

# THE FULL MOON

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## Students and the Future World

The independence of the whole world is at stake today. Before long we, the students of A.H.S., will be the men and women of America. What are we doing to insure that we and our families will be able to live in a free land? That we may live where we wish, worship as we please, be able to speak freely, and go wherever we want to when we please?

Most of us don't realize until too late how much a thing means to us. For instance, we don't realize how fortunate we are to be healthy until we're lying in the bed feeling terrible while everyone else is having a good time. Each student should realize how important this freedom is. We might get up in the morning dreading school, but think how terrible it would be to have to get up every morning and go to work in the salt mines until dark with little food and beaten by a whip.

"What can I do?" students ask. "I'm only a drop in the bucket!" If each of the approximately 650 students of A. H. S. would tell one person how wonderful freedom is and that communism is a clever masquerade to throw free people off guard, there would be 1300 fighting against communism. If each of these would tell one person the truth about communism, there would be 2600, and so on. Maybe you could get a pen pal in some foreign country. Write and tell them how wonderful the American life is. Truth is the worst enemy of communism.

The object of the Communist is to dominate the world so that a few selfish people can be rich and have power. They claim to give everyone equal rights. It's true we would have equal rights, but what kind of rights would they be? We would be pushed around, our thinking done for us, and told where to live and what kind of work to do, and of course our pay would be handed over to the government. Under Communism there is no God. Everyone worships Stalin or else he is quietly shipped to Siberia.

We, the students of A. H. S., by praying and by spreading everywhere the facts of Communism, may be able to keep our country free.

## Students Can Be Good

What do you think is the biggest improvement in school? Probably the conduct of the A. H. S. students in assembly. Up until the last two or three weeks, the students were very un-high school like. Before the programs started, they would clap their hands, whistle, and make unnecessary noises.

Mr. Cashwell talked to the students one day in assembly about their conduct. He suggested that they try coming into the auditorium more quietly and talking less before the program. He also stated that it would be necessary to fill every seat and not to save them for other people. Mr. Cashwell said that students with good manners should know when and when not to applaud, and that whistling was not necessary. He asked us to try to act better and to show our appreciation for the performers.

Within two weeks' time the students realized that Mr. Cashwell was right and that they were acting childishly. Now they walk to the auditorium, take their seats and wait for the program to begin. The improvement has been noticed not only by the teachers, but by the students also. Let's hope the good work will be continued throughout the school year.

## Snowbound

Don't be deceived by the title. We weren't, but we wished we had been. I don't remember the day, but that doesn't matter; everyone will remember the event. It was the first big snow in four years, and brother did we have fun!

Everybody knows how it happened. It snowed all day, and that evening on Montgomery Avenue there were sleds of all descriptions from "store bought" ones to dish pans. Snowballs were flying and a few black eyes were appearing. All this fun and melee was being viewed by a host of white, dignified snowmen decked out in their gaudy, bright hats.

The next day school was almost snowbound, but not quite. Those that came enjoyed the morning, though. More snowball fights, more black eyes, and a lonely snowman appeared on the vacant space above the school, but in a few hours there remained only a little mound of snow, thanks to those hardy snow battlers.

## Why Study

Only two more six-weeks periods remain in 1951-52, but it is not yet too late to get in some good studying. According to the crestfallen expressions on the faces of a few, a new start is badly needed. However, this number of dejected people has been kept to a minimum and elation lighted the countenances of most when report cards were received.

Temptations are many and varied, but now is the time to buckle down and, so to speak, put your nose to the grindstone. The next time you are considering leaving your homework until the last thing—how about considering your next six weeks' grades. How good you would feel if all A's and B's were there to greet you.

It is true that good grades aren't everything in the world, but in order to make a success of yourself in years ahead, they need to be acquired while in high school.

## Library News

Eleven eighth grade students have formed a cross-word puzzle club. Occasionally when they come to the library they use the dictionaries and books of synonyms to work the puzzles in scholastic magazines.

The library assistants visited Miss Marie Bache, record librarian at the Stanly County hospital on February 18. Miss Bache explained the duties of her job and the preparation required for that kind of work.

### The Green Month

GREEN DOLPHIN STREET is a novel with the setting on one of the Channel Islands and New Zealand. Its author is Elizabeth Goudge.

