

# THE FULL MOON

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## Prepare For Future

"If the proposed building program is not carried out, some Albemarle children will be out of classroom space." This startling statement by Supt. Grigg presents a serious problem to the people of our city.

Congested facilities in all three city schools concern all people, young and old. At West Albemarle, coatrooms are being used as classrooms; at Central school the cafeteria designed for 200 is serving 660 students. High school presents the biggest problem, in that additional manual training space is necessary, along with a sound proof band hall and more and better dressing rooms for physical education students. More class room space is necessary at all the schools. The administration offices at present are cramped and their space for valuable school records is running out.

You, as students and citizens, should urge your parents to register and vote in the election on the \$631,000 bond for better schools. Your co-operation in helping pass the issue will mean increased and modern educational and recreational facilities for you and children to follow you through school.

The situation has been getting worse for a number of years. The only solution is in this carefully planned building program. Something must be done.

## Lunch Time Recreational Program

Crash, bam, wham! "Catch him; there he goes!" "Hey, Joe, you got your home work?" "Throw an eraser at him!"

All these sounds are familiar to the students who try to use the study hall for studying purposes at lunch time. There is an omnipresent state of confusion in the building.

Why? Because there is nothing else to occupy the students' time. Those who do not wish to study at lunch time have time on their hands.

What is the solution to this problem? Can't we keep the study-hall quiet for those who wish to study? There are two solutions. One, compel the students to stay out of the building. Two, give students some way to use their time.

There could be horseshoes, dancing, singing, and maybe movies in the auditorium, basketball in the new gym, volleyball; any number of things.

Perhaps the above-mentioned activities are out of the question. But probably they are not. We have the playground space, the equipment, the auditorium, a movie projector, and certainly the time.

True, we are not altogether without some lunchtime play. In the fall we have volleyball, and in the spring tennis and horseshoes, but there should be something during the winter months and a greater variety of activities offered.

Perhaps a student committee could offer some suggestions. There are any number of ways to find out what the students prefer. So let's get behind this idea of lunch time recreation.

## Are You a Termite?

It is amazing how human termites can be. Albemarle high school has some of the most unusual ones in the world.

We have heard of termites eating up woodwork completely. The library had the experience of having some termites carefully eat perfect corners of bookcovers and magazine covers. To increase their vocabulary, do you suppose?

The female termites are short of men. They go around kissing walls, while others write love letters on their bathroom floors.

The strong type move chairs from one place to another, while some practice football by running through the walls in the dressing rooms.

Bolts and nuts are easy pickings. Why, they can loosen chairs, lockers, and desks faster than a wrecking crew.

Yes, our termites are strong and fast working. If you don't believe it, just watch them at work.

## A Fresh Start

Too many of us are just plodding along, feeling overburdened with homework, and doing as little as possible to get by.

What we need is a fresh start. The perfect answer is a short vacation from school and activities, but since that can't be easily provided, we must push ourselves on the right track.

Omitting a few of the movies and shortening a few of the dates would provide several hours' time, which would be invaluable in catching up on back homework, sleep, and good humor. If we were caught up on work, we might find that the teachers aren't really forcing the last drop of blood from us; it's just that we make our work harder by letting it pile up in overwhelming amounts.

A change from plodding along with a foul humor to soaring along on top of the world would result from a little organized planning of our activities.

## Which Will You Choose

Do you have time to think about the things you do or are you like so many other A.H.S. students who feel as if they are caught in a whirlpool?

Yes, they find themselves torn between their teachers and social workers, and this strain is not good for a young mind which is in the process of developing.

Seemingly teachers don't realize students have more than one subject, and the coach can't understand why there are more things than drilling play No. 2, etc. But if a slack down on either one of these is made, it will show on report cards and with absentees from the team.

An answer to this problem has to be made, yet no one knows the real solution. Each student must decide for himself, and it all depends on his interest which way he may take.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The library has ordered 165 new books of all kinds.

Some of the biographies on this list are:

*Green Mountain Boy*, by Leon Dean, the story of Seth Warner, one of the leaders of the Green Mountain Boys, who fought first against the "Yonkers" and later against the British in the Revolution.

The boy *Albert Einstein*, who hated school because he couldn't ask "why."

A new, more detailed book for teen-agers about Joan of Arc titled *Bells of Heaven*, by Bick Christopher.

