

Here and There

DURING THE ROLL CALL in physics class, Mr. Hatley asked, "Where is Bobby Reeves?" "He's gonna lie out this afternoon," was Dan Sibley's reply. "Sibley, you don't lie out of school; you lay out," Mr. Hatley corrected. "You don't know Reeves!" Dan remarked.

MR. PENDERGRAFT MADE a mistake in French and calmly remarked, "Oh, well, teachers have a right to be absent minded once in a while." "Pupils don't!" piped up Oattie. "Every time I'm absent minded, I make a sixty."

MRS. FRY'S FULL Moon English class was getting ready to check some of their homework papers. "Will it help you to check your own papers?" she asked. "Yeah!" replied Oattie. "It'll help our grades."

ONE DAY WHILE practicing the Messiah, Kathryn asked Sylvia, "How do you know when to come in on the different parts?" "Easy," answered Sylvia, "I just pat my foot twice and start singing."

IT WAS THE day after a test in physics and the day before Thanksgiving holidays. This is the conversation that was heard. "Mr. Hatley," asked Craig Smith, "are you going to pass out pumpkin pie?" "No, I'm just going to pass out grades," replied Mr. Hatley.

KAY SNUGGS WAS talking to Larry Hartsell about the speech he was to make the other week. "Larry, do you know what it's like to go before an audience?" "No," he answered. "I spoke before an audience once, but most of it went before I did."

DONNIE SMITH WAS putting some articles up on the board in Miss Caughman's second year algebra class. Trying to be helpful, Miss Caughman said, "Donnie, you going to put that article up? Want some thumb tacks?" "Yeah," replied Donnie. "I can't put it up with my imagination."

MISS CAUGHMAN WAS just about at her wit's end when she finally told her class: "If you can't tell me the answer to that problem, I'm going to choke you to death." Bobbie Eudy popped up with, "Well, somebody start digging my grave."

DURING A DISCUSSION one afternoon, Jimmy Griffin asked the meaning of the phrase "bona fide." Temporary silence ensued and then Keith Sikes had an idea. "Isn't that what we had the night before homecoming?"

LULA THOMAS WAS putting on one of her shows in Mr. Robbinette's class. "Lula," he finally said, "if you want to entertain the troops, go overseas."

National Honors Come To Mr. Fry, Choral Director

The National Association of Teachers of Singing has recently elected Paul B. Fry, A.H.S. director of music, a member of this select national organization. Professor Paul Peters of Salem College and Paul Putnam of Furman University nominated Mr. Fry. Besides being elected to the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Mr. Fry has been selected to serve as regional director of the Modern Music Masters Society, of which the Albemarle chapter is one of the top fourteen in the nation.

A. H. S. MIXED CHORUS



Visiting Finn Is Guest Of Schools

The Albemarle city schools have been chosen by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to be hosts to one of 12 distinguished foreign educators who will visit in the state from January 4 through February 5 for observation of schools and classes.

Mr. Lehto, Lauri Vilhelm, of Finland, who will arrive here on January 20, will be the guest of the local schools. He comes to North Carolina in the International Teacher Education program sponsored by the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The educators will visit the classes of the public schools, attend P.T.A. meetings, and participate in community school life.

Claud Grigg, superintendent of the city schools, said he has already made arrangements for Mr. Lehto, Lauri Vilhelm, to appear before the local civic clubs and other organizations.

Mr. Lehto, Lauri Vilhelm, is headmaster of a girls' secondary school in Finland, and he teaches commercial arithmetic, physics, and chemistry in this school. His field of specialization is in the methods of teaching science and mathematics in secondary schools.

A.H.S. Music Masters Rated Ninth Best In Entire Nation

Albemarle, Chapter 35 of the Modern Music Masters Society, has been recognized as ninth in the top fourteen in the nation.

The chapters were picked for their splendid record of accomplishments during the past school year.

The news, received in a letter from Miss Frances M. Hartley, national executive secretary, stated that the list of the top fourteen would be sent to music educators interested in forming chapters with the suggestion that they contact any of these clubs for their personal opinion on the value of having a chapter of the Modern Music Masters Society in the school. Albemarle was the only school in North Carolina receiving this honor.

Being very active in the school and community, the local club has accomplished much since it was organized in 1952.

At the very beginning of the year the club got the juke box put into the student lounge as a project of the club. The money received from this project has bought record books and pictures for the club.

Serving as ushers at various concerts and other programs has been another project of the club. Members of the society also furnished...

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Staff Announces '54 Superlatives

The Crossroads staff has announced superlatives of the senior class. For the first year, the superlatives are being announced before the annuals are received in the spring.

