

# The Full Moon

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## Here and There

MISS CAUGHMAN: "What isometry?"  
Charles Almond: "Isn't it a way they keep dead people?"

DURING A DISCUSSION of marriage in sociology, Jimmy Miller commented: "But every one can't marry a Christian because there aren't enough to go around."

STRIKE, STRUCK, AND stuck are the three tenses of strike. The other day when the mixed chorus was singing "strike" in "Music of Life", Frances Gaddy came down on a tack.

Jimmy Miller remarked: "Not like, struck."

Mr. Fry: "Just leave the 'r' of struck and it would be still 'er—stuck."

MARTHA MOORE: "Mr. Hatley, what is wrong with a radio that won't pick up the Charlotte stations and will pick up California stations?"

Mr. Hatley: "I reckon it's got something on its mind."

LEGG HERRIN suddenly became quiet after a noisy session with the orchestra. It was assumed that he was keeping his mouth (set) shut.

IF YOU PEOPLE DON'T stop talking on them," warned Miss Lentz, "I'm going to make you wash my boards instead of my eighth graders."  
"Why?" asked David Gaddy.  
"Who usually washes your eighth graders?"

IT LOOKS AS IF Charlie Ross is getting on up in years.

The other day in bookkeeping Edwards asked Charlie what is engraved on his ring.  
Charlie answered seriously, "29."

MISS LENTZ RETURNED a set of French test papers said that grades were so low she had to grade on the curve.

Henry Forrest spoke up, "You Miss Reese had better not get in an argument about grading on the curve."

"We won't," Miss Lentz assured him; "My curves are different from Miss Reese's."

## News Briefs

Mixed chorus and AHS band will present a joint concert this evening under the direction of Mr. Fry and Mr. Spencer Hatley.

Albemarle city schools have bought a new yellow truck.

Several AHS students are writing essays to enter in the contest sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

Essay must not be over 300 words on either of the topics, "I Am In Favor of Socialized Medicine Because," or "I Am In Favor of Socialized Medicine Because". A prize of \$100 scholarship will be given to the best essay.

Easter holidays will last from March 15 to April 18.

An adult sewing class was held last night in the economics department. In the meetings cotton and silk dresses, curtains and aprons were made. Approximately twelve women were enrolled.

Mr. McFadyen, Mr. J. W. Swarth, Miss Sue Ramseur, Miss Margaret Taylor, and several Albemarle citizens attended a public hearing before the appropriations committee of the General Assembly at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, March 17, around 4500 people attended the meeting.

Seniors received their rings on Tuesday 21.

## New Tax Levy, Bond Issue Sought For Schools

### Rev. Neilson, Dr. Cunningham Named Speakers

#### Seniors Choose Speaker Program For Graduation.

Plans for the graduation exercises to be held on June 13 have been announced by Mr. McFadyen.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 12, will be delivered by Reverend J. A. Neilson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Greenville, N. C. Reverend Neilson conducted a series of services for Youth Emphasis Week here last year.

Dr. J. R. Cunningham, president of Davidson college, will be the speaker at the graduation exercises June 13. Mr. McFadyen states that the seniors are very fortunate in securing Dr. Cunningham as their speaker.

A vote was taken among the seniors to see what type of program was preferred. The speaker won a majority over the student participation program, which was introduced last year.

Dick Heddin, president of the senior class, will preside and several songs will be sung by the seniors. Other plans are as yet incomplete.

#### Choruses Enter District Contest

On March 25 Mr. Fry will take several groups from his choral classes to Charlotte to enter the annual district contest.

Members of the mixed chorus, boys' double quartet, and girls' trio will ride to Charlotte in chartered buses.

Last year the choral groups from AHS sang very successfully. They received a rating of 2, which is next to the highest rating given.

Mr. Fry has not yet announced the songs which the choral students will sing. However, each group will sing several songs.

Early Friday morning the students will leave on the buses to go to Charlotte to Central high school, where the contests have been held for the past several years.

The students will probably spend almost the entire day there. Choruses, bands, solos, and small groups representing most of the schools in this district will enter the contest.

"We cannot maintain the kind of schools Albemarle people demand without more money for building and for current expenses."—Mr. Grigg.



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#### Beaver's Record Proves Highest; Boysworth's Next

Having made a four-year record of no grade below an A, Sally Beaver and Jeannine Boysworth were named this morning as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the class of 1949.

Mr. McFadyen, in making the announcement, explained that the difference in their grades was a matter of two or three pluses or minuses attached to the A's.

While several seniors have made only one B during their four years, these girls have never fallen below an A.

Sally, as valedictorian, will have a part on the commencement program.

Both girls have been outstanding throughout high school, being members of the Honor Society, of the "Full Moon" staff, and of the annual staff, in addition to being outstanding in many other fields.

#### Essential To Keep School Systems At Present Level.

Two resolutions, which ask for an increase of 15 cents in the school tax rates in the Albemarle city administrative school district, and for approximately \$500,000, to be obtained by a bond issue, to be used in enlarging and improving the present school buildings in the city system, have been approved by the county commissioners.

Back in 1935 in a school district election, Albemarle citizens gave approval to a maximum levy of 15 cents to be used to supplement the salaries of teachers, to employ additional teachers, and to provide a higher standard than that provided by state support. Today this levy on \$11,500,000 valuation in the school district produces \$16,500.00 annually.

