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## Should Lexington Have A New High School? What Do You Think?—Or Do You?

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"Yes, I think we should," said many a good citizen of Lexington as the door to door poll was taken of nearly three thousand citizens of this city.

It has been proved that in the future years the present school cannot possibly take care of the increased enrollment. Every year the enrollment in the eighth grade becomes larger and larger, and this is true of the upper four grades. Lexington is either going to build a new school or the old one is going to burst at the seams.

Back in 1923 when the present building was built there was an estimated population of five thousand people in Lexington. Today Lexington has over fifteen thousand people and another grade has been added to the high school. Several new subjects have been added, and the average number of pupils per class is forty or more with a total of more than seven hundred and fifty for the whole school, and this number goes higher every year.

It has been proved by educational experts that the students cannot learn nearly as much in a class with forty or forty-five students as in one with thirty or less. Also the teacher is not able to give as much attention to the individual student in a large class. She is overworked and becomes disgusted with her work. The present high school in Lexington is considered one of the worst firetraps, if not the worst, in the city according to Chief Norman Owens of the City Fire Department. It is believed that if the high school would ever catch fire it would be almost impossible to put the fire out before the building was completely burned. Due to the fact that the building is of a brick and wood construction, it would be just like a piece of paper in a furnace if it ever caught on fire.

Some people say that if a new school is built the old building should become a junior high, but I think that the lot should be sold for business purposes and the new school built in a locality where there is less traffic and noise, and where space could be had for an athletic field.

But if Lexington is to have a new high school, it will take a "solid vote" by every citizen. A new school would cost much right now. This would entail a sharp increase of city taxes, but every citizen should get behind this worthy project and support it. We should start raising funds so that money will be available when the building program can be realized.

Remember, today's children are tomorrow's leaders.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 30, Basketball, Thomasville, there  
February 3, Basketball, Kannapolis, there  
February 4, Assembly, Dramatics club  
February 6, Basketball, Children's Home, There  
February 10, Basketball, Kannapolis, here  
February 11, Assembly, Quill and Scroll  
February 13, Basketball, Albemarle, there  
February 17, Basketball  
February 18, Assembly, Tri-Hi-Y Club  
February 20, Basketball, Albemarle, here  
February 24, Basketball  
February 25, Southeast Assembly, Bentley Trio

## L. H. S.'s Crowded Gym



Scene just after the half of the Children's Home game—night of the worst attendance of the season because of bad weather. Photo by H. Leo Waters

## Athletic Association Presents Sweaters

### Coaches Receive Trophies

This morning, January 23, the last morning of exams. A special assembly was held by the Athletic Association for the purpose of presenting sweaters to deserving members of the football team for the past season. This assembly had been postponed from the preceding Wednesday, because it was thought that Mr. Gordon Kirkland, popular coach of Catawba College, could be here to narrate the Tangerine Bowl pictures of the past season which were to be on the program.

However, Mr. Kirkland was ill and thus unable to be present, although the pictures were shown without narration. After the picture, sweaters were awarded to some twenty-three members of the 1947 football team, winners of the Lions Bowl game, and runners-up in the South Piedmont Conference.

A surprise of the program was pulled when Benny Waiser and Zack Taylor, co-captains of the team, presented the two coaches, Mr. James Maus and Mr. Clayton Gaddy, with two beautiful trophies for the great work they had done for the team this year.

Names of these players, so honored, can be found on page six in the article on the Football Banquet.

### Rev. W. A. Rollins Speaks To Students of L. H. S.

On the morning of January 7, 1948, a program of a religious nature was presented.

Mr. John Crocker led the student body in singing "Holly, Holy, Holy", after which Mr. C. E. Wike introduced the speaker for the program, the Rev. Mr. W. A. Rollins, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

## JACKETS PACK 'EM IN

### L. H. S. Has New Gym Floor

For once the L.H.S. basketball teams can start basketball practice without the fear of falling through the floor every time they dribble.

During the Christmas holidays, when no one was around, the janitors finally went to work and fixed the gym floor. After sanding the floors and fixing the loose boards they painted the floor and marked it off.

Now there will be no danger of falling through; no more will anyone be straining his eyes to see whether the ball goes in or outside the bounds of the court. Except for the lack of space, the gym is in very good condition.

To the janitors, and anyone else who helped, we would like to offer our humble thanks for fixing something that very much needed and which adds much to our safety and enjoyment.

### What Did Happen To Sadie Hawkins Day Dance?

Everyone has been asking what happened to the Sadie Hawkins Day Dance! Really, the LEXHIPEP staff has been wondering about the same thing. It seems as if ye ole editor wrote to Al Capp to get some material for a Sadie Hawkins Day Dance and the material arrived just a little too late to hit the psychological time.

To make up for not having the dance, the staff intends to have a Leap Year Dance. This statement is guaranteed to be carried out. The date has not been decided upon, but it will be published as soon as it has been. However, young ladies, be deciding which gentleman you will escort!

Despite the rain and sleet on the night of January 20, 1948, the gymnasium was filled to capacity, just an example of how the students turn out to support their team. Lexington High really needs a larger gymnasium to accommodate these students. At practically every game numbers of students have been turned away because there is not even standing room left in the gymnasium. This is a real tragedy. The team cannot be expected to win if they do not have the students to back them and how can the students back them if they can't even get into the gymnasium? Couldn't an athletic-minded city like Lexington (we think we are tops) do something about it?

### "Our Talented L.H.S."

Talent by the busload, composed of stars straight from Hollywood, was presented under the direction of Miss Flayree Hill on January 28, 1948, in Lexington High School auditorium. The program had great variety and originality.

In the contest Bob Hendricks took first place with his excellent portrayal of Al Jolson, while Nancy Witherpoon copped second place honors with a monologue and musical imitation of Gracie Allen. Joe Hooks and his band, taking third place, soothed all ruffled brows with the sweetest music this side of Main Street.

Jim Tussey's talented fingers tinkled the keys to bring him fourth place ovation; while Doug Craver, Bob Holmes, and Jim Platt wowed 'em with a hilarious blackface act, which won them fifth place. Jimmy Poston and his Hoosier Hotshots, Doug Gosnell, I. M. Leonard, Alex Beck, and Don Leonard, harmonized to win sixth place.

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