

Soph Disc Jockey Has Velvet Voice

Far below the bustling activity of G.H.S. in the dusky depths buried beneath the stage, a slender black-haired boy clutched a microphone and bending over it, huskily whispered these desperate words, "This is WGPS, the Voice of the Greensboro Public Schools."

This is the famous Velvet Voice of Bill Mauldin, Greensboro's youngest disc jockey.

Bill got his first disc jockeying job because he was interested in architecture. He made a drawing of the WCOG studio and offered it to Red Munroe, a prominent disc jockey as every ubangi knows. Before he left the same studio on July 29, 1951, his voice went over the air waves in his first impromptu program. The officials just shoved a stack of records in his hands and gave Bill an hour to exercise his velvet vocal cords. So his career began.

After such a whirlwind beginning, he settled down to broadcasting every week-day afternoon. He has also done announcing for another local station, WGBG. Currently he is a staff announcer on WGPS and does spot announcements for WFMY-TV.

In speaking about his work, Bill said, "The first time's the worst as far as being scared goes. The first time I broadcasted over here at WGPS, I was shaking all over, but now it's not bad. The tough thing is not getting any pay. It's against the law to earn the regular wages until you're sixteen, so I haven't made all the money everyone seems to think I have. In fact, I haven't made anything; it's practically a hobby."

Bill will again find time to have a regular record program and his audience will be hearing the Voice with the Built-in-Thrill saying, "This is your announcer, Bill Mauldin."

He: I wish I had a nickel for every girl I've kissed.
She: What would you do, buy a pack of gum?

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Smith and Weaver Both Duke Alumni, Sports Fans, Leaders in Education

The greatest joy in his work, according to Ben L. Smith, is "first of all working with students and seeing their progress, and secondly, working with the teachers." Mr. Smith, superintendent of the city schools, is an outstanding member of this community. A present member of the board of stewards of West Market Street Methodist Church, he has been a delegate to the jurisdictional conference of Methodist Churches, and his name has appeared in "Who's Who in Methodism." Other community projects as the Red Cross claim much of Mr. Smith's valuable time, and he has recently received the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to the Boy Scouts.

Born in Granite Falls, N. C., he received early training there and then went to Trinity College and to Duke University for an A.B. degree, did graduate work at the University of North Carolina, and returned to Duke to study for his Master's degree. From the beginning of his college career, Mr. Smith knew that he wanted to devote his life to education, and thus far has lived up to this ambition.

At college Mr. Smith's main interest in extra-curricular activities was centered in the literary field. He was a member of the Columbia Literary Society and the Wiley Gray Oratorical Society. He also earned the coveted Phi Beta Kappa key. Before beginning his work in Greensboro, Mr. Smith was principal of the Catawba County Farm Life School, superintendent of schools at Rutherfordton-Spindale, Forest City, and Shelby, N. C.

Mr. Smith has been elected a member of the National Education



In a typical cooperative spirit Mr. Ben L. Smith and Mr. Phillip Weaver, Superintendent of City Schools and Superintendent of Public Instruction, respectively, discuss plans for further activities.

Association and the Horace Mann League. His name is listed in "Who's Who in Education," and "Leaders in Education."

In his spare time (doesn't sound as though he has an abundance of that particular commodity) he indulges in quail hunting, horseback riding, and mountain climbing, and does a considerable amount of reading. All this plus the principals' meetings and other duties connected with his job? There must be more than 24 hours in his day!

The Ben L. Smiths have two children. Their daughter is a Junior at Duke and Ben, Jr., a Duke grad, is married and has two boys and a girl.

To quote the superintendent, "If I had my life to live over, I really believe I would be a superintendent again. There is something extremely satisfying in learning of the success of your former students in world affairs."

Mr. Philip W. Weaver, Superintendent of Instruction of the Greensboro City Schools, is a well-known figure at G.H.S., not so much in that capacity as in the role of a popular assembly speaker—a rare specimen in this neck of the woods. Before coming to our fair city he was superintendent of Schools at Southern Pines; and in Kannapolis, N. C.

Little Philip made his debut a number of years ago in Emory, Va., where his father was president of Emory University. His school career began there and extended through high school at Winston-Salem Reynolds and higher learning at Duke University. (No, not exactly a traitor, because his father had left Emory to enter the ministry some years before.)

At Duke, Mr. Weaver received his A.B. degree and went on to Carolina (Hurray) and his Master's.

Mr. Weaver serves as president of the Mental Hygiene Society of Guilford County; Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, the General Greene Council, Boy Scouts of America (it must take time just to carry that title); a prominent member of the Rotary Club and West Market Street Methodist Church where, incidentally has taught several lesson series in the senior Sunday School and appears frequently on discussion panels of the M.Y.F. Sunday Evening club. Besides these activities, he finds time to do a marvelous job as assistant superintendent.

Choir-Orchestra Variety Planned for December

Senior High School annual choir and orchestra variety show will be presented to the public December 4 and 5. Titled for a Fred Waring arrangement, the production will feature local students in scenes portraying the American way of life, both the happy and sad.

Tickets for the matinee and evening performances will be sold by members of the choir, orchestra, girls' glee clubs. Proceeds from the sale will be used for contest trips and other expenses of the two music organizations.

Centered around flashbacks of a soldier fighting in Korea as he recalls the various aspects of American life; from the sad and happy pictures which are portrayed by the members of the choir and orchestra, he realizes that the only difference between democracy and communism is religion.

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