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## Morrow Heads New Group To Meet Here

State Classroom Teacher Organization Will Open Meeting With Dinner at School Cafeteria. Blair Local Chairman.

### ARE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. Blanche Preble Head of National Association, Will Address Teachers. Topics of Interest Will Be Discussed.

Representatives of the Classroom Teachers' Association, that was effected last spring in Charlotte, N. C., an organization of a district association of the N. C. E. A., will be present at the district meeting to be held here October 21 and 22 on Friday at a dinner in the G. H. S. cafeteria at 6 o'clock.

Miss Mary Morrow, of G. H. S., is head of the State Classroom Teachers' Association; W. W. Blair, of G. H. S., is head of the local organization; Miss Janie Gold Gooch, of Winston-Salem, is district chairman, and Mrs. Blanche Preble is president of the Classroom Teachers' Association of the National Education Association.

At the dinner Miss Morrow will give a brief talk on the purpose of the Classroom Teachers' Association, presenting a brief platform. Then Mrs. Preble will address the teachers.

A business meeting will follow Mrs. Preble's talk, and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

A very enthusiastic meeting is anticipated by all. Some of the members of the local organization will attend all of the district meetings to be held during the year, although the member has not been decided on.

## First Survey For Geology Research 1823

N. C. Pioneer in Establishing Bureau by Public Authority in America—Prof. Olmsted, of U. S. C., Began Work.

State Geologist H. J. Bryson points out in his biennial activities report that North Carolina established the first geological survey, by public authority, in America.

The general assembly of 1823 authorized expenses for a period of years for "geological excursions."

Prof. Denison Olmsted, of U. S. C., began this nature of work and published nine reports.

Dr. Elisha Mitchell continued the work and was followed by Drs. Ebenezer Emmons, W. C. Kerr, and Prof. Joseph Holmes.

The North Carolina geological and economic survey was created in 1905 and Dr. Holmes was given charge of it. After Dr. Holmes, Dr. Joseph Pratt led the work for seventeen years.

This work was broadened in 1925 to become the department of conservation and development. Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey served as state geologist until Mr. Bryson succeeded him.

These facts have been brought to light by Mr. Bryson's research work.

### Sophomores Elect Cheek

Jack A. Cheek was elected by a large majority as president of the sophomore class at the first meeting of the group.

Other officers elected are: Vice-president, George S. Jones; secretary, Nell Hardeman; representative, Joseph Stone.

The advisers are pleased with the students' selections and are confident of co-operation among them.

## Questionnaire On Journalism Given In Schools Brings Interesting Results

About two years ago Mrs. Alma Coltrane, faculty adviser for High Life, received a questionnaire on journalism from Mr. Edward H. Bedford, who was carrying out this project in receiving his Ph. D. from Stanford University. He tabulated the answers which he received from 151 of the largest high schools in the United States and sent to all those schools a letter containing the results. The thesis written from these results was filed in the library of Stanford University.

A few of the questions and the answers are interesting. Seventy-eight of the schools answering the questionnaire taught journalism as a part of the school curriculum.

Some of the results are: Does high school furnish newspaper for study?—46 yes, 70 no; scholarship standing prerequisite—71 yes, 42 no; do you use a text book?—100 yes, 14 no.

## NATION OBSERVES FIRE PREVENTION

On October 9, 1871, a very destructive fire swept the city of Chicago. It originated from the story of the cow overturning the lamp which set fire to the barn. This fire left destruction in its path. It took the lives of 200 people, burned 18,000 houses and laid waste to property amounting to \$20,000,000.

Fire prevention week does not mean the prevention of fire for one week out of a year, but for fifty-one other weeks also. During 1932, the week of October 9 has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week by President Hoover. It is to be a nation-wide event.

## 850 Students Use Cafeteria

Miss Trowbridge Says That Business Is Good, But Food Is Being Sold So Cheaply No Profit Is Made.

