

Screwy Doin's of the Week

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When Did You Buy Your Britches, Boys!

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Humming a snatch of this characteristic melody, the loose-jointed, buck-toothed, dusky Negro youth lounged nonchalantly along the sidewalk, thoroughly enjoying the cool summer down-pour. His ragged pants, the seat half-gone to expose shiny dark patches of negroid hide, were rolled up, or rather, torn off, halfway up his dusty legs. He wore his mother's dirty crimson blouse, which hung 'way past his belt-line, lending it somewhat the appearance of an artist's grease-bedaubed smock. Precariously balanced on the back of his brain, a rough straw hat of the kind usually used by farmers to keep their lily-white brows from freckling, teetered from one side to the other as he slouched along. He was barefooted; and his black toes wriggled ecstatically in the warm sand when he moved. He was also grinning an enchantingly toothy grin.

On the other side of the street two extremely chipper, well-dressed young blades were having their mid-afternoon bull session. One wore a darkly inconspicuous business suit, complete with vest, tie, collar, and well-gartered socks. The other, sporting a peculiar pair of blue pants, one the seat of which lay a blatant red patch, had snipped off the last six inches of material to reveal quite proudly a wide gap of shapely pink ankle between the slouchy curl of stocking-top and trouser-cuff. He sported a crimson blouse which hung 'way past his belt-line, lending it somewhat the appearance of an artist's smock. Precariously balanced on the back of his so-called brain, a battered straw hat teetered from one side to the other as he moved. He smiled a curious toothy smile.

"Yup," he was saying as he pointed out in a sweep of his hand the scarlet shirt, the cap, the rolled-up pants, "It's all original, the whole idea. My taller just finished this outfit yesterday. Why, it'll revolutionize men's fashions!"

"Yup," he chirruped, "it's all original, the whole idea."

Social for Torchlighters Indefinitely Postponed

Owing to loss of several school days because of the influenza epidemic last week, Torchlight honor society has postponed indefinitely the welcoming party for new members originally scheduled for Friday night. Eleanor Dare Taylor, publicity chairman, announced yesterday. Other plans, including time and place for the gathering—from 8 till 11 p. m., with Peggy Yates, social chairman, as hostess—have not been altered, she revealed.

Slides of the Coca-Cola flower arrangement series were shown yesterday to Miss Snowe Bradley's Home Ec classes.

Perhaps the most ridiculous of this week's "laffabilities" belongs to a capricious clown, Kenneth Knight, who bravely dared to pull the old gag about, "You've got ancestors. For shame, there are garments on your back," etc., in a very shocked tone of voice—which in itself isn't so funny. The screwy part is that somebody actually laughed.

"Phoney" Letters?

The latest "must-do" seen here lately is the newly-fashionable phonetic message-writing exchanged among students, a variety of code constructed by cutting out all unnecessary letters to simplify spelling (see page 6 for demonstration.)

Have you heard about the moth ball? While dropping popcorn bit by bit down the gullet of a friend, one mischievous G. H. S. gal substituted one of those capsules for a kernel. And the helpless victim never knew the difference!

Sledge to Resume Duties After Semester Absence

Returning after an absence of one semester, Miss Margaret Sledge, junior English instructor, will resume her teaching in room 6 on February 23, first day of the new semester.

Replaces Harriss

Miss Sledge will relieve Miss Emily Harriss, a new-comer to Senior high, who has been assuming Miss Sledge's duties while the latter spent a leave of absence in her home town of Weldon, N. C.

Sledge Greatly Improved

Forced to discontinue teaching because of illness, Miss Sledge reports that her health is greatly improved after her rest and that she is "ready and waiting" to resume her former pedagogical work.

Avery's History 6 Class Reports Current News

In definite proof that history can be an exciting pursuit instead of a drab study, members of Mrs. Emma Sharpe Avery's history six classes have been tying up their study of the constitution with present day affairs.

Also in connection with their current event work, students in the first period class have made special reports from a late edition of the New York Times.

"The Greek and Italian War" was the subject of a talk made by Jack Allen, and the British-German war received attention from him as well.

War Pictures

Showing the photo section of the newspaper, Emmett Crotts discussed with the class pictures of new government bombers and other war scenes.

Dramatists Discuss Play For Spring Production

Although the club did not arrive at a definite conclusion concerning the next play, the spring production was the topic for discussion at the last meeting of Playmasters.

Ann Thornton, chairman of the play committee, introduced a group of suggested dramas, and the club instructed her to order several of these for further consideration.

Office Reveals Roll Of Student Citizens

With the close of the past six weeks report period, each home room selected the boy and girl from that room which had best fulfilled the qualities of good citizenship, to be on the citizenship honor roll. The session room teachers have announced these students on the honor list:

Room 21, Walter Hiatt and Virginia Haynes; room three, John Maness and Elsie Lewis; room four, Watson Edmunds and Marian Davis; room six, Ray Taylor and Eva Allen Travis; room seven, Elmer Jones and Charlotte Hume; room eight, Lucy Sellars and Betty Shipman; room nine, Joe McBane and Marian McPherson; room ten, Billy Brinkley and Anne Christon; room 12, Ed Faulkner and Jane Eller; room 14, James Patton and Vivienne O'Connor; and room 16, Homer Barker and Rachel Baxter.

