

# Plus Two Equals Four; Cannot Be Stretched to Six

By JEAN BOWERS

One bass horn, \$450; one baritone saxophone, \$350; one clarinet, \$350; one oboe, \$337; one bassoon, \$750—all add up to the fact that Albemarle high school cannot support a band without help.

Spencer Hatley, band director, has estimated that the school will need \$7,000 next year to get equipped and functioning properly. The band should have \$6,000 worth of instruments, which will include three bass horns, \$450 each; two baritones, \$260 each; one bass clarinet, \$350; one oboe, \$337; one baritone saxophone, \$350; and various others. "But," someone howls, "what about all those instruments the school has fallen heir to?"

That person might be interested to know that most of the instruments are 15 to 20 years old, worn out, and impossible to use, the average life of a good band instrument being ten years, of a mediocre instrument less than that. While as many as possible are in use, only a few are in good condition.

Along with new instruments the band must have fifteen uniforms costing \$58.50 each. The present ones are still good, but the four present members who do not have uniforms, the seventh graders coming up next year will need new ones.

Once the band is functioning normally, the depreciation on the instruments, along with the instructor's salary, will amount to \$4,000 yearly. This would include coal to heat the band hall (they have used two tons already and "haven't got too warm at that") and the school's share of the music.

By the end of the year the band, as small and incomplete as it is, will have spent \$4,296.48 for inescapable expenses. The majority of this will go to the instructor, the rest for the instructor's retirement, music, file, tests, repair of instruments, and repair and music stands.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce gave \$634.00 in 1946-47, \$500.00 in 1947-48, while tuition and books brought in \$50. All this totals exactly \$1,711.80, which, when placed against the \$4,296.48 expenditures, looks not only small but threatening—there is a \$2,584.68 deficit.

The band has done a wonderful job of getting started this year with the equipment they have, but for the first time a band that Albemarle demands, they must have more and better material to work with.

It is easy to see that the school, which is forced to operate on a shoestring, exactly the same amount of money that it did in 1937 when prices have doubled, cannot support a band. It is up to the City of Albemarle!

## Excellent Records Made for Term

Approximately two hundred records are listed on the honor roll for the first half of this year. This means that there is an average of one record on every subject taken in the school.

Records made this term are:

Grade highest honor: Morrow, Sue Redfern, Janet, Betty Brunson, Phyllis, Joe Gaskin, Sylvia Morris, Sue Rogers, Barbara, Carol Jo Herrin, Angela, Nancie Jo Haynes, Rogers, Patsy Pettit, Don, Ann Reeder Daniel, and Litaaker.

Grade highest honor: Billy Lisk, Catherine Lewis Kluttz, Nancy Mea, Lovell Moose, Jane Russell, Ann Swarin, Wanda Troutman, Patsy, Nancy Austin, Jimmy, Margaret Griffin, Bruce, Jimmy Skidmore, Leslie, Genoa Carpenter, Car, Jones, Hilda Poplin, Don, Jim Hunsucker, Doug, James Lisk, Hamilton, Harold Smith, Jane, Betty Davis, Virginia, Sarah Ruth Cooper, Emily, Lindsay Jones, Johnny, Nancy Lowder, O'Lema, Marie Barbee, Eleanor, Laura Mae Plyler, Henderson, Kathryn Carpenter, and Taylor.

Grade highest honor: Taylor, John Boyett, Dorcas, Phyllis Kluttz, Jane, Lucille Curlee, Lois Lowder, Betty Jean Poplin, Bowers, Don Wagner, Jar, George Causby, Wil, Charles Litaker, Morris, Robert Scaggs, Brown, Lucille Burr, Elder, Helen Harwood, Bailey, Eunice Kimrey, Vina, Lowder, Jane Smith, Birdie, Frankie Williams, Angela, Joe Whitley, Mary, Martha Bell Knight, Lil, Jo Ann Burrell, Jane, Jane Coggins, Carolyn, Joyce Scott, Elbert

Grade highest honor: Chandler, Connie Mc, Morton, Barbara Setz-

## American Legion, Legion Auxiliary Sponsor Contests

Mr. McFadyen has announced that an oratorical contest on the constitution, sponsored by the American Legion, will be held at Albemarle high school on or before March 6 and that an essay contest on "Our American Heritage: Liberty" sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary is being offered.

