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## POINTER ADVOCATES DEBATING

### Offers Prizes

The Pointer, feeling the need of a good debating club, will lend its support to get one organized, and will offer medals to those pupils who are successful in the elimination try-outs for places on the junior-senior, junior-sophomore, and sophomore-freshman debates.

A good debating club will be a great factor in helping High Point high school secure favorable publicity and praiseworthy comment.

W. C. King, director of debating in the high school, says that debating is as good training as algebra or other studies. He wishes to get four debating teams, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior, organized so that the different class debaters may contest for places in the triangular debates with Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

The four teams to be organized will debate one another. The debates are scheduled as follows: Junior-Senior debates, Freshman-Sophomore debates and Sophomore-Junior debates.

All who are interested are urged to see Mr. King and talk over with him the prospects.

## THE DOMESTIC SCIENCE COURSE

The domestic science class is doing fine work this year. This class is under the direction of Miss McIver. Approximately 90 girls are taking this course.

In the cooking class the girls are taught simple methods of cooking in their first year.

During the second year they are taught to make menus. The girls do their own marketing and are taught to estimate the cost of the meals they cook.

In the sewing class the pupils make simple dresses, and later to make costumes and better wearing apparel.

This science course is very beneficial. We ought to appreciate the fact that this school has such a course. These girls are studying to fill worthy places in life. We hope this class will grow larger from year to year.

## FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The freshman class met in the chapel hall Friday morning for the purpose of electing class officers. The following were elected to lead the class through this year: John Clinard, president; Wilson Southern, vice-president; Louise Salisbury, secretary and Elford York, treasurer.

The Railroaders are always known as the Spencerites. Everytime our boys get the ball, they pointerite for a touchdown, don't they? Pointerites. 'Sall right the way they're pointin' now. Look out, state championship!

## AMBITION

"Every man has at times in his mind, the ideal of what he should be but is not." What is your ambition? Are you satisfied with yourself as a high school student? Every normal student desires to stand high in scholarship and in the esteem of his fellow-students. The poorer student often looks with awe upon the "A" student and wishes he too possessed brain cells of a similar pattern. But minds grow strong with use, and success in school, as in other things, is not only a matter of brain material. The student who says, "I can't" usually does not. The one who resolves to succeed usually does. "Be always displeased of what thou art if thou desire to obtain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest." .....

—Edith Barker.

## HI Y MEETS

Mr. Johnston, principal of local High, gave some helpful ideas to the Hi-Y club at its weekly meeting in the library of the high school Wednesday morning.

The meeting opened with the devotional by Ward Packer followed by minutes of last meeting. Mr. Johnston suggested to the club a rating system by which each student, if carried out, would reach a higher level of living.

"Come Clean Week," to be observed during the middle of December was discussed. At that time the Hi-Y club will put on a program for Clean Speech, Clean Athletics, and Clean Sportsmanship. Mr. Hartley, local Y secretary, chairman, Harold Welborn, John Wood and Henry Veach for the "Come Clean Week" committee to work toward that end.

## SUPT. ANDREWS' TESTS

T. Wingate Andrews, superintendent of schools, is conducting a series of tests in the graded and high schools. These tests consist of mental examinations in spelling, arithmetic, reading, etc. At present only spelling has been given in the high school.

The purpose of these tests is to find the average intelligence and attainments of the pupils in the public schools of High Point. These tests will be given at intervals all during the year. The tests are given from the third grade through high school. In this way Supt. Andrews expects to keep in touch with the mental ability of every student in school. Let us give him a good record from the high school.

A man that can beat a foot ball team by himself, certainly must be an all star man.

## MISS MACKINLEY ADDRESSES THE STUDENT BODY

Miss Margaret MacKinley, who has been a Y. W. C. A. secretary in Shanghai, China, for five years, and now visiting the associations of the South in the intent of the foreign work of the Y. W. C. A., spoke to the high school students in chapel Wednesday morning. She told very interestingly of the customs in China and a few of her experiences while there. She spoke of the extreme courtesy of the Chinese. She said that when she returned from her work the little children would romp and play along with her until she reached the compound. Fearing that the foreign families would object to the children entering she would fold her hands and bow three times, which is the Chinese way of saying good morning. Then the children would scamper away. She also stated that in the big cities the women had stopped binding their feet and that the people no longer wore their hair in a pig tail, but in the country it was hard to change the customs, that have been for centuries, within a few years.

Her headquarters are in New York City, where she will study after the first of the year. She will return to China next summer.

## SECOND TEAM

The High Point high school reserves failing to keep up the Black Bison's pace, lost to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, November 1, by a score of 19-6.

Thomasville did its scoring in the first two periods with long end runs that swept the Pointers off their feet.

But during the last half of the contest the Black Bison grit and courage found a place among the team which enabled them to hold the Thomasville lads scoreless.

The small herd of Bisons are expected to play the Orphanage again and according to their new coach, Joe Gleason, the second contest will be more interesting for Thomasville as he expects a larger number of reserves to pick from. Last Saturday there was only twelve men from which to select a team.

## LIBRARY CLASS FORMED

A new class has been formed for the student body in which Mr. Owens teaches how to use the library to a better advantage. The fifth period has been taken for this purpose. He tells the students what they may expect to find in Encyclopedias, and other reference books to which he calls special attention are the Encyclopedias for general information, Bible dictionary, dictionary, Bird books, outlines of Literature, outline of Art, statistical books, books of past and contemporary biography, almanacs, books for research work, and books that relate specifically to North Carolina and the South.