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Shown at the top left is Lt. Stafford Webb, missing in action; top right, Lt. "Fabe" M. Clements, killed in action; bottom left, Cadet Edward Tankersley, killed in an airplane accident; bottom right, Lt. Samuel Friedman, killed in an airplane accident; and center, Lt. Henry C. Kinney, missing in action. (Webb picture photographed by Manning Studio.)

## Nine Senior High Graduates Give Lives For Their Country

By SUE WARD

Upon making a survey of Greensboro graduates who have been killed in action, missing in action, prisoners of war or who have had accidents, a list of 15 was secured. Among these, five were reported missing, six killed in action, one is now a prisoner of war and two died in airplane accidents.

Lt. David Cox, a 1935 graduate is now being held in a German prison camp near Berlin. Lieutenant Cox, a pilot of a B-17 "Flying Fortress," was reported to have been shot down in a raid over Hamburg July 28. He entered service in 1941 and his wife lives at 108 N. Mendenhall street.

Second Lt. Mark Hubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hubert, Valley Park Drive, was reported missing in action August 25, 1942. He is a 1936 graduate and attended Guilford College two terms. He received his wings and commission on April 3, 1942, at Midland, Texas.

Cadet Edward Tankersley, entered the Air Corps June, 1940, and was killed in an airplane accident at Hicks Field, Dallas, Tex., Oct. 2, 1940. After graduating in 1934, he attended the University of North Carolina. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Tankersley, 203 Meadowbrook Terrace.

Lt. Stafford Webb has been reported missing in action over Schweinfurt, Germany, since October 14. He received his commission in August, 1942, at Craig Field, Ala. Then he was

transferred to England as pilot of the Flying Fortress "Greensboro Girl" in May. On July 19, he was awarded the air medal, and has recently received an oak leaf cluster to add to the air medal. He is a graduate of Senior High and entered the army in 1941. His wife, Mrs. Gertrude Grimes Webb is at home with her parents on the High Point road.

Second Lt. Henry C. Kinney, Jr., a bomber pilot with the army air forces in England has been reported as missing since October 9. Henry began his training on May 23, 1942, and received his wings and commission February 17, 1943, at Valdosta, Ga. He, too, is a graduate of Senior High and has been in foreign service for two months. His wife lives at 915 Glenwood avenue.

Pvt. Thomas Bledsoe, son of Mrs. Thomas B. Bledsoe, 1819 Dalton Road, was reported killed in action in January, 1943. He was a member of the 32nd Division at Buna, New Guinea, and attended Guilford College a year. He was also a graduate of Senior High.

Second Lt. Samuel Friedmon was killed in an airplane accident on March 12, 1943, at Gunter's Field, Montgomery, Ala. He received his training at the Cannon Aircraft in Charlotte. He was a 1938 graduate of Senior and received his commission October 22, 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedmon, reside at 1716 Elwood Ave.

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## Chandler's Band Presents Program In Assembly; Jean Atkinson Sings

Bill Chandler's orchestra, local swing band, made its official debut here at Senior high school in assembly recently, playing a 40-minute program that was received heartily by the student body.

Jean Atkinson, popular local vocalist sang with the band and made a big hit with the audience. She sang several numbers, including "My Man" which she arranged for the band.

Other members of the orchestra who were featured soloists are Billy Bentley, Paige Flynn, George Brown and Fuzzy Phipps. Bentley played a piano

solo—a boogie number—while Phipps played "Star Dust", a solo on the trumpet. Brown handled the other solos on the trumpet and Paige Flynn played the lead in several pieces on the sax.

The band, which is directed and managed by W. D. (Bill) Chandler, has been formed since early in the fall and has played for several dances out of town. It has been to Durham twice and Winston-Salem once.

Just before the band played, a representative of the Greensboro Civitan club gave a special invitation to the Senior high students to attend the Halloween party last Saturday night.

## First and Second Lunch Periods Are Combined

Wednesday, October 20, the second lunch period was combined with the first period, which was the smallest of the three periods before the change was made. This now makes only two instead of the usual three.

This was done to avoid the congestion caused when the first lunch periods was going to class as the second was going to lunch.

## Eleven Students Tapped For Torchlight Society

Having attained a scholastic and conduct average of at least 90 per cent and approved by the student body in a recent election, eleven honor roll students were tapped for admission into the local chapter of Torchlight, the national honor society for high school students, revealed Miss Ida Bell Moore, Torchlight faculty adviser, before the student assembly November 2.

Those achieving the honor of being approved by the faculty and students as to scholarship, conduct and leadership ability are the following: Laurena Booker, Mary Clay Bruff, Barbara Clegg, Carson Grantham, Margaret Hudson, Bill Kampschmidt, Betty Lee, Ralph Lewis, Doris Loffin, Julia Pinnix and Sally Waddell.

The tapping for Torchlight took place amidst an atmosphere of soft music and dim lights and, as part of this semi-annual ceremony, different members assumed the role of blue for character, white for purity, gold for scholarship and purple for leadership.

Torchlight at present has not had its election but Allene Parks, president of the senior class, is president pro tem.

Miss Ida Belle Moore, Torchlight adviser, has rendered the society long and distinguished service in addition to her duties as aeronautics and mathematics instructor.

