

# FOUR PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN ASSEMBLY

## Student Council Gives Functions of Committees; Routh, Browne, Beeson State Statistics to Students

Lane McGregor called the fifth assembly of the school year to order on October 12. The Student Council was in charge of the program. Various announcements were given, among which Miss Browne outlined the College Day plans, and Mr. Routh warned the student body of the possible extinction of the high school yearbook.

After the devotions had been read, Miss Tuttle took over the program and gave Fred Ayers assistance in a community sing which followed. The various songs which were sung by the assembled group were: "Onward Christian Soldiers," school fight song, "Red River Valley," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Little Tommy Tinker," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

### Clark Takes Over

Bobby Clark, president of the student body, explained the functions of the Student Council. Jimmy Betts told the group of the proposed meeting of the Student Council Conference that will be held in Greensboro on October 22-23.

The manner in which the sophomores elected their class officers was praised by DeArmon Hunter who was in charge of the elections. Giving the vital statistics, Hunter reported that 70 per cent of the lower classmen registered and that 15 per cent of the sophomore class ran for office.

### Jackson Elected

Bob Jackson was elected president by the sophomores; vice-president, secretary and treasurer were Pat Price, Anna Huffin, and Jimmy Griggs, in that order. Betty Bell, Gloria Gilmore, Joyce Steele, Becky Schweistriss, Frances Strother, Kay While, Don Patterson, and Jimmy Powell were elected representatives to the Student Council. Miss Browne asked for cooperation concerning College Day. She asked the ones who seek counsel with the various representatives from the colleges to be sure to have prepared a list of questions before they meet the college officials. Miss Browne announced that 6 colleges are to be represented.

### Students Warned

An informal discussion was then called by Mr. Routh. He discussed four outstanding problems which confront the student body. Mr. Routh mentioned the fact that Greensboro Senior High is the originator of the student government in North Carolina. He asked that students take registration blanks for the delegates who are coming to our school for the Student Council meet.

Problem number two was the fact that Mr. Routh wanted to make clear that the high school was not actively sponsoring the Billy Graham Revival, so the pamphlets that were given out were not school-sponsored. Mr. Routh stated that

Mr. Graham has been invited to speak at the high school, but there has been no official action taken on the invitation.

The third question discussed was the giving away of samples of chewing gum. "The school is not endorsing the chewing of gum in class, but we shall give out the free samples which were left with us. Stick them in your pockets and have a chewing good time after school," Mr. Routh said.

### Statistics Given

Then Mr. Routh gave the history of the yearbook. He stated that Senior did without an annual for twenty years. "We now have one; I disapproved of it for twenty years, but I changed my mind when I realized that everyone wanted one but me." Mr. Routh continued, "I was against it because of the large amount of money involved. Now that we have one, I would be the last to want it to be discontinued. However, we are now facing that fact."

Giving examples of how the cost of the publication has advanced, Mr. Routh said that the cost had advanced from \$3.50 in 1949 to \$4.50 in 1951.

Nancy Beeson, associate editor of the yearbook, said that the first issue cost \$8,137. The present yearbook budget is \$9,175.

Mr. Routh continued by warning the group that a thousand books must be sold to have a yearbook this year. Sponsorships represent



Appearing above are several members of this year's student council. The members shown above are also on the various committees preparing for the Congress meeting. They are left to right: Virginia Redhead, Ben-Nita Black, Bob Bell, Eli Attayek, Ann Wrenn, DeArmon Hunter, Beverly Hall, Lane McGregor, and Beverly Campbell.

## Membership Drive Nets 1496 Members

Greensboro Senior High School closed its annual P.T.A. membership drive with a grand total of 1,496 members. This is an all-time high here at Senior, topping last year's previous high of 1,487. Last year's total of P.T.A. memberships was the highest number of memberships for any one school in the state, and consequently, Greensboro High School was presented the Blair Trophy, awarded each year to the school with the greatest number of P.T.A. memberships. We are hoping that this year's total will be high enough to win the Blair Award again.

