the warm congratulations of a former teacher who, in spirit, shares your sense of achievement.

You have laid a foundation for useful and satisfying lives. Before you get on with the work, I would like to offer a few thoughts that you may find useful.

The passion to succeed, to achieve great things, is strongest in youth. Heed it. Do not squander your lives in petty pursuits. Commit yourselves now to a course that will strengthen you for the trials and opportunities of life.

Prize your individuality always. Whatever your place in society, whatever your work, do not surrender your self-reliance or compromise your independence. Liberty is and always will be your most precious possession. Guard it well.

Direct your energies, your tal-

SUB-JUNIORS

On April 22 the Smithfield Sub-Junior Woman's Club met. Ways were discussed for raising money for the 1968 Sub-Junior Jamboree which is to be held there, in Smithfield at our own Holiday Inn. Sub-Juniors from everywhere in North Carolina will attend. Doughnut sales will continue along with other projects until July, when the Jamboree will take place. Everyone's help with these projects will be appreciated.

Emily Hill

ents, and your desires to what is best for yourselves and best for your country. We look to you to redeem what is wrong in our national past and to build what will be great in our national future.

Let this be your wish: that you may look back upon this graduation—from no matter how many years hence—with the conviction that you have treated all men with honesty and goodwill, that you have put your heart into your work, that you have done your best.

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States

Choral Clubs Present Concert

The High School and Junior Choral Clubs presented a concert to the public on May 9, 1968.

Songs were sung by the groups individually and together.

The songs selected from all types of music, included the following: "With A Voice Of Singing"; "Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel"; "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"; "It's Up To Us"; "Moonlight Madonna"; "Kyrie"; "Wonderful Copenhagen"; "Give My Regards To Broadway"; "Greensleeves"; "Let There Be Peace On Earth"; "All Through The Night"; "Rock My Soul"; "The Lord Is My Shepherd";

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