"We try to make the cafeteria pay for itself, but it doesn't," answered Miss Trowbridge, who is in charge of the cafeteria, in reply to a question on the profit of the cafeteria. Miss Sarah Dobson, who is supervisor of all city school cafeterias, does all of the buying and together Misses Dobson and Trowbridge make out the menus. They have six colored helpers and fifteen students who aid in cooking and serving the lunches.

An average of approximately eight hundred and fifty students buy lunch at the lunch counter, while others buy milk, sandwiches, and crackers from the bread window.

The week of September 19-23, 4,500 bottles of milk, around 3,000 sandwiches, and 50 dozen rolls were sold. More milk is sold this year at two cents than was sold last year with the sandwich for 5 cents.

Miss Dobson attempts to buy so that there will be as little waste as possible. The food supply usually comes out about right.

Miss Trowbridge expressed the opinion that the Dixie Cups were not so popular as the popcicles were, although she doesn't think that popcicles will be sold this semester.

## Latin Enrollment Shows Increase 78 Begin Course

Latin VIII Classes Are Beginning On Annual Play To Be Presented at Teachers Meeting and Chapel.

The total enrollment of the Latin department is three hundred sixteen, it was announced by Miss Sarah Lesley, head of the department. The Latin teachers are very much encouraged by the number of beginners this year, who number about seventy-eight. There are also six classes from Junior high that are continuing Latin. Classes are rather large.

There are three teachers in the department this year: Miss Lesley, who is also teaching a class in English; Miss Gertrude Farlow, and Miss Evelyn Martin. Mrs. Blanche Smith, who used to teach Latin, is now teaching German.

The Latin VIII classes are working on their annual play, which they are to present before the District Teachers Meeting, October 21 and in Chapel the following Wednesday. This play is based on the fourth book of Virgil.

The department is pleased with the number of students who are taking Latin, and hope that these will continue through the four-year course which is offered here.

## Council Work Starts With Many Plans

Frank Pittman, President of Student Organization, Pleased With Report of Committee Chairmen. Interest Shown.

### TRAFFIC SQUAD PRAISED

Social Standards Conference Being Planned by Group Headed by Mary Helen King; Program Being Kept Secret.

The program of the Student Council has been started off in earnest with all committees working toward a more efficient organization. The traffic committee, under the leadership of Lewis Ginsberg, is doing exceptionally well.

Frank Pittman stated that he was well pleased with the fine group of students elected to work with him on the council for the coming year.

Ruth Jones, Secretary  
The council is composed of Frank Pittman, president; Mary Louise Jeffers, representative from the Girls' Council; Charles Benbow, semester eight; Ruth Jones, semester seven and elected secretary of the group; Talmadge Smith, semester six; Selma McDonald, semester five; Joyce Smith, semester four; Joe Stone, semester three.

Lewis Ginsberg reports that the traffic is being handled easily by his committee. The sportsmanship committee had charge of the chapel program before the football game with Durham. This group is led by Sidney Ogburn.

Party Planned  
The social committee is planning a party for semester three. It is to be headed by Helen Crutchfield. Many interesting chapel programs are being planned by the program committee, headed by Charles Benbow. Another Social Standards Conference is being planned by Mary Helen King, but her committee was not prepared to make a report. The school beautiful committee is searching the town for plants, says Phyllis Hagedorn, chairman. Bob Cole and his poster committee are working with the English department on scenes from Hamlet.

Miller Working In Cafeteria  
Thomas Miller is working on plans to get the cafeteria traffic problem under control. Harrell Overton has been handling quite a lot of lost and found articles. The point system is being better organized by a committee led by George Underwood. The library committee is led by Jane Goodwin. The welcome committee, headed by Joyce Smith, had no report to make. Elmer Wrenn has everything planned for a fire drill, according to his report. Mary Helen King's committee is working on plans for a public health program. The publicity group is being handled very nicely by Robert Frew. Martha Fry has everything ready for her college committee. Floyd Harper's group is working on plans for the financing of the council. The welfare and scholarship committees are being led by Edna Bray and Talmadge Smith, respectively.

