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## American Bandmasters Visit Here

### ABA Convention To Elect Paul Yoder President

The American Bandmasters Association, which has been holding its annual convention in Greensboro this week, will elect officers for the coming year at its final business meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00. The present president, Mr. Earl Slocum, will preside over the elections to be held in the Ball Room of the King Cotten Hotel.

Mr. Slocum is currently the director of the University of North Carolina Band. He has held this position since the early 1930's. Immediately prior to this time, he was the director of the Greensboro Senior High School Orchestra for approximately four years. Mr. Slocum left Senior to accept the position at UNC. He was elected president of the Association at the 1962 convention which was held at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana.

#### Presidential Tradition

It is the custom of the Association to elect as president the vice president of the past year. Because of this tradition, the convention will elect Mr. Paul Yoder president tomorrow morning.

Mr. Yoder was born in North Dakota and reared in the Midwest. His father is a former college professor and his brother is a general in the United States Army. After college Mr. Yoder began his career in music as a high school music director. Now, however, his talents are turned entirely to the composing and arranging of music for band. "Mr. Yoder has probably written more arrangements for band than any other living composer," stated Mr. Herbert Hazelman, director of the GHS symphonic band.

#### Fort Lauderdale Residence

Mr. Yoder and his wife, Rosie, now reside in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The composer does most of his work in his home where he keeps regular office hours. Mr. Yoder is greatly sought after as a toastmaster and after-dinner speaker.



"Present President"



"President Elect"

Since his election to the ABA in 1947, Mr. Yoder has served on various committees, on the Board of Directors, as vice president and other capacities in the Association. He has not missed a convention since he was elected.

For the GHS Symphonic Band and Choir concert which was performed in the War Memorial Auditorium last night, Mr. Yoder composed a piece for the band to play entitled "Carolina Clambake." The piece depicts the folk music of the Carolinas and is reminiscent of an old-fashioned fiddle break-down tune. The composition is the first to be dedicated to this school under the new name.

### New Members Tapped By Honor Society

Grimsley Senior High School's chapter of the National Torchlight Honor Society inducted twenty-four new members last week.

These new members include Barbara Howell, Candy Bernard, Janet Williams, William Norman, Susan Wagoner, and Sara Ann Flintom. Other seniors are George Touchstone, Frank Crothers, Fred Henderson, Carol Marvin, and Mary Sessoms. An interesting sidelight was the fact that Carolyn McKenzie, Kat Leavel, and Sandra Lowe are in the same home room, sat beside each other in assembly, and were tapped successively. Kay Wharton, Susan Monroe, and James Powell conclude the list.

The juniors tapped were Penn Holsenbeck, Donna Newman, Keith Guledge, Parker Norman, Gail Pfaff, Betty Jo Pearce, and Ann Jamieson.

The Torchlight tapping ceremony began with devotions by Carol Zimmerman. Mike Andrew presided over the program. After speeches on scholarship, leadership, character, and service, Torchlight members went out into the audience and tapped those selected.

Applications are still being accepted for the staff photographer

### Crowded Schedule Greets ABA; GHS Plays Host To Convention

Beginning this past Wednesday, March 6, the GHS Band and Choir have been hosts to the American Band Masters Association for that Organization's twenty-ninth Annual Convention.

### Army's Concert Band To Perform Concert; New Music Included

Tomorrow night at 8:30 the world-famous United States Army Band will perform a concert in the War Memorial Auditorium here in Greensboro. The concert will be the closing event of the American Bandmasters Association Convention which has been in session here since Wednesday.

As did the GHS band and choir last night, the Army Band, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Curry, will perform several original compositions on its program. Of the pieces to be performed, three will be directed by its composer, Captain J. M. Gayfer of the Royal Canadian Army. The band's assistant director, Major Samuel Loboda, will lead the musicians in his "Procession to Delphi." A former director of the band, Captain Thomas F. Darcy, Jr., will direct his composition, "Frosty Sons of Thunder."

Tickets for this concert are available from members of the GHS bands and choir for the price of \$1.00.

The first business meeting of the convention, consisting of members from all over the United States and Canada, was opened by this year's president, Mr. Earl A. Slocum of the University of North Carolina, at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at convention headquarters in the King Cotten Hotel. That evening, a buffet was served, courtesy of Local 322, American Federation of Musicians, in the King Cotten. Immediately following, the ABA members relaxed by enjoying a band comprised of some of their own numbers.

