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TO GEORGE WASHINGTON.

PAGE JOHNSTON, '18.

In '76 our men he led;
In many battles won;
He helped to make our nation here,
And our part must be done.

George Washington was brave and true;
He never told a lie.
In war he led our army on
Till British had to hie.

His birth we now commemorate
Because he was so great.
He was always for our nation
And never just for state.

We need some Washingtons today
To win this war for us,
We need brave leaders for our men—
For win this war we must!

A READY REFORMATION.

WILLIAM VAUGHT, '21.

“And you are an Englishman?”

“Yes.”

“Indeed, your voice would show that, but I wish to verify my deductions.”

And the German left Holworthy Hale as abruptly as he had come.

Hale leaned back in his luxuriously upholstered arm-chair. Upon his face was a smile, a smile of self-complacency, a smile of satisfaction. And yet, around those delicately chiseled features that showed so unerringly his intelligence and will power, there lingered a look of puzzlement that even the owner could not define.

Ten days ago, Hale had ventured to Berlin, masquerading as an Englishman, that he might not be known as an American. He had changed his identity in a period of abstraction. Why he had done so was to him an unanswerable question, and yet—he *had* changed it. He had led all to believe him an Englishman.

And then a series of happenings took place, happenings of nation-wide importance. The crown prince had been assassinated, all Europe was a bed of coals. In view of the circumstances he had procured a passport and was, that afternoon, to leave for Dover and thence to the “land of the free and the home of the brave.”

There was a knock on the door. Answering it, he found a German officer. The visitor was admitted, and Hale was greeted with these words:

“Consider yourself under arrest.”

“Under arrest?”

“Yes.”

“What for, pray?”

“As a spy.”

“My God!” The words faltered, died out. “On what grounds am I considered a spy?”

“That I will not answer.”

“And I must come with you?”

“Yes.”

Hale felt in his pocket for his purse, containing, beside his money, his passport. It was gone. His last means of proving his real identity was lost.

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“To be shot at sunrise.”

That was the terrible verdict at which Hale staggered. He knew it, a wall, a firing squad. He was half carried by the jailer to a damp cell.

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That night he fell into a troubled sleep. He dreamed, he thought, of riding in an auto, of being carried a long way.

He awoke, upon the cold ground. Nearby, a horse was tethered. In his pocket he found a passport and money. Realizing the situation he sprang on the horse, and rode to a neighboring town, and from there to safety.

In every one's life there occur mysteries that will never be solved. How had he gotten there from the Prussian prison?

Who knows?

EXEMPTION.

MARTIN BERG, '18.

It was on a Monday dreary, that we all sat weak and weary
 In the chapel of our school, meekly bowing to the rule;
 While we listened sad and worried to announcements of
 exams.

Suddenly there came a clapping loud and thunderous with a
stamping

“This is awful,” teachers muttered, “what a noise is in this
hall.”

O. A. ordered “Silence all!”

Ah! distinctly came a sounding of exemptions full and
bounding

To all students who had made A or A— for a grade.

Then a groan so agonizing came from the Seniors terrorizing,
For the Seniors on the stage had been turning page by page.
In that long forgotten book of lore, the long and endless
night before.

Merely this and nothing more!

As the tumult then subsided and we to our class-rooms
glided;

Surely sad, but filled with wisdom never felt before,

I resolved within my soul, “Never again to be in this hole.”

And I gazed around the room, saw my friends await their
doom,

Saw the courage they had mustered, saw them trying to keep
from being flustered,

Darkness there and thoughts all clustered!

Day by day ’twas tantalizing to behold such scandalizing
Of the dignity of Seniors grave and true.

Take a lesson from us sinners, do your work while you’re
beginners,

Daily build your house of knowledge and the finals won’t
get you

Heed the warnings of this epic and life’s pleasures do adore.
Nevermore, ah, nevermore!

(With apologies to Edgar Allen Poe)

THE STORY OF THE RED CROSS.

MYRTLE BROADNAX, '21.

Did you ever stop to think how the Red Cross began, and how it would be if there were no nurses to care for the wounded and sick soldiers? It wasn't so long ago that there were no women to go into military hospitals, and see that the soldiers were properly cared for. How dear is the name of Florence Nightingale to every soldier and sailor, for it was she who founded nursing as a profession of women!

Florence Nightingale was a wealthy English girl who was born almost a hundred years ago. As a little girl she tried to help or protect injured things, and in her later life she forsook her friends and society life, and studied for twelve years, as she visited the European hospitals, so that she might nurse and labor for the soldiers. When the Crimean War broke out in which France, England and Turkey fought against Russia, Florence Nightingale was called to enter the British military hospital. Things were insanitary and Miss Nightingale proved an angel of mercy to the sick and dying men. But her wonderful work did not end with the Crimean War. Her service awakened in others a chord of sympathy. A young Swiss Henri Dunant published a book called "A Souvenir of Solferino," which gave an account of the horrors of the battle of Solferino. Inspired by the work of Florence Nightingale, there came to Dunant an idea of an international organization to carry on what she had done. His book was widely read and as a result of his work, fourteen nations met at Geneva, Switzerland, to work out a vast plan by which much could be accomplished, if all worked together. An international treaty was adopted, which gave to the world the organization of the Red Cross. Under the

terms of this convention, each nation pledged itself to work with other nations, in caring for the sick and wounded, and never to fire on a doctor, nurse, or ambulance that bore the sign Red Cross.

