

"Search Thine Own Heart, What Paineth Thee In Others, In Thyself May Be!"

"I have a lot to be thankful for," he said bitterly. "I'm supposed to be a hypocrite and give thanks over a homework-loaded weekend squeezed in between our egos and the generosity of Christmas. I'm supposed to suddenly cut off the selfish, amoral, material world, just like that!" He snapped his fingers in derision. "With this over-loaded Thanksgiving stomach weighing me down, I'm supposed to look at the world with a benevolent eye, to be thankful for something I take for granted."

He stooped close to the earth, picked up a gray octagonal pebble from the driveway, examined its rough edges, and flipped it away. It bounced despondently among its pale brethren. He had excused himself from the traditional feast to walk outside so that he could clear his head.

"Where have we gone wrong? In 300 years how could we degenerate so?" The heavy load in his stomach was hateful. It swelled his boy-man's stomach with complacency and acceptance.

The man-things around the table were having a voice contest to see whose stream of conversation would vanquish the others in feeble glory. He could see the color in their cheeks. Color, he thought, as artificial as anything else brought on by artificial intoxicating stimulus.

"What's wrong with us? Why are we slaves to our society? How can we change? What link is there to an older, braver world?" He rested his head in his hands and let the questioning continue. Gradually his confused thoughts quieted, like a ball bouncing lower and lower. At last, all was calm.

As he ceased to question, as he began to forget the trouble and strife concealed beneath the fat paunches, he perceived a sound. He noticed the wind blowing with a rhythm he had never noticed. It was blowing high among the bare rigging of tall, desolate trees. It played its melancholy song on rooftops, in corners, in crannies. It played like a thousand angels moaning the death of a god. It whipped softly past his face, with a never ceasing sorrow, serenading the moon, who blushed with golden delight behind her mantle of gray and black. Her garments drifted away leaving pale ribs against the sky. The pale lady displayed her face on a night when dogs howled, the wind pried with little fingers that brushed the earth, and human beings paused momentarily from the fitful orgy of daily existence.

In the silvery light he saw the earth as did the moon herself. He wondered at the gray-green tall trees and the mournful caressing robe that enshrouded the land. Awe-struck, he arose and faded into the dark, carrying his heavy coat and his heavy stomach. The wind called to the moon through the trees, and the magic of the night infested him with an eternal throb. Caught up in the night, his thoughts frolicked and played in a new world.

He threw back his head, gazed at the cloud-banked sky, and laughed.

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Black Masque Club Presents 'You Can't Take It With You'

The first stage production of the year, "You Can't Take It With You," was given for the public by the Black Masque dramatics class in the Senior High auditorium, Friday, November 22, at 8 o'clock.

The cast included: Penelope Sycamore, Pearl R. Burris; Essie, Frances Miller; Rheba, Nancy Walker; Paul Sycamore, Johnny Morris; Mr. De Pinna, Ric Cain; Ed, Tony Almond; Donald, David Miller; Martin Vanderhof, Reggie Sandoval; Alice, Janis Burnett; Henderson, Gary Nicholds; Tony Kirby, David Smith; Boris Kolonkhov, Ronald Lowder; Gay Wel-

lington, Sue Underwood; Mr. Kirby, Doug Stokes; Mrs. Kirby, Ibba Wilson; Olga, Sue Snuggs; and the three men played by Eddie Mauldin, Paul Ellis, and Andy Cook.

The play was directed by Mrs. James Brown, Jr., sponsor of the club.

Committee chairmen working on the play were Sherri Talbert, publicity; Cathy Cissel, make-up; Mary Thompson, properties; and Barbara Furr, programs.

"You Can't Take It With You" is a warm-hearted comedy written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman concerning an eccentric family and their exploits.

At first the Sycamores seemed

mad, but it was not long till it was realized that the world was even madder.

In contrast to the delightful Sycamores, were the unhappy Kirbys whose son, Tony, fell in love with Alice Sycamore. When invited over to the Sycamore house on the wrong night, Alice accepted, with dismay, the fact that she could never marry Tony because of their family backgrounds. The Sycamores, however, found it hard to realize her point of view. Tony did not give up his love for Alice, and finally, his father was converted to the Sycamore madness, particularly when he happened in during a visit by an ex-Grand Duchess, who earned her living as a waitress.

Other highlights of the play were the manufacture of fireworks by the Sycamores; the setting up of a printing press in the parlor; Rheba, the maid, and her boyfriend Donald; and Grandpa's interview with the tax collector.

Some of the most outstanding scenes of the play were presented to the student body as a preview Friday afternoon.

Proceeds from the production will be divided proportionately with the Junior Class receiving seventy per cent and the Black Masque Club, thirty per cent.

Reynolds Hosts S. C. Congress

Lynn Calder and Nancy Butler, vice-president and secretary of the student body, respectively, attended the North Carolina Student Council Congress held at Winston-Salem November 3, 4, and 5. "Student Council, The Key," was the theme carried out throughout the convention.

