

Spring Thaws

which were in full swing last week with the melting of Greensboro's memorable snowfall transformed GHS into the land of many lakes. Rivulets along the between-building walks reminded this reporter of the South Carolina marshes. Tobacco Lake, local name for the area between the Main and Science Buildings, was alternately a skating pond and mosquito bed. With the regulations on student traffic, this lake chose a very inconvenient site for its watery activities, being in the middle of the out-going path. The pride and joy of all nature lovers, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Marsh Inhabitants in particular, is the field behind the Vocational Building, which has the part-time job as girls' athletic field, though not during the rainy season. With a modern new gym going up it seems a shame spectators will have to swim to the games. Can't something be done about the drainage problem here?

Hazardous Highways

Finally that one day had arrived after years of waiting. The test was past, and you had received your driver's permit. Remember how you studied that little booklet? Every question you answered just right. Yes, and you followed closely those instructions. Then, as time took its natural course, those little safety guides meant nothing to you. For now, you've got to watch out for the other fellow, too!

Have you ever stopped to think that every time you fail to stop at that seldom-crossed intersection or just miss the yellow light, you are endangering the happiness and healthful lives of other people?

Surely we don't think of these things when we are "goofing off" around town and winning that "drag race," but again we wonder why it is so hard to get that insurance policy, and we can't understand why the price is so high if we do obtain one. We are amazed at the numerous traffic accidents and the high percentage of teen-agers involved.

We all spend too much time in school learning how to reason to let it go wastefully out the exhaust pipe of penalties and bad judgment concerning the use of our cars.

To Vote

... or not to vote is the question now before the Supreme Court. Whether to let 18-year-olds go to the polls in the next election is becoming a major issue all over the country. Georgia is the only state at the present time which allows all of its fighting men to elect those who will send them to war, and this aspect is the major argument of those who think the age limit should be lowered. The Danville, Virginia, CHAT-



AND WHY NOT?

TERBOX made a pertinent statement when it pointed out that fighting is largely a matter of taking orders, and that fighting comes naturally to all animals, while voting does not. Another point cited in the paper was that there is plenty of time for voting, and the novelty wears off all too soon now.

Because of the intensive training in government and current events now gained in almost every public school, it is not wholly unreasonable to believe that a high school graduate is adequately prepared to make these as well as other important decisions.

Through discussions with those who know and letters to our congressman, students' ideas and opinions can be made known. These will help them to decide whether or not we are ready for adult responsibilities.

A Good Start

Calm nerves, a philosophic outlook, or tranquility are the elusive qualities possessed by many people who are said to live long and fruitful lives. The average student of today, however, lacks something of the essence of a long life expectancy ... he worries too much ... at the wrong times. For instance, comes the time for an exam, and he spends frantic hours cramming incidentals into his tired brain, pulling his hair, and biting the few remaining nails from his shaking fingers. To what avail?

At the onset of a semester, or a job, an inventory of weak points and a few concrete resolutions, faithfully kept, plus a calm approach to emergencies, will put anyone on the road toward Tranquility, Happiness, and Success.

Paraslapics

If students are not allowed to vote on whether or not they are to be allowed to vote at 18, they are liable to be outvoted.

School Receives Low Cafeteria Rating Because the Water Is Too Hot. New slant, anyway.

Weekly Assemblies Resume. Be extra cordial to them, or they might go away again.

Since the recent thaw, the parking lot strangely resembles Valley Forge, or the North Carolina Mountains. Maybe we should charge sight-seeing admission and raise the money to repair the damage.

Nature's addition to the forthcoming gym—a natural lake in the front yard.

Since the nature study hikes began, it is practically impossible to tell the bird watchers from the class cutters.

Three cents should be refunded to all students from the recent Polio drive as it was only a March of Dimes.

School Daze

By FRITZ APPLE

With all the crazy weather changes, who cares whether Mr. Ground Hog saw his shadow or not. But we have been informed by the local weather man that it will continue to be some sort of weather every day ... At least till May 27 ... It doesn't seem to bother Charlie Highfill, for he just keeps rolling along ... always slowly ... The latest word from Mrs. Newman is that she's overlaid again with students ... It seems she just couldn't say NO to the little devils ... Billy Turner and Ralph Bright have been carrying their overloaded cars in different directions at lunch time ... Maybe the high cost of coffee? ... There have been changes in the journalism staff but still no change in Miss Abernethy's name. Maybe that happy look in Martha Burnet's eyes is coming from the brightly anticipated New York trip ... Seniors, too, are wondering about that little Washington tour coming in the spring ... And then back to term papers ... Not so far off ... How time flies!



School Pidgeon

By Kaelin 'n Goodwin

DATE DATA

Since it's almost time for Cupid's busy day match-making, let's help out. See if you can mate these couples.

