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### Who Wouldn't be Proud?

Congratulations Debaters! You are to be commended on the splendid work you have done. You are repaid for the long hours of study and preparation you spent in getting your speeches ready for the ears of those judges at Carolina. You should be proud of the showing you have made; the entire student body of this school is proud.

Each year we are getting one step nearer to winning the Aycock Memorial Cup, for Mary Langston, member of last year's debating team, says: "The first year we debated both of our teams were defeated at the start. The year following we defeated Kinston, but still we didn't go to Chapel Hill. Then the third year we put both Wilson and Kinston out and went to Chapel Hill and went as far as the semi-finals. This year we went to the finals." According to the law of averages we should certainly win the Cup next year.

We will lose only one debater through graduation and with the other three back we should be a Jonah to any of the other teams we meet.

### Conduct!! And How?

What is the student body's attitude toward orderly behavior? Emphasis has been laid on the fact that some of the students misconduct themselves by smoking, destroying property, and breaking the school laws. Of course they are punished, but that doesn't seem to affect the violators at all. We ask them: "What's the idea? What pleasure is there in being an outlaw?" Not long ago a student had the opportunity of checking another from deliberately hurling a flower pot from a window. But a second attempt was made, and the boy succeeded in smashing the pot on the pavement below. Now what pleasure is that? We suggest wringing such a boy's neck.

But let's get back to the original question. As a whole the student body's attitude toward orderly behavior is favorable. This is particularly noticeable during the assembly period. A few days ago the students assembled to hear some debates, and the quietude that was maintained throughout the program was ample proof that the students held respect for the debaters. They realized the difficulty of speaking to an unruly audience. Consequently they immediately fell into a silence, thus giving the debaters an opportunity to do their very best. We might add that this happened on two occasions.

Students also assist in cleaning up. Some wash boards, some pick up paper, and others sweep. Now if the majority of the student body favor refined behavior, should it be criticised? No, the question is why cannot those few unruly people conform to the wish of the majority?

Now, students, the Junior play comes off tonight, and it will be the best opportunity in the world to show the public just what you are made of. Behavior in the theatre during the past few Junior plays was not good and we do not expect this from you again. So watch yourself tonight; be quiet; and remember the people in the theatre crave SILENCE. We are betting on you. Good luck!

### Beware!! New Reptile Discovered!

If you were asked "What is the name of a deadly venomous snake that poisons one's vocabulary until it is paralyzed?" what would you reply? An appropriately correct answer would be "Slang". Slang is the laziest mode of expression; it is an adopted child. Someone has said: "At its best, slang shows us at our worst."

It has originated from various sources. Sailors are known as "gobs" and they call biscuits "hardtacks". "Cracker jack," "fakir," "two-bits", and "beat it", originated from the circus and carnival. During the World War, Jack Dempsey, because of his refusal to join the war forces, was considered a "slacker". Flowery speeches in the U. S. Senate contributed the slang word "bunk". Heroic deeds are another source; for instance, Babe Ruth is the "Lindbergh of Baseball". Then there is so much college, football, and baseball slang that a dictionary is required to lury it in.

If you had the opportunity of being a well-dressed man, would you wear dirty rags and never dress up? No, of course not! Then why should you use slang when more suitable and preferable words are available? You can never master slang; it always masters you. If you continually use slang, you will find it impossible to express yourself in correct English. Suppose you were describing an incident to some club—which one of the following sentences conveys the best picture

"It was an 'awful' road," or "the road was two feet deep in mud." "I had an 'awful' time at the party," or "I had a dull time at the party."

The person who never acquires an excellent vocabulary will always be in constant dread of saying something that will result in his embarrassment. Therefore a good vocabulary enables one to meet the world more squarely, with more grit and determination to succeed; whereas the fellow who indulges in the use of slang will always remain at the bottom of the ladder.

Although there are a few forceful words in the slang dictionary, it is only because they are new. They will soon be overworked and will be considered as vulgar expressions by intelligent people. If you desire to become a prominent leader of society, the elimination of slang from your vocabulary is indispensable.

For these reasons we are giving a prescription in three doses that will cure the bite of this poisonous reptile. First, write down all the slang words that you are familiar with. Next, look up an equivalent correct English word for each one. Last, put the corrected words to use.

Spice puts flavor in foods; slang puts flavor in sentences. But more flavor is put in sentences than is necessary; consequently we reach a conclusion that slang is a barometer. A barometer indicates weather conditions; slang indicates mental conditions.

### What Is Yours?

Mr. Cone talked to the student body Monday, March 18, on the subject of "Hobbies". "Everyone should have a hobby from the President of the United States to the smallest boy or girl," Mr. Cone said. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but this old saying might be turned around to say "All play and no work might make one dull." "In order to prevent this, according to Mr. Cone, get a hobby, work on it and make it interesting to yourself and to others. The President of the United States has plenty of work and still has time to cultivate his hobbies, while the students of G.H.S. have little work compared with his. Could they not find time to work on a hobby?"

