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IT WAS THE LAST PERIOD of the day, and as a group of students watched the band members leave early in order to get to Salisbury in time to march in the Christmas parade, Ted suddenly exclaimed: "I wish I could start over and get till 6 o'clock," Don-Don reminded him. "I know," came the reply, "but I'm driving my A-I should have started over."

MR. BEAVER: That's the ball-point pen I ever saw write even.
Herrin: You mean, that's the ball-point pen you ever wrote even?

MR. FRY'S CHORUS CLASS, the girls exchanged seats in the middle of a song, Mr. Fry stopping to play the piano to ask the people on that side of the room "have measles?"

TWENTY CRANFORD SEEMS to be answering door knobs in a way of telephones these days. He was suddenly awakened by the ring of the telephone and rushed to the table, picking up a broken doorknob, and cried, "Hello".
Receiving no answer, he returned to bed, still half-asleep.

MRS. PRIESTER SNEERED at a corny joke as she started down in French class while the originator of the fun chuckled and said: "That's funny! Get out!"
She got the point all right, from a thumb tack which she had put in her chair.

SAID LULU MORRIS to believe in ghosts? Go to the last football game, where Lulu Morris was examining brightly colored kerchiefs and football pictures on it, and said, "Well, this kerchief is out of style after today as she finished saying this, the kerchief vanished out of the air. Was her face red?"

WANT TO GO GET my hair cut? David Gaddy on the day of the Christmas parade.
"Everybody's going to look at you now if your hair needs cutting," replied Miss Lentz.
"Well, I don't care if anybody looks at me or not. It itches."

APPLE FOR THE TEACHER: Miss Lentz's pupils presented her a turnip. And what a turnip!

was 21 inches in circumference, 7 1/4 inches in diameter, and weighed 12 pounds.
Miss McIntosh presented it to the teacher to cook for the Thanksgiving.

ABLE TEACHING INSURANCE: In general business class, Mrs. Matheson asked, "Why don't you want to have insurance on this school building?"
Miss Ross came up with the answer. "Because of the boys' toilets."

MISS LENTZ WAS HAVING difficulty in making the assignment in third period sociology. She had already stopped three times because her voice could not be heard above that of Miss Napier, who was telling the class about "Stooge".
Finally she opened her mouth again, when Jimmy Gaddy came up, caught her in indignation, and came out with, "Please stop interrupting."

CAUGHTMAN: "If you don't keep your signs (assignments) straight, I'm going to sign all over you."
Miss Gaddy: "What kind of a bridge out?"

MIXED CHORUS



High School Band Marches In Three Christmas Parades

The Albemarle High School band, under the leadership of Spencer B. Hatley, has participated in three outstanding North Carolina Christmas parades.

The Charlotte Christmas Festival, November 17, one of the largest in the Southeast, was the first parade in which the band had taken part. It was an honor in itself for a beginner's band to receive an invitation; yet the band conducted themselves as though they were veterans and were commended for their "snappy marching" and "neat, dressy appearance".

The Salisbury parade the following night was met with tired feet and worn shoes; but enthusiasm was not dampened: the band marched, according to eyewitnesses, even better than the previous night, though the horns and music seemed to grow heavier with every step.

Climaxing the series of marches, the parade here in Albemarle, held December 2, was Stanly county's contribution to the Yuletide Spirit.

The Albemarle high school band, sharing honors with Concord and Salisbury bands, marched "into the hearts" of the citizens of Albemarle. (If you remember, the Band Drive last year was met with the most spontaneous approval of the people of any drive of its sort.)

Thursday, December 2, the people saw what their money had purchased, what their children had accomplished, and what hard work and patience had done.

Charlotte and Salisbury were "really sumpin'"; but the cheers of the people of Stanly county were worth every bit of work and practice put into the preparations.

By Their Words

"I've drunk so much coffee I can't drink another pot full." — Johnny Helms.

"My students always walk out single file. I stand in the door and they can't do anything else." — Mr. Fry.

"He doesn't have sense enough to say anything crazy." — Bill Saunders.

"I'd like to have a mirror so I could look in myself." — Violet Melton having her picture made.

"She fell desperately in love with a pheasant." (meaning peasant) — Mary Anna Peck.

"I'm so sleepy I can't wake up." — Dwight Cranford.

"I've been shaving for two years and cut myself both times!" — Jimmy Allen.

"Tex Ritter looked straight in my face so I'm never going to wash it again." — Sally Neal Klutz.

"If I could talk the contest judges into grading us on talking instead of playing, this band would make straight ones (top ratings)!" — Mr. Spencer Hatley.

"He's just a regular old slapping fellow!" (meaning back-slapping) — Mary Elder.

"Please! Don't tell us about your war experiences again today, Ralph." — Mr. Wilson.

"I wish someone would come up here and hold my hand, but please don't all of you girls rush up here now!" — Rayvon Morton.

