

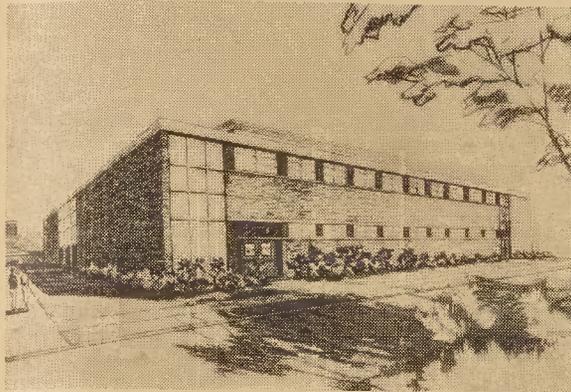
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The architect's proposed plan of the boys' gymnasium which is to be erected in the spot where the condemned building stands is pictured above. Made of face brick, the edifice will be equipped with modern facilities for indoor sports.

## Architects Draw Plans Of Modern Gymnasium

As plans for the new Senior High School gymnasium near completion, Mr. Ben L. Smith, Superintendent of City schools, has announced that bids will be called for in January of 1953 in time to complete building for use in the succeeding year.

Replacing the condemned boy's gymnasium, the new building is described as modern, up-to-date, with provisions for intramural and inter-scholastic indoor athletic sports; dressing and shower facilities will be included in the weight-wearing face brick building. Offices for athletic director, coaches, storage space, classrooms in health and first aid, and visual aids will be built.

A mezzanine balcony with shower and dressing facilities will accommodate roll-away bleachers for spectators; when these bleachers are removed, area for volley ball, wrestling, tumbling, and other indoor activity will be available. An official basketball court will be laid out on the main floor of the edifice.

Measuring 161 by 161 feet, the square building will seat 3,000 fans. Heat will be furnished by a steam boiler and coal stoker. Mechanical and natural ventilation, as well as artificial and natural lighting will be featured. Maple, terrazzo, brick, and glazed tile will be employed in the construction.

The building is designed, simply but attractively, for future excavation and development in the basement. Architects McMinn and Norfleet have worked with local school and state officials in laying plans for the construction.

## Latin Students Form Classical League

One of the more recently formed clubs here at G.H.S. is The Junior Classical League, a club designed to promote an interest in and an appreciation of the civilization, language, literature, and art of ancient Greece and Rome and to give the young people of the country some understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of classical antiquity. The local chapter received its charter from National headquarters late last May but did not elect its officers until this fall. The J.C.L. is a national organization composed of many local classical clubs in secondary schools throughout the United States and its territories. The president of the Junior Classical League here at Senior is Stewart Colson. Mrs. Madlin, the head of the Latin department, is the faculty adviser.

## Holler Featured In Annual Concert

Greensboro Senior High School's 80-piece band, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Hazelman, who was assisted by Mr. David Arner, presented its annual fall concert at eight o'clock last night in the high school auditorium. The program was highlighted by a solo performance by Bobbie Holler of George Gershwin's famous "Rhapsody in Blue," accompanied by the band.

"Overture to the Messiah" was the opening selection, and it was followed by "Variations on a Theme by Hayden," a piece originally composed for band by Hayden under the name of "The Saint Anthony Chorale." The band played the theme, five variations, and the Finale as arranged by Buthort. After a stirring march called "Echoes of Freedom," the band played "The Marche Militaire Francaise." The two numbers preceding a brief intermission were "Berceuse," and the Finale from "The Firebird."

After the intermission, the band set the stage for the star performance by playing "A Santa Cecilia March," by Radaelli, and completed that section of the concert with the overture from a Broadway hit, "Guys and Dolls."

## Scholarships, Cash Awards Offered to Students and Grads

College scholarships and valuable cash awards will be made to winners of essay contests currently under sponsorship for high school students or graduates.

Promoted by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, the first of these contests will offer college scholarship valued at \$600 and payable to any college or university selected by the first place winner which meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Prizes will also be awarded to winners of second and third place

### Essay Topic

Approved by the State Department of Public Instruction, the contest will require an original essay of not more than 1500 words concerning "Why the Private Practice of Medicine Furnishes This Country with the Finest Medical Care." The contest opens January 1 and closes February 26, 1953. On February 27 a committee of three teachers, designated by the principal, will select the two best local essays; these will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the county and/or city school system not later than March 5, 1953. In turn the Superintendent will select the two best entries and submit them to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina. Public Relations Committee. Final analysis will be made by physician-members of the Society; winning contestants will be announced on or about April 2.

### "Our Flag"

"The oldest fraternity of truly American origin," the Great Council of the United States Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas, will award \$1,000 college scholarships to winners of their fifth annual essay contest. All high school graduates between the ages of 15 and 21, eligible for entrance in the first semester of college in September, 1953, may submit an essay of 1000 to 1500 words on the topic, "Our Flag—A Symbol of Freedom."

Sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, the contest will close April 1, 1953. All essays must be completed, with the properly completed applications on or before that date. Judging will be processed under the auspices of the National Scholarship Committee. This program has placed twenty students in colleges of their own choice throughout the country; its purpose is to allow ambitious students an opportunity to further their education.