Cafeteria Building

Room 21, Jack Watson and Betty Yost; room 22, Lewis Devanne and Espie Dentiste; room 23, Max Trull and Ann Southerland; room 24, Bob Boaz and Mary Jean Bowyer; room 25, Ralph Kay and Jewell Hyatt; and room 27, Howard Cable and Mary Hudson.

Room 100, Charles Fogleman and Jean Garber; room 104, Earl Holliday and Joan Holleyman; room 200, J. M. Murphy and Evelyn Kayle; room 201, Claude Ray and Charlotte Robbins; room 202, Joe Watts and Ruth Winterling; room 204, Charles Vache and Doris Stout; and room 206, Arnold Marks and Jean Lowe.

Third Floor Students

Room 300, Jack Smith and Hazel Swinson; room 306, Bobby Bowman and Margaret Boren; room 307, Jimmy Wilson and Anne Wolfe; room 311, Harold Kirkman and Katherine Harris; room 313, Bernard Coble and Doris Crawford; room 315, Joe Powell and Beverley Nigh; and room 317, Paul Miller and Jane Morrison.

Language Group to Write To Jersey French Club

"Our decision to correspond with the high school language group at Morristown, New Jersey, as to methods of entertaining, programs, projects, and chapel programs, we hope, will prove valuable in every field," declared Berry Reid, president of the French club, recently.

"The other organization has already offered many useful ideas, such as serving typical French refreshments—ouzo soup, rolls and chocolate, and other delicacies," he continued.

At the December 4 meeting, the club, after preliminary business, played children's games in French, led by Joe McBane, a member of the program committee.

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Without a single cough or sniffle to boast of, many fortunate students of G. H. S. tripped the light fantastic to warmer climes during the recent epidemic. But no matter the expense or time no one enjoyed his "du" vacation more than did Stanley Johnson, who stayed five days, traveled about 580 miles, and spent 45 cents!

Hitch-hiking his merry way to eastern North Carolina, the youngest-physician-teacher-of-them-all started like an old hand when he got a ride all the way to his destination in a new Packard.

After sleeping and eating "free" with all his relatives, "Jabbo" visited the new famous Holly Ridge army camp at Jacksonville, went fishing, lost his flu germs, and headed for home with a bank book lightened by only 45 cents! With an acquaintance who was passing right through Greensboro.

Mechanical Drawing Class Helps Boys Plan Future

"According to the present demand for skilled workers under the Civil Service commission," declared Glenn Deason, mechanical drawing and shop instructor, yesterday, "There is a great opportunity for the boys of my mechanical drawing class to become gainfully employed if they continue to progress as they have been doing. There is a great demand for skilled draftsmen, either in aeronautics, engineering, or architecture. Mechanical drawing lays a foundation for such training."

"Two boys showing outstanding ability in such work are Earl Cook and George Phillips who are making a scale drawing of the auditorium, which may be used in the selling of reserved seats," he concluded.

Nurse Council Lectures To Home Ec. 3 Class

Stressing the necessity for practical nurse's training, Miss Ruth Council, assistant director of city nurses, has for the last five Mondays been lecturing to Miss Snowe Bradley's home economics 3 classes. The specific subjects of most importance were the baby care, patient care, food and medicine for the sick, as well as a general survey of the nursing vocation.

Because of the clean-up campaign in several classrooms, classes have been moved temporarily to different quarters.

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High Life Staff Reveals \$700 Semester Ad Total

To prove that "Friday-the-thirteenth" is not the terrible jinx it is purported to be the business staff of HIGH LIFE today announced that the largest sum of money ever made solely from advertising in one semester was secured from the issues of Friday, September 13, to Friday, December 13, inclusive. This revenue, an unprecedented total of over \$700, or an average of better than \$100 per issue, does not represent the complete income of the semester, only the first seven issues, this edition not being included in the tabulation.

Betts Thanks Classes

"Both the advanced and elementary Journalism classes deserve thanks for the fine co-operation they have shown," commented Mrs. Olive Betts, faculty adviser of the school paper, yesterday. "Special acknowledgment should be given the members of news-writing one, the class of beginners—the largest Senior high has had—who, without any previous experiences, turned in more ads and displayed a more enterprising spirit in the solicitation of ads than any previous group," she concluded.

Richards Writes Column For Business Publication

William A. Richards, head of the Greensboro high school business department, is busily engaged writing a column entitled "In Other Magazines" for Modern Business Education, official monthly publication of the Southern Business Education association.

For his column, Mr. Richards makes a synopsis of articles appearing in other magazines which would be of interest to business teachers.

In his recent digest of an article from The Balance Sheet by C. A. Barringer, Mr. Richards wrote, "Now schools should realize the opportunities for their graduates in the selling field and should set up programs to give such requirements and opportunities in the program of distributive education."

Miss Agnes Wronn, librarian, has been reading *Mudberry Street* to English 7 classes.

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