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'THE AMERICAN WAY' TO BE SENIOR THEME

Unicameral Type Legislature Approved For Senior High

"Most Efficient Man" Declares McAllister; Elections Changed

A unicameral type of government for senior high school, with president and vice-president to be elected in the spring from the rising senior class, and the secretary and treasurer, in the autumn, from incoming juniors, was approved March 18 in a joint meeting by student and home room councils.

Council Members Elected by Population

Semester representatives elected according to population will make up one governing body, with semester presidents sitting in at meetings, according to provisions of the new plan. Instead of former petition methods, all elections will be by direct primary; i. e., potential candidates need only submit their names to an elections committee.

In addition, there will be specific definitions of the good behavior required of an office-holder as well as arrangements for impeachment proceedings against unworthy office-holders. With an average of 80% and strictly good behavior, officers will hold positions for one school year.

"Most Efficient," Declares President

"This is by far the most efficient plan G. H. S. has ever had," declared Jean McAllister, president of the student body. "Here every waste movement is eliminated and loopholes in the constitution are bottled up. Each council member has a specific assignment, which assures a maximum amount of cooperation."

Though council declared that cheerleaders should be chosen for merits, regardless of scholastic standing, and should not necessarily be council members, methods of selecting cheerleaders were left open for later discussion.

Carroll Places Second In Oratorical Contest

Wake Forest Contest Next on Schedule; Four Already Entered

Mary Carroll, representing Senior high school, was declared second place winner in the American Legion oratorical contest, sponsored by the local American Legion post two weeks ago. First place in the contest went to Richard Andrews of Curry high school, who received a gold medal as a prize. The meet, an annual event, had as its subject this year "The Benefits of the Constitution." Chairman of the proceedings was Postmaster J. Tracy Moore.

Grand Prize to Be Scholarship

The final national prize will be a \$4,000 scholarship to any four-year college in America. In addition to this grand prize, lesser awards will be given, including loving cups, medals, cash prizes, and certificates.

Woke Forest Contest to Follow

Following the American Legion event will be the annual competition held at Wake Forest. In this contest any timely subject may be chosen for prepared or extemporaneous oration. The prepared speeches will be limited to 10 minutes, and the oration, if the student desires, may be practically memorized, while the extemporaneous ones will be limited to three minutes in length and must be delivered after only five minutes of preparation. (No reference books may be used.)

One student may enter both events, and those so far registered with Miss Causey, speech instructor, are Mary Carroll, Margaret Bilyeu, Ernest Beasley, and Hazel Swinson.

Playmasters Accept Six New Members

Martha Burns Sharpe, Violet Johnson, Catherine Taylor, Eleanor Lee Taylor, Ben Kistler, and John Neal were added to the Playmaster roll at the last meeting.

These new members, who joined the club for the spring semester, will, with the exception of Eleanor Lee Taylor and Ben Kistler, graduate in June.



Shown above is the first in a series of pictures of the Senior Pageant committees. Here a small portion of the writing committee is seen in the "breaking ground" stage. Photographs of those responsible for the major share of the research work will appear in subsequent issues of the paper.

Gloria Sees Tropical Glamor On Short Mid-Winter Tour

Visits Cuba, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras Swims in Blue Pacific

"It was simply marvelous, all of it!" declared Gloria Blumenthal, G. H. S. senior, to a High Life reporter this week, in speaking of her recent cruise to Cuba, Panama, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

"To begin at the beginning," Gloria stated, "after two days we left New Orleans for Cuba, and believe you me, it took a good sailor to stand that voyage, for the sea was terribly rough; the boat kept rocking to and fro. I didn't get sick, but I was certainly glad when the ocean finally calmed down a little."

"It's a wonder that I didn't get as fat as a pig," she confessed, "for food was served at any and all times on the boat—breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner, a midnight snack, and food at any other time during the day."

Visits U. S. Monte Carlo

Cuba, the United States Monte Carlo, was the Blumenthals' first stop. There Gloria visited the famous Sloppy Joe's, but she stated that this night club was quite a disappointment. She was not permitted to visit any other famous bar.

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O Tempora! O Mores!
Translated
Oh, the Times, Oh, the Customs

Spring has come in all its regal splendor—and again students are donning their dashing "recalls!"

Although the more reserved have only added brilliant orange and red ties or hair ribbons, other debonairs have adopted enough color and light to make old man winter turn over in his grave! Take for instance the red shoes with shirts or pants to match, gallant yellows, blues, greens, purples, or any color to pep up drab feelings left by departing winter.

What a relief not to have lived hundreds of years ago, when the only change one got was the old-fashioned iron tonic for spring!

Thornlow to Write Sports for Daily News

"I realized one of my high ambitions when I was appointed by Mr. Deer to write the Greensboro high school sport stories for the Daily News," Lewis Thornlow, High Life sports editor, told a reporter Tuesday.

Thornlow will cover all sporting events at Greensboro high, and in the event of a big game, he will receive a by-line. There will be no headlines, however, for him to write, and he will cover only high school sports. Thornlow was chosen for the job on recommendation of Coach Jamieson.

