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Judy Stone, seated, Harriet Thompson, Cricket Connor, Patsy Parker, left to right standing have been chosen to serve as officers for the present school year for Torchlight National Honor Society.

Honor Society Members Choose Stone President

Judy Stone, senior, was chosen president of Torchlight National Honor Society September 8.

The members of the local chapter of the national honor society also elected Harriet Thompson, Patsy Parker, and Cricket Connor to respectively fill the offices of vice president, secretary, and treasurer. All three are seniors.

Judy was tapped into the honor group last spring as were the other officers. Included in her list of extra-curricular activities is Junior Civinettes, Junior Classical League, FTA, Inter Club Service Council, and assistant youth commission chairman at First Presbyterian Church. She was also chosen national secretary of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth this past June.

Harriet and Patsy also hail as Civinette members. Harriet has been on the student council since her sophomore year, while Patsy has been a recent nominee for DAR best citizen.

Cricket, the only boy in this

group of officers, has been a member of Senior's marching band his three years at GHS and will be leading the band as drum major during this year. He has previously served as a student council member and is an officer for JCL.

Mrs. Mary Madlin, Latin teacher, is serving as advisor to the group.

Members Of Choir Select New Officers

Dave Williams, senior, has been chosen from members of the choir as president this year.

Other officers slated for the year are Helen Stanfield, vice president; Sharon Kellam, secretary; Jack Nelson, treasurer; Martha Gibbs, Judy Routh, librarians; and Becky Rountree, accompanist.

The choir this term consists of seventy-one students and is under the direction of Miss Eula Tuttle.

Council Corner

By Carol Smith

The student council sends you a hearty welcome to GHS. We have met and made plans for what we hope will be a most successful school year. Our first major project is sophomore elections. Sophomores, here is your chance to really feel at home at Senior. Let's enter into these elections with energy galore!

In the past it has been customary for the president of the student body to write for *Council Corner* exclusively. However, this year in order for you to hear different views expressed from your student council, officers, and committee chairmen will be rotating. If you have any suggestions concerning student council, please let us know for we want to represent each member of the student body.

Student council committee chairmen who will be serving you this year are as follows: Patsy Parker, scholarship; Virginia Harmon, finance; Johnny Sink, constitution; Tottie Blair, traffic; Suzye McNeely, programs; Peggy King, inter-school relations; Sondra Childress, alumni; Suzanne Anderson, welcome; Pam Pfaff, archives and publicity; Lee Groome, devotions; Carolyn Crutchfield, social; Wilma Key Pegg, May Day; Harriet Thompson, lunch time recreation; Cricket Connor, midwinters; Dickie Bowen, elections; and Ann Starr Minton, bulletin board.

Senior High Embarks On Second Year Of Accelerated Classes On Wide Scale

Senior High has for the second year embarked on a program of "accelerated classes" in accordance with a nation wide effort to tap more fully the unused resources of the academically talented youth of America.

This year there is a large number of students taking those courses at GHS. There are approximately fifty to sixty students from each class enrolled.

Deal With English, Math

Most of the courses will deal with English and math, although there are some being offered in history and science. There are two sections of English 3, taught by Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Maddox; English 5, taught by Mrs. Mims and Mrs. Nichols; and English 7, taught by Miss Joyner and Mrs. Stanton.

In the math department, there are two Algebra 3 courses, two Geometry 6 classes, and two trigonometry classes. The instructors for these courses are Miss Moore, Mrs. Huske, Miss Burnside, and Mrs. Roe.

Biology Classes

Mrs. Everhart and Mrs. Higgins each have accelerated classes in

biology, while Mr. Johnson and Miss Fountain teach courses in physics and chemistry. Mrs. Blackmon is handling accelerated history, teaching a class of American history and a class of world history.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors were chosen to participate in the program by various processes. The grades the sophomores made last year in junior high were taken into consideration, and they were analyzed by various tests. The opinions of the students' teachers also played a large part in the selection.

Juniors and Seniors

Juniors and seniors were handled a bit differently. All who had made special or regular honor roll last year were sent a letter this summer inviting them to register early for accelerated courses. Those who wished to do so. They were allowed to take, or leave out, any courses they wanted.

What goal do these advanced courses seek to attain? Educators feel that if a student has ability in a certain subject he should be allowed to go at his own pace and delve more deeply into the subject. By this, they do not mean twice as much work or more time spent on a subject, but rather exploring a subject more fully in all its aspects. The program aims at enriched courses rather than speeded-up courses.

Special Technique

Naturally teachers use a special technique in order to achieve these aims. For instance, Mrs. Blackmon's history students are making almost as much use of newspapers and news magazines as they are

of the textbook. In this way they will learn to judge current events more accurately and put their learning to use. Mrs. Mims' English students spend a great deal of time working with words and improving their vocabularies. Later in the year they plan to work on topics relating to English which they themselves will select.

PTSA Plans To Meet For First Time Soon

The Parent - Teacher - Student Association has tentatively set its first meeting for Thursday, September 24.

This meeting date is subject to change by the PTSA board but if nothing comes up it will be held on this date. This year's first meeting will not be like last year's first one, as this year, instead on visiting the classrooms, they will have a supper meeting.

This supper will be held in the cafeteria and afterwards there will be a short business program in the auditorium. Mr. Routh will be the speaker and will explain facts about the school.

Also one of the things discussed will be the collection of PTSA fees, which will begin that night.

Mrs. Frank Thompson, PTSA president, says that if any student at Senior has a problem or something he thinks would be of value to the school or PTSA, that he should report it to one of the student members on the board. She also points out that this is a Parent Teacher and STUDENT Association.

Senior, Two Juniors Act On Youth Board

Jane Hinton, senior, Shirley Truitt, and Gary Brittenham, juniors, have recently been chosen to act on a youth board sponsored by the Greensboro Junior Woman's Club.

The three Senior High students, recommended by Mr. Routh because of possible interest in such a program, met in August with twenty-two other Greensboro high school students to organize "Youth Speaks".

Jane, Shirley, and Gary were among nine students elected to serve on the board.

The purpose of "Youth Speaks" is to hold an annual workshop and discussion of predominate teenage problems.

February is the tentative month for the first workshop which will be open to all high school juniors and seniors.

Mrs. John A. Southworth will be serving as advisor to the group.

DAR Chooses Childress For Best Citizen Award

Sondra Childress, senior, has been selected "best citizen" by the Rachel Caldwell Chapter of the DAR over Patsy Parker and Penny Taliaferro, both seniors.

The girls were chosen according to the following qualities: 1. Dependability, which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality. 2. Service, which includes co-opera-

tion, courtesy, and consideration of others. 3. Leadership, which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility. 4. Patriotism, which includes unselfish interest in family, school, and nation.

Sondra is president of Junior Civinettes this year, and she claims membership in Torchlight, FTA, and choir. In spite of all these activities, she also serves the school by being an office assistant.

Last year as a junior she was sponsor to the Philomathian Hi-Y, a marshal, secretary of the junior class, and an attendant of the May Court. This summer she attended Girls' State at Woman's College.

Sondra, who will represent Senior High in the district contest, will be asked to answer a questionnaire. The district winner will receive a \$10.00 cash prize, and the state winner will receive \$100.00.

First HIGH LIFE Free

Following a long-established tradition, the year's first issue of HIGH LIFE is being given without charge to all students and faculty members.

HIGH LIFE staff members will soon begin conducting the subscriptions drive. It is supported by ads and subscriptions from students.



Pictured at left is Sondra Childress