The student council is working under a better co-operative plan this year than they have in a great while. This is probably due to the attempted change in the student government last year. Even though the attempt failed, it has served to stimulate a keener interest in student government.

The council plans a very wide program this year and hopes it will reach every member of the student body.

## Senior High Student Impressed By Conditions In Unemployment

The so-called depression is a different situation in every part of the United States. This fact was made evident by a recent trip taken by A. W. Greeson consisting of 1,295 miles, including the greater part of six states. Because of the fact that the state of Virginia was crossed at night, accurate information regarding the situation there cannot be given.

The chief industry of West Virginia is coal mining. The people appear to be in almost an unbearable condition. Most of the miners' houses are not really houses but shacks consisting of merely one small room. The children have only the necessary garments to cover their bodies. The women seem to be striving to make homes out of their filthy shacks, while the men are laboring in the darkness of a mountain trying to earn enough money to keep the family from starving.

The mining companies seem to be making no effort to better the existing conditions. The state of Ohio has not yet reached the bottom of the

## SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Mr. Farthing's room, 317, first reports 100 per cent in High Life subscription drive, Miss Sarah Lesley's room reported second.

With an exception of a few rooms all of the rooms boast that at least fifty per cent of their members have subscribed to High Life. Several rooms lack only four or five subscriptions before going 100 per cent.

## 10 Rooms Go 100 Per Cent For High Life

Half Holiday Awarded—Used to Attend Fair. 800 Subscribe For Paper. More Subscriptions Expected.

### CURTIS HEADS THE DRIVE

Goal Is 1000 Subscriptions—Remaining 200 Required to Reach Goal Anticipated Soon. Number Increases Daily.

Under the direction of Paul Curtis, business manager, the subscription drive has been effective. The promise of a half holiday obtained the desired results.

Ten rooms reaching one hundred per cent mark are: 317, James Farthing; 24, Miss Gertrude Farlow; 300, Miss Laura Tillett; 200, Miss Ione Grogan; 302, Miss Rena Cole; 106, Miss Ellen Blackmon; 305, Miss Sarah Lesley; 103, Miss Audrey Joyner; 303, Miss Amy Caldwell. Friday, September 30, the above mentioned rooms received their holiday and used it to attend the fair. From nine until twelve that morning subscriptions poured in, and every few minutes it was announced that another room had gone one hundred per cent.

### About 800 Subscribe

Approximately eight hundred students have subscribed. The business staff is expecting to receive the remaining 200 subscriptions required to reach the goal, which is set for 1000.

Working with Paul Curtis are: Robert Baker, Billy Womble, Mary Frances Sutton, Ruth Jones, George Underwood, Edwin Jeffers, and Tommy Miller. William S. Hamilton is their adviser.

The number of subscriptions is increasing daily. The business staff is still working furiously to take care of them. Rooms which now reach 100 per cent will not receive a half holiday.

## "What Men Live By" Chosen As New Theme For Homespun

The theme for this year's Homespun will be "What Men Live By." This is divided into four classes: Work, play, worship and love. There will be four editors of Homespun this year, each dealing with one of the above titles.

The first edition will be published about Christmas, its theme being Worship.

The staff is working hard, and much has already been accomplished toward the first issue, says Miss Tillett, faculty adviser.

The short story written by Edith Latham, which won the O. Henry Study Club prize, will be published in the first issue. Among the other features of this issue is a sonnet by Isaac Gregory, a graduate of '31 and a past contributor to this periodical.

## Sophomores Entertained With Social

Committee Host to Members of New Class In School Cafeteria. Jean Watt Gives Dances, Readings and Songs.

