

'S Time to Think About  
Electives for Next  
Term!

# HIGH LIFE

From the Gate City of the South and the Birthplace of O. Henry

Writers! Artists! Get Out  
Your Pens and Paint  
Brushes!

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## Greensboro High School Presents Special Courses

### MAINTAINS ARTS

Teachers Announce Elective  
Studies Will Continue  
Throughout Year.

### OFFER BUSINESS COURSES

Misses Mary Morrow and Ione Grogan  
Teach Elective Mathematics  
Classes.

Twenty-five elective courses, or rather special groups or departments, are in the curriculum of the Greensboro Senior High School in addition to extra years of French, Latin, and Science, offered to students at present.

Only pupils excelling in science previous to their application for admission to these courses may become members of the classes. J. S. Johnson is the instructor of radio and experimental physics; W. W. Blair, of creative chemistry; and Mrs. Nellie Blackburn, of nature study.

#### Art Classes Begin

For the first time art classes are scheduled for the entire day; and Miss Henri Etta Lee has organized a regular department, offering students instruction in cartoon drawing, linoleum cutting, fancy work, sketching, painting, photography, and, in fact, in any subject of art desired by the student.

The Home Economics Department offers special classes in sewing, cooking, home, and the like. This is one of the oldest of elective departments, of study at G. H. S. Misses Frances Summers, Viva Playfoot, and Dennis teach Home Economics.

#### Pupils Take Commercial Studies

Commercial classes of distinct nature come within the scope of the school study. Typing is taught six periods during the day. On each registration day the classes are filled to the maximum. Commercial arithmetic, shorthand, and bookkeeping are presented.

These, as in the case of all Home Economics and art classes, are taught during the entire day. Two years of typing, shorthand, and of bookkeeping complete the study of each, respectively. There is only one semester of commercial arithmetic. Mrs. Zoe Hogsette, Mrs. Bain, and Mr. E. R. Phillips teach commercial subjects.

Journalism and creative English are offered aspiring newspaper and magazine writers. Mrs. Alma G. Coltrane, one of the faculty advisers of High Life, teaches journalism; and Miss Marjorie Craig, a faculty adviser of Homespun, G. H. S. magazine, is instructor of creative English.

Play production, taught by J. H. Johnson, is promoting the development of dramatics of the school.

H. Grady Miller promotes music in the high school in the presentation of courses in glee club, mixed chorus, theory and harmony, orchestra, and band. Earl Slocum assists Mr. Miller.

#### School Offers Special Math

Solid geometry, trigonometry, and college algebra, give the mathematically inclined pupil opportunity to specialize in that field of endeavor. Miss Ione Grogan teaches solid geometry and trigonometry, while Miss Mary Morrow teaches college algebra. These three math are given in addition to two years of algebra and a year of plane geometry.

The history department offers these special classes: sociology, taught by Miss Mary Bynum Paris; and current problems, by Miss Willie T. Hall.

Miss Nora Chaffin teaches economics, another elective class.

Physical education for both girls and boys is taught by Miss Camille Brinkley and Lester Belding, respectively.

### "HIGH LIFE" STRESSES SPECIAL COURSES

"A theme? Are you crazy? One a week is enough for me." That's what a member of the High Life staff replied when asked if he would write up the theme of this issue.

Every issue of this paper has, of course, some central idea or theme. For this week of December 6 High Life's pivot is: special or vocational courses in high school. Along with the classes special activities are being stressed in this edition of the school paper.

Elective subjects of this school and something about these are contained in one article. A short story about high school is on page two. Other news and feature articles are scattered about the paper to develop the theme of specialized classes of G. H. S.

### HIGH LIFE SPONSORS CARTOON CONTEST

Judges for Short Stories Are  
Faculty Advisers of Greens-  
boro High's Publication.

### THEATRE OFFERS PRIZES

A cartoon and a short story contest are being sponsored by the staff of HIGH LIFE. These contests are to promote Christmas Spirit.

