

## GLEE CLUB PRESENTS "HEARTS CONTENT"

### GRAY AND McDADE FURNISH COMIC ROLES

"Hearts Content," a play of Algerian pirates, was given by the Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Cuthrell on Friday night, March 12. The play was indeed a success. Barborossa, a Greek pirate, chief and ruler of Algiers, was played by E. H. Easter. Russell Revelle played the part of Commodore Decatur. Decatur came from America to stop the molesting of United States trade by the pirates. He falls in love with Althea, Frances Johnson, whom Barborossa wants to marry. Mulai Ahmed, Bey of Morocco, is played by Bill DeLapp. Ferdinand, captain of the captured ship, is played by Dick Johnson. Another love affair is added to the plot by Ferdinand's finding Isabella, Sara Redwine, his long lost sweetheart. Tingad, servant of Barborossa, played by Charles McDade, and Jim, negro servant of Decatur, played by J. D. Gray, added comedy to the situation. The story was brought to a climax by the arrival of Monsieur de Castellene, a French Consul, played by Henry Styers. All the situations are solved with a happy ending.

Many songs were used to carry out the story. Miss Ruth Miller, dancing instructor, taught the Spanish and the comedy dances. Another attractive feature was the bootblack dance. Between acts Miss Frances Shepherd's tap-dancing classes gave a number that exhibited the work they have been doing.

The proceeds from this play are being used for the library fund. An appreciative audience proved that the operetta was enjoyable and well staged.

### TAP DANCING CLUB

The tap dancing club under the instruction of Miss Frances Shepherd has now been organized for over a month. Recently a group of grammar school students joined, increasing the membership considerably. Most of the class has mastered the fundamental steps and learned several other dances as well. One of these dances was featured on the night of the Glee Club operetta.

## Basketball Banquet Proves A Most Delightful Affair

The annual basketball banquet of the Lexington high school was held Friday evening, March 5, at the American Legion hut with a large number present.

At seven o'clock a delicious dinner was served amid a setting of colors in festive shades, in keeping with the approaching Easter season. The table appointments were designed as novelty Easter eggs. Completing this effective color motif were lovely potted plants which adorned the spacious mantel of the hut.

Miss Mae Vestal Leonard, who served as toastmistress for the evening, gave the greeting of welcome to which Mr. Bob White responded. Mr. Russell Revelle sang two selections, "When My Dream Boat Comes Home" and "Song to Coaches." Mr. H. B. Tucker, coach of the local girls team, responded to the toast given him by Miss Elizabeth Huffman. Mr. Bob Eanes sang "Trust In Me." A toast was given to Mr. Tom Young, coach of the boys team, by Mr. Max McGinn, to which he responded. Mrs. A. W.

### JUNIORS PRESENT "IT'S A SMALL WORLD"

On Friday afternoon, February 19, sixth period, the Juniors of L. H. S. presented the play, "It's A Small World," which had been advertised weeks before by colorful posters, where every eye was sure to see them.

First, Ervin Pickett rendered Schubert's "Serenade" on his trombone, accompanied by his mother at the piano. Then Announcer Ralph Morris introduced Odessa Snow, who really can tap dance!

Teachers Bowers, Young, Kelly, Tucker and Conrad brought the house down with "Down By the Old Mill Stream," after which Mr. Conrad and Miss Virginia Johnson peddled on "The Bicycle Built For Two," the quartet singing lustily.

Next was the play itself, and a very amusing one it turned out to be. The cast of characters was as follows: Ginger, J. D. Gray; Olga, the heroine, Louise Kirby; the rather "Loonie" Jew, Dick Johnson; Connie, the handsome young aviator, Ralph Morris; the two mountaineers on a honeymoon, Clara Ann Miller and Robert Thomason; the old lady who had probably every known ailment, Evelyn Allen; the two old maids, Vivian Gambrell and Marguerite Thomason; the Sheriff, Fred Harris; Montague, the villain, Ed Gaines; and the victim was the banker, played by Harold Fritts.

The proceeds of this will go toward funds for the junior-senior banquet.

### GIRL RESERVES

The Girl Reserve Club had the members of the Hi-Y as guests at its meeting on Tuesday, February 16. The topic for the program was "Character Building For Success." Round table discussions were given on the necessary qualities in the making up of the ladder of success. Agreeing on the important elements in success the members of both clubs checked on themselves to see wherein they measured up and wherein they fell short of achieving success. Discussions such as these are very helpful and those taking part make the programs most interesting.

Honeycutt made a few remarks, after which Mr Eanes concluded the program by singing "Goodnight My Love." Throughout the evening all musical selections were accompanied at the piano by Miss Elaine Childs.

Those present were Misses Leonard, Huffman, Childs, Bernice Apple, Mary Patterson, Faith Berrier, Olivia Clodfelter, Anna Green, Mary Garland Burkhardt, Betsy Moffitt, Louise Kirby, Virginia Holmes Brinkley, Ann Corn, Henry Etta Link, Bernice Rush, Ruth Anderson, Odessa Snow, Amelia Hinkle, Mary Louise Hinkle, Jean Bruton, Mary Gordon, Frances Leonard, Dorothy Mosely, Louise Berrier, Frances Earnhardt, Ruth Koonts, Marylen White and Martha Redwine.

