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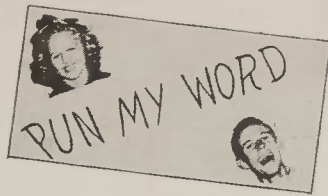
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December: the month of empty pocket-books and heads empty of all except the thoughts of "Nuts an' fruits an' canny" and "what you gonna gimme for Christmas."

### Heart and "Solo"

It has been reported that JEAN WHIT-COMB'S classes are taking up a collection to pay for the shoes she had to cut up in protecting an ingrown toe-nail.

Chapel conduct,  
When good, a boom—  
"Spring Fever"—  
Talked too soon!

### Gift Selections



Miss Moser—A "pink" slip.  
Bill Hancock—A graduation cap and gown.  
HIGH LIFE—Some new life.  
Hitler—"The Grapes of R. A. F."

In the Christmas Rush—  
You won't have to hurry  
If you'll be wise  
And start real early.

### This One Hurts

What faculty member thinks that coffee should be served with all these puns?

### "Bugaroo"

One of the "smart" remarks overheard at "Spring Fever":

Martie (on stage): "What do you call a woman 'biologist'?"  
Bright soul in audience: "Lady bug!"

Be good Citizens!  
Don't be Heels!  
Buy your share  
Of the Christmas Seals!

### Thanks!

G. H. S. rooters appreciated the remark made by the radio announcer of the Greensboro-Rocky Mount game after the local's touchdown. It was, "This is a great game, now!"

### Christmas Pun

Santa Claus — any English teacher could fill the clause part.

Reindeer—The weather man knows all about the rain, dear. (This remark with all due apologies to Quill and Scroll.)

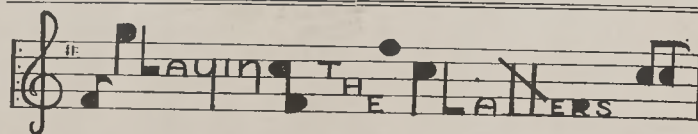
Cedar trees—Ce-dar presents under the tree.

Christmas Eve  
Santa Claus,  
Or Uncle Steve  
With Spanish moss!



### Kuh-cho-o

Did you know that Miss Pike referred to the Playmaster's production as "Hay Fever?"



Will Bradley has recorded more of that eight bar music in *Scrub Me Mama With a Boogie Rub*, the sequel to *Boat Me Daddy*. The *April Chorus* and *I Dream I Dwell in Harlem* are the new disks expertly delivered by Glenn Miller.

Kay Kyser's *The Bad Humor Man* brings in a good splattering of notes from platter bugs. A new band from Michigan—Sonny Burk's—is rising in the popularity scale with his *Jimmy Meets the Count* and on the other side, *Blue Sonata*.

### Classicals

Sibelius' *The Swan of Tuonela*, played by the Chicago Symphony orchestra, under Frederick Stock, is one of the finest of the great Finns' shorter works, and is beautifully arranged by the orchestra. His *Inter-*

# Talking It Over

By Mrs. Christine Florance

Students, here are a few questions to test your I.Q. (Initiative Quotient). Please answer yes or no to the following questions.

1. Do you go directly to your seat as soon as the bell rings?
2. Do you hand in papers when they are due without being reminded?
3. Do you pick up scrap paper on the floor without being asked to do so?
4. Do you seek new tasks to do when the old ones are finished? Do you make good use of all your class-time?

There are a hundred other questions I could ask you, and they all add up to one idea: Can you look at a situation, visualize the best action, and then do it? If you can see such needs and can do something constructive about them, you have one of the rarest qualities needed for success on any job.

### You Aren't Born With It

And don't assume that you've got this faculty as a part of your birthright! Do you know why I think you don't always have it? Because employers complain more about the lack of initiative in employees than about any other quality. On the rating sheets sent out recently on our part-time student workers, over half of the group was rated average or below in initiative.

