



HIGH LIFE Publication Ends

HIGH LIFE, the student newspaper of Grimsley High School since 1921, will be discontinued following the publication of this issue.

The decision to abandon the paper and disband the staff was made by Marilyle Upchurch, editor-in-chief; Jean Broadway, managing editor; Franklin Stewart, business manager; Mrs. Julie Wall, advisor to the staff; and Principal A. P. Routh.

Consultation with the entire staff took place to learn their opinions and suggestions concerning the idea, before the final decision was made.

Numerous difficulties experienced by HIGH LIFE this year led to the search for a solution for the problem. In an effort to salvage the paper, three issues were omitted from weekly publication. However, these steps were not as effective as it had been hoped they would be.

The most pressing problems have been deep financial difficulty; disinterest on the part of the student body; declining interest by the staff, which feels that its efforts are unnoticed and unappreciated by students; and pressures on individuals on the staff.

Financial difficulties were first a problem when a smaller than expected number of subscriptions were signed by students in the fall. Also, there has been a reluctance on the part of some subscribers to pay their subscription fees. This forced a holding up of exams and report cards at mid-term.

Student interest in HIGH LIFE, which has been North Carolina's only weekly high school newspaper for almost three years, has been disappointingly lacking. The "Letters to the Editor" section has been noticeably absent from some issues of the paper. This is the student channel of communication with the paper but students have not been interested enough to communicate. Only two non-staff members contribute to HIGH LIFE, a columnist for the editorial page and one on the sports page.

Contribution to the paper in other ways has also fallen. Other columns, features, book reviews, and possible news suggestions have not been made. Complaints have been heard concerning news coverage of certain events, yet seldom is any news volunteered by any students or groups.

Staff interest in printing HIGH LIFE declined, as was expressed in a formal statement issued by the editors. "We feel that no one benefits from HIGH LIFE's continued publication. Few even bother to read it. We are no longer willing to devote our time (at least five hours per week) and energy to pour into an obsolete institution. It seems that the need for HIGH LIFE has disappeared. Therefore, HIGH LIFE is following suit."

German Introduced Into GHS Schedule

German will be added to Grimsley's curriculum next fall. Two levels will be taught the following year, if there is a demand for it.

Fraulein Eva Braun will be employed to teach the course. She is a native German and is coming to the United States for the express purpose of teaching German at Grimsley.

Introduction of the course was first considered last year due to the enormous demand for the fourth language at GHS. Currently, French, Latin, and Spanish are taught on four levels each, and on two levels in the junior high schools.

The School Board approved the addition of two years of German with the possibility of a third year later if necessary, after a petition of 1,000 names of students city-wide range was sent to them. Courses will be taught in all city high schools, with Fraulein Braun traveling around the city during the day. It is doubtful, however, if German will be taught in junior high school in the foreseeable future.

Students interested in this course should contact their guidance counselor for arrangements to take a special language aptitude test which all students desiring to take German must take and pass.

Another reason for discontinuing the paper is the breakdown of HIGH LIFE's printing press, which has occupied a corner of the HIGH LIFE room since the Science Building was built. Expensive to replace and impossible to repair, this 40-year-old machine is being sold for scrap metal. Whatever is received will go to pay off HIGH LIFE's debts.

A bulletin board available to students to post news which otherwise would have been printed by HIGH LIFE, will be set up in the Main Hall. Announcements to be placed on this board must be on 8½ by 11 typing paper

and typed double-spaced.

The second year journalism class, which is the course taken by the staff, will be continued. The study will turn from actual journalism to formal journalism, using current and past newspapers as text. History, techniques, purposes and results of newspapers will be studied. Field trips to the Tass Agency and the New York Times will be included in the course of study.

Marilyle stated, "I really hate to discontinue HIGH LIFE. All of us sincerely regret that this unfortunate situation occurred during our year of publication."

All Day Clean-Up Effort Replaces Regular Work

School Beautiful chairmen, Paty Harris, Gary McNeil, and Lynn Moore, have announced a last ditch effort to step up student attendance at workdays.

Friday, April 19, there will be an all day school beautiful workday instead of the regular school day. Attendance will be required. Each teacher will be assigned

an area of the campus to be responsible for cleaning, raking, and seeding with grass.

Student Attend 'Classes'

Students will report to teachers during regular class periods and work on the individual teachers' area. Lunch will be brought by each student and everyone will eat on the lawn at noon. No one will be allowed to leave campus for lunch.

Intra-school judging will take place to decide which teacher's area is the most improved. Prizes will be awarded to teachers and to outstanding student workers.

