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Homecoming court members are, first row, Mary Earle, Carolyn McKenzie, Cary Root, Babs Andrew, Jean Stephenson, and Sue Yelverton. Standing are Susan Hodges, Nancy Smith, Joan Shaffer, Donna Lane, Pam Burkholder, Lynn Spencer, Mary Sessoms and Sallie Jo Welch. Not pictured is Kaye Moody.

## President James To Crown GHS Homecoming Queen

Homecoming Queen for 1962-63 will be crowned by student body President Bill James on October 26 at the half-time of the Whirlie-Salisbury football game.

The queen will be elected on Wednesday, October 24, by the student body on the basis of school spirit, not beauty. She will be chosen from among the following girls: Donna Lane, sponsor Mickey Andrews, escort Bob Lutz; Pam Burkholder, sponsor Dick Burton, escort Mike Andrew; Cary Root, sponsor Gary Carter, escort Joe Marus; Mary Earle, Sponsor Skeeter Powell, escort Johnny Barnes, and Mary Sessoms, sponsor Mike Ephland, escort Selwyn Bryant.

Other members of the court include Nancy Smith, sponsored by Harvey Goldberg and escorted by Bob Lambeth; Jill Miller, sponsored by John Hedrick and escorted by Miles Brown; Susan Hodges, sponsored by Dennis Hurdle and escorted by Clay Faulkner; Carolyn McKenzie, sponsored by Dave Layton and escorted by Larry Lund; and Joan

Schaefer, sponsored by Julius Maynor and escorted by Van Guntter.

Sue Yelverton with sponsor Bob Nucholls and escort Bob Martin; Babs Andrew with sponsor Leon Oakley and escort Joe Parks; Sally Welch with sponsor Leroy Cobb and escort Ted Melvin; Jean Stephenson with sponsor Mike Harrison and escort Jack Harville; Lynn Spencer with sponsor Earl Strickland and Chip Landsperger as escort; and Kaye Moody with Mike Schlosser, sponsor, and escort Ray Clark conclude the list of members of the Homecoming Court.

After the game a dance honoring the court will be sponsored by the Youth Recreation Committee and will be held in the Girls' Gym. The decorations will be centered around an autumn theme. The "Ascots" will be featured, and the reigning queen will be presented with a gift.

Chairmen of the Homecoming Committee, Carol Lineberry and Pam Burkholder, announced that

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## Six Seniors Receive Commendation; Students Scored High On Merit Test

Six seniors at Grimsley Senior High School have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) given last spring. Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

A. P. Routh, the school's principal, has announced that the Commended students are: Mary Matthews, Dick Meador, Louise Ruffy, Linda Scher, Carolyn Zimmerman, and Chini Smith, who graduated in summer school and is now studying at the Institute Alpin Montesano in Gstaad, Switzerland.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, stated:

### 28,700 Students

About 28,700 students throughout the country are being awarded Letters of Commendation in recognition of their excellent performance on the qualifying test. Although they did not reach the status of Semifinalists in the current Merit Program, they are so capable that we wish to call attention in this way to their achievement and academic promise.

"The Semifinalists and Commended students together constitute about 2 per cent of all high

school seniors. This certainly signifies noteworthy accomplishment by all of these bright youngsters."

### Recognition Given

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation gives recognition to two groups of students who achieve high scores on the NMSQT. The Semifinalist group is composed of the highest-scoring students in each state and in U.S. territories. Some 11,000 Semifinalists will take a second examination in December to establish further their eligibility to receive Merit Scholarships.

"We earnestly hope that the Commended students will continue their education," Mr. Stalnaker continued. "By doing so they will benefit both themselves and the nation."

"The Letters of Commendation provide tangible recognition of their high ability. We urge the students honored today to make every effort to attend college, and to develop to the fullest their promise of achievement."

### Special Services

To increase their opportunities to obtain financial assistance if they need it, the Merit Corporation sends the names, home addresses, and test scores of all Commended students to two colleges they indicated as their preferred choices at the time they took the qualifying test. Other special services are also performed by NMSC in an effort to in-

crease the scholarship opportunities of Commended students and Semifinalists.

The Commended students were among the high school juniors in more than 16,000 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a three-hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the eighth annual Merit Program.

