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# HIGH SPOTS

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## WOODRUFF SPEAKS

W. E. Woodruff, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the public library, at a combined meeting of the Library, Dramatic, and Girl Reserves clubs here last week, explained to this large group his reasons for believing that the bumble-bee, the toad, the earthworm, and the bird were man's "four best friends."

## Favor Journalism Course Here

### *Sigma Deltas Finally Disband*

#### Lack of Interest Results In End Of Honor Club

##### ONLY TEMPORARY

On its last legs for five months, the Sigma Delta Club, seriously crippled by lack of interest, finally succumbed this week.

The club has been temporarily suspended, according to Mrs. Bivens, faculty sponsor for the MAHS honor group, due to lack of cooperation on the part of the members.

She has repeatedly attempted to call meetings to discuss pertinent problems, but the response she received showed clearly that the mo-

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#### Cage Squad Going Full Blast



#### Three Faculty Members Want New Class in '41

##### No Teacher—Class Would Publish Paper.

The long, persistent dogfight for a journalism course at Mount Airy high school may come to a climax this spring. All the words and outcries may not have been wasted after all.

It is now believed highly possible that MAHS will have a journalism class beginning in 1940-41. Spanish was added to the curriculum for next year in a move made last month.

From high quarters comes the support of the plan, and Mr. Finch, Miss Lassiter, and Miss Hale are working hard in an effort to secure such a course for the high school.

This trio held a meeting to dis-

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By PAT ROTHROCK

There almost wasn't a debating team at MAHS this year (and I can hear you say, "Who cares!").

You see, it happened this way . . .

Out of an expected sixteen only six braved the terrors of public speaking.

But that was only the first obstacle—of those six, none were any better than the others. So, all rated the team—then with a team ready to start to work, it was discovered that there wasn't any material!

Despite these obstacles, the teams are hard at work. The negative trio, composed of John Mickey, Patricia Rothrock, and Odell Money, is coached by Mrs. Sydnor. The affirmative team is composed of Betty Lou Britt, Nancy Bunker, and Henry Badgett and coached by Mrs. Barringer.

These six are preparing speeches and the four best will make up the teams that will debate with Hanes high school, of Winston-Salem, and Elkin high school "sometime in March."

The idea of having everyone prepare a speech and the four best give theirs is a new one instituted this year. It may run into some complications, since, for several years, only the four who actually debated have been given medals. Alternates went unrecognized. This year all will work equally hard, and to work without recognition is hardly fair.

However, Mrs. Barringer says, "I think the plan will work."

Every activity period is being used by these groups, who work separately. As the triangular debates approach, some time will be

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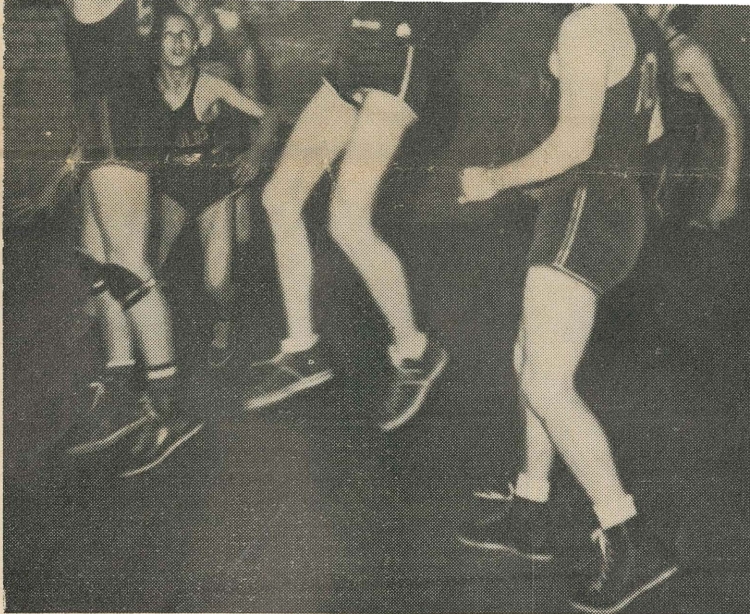
The subjects, "Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of twenty-three," is a new idea and not a great deal of material is available.