'Miller Is Tops,' Say Students Returning From C.S.P.A. Meet

Patterson and Cox See Celebrities, Gotham; Hear Robert Ripley

"Of all the things we saw and did in New York last week, Janet and I consider Glenn Miller to be the high spot of our entire trip," Annie Louise Patterson excitedly informed a High Life reporter upon their return from the trip she and Janet Cox took to New York City for the annual Columbia Scholastic Press convention last week.

"We left Raleigh about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning with a fine group from Durham's Journalism class," Annie Louise said. "We were faring to go by Tuesday night, when we reached our destination, and by a lucky break met Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters at the Chesterfield Columbia Broadcasting theater. Not only did we meet him, but he also invited us to the Hotel Pennsylvania for the following night," she continued.

Attended C. S. P. A. Convention

The Journalism student stated that the next day was pretty well taken up at the convention at Columbia university. Principal speakers of the afternoon were the associate editor of the New York Times, and Robert Ripley, famous creator of Believe-It-or-Not. The mass assembly was followed by sectional meetings.

"On Wednesday night we visited Rockefeller Center, where we met Fred Waring and his company. Afterward we filled our little "date" with Glenn Miller, who played "In the Mood" especially for us," Pat continued.

Attended Huge Luncheon

The next day the group visited the New York Times building, ate at the John Jay cafeteria at the university, and that night attended a light Broadway comedy, "Life With Father."

Individual meetings the next day were followed by a huge banquet which climaxed the entire convention. This meeting was attended by 2,800 people and is reputed to be the largest of its kind ever to be held. Following the presentation of awards, the little Journalism group visited Radio City, saw "Young Tom Edison," and started for home.

"I feel that everyone who attended the conference was greatly benefited, and you can bet that I wouldn't take a million dollars for my trip," Pat concluded.

W. H. O.? or MYSTERY

Mysteries have appeared at G. H. S. from time to time, but never before has one surpassed that of the 1940 commencement committee. Every act, every thought, even the committee itself is almost a secret. Miss Moore is the only tangible thing about it.

Throughout the portals of G. H. S., students are whispering, "What is it all about?" "Why don't they tell us something?"

Until June we'll have to stand by, or pull a Hilder and march in and take over control!

Easter Vacation Comes March 25

An Easter holiday will be observed on Monday, March 25, instead of Friday, March 22, as it was previously announced. However, a half holiday will be declared on Friday, thus giving the students of Senior high school one and one-half days of vacation.

Forty Art Entries Sent to N. C. Contest

Remaining Exhibits Displayed at Art Center, Announces City Director

Setting a new high in the amount of material chosen to be sent to the University for the annual state art contest, Senior high artists are sending approximately 40 entries which, having won out in the city unit, will compete for top honors in the state competition to be held March 25 at Chapel Hill.

The exhibits are: Crayon drawings by Marvin Hunt, Marlam Young, and Rose Bailiff; Charcoal drawings by Jean Nowell, Verona Kampschmidt, and Rose Bailiff; pencil drawings by Gene Thornton, Catherine Winn, Dianne Pate; ink drawings by Rose Bailiff, Elizabeth Reall, Catherine Winn, and Douglass Hunt;

Design by Elizabeth Beall, Calvin McAdoo;

Textile designs by Rose Bailiff, Elizabeth Beall, Doris Jones, Margaret Ellison, Patsy Forthum, Catherine Winn, Carol Kerchner, Clifford Matthews, Elizabeth Moore;

Single prints by Clifford Matthews, George Estaver, Ernest Holt, Robert Beane;

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Fire Destroys Portion Of Mrs. Avery's House

Exhibit Judges Select Braswell's Paintings

Mrs. Braswell's oil painting, "Civitas" and her water color, "Still Life," have been selected by the jury of the third annual North Carolina Artists Exhibit for the showing in Person art gallery at Chapel Hill, March 3 to 25.

A letter of notification of the Jury's choice was sent to Mrs. Braswell by Russell Smith, head of the department of art, Person art gallery.

"The judges' choice of Mrs. Braswell's work is quite an honor, and much praise is due her," stated Miss Myrick, art supervisor, this week.

Fire caused a damage of \$200 to Mrs. Emma Sharp Avery's home at 211 South Meadhall street, Wednesday afternoon, March 13. Only after 30 minutes' combat were the firemen able to extinguish the blaze.

Few articles of furniture and clothing were harmed, as several high school boys in the vicinity helped carry them out.

Firemen Prove Efficient

When Mrs. Avery arrived home from school, she discovered the flames and called her mother from the house, after which she hastily turned in the alarm. The history teacher credits the lack of major loss to the efficiency of the firemen. The blaze started in the heater room from an overheated furnace.

Commencement to Have Four Separate Programs

Date Announced For Koch's 'Hamlet'

"Wednesday, May 22, will be the day on which Dr. Frederick Koch, director of Playmakers and head of dramatics at the University of North Carolina, will read "Hamlet" at Senior high school for English 7 and 8 classes," Miss Mims, who announced his coming in the March 7 issue of High Life, said today.