Bobbie Holler, outstanding musical student, was featured as guest pianist in the band's annual concert last evening in the high school auditorium. Bobbie's interpretation of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" was billed as the final and featured selection of the evening's program. Besides her interest in the piano Bobbie is a stellar clarinetist for the high school band. Mr. Herbert Hazelman conducted the musical ensemble last night.

## Tutor of Japan's Prince Relates Her Experiences

Elizabeth Janet Gray Vining, world-famous author and lecturer, addressed the student body Wednesday, as she related her experiences as tutor to the Crown Prince of Japan from 1946 to 1950.

Born and raised in the Quaker surroundings of Germantown, Pa., the distinguished author, became a zealous member of the American Friends Service Commission. After graduation from the Drexel Institute in 1926 with a degree in library science, she held a position as librarian for the University of North Carolina.

Besides being author of more than a dozen books and once a winner of the Newberry Medal for "The Most Distinguished Contribution to American Literature for Children," Mrs. Vining has also written numerous magazine articles for contemporary publications.

The brief sales record of her most recent book, "Windows for the Crown Prince," has reached a phenomenal proportion, over 5259 reorders in eight days. This last publication gives a detailed description of her life and experiences with the Crown Prince of Japan. The book contains not only a story of a unique mission but also a picture of contemporary Japanese life.

Mrs. Vining opened her address here a Senior by telling students of the event that eventually led to her acceptance of the position of tutor to the Crown Prince of Japan. In the Spring of 1946, when the American Education Commission went to Japan for a conference, the Emperor made a request of them for an American woman to tutor his son in English. Upon learning that the commission had proposed her name, Mrs. Vining was at first reticent, but later agreed to accept when she learned that the Emperor's Council had accepted her unanimously.

Mrs. Vining made her journey to Japan in the Autumn of 1946. She was received upon her arrival by the Emperor, Empress, and Crown Prince himself.

Immediately from her first introduction a strong bond of affection was formed between the young boy of 12 and the gentle-faced lady who was to become his teacher, companion, and friend.

## Ballad Collection Made by Anderson

The biggest collection of N. C. folklore in the United States has been collected by the late Dr. Frank C. Browne, who was head of the Duke University English Department from 1920-1940. His collection is being divided into five volumes and printed by the Duke University Press. So far only three of these volumes have been printed, but the other two are due to come out soon. These last two volumes are going to be entered in competition for the Mayflower Award Cup which is given each year for the best literature on North Carolina.

Mr. Lacy Anderson, assistant principal here at G.H.S., was one of Dr. Browne's five collectors of folklore. Mr. Anderson said that he has collected over sixty ballads and folk songs which help to make up the huge collection.

The five books have been divided into different groups of folklore. The first volume contains the superstitions of North Carolina mountain folk and the second edition is made up of ballad collection. The third volume is a group of folk songs and the fourth and fifth copies deal with various phases of folklore.

Mr. Anderson has been given complimentary copies of the first three editions for the important role he played as a collector for Dr. Browne. The library is planning to buy a set of these books on North Carolina as soon as the five full volumes are completed.

In the four years that followed, besides a solid schedule of tutoring, Mrs. Vining had regular classes at the democratized Peers and Peereses school where the prince



Pictured above are the Crown Prince of Japan, left, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, tutor to the Crown Prince. Mrs. Vining, author and lecturer, spoke to the student body Wednesday during chapel.

was a pupil. She also was able to splice in talks to Japanese teachers on how to teach the democratic way.

The Crown Prince was described by Mrs. Vining as a chubby, round-faced, serious-looking lad; honest, with a keen sense of humor and great potentialities.

Because she could not speak Japanese, Mrs. Vining was forced to develop ingenious methods of teaching the young Prince English. The plan she devised included

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## 20 G.H.S. Students Enter Speech Contest

Annual Voice of Democracy contest, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, was held at Greensboro City Hall on November 19, 1952.

Local county school students in the high school grades competed for local prizes and were eligible for state and national awards including such items as T-V sets, war bonds, college scholarships, and a trip to Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid. One of the few restrictions for the contest stated that the written script on the topic, "I Speak for Democracy," must not exceed five minutes. Contestants were not required to memorize their material. Orators were to be judged on a 100 points plan; 40 points for content; 40 points for delivery; and 20 points, originality.

The following G.H.S. students entered the oratorical contest. Fritz Apple Bob Harrington, Barbara Massey, Barbara Callisher, Richard Smith, Joe Clapp, Nancy Cooke, Ann Falk, Martha Moore, Sylvia Phillips, Dale Pearce, Mike Temko, Forbes Ramsey, Barbara Still, John Black, George Cox, Joyce McNamera, Sherold Klein, Buddy Haynes and Bill Hiatt.

## Thanksgiving Pageant Sponsored by Juniors

The Junior Class is sponsoring the Thanksgiving program which will be presented November 26. Scenes portraying the meaning of Thanksgiving will feature the choir and members of the Order of the Arrow. Members of the Junior Class who belong to the Dramatics Club will present a paraphrase of the play, "Our Town."