



Tony Pastor, the original Mr. Five-By-Five is shown above with Carl Pritchard, local leader of the Senior "Serenaders," when the former played at the National theater during the Christmas holidays. (Staff photo by Louis Thacker.)

Tony Pastor Gives Advice To Pritchard in Interview

"Stick together and keep going if it is at all possible," was the reply of Tony Pastor when quizzed by your reporter and Carl Pritchard, leader of local "Serenaders," on December 29 at the National theatre, as to what a young band should do in this time when the future is so uncertain. "The States are in need of some young talent now, more than ever, since so many of the former musicians are being drafted," Pastor continued, "and a group of young youngsters who are able to stick together have a very good chance of advancing."

Pastor, who was born in Middletown, Conn., started his career with a band in Hartford, Conn., approximately 15 years ago, playing the tenor sax and clarinet. Before forming his own band three years ago, he played with a number of famous bands, including Vincent Lopez and Artie Shaw.

Biggest Thrill With Artie Shaw

"My biggest moment," Pastor continued, "was when I first sang with

Artie Shaw on the Old Gold show a few years ago, and probably the next largest thrill that I ever had was when my own orchestra played before an audience at New York's Paramount theater."

As for his personal life and tastes, Pastor is married and has two boys, one 12 and the other about six, and lists Kathryn Hepburn and Bob Hope as his favorite stage personalities.

One of Pastor's featured players, Johnny Morris, better known as "Paradiddle Joe," also had a good word for young musicians, saying that he also thought that any new band should stick together, if at all possible.

This is the second time in recent years that Pastor has appeared at Greensboro's National theater, and he stated that he was glad to be back in the Gate City, even for just one day.

The draft has already taken 16 members of his band. Pastor's brother, "Stubby" Pastor, has taken his physical examination for the army.

Justice, Andrews Talk At Victory Corps Meet

The secret of the success of the Victory Corps is giving young people a part in the responsibilities the world is now facing. This was the keynote of the high school victory corps council meeting. Speakers for the conference were Marian Justice, of the division of vocational education, and Ralph J. Andrews, state coordinator for the victory corps.

"Students should be physically and mentally adopted to the division they have chosen; they can belong to one of the five branches of the corps," stated Justice.

Caps or arm insignias will be worn to distinguish the various branches.

The conference was informal and enabled school heads to make suggestions. The following educational leaders were presented: Justice and Andrews, both of the State Department, Raleigh; Ben L. Smith, city school superintendent, Greensboro; H. G. Waters, Rankin high, Rankin, N. C.; Ralph Brenley, Army school, Greensboro, N. C.; Dean B. Pruffette, Junior high, High Point, N. C.; Paul B. Hockett, Pleasant Garden school, Pleasant Garden, N. C.; W. E. Younts, Bessemer high, Greensboro, N. C.; W. H. Cude, Colfax school, Colfax, N. C.; R. H. Carter, Summerfield high, Summerfield, N. C.; A. D. Carly, Stokesdale high, Stokesdale, N. C.; S. E. Bunford, William Penn high (colored), High Point, N. C.; and J. A. Tarpley, Dudley high (colored), Greensboro, N. C.

Term End Changes Plans For Chapel At Senior High

The whole assembly led by Mrs. Ella Lee Brunette, school secretary, sang the first and last verses of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" to open the Chapel program Tuesday, January 4. This was followed by the devotional, led by Miss Catherine Pike, English instructor.

Then Arvil Moser, a student at G. H. S., sang "The Lord's Prayer" and Elizabeth Delaney, a former student of Senior high, sang two popular songs, "Dearly Beloved" and "If You Were But a Dream." David Evans accompanied her. The semi-annual Quill and Scroll initiation followed. The general assembly was then dismissed. However, the seniors remained to hear A. P. Routh, principal, discuss the new schedules.

"Chapel will not be held Tuesday, because of the change of semesters," announced Mrs. Nellie Blackburn, who has charge of the assembly program this week. "The Serenaders," who were to have played, will probably perform sometime next semester, said Mrs. Blackburn.

Best Name For Poster Gets Merchandise Prize

A prize of one dollar in merchandise will be offered for the title given the poster to be displayed in the supply shop show case beginning Monday, according to Stanley Johnson.

The poster portrays Uncle Sam and Hitler—what they are doing is up to the contestant to decide.

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Icy Menace or Johnny's Delight

Wham!! Bang! Cr-r-ash!! "Ouch!"

The above could represent many things, such as a scene from "Maggie and Jiggs," "Mutt and Jeff," or "Pop-eye." Perhaps it could be an airplane crash or a cat pulling or pushing an antique vase over the edge of the table. However, dear, unsuspecting reader, it is only an enactment of that familiar picture—the hapless soul who blissfully stepped from his portals to a sidewalk, gleaming and glistening with new frozen ice.

Undoubtedly, many similar tableaux occurred over this fair city that bleak rainy night when Old King Winter blew his frigid breath, spreading a sheet of ice over all unprotected surfaces.

In addition to postponing Johnnie and Mary's long-planned, special date, that thin glistening menace held up virtually all transportation—the taxis were "grounded" along with the crowded buses, which, passengers complained, were a full two or three hours in getting them home; the missing hours were spent parked next to the curb. The brave dare-devil, who attempted to drive on the slick pavement, frequently found himself sliding and twisting across the city streets.

If Johnny and Mary did brave the icy terror, all the grim aspects were meaningless to them; for Mary, accidentally or not, was probably continuously falling in to her big hero's protecting arms. Of course Johnny hoped that it would freeze once more.

Quill And Scroll Club Initiates New Members

Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for high school journalists, initiated four new members in a program given Tuesday, January 5.

