



ONE ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL BOY related to a Pfeiffer College boy last week that each Wednesday Mr. Hatley used to go to the Stanly Theatre to call the roll for his physics class. This is because it is ten cent day. "But", claimed the H. S. student, "the big surprise came last week when Mr. Hughes came up to the school to see if the boys were cutting the show to go to the physics class".

BATS MAY COME AND BATS MAY GO, but the poor sucker that got in the top floor hall went the way of most bats that come to school.

Monday morning the prettiest little bat you ever saw was hanging on the wall in the hall upstairs. He was sleeping peacefully when suddenly who would spy him but "Bring-'em-back-alive" Rogers. Mr. Rogers, seeking the glory a capture of this kind would afford, quickly went into Miss Laws' room to get implements to make the catch. After much hemming and hawing, Oron got the bat, which was hollering all the while, into a flower pot.

Mr. Bat is now reposing in a cage down in the biology lab—if not in the snake that he was caged with!

TIME FLIES! Not so in the Albemarle High School. Undoubtedly the clock family of this particular school is the most disorderly family in the history of clocks.

They are continually popping off at the most uncalled for time, or one of them will get his feelings hurt and sit around pouting, refusing to make the slightest sound. Sometimes they will all just lose interest in keeping up with the world and go to sleep. Perhaps they will doze off for a long time, waking up just to yap for a while and then fall asleep again. Another thing is, they don't even get along together! You may go from room to room and each clock is trying to make the others out as liars.

The papa clock in the lobby has to raise his voice every hour or so to tell them to either speak up or shut up.

Here's hoping the clock family will strike a harmonious note some day and hold it.

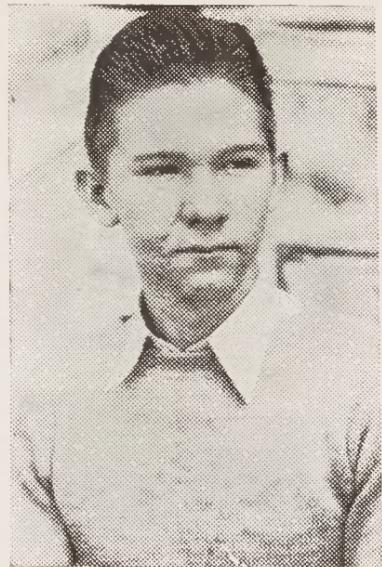
WAS IT SEEING TOO MANY COWBOY SHOWS or was it listening to the "Lone Ranger" on the radio that inspired Jack Morris to climb onto a silver trash can and shout to the best of his ability, "Hi Yo Silver!"?

"WRITING POETRY IS ONE THING I NEVER COULD DO!" groaned a studious senior as a four-line poem was assigned. . . . "What can we write about?" . . . "Aw, I don't know what you want us to do" . . . "What if you won't be here tomorrow?" . . . "What does she think we are, anyway?" . . . "Heck, I wish I had laid out this afternoon."

Yep, the poetry season has arrived. And it is an established fact that seniors can beat freshmen at down right peskiness when this season of the year rolls around. If you have never been scared out of some perfectly good summer's growth by some poetic senior bearing down on you to test his latest brain child, you have never had one of the truly horrifying experience of life.

A parting word to underclassmen: Be gentle with the budding poets. A sudden shock during one of these periods of lofty thinking could result in permanent maladjustment. The poetry fever has got 'em—bad!

John Temple Graves II, Nationally Prominent Author And Economist, To Deliver Commencement Address



C. W. Phillips Talks At Honor Society Tapping

Sixteen Tapped For Membership In National Honor Organization

With Kenneth Brooks, president, presiding over the ceremony, sixteen students from the eleventh and twelfth grades were tapped for membership in the National Honor Society, Friday, October 20.

The main address was given by C. W. Phillips, head of the Personnel Bureau at W. C. U. N. C. Mr. Phillips has had long experience in school work and was at one time the principal of Greensboro High School. At W. C., he has charge of counselling students concerning their work at the college and placing the graduates.

The members tapped were Josephine Beaver, Mary Hill, Irma Lowder, Annabel Perry, Willie Frances Efrid, Josephine Whitley, Ila Lee Knotts, Billie Ray Drye, Laura Frances Peck, Polly Martin, Deward Lefler, Virginia Safrit, Lee Copple, Hoyle Whitley, Bob Lipe, Annie Ruth Smith.

Membership requires a high standard of scholarship, character, leadership, and service, making it one of the highest honors to be obtained by a high school student.

The program was as follows:

The Rosary, Guy Propst; Symbolism of Society Emblem, Mr. Grigg; Tapping of New Members; Pledge of New Members, Mr. Hal Turner; Welcome to New Members, Mr. Gibson; Address, Mr. C. W. Phillips; Star Spangled Banner, School.

Open House Opens Up; Five Hundred Students Pour In

Sponsored by the Student Council, Open House for the entire student body, teachers, and grade parents was held jointly in the cafeteria, biology lab and old gymnasium on Friday evening, October 13.

Main features of the evening were dancing in the cafeteria, ping-pong in the biology lab, games in the old gymnasium, and a movie shown in the auditorium.

Approximately three-fourths of the student body, most of the teachers, and a number of visitors attended.

Highlights of the evening included a regular ping-pong tournament between Miss Nye and Mr.

Faculty To Give Three-Act Farce

Thursday, November 2 Is Date Set For "Second Childhood"; Proceeds To Go To Publications

When you see Eddie Gehring as a portly old gentleman of 65 drink a bottle of youth restorer and suddenly become a two-month-old baby, you will realize that someone is in his "Second Childhood"; but by that time you probably won't care. The faculty play to be presented Thursday, November 2, is just that funny.