In the contest between homerooms, Miss Tuttle's homeroom, 309, won first place with 95 memberships. Homeroom 309 gets a theater party as the winner. Second place went to Mrs. Madlin's room, 6, with 60 memberships. Miss More's homeroom, 313, ran a close third with 59 memberships.

## College Day To Be Observed Nov. 1

College Day, which is held annually at G. H. S., is scheduled this year for November 1. This is the time that the seniors and some juniors have the opportunity of talking with representatives of various colleges. On that day the representatives will be in the library from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., and those seniors who are interested in talking with them will be excused from class to do so.

There will be approximately 60 or 65 colleges participating in this event. Their representatives are faculty members of the college. Each college in the state of North Carolina is extended an invitation to send their representatives, and those colleges outside of the state that request it are also invited.

College Day is sponsored by the Torchlight Society and the D.O. students of the office practice classes. They act as host and hostesses and make the necessary arrangements for the occasion.

Lunch is to be served to the guests and hosts by the Home Ed. Department, and Mrs. Faver's art classes will make the favors.

To those students who plan to interview these representatives, it is suggested that they ask for the following information: expense, courses that are offered, extra-curricular activities, required credits for entrance, when and how to send in applications, and available scholarships.

## Coming Attractions

- October 30—Band in assembly.
- October 31—Youth Center Halloween Carnival.
- November 1—College Day.
- November 6—Mr. Emery Nelson (Y.M.C.A.) Hi-Y Club sponsorship.
- November 9—Fisher Body program—boys only.
- November 14—Three-act play by Dramatics Club.
- November 15—Night performance of three-act play.

# HIGH LIFE

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## State Student Governments To Assemble Upon Site of Founding in Gate City

On October 28-30, the North Carolina Congress of Student Councils will hold its annual meeting for the first time in Greensboro.

There will be delegations from every school in the state that has a student council. Each delegation will consist of one adviser and three delegates.

At these meetings the students discuss the various problems of the individual schools. Smoking on the school grounds and ways of holding elections are some of the many problems that come up each year. They also discuss the many ways that a student council can influence the student body.

### Officers Listed

Gene Williams of Rocky Mount is the president of the association, with Carl Kassel of Goldsboro acting vice-president. Eleanor Smith of Reidsville is secretary, and Bobby Clark of Greensboro Senior High is treasurer.

This congress of the student councils is an outgrowth of student cooperative government in North Carolina. Student government in the high schools of this state began in 1921 in Greensboro. Greensboro High School then stood on Spring Street, the present site of Central Junior High School. The student body of the school was "huge" 550. Miss Jane Summerell, who is now in the English department at W.C.U.N.C., could be called the originator of this ideal of letting students take part in the governing of the school. She was the chairman of a committee of faculty members whose job it was to look into the idea. At the time, Mr. Guy B. Phillips, who is now Dean of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina, was the principal of Greensboro High School. Mr. Archer was the Superintendent of Schools at the time of the origination of the idea. At the mention of the idea the students, parents, and townspeople became very much interested. Their support gave the idea momentum and soon the dream was realized. Since Miss Summerell had been so instrumental in "mothering" the idea, she was made the first advisor.

Some of the first projects to come up before the new group were the honor system, class room procedures, and dealing with violations of the honor code.

### Former Officers Listed

Mr. Norman Block, now a successful lawyer here in Greensboro, and Mr. P. B. Whittington, a successful dentist here, were two of the outstanding pupil presidents.

The group was representative of other similar organizations which soon sprang up all over the state. In fact, it was so representative that Dr. H. D. Meyer, Associate Professor of Sociology at U.N.C. in 1926, in his book, "A Handbook of Extra-Curricula Activities in the High School," published in 1926, used the Constitution of Greensboro High School as an illustration.