Also Messrs. White, Revelle, Tucker, Eanes, Young, McGinn, Clarence Wagner, Cecil Davis, W. E. Conrad, Jr., Cliff DeLapp, Jr., O. P. Pickett, Jr., Fred Sicheloff, Henry Styers, Jr., Fred Welch, Joe McCrary, Jr., Robert Thomason, Vernon Price, A. L. Disher, Jr., Louis Hartzog, Bill Brown, Jr., Dick Rabb, Kenneth Rhodes, Bill DeLapp, Bobby Crowell and Jack Pickett.

## CITY FACULTIES FIND READING IMPROVEMENT

### CREAM OF THE CROP

#### SENIOR

To know Frances Peacock is to know one of the best-rounded personalities in our high school. She is on the student council and holds a number of responsible offices such as secretary of the Dramatic Club and the Honor Society, and is also a member of the Girl Reserves and the Co-tillion Club. She has, through her own merit, become one of the most outstanding figures in the senior class and a favorite with everyone. One of her best friends described Frances as having "fascinating blue eyes and a sweet disposition." Another added that she is very impulsive and always makes queer New Year's resolutions that no one could possibly keep. More than anything else she likes to dance—and eat ice cream. She dislikes "bossy" people and she cannot stand hearing America criticized (and that proves her a thoroughbred). She wants to be a doctor's assistant some day but until then (and from then on) she has L. H. S.'s enthusiastic wish for the best of luck and lasting success in everything she attempts.

#### JUNIOR

Clara Ann Miller is—well, she is just Clara Ann. Everybody agrees that she has the cutest little giggle in high school, baring none, and her friends say she has persistence galore but never gets any place on time (including Girl Reserve meetings). She likes just about everything nice, including sour things, early morning walks, tennis and cooking out; the only things she dislikes are the Ritz Brothers and secrets (because she simply cannot keep them.) She admires self-made men (take a hint, fellows) and politeness (hinting continued) more than anything else. Her sole ambition is to collaborate with Frances (Dark Eyes) Peeler in having and weeding a garden this summer (funny-peculiar ambition, eh wot?) But all joking aside, if you want to know a really pleasant person, we recommend that you disregard that saying that it is safe only to believe half of what you see in print and get yourself introduced to Clara Ann right away.

#### SOPHOMORE

Miss Hattie Lee Burgess (whom we all know and love) once made the statement that Virginia Smith was one of the most attentive and inter-

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### HIGH SCHOOL TERM EXTENDED

The board of education, at a meeting on Monday evening, March 1, approved plans formerly tentative, to operate the high school for an extra period of three weeks this spring, thus meeting the requirements of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges accredited for remaining on North Carolina's list of standard high schools for the current year.

This provision is made possible through a grant from the city and by use of funds to accrue from the remainder of the 17 per cent fund. It was, however, pointed out in the board that this exhausts all possibility of further extended terms even for the high school unless and until a supplement has been provided by the school unit of Lexington.

May 27 was set as commencement finals date for the high school and May 20 for the elementary schools closing.

### SUPT. HONEYCUTT RE- PORTS EDUCATION CON- VENTION TO TEACHERS

Last Monday afternoon the entire faculty of the Lexington City Schools—90 all together—met for further consideration of the spelling, vocabulary, and reading problems of the schools. For several months especial emphasis has been placed upon improvement of instructional results in these studies from the first grade through the eleventh. Monday afternoon each school reported its findings as to actual difficulties faced in learning to read well, the major problems in teaching pupils to read intelligently and with satisfaction, and a list of recommendations for solving these problems.

Miss Alma Owen spoke for Cecil School, Miss Florence Reid led the discussion for Robbins, Miss Flora Morrison and Mrs. H. S. Radcliffe for Holt, Miss Lillian Maybry for Grimes, W. E. Conrad for the High School, and A. B. Bingham for the colored schools.

Discussion followed these leaders' talks, indicating a keen interest in and progress toward partial solution of these problems.

Lack of readiness to read by first graders was pointed out as one of the chief problems and the need of more time for the immature pupils who cannot keep pace with those having reading readiness. Forcing textbook reading at this period usually results in failure complexes and mere calling of words without comprehension, it was pointed out. The absence of reading materials in many homes and other reading background experiences makes it necessary to build up such understandings and meanings as will make reading significant and interesting to children. It has been suggested that two years be given to such immature children as a means of speeding up the reading progress of the entire system for the future.

The basal readers level of difficulty for their respective grades is too high for the average in our 8 months' school term, according to the committee's report. Much more "easier" reading material is needed than is now available through basal texts or otherwise, it was pointed out. Wider use of library methods of study and the rapid increase of school and classroom libraries for use of individuals and groups was recommended at this point of the discussion.

In the high school it was urged that all departments cooperate with the English department and develop a notable increase in the responsibility of teachers of the various curriculum fields for stimulating and directing the reading interest of pupils and for promoting increased efficiency in reading, spelling and vocabulary.

Supt. Honeycutt expressed appreciation for the progress indicated but pledged his continued emphasis and cooperation until there is a keener school-wide consciousness of the desirability and necessity of achieving effective reading habits.

At the request of faculty members, Mr. Honeycutt then gave the teachers an account of the recent New Orleans educational convention of school superintendents and allied organizations of teachers, principals, supervisors and college executives of various types, about 11,000 school administrations registering for this meeting.

Among his observations, Mr. Honeycutt included his impression of the educational effectiveness of pageantry, pantomime, and various types of

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