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## FACULTY ELECTS GIRLS' AND BOYS' STATE WINNERS

Each year the faculty selects two junior girls and two junior boys to attend Girls' State at Greensboro and Boys' State at Chapel Hill, respectively. These two groups are sponsored by the American Legion in New Bern.

The purpose of these organizations is to provide citizenship training for a selected group of individuals. These students meet together at these two places to learn to live together as self-governing citizens and to become informed about their duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of their State government; and to develop within themselves as young leaders, a sense of responsibility as political citizens.

The students are chosen on scholarship and citizenship rating and also on promise of future leadership.

The two girl winners are Helen Swan and Linda Gible. The two alternates are Nell Hobby and Ann Adams.

The two boy winners are Norman Lee and Bob Clement with Norman Kellum and Jimmy Hughes as alternates.

The winners were announced Thursday in assembly by Mr. Brinkley.

## DEBATERS DEFEATED

On Friday, March 26 at 1:15 debaters from three high schools, New Bern, Richlands, and Vanceboro, met and debated the question, "Resolved, that the President of the United States should be elected by direct vote of the people." The affirmative side of each team remained at their own school while the negative sides traveled. The negative team from New Bern went to Vanceboro, while Vanceboro's negative went to Richlands, with Richland's negative team traveling to New Bern.

Both teams from NBHS were defeated. The debaters from our school were: affirmative, Mary Austin and Ralph Jacobs; and negative, Bud Bledsoe and Mary White.

## BETA CLUB HEARS ALVIN PITT

On Tuesday morning, April 13, the Beta Club heard Reverend Alvin K. Pitt of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The club asked Mr. Pitt to speak as part of the Character Week program.

In his talk, Mr. Pitt stressed Christianity as a vital part of character.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL

Are you 15-18 years of age? Well, then, you should take advantage of a big opportunity. Join the C.A.P. Cadets. Learn to fly, and learn more about aviation. For fun and knowledge join the Civil Air Patrol!

The meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Airport. For more information call or contact Mr. Berch, Mr. J. Morton, Jr., or Mr. Doug Edwards. You can see any member of the C.A.P. at school. Twenty-five or more have already joined, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

JOIN NOW!

## NEW COURSES TO BE ADDED NEXT YEAR

Several new courses will be offered next year. There will be Art II and Home Ec. III. Industrial Arts will be offered in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. In the twelfth grade a trade and industry course will be provided. Also it will be possible to take chemistry and physics in the same year.

After school starts next year, an unofficial plan will be underway to provide P. E. beyond the ninth grade. This is still indefinite due to the lack of instructors.

## CHOIR TO SING WITH OPERA

The A Capella choir will assist the Grass Roots Opera Company in their production of CARMEN on Friday night, April 30. The opera will be presented at the Eleanor Marshall school auditorium at 8:00 P. M. The choir members will dress as gypsies as they will be on stage during most of the performance.

The only rehearsal which the choir will have with the company is scheduled for the afternoon of the performance.

## Fun Night To Be May 6

By SONIA MATTOCKS

Our P.T.A. is sponsoring a "Fun Night" for May 6 at the Rec. Center. The admission will be a dollar per person.

We have heard that the door prize will be a used car! Besides this, most of the prizes will be valued at \$15. Refreshments will be available.

Any club in high school that sells the most tickets will receive \$25.

We are sure this is going to be a gala and successful event. At least we hope so, for we have heard that some of the proceeds will be donated to a worthy cause, the Bear Cub.

## WATCH THAT SLUMP

Nearly every morning, especially on Monday mornings, when you go into your classes you are apt to notice students with bags under their eyes, fatigue is evident. Or is it spring fever, or just plain laziness? You in turn view their posture which is also terrible. You note their legs which are stretched or draped across an empty desk or which have been "lain" in the aisle. You then proceed to ask yourself why the lack of energy is so prevalent.

Lack of sleep and not eating the correct food are probably the basic reasons for this disgusting display. But slouching is certainly not going to make you feel any better, in fact it will make you feel worse. If you would try sitting straight (not rigid) in your desks with your feet flat on the floor you would be surprised at the results. You would look better, feel better, your studies would improve and you wouldn't get nearly so tired.

Now that spring is here and hot weather is rapidly approaching we must get into the habit of practicing good posture, for nothing can make you more miserable than to be slouching in a desk on a hot summer day.

## P. T. S. A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

### Plans Party for Seniors

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins was elected President of the New Bern High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association at the monthly meeting on Monday, March 22. Elected to serve with her are Mrs. Ed Berry III, Vice-President; Mrs. Joseph Fochler, corresponding secretary; Miss Sue Wayne, recording secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Harker, treasurer.

Mrs. Carl H. Dixon, social chairman, announced that the April meeting will be a social in honor of the Senior Class. Miss Ann Adams announced that the students would be responsible for the entertainment for the meeting.

Mr. Cathey stated that the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold its annual convention in Raleigh on April 6, 7, and 8th. He urged all members to attend.

Miss Rosa Asbell's 12-2 was awarded the attendance prize.

## F. H. A. ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION

Eleven members of the New Bern High School Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended the annual convention held at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh on Saturday, April 3. Those attending were Elizabeth Barnhardt, Pat Tyson, Mary Ann Allen, Pat Wood, Joetta Hopkins, Lena Tilghman, Margaret Trader, Pat Wilson, Nancy Arthur, Carolyn Arthur, Frances Smith and Mrs. John Green, Jr., advisor for the group.

The delegates were welcomed by Jean Faulkner, state president, and Mrs. Faye Coleman, state advisor.

