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(Photo by Lauterer)

"OH, COME let us adore Him."

## CHHS Feels Holiday Spirit Special Events Mark Christmas Calendar

In their highly individualized ways, several clubs at the high school will mark the holiday calendar with special Christmas events.

Latin Club members made tentative plans for a Christmas dance open to all high school students tomorrow night from 8-12 in the high school cafeteria.

A local combo will provide music for the dance, the theme of which is "Holly Holiday." Admission is 75 cents, according to Mrs. Betsy Lawson, adviser.

### Club Sings French Carols

Saturday night, December 22, the 26 members of the French Club sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Raney, will sing Christmas carols *en francais* in the Chapel Hill area. Paul Rhyne will serve refreshments to the group at his house.

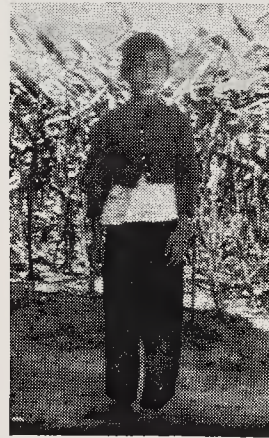
Members of the Distributive Education Club honored their employers at the annual bosses' banquet last Wednesday evening in the high school

cafeteria.

### Dr. Thompson Addresses Banquet

Dr. Howard Thompson, superintendent of Chapel Hill Schools, delivered an after-dinner address. Senior Phillip Thomas welcomed guests to the dinner. E. Y. Jaynes is adviser to the club.

Future Teachers of America gathered at the house of their adviser, Mrs. Carolyn Horn, for a pizza party last Saturday from 5:30 until 8 P.M.



NGUYEN THI THOM

### CHHS Readopts Vietnamese Child For 2nd Year

For another year CHHSers will be foster parents of 12-year-old Nguyen Thi Thom, a frail, sad-eyed Vietnamese child.

Thom's Chapel Hill parents will buy food, clothes, and school supplies for their Vietnamese daughter. They will also provide medical care and spending money for Thom and her family.

### SCA Raises \$180

A 3-penny-a-day drive, conducted by the Student Council during the two and a half weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, made available the \$180 necessary for the adoption. By unanimous vote the SCA renewed the plan to adopt Thom for the second consecutive year.

An SCA committee headed by junior Jane Dyer will correspond with Thom, who wrote several letters to CHHS last year.

### Thom Receives Proconian

In addition to the letters, a subscription to the *Proconian* is being sent to Thom, who loves to look at photographs.

According to Thom's letters, the girl and her family live in a refugee camp in South Viet Nam, where they fled to escape Communist oppression in the North.

If it were not for the Foster Parents Plan, Thom's family would find existence almost impossible. Her father is unable to support his family because of an advanced state of pulmonary tuberculosis which seriously restricts his activity.

## Teachers Study New Grammar

Every Wednesday afternoon at 4, CHHS English teachers rush to tune in their TV sets. But they do not watch the usual "soap opera." They study English grammar.

English Grammar 26C is taught over WUNC-TV by part-time instructor at UNC, James Gardner. The course is designed for high school teachers throughout the state who want to keep abreast of recent, rather revolutionary changes in the study and teaching of the language.

Mrs. Norma Bernhardt, Mrs. Martha Gill, Mrs. Betsy Lawson, and Miss Jessie Belle Lewis are keeping pace with the course although they are not taking it for college credit as Mrs. Lawson did this year in summer school at UNC.

### Approach Is Descriptive

The course approaches grammar in a descriptive way rather than in a prescriptive way. The latter approach, used for many years in American schools, emphasizes cor-

rectness in usage. Descriptive grammar studies language as it is, not necessarily as it should be.

Beginning with the smallest unit of meaningful sound—the phoneme—students of the course will move into the larger areas of words and syntax. New terminology describing traditional parts of speech will be incorporated in the study, which discards semantic definitions of parts of speech and substitutes definitions based on word order and word endings.

### Lewis Uses Techniques

Miss Lewis has already put into practice some new techniques of grammar study in her senior English classes, and other teachers will follow her example this year.

Thus students will soon be talking about "nominal," "verbal," and "determinant" instead of "substantive," "complete predicate," and "article" or "demonstrative pronoun."

## There Is No Remedy For P. A.'s Illness

"And all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't

put Humpty Dumpty back together again."

That's the story on the public address system at CHHS, which has been broken for weeks now and continues to baffle repairmen.

