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# Goldsboro Hi News

## LAUNCH SUPPLEMENT DRIVE

### Debaters to Enter Semi-Finals

#### Goldsboro Teams Defeat New Bern, Kinston Orators

Both Teams, Accompanied By Their Coach, Miss Beasley, Will Go to Chapel Hill to Compete For Aycock Cup

Next Thursday, April 11, the two victorious G. H. S. debating teams will go to Chapel Hill to participate in the semi-final contest for the Aycock Memorial Debating Trophy. This is possible because the teams on March 22 were victorious over New Bern and Kinston, thus upholding the unusually good record which G. H. S. has maintained since 1928.

Goldsboro's affirmative, Maurice Edwards and Powell Bland, won over Harvey Tyndall and Harry Stallings, in New Bern. Annie E. Coward and Dick Helms, Goldsboro's negative team, defeated New Bern's affirmative, Mary Turner Willis and Eugene McSorley, in Kinston.

This year the query for all the triangular debates in North Carolina was resolved: That the United States should adopt the policy of extending federal aid to public education.

Goldsboro's affirmative, in thought provoking speeches, painted a vivid picture of the deplorable conditions of the schools and gave many good examples and comparisons. They then presented a seemingly air tight plan of how Federal Aid can be administered. They took a 3-0 decision.

Goldsboro's negative, in interesting and oratorical fashion, proved that Federal aid is unwise, unjust, and contrary to the ideals of American people. They also proved that Federal aid to general public education would lead to Federal control with all its evils. The judge's decision was 2-1.

The visitors that debated in Goldsboro were Julia Bishop Smallwood and Tommy Hargett, New Bern's negative, and Minetta Bartlett and Marion Parrot, Kinston's affirmative. Kinston was triumphant. Officers for the Kinston-New Bern debate in Goldsboro were: James Davis, chairman; Anna Best, secretary; and Annie Laurie Howell, timekeeper.

The teams were accompanied by Miss Antoinette Beasley, who has been coaching debating in G. H. S. since 1928, Miss Miriam Koch, Home Economics teacher, Billy Griffin and two reporters for the Hi News—Thomas W. Pearson and W. Lonnie Wiggins.

#### Music Concert To Raise Funds Given Last Night

A concert given by 300 students from the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs, the Band and the Grammar Grades, was presented last night in the High School Auditorium.

Although the Glee Clubs have presented various entertainments for the benefit of different organizations, this was the first time that they have attempted to raise funds which will aid the High School Music Department.

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#### LEADING CITIZENS EXPRESS OPINION FOR SUPPLEMENT

##### Now Or Never

My opinion is that school districts like Goldsboro should provide as quickly as possible for increase in teachers' salaries, library facilities, length of term, and reduction in teacher load at least so as to restore the standards set up by the national preparatory school associations. The only practical way to do this within time to serve the needs of the present school generations is by having and exercising the right to vote local supplements. Uniform state wide school standards, if sufficiently high, are fine as an idealistic system, and democracy in education can well have such as a goal, but under present conditions communities that are able and willing should be allowed to maintain educational standards suitable to the needs of their children. Sections and districts which can and will provide more adequately for the school needs of their children should not be held back until the whole state can rise to the efficient and approved level.

Moratoriums may be declared for the payment of debts without serious injury to the future of business, but no moratorium can be safely declared for the education of our children. They can't wait. It is now or never with them.

W. A. Dees,  
Chairman of School Board.

##### Least We Can Do

In view of the leading position that the Goldsboro Schools have taken in the past, it seems the least that we can do at this time to keep our school at the standard of efficiency set by the National Association of Secondary Schools. All citizens of Goldsboro should heartily cooperate with the High School students in a common effort to give to our boys and girls the best opportunities for a thorough education. In memory of Mr. Julius Bonitz, who was largely responsible for the beginning of our public school, Mr. S. P. Moses, Mr. P. P. Claxton, Dr. E. A. Alderman, Mr. J. Y. Joyner, Mr. S. C. Brooks, and others of our school superintendents and teachers, we can not fail.

Gertrude Weil.

##### Five Main Reasons

You ask me if I am in favor of the movement on the part of G. H. S. students to get the citizens of our school district to vote a special tax upon ourselves to extend our school term to nine months and what are reasons for the stand I take.

What are my reasons for favoring this special tax?

First: It will be worth more than it costs, paying dividends far into the future.

Second: We can't do tomorrow for our children of today what ought to be done for them. They will be the men and women of tomorrow. To cripple them educationally will put a mortgage on their future.

Third: Our textbooks, college entrance requirements and teacher training are all based upon the nine months term and an eight months school means expensive confusion

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#### Trophy Cabinet Is Made By Manual Training Students

##### Built With Funds Given By P.-T. A.; Twelve Cups Are Placed On Display

G. H. S. is now the proud possessor of a beautiful trophy cabinet constructed by the Manual Training students with money presented to the school by the Parent-Teachers' Association. Mrs. R. Jack Smith, president of the P.-T. A., presented it to the school at a recent chapel program.

The 12 cups that the students of G. H. S. have won are placed in the cabinet, which occupies a prominent place in the downstairs hall near the principal's office.

The cabinet, which is made of white oak and sandpapered and varnished to a brilliant lustre, has two shelves, is 6 feet, 3 inches high; 5 feet, 22 inches long; and 28½ inches wide. Three sides are of glass with the opening, which is of wood, in the back.