Superlatives, as agreed upon by the voting of the senior class, are as follows: best looking, Ellen Palmer and Wayne Palmer; cutest, Lydia Hall and Larry Hartsell; best dressed, Lydia Hall and Jimmy Millican; most studious, Sally Crook and Victor Dry; most likely to succeed, Ann Ivey, Richard Jordan and Claud Grigg; most athletic, Doris Hinson, Evelyn Kimrey and Otty Lynn.

Biggest talkers, Dixie Schadt and Bryce Luther; most talented, Dixie Schadt and Sherrill Aldridge; most influential, Margaret Brunson and Claud Grigg; friendliest, Ellen Palmer and Larry Tucker; most dependable, Georgia Beaver and Jimmy Griffin; most original, Lydia Hall and Dwayne Lowder; most popular, Margaret Brunson and Ralph Setzler; best-all-round, Margaret Brunson and Richard Jordan; wittiest, Lula Thomas and T-Boe McLendon.

Chorus To Sing Messiah Excerpts With Symphony

The Mixed Chorus has been invited to sing selections from the Messiah with the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra at the night concert here in the spring.

Dr. Benjamin Swalin, director of the orchestra, extended the invitation while in Albemarle the first of December for the Symphony membership drive. Mr. Fry has announced that the chorus will sing with the orchestra and that he is pleased with the honor bestowed upon the chorus with the invitation.

The high school auditorium was filled to capacity for the presentation of Handel's Messiah the afternoon of December 13.

Under the direction of Mr. Fry and accompanied by Joan Melton, the chorus gave a superb performance.

Choral arrangements sung by the chorus were "And the Glory of the Lord," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," "Glory to God," "Worthy Is the Lamb," "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings," and "Halleluiah Chorus".

Featured soloists were Mrs. Eugene Fink, soprano; Mrs. John Almond, mezzo-soprano; Miss Shelly Millican, contralto; William J. Page, tenor; and Pleas Norman, bass.

By Their Words

"Well, I guess it's about time for the electrons to start making music."—Mr. Hatley, talking about the P.A. system.

Otty, receiving a hexograph machine in the annual room: "What's this thing, a sexograph?"

"I would appreciate it if the tenors wouldn't nurse my window shade cords!"—Mr. Fry.

"I like to go deer hunting, but I just can't seem to catch any 'dears'."—Dwayne Lowder.

"If kissing is a language, an awful lot of people like to talk things over."—Myron Snotherly.

"For that low grade, Dan Sibley, I'll make you re-plant my ferns."—Mrs. Fry.

"This old school bus rides so rough it jars you every time it crosses the white line."—Edshay Brunson.

"I love to go to football games because the boys are always making passes."—Pat Allen.

A.H.S. Students Reveal Best Christmases

Old Saint Nick is probably out warming up his reindeer now, since he'll be climbing down the chimney in only seven days. No chimney in only seven days. No doubt, you've all been counting the days 'til that wonderful event. Christmas trees will soon be hauled in and those stockings will be hung at the fireplace.

You will find that A.H.S. students have had many wonderful Christmases, but many students recall a special one.

Otty Lynn and Edshay Brunson undoubtedly hope they will be humming "White Christmas" this year. Their favorite December 25 was when it snowed.

"Look to the future" seems to be the motto of several. Dotty Walker, Susie Culp, Keith Sikes and Billy Fitzgerald say that this and Billy Fitzgerald say that this year will be their best. Doris Hinson feels that this will definitely

be her best, too. Could it be because of a guy named Bill?

Miss Bankett claims the Christmas of 1950 as her most wonderful, because of a certain someone. The mystery is, "who"?

Richard Jordan was in the eighth grade when he enjoyed Christmas most. He went on a hunting trip and had a great deal of luck.

When "Husky" Hearne was asked about his best Christmas, he replied, "When I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus". Bryce Luther answered, "In 1950 When I Met Fat Mama."

The Christmas of 1952 isn't being slighted at all. Elaine Mills remembers a special phone call she received last year on Christmas Day which made it her best. It seems he hasn't quit calling yet.

Laura Doby, Jeffie Lee, Ralph

Setzler, and Jimmy Brown have pleasant memories of last year. Jeffie spent the holidays in Alabama, and Ralph, could you have chosen last year because of a certain M.R.H. you are going with? Jimmy Brown says he had a great time last year at all the dances. Bobby Eudy definitely remarks, "Last year was my best year." It seems that Frank gave her a watch for the occasion.

Jimmy Griffin, Elaine Lowder, and Gerald Johnson remember their best Christmases as when they believed in Santa Claus.

No doubt, you've all spent a lot of wonderful Decembers in your lifetime. We hope this one will top them all! Let's remember the true meaning of the holiday and enjoy it in the right way. A

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!