



Weighing the values of advanced biology

### Merit Semifinalists

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four year award to cover the undergraduate college education. The amount of the stipend is based on individual need. Merit Scholars who require financial assistance may receive a maximum of \$6,000 for four years of college, or \$1500 per year. Those students who are not in need of outside aid in order to attend the college of their choice are awarded \$400 for the four years.

A Merit Scholarship insures a student who receives it that the amount of the stipend will be increased at any time while he is in college if there is a significant change in his family's ability to contribute to his education. Finalists designate the course of study they plan to pursue at the college of their choice, and these institutions usually also receive supplementary grants.

Established in 1955 with grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and supplemented by an additional grant from the Ford Foundation to continue the program through 1970, the NMSC and sponsors have so far contributed about \$14 million in direct financial assistance to nearly 6,000 students and their colleges. This amount is exclusive of obligations to the 3300 Merit Scholars now in college. Through the program's special services thousands of other outstanding participants have been helped in obtaining aid from other sources, and colleges have been assisted in their efforts to locate the intellectually able.

### QUEEN'S MEN SELECTED

Jerry Jernigan -- First Tenor

Bob Lambeth -- Second Tenor

Tom Ruffer -- Baritone

Bill James -- Bass

## School Board Considers Comfort of GHS Musicians

The School Board is considering the possibility of permitting the musically inclined students of GHS to have year-round comfort while pursuing their musical interests. The School Board is open for bids by those companies interested in this project. If this plan is carried out, the three large rehearsal rooms will have air-conditioning during the warmer months of the school year and heat during the remaining months. This will be a great benefit for two primary reasons: It will lessen the uncomfortable temperature often existing while the rooms are in use; The changes in weather will not affect the instruments left in the Music Building as they once did.

Pertaining also to the band is the election of the new officers for the ensuing school year.

Robert Crumley was elected vice president of GHS Band Council last week. He will automatically become president of the council at the beginning of the 1963-64 school term.

Other new officers elected for the current term are Emily Steifle, secretary and Jim Byrd, treasure. Ret Turner is president.

The following were elected representatives to the band council: Sally Andrews and David Grimes, sophomores; Bennett Boyles and Keith Gullede, juniors; Pam Burkeholder and John Barnes, seniors.

## Class Looks For Snakes; Scene Is Creek, Forest

Warning to those with faint hearts and weak stomachs: Don't take second year biology. This class, taught by Miss Emma J. McMahan this year, may do anything from cutting up pigs to befriending snakes.

This is the third year for the course at Grimsley. Miss McMahan is new at this particular course as Mrs. Kate C. Everhart taught it the two previous years.

### Two Classes

At present the class, actually two classes meeting during seventh and eighth periods, is daily studying five outdoor habitats: Buffalo Creek, the bog behind the boys' gym, the pine forest, the hickory forest, and an open field. The stu-

dents collect and identify the various forms of life they find as well as study the environment conditions.

### Snakes and Poison Ivy

Miss McMahan reports items brought in for identification range from snakes to poison ivy. Don Sparrow brought in a few little eggs for observation and wound up being the proud papa of an uncounted number of baby spiders.

However not all problems lie in the area of applied biology. A most current example involved a search for a set of delinquent car keys. These specimens were discovered in the owner's car. This is just a sample of the many "scientific" discoveries the class has made this year.

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