

The Full Moon

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Today's Battlefield

Reckless and fast driving are of late becoming a menace and tragedy in this community. For the proof of this, visit the lots of the several garages of Albemarle.

The property loss, however, is not the important loss. The loss of life is what needs most to be combatted. Traffic accidents over a period of years take more lives than does war, something directly related with death. The highway is a battlefield, bloody and wicked. There is only one way to stop a battle, a war: to beat one side. Our enemy is carelessness; safety, our weapon.

Much of the blame of reckless driving is laid to us younger drivers. It is true we are responsible for many accidents, for deaths, and for loss of property. That is what we have to battle.

The recent program of safety carried on by the school is the big gun in the battle for the purpose of knocking out, in this school, those who are fond of reckless and foolish practices. For they, maybe not knowing it, are endangering innocent and law-abiding citizens and their families.

This brings us to another phase. The careful driver is still in danger. He may drive well, but he must be on watch for those who do not. Constant vigilance is another weapon of the battle.

We will not have to worry about our elders cooperating in this battle, for they, as they say, see more danger than do we. Exceptions there are, as always, but only minor ones.

Then let us, the younger, fearless generation, look at the posters in our rooms, learning from each one a weapon to put into the battle. Listen to the mottoes that we may save lives—perhaps our own.

What's Wrong, Boys

Perchance a few of you fellows have seen the Honor Roll section of this paper. If you haven't, then read it and go hide your head in shame.

The girls completely ran away with all honors in scholarship this time. Usually they are ahead, but never before has it been this bad.

In the twelfth grade the ratio of girls and boys on the honor roll and highest honor was three to one. In the eleventh grade the ratio was five and one-half to one. In the tenth grade the ratio was four and two-thirds to one. In the ninth grade the ratio was three and one-third to one. The eighth graders had the most nearly even ratio, with a rating one and seven-tenths to one. In each case mentioned above, the girls had the long end of the ratio.

It seems as though the higher the grade, the worse the boys' scholarship. The fact that spring fever is running rampant in the boys' ranks could be a cause. But doesn't it affect girls too?

Wake up, fellows! Don't let a bunch of girls beat you out of your rightful places. Take those books home and show 'em who is the smartest.

Orchids To:

Great big orchids to all those people who became members of the Honor society. This is the highest honor which the school can give.

Miss Holbrook and her library staff certainly deserve some orchids for the interesting lobby displays this year.

To the faculty for their splendid teaching during this year.

The Full Moon staff for working so hard on the paper.

And if you're going to give one to them, then you must give one to Mrs. Fry for being critic, adviser, and the "brains behind the paper."

The Dramatics club has been doing some good work—just to show you that we appreciate it, here is a big bouquet.

To our janitors and maids, who have kept the school so clean.

To the Student Council who have been and are doing a grand job.

And certainly to those boys who were awarded Eagle Scout badges.

The Lions club for the canteen that we've enjoyed all year.

The Safety committee for the campaign they have put on.

ONIONS TO:—

Those parasites who continually borrow pencils, paper, etc., from their neighbors.

People who always keep library books overtime and always owe fines.

People who steal pictures out of other people's billfolds.

Students who just can't listen.

Kids who can't be quiet in assembly.