All this we remember was in Europe. Here in America few knew of the Red Cross. It was during the Civil War that Dorothea Dix helped our country by reforming prisons, and caring for ill-treated soldiers. Another worker of the soldiers was Clara Barton. She also cared for and fed many soldiers. After the war Clara Barton went abroad and was inspired to introduce the same Red Cross in America. After five years of much work and many efforts the American Red Cross was established, and she was made president of the work.

The Red Cross work found many problems to confront. As there was no war going on in which the Red Cross Society could help, there were many other disasters, occurring in our country, such as the Michigan Forest fire, Mississippi flood, San Francisco earthquake, the flood at Dayton, Ohio, etc. The Red Cross proved itself wonderful during these disasters. "Neutrality" and "Humanity" are the watchwords for what the Red Cross stands. The American Red Cross does more than give help when disaster has come. It goes before and tries to prevent disaster. How does it do this? Here are some of the ways.

The stamps you buy to seal your letters at Christmas are not merely Christmas seals, but they are Red Cross stamps, and the money you pay for them goes to help the suffering ones or the tubercular victims. The sick are cared for and the well are educated so the disease will not be spread. Also the Red Cross has established First Aid courses, in teaching the boys and girls to swim, and how to revive one who has been long under water. There are many other ways in which the Red Cross is growing in its influence and helpfulness to our country.

Let us now talk a little of the Red Cross in war. What a change and difference this time! When we entered this war

the Red Cross began to play a most important part. The Red Cross took upon itself to care for children and neglected families, and in order to supply, feed and nurse the soldiers money must be raised. Not only must money be raised but people everywhere must be interested in working. Many have volunteered their entire services. Many hospitals are established in France and behind the trenches. All this work cannot be done without preparation for it at home.

How can I help the Red Cross? This is indeed a great question. As there are thousands of suffering, ragged, and homeless children in the countries where our battles are fought, aren't we going to help care for them? There are 22,000,000 school children in the United States, and if every one will take part these poor little orphans and homeless children need suffer no more. A Junior membership of the Red Cross was organized to give you a chance to help. The Red Cross wants your help and money. You can work too by telling other people what the Red Cross is, and what it means to our men abroad and our country. Every true American wants to win the war. To be a member of the Red Cross is to be part of a big movement with big ideals.

When you wear the Red Cross button you are showing yourself a true, high-hearted, patriotic American. You are helping your father, your big brother to win the war.

TOASTS TO SENIOR TEACHERS.

SANFORD THOMAS, '18.

Here's to Miss Sutton,
The idol of Room I,
For she's with us in trouble
As well as in fun.

Here's to Miss Alexander,
It's her that we're for,
For what suffragette is grander
But Dr. Anna Howard Shaw?

Here's to Miss Bagby,
Tho' to us she is new,
We like her just fine,
'Cause we know she's true blue.

Here's to Miss Gressitt,
Teacher of Math.
You'll surely know geometry
If you follow her path.

Here's to Miss Howell,
Who's teaching us to cook,
But what we know about it
Would not fill a book.

Here's to our coach,
Miss Walker by name.
Just leave it to us,
And she'll soon win her fame.

Here's to Miss Berg,
With a large vocabulary;
What she knows about science
Would fill a library.

Here's to Mr. Webster,
The only teacher in school
Who knows how many atoms
Will make a molecule.

Here's to Mr. Holmes,
He excels them all
In teaching Latin
And coaching football.

Here's to our principal,
We like him just fine,
But he sure gets you told
If you're not on time.

Here's to the best of all the rest
Of superintendents both old and new,
Here's to the man who can understand,
Mr. Archer, here's to you.

WHAT GIRLS CAN DO.

BEATRICE EICHORN, '21.

"Extra! Extra!" yelled a little urchin selling papers.
"Extra! England declares war on Germany!"

Reginald Hammond and Mary Ware were seated on the veranda of the Ware home discussing the dance they had attended the night before when they heard the cry of the little urchin, "Extra! England declares war on Germany!"

"Well, I do declare," drawled out Reginald, "I didn't know we were in such a mess. I knew that there were rumors of war, don't you know, but—well—I don't understand. Here boy, let me have a paper."

"You will understand soon enough, Mr. Hammond," said Mary sarcastically.

"Well, Mary, don't get peeved," said Reginald, as he took the paper and paid the boy.

"I am not getting peeved, Reginald," Mary replied laughingly as they both eagerly scanned the pages.

Suddenly Reginald pushed the paper to Mary who immediately seized it and began to read breathlessly.

"Say, Mary, listen," interrupted Reginald.

"I am listening."

"Well," continued Reginald, "I'm going to volunteer."

"All right, go to it," said Mary without lifting her eyes off the paper.

"You don't seem to care a bit, Mary," said Reginald, mournfully.

"O yes I do! but here it says there are Red Cross nurses wanted and as I've had a little experience in nursing, I am going to go."

"Yes, you look like going," he jeered. "Why you get scared blue when you hear a fire-cracker go off. Just imagine such a thing! You going!"

"You just wait and see!" she snapped back.

"I am waiting," he said, as he picked up his hat to leave, "girls aren't good for anything, only fit for parlor ornaments, they can't do a thing."