The highlight of the day was when Bill Martin, well known lecturer and story teller in North Carolina, held over three thousand Future Homemakers spellbound as he unfolded stories of the state. Mr. Martin presented ways the group could correlate storytelling with their own life. He advised the group "to unite the homes of America by three media—storytelling, group singing, and family prayer."

Special guests at the convention were Dr. J. Warren Smith, State Director of Vocational Education, Dr. A. E. Hoffman of the State Department of Public Instruction, and Miss Catherine T. Dennis, State Supervisor of Home Economics.

## Seniors Given Silver

All of the Senior Class girls were presented with a silver teaspoon in their chosen pattern by Baxter's Jewelry Store. So far only 35 of the girls have claimed their spoons. If they are out of teaspoons, they may get butter spreaders.

The most popular piece chosen this year was Sweetheart Rose by Lunt. Next was Lily of the Valley by Gorham, and third, the up and coming pattern, Silver Wheat by Reed and Barton.

Baxter's has been presenting silver to graduating girls since 1949. Approximately 325 pieces amounting to \$1,300, have been given by them.

Mrs. Baxter said that a very small minority of the girls change from the pattern they chose in their twelfth year of school.

## Junior-Senior Plans Revealed

In an interview with Nell Hobby she reported that the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet Committee are working very satisfactorily and are working a great deal towards producing a very original and unusual theme for the prom banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple at 7:00 P. M. and the prom will be at the Recreation Center. The "Collegians" from East Carolina College will play for the prom.

In closing Nell stated that "This will be the largest banquet at New Bern High, for 350 people will be served, and we hope this will be the best Junior-Senior and that none of the Seniors will be disappointed."

The members of the Prom Decorating Committee are Carolyn Stone, Ann Robinson, Ann Moore, Jean Hawkins, Tody Thorne, Helen Swan, Judy Smith, Jo Parsons, Peggy Buckley, Sue Wayne, George Slaughter, Bob Clement, Norman Kellum, Lynette Mann, Joe Clement, Arthur Anderson, Doris Bland, Irene Collins, Beth Lansche, Jo Kaffer, John Whitty, Peggy Hudson, Lillian Harris, Gail Colvard, and Betty Garris. The chairman is Mercedes Harman.

The members of the Banquet Dec-

orating Committee are Martha Jane Hammond, Arthur Anderson, Pat Lancaster, Janice Lee, Carol Parker, Annette Page, Carol Ridgeway, Judy Chapman, Mary Austin, Kay Ridgeway, Nancy Lilly, John Whitty, Jimmy Hughes, Peggy Hudson, and Billy Hendren. The chairman is Doug Sasser.

## F. T. A. Gives Assembly Program

The Future Teachers' Club gave the programs in assembly on March 18th and April 1st. They were presented in the form of a typical F.T.A. meeting. The Future Teacher song was sung by Lynnette Mann, songleader, and Bunny Boyd. Frances Morton recited the Teacher's Pledge, and reports were given by Rosa Gardner, historian, and Shirley Duell, librarian. The program consisted of a round-table discussion on topics related to F.T.A. work. Information was given about the life of a teacher and what it means to be one.

To conclude the program Helen Pipkin told an entertaining story while the group furnished the sound effects.

## An Easter Legend

THE STORY OF THE DOGWOOD

According to an ancient legend, the dogwood tree, because of its hardness was chosen for the cross at the crucifixion. The legend runs that the dogwood was overwhelmingly distressed at being doomed to such a terrible purpose, and that the Savior, sensing this distress, made to the tree this promise:

Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the shape of a cross—two long and two short petals, and in the center of the outer edge of each petal, there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with blood, and the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns. All who see it will thus remember that it was on the dogwood I was crucified and this tender tree shall be neither mutilated nor destroyed, but cherished and protected as a living reminder of My agony upon the Cross.

Look closely at the dogwood when you next see one. Is the symbolism not miraculous indeed?

## OBEY YOUR MONITORS

The monitors are for your benefit. It makes you mad when you can't get down the hall and are late for class because of people talking. The Student Council appoints monitors for the purpose of keeping the traffic moving so that you won't be late. When a monitor tells you to move on, do so. Don't cause someone to be late. Keep moving and you won't need a ticket. When you get a ticket you have to go to Traffic Court and are usually sentenced to a half hour in Detention Hall. The Student Monitors are really for your benefit. So don't stop and linger in the halls, you might cause another student to be late for class. Next year the new school halls will be narrower so if you learn now, we can avoid confusion then.

## Choir Members Will Attend Music Festival

The State Music Festival will be held at Woman's College in Greensboro Monday, April 19, through Thursday, April 22. A portion of the A Capella choir will be present. Those making the trip will be Anne Jordan, Sylvia Perkins, and Patty Wetherington, sopranos; Gatesy Matthews, Carol Davis, and Barbara Braddy, altos; Ivey Heath, Sandy Tuten, and Charlie Smith, tenors; and Charles Stokes, A. D. Sawyer, and Philip Thatch, basses. Sharon Bolin will go as pianist and Donald Smith, director, will accompany the group.

These members of the choir will join with students from all over North Carolina in singing several numbers. Included will be Father William and the Lobster Quadrille by Lane, and several sacred numbers.



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## RESTRAINT, A SIGN OF MATURITY

By JIMMY HUGHES

Have you ever stopped to wonder why you don't do certain things? We have often said to ourselves, "I wouldn't do what that person is doing for anything". What makes this so? Why, we're growing up, of course.

Self-control is something high school students have to fight for. This fight is within ourselves. How often have we wanted to slap a teacher, or talk back to the principal? Yet, why didn't we do it? Simply because that inner self holds us back.

Let's suppose there's no such thing as self-control. Wouldn't it be awful to have a school full of wild people? Through the windows English books would be flying. Everything would be in a turmoil. The school itself would be a madhouse.

