

OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

FRIDAY SESSION—FIRST DAY

Friday, December 5 at the First Presbyterian church was a scene to be remembered among the older boys of North Carolina. Hand shakings were plentiful, last year's older boys greeting friends they had not seen since the last conference and welcoming new faces into their organization.

When the last boy registered the total of boys was 305. This was the largest district conference ever held in central North Carolina.

The first boys' meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by the leading officers, L. R. Johnston, who turned the meeting over to Lewis L. Stookey for a song service.

Three minute talks were made by the following people who welcomed the boys to High Point:

For the churches: Rev. W. P. Page.

For the city: Mayor J. W. Hedrick.

For the school: H. G. Owens.

For employed boys: Nady Cats.

For the Hi-Y boys: Dick White.

Each speaker gave the boys a hearty welcome and assured them of their utmost cooperation.

The expression, "The Age is going to the dogs," was declared false by many when the nomination for officers was in order. The boys responded quickly with brilliant and sweeping campaign speeches for their candidates.

After the votes had been cast Joe Carlton, of Winston-Salem, emerged the victor and took the president's chair.

The best address of the conference was made that night by Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, whose subject was, "Life! How North Carolina girls expect me to live it."

Mrs. Bickett stated the truth in plain and simple words. She told the boys the kind of girls they liked and no one took his eyes off the speaker as if to deny it. She also told them the kind of girl he wanted to marry.

She knew the present day boy and girl and the plain and simple statements of truth presented as it was, went home to many.

Announcements were then made, the benediction pronounced, and the boys adjourned to their homes until Saturday morning, December 6, when they met again at the First Presbyterian church for other interesting talks brought here by the local Y. M. C. A.

SATURDAY SESSION—SECOND DAY

The second day of conference opened with song. Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Wesley Memorial church, led the devotional.

Rev. Wade C. Smith, pastor of the Side of the Road Church, Greensboro, gave the boys some helpful thoughts in the first speech of the morning. Mr. Wade advised the boys to sow a purpose in life and then prepare for that. Everyone will have an opportunity to do big and finer things in life and as the years pass by it becomes harder, so why not prepare now.

In the group discussions, smutty stories, smoking and profanity were the main subjects of interest.

P. C. Beatty, captain of State College football team spoke on the subject of "Life on the Athletic Field." Clean sportsmanship and fair play were his two greatest points. He stressed the fact that the athletic field was one of the greatest places to develop character and show the kind of gentleman you are.

The afternoon meeting was opened by the song service followed by devotional period in charge of Rev. F. L. Conrad. Five minute talks by Harold McCurdy, Salisbury, J. Fleet Smith, Winston-Salem, and Livingston Easley, Concord, on subjects of value of Hi-Y and Life in High School were very helpful and full of good advice. The recreation period featured the afternoon exercises. The boys played volley ball and other games on the high school grounds.

At 5:30 o'clock the boys gathered at the Presbyterian church to march from there to the High Point college where the conference banquet was held. After arriving the boys were divided into groups and provided with guides, gave the college building the once-over. At 7:15 all delegates marched into the college dining room to carry out the banquet program.

SUNDAY SESSION—THIRD DAY

The session Sunday afternoon was held in the Presbyterian church at 2:30. The speaker on this occasion was Harry F. Comer, secretary of the University of North Carolina Y. M. C. A. at Chapel Hill. His address was on "Life." Mr. Comer brought out the true facts of life which every boy must face. "Scientists," said Mr. Comer, "say that life is the sum of all that resist death." "Religion," he stressed, is just as important in life as the breath we draw."

Mr. Comer also gave many illustrations of life. At the close of this inspiring talk, over 200 boys made important decisions for Christ against certain evil elements in their lives. These decisions were written on card and handed to the conference committee.

Sunday night marked the close of the sixth annual Older Boys' conference for the central district of North Carolina.

The parting sermon was preached by Rev. C. P. Coble in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Coble spoke on "Life! How Shall I Live It?"

Mentioning the great choice that a boy must make, he put God as first choice. Life work as second and the choice of a life partner third.

"Life," said he, "is what we make it." Mr. Coble's last remark was that to be immortal a life must make a ministry which will live forever.

After the resolution of thanks was submitted and adopted the conference ended with a very impressive ceremony called the passing of the torch. All the lights were turned out, after the delegates had formed a ring around the church auditorium. A lighted torch was passed from J. T. Fesperman, leader of the conference,

around the circle, each boy lighting a card which he held in his hand. Rev. Mr. Coble dismissed them with a prayer, following a song, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

SENIOR CARNIVAL

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The love affair of Mary Jane and Benjamin was given by this same troupe by means of the shadow pictures.

The steps leading to the tea garden were beautifully decorated and once up there what good things to eat and drink!

The carnival was acclaimed a tremendous success and it is believed that more money was cleared than could have possibly been cleared on a play.

NO CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Students have become so accustomed to exchanging gifts with their friends and teachers on the last day of school before the Christmas holidays, that it will be quite an experience to run through the whole day without a class being disturbed. Mr. Andrews thought this matter over and decided it best for our own selves that the exchange be abolished.

The teachers will gladly furnish you with their addresses. The suggestion is offered that you write your name on the back of any slip you may write an address on so it may be returned in case you lose it.

Well, folks, get busy and study Thursday night some as usual. This tip should be appreciated.

—Ward Packer.

H. S. STUDENTS SPEAK

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Hemade the statement that not only the players can come clean, but the sidelines just as well, by staying in their places and supporting their team with sportsmanlike songs and yells.

Following the talks on come clean week, Bill Lewis and Henry Gurley gave a summary of the happenings in the first two days of the older boys conference. They mentioned the spirit of the conference and the help that they derived from it. They expressed the desire that more could have been present and that the girls would some day have something of this kind.

Mr. Johnston stated that if the boys from Chapel Hill put on a better program, they would have to work hard.

Mr. Andrews said a word or two and stated it, as usual, in a most interesting manner. He spoke on coming clean with reference to Robert E. Lee who stayed four years at West Point and received not a single demerit mark, to Sir Galahad the purest of knights, and to Walter Johnson, the great baseball player. He stated that Billy Evans said that if Johnson would resort to the team ball with his great speed it would be next to impossible to hit him. This Johnson refuses to do because it is not coming clean.

Teacher—"What happened in congress on Dec. 1—as always happens on the first day of meeting?"

Pupil—"A fight."