Miss Rachel Nye, head of the dramatic department at A. H. S., will direct the production.

A three-act farce, the play centers around Professor Frederick Reylea, played by A. B. Gibson, whose fortunes have gone from bad to worse. In his search for some contribution to make to medical science, he hits upon the formula for a youth restorer. He tries to persuade General Henry Burbeck, played by Eddie Gehring, to take a dose, so that General Burbeck will be able to marry Sylvia Reylea, the scientist's daughter, whom he loves.

While Professor Reylea is out of the room, Marcella Burbeck comes upon the scene to try to persuade her father-in-law, General Burbeck, to take her two month's old child. She has been deserted by her husband and can not keep the baby, she explains. When he refuses she puts the baby down, and leaves with him in pursuit.

When Professor Reylea returns and finds the baby, he thinks that General Burbeck has drunk the whole bottle. What they do with the baby, and the success of Professor Reylea's invention, round out the plot of a truly rollicking farce.

The scene of the play is laid in the mid-Victorian living room of Professor Reylea, a room which has seen much abuse and little care. In short, a room which has seen much better days.

All the parts have not been assigned yet, and a full cast is not available, but the play has twelve characters, and the others will be selected this week.

Proceeds from the play will go to the "Full Moon" and the "Al-Hi-Script", student publications.

The character parts in the play are exceptionally good, and will require only the interpretation that a Gehring and a Gibson can give them.

All of the parts are extremely comic, and they form together to make one grand slapstick—a truly fine evening's entertainment.



Students To Take Part In Teachers Meeting Friday

Two groups of students from Albemarle high school will take part in the seventeenth annual convention of the South Piedmont Teachers Association to be held at Central high school in Charlotte Friday, October 27, 1939.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, will speak at the South Piedmont Teachers Conference, Friday.

Friday afternoon two students, Jane Austin Turner and Lee Copple, will take part in a student panel to be conducted by Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, professor of education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Two students from each of several high schools in the South Piedmont district have been invited to send representatives to this conference. The discussion will cover such topics as home room and class organization, publications, debating, and dramatics. The representatives will meet this week to map out an outline which Dr. Fretwell will follow in the discussion.

While in Charlotte Dr. Fretwell will also conduct a clinic for the student councils of Central high school and several invited high school councils on Thursday. Albemarle has been invited to participate in meeting, and Margaret Nisbet, Virginia Niven, Lloyd Skidmore, Jack Castevens, Bob Lipe, Lee Copple, Ernest Knotts, Josephine Beaver, Genevieve Ewing, and Mrs. Robertson, adviser. This group will leave early Thursday morning and spend the day attending conferences and lectures.

Friday night a selected group from the mixed chorus will participate in a massed chorus made up of representatives from several schools in the South Piedmont District. The chorus, under the direction of L. R. Sides, director of music in the Charlotte city schools, will sing "Beautiful Savior", "Viking Song", "Nelly Was a Lady", "I Dream of Jeanie", "Wake Thee Now, My Dearest", and "God Bless America".

Members of this group are Margaret Nisbet, Catherine Whiteley, Willie Frances Efrid, Annie Ruth Smith, Josephine Whitley, Lucinne Whitlock, Marie Deese, Billie Ray Drye, Claude Shankle, Bob Lipe, Ted Wallace, Ned Betts, Deward Lefler, Max Morton, Hall Carpenter, and Bill Helms.

A holiday will be granted in order that the teachers may be able to attend this conference. Albemarle teachers who hold offices in the association are A. B. Gibson and Claud Grigg. Miss Julia Wharton Groves, principal of Boyden high school, Salisbury, is president of the association.

Journalist Will Deliver Speech At Graduation

John Temple Graves II, nationally prominent author and economist, and member of the editorial board of the Birmingham Age-Herald, has been secured to deliver the commencement address at the graduating exercises in June, 1940.

One of the most forceful and gifted speakers in the South, Mr. Graves each year speaks before the graduating classes of several outstanding colleges and universities. Last year he delivered the commencement address at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Graves was graduated from Princeton university in 1915, and was admitted to the bar five years later upon completion of his study of law at George Washington University. Since leaving the law profession, Mr. Graves has had several outstanding positions in the field of journalism, and is now connected with one of the largest papers in the South.

He is the author of numerous books, economic reviews, short stories and essays. Among his best known works are two recent books, "The Book of Alabama and the South", and "Tonight in the South".

Albemarle high school is one of the few high schools which have been able to secure his services, and authorities have expressed their delight at being able to have such an able speaker come to the school.

« News Briefs »

Br-r-r, it was cold this morning. Won't this cold weather ever stop? Well, just ask one of the general science students, for they are learning how the barometer is used in predicting the weather. A simple barometer has been set up in the laboratory, and students are being given a chance to read and interpret it.

"Lives of a Bengal Lancer", Paramount picture featuring Gary Cooper and Richard Cromwell, will be shown to the students on November 18.

An average of one picture a month will be shown to students, but no other selection has so far been announced.

Members of the Hi-Y club spent six months in the Orient with George W. Leacock, newly elected secretary of the Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, as Mr. Leacock talked to them of his trip around the world Monday night.

"Strength and Beauty" was the topic chosen by Dr. C. D. Whiteley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, speaking at the assembly Monday morning.

Dr. Whiteley urged the students to make their lives both strong physically and beautiful mentally and spiritually. He pointed to Christ as the perfect combination of these two qualities, and urged the students to make their lives more like His. Dr. Whiteley closed his talk by explaining how one takes Christ as a friend.

The band, under the direction of "Smiling Jack", played at the assembly recently. Mr. Tillotson has arranged one of the school yells for the band and it was a feature of the program.