All this seems funny to you, but we sometimes act as silly. When we cut-up in class or try to make public spectacles of ourselves we are out of control . . . self-control.

Let's show our maturity by practicing restraint.

## Have You Learned To—

1. Laugh? A laugh is better than medicine.
2. Attend to your business? Few men can handle their own well.
3. To tell a story? A well-told story is like a sunbeam in a sick-room.
4. To say kind things? Nobody ever resents them.
5. To stop grumbling? If you can't see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.
6. To avoid nasty remarks? They give neither the hearer nor the speaker any lasting satisfaction.
7. To keep your troubles to yourself? Nobody wants to take them from you.
8. To smile? . . . this, above all!

## What Is Christianity?

In the home Christianity is kindness;

In business it is honesty;

In society it is helpfulness;

In work it is fairness;

Toward the unfortunate it is the helping hand;

Toward the weak it is burden bearing;

Toward the strong, it is trust;

Toward the wicked it is evangelism;

Toward the patient it is forgiveness;

Toward ourselves it is self control;

Toward God it is reverence, love and worship.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

What is your definition of *school spirit* or a person who has *school spirit*?

1. Arthur Anderson—Taking a cheerful part in school activities.
2. Peggy Hudson—Cheers of the cheerleaders, and the strut of majorettes.
3. Betty Lou Norris—Being cheerful and taking part in all the athletics.
4. Beth Lansche—A person who will defend the school when it is being ridiculed.
5. Elizabeth Hardison—Being proud of your school and trying to make it a better school, supporting the various activities of the school.
6. Cynthia Gordon—To cooperate with teachers and to try to learn something.
7. Barbara Muse—To support your school activities.
8. Pat Lancaster—To be a good example of a good citizen, polite and honest.
9. Sarah Jones—Enjoying a day at school. Participating in and attending school activities. Having respect for your school.
10. Peggie Jackson—Acting as a young lady or gentleman, be kind to people who come in to help us out while the regular teacher is absent.
11. Shirley Brinkley—Enjoying school activities. Respecting our teachers as well as our school.

## Cheating Is Repulsive

Some students seem to think that they can't pass a single test without having the old "stand by", namely notes. All through the test these students are nervous. One is startled by a movement at his side. Was it the teacher? He is getting ready to dash out of the room. No, it's only a boy bending over to pick up his paper. The cheater is about ready for Dix Hill. His nerves are shot; he has no blood left in his veins. After such a close call, he feels all sick inside.

His thoughts now are of what would have happened if he had been caught. First, his teacher would know, his classmates would know. The teacher would take him to the office. He would be expelled; his parents would find out. His life would be scarred forever. The boy returns to reality to make a final decision: "No more cheating for me."

## HILL'S

"Known for Good Clothes"

## For and Against the Honor System

By PAT SIMONDS

Would the use of the honor system be an effective way to curb cheating? This topic has been discussed, debated, and re-discussed and it seems there are always good arguments for both sides. The editors of *Senior Scholastic* have recently printed an article entitled "How Would You Stop Cheating On Exams?" One solution presented is the honor system. Teachers who use the honor system have almost no cheating. The reason for this, of course, is that the feeling of being trusted makes you feel you can't deliberately let that teacher down. Many students, when left alone, do their best work, leading us to believe that being left alone brings out the finer instincts.

Some students believe there will be cheating as long as the teacher mistrusts the students. If a teacher lets up on strictness, the pupils will take advantage of it. Some believe that cheating cannot be stopped by honor systems, but only by strict supervision backed up by an honor board of reliable students to report those violating the principles of honesty. Some believe that those who cheat all the time will take advantage of the honor system.

These are the arguments . . . pro and con. Would an honor system be effective? The answer is left to you. If you don't take full advantage of your education, you are only cheating yourself out of one of the greatest privileges of an American citizen. If you are a conscientious student, you will be able to assume your role as a citizen of tomorrow. In the end the truth will win out.

## DAILY DEVOTION

By RODDY MARTIN

In the morning in every home-room in NBHS they have a devotional period. This devotional may be in several forms. It can be the praying of the Lord's Prayer, reading from the Bible, or reading from different books in which devotion material and examples are found. Sometimes we have personal experiences told to us by our fellow students.

The daily devotion is something that should not be left out of the student's day. It can give the student strength and determination to go through the trying problems that meet him in everyday experiences. The daily devotion also brings a lot of misled boys and girls back onto the right paths. It is also a way of reaching people who would never go to Sunday School or Church.

From these few facts, you undoubtedly see just how much good a daily devotion does.

But, you know, sometimes we get into a set pattern. The words of prayers seem to just fall out of your mouth without any meaning. When this happens, we are losing a great thing. We are not fulfilling our job. "To preach the word of God in every land". So from now on when we say a prayer, or listen to a message, enter into it with all your heart. You'll find that it will make your day very much brighter.

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## Is School Necessary?

By BUD BLEDSOE

By all means, school is necessary! Especially one like N.B.H.S., for where else could you go to:

1. Plan parties and hayrides?
2. Learn the latest gossip?
3. Learn to appreciate Fridays?
4. Read a good paper like the BEAR CUB?
5. Find students smoking between classes?
6. Find a certain few students who like to spend their lunch hour playing basketball with the waste basket?
7. Find students racing to the N lunch room?
8. Find students holding hands in the hall?
9. Find students' books lying here, there, and everywhere?
10. Find students eating their breakfast and lunch during classes?
11. Find students without paper, pencil, or books each hour?
12. Find certain ones who have got to be the first one out of the room 3rd and 5th periods?
13. Find students who don't have time to get their homework?
14. Find so many students late to class that a detention hall is necessary?

