



SINGERS--Three dozen boys at W.T. Gibson School make up the boys chorus. Mrs. N.A. McNeill, second row, right, is director. Other females assisting are Beth Wood, left, and Beth Jordan, right, who serve as accompanists. The boys are left to right: first row, Tommy Hardin, Buzzy Bledsoe, Ray Squires, Wayne W. Is, Ricky Sandy, Freddie Parker, Lester Southland, Jimmy Deal, second row, Ricky Ward, John Miller, Stephen Poole, Eddie Inman, Tony Austin,

Van Fabbri, Glenn Miller, Ricky Huff; third row, Timothy Strickland, Don Brock, Timmy Sessions, Danny Gibson, John Clark, Timmy Young, Don Lee, Timmy Hendrix; fourth row, Eddie Barefoot, Kenneth Hollingsworth, David Dambrowski, Martin Best, Peter Sawyer, Mark Gillis, Anderson Hostetler, Jimmy Crissman, Sammy Young, Roy Avery and Gary McLamb. Charles Maroney, not shown, also is a member.

Local Boys Chorus To Appear In Concert

Springtime is sing time and nobody could be more enthusiastic right now than the lads of the W.T. Gibson School Boys Chorus.

The group, under the direction of Mrs. N.A. (Mary Archie) McNeill, is making ready for a three-day engagement next month. One of the dates will be kept at Raeford Elementary School Auditorium on May 14.

As winner of the highest award at the recent Southeastern District Choral Festival in Wilmington this spring, the 35 boys have received an invitation to participate in concert with two other top flight choruses.

Robert Ellis, one of the most outstanding directors in the state, invited them to take part in a program in Greensboro on Sunday, May 12. Also invited is the boys chorus from Mount Airy.

On May 13, the three groups will present the same at Mount Airy at 8 p.m.

On May 14, the local boys will return home and will bring the other two groups here to present the program in Raeford Elementary School Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Mrs. McNeill shares her pride in the boys with all of Raeford. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade white-shirted, red-tied youngsters not only entertain for local clubs and churches, but for men's and women's

organizations in other towns. Their performance has been chosen time and again as the best of the year here and in Fayetteville by Kiwanis clubs.

Recently, they were invited to give a full concert in Wilmington and another in Laurinburg. Plans have not been worked out for either of these as yet, however.

Making up the group in the local all male chorus are boys in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Yes, they are at the voice-change stage and use in a while a strident shriek sound rings forth even during a concert. But nobody pays it any attention. It is not surprising.

Mrs. McNeill is music education teacher at Gibson School. But she also directs choruses at Hoke High School. Many practice sessions, take place outside school hours including those of the chorale. This is an advanced group which does much a cappella work and which did a major work at Christmas last year to make a first here.

There also is a high school mixed chorus which, even though it was entered in group 4-A, one step higher than is own 3-A category still won a rating of excellent-plus at the Wilmington Music Festival this spring. Fourteen of this group were chosen to sing March 29 in the all-state chorus in Greensboro. High school rehearsals take place daily.

There also is a group of mixed voices at Gibson School called the junior chorus.

As music education teacher, Mrs. McNeill is allowed 45 minutes a week with each class. At this time she builds interest among students by correlating music studies with social studies.

If a group is on the subject of French history, Mrs. McNeill selects that country's music for study. They learn

about composers, listen to compositions, and learn to sing native songs.

In addition, they take up various periods of music. They study about and listen to the music of Bach and Handel, Mendelssohn and Brahms--leading composers of the baroque and romantic styles.

The classroom teacher carries on between Mrs. McNeill's weekly classes.

"We go into music education

as deeply as possible," Mrs. McNeill explained, "because this may be the last time they are exposed to music appreciation." It is not taught in high school.

To instill a background in music education in the children, the music teacher uses a five-point plan:

1. Theory (sight reading, learning notes, time, etc.)
2. Singing (part singing in all grades)
3. Listening (appreciation in music, hearing records or symphonies, etc.)
4. Creativeness (music writing)
5. Rhythms (rhythmic activities, marching, dancing, and other phases of time-keeping)

Mrs. McNeill -- who spends much time after school, during the lunch hour and at night holding rehearsals-- gives much credit to the student, in the town which she declares, calling attention to the church choirs, is full of musical talent, and to most of all to the parents of students in the choruses, whose enthusiasm is gratifying.

WHAT'S WHAT at HOKE HIGH

BY GWEN ANDERSON



I hope the Easter Bunny was good to everyone! Now we must hold out 'til June 4th. Then it will be all over!

The Easter Bunny was especially nice to the junior class--he brought them their class rings! There will be a lot of proud juniors at HHS for the next week!

The Hoke High Band was the main attraction at the Stoneybrook Races last Saturday. This weekend they will travel to Wilmington to participate in the Avalea Festival.

This weekend is also the Beta Club Convention in Raleigh. Approximately 15 of our Betas will

attend.

Work has begun for the junior-senior prom, which is April 26. The juniors are doing their best to make this prom the best that HHS has ever had!

This Thursday, the golf team will travel to Laurinburg to take another swing for first place.

This Thursday, the Bucks will take on the Dunn Green Waves at Armory Park. Game time is 7:30. Tuesday, the Bucks will challenge the 71st Falcons on our diamond. Game time is 7:30. Try to be at both these games to give these boys the support they need!

4-H Dress Revue Set

Hoke County 4-H Club girls will compete in their annual dress revue Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Senior club members will model suits and dresses and junior girls will show skirts, blouses, sleeveless dresses and aprons.

Each girl is to wear only

garments she made herself. Belle-Hensdale of Raeford sponsors the revue each year and provides 12 prizes consisting of pieces of fabric.

First place winner in the senior division will compete in the district contest in Moore County in June. Gold plated medals of honor will be awarded to the top 10 per cent group in the local contest, while district winners will receive a scholarship to 4-H Club Week in Raleigh in July. They also will participate in a revue there.

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Mail patrons offended by pandering advertisements can now take steps to curb such mail, Postmaster Charlie Morrison said today in announcing plans for administering a new law which gives each family the right to decide that an ad is "erotically arousing or sexually provocative."

When an advertisement sent through the mails is offensive on these grounds, a postal patron can now ask the post office to direct the mailer to send no more mail to him and to remove immediately the patron's name from all mailing lists he owns, controls or rents.

To assist patrons, the Post Office Department has published a brief pamphlet, "How You Can Curb Pandering Advertisements," which is now available at the Raeford post office. In addition to explaining how the law works, the pocket-size leaflet contains a form letter one can use when sending his complaint to the post office.

The pamphlet explains that when a patron receives an advertisement which is, in his opinion, pandering, he must send the ad, its envelope and the form letter, or one which includes its language, to his post office with the words, "Re-

quest for prohibitory order" on the face of the envelope. Morrison said: "This new law should give some protection to American families offended by advertisements they believe to be morally harmful, particularly to their children."

"Last year the Post Office Department received some 10,000 complaints from those offended by pandering advertisements. While in most cases the ads were not legally obscene and were therefore mailable, they are often offensive and are usually not the type of material one would want his children to read," Morrison said.

He added that "because the law gives a mail patron the sole right to decide what is offensive, and does not deny others the right to receive the same mail, the Government does not violate Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech."

While the patron's complaint will only be directed to the sender, Morrison believes that one or two complaints will provide substantial protection because "the great bulk of this advertising comes from fewer than 20 so-called 'smut dealers' who are frequently swapping mailing lists."

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