Both contests end December 10. Rules for each follows:

1. The cartoon must be on plain white paper size 8x12 inches.
2. It must be drawn with India ink.
3. The cartoon must pertain to Christmas.
4. It must be turned in to Miss Henri Etta Lee in Room 9, not later than December 10.
5. Cartoons entered in the contest become the property of HIGH LIFE.

Rules for the short story contest are:

1. The story must concern Christmas.
2. It must not be less than five hundred nor more than eight hundred words in length.
3. The story is to be handed to English teachers who will deliver them to the publication room not later than December 10.
4. The story must be in ink or type-written.
5. All stories become the property of HIGH LIFE.

English teachers are having all classes write Christmas stories any of which may be submitted in this contest. Miss Lee is having her classes draw cartoons for the contest.

Mrs. Alma G. Coltrane, Miss Nell Chilton and Byron Haworth, faculty advisers of HIGH LIFE will judge short stories. Richard Frazier, art editor of HIGH LIFE, and two other judges to be selected will judge the cartoons.

Mr. Street, manager of the Carolina Theatre, is offering passes to that theatre as prizes.

### ORGANIZATIONS PLAN SEASON'S SOCIALS

Clubs of the Greensboro senior high school are planning socials for the Christmas season. Members of the Junior III Y Club will have a picnic Tuesday, December 10. Homespun staff has not yet set a definite date for a party. HIGH LIFE staff also plans a Christmas party.

### EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS CLASS



The members are: Saunders Ogburn, Eugene Curtis, Paul Hayes, Hiram Bell, Abbott Browne, Charles Stout, Fred Byers.

Editor's note: Experimental Physics is among the special classes offered to students of G. H. S.; J. S. Johnson teaches this one-semester course.

### LOCAL FACULTY OFFERS NEW COURSES IN SPRING

During the next semester there will be several new courses begun at G. H. S.

Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon, head of the history department, announces three, two of which are Government and English history.

Miss Henri Etta Lee says she will give a mechanical drawing course. Enough boys have already shown sufficient interest to have a class.

Other new courses probably will be announced later.

### STAFF FOR REFLECTOR MAKES PREPARATIONS

Students of Semester VII Are Soliciting  
Ads and Taking Care of  
Its Business.

### MANAGER COMPLETES CONTRACT

Richard Frazier, business manager of the 1930 Reflector, and Carey Sloan, his assistant, announce the following business staff, all of whom are members of the June graduating class.

Typists: Hal Hicks, Lloyd Thompson, Minnie Hyams, Edna Marsh, Morrie Witten, Columbia Gaither.

Other business staff members are: Bernard Money, Cleo McCready, Ethel Grey Rogers, W. B. Mayes, Kathryn Jenkins, Marion Goss, Harriett Powers, Eugene Curtis, Jennie Edwards, Olga Kellam, Lella George Cram, Jack Wimbish, Clark Mebane, Leonard Faulconer, Elyss Troxler, Robert Roach, Roy Bradley.

Semester 7 students have already solicited some ads and are continuing to get the business of the Reflector attended to. All contracts necessary for publishing a Reflector have been completed.

Elizabeth Wills, editor-in-chief of the 1930 yearbook, will announce the editorial staff in the near future. This has not yet been completed.

The motive of the issue of this year will also be announced in the issue of HIGH LIFE on December 20.

Commencement invitations for the June graduating class were selected by the Invitation Committee, Monday, December 2, at a called meeting.

From a large number of samples presented by a representative of Bastian Brothers, of Rochester, N. Y., the invitation, one of plain but attractive appearance, was chosen. An order for 2,000 of these, to be ready for delivery by May 15, of next year, was placed.

## GREENSBORO HI TEAM BEATS POINTERS IN CLOSE DEBATE

Query: Resolved, that the Pres-  
ident of the U. S. Should be  
Elected for a 6-year Term.

### CARTLAND OUTSTANDING

Buice, Heath, and Dorothy Burnside  
Defeat Opponents by Unani-  
mous Decision.