After registration Sunday afternoon, the convention formally opened Sunday night. Greetings were expressed by Roger Pike, president of the student body of Reynolds High School, the host school; by the principal, Mr. John Tandy; and by Mr. M. C. Benton, mayor of Winston-Salem. Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, presented the keynote address.

The presentation of candidates for election for the 1964-65 term and the presentation of the theme were included in the business of the second general session. Three discussion periods which followed enabled the delegates to learn what other schools are accomplishing through their Student Councils.

During the third general session, reports of the year's activities were heard and election of officers for 1964 was completed. Eddie Finison, a former Albemarle resident, was elected vice-president of the N. C. Student Council. He is now a student at East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte.

A banquet and an informal dance were other highlights of the convention.

Mrs. Trailer Young accompanied the ASHS delegates.

Coming Events

JOINT CHORAL CONCERTS

With Page High School
At Albemarle
December 5

At Greensboro
December 12

M.M.M. INDUCTION
December 17

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY
December 20

Parents Attend Classes

Open House, a project of the Student Council, was held for parents of ASHS students Tuesday evening, November 12, in observance of American Education Week.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Hauss, presented a musical

program beginning at 6:45 until 7:00. David Still, president of the student body, gave the welcoming address. Devotions were led by Lynn Calder, vice-president of the student body. A musical selection entitled "Prayer of a Norwegian Child" was sung by Frances Miller. Mr. Webb, principal, welcomed the parents again and explained to them the evening's activities.

At 7:30 each parent then followed the schedule of his child with the exception of homeroom period. Each period was approximately seven minutes long. Announcements were made over the public address system when classes were to change. After the sixth period class ended, all parents and teachers moved to the cafeteria for a social hour and refreshments. Members of the Student Council were stationed around the building to direct parents to the different classrooms.

Committees formed for the occasion were as follows: program, Lynn Calder and Mr. Fry; refreshments, Jan Claywell and Miss Brooks; traffic, Terry Morgan and David Still; badges, Nancy Butler and Tony Almond; and bulletin boards, Paulette Braswell.

Cook Merits County Selection For Morehead

Andy Cook, a senior, has been chosen as one of the two boys to represent Stanly County in competition for the John M. Morehead scholarship. Gary Satterfield, a senior at South Stanly High School, was also selected. The two boys are to be interviewed in the district competition in Charlotte at a later date.

W. Bain Jones, chairman of the Stanly Morehead Scholarship Committee, said there were nominees from all three consolidated high schools as well as from Albemarle. He stated that the competition is tough this year.

Andy served as chief marshal his junior year, was a delegate to Boys' State, is on the Full Moon staff, and is a member of the golf team.

The Morehead awards are based exclusively upon merit. Their purpose is to provide top-notch educations for future leaders of our state.

Henderson Is Christmas Queen

Senior homerooms elected Mary Henderson, an attractive senior, as the 1963 Miss Merry Christmas. She will represent ASHS in the Albemarle Christmas parade in early December.

Mary is very active in school activities. She is a senior cheerleader, and has been cheering for Albemarle since her Junior High days. She is a member of Future Teachers of America, the Black Masque, and Junior Red Cross Clubs. Mary is a member of Central Methodist Church where she sings in the choir. She has also served as secretary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Also nominated by the homerooms in the competition were Bonnie Benton and Judy Herrin.

Students Hold City Gov't. Positions

In observance of Youth Appreciation Week, nineteen students were elected by the Student Council to hold city offices on Youth-In-Government Day, Thursday, November 14.

Activities began at one o'clock Thursday afternoon. The six students serving as mayor and councilmen were conducted on a tour of the city including such departments as water works and recreation parks. The other students filling government positions took over the offices to which they were assigned under the direction of the person who actually holds the position.

Those elected to participate in the activities were the following: David Still, mayor; Andy Cook, Tom Webb, Tony Almond, Sue Underwood, and Anita Wall, councilmen; Terry Morgan, city manager; Benny Atkins, utility superintendent; Eddie Lane, chief of police; Brown Bivens, lieutenant;

Bobby Overcash, fire chief; Dane Perry, assistant fire chief; Joe Earnhardt, city inspector; David Miller, clerk treasurer; Cynthia Freeman, assistant clerk; Jan Claywell, recreation director; Doug Stokes, city engineer; and Pam Tarleton and Joanne Lisk, policewomen.

Youth Appreciation Week is sponsored annually by the Optimist Clubs throughout the United States and Canada and is presently in its seventh year. Chief of Police, Craven C. Tarleton, stated that this year has seen a great increase in the number of observances of Youth Appreciation Week, and that in the future even greater steps will be taken.

Mr. Hugh Snuggs, president of the local Optimist Club, and Mr. J. C. Holbrook, lieutenant governor of the district, described over the P. A. system the work which the Optimist Club is doing to improve the public opinion of youth.