## FUTURAMA

- Jan. 22, 23, 24—Exams
- Feb. 10—Second Open Forum, Dean Harrelson of N. C. State
- Feb. 11—PTA
- Feb. 18—HIGH SPOTS
- March 11—PTA
- March 14—Third Open Forum, Guy B. Phillips
- March 18—HIGH SPOTS
- April 1—HIGH SPOTS, April Fool's Edition
- APRIL 10—Easter holidays begin
- April 15—School reopens
- April 17—Final Open Forum, Dr. Carlyle Campbell
- April 25—Student presidential election; HIGH SPOTS, Election Edition
- May 22—HIGH SPOTS, Graduation Edition
- May 30—End of 1940-41. Graduation night.

## CAGE CARD

- Jan. 24—King, away.\*\*
- Jan. 28—Walnut Cove, here.\*\*
- Jan. 31—King here.\*\*
- Feb. 4—Hanes, here.\*\*
- Feb. 7, 8—Burlington, away.
- Feb. 12—Gray, away.
- Feb. 14—Leaksville, away.
- Feb. 18—Madison, here.
- Feb. 21—Leaksville, here.
- Feb. 28—Gray, here.
- March—Journal-Sentinel Tournament. \*\* State race game.



**SOMETHING NEW**—Two things are new about the above Flashphoto snapped by Ben Williamson. One, the new 1940-41 basketball season was getting underway as Mount Airy triumphed over Nancy Reynolds boys, 39-16. Two, Jimmie Miller was performing an act he seldom lowers himself to—missing a "softie." Miller at present leads the Bear scoring parade with 88 points. Jimmie is No. 5. George Sparger, at right, is No. 10.

## Aero Club Plans Feature Model Airplane Contest

Most newly-organized MAHS club is the Aero club with 35 members under the sponsorship of Miss Johnson.

The February program of the Aero club features a model airplane contest.

This group, which has met only twice, has proved very popular and interesting to the air-minded males of the school.

Lucien Wrenn, Jr., a MAHS alumnus, has been leading discussions and giving pointers on the different types of planes and the requirements of a commercial pilot.

## FIRST OPEN FORUM POSTPONED; DR. KNOX IS INFLUENZA VICTIM

Because the scheduled speaker, Dr. J. C. Knox, director of the Division of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health, was confined in Raleigh with influenza, the first open forum scheduled for Friday night was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Knox's topic for the January 17 gathering was to have been "Syphilis and Its Control."

J. W. Harrelson, Dean of Administration at State college, will speak on either "National Defense" or "Vocational Education" at the second forum here, February 10.

Third on the program is Guy B. Phillips, who will discuss some phases of the relationship of public education to a state's development. Phillips is executive secre-

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## Mechanics

New to Mount Airy is the night course in automobile repairing and mechanics at the Fowler Motor Company, sponsored through the city schools as part of the national defense program.

So popular has this course been—the present enrollment has reached its capacity of 45—that another similar class is to be opened shortly.

Federal funds have been established for the purpose of training, in mechanical engineering, young men out of school and between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five.

This not only will afford them good positions in the army should they be drafted but also prepares them to make a living in this field.

This course, free of charge, is conducted by Lonnie Parker, Joe Poore, and Luke Ball, all trained mechanics, at the Fowler Motor Company each evening from six to twelve. Thirty hours a week for twelve weeks are required.

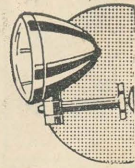
tary of the State School Board commission.

Ringling down the curtain on the 1941 sessions will be the April 17 meeting conducted by Dr. Carlyle Campbell, whose subject has not yet been selected.

## BULLETIN

The rampart flu epidemic took its toll on MAHS' absentee list yesterday when 107 students, 18 per cent of the high school, failed to turn up. Ten more students were sent home sick as the day progressed. Last week: Monday, 39; Tuesday, 50; Wednesday, 55; Thursday, 73; and Friday, 65. No statement has been made concerning closing the local schools.

# High... Spotlight



How six hundred people spent the last thirty days in our own jailhouse:

### Why Fire Trucks Are Red

Fire trucks are red. Fire trucks have hose. Women wear hose on their feet. There are three feet on a ruler. The QUEEN MARY is the ruler of the seas. Fish swim in the seas. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. And fire trucks are always rushing around. So, therefore, fire trucks are red.

### CHANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Every seventh high school student who buys one of Bill Patterson's "Co-Ed Special" sundaes at the high school hang-out, the Soda Shop, won't have to buy it at all. Every seventh one will be free. Here's a good chance for something free. The Soda Shop's nickelodeon bill of fare is plenty o. k. now, the best in town, in fact. Featured are "There I Go," "Five O'Clock Whistle," and "Beat Me Daddy."

### A Reflection

There is the one about the English teacher who assigned book reviews and then instructed her students to read the NEW YORK TIMES book section to learn how to write these reports. One student opened with a sentence which the teacher tore apart as a horrible sentence. It had been copied word for word from a NEW YORK TIMES book review of that very book which the student was reporting on. That's one point. Too many teachers won't let students go above the usual level expected of students of that age or class. "Every tombstone may hide a genius."

### MOUNT AIRY TIMES EDITORIAL

Thanks go to the MOUNT AIRY TIMES for an editorial in the January 10 edition of the paper urging the construction of a gymnasium for Mount Airy high school. In part, the article said:

"This, we feel, is one campaign the citizens of Mount Airy should be more than willing to support . . .

"Lack of a gymnasium means that the high school students are handicapped in their winter athletic activities . . .

"Lack of a gymnasium means that plans cannot always be carried out, and that students of the high school and Rockford Street school must share the auditorium . . .

"We feel that the time has come for the beginning of active efforts for the construction of a real high school gymnasium AT ONCE."

### Some More False Relationships

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agency, still in his old business end of the newspaper line.

### Jamming and Jiving

There are 1,500,000 songs, written over a very long period of time, that can't be played on the air now. That's the reason you are hearing so many old songs lately. Glenn Miller had to change his theme from the unbeatable "Moonlight Serenade" because of this ban on these songs. That's why "Frenesi" has become so popular, because of the ban.

Why the ban?

For 56 years, the American Society of Authors, Publishers, and Composers had a contract with the networks and the broadcasters to furnish music arrangements for all songs played over the air. Everything went along smoothly until last year when the ASCAP demanded four and one-half million dollars from the broadcasters and networks as payment for music. Then this year the ASCAP asked for nine million dollars. The station and network moguls rebelled. An auxiliary group to furnish the broadcasters with music was set up, the BMI—Broadcasters Musicians, Inc. Now in order that this silly war may be ended, the FBI is going to file anti-trust charges against the BMI, because no song controlled by the ASCAP may be played on the air. There is a \$250 fine for any station that allows an ASCAP song to seep through. This has ruined some programs. The Hit Parade is no longer a medium of what is the most popular song, because only BMI songs can be popular now. Sammy Kaye and Artie Shaw went off the air, it upset their programs so. Kay Kyser had to change his theme also. New Year's Bowl games were broadcast from sound-proof booths for fear that an ASCAP song would be played by one of the bands. Music on the radio has been practically ruined. They're playing "When You and I were Young Maggie" regularly. Settlement of this critical situation is imminent.

A poll by DOWNBEAT showed this is what the nations ork leaders think about their contemporaries:

Best Swing Band—Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington. Best Sweet Music—Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey. Best Small Group—B. G.'s sextet. Best Soloists—clarinet, Benny Goodman; trumpet, Harry James; clarinet, Artie Shaw. Best singers—Bing Crosby, and Helen O'Connell, vocalist for Jimmy Dorsey.

Marian Hutton has left Glenn Miller, although she's still singing on the "Moonlight Serenade" until King Glenn can locate another warbler.

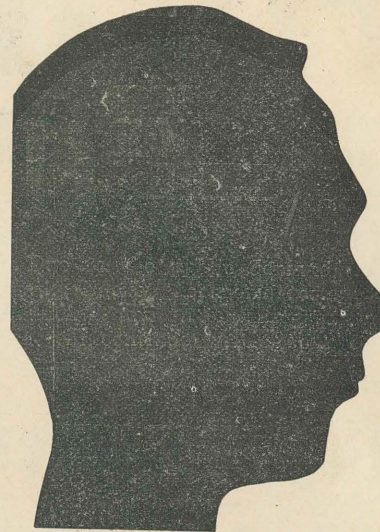
There's talk afloat that a group of MAHSers may get up an orchestra, although it's merely talk right now. Leader would be alumnus Andy Andrews. Sandy Simmons, the jitterbug boy, would handle the drums. Other members would be Ben Williamson, Frank Toler, alumnus Wilton Alley, and anybody else who can play an instrument . . . Black Jack Inman plays a mean violin . . . So does Cotton Clark . . . Betty Gray Ward could easily be one of the vocalists . . .