Having been subjected to several battery tests, fuse tests, and a thorough check-up, the PA has failed to respond to treatment. But Principal May Marshbanks hopes that it will recover soon after Christmas.

Until then, all announcements will be posted on the Student Council bulletin board in front of the office or relayed to students through homeroom teachers. Announcements on the board should be submitted to junior Dale Sloan before posting.

And until then, the *Proconian* staff wishes the PA a speedy recovery.

## Sophs Introduce CHHS Calendars

If you want to keep up with what's new at CHHS, you'd better buy a calendar of school events from the sophomore class.

Important events such as club meetings, exams, sports activities, publication dates of the *Proconian*, and the Junior-Senior prom will be posted on the 1963 desk calendar.

Nancy Aycock, sophomore class president, said that the class hoped to put the calendars on the market before today. They will cost 75 cents.

All calendars will fatten the class treasury for the Junior-Senior prom in 1964.

## Juniors Sponsor Party; Old Hits Spark Night

"Old Rec Nite" will be the theme of the dance to be held at the gym tonight from 8 until 11:30.

The junior class, sponsors of the dance, have been gathering favorite records which were popular at past sock

hops.

To help with the reminiscent atmosphere Miss Sarah Umstead, former recreation director will again spin the record turntable.

"We hope that all CHHSers will come and relive the wonderful days of the old rec and Sarah," says Myrt Trageser, class social co-chairman.

The informal affair will cost 35 cents a person. All profits will go to the Junior class treasury. Refreshments will be served.

Only members of the current student body will be allowed to attend the dance.

### Junior Class Dance

Another form of entertainment sponsored by the junior class is the Junior Follies on February 9. The Follies are made up of acts performed by members of the student body.

Since plans have been made for acts to begin practice soon after Christmas, anyone having an act should contact Jackie Jennings.



(Photo by Lauterer)

CHHSers WAIT while Mrs. Shepard talks to a college-bound student.

## Shepard Divides Her Time Between Two High Schools

The mystery of the disappearing act of Mrs. Rebecca Shepard, CHHS guidance counselor, on certain days of the week has been solved.

Mrs. Shepard plays a dual role in Chapel Hill City Schools—she has the responsibilities and duties of a full-time guidance counselor in both Chapel Hill High School and Lincoln High School.

Her present schedule provides that she divide her time between CHHS and Lincoln on alternate days of the week.

During a normal week, she spends Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at one school; and Tuesday and Thursday at the other. Both schools receive the benefit of an "extra" day

every other week.

At each school, Mrs. Shepard maintains a guidance office containing guidance information and materials used only in that school.

Her duties include advising students concerning future careers or prospective colleges, filling out transcripts to be sent to prospective colleges, administering guidance tests, and helping to solve those "miscellaneous problems" which occur in the lives of every high school student.

So if Mrs. Shepard has disappeared on a day when she is desperately needed, she'll be there to offer a sympathetic ear and a helping hand the next day.

## School Board Decides On Diploma Question

"Seniors will not have to pay for their diplomas," announced Dr. Howard Thompson, superintendent of schools. The decision was made by the school board on Dr. Thompson's recommendation on December 3.

Last November seniors were told that they might have to pay for their own diplomas. Many students objected to the plan because they thought that they had earned the right to have their diplomas given to them.

The diplomas will be paid for with school funds. If the students desire a small photostatic copy of their diploma, they will have to purchase it.

The diplomas will have a black cover on which the student's name will be printed. Also printed on the cover will be "Chapel Hill City Schools" in large gold letters.

Chapel Hill High School will

be printed on the diploma along with the rest of the information usually found on high school diplomas.

### Passing Views

A flask exploding in Jimmy Lewis' face during chemistry . . . Susie Beck stealing Little Thomas' broom . . . Catherine Borden finding the length of tape by unrolling it 52 feet down the hall . . . Gilbert Turner sitting on Santa's knee in a local department store . . . All students eagerly looking forward to vacation but dreading exams which come soon after . . . Henry Turlington under the phone booth in the vestibule of the auditorium . . . Pam Cherry asking Stan Perry to hang her coat on her top locker . . . Bob Bolan, Mrs. Sommerfeld's student teacher, using the *Proconian* as a ruler for drawing on the blackboard.

### COLLEGE BOARD DATES

Test Date . . . January 12  
Closing date for  
registration  
December 29

For further information,  
see Mrs. Becky Shepard,  
guidance counselor.