## THE BRAGGERS

If there is anyone people dislike, it is a braggart. A braggart is a person who is very fond of himself and makes sure that everyone knows it. A well-known person once said that a person who brags is trying to convince himself that he is what he isn't. This annoying creature is continually boasting of his possessions, his appearance and his admirers. Beware of bragging, that is a good way to lose friends! Instead try to be modest, that can be overdone also, but not if you are *reasonably* modest. If you are not inclined to boast I'm sure you know someone who is. Notice that person and maybe you can help them by giving them some friendly advice in the way of a hint.

## Spring Has Sprung

Spring has sprung  
The grass has riz  
Wonder where last year's careless driver is?  
Some are planted  
Beneath the earth  
They thought safety  
Was just some mirth!  
Others are lying in a hospital  
With a cast around the middle  
Some are hobbling on a crutch  
For letting out too fast on the clutch  
So my advice for the coming year  
"It is your life; treat it dear!"

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## COMMANDMENTS FOR TEACHERS

1. Thou shalt not willfully awaken students who collapse into comas for need of rest.
2. Thou shalt not let fifty-five minutes elapse without letting students talk.
3. Thou shalt not give homework to students who are in need of their beauty sleep.
4. Thou shalt not make students who did not get enough sleep, do class work.
5. Thou shalt not punish thy students for talking in class.
6. Thou shalt not embarrass thy students in front of the class, for not having their homework.
7. Thou shalt not disturb students who are concentrating on something else.
8. Thou shalt not issue extra work to students who do not pay attention in class.
9. Thou shalt not interrupt boys who are whispering sweet nothings to their girl friends.
10. Thou shalt not have one student in the class that thou thinkest more of than the rest.
11. Thou shalt not fail students for not trying.

## SMOKING

What is the harm in smoking? According to surveys people who smoke live shorter lives than non-smokers. Smokers do not eat as much as others because the hunger contractions in their stomachs are stopped by the smoking habit. There is another harm in smoking, tobacco breath. Have you ever gotten close to a smoker? If you have, you really don't have to have a good nose to smell that musty odor.

Why smoke? After a person has gotten into the habit, he smokes at least a pack a day. This adds up to about \$80 a year. This is an unreasonable sum for such an unbeneficial pastime.

Some say that smoking stops their nervousness. The true statement is that smoking relieves nervous tension. Anything can do this because it gives the person something to do with their hands. All in all, smoking tends to make people nervous, especially when they cannot get a cigarette.



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THE  
Athletes of the Month

By MURRAY SMITH

Dynamite comes in small packages!

The package in question is Norman Kellum, who is one of the more active members of the high school athletic program. A member of the football and baseball teams, Norman has one more year in which to support the efforts of New Bern High School on the athletic field. Much is expected of the little man in his remaining years, more of the expectations coming from the gridiron. He followed the team all the way in their bid for championship honors on the gridiron and was one of the dominant factors in the many victories.

But back to the sport of the season. Norman started off the season at the second base position and by no means did he embarrass the team by his efforts at that spot. During the remainder of the schedule he will probably appear on the scene many times, and it is sure that when he does he will catch the eye of the fan in the stands.

DID YOU KNOW?

By MARY LEB WHITE

That it takes sixty-four muscles to frown, and just sixteen to smile? Being the naturally lazy people that we are, it seems much better to smile.

It's a proven scientific fact that when one smiles a glandular secretion is set into action and spreads throughout the body, causing one to feel better all over.

Some of us use excuses for not doing our work, such as "I don't know how". Remarks such as this are usually accompanied with a frown and a grumble. Once we say that we don't know how, we become more careless and say "I won't try." Next we say "I won't do it". When our work is due it isn't done. The unpreparedness really originates with our frown.

If you will, begin your work with a smile. Already you feel better! The problem of how to go about your task becomes clear in your mind. You soon have the satisfaction of work well done.

Smiles are contagious. When you smile at someone, it's all that person can do to keep from smiling back. The person who has caught the smile passes it on to another, and pretty soon it's unanimous.

Smile!! You'll be glad you put your sixteen muscles to good advantage, instead of wasting sixty-four.

BOOTY SWINDELL

Probably one of the quietest and most modest boys on the '54 baseball team is Booty Swindell, a member of the freshman class. He patrols the right field position for Coach Caruso's nine and boasts one of the strongest throwing arms on the team.

So far this season Swindell has been one of the leading hitters on the team as well as a top scorer. In the game with Pamlico County on April 12, he was credited with four trips to the plate, three hits, and three runs. Any coach would be proud to have a player of this caliber on his team.

Booty was also a starting member of the '53 junior varsity football squad, to which he contributed much in the way of scoring.

BASEBALL

The New Bern High School baseball team opened their 1954 season with two straight defeats and bounced back for a pair of victories in their last two starts.

Two attempts were made to play the Greenville Phantoms, but both were nullified, one by a misunderstanding between the teams and the other by rain.

The first full seven inning affair played by the Bruins was at Jacksonville on March 30, where they fell at the hands of the Cardinals by a 3-1 score. Preacher Parker went the entire route on the mound for the Bears and suffered his first defeat.

On April 2nd the Bears met defeat for the second time when they were downed by the Washington Pam Pack in Kafer Park to the tune of a 3-1 score. Walter Smith handled the pitching chores for the Bears while Carl Coley led the hitting.

At Elizabeth City on April 6th the Bruins were victorious for the first time of the current season. Smith was again the starting moundsman for New Bern and edged his opponents out by a 7-4 margin.

Kafer Park was the scene of the Bruins' next victory when they defeated the Pamlico County Spuds by a one-sided 12-4 score. Bobby Whaley started on the hill for New Bern but was relieved by Walter Smith in the third inning. The Bears rallied behind twelve hits and capitalized on four Pamlico errors on their road to victory. This victory brought New Bern's record to a balanced 2 won, 2 lost.