The Oratorical contest involves a ten-minute prepared speech on the constitution. The contestants will then be required to draw the number of an amendment and make a four-minute impromptu speech on the amendment drawn.

There will be two county prizes offered. The first prize offered by the State will be one hundred dollars, with a second prize of fifty dollars. The winner of the national contest will receive a four thousand dollar scholarship to the college of his choice.

The essay contest will be a five hundred word essay on "Our American Heritage: Liberty."

Prizes are being offered to the local winners.

The contests are open to all students between the ninth and twelfth grades. All those interested in either contest are urged to see Mr. McFadyen at the earliest possible date.

ler, Elizabeth Starr, Sarah Frances Poplin, Sara Skidmore, William Grigg, Ellene Holbrook, Anne Milton, Martha Moore, Bob Gullledge.

Honor: Bobby Barringer, Henry Efrid, Bill Kluttz, Mary Lamar, Peggy Redfern, Jane Bullock, Jean Bullock, Mary Helen Cooper, Cranford Hathcock, Barbara Mauldin, Kathleen Morris, Dwight Cranford, Henry Forrest, Elbert Holt, Tommy Sibley, Betty Boone, Bernice Crump, Marlene Page, Barbara Smith, Monzelle Talbert, Hattie Tucker, Leroy Swearingen, Gene Laughter, John Knight, Johnnie Helms, Catherine Taylor, Lauretta Plyler, Joyce Ann Crowell, Norma Talbert, Harry Pawlik, Larry Lowder.

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# The Full Moon

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## District Contest Plans Announced

Mixed Chorus, Smaller Groups Are Working On Music.

Several high school choral groups and talented students under the direction of Paul B. Fry plan to enter the annual district contest, which will be held in Charlotte on March 19. Later a state contest will take place in Greensboro; however, no definite plans have been made for this competition.

Previous plans disclose that the mixed chorus, which consists of about 60 voices, will sing two of the following selections: "Blessed Redeemer" by Bach; "Fierce Was the Wild Billow" by Noble; and "Jamie's on the Stormy Sea" by Powell.

The boys' chorus will sing the "Hiking Song" by Krones and "A-roving," an English song. The girls' chorus will sing "Nightfall in Granada" by Bueno, "The Moon Behind the Cottonwood" by Cadman and "Come to Me (First Movement, Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2)" by Beethoven.

The boys' double quartet, which consists of Alex Morehead, Richard Crisco, Alton Broadway, Edwin Snuggs, Eugene Earnhardt, Sonny Boone, Max Aldridge, and Kent Ballard, will sing these selections: "Mosquitoes" by Bliss, "De Sandman" by Protheroe, "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" arranged by Ryder, and "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel" arranged by Burleigh.

The girls' trio will also be represented, although the choice of these voices has not been made yet. There will also be boys' tenor and bass solos and girls' alto and soprano solos. The decision as to who will sing the solos will be made in assembly by several judges selected by Mr. Fry.

### CENTER IS ACTIVE

In spite of the sleet and snow the Youth Center took in thirteen dollars for the March of Dimes at a dance given January 24.

Recently, bingo parties have been part of the Youth Center's activity. Prizes were given to winners. First prize was free refreshments for the whole evening and for second prize, a free pass to a movie. Attendance has been large.

## Let It Freeze, Let It Snow: Somebody Would Be Satisfied

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it, according to Mark Twain.

However, if the students of AHS had their way, this situation would be remedied.

Just what would happen if they were given the chance of governing the weather for one day? We're afraid poor Albemarle could never stand the strain. And to show what we mean, here is what would happen.

The majority of the day would be warm, sunny, and dry. Jane Coggin, Donald Earnhardt, Betty Lou Stevens, Billie Taylor, Christine Mecimore, Bryce Snuggs, Clara Barbee, Elven Tucker, and Essie Kimrey are among those responsible. They like that kind of weather that's "not too hot and not too cold" and that means a chance to go where they like without donning banglesome wraps.