"Why don't you stick a postage stamp on your nose and send yourself to China?" — David Gaddy to Frances Gaddy.

"If I were a senior I'd let the eighth graders swoon over me, but being I'm an eighth grader, I'll just swoon over the seniors." — Peggy Wilhelm.

"People really do like to look in our door. I'm going to put up a sign — 'Look in . . . 36 people and Gene Snuggs'." — Mrs. Hayes.

Monogram Club Presents Annual Stunt Night Show

The second annual Physical Education Stunt night was held in the high school auditorium, Friday night, December 3. This stunt show was given by members of the physical ed classes, under the direction of Mrs. Almond, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Peiffer, and was sponsored by the Monogram club to raise money in order to buy sweaters for varsity players.

Act one of this program was a baby contest given by the boys of the first period boys' class. Both the "babies" and "mothers" were members of this class; they came on the stage in wagons and wheelbarrows, and one "child" came in carrying his "mother". The winner, selected by applause of the audience, was given a cup, which was really a child's training pot.

"The Dark Town Poker Club" was presented by the third period girls in true Phil Harris style, with Betty Lou Stevens acting the part of Bill.

Next was the "Dissentary Dozen", a small orchestra consisting of several members of the AHS band with Dick Heddin as conductor, who gave their version of "My Happiness" and "Drum Major's Special".

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AHS, Harding Present Concert

Cossack Chorus Presents Concert

As the first feature of the Community Concert series, the Don Cossack chorus presented a program of delightful musical entertainment Tuesday, November 30, in the high school auditorium.

Directed by Nicholas Kostrukoff, who organized the chorus 20 years ago, the Don Cossacks wandered around the world until 10 years ago they finally found a home in America, where they received public acclaim.

With the exception of "The Lord's Prayer", which was sung in English, the program consisted of Russian songs sung with the widest range known on the concert platform. As an additional surprise, the Cossacks performed exciting dances, ending with the National Dance of the Cossacks.

The concert was well attended by high school students, who are members of the Community Concert association.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Christmas holidays will begin December 17 and last until January 3.

Day Of Practice Ends In Joint Program And Party.

A joint concert featuring Christmas music was given by the mixed choruses of A. H. S. and Harding High School of Charlotte on December 10 here.

The Charlotte chorus came to Albemarle Friday morning to begin practices with this chorus. Students of Harding ate lunch in the cafeteria and were invited to dinner by members of the mixed chorus and selected members of the boys' and girls' choruses who sang in the concert.

Sacred and secular songs which were sung by the choruses under the direction of Mr. Paul Fry and Mr. Oliver Cook were as follows: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", "We Have No Other Help", and "May Day Carol", "Call to Remembrance", "Charlottown", "Stodola Pumpa".

Fred Waring's choral arrangements of Christmas Carols were also presented by the choruses. They were "We Three Kings", "The First Nowell", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "Joy to the World", "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Luther's Cradle Hymn", "God Rest You Merry".

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Survey Shows That Most Students Eat Hearty, Sleep Late, Scrub Clean

As shown by a recent survey sponsored by "Scholastic Magazine" on High School Health and Nutrition Habits, 235 students, as a whole, have healthful habits.

It seems that 222 pupils, 117 boys and 105 girls, eat breakfast every morning, while 13 don't eat breakfast at all. More people can eat in fifteen minutes, but 83 are able to rush through it in five or ten minutes. Forty-five slower ones can barely finish in 20 or more minutes. From those 13 who didn't eat at all, excuses such as getting up too late and not hungry in the mornings were given. One girl declares that if she eats breakfast, it will make her sick. Too bad! Think of what she's missing. Maybe that's why there is such a rush at lunch time—those 13 people who didn't eat breakfast became hungry. The questionnaire shows that

the typical A. H. S. student's breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, toast and butter, and coffee. The cost of such foods as meat, butter, milk, and eggs does not have much influence on their choice of food.

It would be nice to know how 4 people always manage to eat something between breakfast and lunch as the statistics show and 21 people usually eat at this time—and such a variety too. Everything from sandwiches and crackers to sweets and peanuts with all sorts of beverages are somehow devoured at school during this time. How do they obtain all this food, especially the hot coffee?

Most of our 235 people are not night owls and get plenty of sleep, the majority getting between 8 and 9 hours sleep every night.

It was found that most students come to school with clean

and shining faces. Twenty girls to 8 boys wash their faces with water and no soap. Guess the boys must be the soap lovers in this school. Is that why some of them smell so good?

Ninety-seven of 120 boys brushed their teeth this morning, while 106 out of 115 girls brushed theirs. No wonder so many girls have that toothpaste smile.

Besides having clean teeth, these people have clean heads as well. Seventy-two girls shampoo their hair at least once a week, and 37 wash theirs once every two weeks. The boys probably think that they are handsome enough without having shining locks, for 55 wash their hair once a week and 51 once every two weeks.

Of these 235 students, most of them have good health and nutrition habits. What about you??