



"I guess six hundred dollars will be enough for the food!" "Six hundred dollars! What are you trying to do? Feed the continental army?"

No, Carolyn and George aren't asking for that much to buy Sunday dinner with, but that's a typical exclamation that might be heard at one of the Junior-Senior committee meetings. It seems that Elizabeth Vann, head of the food committee, wants to feed us all in style at the annual Jr.-Sr. Banquet.

I don't guess its any fun estimating the amount of food that should be bought for the banquet, and a lot of work is involved. But despite this fact, there's always time for fun. Take Bill Tharrington for instance. He had been sitting dejectedly in room 19 listening to the various estimates that the committees were making. When asked if he needed any funds to carry out his work Bill dryly replied, "One vacuum cleaner, thank you."

Let's look in on one of the committees—say the program committee. Now this seems like an intelligent group of people. Jimmy Davis as usual is trying to think up a bright idea for the program. There's Christine Huffman coach-

ing Peggy Jones in the fine art of singing. So much for the program, we saw too much as it is. Let's go take a peep at another committee in operation.

"No, I refuse to have them!" "Oh, come on, let's give them a break; they need the money." These and other remarks are made by L. M. Barnes and Harry Gray who are two of the many who are trying to select the best band for the dance. Rose Booth is busy typing away another letter asking a famous band if they will play for this occasion. This must be the fiftieth one she has had to write. Freddy Turnage says he'll get up and sing a song if they can only get a band. Well, let's leave this problem to the committee and go to another group and see how they are getting along.

What's this? When did they start having school at night? I thought students got enough of it in the daytime, without having to come at night too. Oh, its just the decoration committee. Whew—you had me scared for a minute. Well, it looks like Bart Pitzer and some of the others are really having a time making the scenery. Looks like Sarah Moore is really putting that art talent to use! Warvin Ward and Peggy Pettitt are making things look wonderful around here. Too bad that we can not tell you, the readers what is going on here. Sorry, but it's a deep dark secret until May 1, 1953.

This gives you an idea of what the many committees have to go through for that one glorious night, and until then Carolyn and George say, "So long. Happy dancing!"

Class Picks Tots In Queen's Court

Little Betty Grant and Scotty Severance, both six years old but not in school, have been chosen by the "Blackbird" staff to be the flower girls for the Junior-Senior Dance. They were chosen on their ability to follow instructions and for not being timid.

Betty is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Grant of 329 Briarcliff Road, Englewood. Scotty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Severance of 1212 Tarboro street. Scotty is Miss Wita Bond's niece and Betty is Miss Josephine Grant's niece.

They will wear evening dresses and throw flowers before the beauty queen at the coronation.

The crown bearer will be a little boy dressed in a tuxedo. He carries the crown on a satin pillow to the queen. He had not been chosen at the writing of this article.

Genung To Direct New Local Band

"Let's start again, please" were the words of Leonard L. Genung, director of the newly organized City Recreation band, at the first rehearsal Monday night, April 13.

At the initial meeting in the Masonic Temple, many local musicians showed an active interest in the organization of the band. Many students of the high school band have also expressed an interest in participating in the city band.

Mr. Genung, former resident of Beloit, Wisconsin, has had a great deal of training and experience in band directing. While attending Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, he played the trumpet in the university orchestra, the marching band, and the concert band. After graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Music, Genung taught instrumental music in the public schools of Hoopston, Illinois. He directed the Sixth Division Army Band in Korea in 1947.

The new local band is sponsored by the City Recreation Department. Plans are now underway for the presentation of one concert per week in the pavilion at Sunset Park.

Girls Play House In School Sewing, Cooking Some Fun

One would ask "What's going on in the homemaking department?" if they would only drop by at any hour of the day. With a deadline set for that "first garment I ever made" all first year girls are racing to meet it on time. Just look around in a few days. They will show you the results—they hope! Much interest has been shown in this project as can be easily told by the willing spirit and diligence with which these girls have worked.

The second year class has recently completed a slip cover for the sofa in the living room. It is a lovely shade of dark green and gives the room a nice lift for spring. It is a parting gift to the junior high school from the FHA.

Senior classes are experimenting with party foods and table decorations for special occasions. A display of clever ideas for place cards and menu folders may be found on the bulletin board in the department.

The FHA is making plans to attend the State FHA convention in Raleigh, May 2. Delegates from the local club are Glenda Starling, Pat Leavitt, Jeanette Little, Mary Eveland.

Hail, Mr. Cartee!

Amiable, pleasant, anxious to please, ready to aid and help out and always handy. This is characteristic of Mr. Cartee, a familiar figure around school, whose typical saying is "What do you want now?"

Whenever a window needs replacing, shades need to be hung or pencil sharpener needs repair, the staff members always send for Mr. Cartee. He is Rocky Mount school's official carpenter, plumber, brick mason, cabinet maker and general all-round handyman. He has been associated with the local schools in this capacity for over twenty years.

Without Mr. Cartee, Rocky Mount schools would be quite helpless. He is to the system what the mainspring is to a watch. Without him the place just would not seem the same.

Contrary to the old adage, "Jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none," Mr. Cartee is truly the unsung hero of the Rocky Mount high school system.

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