### JUNIOR-SENIOR

The Juniors, with only \$12, are really having a time about the Junior-Senior dance for the coming spring. Rumors have been filling the air for a long time. Some of them include:

The dance will be held Easter when all the alumni

### KOMMERCIAL KING



In this corner, ladies and gentlemen, we have the bolder of the world's speed test championship, Mr. Francis Terry, who made 32 mistakes in one test!

Don't let this fool you though. That was an off day. Francis is the business manager of the HIGH SPOTS, the treasurer of the senior class, the secretary-treasurer of the Boys' Home Ec club, and he was a marshal at graduation last year.

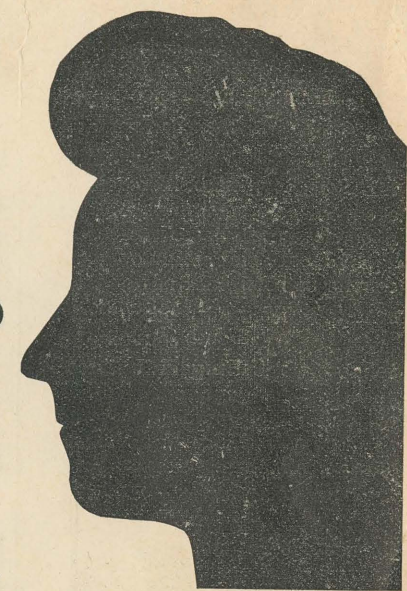
If you see him crawling around in the gutters someday, don't be surprised, because Francis collects match covers. Already he has found 1,651.

He attended the Boys' State gathering at Chapel Hill last summer, is a good softball player, laughs a lot, is popular, and works for his pa at the filling station. This versatile young gentleman renders service with a smile in a manner befitting a playful little TERRYer.

Also a champion at eating, Terry claims he can eat as many po'k chops as L'il Abner can any day. However, whether to eat chicken legs with his fingers or not proved a stumbling block for him at a dinner party once.

When he finishes school, Francis wants to join the navy and learn to be a marine engineer. Then he will

### NEW GAL



FOUND:

In room no. 7, a girl, 16 years old, from Washington Lee high school, Washington, D. C., with blue eyes and auburn hair.

On Monday, January 6, Marian Booker entered the high school for the first time. Little did she realize that the Commercial department was going to work her good and hard.

"They are really working me to death," was a reply that Marian gave to the question: "What do you think of our high school?"

"If it isn't typing, it's bookkeeping; and if it isn't bookkeeping, it's shorthand," she said.

This wasn't Marian's first sight of Mount Airy. She lived here until she was six and then moved to Washington. While visiting her relatives here nearly every summer, she met a lot of boys including Sandy Simmons. You might know!

Football is Marian's favorite sport, and she loves to dance in her spare time.

So ends (or begins) the story of Marian Booker.

### Last Minute Heelines:

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Blondes have light hair. Blondes were beaten by brunettes in the poll. Blue nets are worn on people’s heads. There are blue lines in hockey. Hockey is a fast game. Flee Sydnor is a fast girl. Fleas climb on dogs. Dictators are dogs. Dictators start wars. Airplanes in wars start fires. Fires give off light. Blondes are fiery. So, therefore, blondes are light-haired.

Angels have wings. Wings are 10c cigarettes. Rose’s is a 10c store. People have rosy cheeks. Cheeks are covered with rouge. John Dillinger was a rogue. Dillinger is a kind of pickle. Eddie Fowler is always being pickled on. Eddie Fowler likes Hedy Lamarr. Hedy Lamarr is an angel. Fowls have wings. Therefore angels have wings.

