

Preliminary Debate Held; Speakers Chosen

Judges Select Ernest Wheatley, Vance Huneycutt, Arthur L. Patterson and Cannie Hatley to Represent H. S. in Triangle Debate.

(By COL. R. E. EFIRD.)

The preliminary contest for the selection of four debaters who will represent Albemarle in the triangular contest for the Aycock cup was given in the high school auditorium on the night of March 2. Those speaking were Ernest Wheatley, Vance Huneycutt, Spencer Shankle, Arthur L. Patterson, Cannie Hatley, Robert Efird and Roy Whitley. The persons who acted as judges were: Rev. D. B. Green, Rev. E. C. Cooper, Mr. H. L. Horton, Mr. John Harris, and Mrs. H. M. Laudeman. The question for debate was: Resolved, That North Carolina should ratify the port terminals and transportation act. The affirmative contended, (1) that port terminals are a modern necessity; (2) we are threatened by slower rail service and higher rail rates; (3) that terminals would force the railroads to plead before the Interstate Commerce commission to make lower rates and thereby relieve discrimination (freight now being discriminatory and excessive); (4) that it would be a self-financing scheme; (5) that a state is handicapped without well developed waterways and adequate port terminal in agriculture, commerce and manufacture.

The negative contended: (1) Bill is economically unsound; (2) that terminals as a general rule are not self sustaining coast-line of North Carolina; (3) geographical unfit for terminals; (4) would increase taxes; (5) it would not reduce freight rates.

Most debates have weak rebuttals, but that was one of the strong points in the preliminary. Every speaker had a well developed rebuttal. In the rebuttal the negative contended that the port commission itself only "believes" that the establishment of a war-time industry, "will tend to reduce freight rates if the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad can be purchased by the state. It was contended that the Supreme court of North Carolina has passed on the case and held that the sale of the de-

funct was legal and North Carolina would have to buy it back at the own price of the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern. This being an admission that terminals alone will not reduce freight rates.

After much deliberation the judges finally selected Ernest Wheatley and Vance Huneycutt for the affirmative with Spencer Shankle as alternate, Arthur L. Patterson and Miss Cannie Hatley for the negative, with Robert Efird as alternate.

Albemarle is in a triangle with Monroe and Wadesboro this year. The main debates will be held on the night of March 27, with the finals in April. In order for Albemarle to go to Chapel Hill it will be necessary for our debating teams to defeat both Monroe and Wadesboro.

With the excellent speakers on this year's team and the support of the student body, Albemarle can get in the finals at Chapel Hill. We must back up our debating teams. We shall.

SENIORS RUN STORE.

The seniors kept a small store on the campus the week of March 2-6. The purpose of this store was to make money to pay off some class debts made in their sophomore and junior years. Candy and salted peanuts were bought from a local wholesale dealer and sandwiches were donated by various members of the class. The profits derived from these went to the class. Quite a nice sum was realized from the store.—E. Widenhouse.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

(G. B. S.)

On Thursday evening, February 19, Robert Efird entertained a number of his friends at a dinner party, celebrating his birthday. Eloquent speeches were made by all and the event was enjoyed to the uttermost.

H. Economics Girls Hold Formal Dinner

The girls of the second-year Home Economics class gave a demonstration lesson of a formal dinner the other day before the Woman's Club. One of the things the Home Economics girls learn is how to prepare and serve a formal dinner. Since the Woman's Club helped to institute the H. E. department in the school, they are naturally interested in the work. A number of the members were present and saw the girls give the demonstration, beginning with the table setting which consisted of the correct arrangement of the table, the placing of the right pieces of china, silver, glassware and linen in their correct places for the first. The decoration of the table to harmonize with the dinner served, was also stressed.

Then came the serving of the dinner which illustrated the correct use of silver, how and when to remove the dishes from each course and how to place them for the next.

The maid announced dinner. The guests were seated and when the dinner was over the hostess, in her own correct and individual little way dismissed her guests. Thus far the dinner has been an eminent success, though mockery.

Now the ladies are surprised by a real and delightful serving of Ribbon sandwiches and coffee by Blanche Moose and Eunice Smith. We believe the ladies enjoyed themselves and hope they will visit us again.

ALBEMARLE VS. NORWOOD.

In a very fast and well played game Albemarle defeated Norwood 28-22 on the latter's court. When looking at the game as it stood at the end of the first half you will see that Albemarle sure played good ball in the second half. The score was 18-8 in favor of Norwood.

Albemarle came back in the second half with the pep. Captain Whitley started with a field and was followed by Horton, Casper and the rest of the team all shot well.

At the end of the third quarter it was 20-18 favor of Norwood. After that Norwood only made two points to Albemarle's ten.