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PLANS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED BY N. Y. ARCHITECTS

School Board Prefers Group Plan of Five Buildings to Single Structure

TO BE BEST IN THE STATE

Buildings Are to Be Ready for Occupancy by September If Work Is Begun by December

The board of education of the Greater Greensboro school district has reached an agreement as to the plans of the new central high school plant. The proposed five buildings will be erected on the Scales property at a cost of \$850,000. Detailed plans are now being completed by the architects, according to an announcement made Monday, September 10, by the building committee of the board.

The board decided, after long consideration, upon the group plan of buildings instead of a single structure. It was indicated Monday that definite action would be taken very soon in order to have the buildings ready for occupancy as soon as possible.

The contractors for the large building program are Angle-Blackford company. The contractors have informed the school board that if actual work can be begun before December 1 that the buildings can be occupied by September, 1929.

The new school has long been looked forward to, and is now about to be a reality. When completed it will be one of, if not the best, high school buildings in the south. Now since the plans have actually begun they have been running very smoothly. Architects from Columbia University have come down to help perfect the plans.

PARENT TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

Plans for Securing New Members and Encouraging Athletic Events Are Discussed

The first P. T. A. meeting for the year 1928 will be held next Monday, October 2. This meeting will be an informal supper at 7 o'clock in the school cafeteria. Teachers will in this manner come to know the parents.

Members of the executive committee planned this entertainment at a meeting held September 26, at the home of Mrs. S. O. Lindeman, president. Meetings for the entire year will be held at 8 o'clock every first Tuesday of the month. The November meeting will be postponed to a later date due to the election on that date.

Plans were discussed and practically completed for securing more members. The P. T. A. is taking every possible step to encourage athletic events and are backing the students by attending all games.

Another undertaking for the year will be the sponsoring of special speakers. These are all men of note and some have already been scheduled.

Phillips Plans Meeting

C. W. Phillips will preside over the first teachers' meeting on Saturday, September 29. This meeting will be the first one to be held since school started. Mr. Phillips has planned many interesting features for the program.

TORCHLIGHT SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Torchlight Society held its first meeting of the year Tuesday, September 25, in room 101.

They decided to meet alternately every two weeks on Tuesday at chapel period. This will alternate with the Girls' Council.

Miss Mitchell presided over the meeting.

Mary Baily Williams was elected president and quite an argument was held as to whether there would be a vice-president. It was decided that it was unnecessary.

Katherine Nowell was elected secretary and treasurer for the year.

The honorary society plans to do many interesting and worth while projects during the coming semester. It was also discussed that the pupils eligible for this organization be selected by the old members. Between now and the next meeting the members of the Torchlight Society will look up the past record of the eligible candidates. The upper fourth of the two senior semesters can make the club.

MISS NELLIE K. DRY STARTS FIELD STUDY

Course Includes the Personal Observation of All Plant and Animal Life

IS NEW COURSE AT G. H. S.

"To understand nature is to gain one of the greatest resources of life." This is the endeavor of the field study course at G. H. S. under the direction of Miss Nellie K. Dry, high school science teacher.

This course is entirely new at Central High, and if the experiment is a success, will be a permanent course which includes reference work and field trips. There are 16 students now enrolled, and they are allowed to carry on individual projects. Full credit is given for this course which is held only at the sixth period.

The study of nature includes personal observation of all plant and animal life, their habits and surroundings. The ultimate aim of the course, according to Miss Dry, is to cultivate the power of acute observation and to build up within an understanding of nature lore.

Members of the class are now getting acquainted with the various trees of North Carolina. Before this phase of work has been completed they will have collected leaves, fruit, and bark of 25 native trees.

This course will aid scouts in passing off merit badge work.

G.H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL MEETS SEPTEMBER 26

The student council met on Wednesday, September 26, 1928, for the first meeting of the year. Charles Rives, the president, presided at this meeting. The representatives from the different semesters were elected last year. Katherine Lambe was recently chosen as a representative from the Girls' Council. Mr. Phillips will appoint the other some time in the near future.

PUBLICATION STAFFS HAVE ANNUAL DRIVE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Session Room Teachers Responsible for Subscriptions in Their Rooms This Year

INSTALLMENT PLAN USED

Miss Mary Ellen Blackman's Session Room Is First to Report 100 Per Cent Subscribers

Since September 11 the publication staffs have been in the midst of the annual subscription campaign. Instead of the staff members managing the drive, each session room teacher was responsible for her room.

By this plan the students could subscribe and make full payment or use the installment plan. The latter plan seemed to work in several junior rooms. The total number of students subscribing is 300, while the teachers, alumni, and interested citizens of Greensboro makes a sum total of 400 subscriptions.

Miss Mary Ellen Blackman's session room 102 was the first to report 100 per cent. Two students failed to subscribe, but seven outside subscribers were secured, thus making a total of 48.

The three other senior rooms, 107, 106, and 103 reported a majority number of students as subscribers. The junior class responded partially, while the lower classmen had a still lower percentage.

Today ends this special drive, but students who enter late, or others who desire to subscribe, may still do so. They will receive all the other issues of the paper and magazine published this year.

