

# The Full Moon

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## Here and There

A CAMERA ALWAYS attracts attention, and when Mr. Ivey was making pictures for this Full Moon was no exception.

A number of students were gathered around watching with much interest. Mr. Ivey was looking in the camera, the group was looking self-consciously pleasant, waiting to be snapped, when a grammar grader rushed around the corner of the building, planted herself squarely in the middle of things, and announced loudly, "Oh, he's going to take a picture!"

THE SETTLEMENT OF TEXAS had been the subject of discussion in Mrs. Williams's history class.

Mrs. Williams began to question the students about the lesson. She asked, "Who led the settlers into Texas?" Charles Morris answered, "Moses."

IN HER FIRST PERIOD English class Miss Fulcher gave the students some sentences to fill in the blanks. One sentence read, "It's hard to catch a \_\_\_\_\_." Edith Hearne was called on to fill in the blank. She rapidly replied, "It's hard to catch a man."

A GROUP OF NINTH GRADERS were discussing the problem of "How to get your teacher to give you a good grade."

Someone suggested that you give your teacher an apple every day and that would do the trick. Someone else said that if you brought her candy it would help. Richard Crisco said that the way he'd get good grades would be to hang their necks. He was feeling pretty good because the others agreed when suddenly his face turned red.

Billie Jean Camp had laughingly asked, "Is that the reason you make bad grades in Mr. Hatley's and Mr. Morris's classes?"

DURING A DISCUSSION in history, the subject of mechanics was brought up.

Johnny Andrew just couldn't stand it any longer, so he came up with this question: "Why did they have mechanics in the 1820's? They didn't have cars."

MRS. WILLIAMS GAVE a group of spelling words to last period English class and after correcting them she asked her pupils to write each word they missed ten times.

The next asked the ones who made a hundred to come to her desk. A large group hastily crowded around her desk expecting to go to the library. Instead she gave them some more work to do.

Gene Harrington's voice was heard, gleefully, from the back of the room, "It pays to be ignorant."

MISS WARREN HAS CONCLUDED that the members of the paper committee could be exempt biology students. They don't need a microscope to see what wriggles in a drop of water and their eyes have a power of magnification greater than ten microscopes.

DRIVING OUT WITH some cases one day in his brilliant chemistry class, Mr. Hatley stopped and telling his joke to say, "You know I'm bragging, don't you?" Very seriously Edith Hearne answered, "Yes sir."

DRIVING THROUGH TOWN one day with her boy friend, Hazel Thompson noticed the traffic light was on red. "That light is blushing," she giggled.

"You would be too, if you had change before everybody," came the answer.



DRAMATICS CLUB—Front row, left to right: Carol Rogers, Betty Vaughn Rogers, Louise Poplin, Anne Hopkins, Miriam Whitley, Jeannette Sells. Second row: Kathleen Cranford, Lillian Gaskin, Betty Lee McQueen, Jane Gullede, Jane Redwine, Nancy Glover, Betty Harley... Back row: Miss Beaver, sponsor; Buddy Lowder, Betty Bowers, Jeannette Wilhelm, Gene Brooks, Anne Johnson, Janece Lowder, Bobby Beal, Charles Reap.

## Musicians Prepare To Enter Contest

Music groups of Albemarle high school have been preparing for the district and state contests, under the direction of Mr. Fry.

These contests are annual events sponsored by the Music department of Woman's College of which H. Hugh Altavater is the head. The contest this year is the first to be held since 1942, when the event was discontinued due to transportation difficulties.

Over a period of years the contest idea has assumed tremendous proportions and now thousands of students are taking part in it. It has been classified into band, orchestra, choral, and piano groups, each separate with a separate judge.

This year the district contest will be held at Queen's College in Charlotte April 5-6. The Boys' chorus, Girls' chorus, Boys' Double quartet, Girls' trio, Mixed quartet, and bass, tenor, alto, and soprano soloists will represent Albemarle high.

Due to a small enrollment this year these groups will be put in class B, although they will be allowed to compete with class A, which includes the largest schools in the state.

All contestants in the State contest must have a rating of I in the district. In the past soloists and

## Drama Club To Present Play

### Wilson Resumes Duties At A. H. S.

El "Doc" Wilson, who was recently discharged from the Army, returned to A. H. S. this week to assume his duties as director of vocational education.

"Doc" was last here in 1943, when he taught Industrial Arts. He is expected to help with some of the shop classes and to direct the work of about a dozen students for whom he finds employment.

During the past year and a half, no vocational director has been available and the work has been discontinued. Next year, however, the work will be expanded under the direction of Mr. Wilson. He will talk with the Albemarle business men and line up jobs for the students next year.

It is a possibility that he may organize a class for returning veterans to review and prepare them for college work.

