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## Sink and Thornton Top Special Honor Roll With Average of 97

Total of 133 Students Gain 90 or Above To Make Honor Roll

Tying for the top ranking scholastic honors for the second report period were Harriet Sink and Gene Thornton, who scored the highest possible average, 97. Harriet, who is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. H. Hoyle Sink, Irving Park Manor, aside from being a member of Torchlight and Quill and Scroll, was the leader of the American League team in last year's magazine campaign. Although Gene, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thornton, 713 Simpson street, is a recent addition to the student body, coming here from Atlanta, Ga., his merits as a scholar and leader are fast becoming known.

### Baxter and Brawley Next

Also leading the 19 students who made the special honor roll are Rachel Baxter and Bill Brawley, who averaged 97. Others with an average of 95 or better are: Louise Howard, Nancy Cowherd, Dianne Page, Margaret Welker, Rachel Whiteside, Aileen Whitener, Frances Wilson, Marie Coe, Marguerite Shields, Evelyn Showfety, Ann Southerland, Leslie Sharpe, Ann Thornton, Allene Darby, and Berry Reid.

### General Honor Roll

Those making an average of 90 or better numbered 133. They are as follows:

- Room 2 — Virginia Haynes, Beverly Heitman, Louise Howard, Walter Hlatt, and Helen Hudson.
- Room 3 — Dorothy Pell and Nancy Powers.
- Room 4 — Herman Cone, Aurelia Dunstan, Nancy Cowherd, and Josephine Duncan.
- Room 6 — O'Della Stevenson, Hazel Swinson, Eleanor Dare Taylor, Faye

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## Debate Oration Contest At Library Tonight

Members to Be Given Chance to Orate as They Please; Visitors Welcome

An oration contest in which the members of the Debating club will appear, will be conducted tonight in a conference room of the Public Library. A varied group of speeches will be made by the club members on this program, which is open to the public. The contest will start at 7:30.

Some of the orations to be delivered are Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Death," by Lawrence Weaver; Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," by Baxter Stapleton; King Edward VIII's speech on "Abdication," by Ann Thornton; "Makers of the Flag," by Martin McLennan; Hayne's "The Only Free Country on Earth," by Beverly Heitman; Grady's "The New South," by Martha Hipp; "King Phillip to the White Settler," by Ella Mae Norman; Roosevelt's "Americanism," by Rachel Whiteside; Breckinridge's "In the Name of God, Amen," by Mary Barwick; and Ware's "Zenobias' Defense," by Annie Louise Patterson. Two of the members, Douglas Hunt and Bill Halladay, have not yet announced their orations.

At the first meeting of the club after the Christmas holidays, the annual debate by four lawyers will be presented.

## Harbison's Class Studies Democracy

"Responsibility with Democracy" is the theme being studied diligently by Miss Harbison's sixth period English 5 class. Doing the necessary research work on their own initiative, these students are planning to take charge of six panel discussions. Each row has a different topic and the chairman of each row will take charge of his group's discussion. Not only are the students using original ideas, but they are also doing library work on the six topics, which follow:

1. Nature As An Escape.
2. What Is Democracy?
3. America Loves to Laugh.
4. America's distaste for War.
5. The Negro's Place in American Life.
6. What Makes a National Hero?



## Torchlight Campaign Clears 30 Dollars

Featuring Football Award, Honor Society Sponsors "High School Night"

Not entirely scaling the goal, but fighting a successful battle, Torchlight society cleared about \$30 from ticket sales to "High School" night, which was given Monday night. The goal was to earn \$50 for a scholarship loan fund.

Torchlight took over the management of the picture, "What a Life," and helped with general arrangements for "High School" night. All members of the society served on a committee but chairmen were as follows: Claude Teague, general manager; Gloria Blumenthal, advertising manager; Elizabeth Beall, poster and sign advertisements; Daphne Lewis, personnel director; Bob Banks, master of ceremonies; Mark Bennynes, doorman; Rosser Lee Clark, music; Berry Reid, head usher; Bob McAlister, secretary; and Marshall Morris, president of Torchlight, ticket sales manager.

