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"At The Inn" To Be Given By Students

Miss Eleanor Young To Direct
Drama — Choir Will
Furnish Music

"At the Inn," the play selected for this year's annual Christmas program, will be presented in the auditorium on the morning of December 20 by a group of high school students. Costumes and lighting will add to the effectiveness of the production.

Nativity Scenes Enacted

Opening with a scene in the courtyard of an inn between the money-loving innkeeper and his tender-hearted wife on the night of the Nativity, the story as it unfolds brings in the visits of both the shepherds and the wise men, and reaches its climax as the players kneel in adoration about the manger.

The musical background for the entire play will be furnished by the a capella choir, directed by Mr. Carl Cronstedt. Ralph Tilden will serve as piano accompanist.

Miss Eleanor Young of the English department will direct the play, and Miss Muriel Bulwinkle will be in charge of the stage setting.

Members of the Cast

The cast is composed of the following high school students: Joel—Herman Coble; Rachel—Betty Jo Ring; Mary—Barbara Lowe; Joseph—Claude McKinney; Shepherds—Bill Alexander, Joe Dale, Leon Collins, and Bobby Sealf; Magi—Bob Renfrow, Rodney Borum, and Ralston Welch; prompter—Betsy Baker.

Heywood Washburn will serve as chairman of the stage committee, and Audrey Smith will have charge of publicity and makeup.

Night Classes Above Average

According to Mr. Carr, instructor in blue print reading, the adult night students realizing the necessity for learning their subjects, study more diligently than do the high school boys, although the latter generally have a better background than the men have.

Members of the industrial arts department, headed by Mr. W. K. Whitesell, are now conducting classes each Tuesday and Thursday evening in vocational subjects. During the four hours spent in the classrooms every week, the men learn to read blueprints, make mechanical drawings, and do other things which are of help in their vocations. Subjects are being given for carpenters, electricians, and other skilled workmen. The courses will extend over a period of ten weeks.

JACKIE MEEKINS TAKES FIRST PLACE IN DISTRICT CONTEST

Jackie Meekins, county winner in the North Carolina Health Oratorical Contest, was declared winner in the district contest held at Salem College, Winston-Salem, on December 6.

The local high school was represented by Jackie Meekins, sophomore, and Rodney Borum, senior. These two had been declared winners in a county elimination contest held in the high school library on November 26 against representatives from Greensboro and Allen Jay high schools. On this occasion the successful competitors were awarded wrist watches.



Shown above is the two hundred voice Senior High School chorus which presented Handel's "Messiah." This choir is the only school group in this section which so far has presented this composition.

FORTY WORDS MINUTE TOPS

Down in the commercial end of the school building some of the students are making records in their work, according to Miss Weyl, head of the department. This includes both first and second year pupils in typing and also the class in stenography.

Miss Weyl calls attention to the beginning typists, the "typing whizzes," who have made over 40 words a minute on a ten-minute timed test with five or fewer errors. This group includes Jane Hoke, Dorothy Black, and Eloise Garner. Another group which has a speed of 30 words a minute on the same kind of test is made up of Bill Almond, Patsy Clodfelter, Clifford Simpson, Colleen Allen, Grace Saunders, Bill Sullivan, Jim Anderson, and Charlie Oakes.

Some of the second year pupils, states the instructor, "are really burning up those typewriters." Engaged in this warm occupation are Joann Comer, Geraldine Carroñ, Paula Jean Buie, Vernon Melton, and Joann Hethcox.

Then among the stenographers, there are tops too. Mary Faye Alexander, Eleanor Beeson, Elizabeth Beeson, Elizabeth Blakely, Maxine Clotrane, Barbara Collier, Dorothy Daniels, Delores Foster, Betty Patterson, and Betty Jo Whitt—all these have passed their 100-word take for five minutes with at least 97 per cent accuracy. "These girls are really tops," so says Miss Weyl.

In the early days of America, the Puritans forbade the singing of Christmas carols, but they were unable to prevent the people from remembering and teaching these much loved songs to their children.

Five counties, including Forsyth, Davie, Stokes, Yadkin, and Guilford, participated in the district contest held at Salem College. Jackie will next compete in the third round, which will be held at Woman's College, Greensboro, on December 13.

Striving to make the people of the state conscious of the deplorable health situation now existing, the North Carolina Good Health Association is sponsoring this series of oratorical contests. The two winners, boy and girl, in the final round will each be awarded five hundred dollar scholarships to any college within the state.

COMBINED CHOIRS PRESENT HANDEL'S FAMOUS ORATORIO

Coming Events

Friday, December 20—Annual Christmas Program

No more school until 1947

Tuesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25 — Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31—"Seventeen's Short Story contest closes at midnight

Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day

Friday, January 10—Christopher Lynch, tenor, will sing in Community Contest.

Thursday, January 23 — Semester ends.

SCHOOL SHOP RATED HIGH

State department inspectors recently gave the local high school shop the highest rating possible for a shop of this kind. Equipment here is excellent, but unfortunately a shortage of instructors has limited the scope of work that might otherwise be undertaken.