MIGHT BE KIN

Have you ever heard someone say "You look just like so and so, are you his brother?" If you have, the answer was probably yes. You don't realize just how many N. B. High School Students are brothers and sisters. Here are some of them:

1. Bessie Burroughs (Sr.), Bobby Burroughs (Fr.)
2. Ann Jordan (Sr.), Soulee Jordan (Soph.)
3. Judy Fisher (Sr.), Jerry Fisher (Fr.)
4. Dellon Holt (Sr.), Carolyn Holt (Fr.)
5. Richard Rice (Sr.), Betty Rice (Jr.)
6. Betty Kellum (Sr.), Norman Kellum (Jr.)
7. Walter Smith (Sr.), Joe Pat Smith (Soph.)
8. Roddy Martin (Sr.), Judy Martin Smith (Jr.)
9. Frank Rawls (Sr.), Harold Rawls (Soph.)
10. Sarah Jones (Jr.), Douglas Jones (Fr.)
11. Eugene Huggins (Jr.), Bobby Huggins (Fr.)
12. Virginia Bledsoe (Jr.), Bud Bledsoe (Soph.), Martha Bledsoe (Fr.)
13. Mary Austin (Jr.), William Austin (Fr.)
14. Bob Clement (Jr.), Joe Clement (Jr.)
15. Betty Bland (Sr.), Doris Bland (Jr.)
16. Nancy Boggess (Jr.), Ann Boggess (Fr.)
17. Kay Ridgeway (Jr.), Carol Ridgeway (Jr.)
18. Harriet Hobby (Sr.), Nell Hobby (Jr.), Connie Hobby (Fr.)
19. Byron Chance (Jr.), Ronald Chance (Fr.)
20. Eddie Trader (Jr.), Margaret Trader (Soph.)
21. Bobby Whaley (Jr.), Loren Whaley (Fr.)
22. Jean Brown (Soph.), Joyce Brown (Fr.)
23. Joe Bryan (Jr.), Alice Bryan (Soph.)
24. Bobby Moore (Jr.), James Moore (Fr.)
25. Edna Tripp (Jr.), Marie Tripp (Fr.)
26. Etta Mazingo (Sr.), Betty Mazingo (Soph.)
27. Doug Nelson (Sr.), Jimmy Nelson (Sr.)
28. Frank Swinson (Jr.), Faye Swinson (Soph.)
29. A. D. Sawyer (Soph.), Frankie Sawyer (Fr.)
30. Bobby Ernul (Jr.), Carol Ernul (Soph.)
31. Jerry Watson (Jr.), Jean Watson (Fr.)
32. James Parsons (Soph.), Ida Mae Parsons (Fr.)

BASEBALL'S HERE!

By JOE PAT SMITH

Spring came in on March 21st, and some feeling came over the boys. What was it? Everyone should know that baseball is in the air. Most every boy looks longingly out the window and waits for the bell to ring so he can play ball.

Along with the birds' songs of spring, another sound fills the air... "play ball"!! echoes throughout the vacant lots around town. And you hear the clapping sound of a glove being limbered up after being stored away all winter. The shoe shop buzzes with the business of tightening loose spikes. Among the many things brought by spring, to a boy, baseball tops the list! Oh, yes, in the spring a young man's fancy certainly turns to thoughts of baseball.

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REMEMBER WHEN—?

By ALAN JOYNER

One Year Ago:

JIM TURNAGE and LEE ATKINSON were the Captains of the New Bern High School Football Team. Jim is now in the United States Marine Corps, and Lee is a student at East Carolina College.

GERALD BASS was the Captain of the New Bern Bears Basketball Team and was the top scorer of the team and one of the top in the Northeastern Conference. Gerald is a member of Uncle Sam's Army, and is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

BILL MOORE was a star player on the Bears Football Team. Well, this boy has gone places. He is a star on the State College Freshman Football Team and is very highly respected by his coaches and they plan to use him in Varsity competition next season.

LOUIS GASKINS, a three letter man with the New Bern High School Sports Company, is now working for Gussman Cleaners.

Two Years Ago:

JAMES DIFEE was a member and Captain of the New Bern Bears Basketball Team and made All Conference. Well, James has gone a long ways since leaving Ole' New Bern High, he attended Campbell College for one year, but quit to get married. He has a daughter who will soon be one year old.

BUD WILLIAMS was a basketball and baseball player for New Bern and Captain of the team. Bud has gone further in education and has been a member of the University of North Carolina Student Body for two years. Bud is very active at UNC and has joined the Swimming Team.

JIMMY WILLIS was a member of the starting five on the basketball team. Jim or "Jake" is an honor student at Atlantic Christian College. Jake played Freshman basketball for the "Bull Dogs".

JOE MAVRETIC had most of the controlling interest in all clubs on the campus. Well, old "Joe" has found a home at Chapel Hill. He has taken up wrestling at U.N.C. Joe was a three letter man while at NBHS. He was Captain of the football team in his Senior Year.

AL "BUZZY" LAUGHINGHOUSE was seen by the local fans as a Bear performer on the football squad. Al has studied at Carolina for two years and is now in his third year. Al plans to be a doctor.

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SPECULATIN'  
SPORTS

By FREDDIE CARMICHAEL

What has happened to our national game of baseball?

That's a question many sports scribes are still trying to answer today. The sport of the nation has been on the decline around the minor leagues for the past few years and is having due effect on the major leagues.

A few years ago baseball was the top sport attraction in New Bern, but now it seems as if it has succumbed to football. Why? Simply because of one main reason which is in connection with human nature. People will not come out to see a team play unless they have a winning team, and along the same line a town can't have a winning team without the support of the public. There is equipment to buy, trades to transact, and many other expenses that can not come about without that ever important gate receipt.

