



INK ON MY HANDS

BY MARILYN ROBINETTE

FRAGILE . . . Handle With Care

New calendar, new faces, new plans, old resolutions. But even the resolutions were new 18 days ago. New, and made with the very best of intentions plus grade A determination. But, unfortunately, temptation often steps in, and through the year a few resolutions will probably be dropped and broken along the way—shattered in a million pieces. It only takes a little of that cement of determination, though, to piece those few broken ones back like new and to put them into use again. . . .

But you have to be careful, 'cause New Year's Resolutions are delicate.

HOW'S THIS FOR SPICE? . . .

The telephone rang in the general office. Everybody busy, so I answered.

"High Point High School." An operator's voice: "This is Asheville calling Coach Cinnamon."

Silence. "Coach Who?" "Asheville calling Coach Cinnamon of High Point."

Dead silence. . . Then the light dawned.

"Oh. . . Call the athletic office. 8276."

"Al-l right. Thank you." I "ginger"ly hung up the receiver.

"PEMICAN'S PROGRESS" . . .

It used to be "Pilgrim's", but the Pemican staff's changed all that. With Editor Heywood eatin', sleepin', and drinkin' Pemican; Miss Hollar applying "Thumbs" to preserve the last remnants of her fingernails; and Dick working overtime in the darkroom, the staff is about to survive the final deadline rush set by Engravers Jahn and Ollier of Chicago. Come February first, all Pemican material will be out of the hands of the staff and into the laps of the printers.

Then one bright spring morning in May, Mr. Whitley will say, "The Pemicans have arrived and. . ."—and the '48-'49 Pemican staff will live happily ever after.

Robinette To Represent H. P. At D. A. R. Meet

Marilyn Robinette, Pointer editor, will represent High Point High School at the state pilgrimage of the Daughters of the American Revolution which convenes in Asheville, March 1-3. She received the H.P.H.S. Good Citizenship Award in September.

As is the custom, Marilyn has submitted a scrapbook portraying her four years in high school to Mrs. R. S. Pettee, state citizenship chairman for judging. The scrapbook contains pictures and souvenirs of all the activities in which she has participated during the past four years. These activities cover three phases of society in which she has served: the school, the community, the church. Her associates in these fields have written letters of recommendation to the D. A. R., which are posted in the book.

Marilyn's scrapbook will compete against those of other high school seniors throughout the state who received the D. A. R. good citizenship award in their respective schools. The candidates were selected from the standpoint of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

The state winner will be announced at the conference in Asheville, and the winner will receive a \$100 savings bond.

J. T. M. Holds Annual Contest

Arrangements have been made for the all-student broadcast of America's Town Meeting of the Air, which is to be held in New York City, Tuesday evening, March 22.

Students will remember that Senior High was well represented on this program in 1947 by Caroline Arden.

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Monogram Club Elects New Officers



Looks like "kiddies' day" on the H. P. H. S. campus. Above are six smiling finalists in the senior class mascot contest—all in miniature. The three little gals looking so happy about it are Becky Edwards, Kathryn Ingram, and Sara Coleman. Lois Harris on Henry Shavitz's shoulder and prize-fighter Joe Slate on Bob Younts's weren't quite sure what was going on. Senior class proxy Charlie Johnson's slightly forced smile is due to the fact that little Jerry Armstrong on top is holding a fistful of Charlie's hair. Jerry is the senior class mascot.

Orators Give Second Play

The Masque and Gavel will present their second one-act play, entitled *The Passing of Mr. Peal*, on January 21 in the Senior High School auditorium.

This one-act comedy, written by Edna B. Longnecker, revolves around the relatives of the late Mr. Peal, who have come to his home to plan for his funeral. There is, as always, the important matter of distributing the deceased's wealth. That task interests the family greatly.

Several Masque and Gavel members will make their debuts in this performance. Barbara Mabrey will appear in the role of Susan, Mr. Peal's housekeeper. Peg, the youngest niece of Mr. Peal, will be portrayed by Scotty Cook. Acting as the wife of Mr. Peal's nephew will be Barbara Lee. Evelyn Nance will play the part of Fan, the oldest niece. The masculine touch will be added to the play by Robert Giles and Fred Farmer. Bertie, Fan's husband, will be portrayed by Robert Giles. Presenting Steve, the youngest nephew, will be Fred Farmer.