"Well, Reginald Archibald Hammond, some day you will learn what girls can do!" answered Mary as she turned to go in.

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Reginald Hammond enlisted in the army some time later, was found physically fit and was immediately established in a training camp. Three months later found him on the firing line somewhere in France.

Three months later also found Mary Ware on the firing line doing the merciful work of Red Cross.

When Mary had her first experience in Red Cross she thought that Reginald's prediction would come true, that after all she was only a parlor ornament. Finally she became used to the constant danger, the bombing of guns and the horrible scenes enacted around her daily.

One day Mary was asked to leave the hospital and accompany the ambulance wagon to assist in getting the wounded from the field. This was not Mary's first time so she was not afraid. Nurses, doctors, dogs and medicines were packed in the ambulances and dispatched to the field.

The Germans had retreated, but still there lingered in the air gas fumes and Mary was obliged to don a gas helmet in which she certainly did look ridiculous. Mary was not thinking of her looks then, only of the masses of mangled bodies. She flitted among them like an angel of mercy, relieving the thirst of one and binding the wound of another. On and on went Mary during the whole afternoon and when night fell there were still many unattended. All through the night she kept on. Towards dawn while it was yet dark she heard the distant bark of a dog. No one seemed to notice it as they were all busy, so Mary decided to go herself. On her way she met a dog carrying the hat of a soldier. She bade the dog take her to him. She found the wounded soldier entangled in barbed wire. Untangling him from the barbed wire she dragged him to an open space to attend to his wounds. As she pushed back the hair from his face to attend to a wound in his head she gave a cry, "Reginald!" For it was Reginald. As he had his eyes closed he did not see Mary, but when he heard her cry he opened his eyes and murmured "Mary."

Some time later as Reginald lay in the hospital feeling very comfortable in his white, spotless bed and watching the nurses administer to the wounded, the words came to him, "Girls can't do anything, they are only fit for parlor ornaments." Just then Mary came to give him a dose of medicine which he obediently took, and then said, "Mary, I take back what I said on the veranda that day. I have learned that after all girls can do a whole lot."

A REAL VALENTINE.

PAGE JOHNSTON, '18.

It was the fourteenth of February. Marshall Brent, a student of the fourth grade, came to school early that morning

because he had a valentine to deliver. He was very proud of it because he had selected it himself for his best girl. It was made of red paper, and upon it were printed in white the following words:

TO MY VALENTINE

*If wishes were horses,
Beggars could ride;
If I were old enough,
I'd make you my bride.*

When Marshall reached school he found no one in his room except three other small boys who had come for a purpose similar to his. They all agreed not to tell anybody who sent the valentines. Marshall put his upon Rachel Grey's desk, and sat down to begin his day's work. In a few minutes Rachel came in and took her seat in front of him. Then, however, the room was almost filled with children so she did not have the least idea who had given her the beautiful valentine. All that day Rachel wondered who the sender might be, and at the same time Marshall wondered if she knew.

As the days and years passed, the interest in the mysterious valentine increased. Rachel and Marshall each thought of it day by day. When the two were Juniors in the High School, they went to a party together, and Marshall's childish fancy ripened into love. He called to see Rachel many times, and always there was a thought of that valentine, but neither dared to mention it. Rachel had begun to think that he sent it to her.

When this couple had graduated from High School, each went away to college, but they did not forget each other. After their return home they found that old maxim, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," was indeed true. So it happened that two years after their graduation, Marshall asked Rachel to be his bride. She drew from her pocket a badly worn envelope, the contents of which she showed him.

She asked him if he had ever seen it before, and he immediately recognized his valentine. "Rachel," he said, "that was a true token of my love. I have loved you for over ten years. I have finally decided that I am old enough now to ask you to be my bride." Rachel consented to marry him, but she said she had never even dreamed that he was in love with her in those early school days.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brent went to Seattle, Washington, where Marshall became a very prominent lawyer. Later he was a Congressman, Governor of Washington, and finally a Senator. He was successful in all that he undertook, and had a noble wife to help him.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

SAUL H. LESSER, '18.

When Ed. Denny is President of the U. S. A.,
When Virgia is wedded to "Gig,"
When Schiffman is leader of the Convict Gang,
Then trenches will Senators dig.

When Carson swears off shooting crap,
When Turrentine plays a guitar,
When K. McCurry's beauty has disappeared,
Then Joe Blair will no longer "star."

When Cupid's arrow flies at Noscoe's heart,
And Noscoe's love for Ximena is dead,
When Olan Barnes ceases playing football,
Then we will cease to eat Hoover's bread.

When Nellie Jefferson's predominating power is gone,
When Moses to Blanche Martin writes a note,
When Ruth Dillon breaks acquaintance with E. M. Clark,
Then the Senate will allow Women to Vote.

When the school-bell Brooks rings is broken,
When Walter Clegg fails to pass on "exam,"
When the Seniors stop "bulling" Mr. Webster,
Then the Kaiser will lick Uncle Sam.

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EDITORIALS

It has been customary in Greensboro High School for many years to compel all students regardless of their standing to take mid-term and final examinations. *Exemption.* This year the faculty decided to exempt all pupils from examination who had made an average of A or A—, that is from 90 to 100 per cent., on any subject. This is an excellent plan and will be of great bene-

fit to the whole school. In this way the teachers may express their appreciation to the pupils for the good work that they have done during the term, and gives the pupils inspiration to try to do even better. It will promote the general scholarship of the whole school. For how many pupils would be contented to half prepare their work and go through the drudgery of taking an examination rather than study hard and be exempted? We doubt if there would be very many who would prefer the former plan. The entire student body join us in thanking the faculty for exemption, and we wish to assure them that we will put forth our very best efforts to make the plan a success.