Winners for the poster contest sponsored for advertisement of "What a Life" were as follows: First prize, Clifford Matthews, one week's pass to National theater; second, Jack Hood, two passes; third, Charlotte Marks, one pass; fourth, Ruth Siceloff, one pass; fifth, Willard Cummings; one pass. Judges were Miss Lee, Mrs. Braswell, and Mrs. Alton.

## Estes and Whiteside Get Staff Promotions

Irma Estes, former assistant advertising manager of High Life, has been promoted to the position of assistant business manager, while Rachel Whiteside, a journalism student, has been made assistant advertising manager.

"These promotions will become effective December 14, date of the Christmas issue," announced Reginald Starr, business manager, and Gloria Blumenthal, advertising manager, respectively, this morning.

"These two appointments were made in recognition of each girl's merit and ability in the field of advertising," it was stated by Reginald Starr, business manager. At the same time, approximately five new names were added to the advertising agents.

## G. H. S. Band to Lose Otis Brown As Drum Major

Under doctor's orders, Otis Brown has been forced to cut off his parading career as drum major at the head of the Greensboro high band. Many students will miss the tall, lanky figure swinging his baton and sending the players through their maneuvers.

## Queen Elizabeth Lives Again In The Woes of a Senior

"Knighthood," in the "Punkie" Sewell style, lives again in Greensboro high, along with Frances Wilson's version of "Life In a Castle" but Lawrence Reep's "Black Death" and Charles Simpson's "Norman Invasion" make the "History of the Greensboro High School," by James Deatherage look pale by comparison with the wonders of the Elizabethan Age. However, "North Carolina's Contribution to Poetry," by Alice Groomer peeps up the outlook of life, and "The Greensboro Daily News," by Ed Whittington, contributes also.

But, having left the Elizabethan age, we come to the future via Jim Wilkerson's "Television" and with the help of Robert Royal's "Radio."

Now, in case, this story is still a black out to the reader, let the author

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## '39 Graduates Vase Holds Garden Club Efforts

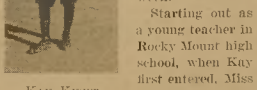
The vase given by the graduates of '39 to their Alma Mater made its first appearance on the stage, since presentation day, when it bore an artistic arrangement of pine boughs for the Social Standards program last week. The idea of using the farewell gift was the outcome of the Garden club's search for an imposing vase in which to display its first public demonstration of the society's work.

Also in connection with Social Standards, the club members decorated the tables for the banquet held in the cafeteria that night.

## Kyser's Hi School Antics Revealed by Miss Dosier

"That's right, you're right, nobody but Kay Kyser could act like that boy did," asserted Miss Mary Dosier in reminiscing about the famous orchestra leader to a High Life reporter during the week-end.

Miss Dosier substituted for Miss Blackmon in the history department last week. Starting out as a young teacher in Rocky Mount high school, when Kay first entered, Miss Dosier soon came in contact with the "town's bad boy," as local newspapers "pinned" him. Not only did she come in close contact with him at school, but she was also a friend of the family. "That was different family," declared Miss Dosier,



KAY KYSER

"all musically talented. There seemed to be only one drawback—Kay. True enough, it seems that the only trouble with him was that he was too intelligent. His teachers couldn't keep him occupied. Kay was so brilliant that by the time the other pupils began on their work, he had finished, with the remainder of the time left for wisecracks and foolish pranks."

Upon visiting the Kyser home for the

## Business Staff Gets 147 Inches of Ads

Breaking all previous records, the business and advertising staffs of High Life, under the direction of Reginald Starr and Gloria Blumenthal, secured a total of 147 inches of advertising space for this issue. This represents the largest number of ads High Life has had since its arrival in 1938.

"I hope," said Gloria Blumenthal, "that G. H. S. citizens will realize the value of these ads to their school paper and by patronizing our advertisers, support High LIFE, too." An efficient business staff and the whole hearted support of Greensboro merchants enabled High LIFE to secure this neat number of ads, which will add considerably to the paper's bank account.