Dr. Koch, who can practically recite the play from memory, will present "Hamlet" for the benefit of those classes that have studied it, and for ex-English students with special permission to attend.

Myers to Deliver Special Sermon; Class Day, June 4

Featuring the theme, "The American Way," the annual commencement program will be presented Thursday night, June 6, in the school auditorium, stated Miss Ida Belle Moore, faculty adviser for the class, last night. At the same time she announced that Dr. Charles F. Myers would deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, June 2, at the First Presbyterian church.

Pagant to Be Spectacular Event

The pagant will depict "The American Way" of life and living, and the factors that make Americans what they are. The American heritages of religion, government, and education will be presented in a group of three scenes, which will open the production. Conditions in business, employment, and agriculture will be shown in successive scenes. The concluding group will be composed of several pictures delineating the arts and amusements which Americans have cultivated.

Tentative schedules set June 4, Tuesday, for Class day. However, definite arrangements concerning the date and program will be made public by the first of April.

Two Separate Programs Scheduled

Although Thursday night, June 6, will be the date for the pagant, the presentation of diplomas and a possible commencement address will take place the following evening. This new schedule, the result of a graduating class of 350 students, has been adopted to give more time to the pagant as

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Playmasters to Send Delegates to U. N. C.

Festival Schedule Includes Contest in Plays, Costumes, Make-Up, and Dances

Enjoying the privilege for the first time, members of Playmasters, senior high dramatics club, will attend the twenty-first annual drama festival at the University of North Carolina, beginning March 31.

Schedule

The group representing G. H. S. will go to Chapel Hill Monday and will return to classes Thursday. Monday night the representatives will witness the finals in the production contest in city high school, community, and WPA groups. Tuesday morning the junior high contest will be held. An outstanding feature of the Tuesday schedule will be a reunion of junior Carolina Playmakers. In the afternoon original plays will be presented, and Tuesday evening make-up, costume, and dance contests will be held.

Awards to Be Made Wednesday

A verse choir will be presented on Wednesday morning, with the rest of the day being divided into special contests, exhibits, and a tea. Announcements of winners and presentation of awards will be made on Wednesday morning.

Delegates

Attending the festival will be Eleanor Dare Taylor, Eleanor Lee Taylor, Carolyn Coker, Dor Crafton, Bou Kistler, Margaret Sawyer, Katherine Taylor, Martha Burns Sharpe, Frances Winslow, Mary Grace Mims, Wallace Harvey, Martha Hornaday, and Miss Wall, director of the club.

Five Students Accompany Mrs. LeGwin to Salisbury

Making the trip to Salisbury for the Social Standards conference on March 8 were Mrs. LeGwin, Aurelia Dunstan, Nancy Cowherd, Billy Brinkley, Douglass Hunt, and Robert McAllister.

The group was impressed by the student council room in which the tables were arranged in forum form. Small soundproof rooms equipped the music building.

The program for conference began at one o'clock with Mrs. Ould, of the Richmond, Va. Alfrusa club, addressing the assembly on "Personality." To keep the conference running smoothly, the student body broke up into group meetings lasting an hour; then returned to chapel at three o'clock.

A tea dance was held at 4:30 p. m., but G. H. S. representatives did not attend.

Art Class Paints Fashion Show Scenery

The large backdrop used in the Business Girls' Fashion show, held March 11 and 12 at the National Theatre, was painted by Miss Lee's art class. The painting consisted of a rose window and two stained glass windows.

The making of the backdrop was under the supervision of Albert Myrick and Joe Thomas, who were the main contributors to the painting, although other students of the class did much work on this piece of scenery.

High Life Rated Second by C. S. P. A.

Durham, Charlotte, Morehead Among Other Winners

Official announcement made at the C. S. P. A. convention last week gave High Life a second place rating in its class, according to a card received by Mrs. Bettis, adviser for the paper, from the nationally known press group.

Last Year's Score

Since the score books for the year have not been mailed, it cannot be determined how much improvement has been made over last year's rating of 753 points. However, official reports will probably be made during the next six weeks and will be published in High Life.

The Durham III Rocket, Morehead Student of Morehead, Charlotte Central High Rambler, and Farview School News were other North Carolina winners in their respective groups.

Superintendent Smith Resumes School Duties

Superintendent Ben L. Smith resumed his school duties last week, having been confined to his home since December 18, with the exception of a week spent in Duke hospital.

On his return last Wednesday, he expressed his deep appreciation for all the kindness and thoughtfulness of his associates during his absence.

Although his condition is somewhat improved, doctor's orders are that he maintain a part-time schedule for the first few weeks, working only mornings.

The officials of the local schools express themselves as being delighted that Mr. Smith is "back in harness."

Varied Programs Highlight Library Club Meetings

Abolishing the boredom of having the same type of program for each meeting, the Library club has launched a new plan. At every other meeting Miss Wren lectures to the group on some phase of library work, while at the sessions students direct the programs.