Impressions

1. Nickname, "Weeded"; Hangout, Phillips; Pastime, Movies; Weakness, Piller Harris; Ambition, To be a school teacher.
2. Nickname, "Hecky"; Hangout, Fifth street; Pastime, Baseball; Weakness, Doris Barnes.
3. Nickname, "Milkmaid"; Hangout, Stanly Dairies; Pastime, Running the milkshade machine; Weakness, Brocyce Snuggs; Ambition, To join the Navy.
4. Nickname, "Frenchy"; Hangout, "Kit's house"; Pastime, Learning to drive at night; Weakness, Lloyd H.; Ambition, To live in California.
5. Nickname, "Chad Horse"; Hangout, Purcell's; Pastime, Studying French; Weakness, Blonde-headed women, M. T.; Ambition, To be a lawyer.
6. Nickname, "Boots"; Hangout, Ann's house; Pastime, Reading love stories; Weakness, Swank—Charlotte; Ambition, To be a private secretary.
7. Nickname, "Pick"; Hangout, Creed's Place; Pastime, Eating ice cream; Weakness, Good books and movies; Ambition, To be a mechanic.
8. Nickname, "Midget"; Hangout, Welch's; Pastime, Playing the piano; Weakness, Dan Jenkins; Ambition, To be a musician.
9. Nickname, "Baby"; Hangout, Friendly Lunch; Pastime, Courting; Weakness, N. L. women and B. J.; Ambition, To be a dentist.
10. Nickname, "Nita"; Hangout, Badin; Pastime, Playing golf; Weakness, Bob Fultz; Ambition, To finish school, To play Pro Golf.
11. Nickname, "Toots"; Hangout, Loftin's; Pastime, Bowling or movies; Weakness, Clyde Williams, Winston-Salem; Ambition, To be a hair stylist.

With Other Editors

TWO ABLE SCHOOL MEN

(Charlotte Observer)

Two of the best public school men in North Carolina, in our judgment, are Claud Grigg, superintendent of the Albemarle schools, and James P. Sifford, superintendent of the Stanly county schools.

Both of these men have for many years labored with uncommon loyalty and energy to bring their respective school systems to the forefront, and in this ambitious and worthy undertaking, they have been uniquely successful.

The people of Albemarle and Stanly county recognize both of them as outstanding citizens, as progressive educators, and as men who are an adornment to their profession.

It is a heartening circumstance that the North Carolina Education association, in the leadership of which they have had a controlling hand for the past few years, has given them recognition which they deserve.

Mr. Grigg has been made vice president of the association, which means that he will be its president next year, and Mr. Sifford has been made president of the Association's Department of Superintendents.

They well rate these honors.

EXCELLENT RECORD

(Stanly News and Press)

The record made by the Albemarle high school pupils at the district music contest in Charlotte Saturday is one in which the children as well as the other citizens of the community can well take pride. Five vocal groups and one soloist, by reason of their showing in Charlotte, will participate in the state music contest in Greensboro the latter part of this month. Credit for the musical training which these young people have had goes to Paul Fry, who demonstrates many times during the course of a school year that he is one of the city's most valuable men.

According to Emily:

BOYS

With spring here and plenty of leisure time for dating, here are a few hints on dating.

In asking a girl for a date, a boy should not say, "Are you busy tonight?" or "What are you doing Friday?" What she is doing is no concern of his. What he really wants to know is whether she will go to the dance or the movie with him. That is what he should ask her.

He should ask a girl for a date as far in advance as possible so that she may make the necessary arrangements at home.

He should make the girl feel that she is "tops" with him.

Especially objectionable is the boy who tries to show off in a car by speeding or reckless driving.

He shouldn't talk about the dates he has had with other girls, and should never leave her out of the conversation if double-dating.

Emergencies are the only real reason for breaking a date. If a boy is forced to break a date, he should offer to make some compensation for the disappointment, such as by asking for another date very soon.

When entering a movie the girl precedes the boy down the aisle if an usher leads the way; but if they find their own seats, the boy goes first.

After dancing with a girl, he thanks her and walks back with her to her seat, to her chaperon, or to her next partner. He should never leave her standing alone in the middle of the floor.

When he calls on a girl, he shouldn't remain after ten o'clock, even though the girl wants him to.

GIRLS

If you want to refuse a date simply say, "I'm sorry, but I'm going to be busy on Friday night." It's not necessary to explain why you are going to do.

Don't embarrass your boy friend or make him conspicuous. Learn how to dress well and appropriately for all occasions.

After you make a date with a boy, try never to be late or leave a boy waiting.