1. Jimmy Turner ... A. Zade Turner
2. Dick Yow ... B. Patty Wolfe
3. George Artope ... C. Amy Hutchison
4. Earl Williams ... D. Betty Adams
5. Bill Williamson ... E. D. Ann Welch
6. Wayne Wyrick ... F. Edith Hargrove
7. Bill Hanna ... G. Patty Mumford
8. Dick Grove ... H. Janis Lamb
9. Joe Kerley ... I. Joyce Steele
10. Vance Bell ... J. Priscilla Turner

Charlie Highfill: Did you read in the paper about the man that went to sleep with a cigarette in his hand?

Betty Bell: "No, really, anyone I know?"

Charlie: "Well, you should, he's the toast of the town."

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Assemblies once a week ... school buses on time for class ... no one going off to lunch ... Mr. Brinkley playing tennis ... a date with Bob Wagner or Marilyn Monroe ... Paddy Sue Wall being snobbish ... no cars in the parking lot during classes ... a half holiday twice a week ... no teachers for a day ... Dicky Livengood making honor roll ... Barbara Massey thumbing to school ... Tommy McDonald looking for birds behind the school ... David Sox as captain of the Nature Study Class ...

REMARKABLE RESEMBLANCE

Josie Ward: "Why did the foreman fire you?"

Bob Phillips: "Well, the foreman is a fella who stands around and watches others work."

Josie: "I know, but why did he fire you?"

Bob: "He got jealous. A lot of the fellas thought that I was the foreman."

Answers to DATE DATA  
 1. D  
 2. C  
 3. F  
 4. H  
 5. A  
 6. B  
 7. G  
 8. E  
 9. J  
 10. I

Turn Of Events

By Jimmy Turner

It is comforting to note that the Atomic Energy Commission has several secret "hydrogen weapons" plants in California which no one knows about.

One of the most encouraging things noted in 1954 is the new determination and aggressive leadership which President Eisenhower has shown in presenting his program to Congress.

Any simplification of the highly technical Bricker amendment would fall far short of explaining. If the amendment is adopted it would be like taking responsibility away from Principal A. P. Routh and giving it to each homeroom so that the homerooms would deal individually with Superintendent Ben L. Smith. Result: It's very confusing and impractical. Even Harry Truman said it was ridiculous.

If President Eisenhower loses his fight against the amendment then the Presidency will have lost much of its treaty power. If he succeeds in getting it voted down, it would come up stronger again next year. Or if he accepts a watered down version with no teeth in it then that's the end of it.

Joke of the week: Marshal Tito was re-elected President of Communist Yugoslavia. The thing of it was that he was the only candidate.

Because of its fluid government setup Italy will have to find its fourth premier in six months. Most European governments allow their equivalent to Congress the right to elect and reject their premier as opposed to general election in this country.

Where there are two main parties in the United States, there are many factions of power in Italy. The largest single one being the Communist Party. It requires a coalition of other parties to subdue the Communists, and when the coalition breaks the government falls. While such a thing is not foreseeable in the immediate future it is well to remember that Benito Mussolini emerged as dictator from such an indecisive and weak democracy.

Fiction And Fact

IN NOVEMBER 1937 IT COST ONLY 20 cents to see John Wayne in a movie at the Imperial Theater. For you youngsters, that has now been changed to the Center Theater.

TORCHLIGHTERS SOLD CANDY AT the basketball games in 1938 to raise money for their annual \$50 scholarship.

THERE WERE ONLY TWO GRADES in high school until 1948. A new grade if not a new administration, came in with the elections that year.

MISS IDA BELLE MOORE AND MR. Stanley Johnson graduated from the same high school, in Burgaw, N. C. Small world it is.

MEMBERS OF MRS. BLACKBURN'S 1937 nature study class ran a column in High Life for their less fortunate classmates to enjoy.

Grad Gab

By Martha Burnet

Not a grad, not even a former student, is Raymond Breit. This director of the Charlotte Boy's Choir did, however, direct Senior's choir in 1940. Maybe after trying to teach the high schoolers, he decided the young 'uns were safest.

In a 1940 issue of HIGH LIFE we discovered Janet Cox, whom we mentioned a few issues back, was even then writing her novel which is to be published soon. Janet was also busy being on the HIGH LIFE staff and a Herald in the Christmas pageant.

It was June in January for Clarence Boggs, Clarence Hayes, and Herman Jordan. They just graduated at the end of first semester.

A new link in the Golden Chain, a Woman's College honorary society, is Nancy Benson, '50.

At the University of Maryland freshman, Nan Ahalt, is continuing her dramatic career which she started here. Nan has taken part in the University Theater plays.

Tot Wagner, a '52 GHS'er, was reminiscing his old mat days here by helping out with this year's wrestling team. Tot's at Guilford now.

Jo Len Jamerson, a junior here last year, was elected vice-president of her school in Rockingham only four months after she moved there. Besides that, she's in the Beta Club and writes a sport's column in Rockingham's paper.

Jimmy Spears, a Duke junior is not only a pre-ministerial student there but is in charge of teen-age people at a church in Durham.

Spring is on the way. Hope Brown, '50, was just elected May Queen at Randolph Macon.

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