#### FIRST HIGH SPOTS WENT TO CHINA

John Klutz, first circulation manager of the HIGH SPOTS when the paper was started way back in 1925, visited his alma mater the other day and reported that the first subscription to the HIGH SPOTS ever sold was mailed to Shanghai, China to Ben Hatcher. Hatcher’s brother purchased the subscription. Klutz is now engaged by an advertising

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Shirley Smith, the Winston-Salem baton-waver, will bring his ork here on a week night for a very reasonable price.

There will be a nickelodeon, where good orchestra’s best recordings will do better than bad orchestra’s bad playing of good songs.

There won’t be any bingo.

The Junior boys have refused to chop trees for less than union wages.

Mothers of junior boys have refused to let their boys have the axes unless the sponsors promise to have their little boys in bed by 12 P. M.

The hotel chefs are mad because they didn’t receive an invitation to the dance, and they are going to put shoes and shirts in the chicken stew for the senior banquet so none of the seniors can go to the dance.

The dirty lattice fence that is used for decoration will be washed by the Home Ec girls.

The seniors will have to pay 50c each to come to their own dance.

There won’t be a receiving line.

There won’t be any card dances.

There won’t be any dance.

admire her looks? Coach and his women have puzzled us many times.

Doesn’t brotherly love mean anything to Jack Pruett? He says “Every man for himself when it comes to Ronella.” Poor brother!

Margaret Hennis gets notes from the Elder twins quite often. No one seems to know whether she answers them or not.

If that girl that visits Mount Airy from Charlotte doesn’t stay away, what are we going to do with poor Ernest Randleman? Already he won’t bring any lunch to school! What won’t he do next?

This rainy weather almost stuck “Nub” Goad. He seemed to have a little trouble the other night when he tried to take his girl home. It often gets muddy on Oakdale Street.

Did you make any New Year’s resolutions? Well, Sandy Simmons

did, and they are good ones. He resolved to stop smoking and to be in bed by 10:30. He has already broken the latter—by coming in at 10:33 p.m. one time.

“If it weren’t blue, I wouldn’t have it,” is the saying of Cleo Wagner. That car he has started driving can’t escape the eyes of his admirers.

Greensboro is a very pretty city, and we all like it a lot, but Jane Dearmin has found another attraction—Rucker Crowder!

Red, they tell us you really have it bad. We’ve noticed how well you are dressing lately and how often you walk up to North Main. Cap-tola won’t tell us a thing.

It seems that the MAHS boys’ basketball team took advantage of the fact, that Coach Shelton drove his car to Winston-Salem for the Walnut Cove game instead of going on the bus as he usually does.

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## BULL And ALONEY By BEN And ARNEY

Due to the public demand, fan mail, Editor Jackson’s constant pounding, and an increased salary, we will continue writing our column.

B and B

If any of you senior girls have been left off the Elder twins’ rating list, don’t give up hope. Before long, one, or both of them, will be inviting you to attend a show or basketball game or to stay at home in the parlor with them. Those twins really get around!

B and B

Pedestrians Beware: “Black Jack” Inman, Sarah Merritt, and Jimmy Miller have secured their drivers’ licenses. All motorists be on the lookout for flying cars and parts.

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We hear from up Galax way that

Washing. While visiting her relatives here nearly every summer, she met a lot of boys including Sandy Simmons. You might know! Football is Marian’s favorite sport, and she loves to dance in her spare time.

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Senior Rings Arrive.  
Russ Marion, Freshman, Joins Army.  
Tayman New Home Ec Prexy.  
Boy Group Meets Once A Week.

**WE WANT A  
WE NEED Gymnasium**

George Sparger has taken a fancy to stunt flying. How about it, “Spurg”?

B and B

“Pete” D’Amico has taken up Ralph Crawford’s habit of increasing his vocabulary by reading the dictionary during library period, so don’t be surprised if he pulls a few “long ones.”

B and B

Will some kind hearted soul, for the sake of humanity, please donate the necessary cash to purchase a nice new muffler for Flee Sydnor—we mean the kind used to silence an automobile.

B and B

“Goon” Henry Badgett, under the skilled management of this column, has become a challenger to Joe Louis’s crown. He is to fight in Madison Square Garden sometime in February.

