

# Selectric Typewriter Topic Of FBLA Club Discussion

Mr. Joe Johnson visited the FBLA on November 21 and gave a fascinating discussion on the new IBM Selectric typewriter.

This new typewriter is a completely revolutionary idea in the typewriting line. It does not have typebars; instead it has a little ball type cylinder called a typing element. This typing element is very easily lifted off and has five more styles of type.

The keys are basically the same with the addition of one more key, the index key, which allows one to space the paper forward without returning to the left margin. Another extraordinary thing about this typewriter is the fact that it has no moving carriage.

One thing of interest to students is how easily the ribbon can be changed. Simply lift one off and click another into place. The fabric ribbon results in no inky fingers and also saves money.

Mr. Johnson permitted the members to try out these new typewriters after the meeting.

The projects committee reported that the Chamber of Commerce would be happy to co-operate with the club in having an FBLA Day in Albemarle. On FBLA Day the members will work down town in the stores. A date has not been set for FBLA Day, but plans are progressing under the direction of Jerry Smith, project chairman.

## What! Did Some Get Red Stones

As rumor has it, the Juniors are terribly happy with their new class rings that they received on Dec. 8. Being different from any other class in ages, the Junior Class voted to get blue stones. Otherwise their rings are just like those of any other ASHS class, except of course for the year of graduation.

A question that has been raised by many persons is this: "If the Juniors got blue stones in their rings, why is she (a Junior girl) wearing one with a red stone?" Or the same question may have been asked about a Senior who now has a ring with a blue stone.

Exchanging class rings has always been and will continue to be a great thrill. It is really more of a thrill for the girl because she gets to go out and buy a whole roll of tape to wrap around the ring, or a candle to melt, just whichever fits her fancy. The poor old boy gets the wrong end of the deal, ring-wise that is. He can't even get the girl's ring on his little finger comfortably!

But, all of this exchanging rings, buying tape, melting candles down, painful little fingers (boys), proves one great thing. That is, that at ASHS there is good inter-class relationship, between the girls and boys at least!

## She Eats Frogs, Snails—Not Corn

"That hat sure is swell." "I really do dig that cat's gone music."

To someone not familiar with American slang, these sentences might suggest a "bloated hat" or someone searching for a buried cat! However, the language peculiarities is only one of the many things that are puzzling to a foreigner.

Marie Ruffat, the foreign exchange student from France, has encountered several such incidents that make America seem so strange.

Her first trip to an American grocery store, Winn-Dixie to be exact, was an experience to be remembered. Marie was shocked to find corn displayed for purchase there.

"Do people eat corn?" Marie asked, amazed.

It seems that in France corn is a delicacy reserved only for cattle, oxen, and other beasts of burden, and the human animal would never think of eating such a thing. Snails, frogs and grasshoppers are the foods of the French gourmet.

Marie is very pleased with the food in the cafeteria. It seems that in France the students are fed horse meat in abundance. "It's cheaper," she explains.

After consideration of all the many differences that any person who is not a native of America must contend with, it is remarkable how quickly he is able to adapt himself.

Marie likes America very much and is really "catching on fast" to its slang. However, she's still learning, as can be understood from the reply made when ending a telephone conversation:

"I'm sorry; it's late. I must go hang now!"

## Mock Debate Held At Club Meeting

"Should the voting age be lowered to eighteen?" was the question for the mock debate presented at last month's meeting of the Debate Club by Beverly Freeman, Betty Herlocker, and Sarah Cranford.

Prior to the debate, Beverly explained to the group basic fundamentals of debating. Betty, taking the affirmative side of the topic, and Sarah, supporting the negative, then presented their respective speeches. A discussion of the topic by the members then followed, but no conclusion was reached.

Featured in next month's Debate Club meeting will be a discussion by a group on the affirmative and negative sides of the tentative national topic, "Federal Aid to Education." Members are preparing for their discussion by reading widely from the collection of debate materials in the school library. It is hoped that a spirited discussion will take place as a result of this research by the members.

## New Year's Resolutions

I resolve never to have another J. V. team.—Coach Nye.

We'll teach EVERYONE the M-Strut.—Lester Bivens and Mickey Mauldin.

I resolve never to go steady again.—Becky Moss.

I shall stop saying "Pinch"—Tony Furr.

I resolve to be true to one girl.—Lane Lowder.

I'll learn to do the "U. T."—Judy Underwood.

To wash "Bo's" car.—Linda Huneycutt.

I resolve to put a certain Corbit into orbit.—Julie Butler.

I resolve never to drop my best subject, French, which I speak so fluently.—Ellen Efrid.

I'll share my brothers' house-guests with my girlfriends.—Linda Stonestreet.

We resolve never to be "snowed" by beach bums ever again.—Cheerleaders.

I plan to keep playing the field.—Cathy Freeman.

I resolve never to call anyone "Darling" except my mother.—John Gore.

## Annual Predicted By Staff To Be 'Good' And 'Different'

"Good" and "different" are the two words that will be used to describe this year's edition of the *Crossroads*.

Barbara Doby, editor, described the cover, which has already been chosen, as very different. Other

small pieces of news which have leaked out indicate that the annual is going to be good.

Individual and group pictures have been made. Individual pictures were made on October 30-31. The Seniors had two poses made and were able to select the one that they wanted. Group and superlative pictures were made on November 17.

The business staff, headed by Mickey Mauldin, went all out in selling advertisements. More money has been made this year from the advertisements than ever before.

The dummy was returned during October and the final drafting on the annual is now being completed.

Everyone will just have to wait until spring to see just how "good" and "different" the annual really is.

## Senior Choir Busy Spreading Cheer

Singing engagements and assembly programs have been keeping the Senior Choir busy for the past few weeks.

Special music was presented by the Senior Choir on December 3 at the evening service of Grace Baptist Church. The choir sang several Christmas selections and Steve Bursleson sang "The Lord's Prayer."

An assembly program was presented by the Choir on November 16, under the direction of Jerry Thomas. Mr. Thomas, a practice teacher from Pfeiffer College, was given the opportunity to put some of his singing techniques into practice by directing the Choir in the program.

The assembly program featured songs by the girls' and boys' choruses, the Girls' Ensemble, and several boys' quartets. One of the highlights of the program was a monologue given by Mr. Thomas. This assembly program was also presented at the Junior High on November 22.

## Surprised Classes Meet TV Teacher

Mrs. Lucille Gregory, TV World History teacher, paid an unexpected visit to Mrs. Westerlund and the history classes on December 1.

Mrs. Gregory stopped in Albemarle on her way home in Lancaster, S. C. She stayed until noon.

Mrs. Gregory viewed the students as they were watching her taped lesson on television.

Many students were surprised when Mrs. Gregory walked down the aisle of the auditorium.

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