

Editorials

The Purpose of High Life Is To

Get and preserve the history of our school.

Hold individuals together under high standards.

Separate the worthwhile from the worthless and promote the highest interest of students, teachers, and school.

Make It Come True!

Several weeks ago members of the advanced journalism classes participated in an editorial writing contest for Quill and Scroll, international honor society for high school journalists. From the participants' work, three of the editorials were selected, two of which tied for first place and have been entered in the national contest.

The mere fact that several high school students took part in an editorial contest is not significant, but what they said in these writings is of interest to everyone everywhere today in our country.

Writing on the subject, "Santa's Gift Bag Holds No Bombs for America," Rachael Whiteside made this statement:

"Happiness in Tinkling Bells"

"Turning Westward, Saint Nicholas finds crowds of pleasure seekers, hundreds of department store Santa Clauses, holly wreaths, and mistletoe—happiness in tinsel. Unloading his bag, the gay old gentleman stuffs America's stocking of red, white and blue with boxes of gayety and laughter, peace and contentment—happiness gleaming in its wrappings of silver paper and tinkling bells."

Further describing the subject, Bob Perry said: "Santa's gift bag holds no bombs for us—yet. We are still able to walk complacently down the streets without fear of Hitler's hell. But we do not comprehend the horrible story our newspaper and radio is trying so desperately to tell us. Instead, we sink back in the old easy chair, wiggle our toes and purr, 'It can't happen here! . . . Give thanks, America, for your freedom, but remember—'Freedom With Responsibility . . .'"

Discussing "A War-Torn World Awaits the Gentle Blessing of the Prince of Peace," I, myself, wrote:

"They Patiently Wait"

... "On this cold winter evening of 1911, both these peoples have one thing in common: both seek peace but not through man himself—no, for he has refused—but through something far greater—from someone that they are still assured can bring them earthly satisfaction. They patiently await the blessings of His peace no matter how far away it seems, no matter how long they may have to wait. They have courage and faith to believe that it will come . . ."

You can readily see, fellow reader, that only three weeks from this very day, others, just like you, saw before them a holiday season of peace and security for the Americas. To them there was no dream of falling bombs, of mass murder among the nation's defenders. Yet, from the writings of these students you can also see that though they desired that which we as Americans have always loved and worshiped, they felt a sense of insecurity, of unrest, of doubt.

New Strength and Vigor . . .

Many of you may believe that the Christmas you had hoped for has vanished. Yes, perhaps so. But it is my true conviction that all of us everywhere today, and especially here at Senior high school, can and will have a Christmas season like those of the past. By doing our daily tasks, regardless of how insignificant they may seem, by doing them and doing them well, we can do our part. And in doing so, we can enjoy a new Christmas—a Christmas which we can witness with a new prayer in our hearts—a holiday we can face with new strength and vigor, for it is a Christmas that will bring the will and the power to survive! As long as we have that, no enemy of God's earth can win over us!

—Paul Miller.



Although this corner has consistently stood behind the student council from its very first meeting, it has never attempted to cover up any infirmities of that group and it will not start to do so now.

At a recent meeting some things occurred which caused a great loss of time.

Some members were indifferent; some, un-mindful of authority; and nothing was accomplished by the students ALONE during the period.

Now, let us look at the trouble. Everyone agrees that we have a fine group of leaders, and an interested and hard-working adviser in Mrs. Estelle McGwin; but the councilmen are not taking their jobs seriously enough.

Exercise of Executive Powers Advocated

It is this reporter's belief that Donald should exercise his constitutional powers by ejecting from the meetings any officer who becomes the least bit inconsiderate. How can anything be accomplished when anyone who wishes to express his views does so regardless of another's opinions?

School dances have been the main topic of discussion, and perhaps the controversy centered around that subject has been somewhat responsible for the excitement. If so, action should either be reverted to a committee, or a time limit should be placed on discussion.

The council has done some fine work this year, and this writer only wishes to see it continued. Will the council please come to order?

Santa Packs His Bag And Heads For U. S. A.

It's the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature is stirring, not even little Johnny who usually sneaks down to talk with Santa—on Christmas eve. Johnny knows you're going to give him a scooter and he is thoroughly satisfied.

Aunt Bessie will be surprised to find that super-heating hot water bottle tucked away under the tree. Uncle Pete ought to be content with that sweet-smelling tobacco that you will give him, and little Sue certainly will be surprised by that lipstick, although she ought to be growing up at 12 years.

Won't grandpa give a yell when he sees that squirrel rifle he wants, and won't he be thrilled with my stick of candy donated by dear old Santa!

Teen Age Problems

"Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping?"

Christmas presents, wrapped in all the glory of shining tinsel and crisp colored paper, add a certain thrill to the holiday spirit when December rolls around.

Many friends must be remembered at Christmas! It is a problem to decide what to give and just how many presents to exchange; however, the situation can be settled by sending cards to less intimate friends.

How About That "Special Gift"?

Most people specialize in a gift for a certain friend, spending all their time, energy and money in one attempt to make that present a hit! They should decide definitely on the article and price, and then do their shopping early.

Girls often wonder whether to exchange gifts with a number of boys or just one, and the general opinion is that she should give just to one and let the problem go at that. It is perfectly correct simply to accept gifts with a polite "thank you" from any number of boys without any further obligation attached, for boys usually like to be a generous Santa Claus and delight several girls with gifts.

Everybody likes to be remembered by a small greeting at Christmas time, so be careful to include all your personal acquaintances in your list of gifts or cards, although an easy way out is to "Give what you want to and leave the rest alone," but remember it is more blessed to give than to receive!

