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Homespun Editors Adopt New Plans For Entire Year

TO HAVE 5 ISSUES

Stages to Include Youth, Middleage, Old Age and Sunset Trails.

STAFF CHANGES POSSIBLE

Susan Gregory is Editor; Rebecca Heath, and Grace Curtis are Assistant Editors.

Instead of the plan used last year which was to choose a separate theme for each issue, *Homespun* will have only one theme which will be treated in detail through the five issues to appear this year. These themes which to be used is one dealing with the stages and developments of life, the caravan of life. Five stages will be included in the magazines, youth, middle age, shadows on the horizon, old age, and sunset trails. Definite titles for these issues will be chosen later.

In addition to this change another has been made, in regard to the staff. There will be the Editor, Susan Gregory, who was appointed by the former staff, an assistant editor, Rebecca Heath, and literary editors. Editors for various departments such as poetry, art and short story editors will not be named as formerly. However, according to Miss Laura A. Tillett, faculty adviser of *Homespun*, after the first issue appears, changes may be made, the editors being selected, according to the field in which they appear to be most interested and capable.

The staff for this year includes Susan Gregory, editor; Rebecca Heath and Grace Curtis, assistant editors; and Grace Hobbs, Edwin Cone, Clary Holt, Rigdon Dees, Ella Leens Latham, literary editors; Kendall May, Maenette Graff, Douglas Long, David Morrish, Richard Frazier, artists; Bernard Money, typist; Ed Michaels, business manager; James Strickland, assistant business manager.

For the second year *Homespun*, Greensboro High School magazine, has won the honor of being one of the high school publications in the United States to be awarded the All-American rating by the National Scholastic Press Association of the University of Minnesota. In 1928 for the first time this rating was given *Homespun*, as one of the three publications to receive All-American rating.

Out of a possible score of 925, the magazine received 730 points. In verse with a maximum score of 100, the rating received was 100. The essays were given special mention by the judges. The points on which *Homespun* received low rating were humor, features, and art. A complete manual and score pamphlet was received, which, according to Miss Laura A. Tillett, faculty adviser of the publication, will aid in the improvement of *Homespun*.

A certificate for the honors awarded the magazine has already been received. The past record of *Homespun* is one of which G. H. S. students should be proud. *Homespun* took first place in a contest held at the University of North Carolina in the spring of 1928. At the Southern Interscholastic Press Association it received first honors in magazines grouped "A" class. This convention was held May 11 and 12, 1928.

With this year's staff and changes in the staff arrangement and publication themes, it is hoped that *Homespun* will be an even better publication than it has proved to be in the past.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week of October 6 to 12 has been set aside for the annual observation of "Fire Prevention Week." Just 58 years ago a cow in Mrs. O'Leary's barn kicked the lantern that started the great Chicago fire.

Throughout the United States posters, stickers and pamphlets have been distributed. Each school is asked to observe the fact that every one can help. Greensboro high school will probably ask some outside speaker to talk to the students during that week, about America's Greatest Crime—Fire.

The committee in charge of Fire Prevention Week asked that this be a "fireless fire."

RADIO CLASS SHOWS GREATER INTEREST

Students Will Specialize In the Short Wave and Screen Grid Radio Sets.

NEW LABORATORY IN USE

According to Mr. Stanley Johnson, of the science department, the radio class for this year is the largest in history. There are 29 enrolled in the class, and it was necessary to refuse admission to 12 students because of the large number who wished to take the course.

This year the class will specialize in short wave and screen grid radio sets. The best sets will be sold; the others will be torn down in order that new ones may be built. The radio class meets the period when Station WNBC, Greensboro, broadcasts its noon programs. It is now possible to test out various sets at any time during the period.

The radio class has a new laboratory to work in this year, and there is a large amount of new equipment which will greatly aid them in their work.

Mr. Johnson says the students seem to be more interested in the course than ever before, with this enthusiasm of the students and the added facilities, he is looking forward to this class being the best ever conducted in Greensboro high school.

DEBATING CLUB TO HOLD MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

J. Barnes Making Plans for a Picnic for the Club's New Members.

With a membership committee to select new members, the Debating Club hopes to make great progress this term. This committee will put on a drive next week, September 30 to October 3.

There will be a social for the new members. This will be held sometime soon probably in the form of a picnic. J. Barnes, chairman of social committee, is making plans for this get-together now.

All students who are interested in debating give their name in to the membership committee. Pupils of this committee are Hadlye Hayes, chairman; Hilliard Klein, and Leila George Cram.

The Debating club held its second regular meeting September 26. A formal debate took place.

GIRL COUNCIL PLANS DISCUSSED AT MEET PICNIC TO BE HELD

Plan to Appoint Committee to Assist In Years' Social Activities—Aid Bulletin Boards.

SUGGESTIONS OFFERED

Council Feels That With Co-operation of Girls Activities to Be Great Success This Year.

The Girls' Council representatives were in Miss Fannie Starr Mitchell's office September 19 to discuss their plans for the coming year.

Council Welcomes New Pupils

A part of the meeting was spent in discussing a treasure hunt for the girls who have recently become students of G. H. S. It was decided that the picnic would be held, if possible, on the school property, Tuesday, September 30. All of the "new girls" are to be invited, and as many "old girls" as would like to come.

Girls Discuss Committees

Several suggestions were offered as to the committees that the council would have. Among them were the bulletin board committee, which is to keep a portion of the bulletin board in the main building attractive; the social committee, to have charge of many of the girls' social activities during the year, and a friendship committee, which is to help anyone whom they think needs their assistance. They discussed a program committee, which is to be responsible for the programs when the girls meet. Several other committees were suggested, but none have as yet been appointed.

The council feels that with the co-operation of the girls, activities for this year will be a great success. Priscilla White is president of the council.

