



## Torchlight Inductions Tap New Senior Members

Seniors were inducted into Torchlight, Grimsley's branch of the National Honor Society, during a candlelight assembly Wednesday, November 15.

Those who were tapped were Diane Barth, Bob Bender, Susan Butchart, Kathy Carlton, Julie Foard, Beth Folk, Annette Jackson, Cathy Lewis, John Lynch, Linda McKee, Donna Nichols, Robert Pendley, Jean Rabold, Cookie Reed, Larry Reid, Mike Schott, Pam Silkworth, Jerry Spivey, Martha Wilmering, and Sue Wyatt.

## Student Council Takes Children To Country Park

On Sunday, November 19, the Grimsley Student Council took about 35 underprivileged children from the White Oaks Community to Battleground Park. This project was initiated by Kathy Carlton, senior, and had been planned with four other student council members.

These five worked with these children during the summer and wanted to continue meeting with them.

The project had a dual purpose—one, to entertain the children in a place outside of their community—a place where very few had ever had an opportunity to go. The other was to unite the Student Council by giving all a chance to work together on a worthy project.

About 20 members of the student council played with the children from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Activities included playing on the equipment on the playground, eating, and visiting the museum.

The entire project was a success and the student council hopes to meet with the children during the Christmas holidays.

After the solemn ceremony in which the ideals of Torchlight were expressed by members representing Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character, Charles Wilkins, Torchlight president, charged members to "go forth and seek out those worthy of membership."

### Old Seek New

Carrying their flickering lights, the white-robed members of the honor society searched the audience for the new members. Those tapped were led onto the stage to take their oath of membership. Then Mrs. Mary B. Madlin, faculty advisor for Torchlight, accepted the new members on behalf of the teachers.

### Qualifications Given

Students considered for membership must have not only those four traits which Torchlight members always exemplify, but no less than a 3.5 average academically and a satisfactorily grade in conduct. The names of those who qualified for this honor were submitted earlier in the year. The faculty members then voted on those who were chosen.

### Parents Invited

The parents of those who were to be tapped were contacted Wednesday morning after their child had left for school. They were invited to the assembly, but were carefully hidden during the ceremony.



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Above are the new members of Torchlight—The National Honor Society. They are in alphabetical order; Diane Barth, Bob Bender Susan Butuhart, Katherine Carlton, Julia Grace Foard, Beth Folk, Annette Jackson, Catherine Lewis, John Lynch, Linda McKee, Donna Nichols, Robert Pendley, Jean Rabold, Cookie Reed, Larry Reid, Mike Schott, Pamela Silkworth, Jerry Spivey, Martha Wilmering and Sue Wyatt. These people were chosen on the basis of academic standing, leadership, character, and service.

## Grimsley's History Is Retold Anew Before Eyes Of Interested Readers

**Editor's note:** This article is a reprint from the 1951 issue of WHIRLIGIG. We thought that the students would find the history of GHS interesting, so a series of articles will be printed on its beginning.

Today, we at Senior are proud of our high school which has one of the fullest academic programs in the South. many modern conveniences, and numerous extra-curricular activities. But how often do we think back through the years of all the planning and work that went into making Senior High what it is today?

The Greensboro schools date back even further than 1863, when Eli Carruthers was principal in the little brick building on Sycamore Street. This school was an outgrowth of the old Caldwell Institute, the first of Greensboro's public schools. The public schools were chartered by the North Carolina State Legislature in 1845.

From these earliest schools in

Greensboro, an extensive public education has grown, having its tap root on Lindsay and Forbis Street. It was on Forbis Street that the first class graduated from a new and separate department, the high school, in 1900.

As we have come from carriages to slick convertibles and from bustles to ballerinas, the high school has also seen astounding changes since that first class.

Through the past 50 years our school has been steadily expanding, adding new subjects and creating through its activities and organizations, new outlets for our talents and interests. These play important parts in our development as useful and well-rounded individuals.

As more and more students enrolled in Greensboro High School, the four rooms in the old Catholic Church building on Forbis Street became crowded. The city of Greensboro appropriated \$40,000 for building a new school on Spring Street which was completed in 1911. A cafeteria was added in 1919.

There developed a need for an even larger high school, completely separated from the lower grades. A plan was proposed for the erection of a junior high school, a senior high school, and a junior college, in separate groups, facing Westover Terrace in consecutive order.