One gift we recommend this year is the new patriotic Christmas card—it combines the Yule spirit with patriotism. Not only does it have an appropriate greeting, but also an album for ten-cent defense stamps. You may start the receiver off on the right foot by placing a stamp or two in the album, or you may leave it blank, depending on your finances and your generosity.

Dress Parade Review

Attention, all civilian Casanovas! Military service outside of an army camp may be applied to every-day fashions by use of a few military terms. Although not in service, high school students could profit by the many rigid regulations enforced by the army. This article brings you the following regulations:

Forward March with a bright, good smoking reefer for these chilly school mornings. Reefers or "boxey coats" range from every color in the rainbow to the subtle black or brown shades.

Voluntary Service requires civilian Casanovas to turn their attention to the new "Pleat Pocket Slax," with saddle stitching strutting down each side and pleats that conceal pockets within their folds. The very latest thing for the home guard boys.

Taps and Reveille require a shining set of teeth to make a dull smile bright by use of a little tooth paste and a toothbrush which should be put to work every day.

V for Victory comes also in the latest V-neck sweaters for boys and girls not in active service. The V in the neck could stand for victory or it might mean vitality for your clothes.

Advance and Be Recognized, you lucky lassies, in a new holiday formal to make yours stand out among other gay dresses. Back velvet or net is very popular this season, while white taffeta with net makes a brunette look like a black and white dream. Sweetheart necks with slight shoulder straps finished by a snug-fitting waist, with an extremely full skirt, make a very attractive dress.

Ready, Aim, Fire in the latest fireman red lipstick, coats, skirts, jewelry or dresses and you will make the faces brighten as you pass by. All new colors include this popular fireman red, which should make any costume flare up and blaze.

Thumbs Up for the newest type of comfortable school shoe called the English loafer, which is not only smart but also practical and satisfying.

Join Up Now and support the everlasting pleat skirt, with that extra smart look and the special fit making a strictly American costume. Plaids create arrays of color camouflaged by box pleats, which complete a perfect skirt for a typical high school girl.

National Defense for every home-loving "sole" would make its owner keep an old pair of shoes new and neat as long as possible by just a touch of shoe polish every now and then.

Send Me A Barrel or Please Hurry, Mother!

Tonight's the night. The sound of great preparations issue from the front boudoir. Mickey—the tomboy of yesterday, but the belle of today—is getting ready for a dance.

By five in the afternoon, the young thing has nails gleaming, teeth sparkling, and hair in the process of curling. But, alas! The dress!

Between junior's antics and the bridge club the proud mama finds herself still working on this necessary piece of wearing apparel. The sewing machine purrs contentedly, while the bells-to-be waits that she knows it can't be finished, and that even if it is, it won't be as precious as Susie's.

The clock ticks around to nine; the waiting date and his waiting taxi sit impatiently—for different reasons: the hour grows late. But finally the creation is finished and the glamour girl dons the gown.

Then the "better-late-than-never" arrival at the dance, the troubles of the day are forgotten and "a good time was had by all" becomes the theme of the evening.

Poet's Corner

AMERICA CALLING

America calling! to you and to me,
America calling! wherever you be,
America needs you as never before;
The enemy enters her open door.
America calling! list to her call;
America calling! lest evil befall.
Awaken, oh sleeper! danger is near;
Awaken, awaken! freedom is dear.
America calling! calling today,
America calling! do not delay,
American sons and daughters true,
America's calling, calling to you.
America calling! prepare, prepare,
America calling! all foes beware!

—by Henri Etta Lee

Scriptease

Christmas . . . people rushing around buying last minute presents for Aunt Sophie and Cousin Gus . . . red noses shining from faces glowing with the Christmas spirit . . . a shivering Santa Claus on every corner . . . old carols from long ago echoing throughout the city . . . Christmas trees . . . jingle bells . . . nuts 'n' fruits 'n' candy . . .

Modern Version of an Old Refrain:
Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh—
If you want to catch the flu,
This is an easy way!

R. W.

What's In A Name

G.H.S. has turned into a veritable menagerie—what with a Wolfe, Fox and Tigor roaming around!

Dear Santa Claus

My mama wants an ermine coat,
My papa needs some dough;
Junior wants a streamlined bike—
But sister—just a bean!

R. W.

Open Letter to Saint Nicholas

We are 1200 little girls and boys who have been very good this year—of course there have been a few paper wads and fire-crackers. We have been a little too noisy in chapel, we talked a little too much in class, but on the whole we have been pretty good, considering. So, since we are such deserving youngsters, we would like to put in our bid for this year's Christmas presents—that is if the priority board hasn't got what we want!

Gift List

For the P-40 and the brave souls who steer it, a heater and a radio;
For High Life, a 200-inch ad;
For the math classes, an answer book for every pupil;
For Principal A. P. Routh, one day free from pestering students and annoying details;
For Mrs. Nellie Blackburn, a dictaphone to record those innumerable alibis;
(And for the students who furnish those alibis, a volume of new excuses.)
And for Greensboro high school in general, a shiny new year—without term papers, book or warning reports.
With best hopes for the new year, St. Nick, we'll be seeing you Christmas eve.
1200 Students from Greensboro High School
P. S.—Don't forget your anti-freeze. It gets pretty cold down here in December!

Doing Their Part for National Defense
We hear that quite a few G.H.S. alumni, and some students, have joined the armed forces of Uncle Sam. Congratulations, fellows, we're proud of you!

Christmas tree,
Dark Nights,
O. P. M.
No lights!

R. W.

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