With baseball in the situation that it is in around New Bern and surrounding areas, it will take more than a few good gate receipts to get the teams back to the status that they experienced in previous years. It may take years to bring teams back to their normal positions, but I'm sure that with a good backing from the public, baseball can return to its rightful place in the sports world.

Some may say that baseball doesn't seem to be in such a bad condition in the major leagues today. That is true to a large extent, but stop and think where the players that make the big leagues great come from. Of course, they come from the minor circuits, and if there are no minor leagues, major league baseball will certainly feel the effects in years to come.

Don't get me wrong about what I'm trying to say in these few paragraphs. It is not for me to say whether or not minor league baseball will be erased from the picture entirely, but it is easy to see that if the American public doesn't start taking renewed interest in the summer sport of their home town, there will be an even greater change.

Sure, attendance in the larger cities is not decreasing as much as it is in the smaller ones. Why? Because baseball fans can't go any higher to see a team play than the major leagues. Many of the small town rooters have turned their attention to the bigger teams rather than "mess" with the smaller boys. They are, in their own way, making the decline of baseball steeper and steeper.

Take the city of Milwaukee, for example. Last year was the first in which they had a major league team in their city. The turnstiles were clicking steadily and the outcome at the end of the season was that they had set a new record for attendance. It is hardly likely that the executives of the Braves had any trouble financially. These players were given clothes, cars and meals almost at their asking. Banning the gifts there is no reason that any team can't have the hearty support that this team got from the public.

The effect of the decline can be readily seen in high school baseball (Continued on page six)

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TO THE POINT

By JUDY CHAPMAN

There has been some interesting activity at Cherry Point recently. A Mariner's Club is being started and there is much enthusiasm among the girls joining. The organization will be supervised by Mrs. Thorsen and Mrs. Godwin, local mothers, who are offering their time and energy to the leading or the club. The meetings will be held at different members' houses every Tuesday at 6:30 P. M. The members of this new club are Hetty Hogan, Betty Lou Dorme, Arleen Hall, Margaret Trader, Frances Smith, Ileen Smith, Judy Fisher, Teddy Holton, Carol Ridgeway, Kay Ridgeway, Judy Chapman, Helen Williams, Mary Austin, Regina Hurst, Jan Lutz, Barbara Koonce, Ellie Hannaford, Etta Mazingo, Betty Mazingo, Karen Quinlavin, Jackie Shadle, Alice Bryan, Nancy Boggess, Ann Boggess, Jackie Rouse, Betty Lou Norris, and Betty Rice.

At the Teen-age Club plans are underway for a beach party and hayride combination to be held in two or three months.

A district meeting of the M.Y.F. was held at the Methodist church, April 2. About 400 members attended. A business meeting was held, a skit was presented, and a guest speaker from the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh came to speak.

Last week Bob Burnette moved from Cherry Point to return to Arkansas.

Well, this is all the news for now. See you next issue!

DECLARATION OF GRADUATION

When in the course of New Bern High School it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the scholastic bands which have connected them with another, and to assume the powers and responsibilities of this country and its future, a decent respect for each other no matter where they go, or what they do, is necessary. We hold these truths to be self-evident. That one or nothing has had as many pleasant times as we have had, that no class before has had the outstanding athletes that this class has produced, that no class before had had such understanding teachers, and that no senior class will ever again attend ole Moses Griffin! Yes, our paths will take us far apart and long distances from N.B.H.S., but surely we will never be too far from the memories of two Junior-Senior Proms, Junior Plays, Christmas Dances, Senior Plays, basketball, baseball and certainly defeating Kinston 36-0 and 20-14 on the iron grid. No, our hearts and memories will still be here in N.B.H.S. with the entire

Thank you, teachers, for 4 years of preparing us for the future, thank you, Juniors, for the best Junior-Senior ever. Thank you, Mr. Brinkley, for your understanding and kindness. Don't forget us for we will carry you in our hearts wherever we go.

FLY RIGHT

How many of you are in-the-know, on what a teacher looks for in a student? This question must have passed through your head at one time or another, like it did mine. Of course, I am a very dubious fellow so I at once started an extensive census of the teachers of N.B. H.S.

At the present time there are many people out taking census. When I told the teachers I was taking a census, a funny look came over their faces. But I cleared that up, when I asked them what characteristic they looked for in a student.

At this question, I received about ten or fifteen descriptive adjectives, and the one that came up the most was courtesy. Many of us think that courtesy of manners are just something to put on when we are out to dinner or some other social function. But our good friend Mr. Webster says that manners are "a way of acting or habit, custom, conduct and social rules of behavior, habitual deportment."

Another prominent characteristic was respect, both for the class and for the teacher. Respect is something that cannot be put on too well. It's mighty hard to respect someone that you don't like. Respect—to consider worthy of esteem, to honor; Think about those words, "to honor." Do you honor the people, teachers or classmates, in places of leadership? Do you hold them worthy of esteem? Didn't you help put them there by voting for them or by not voting at all?

Of course we know that there are a lot of misfits; but these people rarely get into a school system. In fact, we have one of the best groups of teachers that can be found anywhere.

And for that reason, we should respect, honor, and watch our manners when we are in the classroom.

Student Forgetfulness

By MARY E. WHITE

"Forgetfulness is a poor excuse, which becomes monotonous with constant use." How would you like to write this sentence five hundred times? Your hand would get pretty tired, wouldn't it? Even if you could write with both your hands the sentence would get pretty monotonous.

"What do students usually forget? First it's a pencil, then it's paper. Next it's the textbook. This could go on and on.

