

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR HOMECOMING OCT. 20

NEW PRINCIPAL HEADS LEXINGTON HIGH

James A. Gerow, Of Raleigh, Takes Up Duties

Reporter: Jenky Miller

Mr. James A. Gerow has taken up his duties as the new principal of Lexington High School. He was graduated from Hugh Marson High School in Raleigh in 1923, and received his B. S. degree from N. C. State in 1932 where he played football and was a boxing star. He did work at Columbia University in 1937, and received his Master's degree in Education from Duke University during the past summer. He also holds a diploma from the Charles Atlas School of physical culture.

His teaching career started in Smithfield where he also was athletic coach. His next position was at Wake-land High where he was coach and assistant principal. From there he went to Raleigh High School where he was director of boys' physical education, and later at Broughton High in Raleigh he became assistant principal.

He is a member of the Kappa Phi Kappa, national honorary educational fraternity, and a member of the Mu Beta Psi national music fraternity. For some time he played solo accompanists with Jimmy Poyner's orchestra and for four years played engagements with Hal Kemp and Benny Goodman.

In January, 1939, he married Miss Betty Kichline, graduate of Meredith College. At present they are making their home at Thompson Apartments.

When interviewed Mr. Gerow commented, "I am enjoying my work here very much, and I think the people of Lexington and the boys and girls of L. H. S. are the finest in the world."

FIRST P. T. A. MEETING OPEN HOUSE FOR GUESTS

Reporter: Jane Moore

On Tuesday evening, September 26, the first Parent-Teacher meeting of the year was held in the high school auditorium. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Gerow made a few comments and the new teachers were introduced. Coaches Young and Tucker gave an interesting program on the tactics of football. All the football team was on the stage dressed in new uniforms, and a few trick plays were demonstrated. This program helped the parents to understand more about football, and was enjoyed very much. Several numbers were played by the band, directed by Mr. Sam Hensley.

Everyone was entertained at "open-house" after the program. Each teacher had made her room as attractive as possible and had a reception committee to greet the parents. Funch and doughnuts were served in the school cafeteria to about 350 guests.

Miss Shepard's home room had the most parents represented and won the prize which was two cakes. Miss Walser's room rated second place

FLASH!!!!

As THE LEXHIPEP goes to press today, its subscription list passed the 750 mark, which is an all-time high. Nineteen out of twenty rooms subscribed 100%. High school students took advantage of a special subscription offer which entitled them to a free show and an all-school party.

The all-school party is billed for Friday, October 13. All paid LEXHIPEP subscribers will be admitted free. The party will be given in the form of a penny carnival. Students are urged to bring pennies to spend at concessions and sidshows. General admission will entitle students to a special floor show and dancing. A very small charge will be made for other attractions.

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Reporter: Edna Earle Cameron

The Junior Class starts the year with a bang! The first class meeting was held Tuesday, September 19. Alvin Philpott, president of the former sophomore class, took charge of the meeting for the election of new officers. Virginia Olive, the new president, was unanimously elected. Bill Woodruff was chosen vice-president, and Bill Gordon was elected secretary and treasurer.

SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETS

Reporter: Peggy Miller

The Sophomore Class met September 20, in the auditorium to elect the 1939-40 officers. The meeting was opened by Mr. Gerow and then turned over to the sophomore advisor, Miss Helen Phillips.

Emily Bowers was unanimously elected president. Dwight Hinkle was elected vice-president; Charline Williams, secretary; and Elaine Shaw, treasurer.

GIRL RESERVES CHOSEN; 8 JUNIORS, 6 SENIORS

Reporter: Jenky Miller

The Girl Reserves held their first meeting of the year at the home of the president, Virginia Holmes Brinkley. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new members which are chosen from the upper ten per cent of the Junior and Senior classes. The club is a sub-division of the Y. W. C. A., and membership is based on scholarship, leadership and character, and other qualifications which lead to successful womanhood.

Seniors chosen as members are: Dot Madsen, Louise Green, Millicent Carlton, Jo Doris Pickett, Mary Touchstone and Selma Solomon. Juniors are: Virginia Olive, Bill Gordon, Betty Cuthrell, Isabelle Dillon, Carolyn Smith, Enid Phillips, Edna Earle Cameron and Betty Ward.