STUDENT COUNCIL VOTES FOR THE TRAFFIC RULES

New President Presides—Welcomes Representative—Also Outlines Work of Semester

COUNCIL MEETINGS BI-WEEKLY

"Will we have traffic rules in the new high school?" was the question discussed at the first regular meeting of the Student Council. After much discussion for and against the point, the members of the council voted to have strict traffic rules. These, however, have not been made as yet, but each pupil is to be told which stairs to use just as it was in the old high school.

The meeting was held Thursday, September 19th, in Room 311. Harvey Anderson, new president of the student council, was in charge of initial meeting. He welcomed each representative and briefly outlined the work of the semester.

Margaret Leak, secretary of the organization, called the roll. Miss Sarah Lesley was asked to be the adviser for the coming year.

Representatives for each semester are as follows: Margaret Leak, 8; Carey Sloan, 7; Margaret Smathers, 6; Chas. Shaffer, 5; Mary Scott Jones, 4; John Hayes, 3; and Elmer Wrenn, 2.

The council will meet every two weeks on the day appointed for activities. Officers of the body are making plans for the year. These will be organized and presented to the club at a future meeting.

MISS BLACKMON GIVES OLD RULES TO CLASS

"If boys and girls play together they get four lashes." Thus the first rule of school is stated, said Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon to her History 7 class. These rules of course belong to an earlier date. Here are some more:

	Number Lashes
Quarreling	4
Fighting	5
Quarreling at School	5
Playing at Cards at School	4
Climbing for every foot over three feet up a tree	10
Telling Lies	1
Telling Tales out of School	7
Nick-naming Each Other	8
Swearing at School	4
For Drinking Spirituous Liquor at School	8
For Wearing Long Finger Nails	8
Coming to School with Dirty Face and Hands	2
For Calling Each Other Liars	4
For Playing Bandy	10
For Blotting Your Copy Book	2
For Hollowing and Whooping Going Home	3
For Delaying Time Going Home or Coming to School	4
For Throwing Anything Harder Than Your Trab Ball	4
For Every Word You Miss In Your Hart Lesson Without Good Excuse	1
For Not Washing at Playtime When Going to Books	2
For Going About the Barn or Doing Any Mischief About the Place	

SEMESTER 8'S HAVE 'HEATED' ARGUMENT

Ed Michaels, Class President, Is In Charge of Discussions About "Reflector".

NO DEFINITE PLANS MADE

Students of semester 8 held their first class meeting in room 104, September 18, for the purpose of making plans for the year.

Ed Michael presided over the G. H. S. seniors as they discussed their activities. The chief topic of discussion was the *Reflector*. Seniors debated on having an annual.

Mr. C. W. Phillips spoke to the semester 8 students. He pointed out reasons for not having a year book. He also discussed having one.

John Lindeman and Saunders Ogburn led "heated" arguments for their *Reflector*. Faculty advisors and students displayed enthusiasm on the question.

Saunders Ogburn was very much in favor of having the *Reflector*, while John did not want it.

Suggestions were made for other forms of commemorating the graduation of this class. Among ideas discussed was the one that *HIGH LIFE* or *Homespun* have a senior issue which would be wholly of senior affairs and activities of that class during their high school course. Pictorial supplements would probably be used if this plan was carried out.

All rates for the question have failed to produce definite results in that the issue has tied each time.

STAGE EQUIPMENT MAKES DRAMATIC CLASSES HAPPY

Mr. Johnson Well Pleased With Lighting Effects and Other Improved Stage Facilities.

PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY

Stage Designed by W. R. Taylor; Scenery Made Under Supervision of Taylor, Assisted by A. T. West.

"Greensboro high school is very fortunate to have such excellent stage equipment," says Mr. Johnson, dramatic coach of G. H. S. "There's certainly every detail in the way of facilities." The lighting induces several border spots and foots. The switch board is on the pin rail.

Besides the front curtains, which were made by people at N. C. C. W., there is an asbestos curtain, a silver one, which, when under lights will be very effective. The exterior set, which was used in the *HIGH LIFE* skit Wednesday week ago, includes a drop, two teasers, and four wings. There is an interior which has not yet been seen. It is done in tan, and has French windows and several doors.

The stage was designed by Mr. W. R. Taylor, head of the dramatics department at N. C. C. W., the scenery was made under the supervision of Mr. Taylor, he was assisted chiefly by Mr. A. T. West and Miss De Alva Stewart.

"This equipment provides greater opportunities in the field of dramatics," Mr. Johnson told a *HIGH LIFE* reporter. He also said that his play production class would experience its first scene printing later or, when they will construct a set for three one-act plays. For the accommodation of these artists, there is a paint-bridge from which the painting will be done.

Besides all this equipment, we have a wonderful concert, Mason and Hamlin grand piano.

MISS TILLET ENLARGES PARALLEL BOOK LIST

"Pageant of America," "Grandeur That Was Greece," "Glory That Was Rome," on Our Shelves.

LIBRARY FURNITURE IS DUE SOON

Since Miss Laura Tillett has enlarged the number of books on the parallel list, we find many new and interesting ones have been placed on the library shelves for our use. If you haven't seen these new first year books, go in and look them over. Some of the new ones are as follows:

Pageant of America.
Grandeur That Was Greece.
Glory That Was Rome.
Who's Who in America '28-'29.

There may be a question as to where the books of biographies and travel are. Every summer all the books in the library are checked over and since the librarians have not had time to check these two types of literature, they still remain in the checking room where they are not, at present, ready for use.

Miss Rebecca Wall, the librarian, also made a statement regarding the new furniture for the library, which is already past due. It will be here in at least three or four days. The students who have been using the library regularly should not be discouraged, because they have been standing up.