### YEAR'S WORK IS PLANNED

Robert Wolf, James Bishop, James Applewhite, Hardy Root, and Blackwell Jordan Contribute to Entertainment.

The social committee of Greensboro high school was host to a part of the members of the new sophomore class, Thursday, September 29, in the school cafeteria. The new students were welcomed by a receiving line composed of Frank Pittman, president of the student body; A. C. Holt, president of the senior class graduating in June; Charles Elder, president of the senior class graduating in January; Mary Louise Jeffers, president of the Girls' Service League; Helen Crutchfield, chairman of the social committee; Charles W. Phillips, principal; and Miss Fannie Starr Mitchell, dean of girls.

Teachers of the session rooms invited were present and the members of the social committee and their advisers, Misses Ione Grogan, Virginia Hollingsworth, and Margaret Fuller.

Entertainment was made possible by a committee headed by Jean Watt, who appeared on the program in a number of events, including a tap dance, and a reading. There were several songs by students of the high school.

Afterwards there was dancing to the music of Bob England and his Englishmen. Punch and wafers were served, with Geraldine Bonkemeyer and Julianne Klutz. The cafeteria was decorated in a color scheme of gold and dark blue with wild flowers carrying out this scheme.

The social committee intends to carry on this work throughout the year, and to entertain each semester with a party at least once. Other members responsible for the good time were Robert Wolf, James Bishop, James Applewhite, Hardy Root, and Blackwell Jordan.

## Executive Body Discusses Plans For Conference

Social Standards Conference Will Probably Meet November 4. Will Secure Some of Same Speakers Here Last Year.

Plans for this year's Social Standards Conference were begun Tuesday, September 27, at a meeting of the executive committee of the conference. In the absence of the chairman, Mary Helen King, Miss Laura Tillett, the faculty adviser, presided.

The probable date for the conference will be November 4, and several of the speakers who were here last year will be asked to return.

Themes for the conference were discussed; however, nothing definite was decided. The students will be urged by the committee to attend the football game with Winston at the World War Memorial Stadium in the afternoon. That night the closing address of the day will be given by some good speaker.

Members of the executive committee are: Mary Helen King, chairman; Phyllis Hagedorn, Ruth Jones, Helen Crutchfield, Robert Frew, and Elmer Wrenn.

## Kate D. Wiggins' Birthday Celebrated By Her Book Lovers September 28

When the celebration of Kate Douglas Wiggins' birthday on September 28 takes place, minds revert to the characters in her book, Rebecca, Carol Patsey, and Timothy. The life of this author is just as interesting as her books.

Kate Douglas was born in Philadelphia in 1859. At six she moved to Halls, Maine. Here she learned to love the world and had a nook on the banks of the Saco river which she loved most. She played with her sister, Nora, and a friend, Annie, the usual games of children and, with these girls, gathered pussy willows, arbutus, wild strawberries, and raspberries.

Frogs were Kate's chief pets. Each week she lined them up and gave them a singing lesson.

Coasting and snowballing proved favorites in the winter.

Kate found work as much fun as play. So reading Dickens' stories was her pure delight.

Her dog was named Pip and her

## Opera Well Under Way Miller Shows Optimism

SENIOR HIGH HOST TO N. C. E. A. MEET  
Guy B. Phillips announces plans for the convention of the North-western District of the North Carolina Education Association to be held in Greensboro October 21 and 22. Mr. Phillips, superintendent of the city schools, holds the position of president of the Education Association of this district.

### PLOT IS LAID IN VENICE

Action Is Humorous and Complicated. Revolves Around Two Comical Gondoliers Who Believe They Are Kings.

Each fall the thought of the opera is foremost in the minds, not only of the Glee Club but of all the Senior high students. Who will take the lead? Who will replace those who have graduated? Despite these worries concerning the success of the opera, Grady Miller has always more than pleased the school and the citizens of Greensboro.

