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## Toy Drive Underway

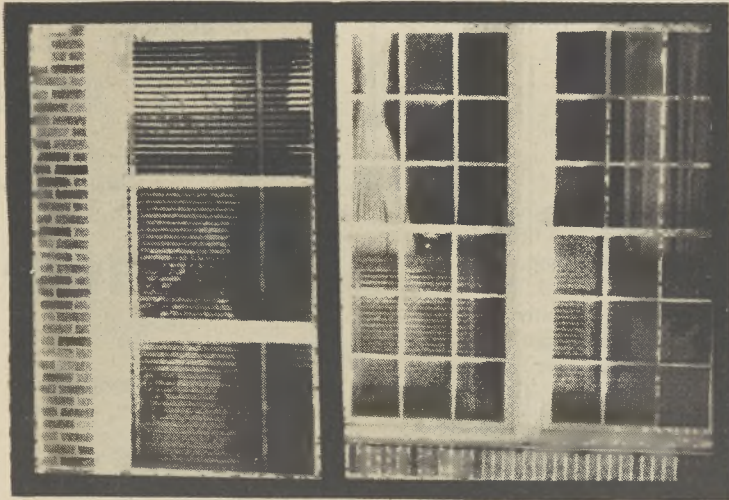
During the Christmas Season this year, the Greensboro Youth Council is co-sponsoring a Christmas Toy Drive in association with Home Federal Savings and Loan. The idea is that used toys are collected, fixed, cleaned, and distributed to needy children throughout Greensboro. The drive, which started Nov. 15, ends Friday, Dec. 10.

Miles Thompson, co-director of

GYC, said that the idea for the toy drive was started by Home Federal in 1973. GYC, along with the Greensboro Housing Authority, organizes the drive annually. GYC has a leading role in this campaign for it is a community service project for the City of Greensboro.

The way the project operates is that second-hand toys, books, dolls, and bicycles, in fair condition, are deposited in the toy chest at any Home Federal Savings location during banking hours. The toys are picked up from the chests regularly by the City Maintenance Department and taken to the "toy workshop", which is located in the old Belk's building downtown. There GYC, GYC Manpower, school service clubs, and church groups work repairing toys and cleaning them for distribution. Then, the City Maintenance Dept. hands out the repaired gifts to deserving children.

Last year's drive netted a total of 30,000 toys, of which 25,000 were given away. This was the result of over 1,000 manpower hours. Mr. Thompson stated that, "The success of this year's drive depends on the amount of advertising given to the project. Also, anyone interested in helping with the project should contact Donna Hough, a junior at Grimsley, who is chairman of the toy drive."



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## G.H.S. Installs New P.A. System

Grimsley will get a new P.A. system from a \$15,000 grant by the school board. It has replaced the present system because the system now can't have speakers put into the new buildings on campus.

Some people may think that the P.A. system has been put in because of disciplinary problems. Both Mr. Glenn and Mr. Gwynn made it quite clear that the purpose was to replace an old faulty system and to provide Grimsley with a better way of relaying messages. One example is, if needed, the system can be made to go directly from the main office to one or more rooms. Another important example of this, is the fact that if the need should arise, more speakers can be added to the system's total of 100 or so.

Among the buildings lacking

speakers in the present system are the New Science building, the Home-Economics building, and the Gym. All of the other buildings on campus also need new speakers because the old system's faults. This new system will have an almost unlimited amount of power and it is expected to last as long as our present one has, 30 years, but it only has a guarantee of one year.

Two systems were strongly considered for the job, but the staff at Grimsley decided that the one picked was the best choice; since the other system cost more and had less of what Grimsley needed.

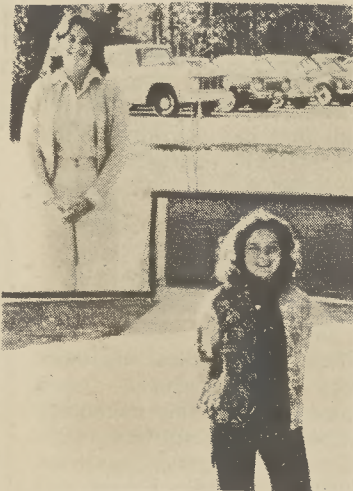
I asked Mr. Glenn for his opinion on how long Grimsley has been in need of a new P.A. system. He replied, "Oh, about 5 or 6 years." Most teachers at Grimsley agree on that point.

## Christmas Seal Finalists Compete

Kathy Moore and Emmy Neese, seniors representing Grimsley service clubs, competed as finalists in the G.Y.C. sponsored Miss Christmas Seal Contest held on November 10 at 4:15 p.m. at UNC-G's Alumnae House.