A student should not adopt the habit of forgetting. Of course, in school the teacher is usually lenient. There are a few teachers, however, that get pretty tired of forgetfulness, and the student finds himself writing the same sentence about five hundred times.

I remember a student once who had a very important part in a chapel program. She had her part all written out, but when she sat down in her chair on the stage she discovered to her horror that she had left her part home. However, when her part in the program came, she luckily knew just about what she had to say. So, she rambled with a few jokes and a few words and covered up her forgetfulness. Frankly, one is not destined to always be so lucky when he forgets. Suppose you forgot to attend an important meeting? Suppose you forgot a pencil for an exam and no one had one to offer you. Suppose you forgot an important person's birthday, such as a husband or wife in future life? Suppose you left your after-dinner speech at home and you were not so well at rambling?

The habit of forgetfulness can cause a person much difficulty. Try to remember! It pays!

WHO WILL IT BE?

By ALAN JOYNER

In 1954 the New Bern census bureau stated that of the 15,807 men in the jurisdiction of the New Bern Selective Service Board No. 26 located in the Post Office . . . the home of your friendly draft board . . . 800 of them are blind or deaf; 1,500 are in mental institutions; 1,250 are in state prisons or city jails; 2,100 are classified as 4-F; 1,100 are unable to pass the I. Q. test; 2,500 are married men with children; 4,555 are government employees; and 2,000 have college deferments. That leaves two eligible men. Who will it be, you or me?

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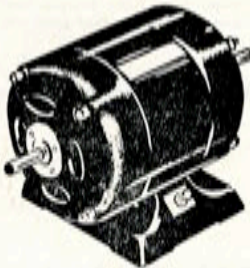
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# GUESS WHO?

By JIMMY AND PAT

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## Speculatin' Sports

(Continued from page three)

around eastern North Carolina. Take notice of the attendance at the high school games the next time that you turn out at the park, that is if you do turn out to support your team!

So it is to you, the students of New Bern High School, that I extend this, a friendly challenge. A challenge to attend the next baseball game and support your high school sport program. Remember, that without your support there might not be a baseball team in years to come!

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

1. Nelson Quinn with curls?
2. Judy Chapman without a pony's tail?
3. Tommy Caldwell 5 feet tall?
4. Milton Wood with his mouth closed?
5. Eleven grades with six months of school?
6. Teachers not giving homework?
7. Mary Austin without eyes?
8. Bridgeton students coming over in a motor boat?
9. Gatesy Matthews with absolutely nothing to do?
10. All students carrying lunch boxes?
11. Donald Smith weighing 250 pounds?
12. Going barefoot to high school?
13. T.V. sets in all classrooms?
14. N.B.H.S. with cadillac school buses?
15. Seniors being anything else but dignified?
16. Freshmen purple instead of green?
17. Every student with the right book for the right class?
18. Larry Blythe with short legs?
19. Harriet Hobby with red hair?
20. (Or better yet) Miss Asbell with black hair?

We can't either!!

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## MELODY LANE

Isn't life wonderful? Spring is here for sure, and summer's on its way. Plans are being made for the great event (Jr.-Sr., of course), not to mention those "house parties". While the Juniors busily work for the best Jr.-Sr. ever, the seniors' thoughts turn to graduation. All the wonderful memories linger that make high school days the happiest time of life. All those bad conduct grades and visits to the office are forgotten, but, all in all, life is grand, and this is the time everyone feels like singing.

This month to start our "Melody Lane," I want to dedicate to all those juniors and seniors that don't have dates, "Wanted."

It seems like Jean Hawkins fooled us all with her "Secret Love," especially a certain freshman.

"Down by the Riverside," is dedicated to that talented three, Martha Jane, Ann, and Ann (for ha! ha! obvious reasons).

While we're down by the river-side we might as well "Cross Over the Bridge," dedicated to Jackie and Jerry.

Connie's middle name must be "Cupid," for her efforts we dedicate "Heart of My Heart."

"Houseparty Hop" is dedicated to everybody that has 'em.

"Oh What a Beautiful Morning" is what everyone isn't going to after the last weekend, (Jr.-Sr. houseparties).

It seems Bud is in his second childhood (if he ever got out of his first). You might find him some morning playing marbles with his 2nd grade friends (incidentally losing). I'm just waiting to see him to play jump rope. To him we dedicate "Young At Heart".

I just want to say, we of the BEAR CUB staff really think Johnny Hrin can play baseball. He's a good fielder, but his name must be "Casey at the Bat".

"Tell Me Why" is especially for Jo Ann Huff and —?

Nell dedicates to that certain senior "Make Love to Me," (and I always thought she was sweet and innocent).

"April Showers" is dedicated to "Walking in the Rain".

To Harry Torrence and Tody "Caddy" Thorne, "Somebody Bad Stole the Golf Ball".

Nelson, boy, what is your secret? How do you charm the female population of New Bern High School? To you we dedicate "There's Nothing Like a Dame".

Well, that ends the music for this month. Hope everyone has a wonderful time at the Jr.-Sr.

Hi there—Hey! did you hear about—well, I had better not say his name, he might get mad if I did, but it seems like a certain boy, who's not too smart, came to school one day with the zipper of his coat caught. Well, he tried and tried to get it unstuck, but couldn't. Then Mrs. X, his teacher, attempted it, but she couldn't get it undone. After about a twenty minute struggle with the zipper they both sat down to rest. Then the teacher asked him if his mother had hooked it for him. "Naw," he says, "she bought it."

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After a slight (did I say slight?) delay here's the Vacuum back with lives and loves that keep old N.B.H. buzzing (or should we say roaring).