John Ademy, who has starred in the last four operas, will be missed. He played leads in "Iolanthe," "Ruddigore," "Yeomen of the Guard," and "Pirates of Penzance." He also won the local Atwater-Kent contest and will probably win in the state audition.

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Bigger and better seems to be Mr. Miller's slogan, for he promises that this opera is to be the biggest and best yet. It concerns two Gondoliers who are searching for a wife. Twenty-four girls are brought before these fellows, but, alas, only two of them can marry the gondoliers.

The gondoliers being very gallant say that the girls are all so pretty that they are unable to choose. To solve the problem, the girls blindfold Marco and Guiseppe, the gondoliers, turn them around several times and tell them to marry the first one they can catch. Both men are pleased with their "catch." Then the gondoliers and their wives sing several charming duets. No more may now be told concerning the plot.

The two leads are Antonia and Casilda and, of course, there are Marco and Guiseppe, the gondoliers. The chorus is to be made up of Gondoliers, Contadine, Men-at-arms, Heralds, and Pages.

This opera differs from the others in the fact that the scene is laid in Venice, whereas the other operas have all done their loving, living, laughing and quarrelling in Merrie England.

Mr. Miller is wondering how he is going to represent the Venetian canal so that it will appear realistic. Whatever it is, it will be good. The whole affair is expected to be a success.

## K. TATE IS PRESIDENT OF DRAMATIC CLUB

Hardy Root, retiring president, presided over the first dramatic club meeting. Katherine Tate was elected new president; Ruth Hill, vice-president; and Lewis Ginsberg, secretary-treasurer.

The club has many new members. J. H. Johnson, adviser and director of the club, expressed his satisfaction at the interest shown by the members.

Due to the fact the play, "Nothing But the Truth," did not materialize last year, double effort will be put forth this year to place this production on the stage.

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS SESSION OCTOBER 10  
Night School this year will be under the supervision of C. S. Mills, and his plans now are to open the school on the night of October 10. All of the work will run on a schedule of ten weeks; which is ten weeks before Christmas, and ten weeks after.

All of the schools will be given two nights a week. Practically all of the same subjects will be offered this year the same as last year.

The final decision on classes will be based on the original enrollment of the first two weeks.

Soon she took up Kindergarten work in San Francisco, California. To raise money for these Kindergartens she wrote "The Story of Patsy" and "The Bird's Christmas Carol." She received twenty-five cents a copy.

Kate became Mrs. S. B. Wiggins in 1880. Several years later she started devoting most of her time to writing.

Mrs. Wiggins' most popular book is "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." In this is reflected her keen wit, cheerfulness, satisfaction in doing and helping, and joy of living.

"Gondoliers," Gilbert and Sullivan's Swan Song, is Most Colorful and Musical Show in Their Entire Repertoire.

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## Interesting Program Is Planned By P.T.A.

Mrs. F. O. Chrysler Announces Date of First Meeting. Pupils Asked to Co-operate By Urging Parents to Attend.

Now, more than ever before, Senior high needs the help of its P.T.A. As the school grows, each student receives just that much less personal attention from the teachers; therefore, it is necessary that parents and teachers meet to discuss the pupils' problems and to co-operate in supplying the child's needs.

Mrs. F. O. Chrysler, the president, announces that an interesting program has been planned for the P.T.A.'s first meeting, which is to be held Tuesday, October 4, at eight o'clock. Parents will follow the students' schedules just as they did last year. In addition to this there will be a social feature and a business session.

Pupils are asked to co-operate with the association by urging their parents to be present at this first meeting.

## RICHARD HALLIBURTON TO LECTURE AT W. C.

Fourteen speakers, authorities on different subjects, will compose the lecture course at W. C. this winter.

Richard Halliburton, adventurer, and Vicki Baum, author of "Grand Hotel," will probably be of more interest to Senior high than any of the others.

The lecturers include quite a variety of types. Among them are dancers, authors, adventurers, politicians, scientists and actors.