

## Concert Pianist Chats Amiably With Students

By Scotty Cook

With his coat thrown over the chair and his sleeves rolled up, the young concert pianist, William Masselos, sat down to practice for his performance which he gave here on February 24, the third in a series of community concerts. His small fingers glided across the keys just as they had done at Carnegie Hall in November, 1947.

The friendly pianist, with his humorous wit and touch of American slang, began to talk of his work, after a bit of persuasion from your reporter. When only five, he started taking piano lessons, and was soon giving concerts himself, which he feels was a mistake at such an early age. Masselos entered Juilliard School of Music in New York at the age of ten, where he later graduated with high honors.

Masselos is a great admirer of Rubenstein, whom he has talked to personally. He only wishes that he liked to perform as much as Rubenstein does. Although Masselos is rather shy he is very ambitious in his work, and is even inclined to work too hard. When duty calls he will practise from eight to nine hours a day; but if possible, he likes to take his work in smaller doses.

When there is time to rest, Masselos takes great pleasure in playing with his electric train, and being "handy man" around the house. His great ambition is someday to eat oysters along with champagne, just as the Dutch do!

The young artist is now working on a composition of early rag-time music by the American composer, Charles Ives. He is also very much interested in contemporary music. Masselos says he has nothing against jazz but feels that bands should not try to convert fine pieces of composition into popular music.

Masselos will give another performance in Carnegie Hall in March.

## N. H. S. Members Selling Stationery

Individual boxes of beautifully personalized stationery produced by the Williams Co. are being sold now by all members of the National Honor Society.

Orders for the stationery, which has been on sale since Wednesday of last week, are being received from H.P.H.S. students, as well as townspeople, by N.H.S. members. Prices are set at \$1.00 and \$1.75, depending upon the number of printed sheets desired.

Later in the spring, the Honor Society plans to offer, also, individual calling cards. Seniors, especially, will be interested in selecting cards from the three types to be offered then, for enclosure in graduation announcements.

Personal mailing cards, social-size stationery, small informals, club and average-size stationery—all personally printed with various choices of printer's type or monograms—are included in the samples currently being shown by the N.H.S. The stationery is most attractive in quality, as well as price, and all persons interested in buying some should contact any Honor Society member.

## The National Debt . . . Its Origin And Growth

The national debt started when Washington threw a dollar across the Potomac. It was too dark to go over and look for it, and by the time searching parties started, Washington had forgotten where he threw it. This was why he crossed the Delaware. Here he was looking for that dollar on the other side of the Delaware when he should have been on the other side of the Potomac. And so the thirteen colonies went into debt.

Rumor has it that winter came and Washington still hadn't found the dollar, he made a deal with Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton is supposed to have loaned Washington the buck to balance the national budget, in exchange for putting Hamilton's picture on the ten-dollar bill.

Why, I ask you, weren't we informed of this secret agreement? How do we know what kind of a deal Washington made with Jefferson in exchange for naming one high school in every city for him?

However, legend hath it that Washington's dollar was found later by an obscure Indian maiden named Riboflavin. She says she turned it over to the sergeant in charge of the Lost and Found Department, but the sergeant claims to have given it to his commanding officer, Lt. Ipswich. Lt. Ipswich claims he gave it to his superior officer, Captain Chitlin' Switch. And so on, through Major Mandible, Col. Marshmellow and up to General Washington, who swears he threw it across the Potomac (this was the origin of the favorite American habit, "passing the buck").

It is my firm opinion that if the Government sells the beef everybody puts up about taxes at current prices, the profits will be enough not only to do away with the National Debt and taxes but also enable the government to pay taxes to the individual.

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Weather Report

Good weather prevailing down Durham way next week end expected to produce three nights of hot basketball.

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## Senior Play Tryouts To End Today



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Town Meeting next week! It's the Junior Town Meeting forum which on Thursday night of next week will hold discussion over station WMFR on the topic "How to Build a Better Community Spirit." Left to right are Bill McGuinn, Carolyn Andrews, Miss Ruth Goodman, Doris Craven, Cyrus Brooks, and Ruth Ellen Monroe.

### Just Running Wild!

All was normally quiet last Monday—normal and quiet, that is, till the middle of 6th period arrived. Then, there in the hall in front of Mr. Vance's homeroom and the boy's first-floor lockers, girls were shrieking and quickly disappearing, passing teachers were backing away, and some nearby boys were laughing nervously.

The object of all this confusion? Oh, just a slight, green, slithery snake, which was slipping quietly up the hall!

At first, two girls walked by, completely oblivious to the potential panic-maker. Then a group of boys passed and noticed the tongue-flicking intruder, but it wasn't until quite a stir had been aroused that some brave fellow calmly walked up behind the thing and picked it up. The last we saw, it was safe (it was?) in the boy's hand and on its way up to the biology lab—and fate.

### Library Club Elects Officers

At a monthly meeting of the newly organized Library Club, officers were elected to serve for the remainder of the year.

Iris Lee Scarce was chosen president; Elzene Boyles, vice-president; Betsy White, secretary and treasurer; and Jean Armfield, recorder.

## Junior Town Meeting Club Broadcast Set For March 10

"How Can Youth Work For Better Community Spirit?"  
Topic For Discussion

"How Can Youth Work for Better Community Spirit?" will be the topic of discussion by the Junior Town Meeting Club on Tuesday evening, March 10, from 8:00-9:00 over local radio station WMFR.