By all means appear to be interested in your date rather than in some one else in the crowd. Give him the greatest part of your attention.

Never call up your boy friend and ask for a date. It's a very poor policy.

When a boy stands you up after making a date, don't show you are hurt. Be busy the next time he asks you.

Don't butt in on another girl's date if you can avoid it. If your girl friend has to go alone with you, get her a date.

Do your primping at home; do not wait until you get in public places.

When asked for a dance, say "I'd be delighted to," or "I'm sorry, the next dance is taken."

Decline consecutive dances with the same boy. Politely explain you don't want to be selfish. If he is the right sort, he will understand. If he is offended, don't worry about it. He isn't worth while.

After a boy has taken you out and shown you a good time, you should thank him. Show him you have had a good time. It will build him up no end.

CAMPUS CHATTER

Well, here's our last "gossip session" for this year. Are you going to miss having your name "smeared all over the place?"

Say! Did you see the lovely flowers "Slab" was wearing several week-ends ago? It seems that her handsome B. F. from Georgia was here and simply showered her with presents.

Speaking of flowers—Many of the girls were overjoyed on Easter 'cause their O. A. O.'s sent them corsages. Betty Jane and Carolyn Hughes were wearing ORCHIDS. . . . Betty Bivens, how'd you like the flowers you received from Bobby???

What's Gene Whitlock's latest fling?? . . . I declare these boys just will be fickle, won't they?? . . . But sometimes they aren't. For example, Mr. and Mrs. Baseball celebrated their third anniversary last week. They had been going together three years.

Catch Nancy Hearne selling the most poppies on Poppy Day! By-the-way!! Did you notice who invited whom for the Poppy dance?

Why does "Goo-Goo" blush when you ask him where he got that lipstick at the Spring Dance??? . . . Sonny, did you have a good time when you dated the girl from Taper City?? She must have been some er-ah—"dish"!!!

FLASH!! Miss Rogers has a beautiful diamond! The date is for the last of June. . . . Jay Snuggs and Lloyd H. are trying to change from typing to Physical Ed. 'cause they haven't a chance with Miss Rogers now, but Miss Gantt's still single.

The Wadesboro trip was quite exciting for C. B. Crawford. He became so excited when the Wadesboro girls winked and waved at him while he was singing his solo that he completely forgot the word and Mr. Fry had to tell him.

Betty Lou Still's operation caused a little happiness among us. As she was coming out of the ether after her operation, she began calling for Gene Harrington and that caused the renewing of the old romance. . . . To Charles and Betty Lee—What's Salisbury doing that Albemarle hasn't??

What's in a song?? Well, here's a few titles that we think may apply to students in Albemarle Hi. What do you think???

'Cause Ellen's far away, Burglar sings, "I'm a Prisoner of Love". . . . Nancy Glover is much older than she looks so she sings "I'm a Big Girl Now". . . . Could "Laughing on the Outside, Crying on the Inside" apply to the Wentz-Rogers couple?? . . . "Bubble Gum and Lillian" it looks like "Till the End of Time". . . . George Wolfe lost his love and he's "A Little on the Lonely Side". . . . "The Coff" declares that "Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall". . . . Margaret and Joe are just "Happy In Love". . . . Claudine looks serious when she sighs "I Wish That I Could Hide Inside Your Letter". . . . George Turner is "Gettin' Plenty of Sleep", but the he often comes in late, well. . . . "You Belong to My Heart". . . . Miriam and Jimmy and it certainly looks that way. . . . "Monk" and "Diz keeps singing "Dark Town Poker Club". . . . "Sentimental Journey" go to Charlotte quite often but those aren't "See the Light". . . . Ann Johnson, "Are You Beginning to See the Light" which one of the TWO you like best?? . . . Billy Jean sings "Hubba, Hubba", but it doesn't sound like it's meant for one person alone.

You're probably all a singer! "This Gossip is the Root of Evil" so we'll say "And That Is All".