As a result of much hard work Greensboro's debating team won over debaters of High Point Tuesday afternoon in the Greensboro high school auditorium by a decision of three to nothing.

The query was: Resolved, That the president of the United States should be elected for a single term of six years.

Harry Buice, Dorothy Burnside, and Mack Heath composed Greensboro's team; and the High Point debaters, upholding the negative side of the question were Nell McMullan, Alvin Spillman, and Floyd Adams.

Harry Buice, in delivering his debate, showed and proved that a change from the present system was needed. Dorothy Burnside, continuing the argument of the affirmative, stressed the point that a single team of six years would remedy the evils of the present system.

That a single term of six years will not introduce more evils, but eradicate them, was proved by the last debater on Greensboro's team, Mack Heath.

Three points were also stressed by the High Point team, upholding the negative: 1. Unwarranted restriction upon popular power; 2. The single term will introduce other and greater evils than those which now exist; 3. The condition of the people will be injured by a single six-year term, and all the evils which exist now will continue to remain.

The judges for the debate were prominent Greensboro men: Dr. Canfield, Dr. Clutz, and Mr. Taylor.

Floyd Adams, the last debater on the negative team, was a member of the Roanoke Rapids team who debated at Chapel Hill last year in the triangle debate and won the state championship cup. He is now making his home in High Point.

Debating Tuesday morning in the High Point high school auditorium before the entire student body on the same subject, Resolved, That the president of the United States should be elected for a single term of six years, were three Greensboro debaters. These debaters were Douglas Cartland, Clary Holt, and Mary Mitchell, against Ollie Hutchins, Dorothy Brown, and Burnice Peace of High Point.

The debaters who upheld the affirmative side of the question brought out three main points; namely, 1. Self-preservation, 2. Business depression during elections are lessened under this plan, 3. Dangers of Caesarism in the four-year term plan.

Greensboro's team defending the negative side of the query stressed the following points: 1. That a six-year term restrict the jurisdiction of people, 2. It will introduce greater evils than those existing at the present time, 3. Illogical remedy for evils it intends to cure.

At the close of the debate the judges rendered a decision of two to one in favor of High Point.

James A. Farthing, faculty member, coached the debaters with the view in mind of training more people for this kind of work rather than for winning the decision of the judges.

### RURAL TEACHERS IMPROVE RECORDS

Average Course in North Caro-  
lina Taken by City Teachers  
is Three Years.

### MECKLENBURG LEADS ALL

During the past four years the average preparation for the white elementary and high school instructors of North Carolina has increased exactly one year.

In the last six years the rural teachers have improved their training two times as fast as the city teachers. The city teacher's training is now, however, enlarged to a year more than that of rural teachers whose usual college preparation is 2.19 years. But within six years the rural teachers have progressed in their preparation more than one and a half college years.

Likewise the teachers of the city schools have also improved in the amount of training as the average course is now 3.44 years.

The leading county of North Carolina for training rural teachers is Mecklenburg. Lenoir county is also honored by having raised the average college course. Durham county ranks second in rural training; Scotland, third; Currituck, (which previously held first place), comes fourth.

Many other counties have also shown progress with as much as two years' improvement in this period of time are: Duplin, Wayne, McDowell, Brunswick, Harnett, Bertie, Martin, Forsyth, and Jones.

### G. HOBBS WINS PRIZE FOR 'OPEN YOUR HEART'

Elizabeth Leak and Elizabeth Sockwell  
Get Passes to Theatre For  
Second Award.

"Imagine having something you've drawn shown on the screen," ejaculated the local flapper.

She referred to the recent prize-winning poster made by Grace Hobbs, member of High Life and Homespun staffs and junior of G. H. S.

Grace won the season ticket offered by Eugene Street, manager of the Carolina Theatre, for the best poster submitted in the Community Chest poster contest. The poster centered around the theme of Community Chest Week, "Open Your Heart."

Elizabeth Leak, editor of High Life, and Elizabeth Sockwell, alumni editor, won second place in the contest. Janet O'Brien took third place.