Announcing..

The most typical guy and gal at H. P. H. S.? That's what everybody wants to know! And by the time the next issue of the Pointer appears, our "wants" won't hurt us, 'cause the Pointer plans to sponsor again its "Most Typical" contest to select Mr. and Miss H. P. H. S.—the two most typical teen-agers in the school.

The system of selection will be the same as last year. Members of the student body are asked to place the names of potential candidates in the Pointer box in the general office any time before next Tuesday, a week from today.

Coming Up . . .

- Jan. 18—Burlington at High Point (Basketball).
- Jan. 18—Greensboro at Greensboro (Wrestling).
- Jan. 27—Curtain Callers' Play
- Jan. 28—Greensboro at High Point (Basketball).
- Jan. 24, 25, 26—Mid-term Exams
- Feb. 2—First of 2nd Semester Report Cards.
- Ground Hog Day.

Old Father Time Ticks Back

BY JON BARNES

1948? You are now a back number on the pages of Time! "Ah, well—that's life!" as the fellow who didn't care what he said, said.

1948! You were great while you lasted. You were the year in which things reached the Berlin pernt. The world crisis reached the state of truce or consequences:—the little nations received a deal from Russia from the bottom of the pact.

Russia—that was the place where everything was tied up in red, white, and blue tape; and where last August they held a Miss America contest. The returning consuls explained why they missed America. Russia—that was the place where, despite the Communist Party's lyn', they would gladly share the lack of wealthy with everybody. Not, of course, that everybody's smart about Russia. If the Russians were smart they wouldn't stay there. Nor were all Americans smart in 1948. Dopey Delilah thought, for instance, the Kremlin was the place they made that hair tonic.

1948! You were a time of spy scares and elections. Back in October, J. Parnell Thomas called a waiter in a Washington restaurant, and cried: "There's a spy in my soup!" Alas, rents went up as apartments got smaller. Some have grown so small that all they do when you die is put handles on them and bury you in them.

As for the elections, Henry Wallace got more yolks than yokels; and television proved conventions looked as bad as they sounded. The Dixiecrats tried to win the election and turn the ship of state into a Y'awl, and were voted the Most-Likely-to-Secede. Dewey's mustache enabled him to kiss Democratic babies and give them the brush at the same time.

However, Democracy proved itself the best political system. It allowed us, on November 2, to decide which guy we preferred to mess things up for us. 1949, at any rate, should bring a bumper crop on the farms. There was a terrific amount of fertilizer broadcast by all politicians.

Projects Get Under Way; 28 New Members Tapped

Monday morning quarterbacks.

The team that calls the plays in sportsmanship in the athletic world at H. P. H. S. — the Monogram Club.

Only recently re-organized for the year, veteran members of the Monogram Club, which is composed of returning varsity lettermen, have elected officers, set up two active projects, and voted into membership twenty-eight athletes who have earned the coveted H. P. and are considered worthy. It is the purpose of the Monogram Club to help develop at High Point High School the highest athletic standards on a foundation of true sportsmanship, and to create a closer bond of friendship and loyalty between lettermen. There are eight prospective sports and the offices of team manager in which H. P. H. S. boys may be awarded letters.

The new executive leaders elected are President Kenneth (Charlie) Bryant, Vice President Perry Jones, Secretary Clyde Baxter, and Treasurer Jack Petty. Kenneth Yarborough will act as sergeant-at-arms. Club adviser is Athletic Director A. J. Simeon.

With Monday as meeting day, the club has already taken action on several projects. Complimentary basketball programs giving team rosters and previous records are being distributed at home games. A possible club project now being considered is the selling of attractive basketball novelty pins. During baseball and track season a concession stand will be set up, and throughout the year other projects for the betterment of the athletic system and for the increased comfort and enjoyment of the fans will be begun.