## Smith Selected Head Of Citizenship Drive

Each Home Room Has One Representative On New Committee

In an effort to do something about the problems presented by a few of the unruly boys around the high school, such as, damaging the wash rooms, a citizenship committee has been formed by Jean McAlister, president of the student body, and Herman Smith, local end on the football team. Smith is to be chairman.

### Representatives Named

Each home room has a representative on the committee. Following is a list of these boys and their respective home rooms: Bill Hodgkin (2), Bill Pollard (3), Richard Creech (4), Carl Thompson (6), Frank Kenndle (7), David Nicholson (8), John Lowdemirk (9), Max Payne (10), Kenneth Greene (12), Richard Bowles (14), Jack Cecil (16), Jean Vache (21), Jack Hood (23), Thomas Gaskins (24), Bill Moffitt (25), Douglas Cecil (27), Bill Hancock (100), Eldred Payne (102), Jack King (200), Jack Pollard (201), Jack Williams (202), Leroy Colby (204), T. J. Love (206), Bill Stedman (300), Dick McAdoo (301), Ralph Hodgkin (302), J. W. Kivett (303), Jack Allen (304), Oliver Trigg (305), Bill James (306), Floyd Gardner (307), Charles Womble (311), Watson Ed-

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## Playmasters Continue Work on Home-Coming

Honoring former members who have graduated from high school since the organization of this club five years ago, Playmaster's dramatic club will meet for a reception in the Green Room of the O. Henry hotel from 5 to 6 o'clock on January 1.

Plans are being made for an interesting program, which will consist of a few reminiscence speeches and greetings by the alumni and a short talk pointing out to these young artists the possibilities that lie ahead of them.

Ann Lanier Holmes is the general chairman of Homecoming, while Martha Hornaday, president of the club, will be in charge of entertainment and arrangements. Chairman of the invitation committee, Eleanor Dare Taylor, will be assisted by Carolyn Coker.

## Annual Home Coming Day To Be Held at G. H. S. Jan. 1

### Chairman



Daphne Lewis, member of Torchlight, and chairman for Homecoming day, which will be held January 1.—Photo by SOLOMON KENNEDY.

## Young Texan Begins Work at Senior High

New Junior Was President Of Class in Fort Worth; Likes New School

"Although Margaret, my sister, and I had grand times at the Polytechnic high school in Fort Worth, Texas, we have decided that we like Senior high almost as well as our old alma mater," stated Charles Teague, a young Texan, who has recently moved to Greensboro, to a High Life reporter last week.

Was President of Class

Charles, who was president of the junior class in Fort Worth, said that around 1,800 students attended Polytechnic high. The student government was organized in much the same manner as Senior's except for the fact that their students didn't have quite as much voice as Greensboro's.

### Senior Not As Strict

"I have found that Senior high school is much easier and isn't nearly as strict as the Polytechnic high," he stated.

"Music is the Polytechnic's pride and joy," he said. "We have separate choirs for boys and girls. These combined groups have won a big loving cup for having the best musical group in the city every year since 1934." Charles has already joined Senior high school's A Capella Choir where he sings bass.

### Had Dances In Gym

"We used to have a dance every week-end out in the gym," stated the new student, "and we really had fun! However there's one event at Senior high school which I like tremendously—and that is Social Standards day. We didn't ever have anything like it back home!"

## Teachers Announce Holiday Addresses

Every Christmas students of Senior high school rush around to their teachers at the last minute of school to get the Christmas addresses of their favorite teachers.

In order to save time and confusion High Life, with the aid of Miss Taylor, has procured a complete list of faculty addresses. Their Christmas homes will be:

**Christmas Addresses**  
Routh, Mr. A. P., 500 N. Mendenhall street, city; Taylor, Miss Ella Lee, 313 Jackson St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Wren, Miss Agnes, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala.; Boyd, Miss Cleone, 550 E. Center avenue, Mooresville, N. C.