### Comedy In Four Scenes Will Be Given For Assembly Soon.

Soon to be given as a chapel program is a play, "The Queen's Choice," which will be presented by the Dramatics club under the direction of Miss Beaver.

The play is a comedy in four scenes in which the main character, Queen Elizabeth, who is single, eligible and anxious, is played by Ann Johnson. Her faithful admirers and would-be husbands are Sir Walter Raleigh, to be played by Gene Brooks, and Prince Albert, who will be played by Buddy Lowder. C. B. Smith is cast as Wm. Shakespeare.

Queen Elizabeth is hard put to choose between Sir Walter and Prince Albert, particularly when she is in love with some one else.

The Dramatics club meets three times weekly and has presented two plays so far, "Twin Trouble" and "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter."

The officers of the club are Jane Gullede, president; Jeanette Sells, secretary; and Lillian Gaskin, treasurer.

ATTENDS MEETING  
Supt. Claud Grigg is in New York this week attending the conference of the American Association of School Administrators.

## Students' Fiction Favorites Range From War Heroes or Perry Mason to Heidi

When students were interviewed and the question, "If you could be a character in a book, what character would you choose to be?" was asked, a wide range of answers was received. Their choice ranged from characters out of Uncle Remus to present-day war heroes.

High school would probably be filled with Jo Marches out of *Little Women* if the answers of "Kitten" Cranford, Sue Fowler, and Maxine Harley can be a standard for judging. They pick her because of her wonderful personality and her ability to stay happy.

Tommy Sibley took Colonel Scott out of *God Is My Co-Pilot* because of his daring and thrilling adven-

tures. C. B. Smith would be Captain Lawson from *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* because he is interested in flying.

"I'd just stay myself," says Mr. McFadyen, but he admires Captain Horatio Hornblower except that he gets seasick too easily. The Captain has a lot of adventures and never gets killed.

Ruth out of *Leave Her to Heaven* seems to have made a hit with some of the students, because Betty Anderson and Juanita Gibson chose her. Betty said the reason she likes Ruth is that in the end she got Cornel Wilde. Juanita likes her because of her kind way with people.

Peggy Morris would be like Katy in *Gauntlet* if she had her way.

Detective novel characters are favorites with some people, and Perry Mason's stories especially. Betty McAdams would like to be Perry and live the adventurous life he leads. Helen Lisk would like to be Della Street just to go around with Perry.

A lot of people enjoy historical novels. Miss Berrier would be Scarlett O'Hara because *Gone With the Wind* appealed to her so much. Oattie Jane Springer would like to be Diane from *The Robe*. Virginia Dare is Mary Russell's ideal.

Mary Lamar would like to be Heidi.

## \$700,000.00 School Building Program Is Recommended

### Addition to High School, New Grammar School Needed In City.

Stanly County Commissioners have agreed, upon recommendation of the city and county school boards, to call a special election in August in order to ascertain the wishes of the voters of the county in the matter of a bond issue of \$500,000 to be added to \$200,000 now available for carrying out a countywide school building program.

The city's part of these funds would be used to replace the Wiscasset grammar school, which was burned several years ago, and to finance two small projects at the high school.

Due to war restrictions it has been impossible to replace the grammar school building before this time. Students from the Wiscasset school were divided between the Central and the Efrid schools, thus straining every facility of the two schools and handicapping the work done.

In addition to this overload of students, the birth rate has increased so amazingly in the last several years that already its results are being felt in the schools. There are three more first grades in the city system this year than two years ago, and a greatly increased enrollment will continue for years to come.

There are no further facilities to be made use of in the grammar schools.

The situation in the high school is due partly to increased enrollment but mainly to the addition of twelfth grade next year.

There are no graduates this year, so added to the present enrollment will be the 175 new eighth graders who must be cared for in a building already filled to capacity.

New classrooms, new lockers, new equipment must be provided.

## By Their Words

(After reading a half page of instructions to the second period English class). "That's what I'll ask you not to do."—Mrs. Fry.

"I want an evening dress to stand in because I'm a stand-in."—"Bones" Burleson.

"Moses (Austin) founded Texas."—Charles Morris.

"Sorry I don't have refreshments for all of you."—Mrs. Harris (after giving cough drops to several students).

"I don't know whether it was a nightmare or not, but it must have been some kind of a horse."—George Turner.

"Burp!—That wasn't bad manners, just good beer."—Jay Snuggs.

"I put funny papers in my shoes to tickle my feet."—"Mickie" Thompson.

"All present except those at other places."—Mr. Hatley.

"Hollywood doesn't know what it's missing with all these cute people in French class."—Mrs. Harris.

"That's a banana bunch, a bunch with a peal (appeal)."—Donald McLain.

"Let's go to Charlotte."—Joe Edwards.

"How do you know when to stop?"—Mr. Mac listening to the boogie woogie of the Musical Morons.