In 1927 the million dollar senior high school project was started on the 129 acre tract. During the year 1929 three of the six proposed high school buildings—the main building, the science building, and the cafeteria—were completed; also, supposedly temporary boys' dressing rooms were erected.

The class of 1931 planted the ivy, and a new gymnasium for all students was built in 1933. Until 1943 the auditorium had been without the present murals of in-

dustrial and trade on the left of the stage and the symbols of the professions on the right.

About 1935 a combination band room and shop gave more space,  
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## GHS Madrigals Sing For Conference

Grimsley's Madrigal Singers, a group of 16 choir members, performed in Elliott Hall at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC-G) on Monday, November 13.

The group sang undirected at 1:30 p.m. for a luncheon of the North Carolina Music Education Conference. All the musical education instructors in the state were invited to attend the luncheon.

### Selections Listed

Weep, O Mine Eyes, Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers, Sing We and Chant It, and Fa a Canzone (Sing Me a Song), were the selections they performed. The group, which has a "unique memory", stated Mr. Ronald Hill, GHS choral director, also performs without music as well as without direction.

Chosen as the best singers from Grimsley's 75 voice choir by auditions earlier this year, the Madrigals were the only group from the Greensboro senior high schools invited to sing at this conference.

Members of the Singers are Brenda Arthur, Kathy Hollifield, Liz Normandy, and Buzzy Westmoreland, sopranos; Linda Grimes, Debbie Meyer, Dotye Robbins, and Carolyn Stillwell, altos; Ray Mendenhall, Cy Moore, John Penland, and Marshall Petty, tenors; and Tom Boone, Bobby Selders, Bill Waterstradt, and Steve Wilson, basses.

The Madrigal Singers will give a concert at Grimsley on December 6, at 8:00 p.m.

## JCL Presents Annual Thanksgiving Program

The Junor Classical League held its annual Thanksgiving program on Wednesday, November 15. The program consisted of a skit portraying Roman worship and a talk on Greece and Rome by Mr. Robert Fredrickson, who brought slides for the program.

Robert Pendley, vice-president, described the worship practiced in Rome, while Bob Jones, junior, acted the part of the High Priest. Sue Wyatt acted as the Vestal Virgin and Martha Gabriel and Gary Waynick were the ordinary citizens in the act of worship.

Mr. Fredrickson, a history teacher at GHS, discussed ancient Greece and Rome, and showed slides he had taken on his trip there. Rie Davis, junior is in charge of publicity for JCL.

## YRC Builds Holiday Float To Enter Annual Parade

The Grimsley Youth Recreation Committee built a float to enter in the Greensboro Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24.

According to Cookie Reed, YRC chairman, the theme of the float was "Mrs. Claus' Candy Kitchen".

### Competition from Schools

The float was in competition with floats from Smith, Page, and various noncommercial organizations in Greensboro. First prize is \$75 and second is \$50.

Decorations have to cover 75 percent of the float. They consist mainly of paint, crepe paper and colored foil.

Work on the float was done at the Guilford Agricultural Center.

Directions to the barn were posted on the YRC Whirliebird bulletin board. From Wednesday, November 15, until dark on Thanksgiving Day, the work was taking place.

### Members Required to Work

All YRC members were required to work eight hours on the float. Every other student of GHS was invited to work after school on the float. YRC members worked all day Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and late into the night.

All of the people who appeared on the float had not been chosen at press time, but Cookie Reed appeared as Mrs. Claus.

## VICA Menbers Attend Meeting To Elect Officers

BY KATHY BROWN

Nine members of the Grimsley chapter of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) attended the regional meeting of VICA at Elkin, N.C., Saturday, November 4. The purpose of the meeting was to elect the officers for Region II for this year.

Vince Hendrickson, senior, and Mary Frances Yow, senior, were the candidates from Grimsley for president and treasurer.

The officers attended workshops for their office. These workshops were prepared further to teach leadership and parliamentary procedure.

Bill Clark, senior; Charles Hall, senior; Jane Moore, junior; and Sue Watson, senior, completed the group. They went to investigate contests in job interviews, job safety, and public speaking. These contests and workshops are just one way that the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America are helping its members develop an understanding and respect for their work and community.