#### Lenoir Band Concert

The convention began its second business meeting at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. In the afternoon, the convention moved to the auditorium here at GHS to attend a concert by the Lenoir High School Band. The GHS student body was invited to attend the concert which began at 1:30. After a tour of the GHS Music Building and an informal concert by the school's concert band, the afternoon's activities were climaxed by a picnic supper, prepared by the Grimsley Bands' members and their families at Kiser Junior High School.

At 8 o'clock last night, the GHS Symphonic Band and Choir performed a concert for the Association and the public at the War Memorial Auditorium. Included on the program were five new compositions: "Declamation," by Lawrence Weiner; "Meditation for Concert Band," by Gunther Schuler; "Carolina Clambake," by president-elect of the Association

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### New Requirements Set By Board of Education

The Greensboro City Board of Education has made the following changes in graduation requirements, as released by P. J. Weaver, Superintendent of City Schools.

The number of units required for graduation has been increased from seventeen to eighteen by adding a second unit in social studies. The requirement now stipulates two units in social studies, one of which must be American History. The second unit may be acquired in any history and social studies courses normally offered in grades nine through twelve.

Two years of physical education are now required in grades nine through twelve in order to receive one unit of credit required for graduation. The currently required course in health and physical education is a prerequisite to the second course, which will be strictly physical activity. In setting up this requirement, the Board stipulated that Driver Education should be taught independently of the physical education curriculum.

These changes in graduation requirements will be effective with the graduating class of 1967, which is currently in the eighth grade.

## School Beautiful Contest Held By Mayor's Council

The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Committee, in association with the Mayor's Youth Council, is sponsoring a "School Beautiful" contest between the six senior high schools in the city.

The purpose of this contest is to see which student body can most beautify and improve the grounds and buildings of its school. Judges will visit each school at the end of each month and award or take away points on the basis of improvement. Near the end of May a trophy will be awarded the high school which has accumulated the most points, and has been most improved.

At GHS, competition between classes has been organized to improve the appearance of the school. A general committee of class officers, headed by Keith Guledge, coordinates the efforts of the student body.

Jane Reed heads the senior class activities, Carol Zimmerman is in charge of publicity; John Hedrick, Senior work days; Nancy McNairy, scrapbook and Bennet Boyles, lead the juniors in their

campaign. Betty Pritchard and Gwyn Coble are in charge of publicity and scrapbook, respectively.

Dave Grimes is sophomore work chairman, Cynthia Wharton, publicity chairman, and Janet Turner, secretary. Jimmy Wilkins heads all sophomore activities.

The assistant chairman for the committee is Penn Holsenbeck. Irvin Pearce is treasurer, and Janet Turner acts as general secretary. Betty Pritchard heads publicity for all three classes. This committee has already had three planning meetings. The central aim of the committee is to clear the campus of trash and to keep it clean.

Other suggestions received by the committee include planting grass and shrubbery, providing more trash cans, and constructing new sidewalks. The campus needs general drainage, and the parking lot needs improvement. Internal improvements include washing windows, placing coat racks in the cafeteria and book shelves by the telephone and in the washrooms. Each homeroom is responsible for its appearance.



"School Beautiful" Contest brings immediate results among GHS students. The first workday was held last Saturday. Students with rakes and picks cleared the campus of litter and leaves. Tomorrow a workday will be held for sophomores.

### JCL Sophomores Present Play

The sophomore members of the Grimsley chapter of the Junior Classical League will present the whole program at a regular meeting next week. The play, "Childhood of the Gods," will be given.

Dave Grimes, chairman of the program, announced that Cynthia Wharton and Taffi Winston were responsible for the play. The program will begin with devotions by Nancy Coble. Janet Turner will then give the introduction to the play. The characters are Jupiter played by Jerry Chostner, Nep-



tune as portrayed by Ken Bell, Pluto by Joe Montgomery, Juna played by Candy Sauer, Vesta as portrayed by Francie Ferguson, and Ceres played by Susan Stansberry. Laurin Scott is chairman of costumes committee, Claudia McGill heads the scenery committee, and Henry Perry is responsible for props.

Mary Jane Kellett will lead a game of bingo in which Latin words are to be matched with English meanings. Following the game, Ken Bell will read a poem of fractured Latin.