The trophies on display in the cabinet are for athletics, debating, dramatics and scholarship. These were won by G. H. S. students from 1920 until the present time.

In the center of the top shelf is the Aycock Memorial Cup, which was won for two consecutive years in debating and is now a permanent possession of G. H. S.

The Giddens' debating Trophy, which was presented in 1928 to promote interest in debating, is in the center of the bottom shelf. The Sophomores and Seniors have each won the cup four times.

Cups and trophies won for athletics are: the relay cup won by the mile relay team, consisting of John Graham, James Davis, Griff Porter, and Clifton James in 1934 in a statewide meet in Chapel Hill; a trophy

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#### WE, THE STUDENTS OF GOLDSBORO HI, DO RESOLVE . . .

The following resolution was adopted at the student mass meeting yesterday:

Whereas, We, the students of Goldsboro High School, believe that the eight-months' state supported school term is inadequate; and

Whereas, We find crowded classes, lack of supplies, an inadequately equipped library, and overburdened teachers a great hindrance to our progress; and

Whereas, We believe that the citizens of Goldsboro are able and willing to give their children more than a minimum opportunity in education;

We, in regular assembly on April 4, 1935, by concerted action do hereby resolve to ask the citizens of Goldsboro to seek an opportunity to cast their vote to provide supplementary funds by which conditions in our school can be substantially improved.

#### JUNIOR PLAY TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 24

April 24 has been set as the date for the presentation of the Junior Play and, with the completion of the cast, rehearsals are in full swing.

Prices are being kept down to 25 cents for a student and 35 cents for an adult. A group of two hundred seats will be reserved at an additional cost of 10 cents each.

A tempting set of prizes is being arranged to induce ticket selling.

Full details concerning the cast and particulars about the play will be announced in the Junior Edition of the Hi News, April 23.

#### Answers to Your Questions

1. What is the cause of the present school situation?

The program of retrenchment begun in the 1929 legislature and continued in 1933, when the state supported eight months school term was adopted and Goldsboro lost a month.

2. Will a supplement remedy this situation?

The theory of a state supported school term is ideal, but when the state cannot provide educational facilities which will enable the schools to meet the standard of the Association of Accredited Secondary Schools, local aid is necessary in order to reach this level.

3. How can a supplement be secured?

A request for the special election is first presented to the Board of Trustees. Upon their approval and endorsement that request is then sent to the County Commissioners, who approve it and endorse it. The next step, the application for a local election must be presented to the State School Commission for approval.

The County Commissioners then call an election giving the time and appointing the various election officials. A notice of the election must appear for three consecutive times in a local paper. These notices must

give the amount to be voted upon and the date. This special election will require a new registration within the district. The election must not be held under thirty days from the time of the first notice.

4. How many must vote for the supplement?

A simple majority, at least one more than half, of all people registering must vote in favor of it. If one thousand register, 501 must vote for a supplement before it can be obtained.

5. What will a supplement give the schools?

If a supplement is voted, the Goldsboro teachers will be paid a more nearly decent salary; additional teachers will be employed to relieve the overcrowded conditions of the classroom; a ninth month will be added to the state supported eight month term.

6. What other towns have a supplement?

Eight towns have provided a supplement for their schools. These are: Rocky Mount, Chapel Hill, North Wilkesboro, Roanoke Rapids, Lenoir, Durham, Southern Pines, and Charlotte.

#### Students Finish Campaign Plans Without Faculty

##### WILL HOLD MASS MEETING

Students Rally to Cause As Student Leaders Review Conditions in Schools, Urging These Facts Be Made Known

The students of Goldsboro High School, having come to the realization that if anything is to be done concerning the educational situation in the Goldsboro School District they must do it themselves, have launched whole-heartedly into a campaign to arouse citizens into immediate action for a supplement of one month to the state supported eight months' term.

A complete program, planned by student leaders in a student assembly yesterday at which no teacher was present, includes a street demonstration by students, led by the G. H. S. band on Tuesday night, and a mass meeting of citizens of Goldsboro School District in the Court House to be held at the conclusion of the street parade.

In the meeting Thursday the president of each class appealed to the students for support; the president of the Federation of Clubs told of the needs of the Federation and how the Federation's work had been affected by the shortened school term; an outline of the campaign was presented; and a committee of ten students composed of the president of each class, president of the Federation, and one member of each class chosen by the president and one member of the Federation chosen by the Federation president, was selected to make plans for the street demonstration and mass meeting.

The students of G. H. S. have long been aware of the inadequacies of their school plant as compared with the elaborate furnishings and equipment of larger city schools and city schools in other states and have accepted without loss of enthusiasm, initiative, or loyalty to school activities the conditions imposed upon them by the 1933 legislature. But not until Goldsboro Hi lost its proudest possession, that last straw that enabled them to cling to their prestige among schools in North Carolina—membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Secondary School—did they become so aroused that they demanded of themselves (Please turn to page four)

#### Spring Calendar Features Six Eventful 'Last' Weeks

The calendar for the remainder of the spring term is filled with very important dates.

April 11, 12—Triangular Debates at Chapel Hill.

April 12—State track meet at Chapel Hill.

April 24—Wednesday 8:30, Junior Play.

April 25, 26—Girls' Glee Club and Band will enter the State Music Festival at Greensboro.

May 3, Friday—Junior-Senior Banquet.

May 12—Baccalaureate Sermon.

May 16—10:30 Class Day Exercises.

May 17—2:00 Students will assemble to receive report cards.

May 17—8:30 Graduation Exercises.