GREEN YEARS, by A. J. Cronin, is a novel dealing with young Robert Shannon in Scotland.

GREEN LIGHT, written by Lloyd Douglas, tells of sacrifices of a young surgeon to save his superior.

GREEN MANSIONS, a fantastic romance by W. H. Hudson, tells the story of a bird girl and a young explorer.

GREEN GINGER JAR, by Clara Judson, is a mystery which takes place in Chicago's Chinatown.

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY, written by Richard Llewellyn, is about a Welshman recalling his family life when his Valley Was Green.

Inglis Fletcher's sixth historical novel of North Carolina is in chronological order. The series began with "Raleigh's Eden," "Men of Albemarle," "Lusty Wind of Carolina," "Toil of the Brave," and "Roanoke Hundred". The hero, a captain in the King's army, is sent to Virginia as an indentured servant because of his part in the King's escape. After many hardships, he finally discovers the woman he really loves, and comes into his own. This novel is "Bennett's Welcome".

In "Something Old Something New" Dorothy Canfield retells for children of today favorite family stories of real people told to her when she was growing up. "History", she writes, "is not all in the textbooks; a lot of it is in family stories — old and new."

## Alumni News

Alumni of Albemarle high school received many honors at various colleges in North Carolina. Some of those honored are:

Marion Sifford ('49) was elected vice-president of the student body at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. She was also elected to membership in Golden Chain, the highest leadership society on the Woman's college campus.

Among those making the Dean's List at Pfeiffer college for the past semester were Ann Milton, Peggy Redfern and Gene Laughter, all graduates of the class of 1950.

Bob Gullede and Bill Grigg made the Dean's List at Duke university for the past semester. Both boys have made good records at Duke since their graduation from A.H.S. in 1950.

Jane Gullede ('48) is a member of the Nereidian club at Duke university. This club gives swimming pagents and water shows, and membership in it is an honor.

Tommy Sibley ('50) was featured on a radio broadcast from the University of North Carolina. Tommy is an outstanding musician at Carolina.

Also honored at Carolina was Harry Pawlick, 1950 graduate of A.H.S. He won a varsity sweater by being a member of varsity soccer and wrestling teams.

Bob Barringer was the manager of the varsity football team of Wake Forest college during the past football season. He won a sweater for this.

Property manager of the Blue Masque's latest production at Catawba is Alvin Holt, 1949 graduate of A.H.S. Alvin has taken an active part in the Blue Masque productions.

## Inquiring Reporter

QUESTION: If someone should call you an "ichthyologist," what would you think he meant? NOTE: One who studies fish.

### GIRLS

"Somebody that studies ether." —Susie Swaringen.  
 "Somebody that studies cats." —Frances Regan.  
 "I'd think they belonged in the sanitarium." —Marie Clayton.  
 "I'd take it to R. C. Hatley—he knows everything." —Aveline Morton.

"I'd take it around with me and see what other people thought of it." —Shirley Boone.  
 "I'd think they needed to go to the nut house." —Sandra Poplin.  
 "Somebody that makes flea powder." —Zalotta Harris.  
 "Somebody that has dandruff." —Maxine Harwood.

"A psychologist, I reckon." —Mary Louise Helms.  
 "That I must have itch!" —Mona Ray Crotts.  
 "I would think they were out of their head." —Sandra Davis.  
 "That I was crazy!" —Jean Taylor.

"That I was interested in itching." —Ann Ivey.  
 "I'd knock them down." —Eleanor Jones.  
 "There's not much telling." —Peggy Lowder.  
 "I'd think they thought I was sway-backed." —Betty Gantt.  
 "Lord, held me—I don't know." —Margaret Brunson.

"A science teacher like someone I know." —Jeanette McLendon.  
 "They would be cussing me out." —Barbara McSwain.  
 "Something besides biology!" —Betty Simpson.

"That I knew how to do geometry real well." —Bobby Eudy.  
 "Must think I'm a cow doctor." —Delores Waisner.  
 "I'd pick up my skirts and skeedaddle." —Carolyn Miller.

### BOYS

"I'd think they were a genius." —Sherrill Aldridge.  
 "I would think they thought I was dumb." —Edward Fitzgerald.  
 "That I was a ditchdigger." —Vicky Eagle.  
 "I'd take it to J. C. Morris and let him saw it out." —Paul Haire.