Invitations by letter were sent the following new Monogram Club members: Dan Smith, Charlie Martin, Bill Craig, James Slaydon, Perry McDowell, Donald Levina, Darrell Winslow, Donald Tolliver, Glenn Hudson, Goldston Harris, Bob Padgett, Clyde Baxter, Max Thurman, Bobby Lee, Frank Hassell, Donald Rogers, Harold Gibbart, Donald Brown, Bill Ring, Jerry Paschal, Bucky Brown, Buddy Nance, Lawrence Kimball, Bob Grady, Billy Voncannon, Bill Allen, Jack Powell and Ralph Brown.

'Drum Major' Armstrong To Lead Class Of '49 As Mascot

Curtain Callers To Give Plays

Three one-act plays will be presented by the Curtain Callers on the night of January 27 in the high school auditorium. Following the performances, an Open House will be held by the members of the club for their parents.

"Escape by Moonlight," a mystery, will be the first play in the series of three. Taking the leads in this drama will be Tommie Strother, Alvis Ennis, Betty Solomon, and Max Shoaf. Acting as student director will be Ramelle Hylton. This performance promises to keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

Second on the bill of productions, is a farce entitled "Mamma Goes to the Convention". Starring in this play will be Nancy Haltom, Bobby Baird, Myrtle Hughes, Arch McMullan, Betty Clarke Dillon, and Ruth Neighbors. Dolores Lain and Janie Bartlett will direct this play.

The last performance of the evening will be "The Bird on Nellie's Hat." This comedy will be made up of an all-girl cast. The actresses in this play include Jean Weekly, Helen Dallas, Frances Mull, Jean Short, Jean Smith, Rosie Beam, and Shirley Kirkman. The student director of this production will be Barbara Short.

PLAN ANOTHER VISIT

Miss Laura McInnes's second period Bible class is planning a second visit to the polio hospital in Greensboro, N. C. Their pre-Christmas visit was so cordially received that they have decided to make the trip a monthly event. Various forms of entertainment are being planned.

A rip-roaring prize fighter, a tap dancer, a miniature concert pianist, two little vocalists and a mischievous 2½' drum major all displayed their youthful talents at a meeting of the senior class last Thursday in competition for the title of mascot for the class of '49.

A special board eliminated many contestants Wednesday; and of the top six who performed on Thursday, Jerry Armstrong won the seniors' hearts and votes to become winner. Sponsored by Lorene Kivett, Jerry is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Neil J. Armstrong of 111 Hillcrest Drive. He was quite elated at the news and expressed the opinion that "What I rilly wanted to be was a football player, but I guess this is all you got."

Other candidates and sponsors were Sara Coleman, Ruth Ellen Monroe; Kathryn Ingram, Sara Barrier; Lois Harris, Henry Shavitz; Becky Edwards, Mary Alice Edwards; Joe Slate, Bob Younts.

Music Makers Play In Greensboro

Seventeen members of the High Point senior high school orchestra were chosen to play in the All-State orchestra, which performed in Greensboro on January 14 and 15.

The following students took part in the program: Donnie Silver, Annie Sue Alverson, Clara Yarborough, and Rachel Leonard—violins; Anne Shipwash—cornet; Robert Brady—clarinet; Charlene Thomas—horn; Doris Ray Glenn—oboe; John Leslie Andrews—bassoon; Betsy White—trombone; Shirley Kirkman, Jean Short, and Norman Schenchen—violas; Jean Weekly, Geraldine Brawley, and Betty Cusworth—cellos; and Budd Montgomery—string bass.

Those musicians chosen to play in Greensboro, will go to Asheville to play in another statewide program in April.

Prom Committee Picked By Classes

The steering committee for the Junior-Senior Prom has been announced by the classes' executive committees.

This group will lay plans for the forthcoming social event. Five students from each class, along with both class presidents compose this committee.

Members of this group are "Wink" Allen, Ralph Brown, Joanne White, Chet Allen. Jon Barnes, Charles Johnson, Mary Lou Dillon, Bill Craig, Albert Sawyer, Carolyn Andrews, Rebecca Johnson, and Bill McGuinn.