DICK DOUGLAS RETURNS WEDNESDAY FROM TRIP

Each Scout Bagged Lion in Africa While Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson

TWO OTHER SCOUTS ALSO RETURN

Robert Dick Douglas, June graduate of G. H. S., landed in New York Tuesday, September 18, on the liner, *Le de France*, after having spent six weeks of adventure in the heart of Africa. Young Douglas, with his two companions, say that their greatest thrill was experienced while hunting lions.

Each scout bagged a lion in East Africa while the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson. They brought with them the lion skins and also the skin of a gazelle, better known as an antelope, a gift for the scout executive, James E. West.

The scouts, Robert D. Douglas, of this city; David R. Martin, Jr., of Austin, Minn.; Douglas L. Oliver, of Atlanta, Ga., were entertained by various high officials while in France.

The scouts are being detained in New York at the country home of George Palmer Putnam, to perfect their diary account to be published in October.

These boys were selected for the trip in a general competition among the Boy Scouts of America.

Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Douglas, of Fisher Park Circle. While in high school, Dick, as he was called, proved himself worthy of distinction by being voted the best all-round student in the senior class.

Former Superintendent



MR. F. A. ARCHER

"COOL KNIGHTS," COMEDY, IS GIVEN

Henry K. Burtner Post of the American Legion Sponsors Play at National Theatre

CHORUS OF TWENTY-ONE

"Cool Knights," a musical comedy, and reputed to be one of the best musical shows in many years was presented Friday night, September 21, at the National Theatre. The Henry K. Burtner post of the American Legion sponsored the play.

The comedy dealt with American college life, and Charles Lipscomb, G. H. S. alumnus, and Anne Bishop were the stars, supported by Ralph Hodgkin, Hoyt Boone, Frank Warner, Helene Hudnell and a bevy of chorus girls.

G. H. S. music talent was a special feature. Twenty-one high school girls were in the chorus work. Practically all of these girls were in the 1928 Purple and Gold Revue. Those in the chorus work were: Gladys Young, Martha Abercrombie, Ruth Barton, Virginia Miller, Claire Hartsook, Louise Thacker, Dixon Thacker, Lillian Hauck, Trudy Carver, Alice Grubbs, Margaret McLean, Mary Thomas, Mamie Leak, Parson, Katherine Williams, Jacqueline Alderman, Meredith Watt, Alice Haynes, Helen Haynes, Polly Moore, Margaret Smathers, and Jane Crabtree.

NEW STUDENTS OF G. H. S. GO TO CHAPEL SEPT. 13

Charles Rives Explains Traffic Rules and Workings of Student Council

The freshmen and new students of G. H. S. met in chapel Thursday, September 13, for the first time.

Mr. C. W. Phillips welcomed the pupils. He then introduced Charles Rives, student council president, who explained traffic rules and other phases of the student council.

Elizabeth Boyst, president of Girls' Council, was introduced. She explained the Girls' Council and "Big Sister" organization.

Clyde Norcom, managing editor of *HIGH LIFE*, told the students *HIGH LIFE* and *Homespun* plans for the year.

Rachel Lipscomb, chief cheer leader, talked about athletic life.

In that way the outstanding activities of the high school were brought before these students.

ARCHER RESIGNS AS SUPERINTENDENT TO COMPLETE DEGREE

C. W. Phillips, Principal of G. H. S., Will Serve Temporarily in This Office

SCHOOL CALENDAR MADE

F. A. Archer Has Acted as Superintendent of Greensboro City Schools for Eleven Years

Frederick Archer, for 11 years superintendent of Greensboro City Schools, has resigned in order to complete his doctor's degree at Columbia University. His resignation becomes effective on October 1, and C. W. Phillips, G. H. S. principal, was appointed by the board of education in July to serve in that capacity temporarily.

The school calendar for the year has been made and Mr. Archer's policy, which has been inaugurated for this year, will be closely followed by Mr. Phillips. School authorities are hopeful that the retiring superintendent will return next September. Wherever his going is talked among school folks, they will not receive a final no.

The hardest work of the school year has already been accomplished. Mr. Archer worked all summer long on preparing the new buildings and remodeling the old ones.

Since graduating from the University of North Carolina in 1904, Mr. Archer has served in four different city schools. From 1904-06 he had charge of all the city schools at Windsor, N. C. The following year he was employed as an English teacher in Winston-Salem High School. For the next six years Mr. Archer was principal of the Wilson High School. Following his stay there, he was superintendent of schools at Selma. From there he came to Greensboro, and from 1917 until this year he served in the capacity of superintendent of city schools.

He received his A.B. degree at U. N. C. and in 1924 completed work for his M.A. degree at Columbia University. Now he expects to complete his doctor's degree by next September.

SEMESTER SEVEN HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

Carmen Patterson and Katherine Lambe Discuss Plans for "Reflector"

Semester 7 held its first meeting of the year Thursday, September 20, in 103. The newly elected president, Ervine Stone, was compelled to resign as he has been promoted to semester 8. The vice-president, Carl Jones, presided.

A nominating committee composed of Carmen Patterson, chairman, Louis Brooks, and Kate Harrison, was appointed to nominate a new president. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 24, at which the president will be elected.

Carmen Patterson was chosen to represent this semester on the Student Council. Katherine Lambe was elected to represent the girls on the Girls' Council.

Plans for the *Reflector* were discussed, and the possibility of doing away with it was brought up. Very little discussion was carried on; but this idea is generally bitterly opposed. The meeting then adjourned.