Machines and equipment in both the metal and the wood working departments, according to Mr. W. K. Whitesell, head of the industrial arts department, are worth between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

A machine which has aroused the curiosity of many students was installed last year at a cost of \$2,000. Its purpose is the sucking of waste materials from both the other machines and the floor. Part of this machine can be seen on the Chestnut Street end of the building.

Mr. Whitesell states that the metal and the woodworking shops are sufficiently well equipped to do almost anything possible with metal or with wood.

A project of especial interest to the vocational wood working class has been the making of thirty cedar chests. Extra chests are to be sold to pay for the materials used by members of the class in the twenty-two chests which have been turned out in assembly line fashion for themselves.

Singers Are Directed By Mr. Carl Cronstedt and Mr. Emile Serposs

Over two hundred singers, selected from the three senior high choirs and from alumni and teachers, presented George Frederick, Handel's "Messiah" on December 6 and 8, before the large and appreciative audiences gathered in the high school auditorium.

Both performances were conducted by Mr. Carl G. N. Cronstedt, head of the music department of the city schools. The accompaniments were played by the orchestra, assisted by Miss Mae Kirkman, pianist, and Mr. Emile H. Serposs, organist. The soloists were Dorothy Hoskins—soprano; Mary Lou Rainey—contralto; Dr. C. L. Gray—tenor; and Carl Cronstedt—bass.

On Thursday afternoon preceding the two main performances, a matinee for the benefit of junior and senior high students was given during the sixth period. As the time was limited, a shortened performance was necessary. Owing to the fact that the seating capacity of the auditorium is limited to about 1300, tickets for the night performances were issued to the members of the choir for distribution among their relatives or friends.

Since the complete score of the oratorio calls for a three-hour performance, the "Messiah" is seldom given in its entirety. The high school chorus of this city is the only school group in this section which so far has presented this composition, and this has been done without dependence upon the written score during the public presentations.

MATH MENTOR WAS RED CROSS WORKER DURING WAR PERIOD

A petite figure sometimes clad in various types of khaki apparel has by this time become a familiar sight in the halls of H. P. H. S. Second-year algebra students know her as a mathematical whiz, and the business staff of the Pointer look to her as their guiding light. She is Miss Madeline Brooks, and her army clothes are relics of her days in service as a Red Cross worker during the war.

Miss Brooks worked on the recreation end of the Red Cross. Her job was to see that B-17 crews on rest leave didn't have to depend on "poker games and glorious drunks" for amusement.

And It Doesn't Cost A Cent!

What with all the snow, (well, cold weather anyway) mistletoe, an' nuts and fruits an' candies, who wouldn't have a "large" Christmas?

Yet, there is one fact which most of us overlook—that not all of us will be having a truly merry Christmas. But what can we do about it? Golly, you can't give everybody a present to make him happy!

There is something though, that if sincerely given, can mean more than the usual material things—the curving up of the ends of your mouth—in other words, a sincerely happy smile.

Sometimes it is a remarkable thing what influence can do—we don't mean that Tracy character—and how just one smile can influence another, until everybody is wearing one of those contagious expressions which give us a happy feeling of fellowship with all those we meet.

And from the "grinningest" gang you ever saw, we sincerely wish for you one of the happiest, merriest Christmases you have ever had.

THE STAFF.

Awards Open To H.P.H.S. Students

For the fourth consecutive year high school students will be offered the opportunity to take part in the nation-wide competition for five scholarships in science at the University of Rochester, offered by the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company and valued at \$1,500 each.

High school students enrolled in the more than 4,500 high and preparatory schools of the nation who are eligible for the annual Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award are also eligible to compete for these scholarships. This award is presented each year to the graduating senior with the highest standing in scientific subjects. The winner of the medal last year at High Point was Martha Harris MacKenzie.

Only winners of the annual award are eligible to compete for the science scholarships at the University of Rochester. Next spring the scholarship winners will be chosen by a university committee. At present there are about fourteen holders of these scholarships who are engaged in studying physics, chemistry, biology, or other of the sciences at the University of Rochester.

Book Covers Are Made By Students

An interesting project of Miss Young's English classes has been the making of book covers. In all, 150 were made and from these 50 were selected as good and put on the bulletin board. The three top ones are "Ramona" by Betty Lee Dickens, first place, "Historic Ships" by Claud Hicks, and "Let the Hurricane Roar" by Thad Leviner, holding second and third places.

Service in England

A year of her service was spent at the Phyllis Court Club, formerly an exclusive boat club in which the Prince of Wales held membership. It had been converted into a rest home for air corps men who were entitled to a week of relaxation after completing half of their required 35 missions. The club, located at Henley-on-Thames in England, was a millionaires' paradise, complete with tennis courts, a gymnasium, boats, horses, and all kinds of sport paraphernalia. Apparently nothing was too good for these fighting airmen, as they

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