The Greensboro High School student council's constitution of 1926 or thereabouts was quite different from that of today in some respects. At that time the council was composed of one representative each from Semesters II, III, IV, and one each from the High Life staff, Boys' and Girls' Athletic Associations, and one from the student body at large. The Senior Class was represented by two members. The secretary of the group was elected from within the council. In the absence of the president, he or she, as the case might be, presided over the meetings.

### History Given

Down through the years the group of active student cooperative associations has extended and now includes many high schools all over the state. These organizations saw fit to band themselves together and have a meeting at least once a year where they could discuss problems of common interest. This meeting in Greensboro will be the 25th for the Congress.

The students from Greensboro taking part in the planning and various activities concerning the meeting are: Lane McGregor and Jimmy Betts, co-chairman of the Planning Committee; Virginia Redhead and DeArmon Hunter, co-chairmen of the Housing Committee; Ann Wrenn and Eli Attayek, co-chairmen of the Recreation Committee; and Beverly Hall and Ben-

Nita Black, co-chairmen of the Publicity Committee. Albert Gordon, president of Curry High, will preside at the banquet on Monday night, and Lane McGregor will introduce Mr. R. B. House, Chancellor from Chapel Hill, who will speak at the banquet on Monday night.

The registration of the delegates will begin at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday and will last until 6:00 P.M. At 7:00 there will be a "get-acquainted" supper at the Youth Center.

On Monday they will hold the meeting at Senior High School, to be followed by a banquet Monday night at the new Home Economics building at Woman's College and a dance (for delegates only) at the Youth Center.

## Senior's Marching Band To Attend Few Out-of-Town Games

The Greensboro Senior High School marching band will not be able to attend and participate in all of the remaining out-of-town football games, as was previously planned. The Athletic Association, which provides expenses for the band trips, is financially unable to send the band on any remaining trips. The games left to be played away are in Winston-Salem on October 19, Salisbury on November 8, and Burlington on November 16. The band members voted unanimously to charter three buses with band funds and individual contributions in order to attend the Winston-Salem game.

The Athletic Association, which is supported by gate receipts at the home games, has received much less than was anticipated at each game because of the small crowds attending. The band trips have been included in this fund heretofore, but it will barely be able to cover athletic expenses now. The Charlotte trip, alone, cost the Athletic Association \$300 to send the marching band to present a half-time show.

## DeArmon Hunter Announces Drive

DeArmon Hunter, president of the Senior Class, has made various plans for raising money. Chief among these is a movie, "Across the Wide Missouri," to be sponsored by the seniors. It will play at the Carolina Theatre the week of November 4. In this picture the popular song hit of the same name originated. It stars Clark Gable and John Hodiak.

If this fails to raise sufficient funds the class will sell Christmas cards. Also the telephone company offered to donate all the old telephone directories to a paper drive benefitting the Senior Class.

## Press Association Sponsors Contest

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association is endorsing the 1951 School Award Program of Freedom's Foundation. The program will enable editors and advisors to place in nomination the editorials devoted to the major objective of the Foundation—to recall to the minds of all Americans what their priceless freedoms are, how they were attained, and what must be done to retain them.

All selections should be forwarded with the official nomination form and should reach Valley Forge before November 1, 1951. To the publications whose editorials are selected will go a cash prize and an honor medal.

In the final analysis, however, it is not the prize nor the medal that counts, as much as the fact that you, as patriotic Americans, are aware of your heritage.

Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge is dedicated to the fundamental principle that freedom belongs to all the people, and that only by the thoughts and acts of their everyday lives can the American people preserve and extend their freedom.

To this end, Freedom's Foundation acts to encourage all citizens to "speak up for freedom," and grants these awards for doing so:

1. Each school or school system will receive a Freedom's Foundation Certificate of Participation and a copy of the Credo suitable for wall display.
2. The schools or school systems which win principal awards will be invited to choose one teacher and one pupil each for an expense-paid, round-trip to Freedom's Foundation headquarters.