"I wouldn't know whether to take it as an insult or a compliment!" —David Plowman.  
 "I'd tell them to kiss my foot." —Jimmy Brown.  
 "I'd call them something else." —Theo Hinson.  
 "Crazy I guess." —Dannie Vismor.

"They must have a hole in the head." —Larry Hearne.  
 "Sounds fishy to me." —Kenneth Hall.

"Someone that grows hairy Irish potatoes." —James Gibson.  
 "A spare part to my T-model." —Bud Griffith.  
 "I'd think they meant that I had a skin disease." —Charles McManus.

"A doctor that studies an itching disease." —Jerry Traywick.  
 "They would mean I was a brain." —Pat Haire.  
 "That I had some ink." —Bob Archer.

"A book worm, I reckon." —Teddy Simpson.  
 "You are probably cracked." —Dwain Furr.  
 "That I should study love!" —Hambone Morton.

"I'd slug him." —Pete Almond.  
 "Must be one of those things in my car that makes it knock." —Joe Clayton.  
 "Me or him one, would be running mighty fast." —Harold Harkey.

"I'd think he was off his rocker." —Jimmy Hunsucker.

## Student Impressions

1. Nickname: Popcorn; hangout: nowhere special; pastime: dating Jimmy; weakness: Jimmy; ambition: housewife.
2. Nickname: Lonny; hangout: YMCA; pastime: playing baseball; weakness: sports; ambition: to be handsome.
3. Nickname: Popecycle Pete; hangout: Palmer's farm; pastime: loafing; weakness: girls; ambition: to finish school.
4. Nickname: Jerry; hangout: K&L Drug; pastime: dancing; weakness: boys; ambition: undecided.
5. Nickname: Lem; hangout: Six Points Grocery; pastime: dating Myra; weakness: Myra; ambition: to be a pilot.
6. Nickname: Phyllis; hangout: home; pastime: playing badminton; weakness: sports; ambition: to be a nurse.
7. Nickname: Edshay; hangout: K & L Drug; pastime: playing basketball; weakness: girls; ambition: unknown.
8. Nickname: Larry; hangout: Purcell's; pastime: goofing off; weakness: women; ambition: to have money.
9. Nickname: Cookie; hangout: Abbie's; pastime: drawing; weakness: Air Force; ambition: to be a secretary.
10. Nickname: Hound; hangout: everywhere; pastime: messing around; weakness: women; ambition: to join the Navy.

ANSWERS—1. Hilda Poplin; 2. Lonny Morton; 3. Sherrill Aldridge; 4. Jerry Vismor; 5. Donald Almond; 6. Phyllis Greer; 7. Edward Brunson; 8. Larry Hartsell; 9. Ellen Cook; 10. Harold Harkey.

## Campus Chatter

Hey-o-here!

We don't know just where that saying originated, but it seems to be becoming rather popular around here recently—with Doug Knotts in particular.

Everyone knows that the final bell rings at 3:10, but wonder why so many, many people have been seen leaving the building after 4:00?!! Could it be sixth period—otherwise known as detention hall? Sometimes we wonder if laying out to play in the snow was worth it.

It seems that Sandra Westerlund and Dickie Cashwell were awfully unhappy during the recent snow. Gosh, wouldn't it be terrible to have one of your parents on the school faculty?!!

Let's take a peek through the key-hole at some of the Freshman doings. Here are some questions that they are thinking seriously about.

Hey Johnny, who's the lucky girl going to be? Sandra or Jeanette?

Charlotte, what about the rumor that Carolyn Miller is "hogging" your territory?

Elaine Mills, who is it going to be this time?

What is happening between Dwayne and Martha? Would you happen to know, Pat Allan?

Looks like Jack's going back to Jo for another round of it! Wonder how long it will last this time? Good luck!

Which senior does Sue Whitley have such a mad crush on?

We heard that Sylvia Morrow went "snipe" hunting one night. How many did you catch, "Sy"? What color were they? Huh?

Has anyone noticed the new hair styles around school lately?

All the girls have gone ga-ga over the "pony tails". They are right cute at that. Some of the boys could have "poodle cuts" with no trouble at all. Eh, James Lisk?

This is about enough chatter for this time, but we will be here again in the next issue.