We are all justly proud of our basketball teams, proud of the way they take victory, proud of the way they take defeat, and proud of the efforts they make to win *Basketball*. the games. Both the boys and girls are playing admirably. The splendid spirit of team work, and the spirit of the students who go to the games stand out pre-eminent. How could the boys keep from scoring when the crowd is yelling, urging and pleading with them to put the ball in the basket? Large crowds come to witness the games, but it is always the same faithful bunch. Where are the rest of you hiding? Come on out and show our boys and girls that all G. H. S. is backing them up in their games! And all we ask of the teams is to play fair, play square, and show the visiting teams what real sportsmanship is.

Children realize as much as the older people that we are engaged in a great war. They are anxious to do their part, but up until the present time have had *Junior Red Cross*. no organization through which they could work. Such an organization was made possible by the American Red Cross when it prepared a Junior membership connected with school activities. Many

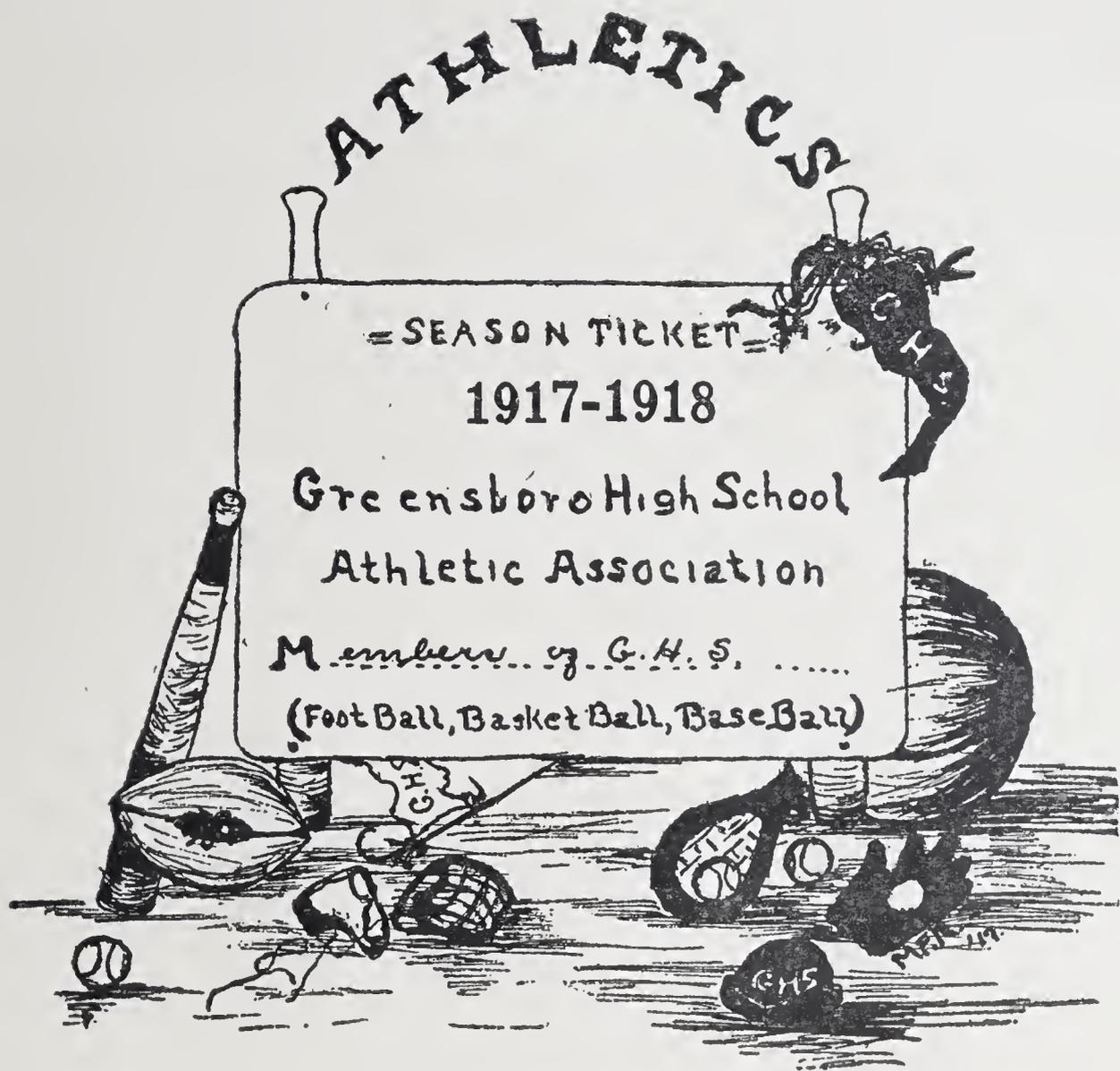
of you may ask, "What is the Junior Red Cross?" It has been defined as a department of the American Red Cross belonging to the school children of the United States through which they can find expression in every form of patriotic service. When a school has once joined the Junior Red Cross, it can engage in any form of patriotic service of which the government approves. It can aid the National War Savings Committee; it can plant school gardens; it can engage in salvage work of the Raw Material Board; it can help the Food Administration or the Council of Defense, and still be a part of the Red Cross, which co-operates with all these branches of patriotic work. Money is necessary to carry on this work, but money is not the essential motive behind this organization. What is really desired is the service of every boy and girl in the United States.