Margaret Daniel Wilkerson, president of the club gave a short talk on the purpose of Quill and Scroll after which the new members took the oath and received their pins.

The four students initiated into the club were Frances Paschal, Nancy Clendenin, M. C. Anderson and Irwin Smallwood.

Frances Paschal, second year journalist, holds the important position of copy editor on the High Life staff.

Irwin Smallwood, also on the staff, is sports editor and staff photographer.

M. C. Anderson, honor roll student and Torchlighter, is make-up editor and cartoonist for the paper.

Nancy Clendenin, though not a member of the High Life staff at the present, held the position of advertising solicitor last year.

Also present on the stage were Bobby Lloyd, vice-president, and Sue McFadyen, secretary of the society.

Quill and Scroll is an international honor society which recognizes talented high school journalists. Its headquarters are in Chicago.

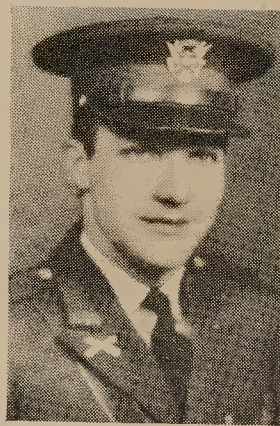
Blackmon's Condition Reported Improving

According to A. P. Routh, principal, Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon, head of the Senior high school history department, who has been ill for some time, has been showing steady improvement in the Charlotte Memorial hospital, where she has been since before Christmas.

Routh states that Miss Blackmon's general physical condition is very much improved, and that she will soon begin severe treatments. Miss Frances Brisendine, local distributive education instructor, was the last person from Greensboro to see Miss Blackmon. When in Charlotte last week on business, she visited her at the hospital.

Students To Begin 70 Courses Here Tuesday

Warring Alumnus



F. M. Clements, shown above, was awarded the honor of the Purple Heart for his gallant fighting in North Africa.

Lt. Clements Awarded Purple Heart, Silver Star

"There seemed to be about a dozen generals and commanders here," commented Lt. Fabius M. Clements recently in a letter home to his mother, Mrs. F. M. Clements, 507 Simpson street, in which he related how he and a group of his men wiped out an enemy machine gun nest during the allied invasion of Algeria and how he was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for this valiant deed.

Lt. Clements is originally from Greensboro where, in his high school days, he attended Greensboro Senior high school. In State college, he was a member of the R. O. T. C. and in June, 1940, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. July 31 of the same year saw him enter active service. Lt. Clements was promoted to the rank of lieutenant early last spring.

His wife is the former Miss Frances Strickland of Blowing Rock, N. C. Incidentally, the birth of a son to Mrs. Clements was announced day before yesterday.

In his letter, Lt. Clements described the native French: "The French are very happy to see us here and do everything to make us feel at home."

Four Pre-Induction Courses To Lead Aggregation Of New, Wartime Studies

After Greensboro high school's registration for the second semester of this school year Monday, its thousand pupils will study nearly 70 different courses, including 12 new wartime topics.

"Members of the senior class will register for classes at 11 a.m. Monday, and will be followed at 1 p.m. that day by all other students," declared Principal A. P. Routh yesterday.

A half-day schedule on Tuesday will be provided so that pupils may familiarize themselves with their new schedules and pay their book fees.

New Courses Offered

Among the new subjects to be offered in the coming semester, four pre-induction courses are included. A pre-induction mathematics topic will constitute a general review of numerical mathematics, while a similar course in English will contain an intensive study of grammar.

Courses of study in pre-induction chemistry and physics will teach those who have had no instruction in either subject a general outline of the two sciences. These four courses are intended primarily for pupils who are 18 years old and expect to enter the armed forces in June.

All three advanced mathematics courses, trigonometry, solid geometry and college algebra, will start Tuesday. The United States Office of Education strongly advises these topics for prospective soldiers or sailors.

Three-Hour Shop Course Begins

A special three-hour course in shop will be taught next semester as part of the new victory curriculum, while an advanced typing course will prepare skilled typists for government and civilian jobs.

Other special courses of study include a three-hour machine shop topic, a three-hour drafting class and a single semester radio course.

These three latter courses have been offered at Senior during the first semester and will again be taught. They are especially valuable to anyone intending to enter war work or the armed services. Boys passing these subjects are sorely needed by the government as well as private manufacturers. They may obtain ready employment through the United States employment service.

"Inventory Of 'The High School Student's Mind' --- Examination"

Some years ago, educational advisers didn't deem it very wise to give students a final exam which would cover a whole year's work. This claimed the mental strain would be too great.

Since Senior high's faculty is open to conviction on progressive education, it decided to eliminate formal examinations from the schedule and to substitute unit tests. However, there was such a marked decline in scholarship and students became so soft mentally that when they came up against college or service testing programs they were at a disadvantage.

In view of these facts and with the best interests of the student body in mind, the Greensboro high school faculty group has restored examinations.

Under the present plan, examination grades count one fourth and the three six weeks grades three fourths.

The schedule for examinations is as follows: Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 o'clock, sixth period exam, at 2:30, seventh period exam; Thursday, January 14, 9:30 o'clock, first period exam, at 10:45, second period exam and at 1 o'clock, fourth and fifth period exams; Friday, January 15, 9:45 o'clock, third period exam and at 1 o'clock, make-up exams will be given to those seniors only, who were unable to report on given date.

Students are to enter classrooms only with paper, pencils and their cleaned text books which will be collected.

In connection with the exams the anti-cheating committee has resolved that any student discovered in the act of cheating will be given a zero on the exam. The committee has also requested that students use cover sheets and that teachers be on their vigilance.

During all examinations there will be a 15-minute intermission period. Students do not have to report to school Thursday or Friday at any time except for their exams.