## Halloween Party Proves Success, Civitans Report

Dressed in the usual Halloween fashion several thousand boys and girls attended the Civitan party at Commerce Place last Saturday night.

The party began with a parade of the costumed school children, led by the Senior high school band. Entertainment included group singing, led by Mr. Ralph Hodgkin, selections by the high schools' band and orchestra, magic tricks, by Magician A. M. Decker, and gymnastic stunts performed by the boys and girls.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Best Halloween costume of Junior high boy, \$2.50 in stamps, Tommy Payne; best costume by elementary school boy, \$2.50 in stamps, Harry Rood; best costume of Junior high school girl, \$2.50 in stamps, Imogene Apple; best costume of elementary girls, \$2.50 in stamps, Dorothy Debnam.

## Jean Plott Succumbs After Long Ailment

Miss Alma Jean Plott, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Plott, 442 Gorrell street, died unexpectedly at her home last Monday at 12:30 a. m. She was a native of Wayne county near Goldsboro; and moved to Greensboro with her parents about five years ago. She attended Caldwell school for the sixth grade, Gillespie Park Junior High for the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. She had been a student at Greensboro Senior High school since September 7.

## American Education Week Observed Here

### Membership Campaign With Goal Set At 500 Conducted by P.-T. A.



ALLENE PARKS

## Allene Parks Chosen Senior D.A.R. Pilgrim

Allene Parks, president of the senior class and prominent twelfth-year student, won the elections for the 1943 D.A.R. Good Pilgrim of Senior high school, in which the members of the senior class nominated 20 girls and elected three candidates. From these three candidates the members of the faculty chose Allene, the other two candidates being Jean Barry and Virginia Lowman.

Allene, as Good Pilgrim, will collect and compile a scrapbook which will include newspaper clippings of all her activities throughout her school career in the way of her school, church and social doings.

Allene was secretary of the student body in junior high school. Here at Senior she is president of the senior class, homeroom secretary, Torchlight member, and treasurer of the Debate club.

In addition to Allene, Jean and Virginia, the other girls nominated include Sue Brooks, Barbara Clegg, Jean Coble, Kathleen DeBruhl, Maude Dixon, Jeanne Fortune, Frances Gregg, Margaret Hudson, Doris Loffin, Dovie McSwain, Anne Millikan, Doris Purcell, Julia Pinnix, Jean Story, Mary Belle Teague, Sally Waddell, and Katherine Yokes.

With "Education for Victory" as its general theme, American Education Week will be celebrated November 7-13 in schools all over the United States. This year Mr. Routh has asked that students urge their parents to visit the school in order that they may see exactly what is being taught their children, how it is being taught, and particularly to become acquainted with the teachers.

Last year a visitation day was set aside for the parents during which they followed the student's schedule. A similar plan is contemplated for this year.

During American Education Week, the students are asked to participate in the annual membership drive for the P.-T. A. The goal for this campaign is 500 new members.

Miss Blackmon, head of the history department, as a part of the week's program, will direct a series of talks over the amplifying system. November 8, Richard Hanner will speak on "Education for Work"; November 9, Bill Burgess will discuss "Education for the Air Age"; and November 10 Blanche Hicks will speak on "Education to Win and Secure the Peace." Jean Bradley will tell about "Education for Wartime Citizenship" November 11, and on November 12 Thettis Hoffner will have as her subject "Meeting the Emergency in Education." The speakers are members of Miss Blackmon's history classes.

American Education Week is sponsored jointly by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, National Education Association, the American Legion, and the U. S. Office of Education. This will be the 23rd observance of American Education Week.

## Benefit Bridge Sponsored For Senior High Student

The Guilford County Alumnae Association of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, is sponsoring a benefit bridge for a Senior high student which is to be held at the Woman's College Alumnae house at eight o'clock, November 17.

A senior high student will be chosen for the scholarship later. Arlene White-ner won the scholarship last year.

## Smith Makes Growth Report

Mr. Ben L. Smith, superintendent of the Greensboro public schools, made his report to the Board of Education on October 19, of the status and progress of these schools for the years 1936-1943.

Mr. Smith has modestly disclaimed all credit for the advancement that has been made during these seven years, and generously acknowledges the help of many community agencies, the Board of Education, and other groups of associates.

Among the physical improvements were the following:

At the Senior High school, four tennis courts have been constructed, the field in front of the gymnasium has been graded and turfed, the baseball field has been enlarged, a stadium has been graded and further landscaping has been done. Walks and driveways have been paved and a reforestation project started. Several thou-

sand pine seedlings have been planted making Senior probably the only public school in the state that has its own school forest. A farmer has been employed on a share-crop basis, a team purchased, and the farm put under cultivation at Senior. A cafeteria canning project has helped conserve vegetables, and is proving to be a convenience, and a profitable venture.

Among new buildings and additions at Senior high were these:

Covered walkways have been built and new buildings added. These include a girls' gymnasium with showers and dressing facilities, a vocational building including wood shop, machine shop, printing shop, etc. These called for additional furniture, and instructional and service apparatus, etc. Worn out equipment was replaced. Approximately \$1,000,000.00 has been spent upon material improvement in the Greensboro schools.