As all of you know our school has recently been organized into a Junior Red Cross Auxiliary. What are we as a school going to do to help carry on the work planned for us by the Red Cross Department? The Junior Auxiliaries have been asked to furnish 400,000 refugee garments by the end of March. Each school society will be asked to contribute a certain number of these 400,000. Are the girls of Greensboro High School going to do their part? The boys must not feel that only the girls have a part in this work; it is for you as well. You can help raise the funds necessary to carry on the work, build crates to ship the garments in, make splints for broken limbs, and do many other things which will be of great service. Boys and girls, let's all stick together and go into this Junior Red Cross Society with a determination to really accomplish something, and we shall in this way be rendering an inestimable service to our country!

It was hard to admit even to ourselves that Dr. Anna Howard Shaw would be compelled to postpone her promised visit to the High School in February. Dr. Shaw was quite ill in Washington and it was thought best to have her go at once to Florida and stop

Dr. Shaw.

in Greensboro on her return North. Her coming to Greensboro is the big event that the High School students are now looking forward to, and the very fact that this visit has been delayed has added new interest and new enthusiasm. Dr. Shaw is at present lecturing for the government in the interest of Food Economy and Food Conservation, and although she has just past her seventy-first birthday, she is as young and vigorous as ever. To have the foremost woman of America, perhaps of the world, visit our High School is an honor that we fully appreciate and our hope is that we can make her feel that we are grateful to her.



BASKETBALL.

The basketball season is drawing toward a close. As we look back over our record we are very much pleased and are very proud of our team. In the past we have had a number of fine basketball teams, but never has one showed up as this one, under the direction of Coach E. H. McBane. He is a man with a vast knowledge of boys, basketball and the training of these boys to make the best players possible of them. The team this year has accomplished two things that have never been accomplish before by G. H. S. One was defeating our old rival, Winston, for the first time, and the other winning entrance to the contest for the State championship.

G. H. S. vs. GUILFORD.

Greensboro opened her season with Guilford High School. The first game played at Guilford resulted in a victory for G. H. S. 16 to 11. The line up was as follows:

G. H. S.: Blair, right forward; Bain and Denny, left forward; Transou, center; Stansbury, right guard; Murchison, left guard.

The second game played at the local Y. M. C. A. was a walk-over for Greensboro, 53 to 26. Blair was the individual star, scoring 23 points. Rayle, of Guilford, also played well, scoring 20 of their 26 points.

Line up for G. H. S.: Blair and Denny, forwards; Transou, center; Carson, captain, and Murchison, guards.

G. H. S. vs. Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday night, Jan. 16th, G. H. S. defeated the Y. M. C. A. team 30 to 27. It was a hard fought game from start to finish, an extra five minutes had to be played before G. H. S. came out a victor. Stars for the High School team were Blair and Denny who took the banners in the number of points scored. Murchison and Carson both played a good game at guard. The line-ups were as follows:

G. H. S.: Blair, right forward; Denny, left forward; Transou, center; Carson, captain, right guard; Murchison, left guard.

Y. M. C. A.: Nowland and Patterson, forwards; Davidson, center; Beecher and Masten, guards.

Substitutions: Johnston for Blair, Taylor for Transou; Irvin for Nowlan, Boyst for Masten, Orland for Davidson, Masten for Orland, Pierce for Beecher, Beecher for Masten.

Summary: Field goals, Nowlan, 3; Davidson, 1; Patterson, 1; Beecher, 1; Blair, 3; Denny, 4; Carson, 2. Fouls, Nowlan, 3; Patterson, 2; Beecher, 8; Blair, 3; Denny, 1.

G. H. S. vs. WINSTON.

On Friday night, Jan. 18, G. H. S. met her first defeat of the season by losing to Winston 41 to 19 on her own floor. Crute and Pullian were the stars for Winston.

Line up: G. H. S.: Blair and Denny, forwards; Transou, center; Carson, captain, and Murchison, guards.

G. H. S. vs. DANVILLE.

One of the best games of the season was played between Greensboro and Danville High Schools, Jan. 26th, on the local Y. M. C. A. floor. Three extra five minute periods were played before G. H. S. defeated Danville 44 to 43. The whole team played fine ball, showing lots of fight and stick-to-itiveness.

Line-up for G. H. S.: Blair and Denny, forwards; Transou, center; Carson, captain, and Murchison, guards.

G. H. S. vs. WINSTON.

For the first time in her basket-ball history G. H. S. defeated Winston, 26 to 24. The game was played on the Y. M. C. A. floor Saturday night, Feb. 2. An appeal from the referee's decision had to be made before G. H. S. was awarded the game. Blair was the star for Greensboro playing a swift and sure game. Crute and Pullian shone for Winston.

Line-up: G. H. S.: Blair and Denny, forwards; Transou, center; Blair and Murchison, guards.

EASTERN TRIP TO DURHAM AND OXFORD.