Part of this money is used to supplement the salaries of teachers and other school personnel. Originally teachers were paid a supplement of 10 per cent. This supplement now amounts to approximately 6 per cent. Local funds have not been sufficient to allow the supplement of 10 per cent on the increases of salaries since 1944-45.

The present tax levy also has made it possible to employ extra teachers, librarians, and special teachers for vocational subjects, health and physical education, and music. The state does not allot a sufficient number of teachers to provide these salaries. With the increase in teachers' salaries, however, supplemental funds are not sufficient to pay the salaries for special teachers and the additional teachers required if a reasonable teacher-pupil ratio is to be maintained.

"When it is realized that we are receiving practically the same amount of money for salary supplements and extra teachers that we did at the beginning of the war, it is easy to understand why we need additional money if we are to maintain our present standard," said Claud Grigg, in outlining the needs of the school system. "If we are to obtain and keep superior teachers and principals, we must compete with other communities which have larger special tax levies than we do."

The following is a list of towns and cities in the state which are levying more special taxes for schools than Albemarle: Lenoir, 42c; Wadesboro, 25c; Lexington, 30c; Thomasville, 30c; Mooresville, 40c; Charlotte, 50c; Pinehurst, 30c; Rockingham, 25c; Salisbury, 30c; and Roanoke Rapids, 50c.

The resolution which asks for a bond issue of approximately \$500,000.00 is regarded as of equal importance with the resolution calling for the increased tax levy.

Mr. Grigg pointed out that even after the North Albemarle school is completed with its 16 class rooms, the city system will still be short from 10 to 15 class rooms.  
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## Events For Rest Of Year Have Now Been Scheduled

#### Full Moon Seeks Copies For Files

Plans are being made to have past issues of "The Full Moon" bound into book form in order to preserve them.

On file are copies of issues dating back to May, 1937, but the following papers are missing:

November, 1941  
September, 1942  
October, 1942  
November, 1942  
September, 1943  
September, 1944

Mrs. Fry is asking that students look at home for these papers and bring them to her.

#### LICENSES ISSUED

Fifteen students were issued their driving licenses by Mr. McQueen recently.

The students who completed the course in driving were Mildred Kelly, Carolyn Morgan, Willie Crisco, Perlene Hartsell, Betty Thompson, Joanne Mabry, Jo Fox, George Lee, Louise Burgess, Aileen Dennis, Barbara Mauldin, Bill Klutz, Ruby Barbee, Rebecca Drye, and Jake Sides.

Another group has started the course, which lasts about three or four weeks.

At the teachers meeting held recently, the schedule of the main events for the rest of the year was made as follows:

April 1—D. O. Banquet  
March 31 and April 1—"King Ko-Ko", operetta by ninth grade chorus.

April 24—Tumbling exhibition.  
April 22—Junior-Senior prom.  
April 29—Field Day

May 6—Mixed chorus goes to Harding high school, Charlotte, for day of practice and joint concert.

May 13—Senior play  
May 20—Spring concert by band, chorus and smaller musical groups.

May 27—Senior Banquet.

Also pending is a Religious Emphasis week, similar to that held last year, to be conducted this spring at a date not yet disclosed.

#### Home Ec Classes Sell Stationery

Four hundred and sixty-five dollars worth of Williams stationery was sold by the home economics classes recently.

Prizes were given to the ones who sold the most stationery:  
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## Bus Drivers Don't Object To Hard Job; Bus Students Enjoy Early A.M. Chats

Four drivers of Albemarle high school buses bring approximately 295 students to elementary and high schools of Albemarle in their daily run of more than 135 miles of city and county roads.

Drives Jack Smith, A. B. Harris, and Bill Russell all agree that they like to drive. Bill Fincher's objection to driving is that it places too much responsibility on the driver.

None of the drivers object to getting up early in the mornings (around 7:00) and checking the tires, oil, and water, of their buses and getting them in condition for their morning routes. Most of the drivers would like to have modern buses with heaters and new seats.

Another interesting fact that was found upon interviewing the drivers was that at the first of the month each driver has to give in a report on how many students he carries on each of his two trips, the number of students that get out at each stop, and any bus trouble he may have had.

As for the students who ride the buses—most of them agree that it is fun. Rachel Russell, a senior, along with Sue Smith and Bill Burris, freshmen, agree that it is fun because they have a good time with their friends. One objection found was that the students have to leave so early and get home so late. Both Sue Smith and Leon Underwood have to leave home at

7:15, get back at 4:30, and must ride 14 miles to school. This is only two of the nine who were interviewed.

A few students who were interviewed object to the noise made by so many passengers of such varied ages, but most of them seem to enjoy it.

The bus driver is responsible for order on the bus and is supposed to put off the bus any unruly passengers who cannot be persuaded to behave. Only one driver has ever had to resort to such tactics, however, and in only one case.

Most of the students agree with the drivers in that they would like to have modern buses with heaters and better seats.

#### By Their Words

"I don't use profile language."—Johnny Helms.

"Did you know that some people think a mushroom is a place to smooch?"—Peggy Earp.

"The next number is 'Castle Ruins' (then softly to the band) 'O. K., let's don't ruin it.'"—Mr. Spencer Hatley.

"O, thou great exhausted majesty!"—Joe Clayton, addressing King Ko-Ko, in a practice for the operetta.