George Corriher likes it just because "it keeps the ground from being muddy all the time and I won't have to shine my shoes every time I go home."

Chase Crump sums it up nicely with, "I like the nice cool spring with, 'I like to go to school because I like to go to school then. I can lay out and go to the show.'"

The next one-fourth of the day would more than likely get ex-

## Miss Jepson, Metropolitan Star, Delights Audience

### Band Will Enter Music Contests

For the first time in years Albemarle high school will enter a band in the district music contests to be held in Charlotte March 18-20.

The contest for bands will be on March 20. The A. H. S. group will not compete against the older, more experienced bands, but in a class organized for beginners. However, the musicians will have an opportunity to hear the other bands and to see how a large, well-organized band operates.

The Band will also give a performance in chapel on February 20.

Some of the numbers that will be played on the program are "Mutual March", "Military Escort March", and "Mister Joe March," all by Harold Bennett, and "The Argonaut Overture" by Carl Frangkiser.

## Plans Completed For New School

Plans have been drawn for the construction of the Efrid-Wiscasset elementary school building and bids will be received on February 27, according to Mr. Grigg.

The building will be located on a site adjacent to the Congregational Church on the Old Salisbury road. This property was given to the school by Wiscasset Mills company last summer.

Present plans call for the construction of a building housing 16 classrooms, an auditorium, and lunchroom.

The addition of this 16-room building to the city system will relieve present congestion and will provide adequate space for the present. Although it was first planned to construct a building with 20 classrooms, the high cost of the project led officials to dispense with the idea, planning the new building so that the other four rooms could be added at a later date.

Miss Helen Jepson, lovely Metropolitan opera soprano, presented a beautiful program of music in the high school auditorium Wednesday night in the first of the community concerts.

Miss Jepson, who has been singing since she was thirteen, displayed a beautiful voice as well as personal charm.

Her program contained a variety of old English melodies, French songs, American ballads, and unpublished manuscripts of American composers. For encores Miss Jepson delighted the audience with lighter numbers such as "Summertime," "Mighty Like a Rose," and "Merry Widow Waltz."

After her performance the lovely singer commented on her appreciative audience.

The Community Concert Association, which sponsored Miss Jepson's performance, was organized in Stanly County a few weeks ago and nearly 550 members are enrolled.

## History Students To Try For Medal

Woodmen of the World are again offering a medal to the best history student of A. H. S.

Each American history class will pick one student to take an examination prepared by Woodmen of the World. The medal will go to the one with the highest score.

Last year's winner was Bill Bradley, who competed with Buddy Lowder, George Winecoff, and Mattie Barringer.

## By Their Words

"Who's moving?" — Jimmy Napier as he picked up Idalene Lowder's pocketbook.

"Somebody was knocking at the tomb trying to get in." — Bill Ridenhour giving a book report on *Romeo and Juliet*.

"Please, if you see a teacher in her room by herself, don't go in. She's not lonesome; she's just desperately trying to get her exam papers graded." — Mrs. Fry just before exams.

"I don't like to talk about money. I don't like money—I wish I had plenty of it." — Mr. James Wolfe.

"Guess again!" — Miss Caughman to second year algebra students.

"Wait, let me read you the prices again." — Buddy Lowder at senior meeting about a proposed trip.

"If you have your pilot's license, go out to the airport and fly, but leave the airplanes out of the auditorium." — Mr. McFadyen.

"I think Jack Palmer would really look good in a West Point uniform." — Ann Johnson.

"I went to Morganton this summer." — Idalene Lowder to Mr. Wilson.

"If you fall down on me—I'm likely to fall down on you." — Mr. Fry to Mixed Chorus just before "Season's Greetings."

"What's a Hottentot? Sounds like a new kind of dance!" — Shotgun Talbert.

"I crack a lot of good jokes, but the trouble is that nobody catches on to them." — Sidney Efrid.

"In building a new world order we must get rid of our provincial ideas." — Reverend J. S. Gibbs.

"Miss Caughman, I think you are shooting us a curve." — Frank Winecoff.

"When I say music, I don't mean that—what's his name — Frank Sinatra." — Mr. James Wolfe.

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