This year's program will conclude about April 25, 1963, with the naming of students who will receive four-year Merit Scholarships to the colleges of their choice.

### Other Scholarships

The Commended students and the Semifinalists who do not win Merit Scholarships are considered for certain other scholarships that are offered through the facilities of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is open to all high schools in the United States and its territories. There are more than 3500 Merit Scholars currently enrolled in about 400 colleges and universities. More than 2000 Merit Scholars have been graduated.

Scholarship awards are made from the resources of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and through sponsoring business corporations, foundations, unions, associations, and individuals.

## Citizens' Committee Presents Report On Activities of Greensboro Youths

Editor's note: In view of the widespread interest in the recently published Report by the Citizens' Committee on Your Activities, HIGH LIFE is printing the following excerpts from this Report for student information.

Five hundred adults, assembled at West Market Street Methodist Church Monday, October 9, received the Report and Recommendations of the Citizens Committee on Youth Activities appointed by Mayor David Schenck last April 6, 1962.

The introduction to the report was as follows: Early last spring,

the growing concern felt in the community over Greensboro's young people reached a climax after a large dance at a downtown hotel at which there was widespread misbehavior. Following the affair, the Reverend R. Harold Hipps in a sermon delivered at West Market Street Methodist Church, issued a challenge to citizens of Greensboro to recognize existing conditions and explore means of improving the undesirable tenn-age climate which is producing this kind of action in young people. This sermon, which was reprinted in full by the Greensboro press of Monday, March 9, brought a powerful and positive response from all areas of the community, culminating in a meeting of some 500 adult leaders held on the evening of March 30 at West Market Street Church.

### Objectives

As a result of this gathering there came the appointment on April 6 of the Citizens' Committee on Youth Activities charged by Mayor David Schenck to:

1. Become informed about the entire situation of our youth—both good and bad;
2. Assemble factual data;
3. Make recommendations based on the assembled data.

The full committee met weekly from April 12, heard representatives from youth-related groups, conducted surveys and assembled factual information. Literally hundreds of personal interviews and conversations were held with youths and adults across the city.

Rev. Harold Hipps served as chairman of the committee; John E. Barney, vice chairman; and Mrs. Guy B. Delafield, Secretary. These three, with sixteen other committee members, reported many observations and evaluations and proposed recommendations, pertinent selections of which are printed below.

### Civic Clubs

Civic clubs sponsor several high school clubs for boys. Only one such club, the Junior Civinettes, is open to girls. There is a real lack of service opportunities for girls.

We (the members of the committee) recommend the formation of enough service clubs—for girls as well as boys—to give all students membership opportunities in clubs with standards acceptable to the community.

### Service and Social Clubs

Service clubs can serve a worthwhile purpose. In addition, there is considerable prestige in being a member of a service club. Mem-

bers are selected by the club with the approval of the school administration. An effort is made to select candidates from all feeding schools and to choose them on a basis of character, leadership, scholarship, dependability and not on social prowess alone.

However, these clubs have suffered from lack of adult leadership, without which they tend to designate into social clubs. It is a recognized fact, among service club members that drinking is now so accepted a part of high school age social life that regular drinking on the part of a candidate for membership is not considered a deterrent.

### Service Is Function

The Committee feels that actual service, not fund raising, is the useful function of these clubs, and that more imaginative and conscientious leadership is necessary to make these clubs what they should be.

We recommend that the sponsoring Civic Clubs or agencies provide sufficient outstanding adult advisors, and find opportunities for purposeful community projects in which young people can find genuine satisfaction.

While only 15% of the students at Grimsley and Page High Schools belong to social clubs, their influence has been far reaching. Many school leaders are members of social clubs, and, as leaders, they tend to set the pattern for a large part of the student body. If these patterns measured up to a high standards, their influence would be a desirable factor in school life. Yet this is not the case. The Committee has

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## Changes Made By History Club

Changes concerning new members and the constitution have been made recently in the History Honor Society.

This year, for the first time, the teachers of the History Department will elect the new members. In previous years members of the society have selected prospective new members.

Applications for membership are currently being taken. It is from these applications that the twenty-seven new members will be chosen.

The aim of all History Honor Societies in the United States is the creation of a National History Honor Society.



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