*Fighting Frontiersman*, by John Edwin Bakeless, another story of that favorite pioneer Daniel Boone.

The life of Anne of Brittany, by Lillian Brock, up to the time she was crowned Queen of France at the age of 16 in *Little Duchess*.

*Angel of Henry Street*, by Beryl Williams, the life of Lillian Wald, who in the 1880's gave up her easy life in a wealthy home to live and work among the poor in New York's East Side.

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Here are just a few of the novels in order:

*In Spring Is Not Gentle*, by Kirkbride, you follow the marriage and separation of David and Nina Jordan, members of a Southern Quaker family who attempt to help impoverish farmers.

*Southern Cross*, by Sinclair, tells of Elizabeth, the daughter of Dutch parents in South Africa, brought up by English foster parents. The conflict between the two nationalities colors her whole life and forces her to dramatic choice between husband and lover.

*Sun of the Valley*, by Tunis, relates the story of a brave boy's struggle to make a go of the family farm when his father went to work with TVA.

The experiences of homely but ambitious Vicky Lind in the Student workshop at Sunnycove Playhouse, a summer theater where she had to prove her ability as an actress among a group of glamorous and beautiful girls in *Sunnycove*, by Walden.

In *That Girl of Pierre's* a courageous French girl returns to her native village after the war, with father, mother, and lover still unheard from. At 17 Danielle carries on valiantly with her grandmother and little brother until, and after, the missing ones are found.

## MAGAZINE MUSTS

Would you like to know what your teacher thinks of you? The March *Ladies Home Journal* tells what teachers find most amusing or most annoying about all the bright sunny faces they have to look at five days a week in "Listen to the Teacher."

A. J. Cronin, author of *Shanon's Way*, has begun a new serial, "The Prisoner," in the March 4 *Colliers*.

Mr. Fry suggests that all students interested in vocal music read "How to Build a Voice" in the March *Etude*.

Also appearing in the March *Etude* is Patrice Munsel, Metropolitan opera singer, answering questions on vocal problems.

Do you know who owns the Pheasant Farm, what they serve, and how it is fixed? Then read about E. J. Stinson and A. L. Burch and their "Pheasant Farm" in the February 18 *State*.

Would you like to know how to read a short story to get more from it? Then read "What is a Short Story?" in a series "How to Read Better" in February 8 *Senior Scholastic*.

Others in this series are "Let's Assay the Essay" and "You're the Critic, Meet the Author."

## TO ATTEND MEETING

The Library club and eighth grade pages plan to attend the Student Library Assistants association of the South Piedmont District in Charlotte March 17, at Harding high school.

Margaret M. White of Kannapolis, president of the association, will preside. The speaker will be Mrs. Marion Townsend, book reviewer and library columnist for *The Charlotte Observer*.

## Inquiring Reporter

Question: What Gripes You Most Around School?

### BOYS

"I don't have any. I'm satisfied." — Bill Kluttz.

"Everything — everybody." — Tebo McLendon.

"People that think so much of themselves that they don't know the rest of us are around." — Hambone.

"I don't like to see the people with cars race around school. It's dangerous." — Ralph Barbee.

"I dunno, everything in general and nothing in particular." — Bud Griffith.

"The under classmen causing so much confusion in the halls also traffic jams." — George Lee.

"Some of the teachers who think their subject is the only one in school." — Carroll Davis.

"Biology and World History." — Budy Stallings.

"Not a thing." — Max Moyle.

"J. C. Morris's new lid." — Keith Byrd.

"The durned short hair cuts that the girls have." — Joe Clayton.

"The Lilly Whitters and French." — Sid Helms.

"The girls around school that can't be by themselves. They have to go around in groups all the time." — Claude Hartsell.

"Boys that crowd up the toilets between classes that aren't smokers." — "Punk" Bowers.

### GIRLS

"All these boys with long "cat" hair." — Sarah Frances Poplin.

"Gosh I dunno, girls putting lipstick on the walls I guess." — Mary Lamar.

"Teachers." — Frances Wingate.

"All the boys." — Jean Tucker.

"Nothin." — Doris Rogers.

"These awful jams in the hall every time classes change." — Carolyn Jones.

"People who gripe." — Janice Scott.

"People that prance up and down the hall during homeroom period, looking in all the rooms." — Jane Smith.