### They Are Pretty Good

Have you noticed that the Seniors are presiding over the chapel programs in G. H. S. Do you know what this means? It means that we go one step nearer student government, and that's not the half of it—here are a few more reasons. Not only does it take us one step nearer student government, but it gives each senior a chance to address the student body. It gives each one a chance to see where he is weak in such matters. If they take advantage of the opportunities this affords them, they should and some will, make good speakers. Some of the students have presided and have done it as if they were long accustomed to it. Give the seniors your support—some day you may be in the same position.

### FRESH. PRESENT TWO PLAYS IN CHAPEL

The Freshman Latin Club gave a program in chapel on Thursday, April 11. The program consisted of two plays. The first, "Aeneas et Dida", was given in Latin and then repeated in English so that the student body might understand it.

The second was a play named, "A Day Without Latin", which showed the great number of English words derived from Latin.

Both plays were thoroughly enjoyed by the student body, and the Latin Club is winning much praise for its efforts.

The Girls' Glee Club was on the stage also, Mr. Wilson announced that it won the district contest held in Raleigh, and that the Glee Club would go to Greensboro, April 19th, to participate in the State Music Contest held in that city annually.

### CHEMISTRY CLASS VISITS GAS PLANT

Did you ever stop to think how the gas you use is made?

The chemistry classes of Goldsboro High School visited the city gas plant on Tuesday, March 19, to see just what process was used to manufacture this gas.

Since the chemistry classes had been studying about this particular gas, they knew what it was made of, but did not know exactly how it was produced in a modern plant.

In the beginning of the process, coke, a product of coal and chemically known as carbon, is dumped in at the top of a large furnace which is heated insides to 3000 fahrenheit. After this coke is heated to the above stated temperature, steam is passed through the hot coke which causes it to give off carbon monoxide, a deadly gas similar to that which comes from automobile exhausts. Since this gas has no odor, fuel oil is combined with it to give it an odor so it can be detected in a room where gas is leaking, and therefore prevent danger of one's being killed by it. The gas is then cleaned and compressed in tanks from which the city gas supply comes.

### New Shelves Built in Library

"What shall I do with all of those magazines stacked on the floor in the book room?" said Miss Roark. Mr. Omer and his manual training boys came to the rescue and solved the problem by building six rows of shelves. The old magazines and newspapers were stacked on the shelves, and now the book room is as neat as can be.

The boys had the air of real carpenters with their aprons on, and they made full time for more than a week. The class deserves much credit for their splendid work in the library, making the hurdles, working on the athletic field during football season, and doing many little odd jobs.

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### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TEACH SCHOOL

Gladys Measley, Margaret Howell, Doris Mae Jones, Martha Parsons, Catherine Scott, and Mary Elizabeth Hartshorn, students of the Goldsboro High School, substituted for the teachers who attended the teachers meeting in Raleigh on Friday, March 22.

"I had a wonderful time," said Doris Mae. They insisted that I make them call me 'Miss Jones', and as I had taught some of them in Sunday School it was quite hard for them to say. Margaret taught the third grade Martha the first and Catherine the ——. These girls all declare they had the time of their lives.

Mary Elizabeth was the only girl to teach at Virginia Street School. She taught the third grade. "It was fun," she said. "But they nearly drove me mad. The little boys would slap the girls and I had to make them apologize. One little boy was especially bad. They were going to transfer him to another room, but forgot to and I had an awful time with him."

### JUNIOR ORCHESTRA PLAYS TO-NIGHT

A real high school orchestra will play at the annual Junior Play on Friday afternoon and night, April 26.

Miss Maude Dunn, music director of the I. O. O. F. Home, is director of the High School jazz-makers, and she promises an excellent musical program. The orchestra will present the following combinations: Piano, Kathryn Mitcham; violins, Kathryn Fussell, Barbara Cuthrell, Nellie Crisp; clarinet, Hermon Merritt; cornet, Carson McFee; trombone, Gordon Payne; banjo, Louise Davis; French horn, Troy Masen; bass, Kent Radford; and

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### MRS. WILKINS TELLS STUDENTS ABOUT OLD WAYNESBORO

Old Waynesboro was the subject of a talk given in Chapel, Thursday morning, March 21, by Mrs. C. E. Wilkins, former teacher of the Goldsboro Public Schools

Mrs. Wilkins interested the students very much with her informal way of talking and with her interesting store of facts. She gave more information about the old town than probably anyone of the students knew before. Where the town was located, their forms of punishment for law violations and why the town was moved to the present site of Goldsboro were included in the talk.

Copies of the Charter and the map of the town, which existed on the Neuse River before the Civil War, were shown to the students.

"Any dog is a pup-dog so long as he prefers a rat, dead or alive, to chocolate fudge, a moldy bone to sponge cake, a fight with a wood-chuck to hanging around the tea-table for sweet biscuit," Robert Palfrey Utter.

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