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Pre-Induction Courses Prepare Students For War Service

"In adding five pre-induction courses, the Senior high faculty will offer to train Greensboro high school students of the senior class in stable subjects which will aid them in entering and maintaining themselves in the armed forces," explained Principal A. P. Routh Monday.

When seniors filed their second semester's proposed schedules at the beginning of the week, they were urged by their homeroom teachers to register for the new courses.

Classes in pre-induction English are open for boys who will be at least 18 years of age by July 1, 1943. The main emphasis in this topic will be placed on grammar.

Courses of pre-induction chemistry and physics are offered to pupils who will graduate in June and who have passed at least two semesters of algebra. The topics cover a general survey of their respective fields.

For people who expect to graduate in June but who haven't completed the senior math requirement of three semesters of algebra and two semesters of geometry, a course of study in pre-induction mathematics will be taught.

Aeronautics Offered

Pre-induction aeronautics, which clarifies the theoretical side of the elements of aeronautics, will be taught to seniors. This course is especially emphasized for boys who will become 18 before July 1.

Members of the present faculty will teach the new courses, since they understand most of the subject matter and other teachers are almost impossible to obtain.

"If these classes are not sufficiently filled with seniors and students who can now qualify," declared Routh today, "requirements for entering the courses may be altered so that there may be a possibility for juniors to study the topics."

Local Swing Band Plays At Guilford

After playing a successful engagement at State college in Raleigh on December 12, Carl Pritchard's "Serenaders," local swingsters, furnished jam and jive music for the third dance sponsored by the Senior high recreation committee this year. It was a Christmas dance held in the girls' gym with appropriate Christmas decorations.

On Saturday the "Serenaders" kept up their steady string of engagements, as they played for a dance at Guilford college. A good deal of new music has been purchased for the band, including "Mister Five by Five," "One, Two, Three, Kick," a conga number, "Jersey Bounce" and many others.

Carl Pritchard, the regular leader who has been seriously ill for the past month or so, is expected to be back with the band by the first of the year if he continues to improve.

During the past two dances, the band has used no leader except for George Curran, the drummer, starting the beat.

Here are a few of the dances that will keep the Serenaders busy during the Christmas season:

On December 21 they will play for Bryant's dance at the Country club, and on the 23rd the band will be featured at a dance at Lexington. This, by the way, will be the biggest dance they will play at during the holidays. Another engagement, a tentative one, is a dance of the Order of the Arrow to be held on December 29.

For these dances the band will use Charlie Simpson, G. H. S. alumnus, as their director. The Serenaders are planning to play for a dance at Woman's college some time during the holiday season, but the date is not definite.

Below is a cartoon, drawn by M. C. Anderson, High Life cartoonist, contrasting Christmas this year in America and abroad. It illustrates the editorial on the same subject which appears immediately underneath it.

\$11,899 In War Bonds Sold In Council Sponsored Drive



Home Room 304 Wins; Henry Stout Tops Buyers With \$2,112.50 In Bonds

Selling a total of \$2,112.50 worth of war bonds and stamps, Henry Stout, local Greensboro high junior and active member of room 304, trampled over all opposition offered by an enthusiastic student body during the highly successful bond and stamp campaign sponsored by the local student council during the week of December 9 through December 16, announced Stanley Johnson and Betsy Holt, campaign managers, early this morning. Johnson and Holt stated that the drive was successful beyond expectations, the patriotic student body purchasing a total of \$11,899 in bonds and stamps.

Thomas, Truitt, Pleasants Follow

Closely following Stout were Graham Thomas, \$1,614.50, room 304; Jimmy Truitt, \$1,500.60, room 302; and Carolyn Pleasants, \$1,004.50. Stout and Thomas both hail from room 304, the winning home room, which sold a total of \$4,033.10. The 31 members of room 304 and their adviser, Mrs. Blanche Smith, will receive, as a reward for their excellent spirit and participation, theater passes through the courtesy of the student council.

Those selling or buying \$300 worth or more are as follows: Tommy Grantham, \$567.75; Hildah Smith, \$500.00; Bobby Bowman, \$386.50; Bill Lambert, \$376.50; Nymphos Myers and Claiborne Poindexter, \$300.00.