### What Is Initiative, Anyway?

"Well, Mrs. Florance, what is initiative anyway?" several worried students wanted to know. And then the fun began! We spent an entire period discussing it. First of all we checked on Webster's opinion. (We have a very thorough-going respect for Webster's ideas about things). He gave a choice of several definitions, but the two we preferred are as follows: "Power of originating something; the self-reliance or energy required to begin or dare new undertakings." In our own words, and by a gradual process of adding here and subtracting there, we framed this definition: "Initiative is the ability to see what needs to be done for the best benefit of the most people, and then, by gravity, doing it without being told!"

"Yep, that sounds all right," Virginia Mitchell grumbled, "but how do you have initiative on your job?"

### Part-Time Students Are Finding Out

And that was when I got the idea for which Virginia will most likely be tarred and feathered. My students are now at work on a paper in which they must present their ideas about the meaning of initiative and to find out also their employer's opinion on the subject. With his help and the help of others in the organization, they are listing as many definite, concrete ways of displaying initiative on their jobs as they can.

We believe that if we can learn what initiative is and how to practice it, our next

### Who Says So?

What did one Christmas decoration say "This one is on 'tree'."

P. S.—C. S. P. A., this is original! (Don't you think they'll know it? Copy Editor.)

### Theme Songs

Monday Morning—"Melancholy Mood."  
Crying Cold—"You Go to My Head."

### All-State Team

First Team—Purple Whirlwind eleven.  
Second Team—G. H. S. reserves.

rating sheets will make for a happier lot of faces. The same idea might work in school, too! At least, it's worth thinking over.

## Here's to Santa Claus

And

## Your Longest Stocking

Are you going to hang up your stockings? Whether it be Nylon, size 8½, long red woolen socks, or men's rowdy orange and brown striped hosiery, many supposedly "adult" sophisticates at Senior high still cling firmly to this old custom, some for purely sentimental reasons, others 'cause "I get more that way!"

Setting a virtuous example, Dianne Page and Charlotte Hume, both adherents to the lengthy crimson stocking fad, laugh; yes, they're going to hang up both theirs. John Maness agrees with Henry Reynolds in that they will use the biggest ones they can find; and Janet Cox, in a singular predicament sorrows, "We don't have a fireplace, so I guess I'll have to hang mine over the furnace!"

On the opposite side, Phillip Newman wrinkles his nose, growls, "Huh-uh—no Santa Claus for me!", while Kenneth Knight chimes in with "Naw—no stocking—a great big ole box!"

Regardless of either opinion, Ye Scribe, like most senior high-ites, is inclined to say, "Here's to bigger and better stockings!"



In the last issue of the paper this column mentioned the fact that four candidates were already looking forward to the spring election for president. Because of an oversight, their names were not given. Since that time one of these potential candidates has absolutely dropped from the scene. The three juniors still in the limelight are Mell Alexander, James Dobbins, and Charlie Fogleman. We wonder if the time is ripe for a girl president.

### Let's Look at the Record

In a very hot campaign last spring, Douglass Hunt defeated three candidates in the presidential election. He set forth a platform including a number of points which aided him no little bit in his drive. Now that he has been in office for approximately half of his term, let us see what the student council has done this year, and also how far those campaign promises have gone.

### Campaign Platform

The following are the planks of Douglass Hunt's platform: introduction of school dancing, school forum, inter-school council, close cooperation with nearby schools, distribution of jobs—especially committee chairmen, cooperative council of parents, teachers, administration, and students, and stunt night. Four of these planks have been carried out—school dancing plan, school forum, inter-school council, and distribution of jobs. Although not half of the year is over, one-half of these objectives have been or are in the process of being accomplished.

### Acts of Council

In addition to these items, the council has completed the following programs: establishment of a home room program committee, supervision of elections, including selection of cheerleaders, sale of football buttons, trip to state conference at Greenville, supervision of supply shop, and supervision of the jobs of the twelve regular standing committees.

Here is the record. If you still think the student council has done nothing, let them know what you want done.

# Poet's Corner

## Summer Night

The moon . . .  
In haughty grandeur . . .  
Looks down . . .  
And the katy-did . . .  
Singing . . .  
Above her silver,  
Compelling voice,  
Tries to subdue her,  
And fails . . .

—Daisy Belle Anderson.