"The students don't have quite as much say so as I think they should have. The school is run o. k., but if there was more student government, maybe there would be more spirit around." — Lib Elder.

"People who don't mind their own business." — Angela Moncrief.

"Some of these lovey-dovey couples." — Marie Clayton.

"Not having assembly." — Miss Teague.

## CAMPUS CHATTER

We just blew in on one of those March breezes to let ya know what's going on around A.H.S.

Now that it's getting warmer at the "Lake" Bobby Cree has taken over the position of mayor of the premises (who's that cheerleader with him?). This still doesn't keep Jane and Bill, Doris and Jack, or Mildred and Charlie from making their regular week-end visits.

Some of our girls are sorta depressed about these March winds. They seem to blow their fellas right out of town. Gene, Jimmy Green, and Cobby are keeping those Concord and Kannapolis roads hot.

I have a question to ask Ann Taylor, Helen Harwood, and Reid McLendon. What does "Chocolate Hee Hee" mean?

Whit's wreck must have scared him away from Badin, cause he's going around singing, "Red Head, everybody loves a red head."

The saying goes "That all good things must come to an end," and so it went with Ellene and Elmon.

Sally Kluttz seems to have acquired a taste for classical music. Say you're gonna start giving piano lessons, Tommy?

Jane Little has a new nick-name. What ye say, "Puppy Dog?"

Barbara Smith and Richard Harkey are really getting around these days in Dick's new Chrysler.

Howard Plyler agrees with the statement, "Gentlemen prefer blondes"; for two blonde heads go nicely with that blue Chevrolet.

Nothing much has ever been said about the Jane Rogers and Larry Lowder case. Maybe that's what kept that old flame a burning, huh?

The basketball teams are looking at the close of their season with regret. Many new friends were made on those out of town trips. Huh, Perlene, Janet, Sue, Frances, and George?

Sue Taylor has a certain guy singing the current hit song, "I Never See Maggie (Susie) Alone"; but he shouldn't mind with such cute company as Myra Davis and Lillian Copley.

We've heard that Jimmy Skidmore has a crush on a certain eighth grader. What's the matter with the tenth grade girls, Jimmy?

Cooper, we know you and Franky had a good time at that "Good Citizen's" dance. The good times must have rolled while you were in Charlotte.

I'll bet Bill Huckabee's, Bob Boger's, and Ralph Setzler's mothers were surprised to find their little "Darlings"?? with red hair. Just goes to show ya what a little bottle of peroxide can do.

Who'll be the most popular boy in the tenth grade? My guess is Henry Carpenter. Since Jim has taken the Ford off to school Henry's daddy has promised him a T-model. I guess all those sophomore girls are hoping there'll be "A Ford in Their Future."

Bob Youngblood says that brown is becoming his favorite color because it reminds him of a certain Barbara.

Janice Thomas and Cranford Hathcock have been hitting it off fine lately. Her old "flame," Bob Barringer, seems to be doing fine in Badin also.

Emily Milton and the rest of Miss Morrow's homeroom seem to have a secret about how to keep warm, or they couldn't have survived that picnic on Morrow Mountain that cold night.

Seems as though Morris Hathcock has lost his "church key"! If anyone finds it, please return it to him.

Barbers and beauticians around Albemarle are surely making money off the high school crowd. Short hair is becoming the style with the boys as well as the girls. Check "Swink," Howard, Carroll, "Youngun," "Skip," Sidney, Frank, Patsy Pettit, Margaret Brunson, Nancy Austin, and Patsy Williford, if you don't believe me.

March seems to be a month of anticipation, because everyone is looking forward to something. The Juniors and Seniors are looking forward to the prom, (The Juniors have chosen the theme, "Star Dust," and they're working hard on the big event); the French II classes can't wait to finish *Sans Famille*: Martha wants to get rid of those crutches, and fast; Connie expects week-end visits from Shelby; Bill Kluttz is looking for a football scholarship; Martha Griffith is looking forward to dating a certain junior class president more often; Claude Grigg—junior, that is—is hoping to get a little older so he can date Shirley Swaringen; the students of A.H.S. are looking forward to summer vacation, no doubt; and I know you're looking forward to my ending this column; so until next month I remain your campus snooper, reminding you not to talk, move, or breathe or I'll find out about it.