These girls joined seven other Miss Christmas Seal Finalists from six Greensboro area high schools for the judging of Miss Christmas Seal, 1976. The other finalists were: Lesa Fouts, and Lisa Summers, Page; Angela Adams, Smith; Debbie Yow, Southern Guilford; Dee Morphis, Dudley; Carol Cash, High Point Andrews; and Tammie Knighten from Ruffin. These nine girls representing nine sponsoring clubs were selected from a total of thirty-three clubs from the seven high schools involved. (Each girl became a finalist over other competing girls and sponsoring groups by having the most penny votes collected in her name.) Each sponsoring club had from October 18 through October 23 to collect penny votes for their representatives.

Kathy Moore, representative of the Grimsley Jr. Jayettes was



Kathy Moore, Emmy Neese

voted an amount of money approximately equal to \$640.00, making her the second-leading vote receiver. Emmy Neese, representative from the Jr. Exchangettes was voted in approximately 330,000 penny votes equal to \$330.00, placing her third in total number of votes.

A second penny vote time period was held at each high school from November 1 through November 9. During that period,

all voting was among the nine finalists. That vote total was combined to the original total collected for each contestant to give her a final penny vote standing.

On November 10, at U.N.C.-G's Alumnae House, the formal judging was held for all nine finalists at the Miss Christmas Seal Tea. The results of the formal judging by a board of ten judges was added to the results of the contestants combined penny vote to determine the 1976 Miss Christmas Seal.

The 1976 Miss Christmas Seal winner's awards include a wardrobe, a scholarship, television appearances, and trips to fulfill her representative duties. This year, as in years past Miss Christmas Seal will represent the Piedmont Lung Association.

The Miss Christmas Seal Contest is an annual project of the Greensboro Youth Council to aid the Piedmont Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign.

Last year approximately \$3,500.00 went to the Christmas Seal Drive as a result of this contest.

## Planning Group Forms

The Greensboro School Planning Committee was formed this year to "develop a comprehensive educational plan for the next five years," according to Dr. Don Gresso, who is in charge of the School Planning Committee. This committee comes under the Greensboro School Board as an advisory branch to the board.

A questionnaire will be sent out to randomly selected fifth through twelfth grade students, parents, administrators, and teachers during the second week of November. The questionnaire is a survey of what is being done in the city school system and what should be done in the future. From the results of this survey, a five year plan concerning the school system, will be drawn up and presented to the school board. The questionnaire is the current project being undertaken by School Planning Committee.

Dr. Gresso stated that the committee would "function as a link between a school and the community" and also as a "recommending group for the school board, which is a policy-making group."

All Greensboro City Schools are involved in the planning committee, but only the four senior high schools and the optional school send student representatives to the committee meetings. The five schools will each have four representatives.

In the future, the planning committee will form many SCITS (School-Community Input Teams). Each SCIT will handle an individual problem facing the entire committee. Every SCIT will contain at least one student, teacher, businessman, and an advisor. There will be as many SCITS as there are problems to solve.

## School Beautiful Begins

School beautiful work days are being held to keep Grimsley beautiful enough to win the N.C. School Beautification Contest. They will be held frequently during the year on Saturdays, from 9:00 - 12:00.

Amanda Stephens, chairperson of the School Beautiful Board, said that the first school beautiful workday went well. With 60 people participating from six clubs and non-club members.

Among the clubs attending were: the Key Club, Jr. Exchangettes, Jr. Civinettes, Sub Juniors, and the Charioteers. Amanda added that participation from clubs was good, but more people not in

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## News Briefs

Grimsley's Jr. Marine ROTC Drill Team won the drill competition in an invitational tournament in Johnson City, Tenn. Congratulations!

The Sophomore Pen Sale which will take place on November 15-22 is the project being done this year to raise money for next year's Junior-Senior Prom.

Diane Clark, President of the Sophomore Class, expects all sophomores to buy and sell at least one box of pens each. Three thousand boxes have been ordered. Each box contains five pens. They will sell for \$1.00 a box.

As soon as each box is sold, each sophomore is responsible for getting the money to their homeroom president who will in turn bring the money, or unsold pens to Mrs. Warren in room 416. If the pens are lost, the person selling is responsible for paying for them.

To promote sales and interest, a prize will be given to the top two students who sell the most boxes.

High school students from a ten-county area are invited to participate in the newly created Piedmont Forensics Tournament, sponsored by GYC along with UNC-G's department of drama and speech. The tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 1976 at the UNC-G campus in the Graham building from 8:30-5:30 p.m. "Forensics" is comprehensive in describing debating, drama, and public speaking.

During the 1974-75 school year, after a six month planning phase in the spring and summer of 1974 the Grimsley Communications system had begun at Grimsley.

Last year due to other activities that coincided with the last few meetings, they were cancelled.

Most students thought that that was the end of GCS and that it had died for good. But according to Mr. Gwynn plans are being made to start the program again. GCS not only provides a way for

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