The good old rush for dates for the big night is on, and boy! what a scramble! Nothing like the Jr.-Sr. to mix up the couples—huh, Doris B. and Nell H.? Bill and Bob seem to have "changed partners".

Tell us, Marilyn, have you deserted your love up at Carolina? I guess the senior class president offered quite a temptation, and after all, U.N.C. is a long, long way from here.

Here's a couple that popped up for the Jr.-Sr. without as much as a little warning of their intentions. Nelson Q., it seems, is taking Libby M.

Ann Moore is so happy over her date with Bud Parker for the big occasion, that she's all smiles these days.

Seems Pat Simonds is having to relinquish her title of "Wicked Woman" to Rosa "Sable" Gardner. Rosa's performance in the senior play has really earned her the title. What is it, Rosa, a split personality? We didn't know you had it in you. Confidentially, neither did Rosa's boy friend, Richard. He seemed as surprised as the rest of us poor untalented creatures.

The senior play seemed to have a few scenes behind the scenes. Anyway, when the applause had cleared, we found both a couple more and a couple less in N.B.H. halls. Annette W. and Sandy T. seemed to have enjoyed being together so much during the play that they decided to make it a twosome for the Jr.-Sr. Christine and Tommy seemed to have ended all their troubles for good with a permanent break up. I wonder if there isn't another boy who was a member of the play cast that kind of helped this break up along?

Soulee, you'd better keep a strict watch on Johnny Hrin! He's one of New Bern High's nine seasonal celebrities. What we're trying to say is, Johnny is playing baseball and you know how all the girls chase athletes!

Looks like Mary Eliz. G. and Blackie S. have decided against going steady. I've heard it said that Blackie already has an invitation to the Jr.-Sr. and he's just a freshman, too. That just goes to show that it pays to be good-looking, boys.

Whenever you have the urge to argue with your one and only, look around at all the happy couples. Barbara and Bobby, Ivey and Helen, and Sylvia and Kenneth. Maybe you can get them to tell you how to hold your man, girls.

Johnny A., Larry B., and George Slaughter's interests seem to be at Cherry Point. Helen W., Francis S. and Judy C. seem to be the causes of their frequent visits to the Point.

Murray didn't stay loose long, did he Lillian? Good luck to you two, you make a cute couple.

Congratulations to you, Marie Eubanks. Marie is sporting a diamond nowadays and says the big event is to take place on July 4.

Joe Mac and Dick Kent have found a new home. The Beach is open!!!

Also seen around the beach were Tody T., Clyde R., and Hugh M. Better look out, girls, all the boys will be straying if you aren't careful.

This is the end for this month, but don't miss the next issue. These house parties taking place on Jr.-Sr. week-end should really afford some gossip. Better be careful, the snooper may be on your house party!

The Bear Cub Staff would like to thank the Script Club for their donation of \$15 to be used in publishing the paper.



ROBERT KENNEL

This energetic student has been into everything! During his Freshman year he was president of his homeroom, and represented our school well in J.V. basketball and varsity baseball. He showed his musical talents by playing in the band.

When his Sophomore year came, Robert was more enthusiastic about sports. He added another one to the list . . . football. In recognition of this, it was his privilege to become a member of the Monogram Club.

Next came his Junior year, and his activities had not slackened in the least. He took a part in the Junior play, "Three of a Kind". That year he also joined the Beta Club. Robert was toastmaster for the Junior-Senior banquet of 1953, too. Because of his outstanding grades, Robert was named Chief Marshal.

This year he entered the doors of New Bern High as a Senior. Along with his previous activities he became captain of the football and basketball teams. But of course the biggest and most important job of Robert's high school career is serving as president of the Student Government.

## TO OUR PUBLIC

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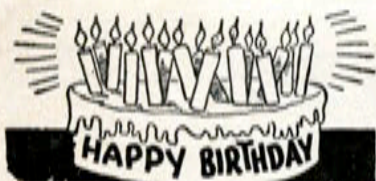
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### DEFINITIONS OF LAW TERMS

Proxy—one who peroxides her hair.  
Subpoena—a choir member who sings in a high pitch.  
Trover—Popular name of a dog.  
Waiver—person or persons who participate in the waiving at one another.  
Seal—fish like animal with flippers.  
Negligence—filmy night wear used by women.  
Sue—a heavy canvas material used on sailboats.  
Quantum Volebat—big definitions used by crazy people to confuse lawyers.  
Outlaw—Crazy movie starring Jane Russell.  
Injunction — coming together in crossroads of small towns.  
Liquidated Damages — overuse of water by fire department.  
Maturity—reaching the age of 21.  
Heir—long-eared animal usually called a rabbit.  
Flea—little pestery bugs found on dogs.

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Later, the thought occurred to me how would I let him know what color corsage I wanted. I could plainly see red carnations on my "shocking pink" formal. Oh, well, surely he would ask me what color my dress was.

The day of the dance I was terribly nervous. I spent the day in the beauty shop having my hair set and nails done. The time rolled around so slowly. Finally came the long awaited ring at the doorbell. I sent mother to the door and I made him wait a few minutes before I made my dramatic entrance down the stairs. He handed me a florist box. "Oh, 'Powerhouse'!" I exclaimed, "how beautiful, red has always been my favorite color."

At the dance "Powerhouse" put a

full nelson on me and we made a fast 40 yard dash down the ball room to the tune of "Dancing in the Dark". We kept the beat of the music with the crunching of my toes. Suddenly there was a ripping sound and I saw my dress hanging in shreds.

Finally after a three hour work out with only a few time outs we heard the haunting strains of "Good-night Sweetheart".

Later while we were getting a coke and eating a sandwich I took toll of the damage—crunched toes and hands and new dress beyond repair.

Then, after saying goodnight to Powerhouse, I ran upstairs, locked the door and began—

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