

The Lincoln Echo

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1. To supplement reading materials.
2. To encourage free expression.
3. To interpret the life of the school to the community.
4. To promote greater school spirit.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Learning to concentrate is one of the most important achievements in our education. It will go a long way in aiding us in all future activities. Every day we hear teachers urging us to concentrate on our school work and prepare our lessons thoroughly. To be able to do this one must put aside all other thoughts for the immediate achievement. He must realize that the ability to put his mind on one thing at a time will be a great benefit.

A person is not really born alert or dull for his school work. Habits of study or concentration are cultivated by practice. Those who are able to receive high grades have merely mastered the ability to concentrate to a higher degree than those who receive low grades. It is foolish to cast aside failures lightly with poor excuses. No one is responsible but the person who has failed to reach whatever goals he seeks. Concentration and a keen determination are of great benefit to all. The joy that comes from achieving goals far outweighs the cost of time or the loss of some less valuable pleasure.

Social Notes

Lincoln High School students are looking forward to one of the most outstanding social events of the season, The Annual Harvest Ball, which will take place at the Community Center November 24.

Inez Alston and Ola Farrington are two Lincoln students who will attend and take part in the Debutante Ball which will be given by the A. K. A.'s in Raleigh on November 27.

Ruth Stroud

GOOD ENGLISH CORNER

By Betty and Ernestine

Through letter writing one may develop the ability to use choice speech and form good English habits.

Here two letters follow that show good usage, as well as a free and lively mood.

108 Caldwell Street
 Chapel Hill, N. C.
 September 16, 1952

Dear Ed,

How is college coming along? I know you were lonesome the first week. I suspect the upper class students treated you pretty roughly. We heard all about their making you carry their trays while singing the school song. You must teach it to me sometime.

School opened here Monday. I got a kind of electric shock when I realized that I am a junior in high school, right at the threshold of seniority. Mrs. Turner has the entire junior class and our enrollment is forty-three. I'm taking French and typing along with my old subjects this year.

The band has almost fifty players in it. This is quite an improvement over last year, don't you think? Wednesday, the band is going to Pittsboro to play at the fair. We won't be using Mrs. Susie's bus this year. It's too small for us.

The football team went to Rocky Mount last Friday. Very much to our disappointment, they lost by the score of 13-0. Most of the boys are playing for the first time, so we can't be too hard on them.

We all miss the ride that you used to give us to school and back. You should see Nelson getting up early in the morning trying to get to school on time. Scott takes some of the kids who live

Post Office Box 626
 Chapel Hill, N. C.
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Dear Johnnie Mae,

How are you doing in the Big City? I know you are having a wonderful time.

I am writing especially to let you know that I am back in school now. I made up my mind to start where I left off. I think it is important that we all have a high school education, even if we can't afford to go to college.

Mother Allie keeps Angela and Ricky while I am in school.

Willie is doing fine in Korea. He is a cook now, and he is getting fat too. He will be home in January, and I will be the happiest woman in the world.

How do you like New York? When are you planning to come back to the hills?

Benjamin is a senior this year. He plays on the football team. He is on the first string, too.

All the family sends love. We want you to hurry back home. We miss you so.

Your loving sister,
 Marion E. Brooks

over our way to school in his "Jitterbug Buggy." It's really amusing to see all those youngsters piled up in that one little car.

Tell Billy to write soon, and don't you forget to write.

Your devoted cousin,
 Jerrie

Let us increase our vocabulary daily with at least two words: contemporary-occurring or existing at the same period. sedate-calm, composed.

Correct pronunciation is very essential:

This
 certificate—(ser-tif-i-kit)
 athletic—(ath-letic)
 column—(collum)

Not this
 ser-stif-i-kit
 athe-let-ic
 col-yum

Gone--But Not Forgotten

By Wenzon Thompson

We entered school this year a little heavy-hearted, and with prospects of a happy season not very bright. We missed our friends of last year more than one could have expected from having a class to graduate. The graduates of '52 seemed to make our school life complete. Their ideas and suggestions threw light upon our pathway.

Looking back to the first year in our new school, we can see how the class of '52 made the Lincoln clock tick at our new site. There was Frank Robinson, president of the Student Council, a very courteous fellow, who seemed to use sound judgment in all his work. Gloria Mason and Iola Baldwin are best remembered for their high scholarship and general helpfulness in all areas of the school. In the department of sports Thomas Bynum distinguished himself, admirable, kind, and helpful.

It would be difficult to tell how much they are missed. However, when we consider the reason for their leaving, our hearts are no longer heavy. We can rejoice through our tears as we watch those students pursuing their ambitions in other places.

Election Campaign

From what I have read and heard concerning the 1952 Election Campaign and the candidates I feel quite the same as Senator Smith of Maine, who, in a recent article pertaining to the campaign and the voters, stated that, "individual freedom carried with it not only thinking individually but also **thinking out loud** and making ourselves heard among those that shared the same beliefs and opinions as we."

As to who will win, I haven't the faintest idea. However, if I were of voting age and planned to vote I would vote for Stevenson. Why? Because of some of the things that he said he would promote in contrast to those of Eisenhower, plus the fact that he is a Democrat.

One thing that should always be remembered in any case is: think first; then make yourself heard. Think before you speak, everybody.

Ernestine Powell