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## "The Last of These" Put Off Indefinitely Due to Conflict

Miss Caldwell, faculty adviser for the Thalian Dramatic club, announced today that rehearsals for "The Last of These," current production of the club, had been dropped due to a conflict in arranging for the auditorium. A great lack of co-operation among the masculine members of the cast at the few practices held, added to the difficulty.

## Lewis to Preside At Chapel Program Presented by Alumni

Under the leadership of Daphne Lewis, chairman, and her committee, Harriet Sink and Claude Teague, the annual "Home Coming Day" for G. H. S. alumni will be held on January 1. A large number of former students are expected to be present.

### Chapel Program at 11:00

Miss Lottie Wall, faculty adviser, announced that there will be a chapel program from 11 to 11:50 o'clock, over which Daphne Lewis will preside. All phases of the program will be presented by former Senior high school students.

### Program Planned

Vocal selections on the program will be given by Miss Helen Owbby and Mr. Fred Phipps.

The "home-comers" have been invited to come about 10 o'clock, register, and meet with old friends until time for the chapel program. Lunch will be served for them in the cafeteria.

Playmasters club is planning to hold a reception at the O. Henry hotel for its alumni on this same day from 5 to 6 o'clock.

## Hutton Twins Chosen As Best All-Round Boy

Rooms Select Citizenship Honor Roll for Second Six Weeks Report Period

Unable to decide upon the Masculine Citizenship candidate, students of room 2 elected the Hutton twins, Alton and Joseph, as the outstanding "boy" from their group for the second six weeks report period.

It is customary to select two members of each class, boy and a girl, for this honor, which is bestowed for outstanding qualities in service, scholarship, leadership and character.

The students making up this distinctive group are:

- Room 2—Caldwell: Boy, the Hutton twins; girl, Martha Hipp.
- Room 3—Hicks: Boy, Oscar Petree; girl, Nancy Powers.
- Room 4—Blackman: Boy, John Dudley; girl, Elizabeth Delaney.
- Room 6—Sledge: Boy, Burton Swain; girl, O'Della Stevenson.
- Room 7—Harbison: Boy, Elmer Jones; girl, Gayle Jenkins.
- Room 8—Lesley: Boy, Warren Milbourn; girl, Ella Mae Norman.
- Room 9—Lee: Boy, J. L. Matcer; girl, Martha McLennan.
- Room 10—Betts: Boy, James Patton; girl, Evelyn Taylor.
- Room 12—Bradley: Boy, Jack Harris; girl, Evelyn Glass.
- Room 14—LeGwin: Boy, Lawrence Bearden; girl, Eva Bowles.
- Room 16—Blackburn: Boy, Jack Carpenter; girl, Ann Christman.
- Room 21—Thomas: Boy, Edward Taylor; girl, Hazel York.
- Room 23—Branside: Boy, Adin Gibbs; girl, V. Johnson.
- Room 24—Braswell: Boy, Clifford Frazier; girl, Isabelle Dowdy.
- Room 25—McDonald: Boy, Billy Parks; girl, Louise Morton.
- Room 27—Alton: Boy, Hugh Altavice; girl, Edith Barnard.
- Room 100—Cohoon: Boy, Douglas Hunt; girl, Martha Hoolbrook.

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## E. B. I. Students Plan Imaginary Xmas Trips

Where would you like to go Christmas? This was the thought supreme in Miss Virginia Cohoon's mind when she asked her E. B. I. 1 students to find the cost of transportation by auto, train, bus, plane, and sometimes boat, to their ideal destination for spending their holidays. She had no idea of getting some of the answers she received.

Florida and New York were the favorite places of the class. Those who chose Florida included Hilda Pike, Charles Earl, Annie Hudson, Lois Reich, Rachel Booth, and Constance Michael. The students wishing to visit New York were Bonita Oates, Carolyn Lassiter, Winstead Hines, Edna Carraway, and John McNeil.

A few people chose entirely different destinations. They were Julia Hatchett,

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