Shorts, slacks, cut-offs, and sweatshirts will be acceptable but all shorts must be knee length. Each student must bring either a rake, shovel, hoe, trowel, or tractor. The purpose of this day will be to conduct a final clean-up before the city-wide school beautiful judging.

Work normally assigned for this special workday will be deferred until the following Monday.

Elections Revised

Due to protests from the committee about littering the campus with posters, banners, ballots, signs and ribbons, students elections have been cancelled.

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Art Department Opens First Tatoo Parlor

BY TINA DEBS

Grimsley's Art Department has announced that a tatoo parlor will be set up in room 201 beginning the first of April.

Mr. Tad Toued, from Hong Kong, the author of *The Illustrated Famous Americans* series, will be the head of the operation. He has been in the tatoo business since 1912.

Mr. Toued will teach those students who wish to learn a new skill how to tatoo for fun and profit. This art will provide a skill for those students who are unable to go to college. Mr. Toued will teach the delicate art of skin puncture without drawing blood.

For his practicing novices, Mr. Toued will use vegetable dyes, which can be removed with Clorox and water. However, for his own operations, indelible tatoo dyes will be used.

Seniors See Candlelight At Graduation Dinner

By Tina Debs and Karen Dudley
Dinner by candlelight will be given by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Routh and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Glenn for all graduating seniors Monday, June 3, at 2 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Formal attire, tuxedos for boys and long gowns for girls will be required of all attending the dinner. No one wearing tennis shoes will be admitted. Corsages of lavender poinsettias will be given to the girls and boutonnieres of marigolds will be given to the boys. The marigolds are sent compliments of Senator Everett Dirksen (R-Illinois).

The cafeteria staff will prepare the menu. Paul Masson's vineyards in Southern California will be supplying pink and yellow champagne. However, no seniors under 21 will be allowed to partake of the champagne.

Hors d'oeuvres of caviar on ritz crackers will be served, along with the Welchade provided for seniors under 21. The rest of the menu will consist of Lobster Newburg, Vichysoisse, Lasagna, Filet Mignon, Spinach Souffle, Pigs Feet, and Sour Dough Biscuits. Dessert will include Baked Hawaii, Rhubarb chiffon pie, and Cranberries Jubilee.

The cafeteria will be decorated

Zoology Class Grows Unusual Hemp Plants

Zoology class taught by Mrs. Mary Jane Grass is using as their spring class project the cultivation of marijuana plants.

The project has been approved by the board of education and Mrs. Grass. Students helping in the project will be given special credit for their work. Considerable experimentation is planned for a part of the project.

Mrs. Grass, a new addition to the Science Department at Grimsley, comes from the town of Los Santilles Dumas, California, has her Masters' Degree in lycridic acid experimentation, and won the Noble Prize for Sorcery in 1840.

The marijuana project will consist of two week periods of experimentation in which the hemp plants will be planned and cultivated. Completion of the project will be announced following final examination of the students taking part in the experiments.

especially for this occasion by an interior decorator of the op art school. Green plastic tablecloths, purple and white swirled candles and bright orange crepe paper will be the leading designs.

Entertainment will be provided by the Mocksville Salvation Army Band. The repertoire includes

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School Week, Year Announced Changed

Change in the length of the school week and the length of the school year was announced recently by Assistant Principal R. L. Glenn.

Due to a vastly increased amount of knowledge which must be absorbed by students before they will be eligible for graduation the school week will run from Monday through Saturday, and the year from August through May.

Alternatives Discarded

Alternatives to this plan included extending the day from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. which was discarded as too tiring for the teachers, and adding another year to regular education, which was voted down because of the emphasis on speed in today's society and the belief that it would increase the drop-out rate.

This extension has been tried in other areas of the country and has produced satisfactory results, according to Mr. Glenn. Each class will meet six times a week instead of five, and more courses will be able to finish the textbooks in ten months than were able to do so in nine.

No addition to specific graduation requirements have been released as yet. However, discussion is going on. Any changes to take place will become effective in 1969-70, when the new school week and year will take place.

Results Come From Questionnaire

These changes are largely the result of questionnaires filled out by all seniors in the state two weeks ago. Greensboro was selected as the experimental city for North Carolina. If the extension proves successful, it will be expanded to include the Guilford County Schools the following year. Then all North Carolina schools will be put on the program.

IN ALL SERIOUSNESS
Our deepest apologies to Debbie Ownbey and Debbie Taylor for omitting their names from the announcement of members of the May Court. Both should have been listed with the senior members of the court.

The News Editor