Credit for the success of the campaign is due to the tremendous support and work of Stanley Johnson, supply shop manager, Betsy Holt, senior representative to the council and campaign manager, and Tim Warner, council president.

Below is the complete amount of sales accredited to each home room: room 2, \$171.60; room 4, \$810.60; room 6, \$79.25; room 7, \$268.90; room 8, \$417.60; room 10, \$489.25; room 21, \$115.00; room 23, \$402.20; room 24, \$1,018.70; room 27, \$162.75; room 100, \$554.80; room 101, \$52.60; room 201, \$76.20; room 202, \$110.45; room 204, \$127.90; room 206, \$6.60; room 300, \$748.65; room 301, \$229.80; room 302, \$1,506.05; room 303, \$1.25; room 304, \$4,033.10; room 305, \$12.35; room 306, \$13.35; room 307, \$129.00; room 313, \$234.45; room 315, \$6.55; room 317, \$61.05.

Large Crowd Attends School Holiday Dance

Social activities for the month of December were wound up at the informal Christmas dance, given last Friday night in the school gym by the members of the Recreation committee. Approximately 150 students attended the affair, which lasted from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Carl Pritchard and his "Serenaders," local orchestra composed of high school boys, furnished the music for the affair.

The skating party, which was originally scheduled for Friday night, December 4, was postponed due to the first snow of the season. According to Mrs. Clark McNairy, chairman of this committee, the party will be held at a later date.

Torchlight Meet Delayed; Society Pins Distributed

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Torchlight meeting, to have been held last Tuesday, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays, according to Miss Ida Belle Moore, club adviser, who has just returned to school after recuperating from an illness of several weeks.

Wartime Holidays Mean Sacrifices at Home, But Grimmer Aspects Face Boys in Service

Christmas Tableau



(Staff photo by Irwin Smallwood)

School Yuletide Program Performed With Unusual Color and Brilliance

Under the direction of Mrs. Carlotta Jacoby, head of the vocal department, the choir, girls' glee club and boys' glee club combined their talents to form a background of Christmas music as a prelude to the dramatization of the traditional Nativity scenes, highlight of the annual Yuletide program performed this morning in the auditorium. Bill Lambert read the Christmas story from the Bible by the light of gleaming tapers.

The program opened with the singing of "Adeste Fidelis" by the entire assembly and "O Come, Emmanuel" by the vested choir which was seated on

the stage. During the Annunciation scene, the choir sang "And the Glory of the Lord" from the *Messiah* by Handel.

The Bethlehem scene, presented in pantomime, featured the boys' and girls' glee clubs with Harriet Clark and Doris Vereen as soloists. Two beautiful carols, "Cantique de Noel" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which were sung from the balcony by the mixed glee clubs, followed the scenes. The student body and faculty sang the first verse of "Silent Night" while the girls' glee club performed the three last verses in a special four-

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By BOB LLOYD

To the average high school student, the Christmas-New Year holidays have meant exchanging cards and gifts, elaborate parties and dances, a trip to grandmother's and a general rest from everyday labor. This year things will be quite different.

Working for a local merchant or replacing a man who has gone to war will supplant the holiday rest. It's not so bad, though, the man you replace is probably facing an artillery barrage instead of a friendly customer.

Perhaps your Christmas mail or gifts will arrive tardily, due to the flood of holiday postal service. But better yours be late than some cheery message for your brother or dad in the service. Letters from home are what keeps them going. It's their greatest morale booster.

Fuel Necessary

The season's trip to grandmother's will probably have to be cancelled. Perhaps your confinement at home will supply the fuel for a tank's advance in Tunisia or New Guinea.

Even the Christmas and New Year dances may suffer slightly, with decorations more costly and ballrooms locally restricted to soldier dances. No electric illumination will brighten the yule trees, while dances and parties will probably take place in town instead of at a country clubhouse.

Quit Sulking

The picture isn't so black, though. The curtailed festivities aren't so bad, and while you work, you profit. Idleness means boredom anyhow. With the money you make working, an investment in war bonds and stamps will bring us closer to victory. What we do or do without can't compare with what the boys in the Solomons, Tunisia and Algeria are giving up.

Maybe next year we can have those old conveniences we once enjoyed. Until then let's forfeit our privileges and buy war savings stamps and bonds. Perhaps we can have victory next year for a Christmas present.