Ruth Ellen Monroe, Doris Craven, Vivian Miller, Cyrus Brooks, and Bill McGuinn, High Point High School members of the Junior Town Meeting, will discuss the above question in the third of a series of broadcasts presented by the J.T.M. The club has, alternately with Junior High School, presented these forum-type programs on Thursday nights since February 10 and will continue to do so until sometime in April.

"Should North Carolina Have a Liquor Referendum?" was the subject last Thursday night when O. H. Rierson, Betty Jo Snider, Martha Stone, Bob Fountain, and Mona Hall were discussion leaders.

A Junior Town Meeting program is presented each Thursday night as a public service feature over WMFR.

### Seniors Present Plans To Carroll

A special committee, composed of three representatives of the senior class, met yesterday afternoon in the office of School Superintendent Charles F. Carroll to present and discuss with him tentative plans for a Senior Day, a senior banquet, and senior dance. Margaret Little, chairman of the Senior Day committee; Joann White, an executive committee representative; and Charlie Johnson, president of the senior class, were selected to meet with Mr. Carroll and to talk over with him the possibilities of making the above proposals a reality.

Senior Day would be designated as the one day of the year that the class of '49 would be recognized as "high and mighty," by exercising more privileges that day. An assembly program that afternoon, featuring senior shenanigans, would conclude the school day. A banquet in the cafeteria that evening, followed by a dance that night in the gym, would wind up the day's activity.

Seniors and juniors have accomplished much toward prom plans and work on various other class committees in full swing.

### HPHS Latin Club Wins Acclaim

"The January issue of the Classical Journal devotes seven pages to 'High Lights of Latin Week 1948', featuring the celebration as the leading annual event in the Latin field. The High Point Senior High School is listed among the schools submitting outstanding reports on Latin Week Activities."

The above paragraph was a part of a letter received last Friday by Mrs. Vera Walden, Latin teacher of High Point High School, from a language executive of Woman's College of U. N. C. The Classical Association of the South and Midwest has recognized the talents of local Latin students in this way.

### Betas Assemble Reference Aids

As an added project for the new year, the Beta Club members have been assembling selected material from old National Geographic Magazines to be used in connection with the various school departments. This material will be bound by the library staff in separate booklets, each containing helpful information regarding science, French, history, etc., and will be presented soon to the respective departments for reference work.

### Meet The Boy From South Of The Border

Exactly sixteen years ago, in the small South American village of Porta Alegre, Brazil, a tiny boy came into the world as the son of Dr. and Mrs. David M. Driver. This lad, who now is a student at High Point Senior High School, was David Driver, Jr. Original from the town of Birmingham, Alabama, David's father, now a teacher at High Point College, went to Porta Alegre to teach English, Latin, and French in the Episcopal school there.

Some years before this time, on a previous visit to South America, David's mother and father were married by the Bishop of Rio Grande Do Sul. The Bishop has remained a friend of the Driver family since that time, and last year while he was on a visit to North Carolina they saw him again.

When the Drivers went to Porta Alegre, the main sport was foot-soccer, played only by the boys. Then Dr. Driver introduced and coached the first basketball game ever to be played in that town.

David was born after his family had been in Porta Alegre for three years; and he was three, they returned to live in America. He vaguely remembers celebrating his third birthday on the boat.

Even though David was small at the time, he remembers South America as a country where orchids grow wild, where gauchos wear all leather slippers, and where possums run gaily over the roofs of the houses. And even though he'd like very much to return someday to the land of his birth, David's too much American to want to stay there.

### 'I Remember Mama' To Be Presented April 29 and 30

Final casting and try-outs are being completed this afternoon, clearing away all initial obstacles before practice sessions begin rolling of the annual senior play to be presented by the class of 1949 on April 29 and 30. Miss Ruth Goodman, faculty director, stated that although try-outs were held on Thursday of last week, final casting will not be completed until today in the auditorium; and announcement of the results will be made later, possibly by Friday.

"I Remember Mama", a play in two acts by John van Druten is the script selected for the production. It is a nationally acclaimed play, being first produced by Rodgers and Hammerstein as a Broadway stage hit in 1944, where it had a run of several years. Definitely leaning away from the many current romantic themes, "I Remember Mama" is the amusing, realistic story of a Norwegian family living in San Francisco. The characters are strong and forceful, the revealing plot is fast moving, and the story delves deep into human nature for its message. A successful film version has been made by a leading Hollywood company, in which Irene Dunn and Barbara Bel Geddes took the leads. Miss Dunn, as a result of her performance in this play has been nominated for an "Oscar", Hollywood's most coveted award.

### Greer, Hale Take Honors

Two members of the High Point Key Club, Dewey Greer and Albert Hale, won high honors at the Carolinas District Key Club Convention held in Charleston, S. C., February 18-19.

Dewey won the district oratorical contest for the second year in succession. The theme of his speech was "It's Fun to Live in America." He will receive a free trip to the International Key Club Convention at Washington, D. C. late in March, where he will represent the Carolinas in the international oratorical contest. Representatives from the United States and Canada will attend at Washington.

Albert Hale was elected lieutenant-governor of the Carolinas District for the coming year. His job will be to help organize new Key Clubs, succeeding another High Pointer, Bill McGuinn.

McGuinn, present lieutenant-governor, and Bob Younts, International trustee, were also program speakers at the convention.

The highlight of the convention was the Trustee Ball which was held at Charleston's Francis Marion Hotel on Saturday night.

### HPHS BAND CONCERT SCHEDULED THURSDAY

The senior high school band under the baton of director Julian Helms will present its winter concert in assembly before the student body Thursday morning March 3.