Friday, Feb. 8, G. H. S. played in Durham, losing by the score of 28 to 23. The game was hard fought and it was with great difficulty that the Durham boys finally won. Our boys showed up well during the game and were ahead of their opponents until the last few minutes of play.

The downfall of the team in Oxford is attributed to overconfidence. The members of the quint seemed certain of victory throughout the entire contest and played a game not up to the standard, losing 28 to 14. Carson and Murchison were the stars of the game for Greensboro.

Those who went on the trip were E. H. McBane, coach; John Carson, captain; William Transou, manager; Joe Blair, Edwin Denny, Cannon Murchison, Mark Bain, Howard Johnston, Charles Taylor and Harry Schiffman.

G. H. S. vs. OXFORD.

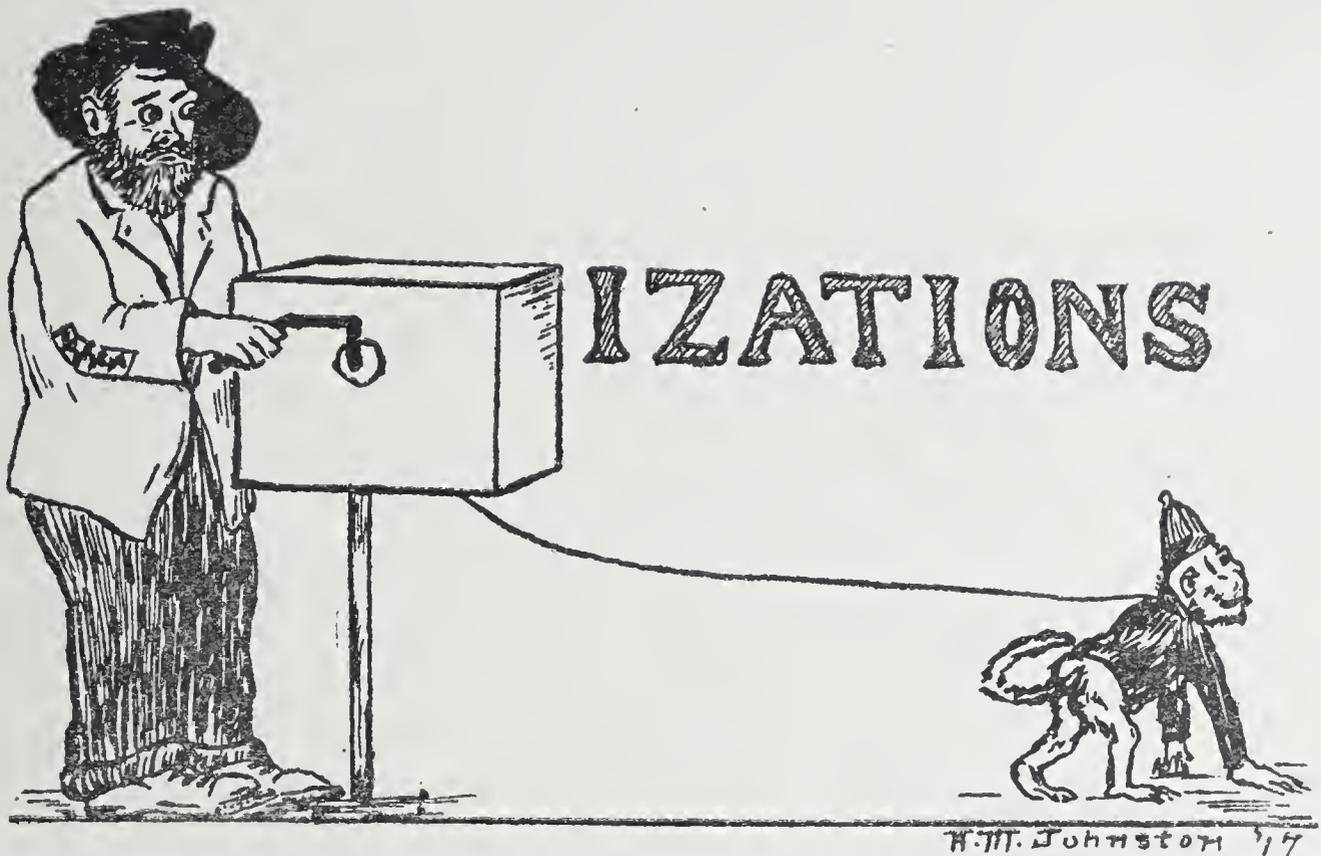
Wednesday night, Feb. 20, G. H. S. repaid Oxford by defeating them by the decisive score of 43 to 15. Transou and Capt. Carson played the best game for Greensboro.

Line-up: Blair and Denny, forwards; Transou, center; Carson, capt., and Murchison, guards.

G. H. S. vs. LEXINGTON.

Greensboro High School advanced a step toward the championship of North Carolina by defeating Lexington High School by a close score, but under exceedingly difficult and new conditions. The game was played in Lexington on a court which had walks on three sides for boundary line. Only one side being open. The final score was 24 to 22.

G. H. S. players and summary: Blair, right forward, 3 field goals and 6 foul goals; Denny, left forward, 4 field goals; Transou, center, two field goals; Carson, captain, right guard; Murchison, left guard.



DIAPHESIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Diaphesian Literary Society met in Room II, January 19th to elect the officers for the spring term. Those elected were as follows: President, Nosco Lewis; vice-president, Martin Berg; secretary, Wade Dorsett; treasurer, Bryan Davidson; first censor, Gilmer Sherrill; second censor; Cannon Murchison; press reporter, Harley Moraine; monitors, Aubrey Edwards and George McLarty.

A challenge was sent to the Phi Society for a game of basketball to be played some time in the near future. Cannon Murchison was elected captain of the team.

PHILOMELIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Philomelian Literary Society held its first meeting of the spring semester in Room I on January 19th for the purpose of electing officers. The election resulted as follows: President, Olan Barnes; vice-president, Edwin Denny; secretary, Raymond Pearce; treasurer, Charles Stroud; first censor, John Carson; second censor, Wallace Stamey; press reporter, Walter Clegg.

EUZELIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The new officers of the Euzelian Literary Society for the spring term are: President, Morton Murray; vice-president, Mark Bain; secretary, Theodore Causey; treasurer, William

Dodamead; first censor, Shelley Caviness; second censor, James Thomas; press reporter, Charles Ragland.

On Friday, December 21, 1917, the three girls' societies held a joint meeting in chapel and several selections were given from each program. This very enjoyable meeting marked the close of the society work for the fall term.

LADY JANE GREY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the new term was held January 18, 1918. Officers for the term were elected as follows: President, Miss Josephine Devane; vice-president, Miss Marian Gilmer; treasurer, Miss Mary Poole; secretary, Miss Frances Glascocok; critic, Miss Jessie Brandt; censor, Miss Adge Cagle; monitors, Misses Catherine Penn and Ethel Simpson; press reporter, Miss Jessie Myers; marshals, Misses Margaret Bain and Frances Shaw.

MCNEILL LITERARY SOCIETY.

The McNeill Literary Society held its first meeting of the term January 18, 1918. The new officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Olive Chandley; vice-president, Miss Blanche Martin; secretary, Miss Dorothy Clement; treasurer, Miss Page Johnston; critic, Miss Margaret Murray, censor, Miss Blanche Keith; press reporter, Miss Lucy Clapp; monitors, Misses Frances Watson and Florine Jennings.

Miss Sarah Britton was chosen for the captaincy of the society basketball team. A motion was then carried that the society as a whole should become a member of the Patriotic League of Greensboro.

IONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Ionian Literary Society held its first meeting of the spring term January 18, 1918. After a short talk by Miss Waterhouse, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Dorothy McDowell; vice-president, Miss Kathryn Keith; secretary, Miss Wilna Clendenin; treasurer, Miss Janice Brown; censor, Miss Elizabeth Armstrong; critic, Miss Julia Gold; press reporter, Miss Susie West; monitors, Misses Mary Bess Barnhardt and Mildred Davidson.



NEWS

North Carolina Day was observed in chapel by a very interesting program. Rev. J. Clyde Turner told of how North Carolina had always been first, in deed and spirit, in declaring herself for independence during both the Revolution and Civil War and in peace. Not only has she shown her splendid spirit in war but also in peace. As North Carolina always has been, surely she always will be first. "The Flag Maker" was recited by Ralph Price; Lucy Clapp read "The House by the Side of the Road;" Edith Wilson and William Monroe sang "America." The student body joined in singing "Carolina."

Old-time "poundings" have not been forgotten, as shown by the visit of the eight grades to Mrs. Thompson's soon after the holidays. After their gifts had been deposited in Mrs. Thompson's apartment, the girls and boys, about 40 in number, returned to the home of Miss Ruth Hayes on West Gaston street, where they spent a jolly hour all together.

At chapel exercises on January 9th jerseys were awarded to all boys on the football team who had played as many as sixteen quarters. While these boys were the only ones who received jerseys, commendation was fittingly given to all the other boys who practiced and helped make the team a success. Captain Barnes received a jersey for his last year's work and a star for this year. The boys thus honored were John Carson, Olan Barnes, Harry Schiffman, Martin Berg, Nosco Lewis, Wade Dorsett, Joe Groome, Cannon Murchison, Charles Taylor, Bryan Davidson and Alexander McAlister.

The short story prize, regularly awarded by the Sage management, was won by Miss May Belle Penn for her story, "There's Always a Way of Escape," in the December number.

A basketball reception was held in the home of Miss Ruth Kellenburger after a match game played by the two girls' teams. Every one had a delightful time and voted Miss Kellenburger a most charming hostess.

The girls of the tenth grade held an informal reception for the mothers January 19th. Mr. Archer made a short talk pleading for the cooperation of mothers and teachers which he hopes to establish and discussed plans for serving lunches. Delicious refreshments consisting of tea and wafers were served by the girls, assisted by Miss Howell, of the Domestic Science department.

Miss Mary Ball, of the Atlanta Y. W. C. A., talked to the girls of the High School recently relative to the Patriotic League. She told what the league stands for and the methods of operation. Miss Ball's visit was greatly enjoyed.

On Jan. 30 "Tag Your Shovel Day" was observed. Students from the two senior classes went to the various grammar schools and gave instructions to the pupils there, as to tagging the shovels of the residence sections. The business houses were tagged by the High School students.

We all regret very much the loss of our English teacher, Mr. C. A. Boseman, who has entered into the service of "Uncle Sam." But we are glad to have Miss Ivah Bagby to fill his position. We also want to extend a welcome to Miss Hampton, who has taken Miss Berg's place recently.