The new faculty advisor is Miss Dorothy Davis.

HIGH POINT FOOTBALL GAME WILL HIGHLIGHT HOMECOMING PROGRAM

NEW CYCLORAMA INSTALLED

GIFT OF CLASSES 1939-40

Reporter: Ruth Morris

The Senior Class of last year voted to leave as its class gift money toward the purchase of a new cyclorama for the stage. During the summer the order was given, and the curtain has been recently installed. Responsibility for the second and final payment has been assumed by the present Senior Class.

The curtain, which is of a bluish-gray rep material, is very durable and should last, with care, for years. With the installing of the new cyclorama, a number of other improvements have been made which have helped the appearance of the stage very much. The stage floor has been scoured to take up the oil on it and has been freshly shellacked and waxed. This will to some extent aid the sound effects from the stage.

In addition to these improvements, the Senior Class hopes to have repaired and repainted all the interior and exterior stage sets that the school now owns.

VERNON THOMASON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SENIOR CLASS

Reporter: Alvin Philpott

At the first meeting of the Senior class on Monday, September 11, the officers of the class were elected.

After several hotly contested races the following were elected to lead the class of 1940: President, Vernon Thomason; vice-president, Hubert Philpott; secretary, Mary Gordon; treasurer, Bill Myers.

All of the officers elected are outstanding students, being members of various honor clubs and carrying on extra curricula activities in the school.

After the election of officers a brief business session was held. Then a motion was made for adjournment.

CHEER LEADERS ELECTED; BILL GORDON, CHIEF

Reporter: Alvin Philpott

Before the first football game, a few members of the faculty chose the cheerleaders for 1939-40. Out of about twenty boys and girls who tried for the honor, five were chosen. Bill Gordon, who was a cheerleader last year, was chosen chief-cheerleader. The others were Parks Easter, Baylor Gray, "Jenky" Miller and "Ginny" Madsen.

A pep meeting before the first game proved to the school how capable the cheerleaders really are. New yells made by them with appropriate actions while cheering prove that these cheerleaders evidently are the best L. H. S. has had in a long time.

Plans are under way for one of the greatest homecoming celebrations in the history of the school. Festivities will begin Thursday, October 19, with a huge bonfire at Cecil Field. The next day a special assembly program will be held with the alumni as special guests. Following the program the high school students will stage a gigantic parade with all home rooms participating. Prizes will be offered to home rooms entering the best floats. Efforts are being made to have the local merchants take part in the parade.

The highlight of the homecoming program will be the High Point-Lexington football game. The battle will get under way at 8 P. M. Friday in the Holt-Moffitt stadium. High Point defeated Lexington last year, and Coach Young's Indians are out for revenge this year. The game is expected to draw a large crowd of sports enthusiasts from this section of the state as it will be an important contest for both teams. If Lexington is able to survive the homecoming tilt, it is believed that she will have a chance at the state title, provided they win other games on the schedule.

Following the football game the Junior class will sponsor an informal dance in the high school gym. Both high school students and the alumni will be invited to attend the dance. Virginia Olive and Bill Gordon are in charge of arrangements for the dance. The Hi-Y boys will prepare the bonfire and will be in charge of Thursday's program. Mr. Tucker will be in charge of the Homecoming parade. Mr. Tucker was largely responsible for the success of last year's parade and has consented to serve in the same capacity this year.

More definite plans concerning the homecoming program will be announced at a later date. Coach Young suggested that he will have more to say regarding homecoming after the Kanapolis game.

HI-Y HAS FIRST MEETING

NEW MEMBERS CHOSEN

Reporter: Vernon Thomason

The members of the Hi-Y held their first meeting of the year on Monday, September 18. The purpose of the first meeting was to elect officers and to select new members.

Hubert Philpott, who was elected president of the club last year, took charge. New officers elected were: Secretary, Jimmy Welborn; and treasurer, Pig Thomason. The vice-president will come from the juniors chosen for membership.

Juniors chosen as members were Bill Woodruff, Lawrence Alexander, Alvin Philpott, Spec Clark, Rusty Craver, Frank Leonard and Stacey Foster. Fred O. Sink, Fred Green, Bobby Johnson and Bobby Crowell are the seniors that were chosen. Two more new members may be chosen in the near future.