Miss Louise Howell has returned from her home at Tarboro, where she has been ill for the past two weeks.

The Seniors are continuing their speeches on Thrift. On Feb. 11th Nosco Lewis, Lucy Clapp, William Monroe, Margaret Gilliam, Olan Barnes, Lewis Barnes, Love Ireland, Clyde Brooks, Grace Forney, Helen Laughn; Blanche Keith and Martin Berg spoke at the different grammar schools in the city.

Room 14, a section of the Senior Class, presented a service flag to the High School recently. The presentation speech was made by Olan Barnes.

The McNeil Literary Society has become a unit of the Patriotic League.

The Ionian Literary Society very delightfully entertained the Phi's at a Valentine party given at the home of Miss Clara Gant. Everyone had a dandy good time.

The Athletic Association gave a dance to the Danville basketball team when they were in the city and preparations are being made for a dance to be given to the Durham team February 22nd.

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, patriotic exercises were held at the High School in celebration of Washington's birthday. Several declamations and recitations were given by the different students and the orchestra rendered music. Miss Jeanette Rankin, Representative from Montana, in her charming and winsome manner, gave us a very clear idea of the inner workings of a Congress. Her talk was very interesting and we are grateful to Miss Rankin for her visit to us.



JOKES

Mr. Webster: "Edith if you are not going to study, you are not the girl I'm looking for."

Edith: "You surely are not the man I'm looking for."

Mr. Boseman, talking about Shakespeare: "Very few of you have read historical plays except Julius Cæsar."

New Pupil: "Is he in here?"

Miss Bagby: "Wade, how many times have you whispered today?"

Wade: "Onec't."

Miss B.: "Bryan, should Wade have said onec't?"

Bryan: "He should have said twice."

Mr. Webster, talking about Exams: "Keep your eyes open and you will hear what I say."

Clyde Cobb: "Miss Berg, I've got an uncle who hasn't any ribs."

Gilmer: "That's nothing, Randy Dillon's got an uncle who hasn't any brains, and he is just like him."

Miss Walker: "Edith, move to the front; here are one-two-three seats."

Edith: "One's enough, thank you."

Miss Michael: "Hoyt, have you read 'Lorna Doone' or 'Tom Sawyer?'"

Hoyt Boone: "No, ma'am."

Miss Michael: "Well, what have you read?"

Hoyt: "I have red hair."

Miss Berg: "Sugars are stored in the liver."

Lester: "Why, Miss Berg, I thought it was against the law to store sugar."

Miss Walker: "Now, Randolph, is this perfectly clear to you?"

Randolph: "Yes'm, it's perfectly clear, but I don't quite understand it."

Oh, the wheatless days, and the meatless days,
Oh, the days without sugar or sweets;
The days without ham, the days with nothing to eat,
Oh, the days without ice, the days without rice;
Oh, the days without corn, beans, and bread,
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New Teacher: "Pupils, now all of you stand on your two feet."

Mr. Webster was working a chemistry problem and stopped suddenly.

William Transou: "What! Can't you work it?"

Mr. Webster: "What you think this place is? An asylum?"

Answer: "I don't know, I see you here."

"Moses, how do you come to school every morning?" asked a student.

Moses: "I drive a hay burner."

Sanford: "Mr. Hamilton, a little girl at the door wants to speak to you."

Mr. Hamilton was last seen talking to Miss Sutton.

Mr. Hamilton finished an eloquent talk in chapel on conserving coal with "Let's all sing, 'Keep the Home Fires Burning.'"

Miss Waterhouse had been lecturing to Olan Barnes for half an hour when Olan said, "That would be a good record for an Edison."

Mr. Webster: "Potassium and sodium are very similar materials. They are just as much alike as day and night."

Blanche Martin: "Mary, you are going to ruin that dress if you keep wearing it down here in the lab."

Mary: "Well, I couldn't very well leave it upstairs and come down without it."

Chas. H.: "Miss Waterhouse, we lost the biggest joke that we had."

Miss Waterhouse: "What was it?"

Chas.: "Mr. Boseman."

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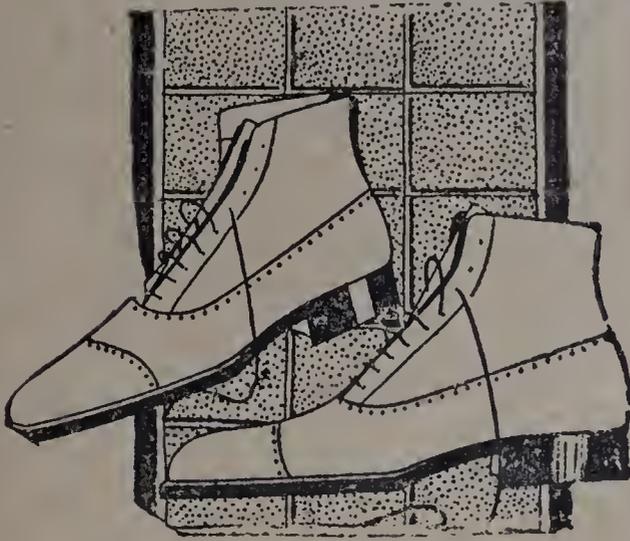
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