B and B

Every afternoon after school, “Doobie” Merritt is giving driving lessons on the road to Sarah Smith’s. Price 3 cents per hour.

B and B

How about everyone coming out to the basketball games. We have two fine teams that need your support, despite the fact that we have no creditable gym.

B and B

Have you heard of the latest ailment, “secretary on the knee”? Good Luck on Exams.

## High Limelight

Editor Jackson has recently acquired another nickname, “Hurricane.” This name, like others, fits his characteristics. So far, he goes by the name of Robert Edward “Piggy” “Jasbo” “Daisy” “Hurricane” Jackson.

The sudden change in the weather has made Jack Toler and Marty Thomas want to go to Florida and Missouri next summer.

Could it be that the girls’ basketball coach at Flat Rock is a good square dancer, or does Coach just

What Do You Think Of  
Everyone's Having To  
Take Exams?

— asks —

## INQUIRING REPORTER

Opaleene Beamer says, "I think it's a good idea because, by starting now, you won't be scared to death to take one if you should go to college."

Bobby "Dynamite" Carraway writes, "I think you should be made to take exams, because it helps the teacher find out what you know and prepares you for college."

Hazel Hicks asserts, "Not much, do you?"

Pachie Patterson, freshman, answered, "I don't believe I will like it."

Ellen Macon maintains, "I guess maybe someday we'll be glad we took them but, personally, I'd just as soon be scared to death in college as scared to death now. All in all, it's pretty awful."

Tom Browne, another freshman, says, "I've been working a long time to be exempt. I might not be exempt but at least I would work harder if exemptions were possible." Browne also gives a message to his teachers. "Teachers," he says, "I've passed exams before, so it doesn't worry me—much."

Betsy Ross Mills alleges, "I don't know." When asked if she were afraid, she said, "No, I am not scared. I never have been exempt before, so I wouldn't know. I believe everyone would study more if we had exemptions."

Margaret Eaton, commercial student, voices, "I don't like the idea very much although I wouldn't get exempt on any of them this year."

Teachers Once Resolved To Be  
Good Little Kids—But Now

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EVERYBODY'S DOING IT THIS YEAR, BUT—

## Students Still Like Exemptions

### Reporters Find Exams Unpopular

#### Special Experiment

Object:

To study exams.

Materials:

Betty Sue Allred, Clinton Childress, Eleanor Collins, Joe Fowler, Jr., Bobby Masten.

Method:

1. Do you think cramming makes you remember more in the future? Eleanor Collins: "Well, I don't guess it does. After all, if you have too much to remember at one time, it will be hard to remember it all."

2. Do you think exams are worth the effort? Joe Fowler: "Aw, heck no!"

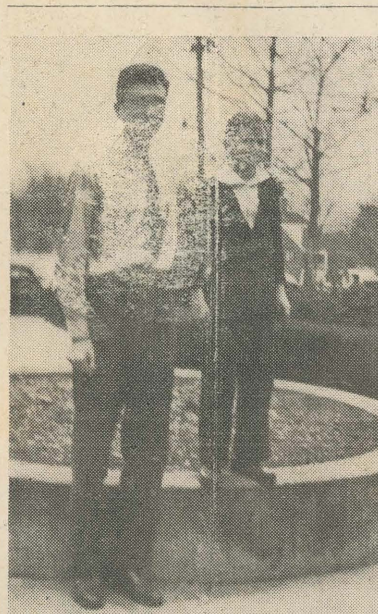
3. Which exams do you consider the hardest? Bobby Masten: "Aw, I don't know! All of 'em, I guess."

Do you like examinations? Betty Sue Allred: "I don't like them because I've had to take them before. I guess I'll be glad though when I go to college."

5. Are you sorry that exemptions are no more? Clinton Childress: "I sure am, because once in a while I used to get out of one or two."

Conclusion:

Examinations are a test on what you don't know.



Through some weird coincidence Odell Money, president of the senior class, and Paul Taylor, leader of the freshman class, are respectively the tallest and smallest boys in this school. Towering, intelligent Odell, probably the tallest pile of Money any MAHSer ever had the pleasure of looking at, skyscrapes 6 feet 3 1-4 inches upward. Midget-like, amiable little Paul is 5275 feet 5 inches short of being one mile high—or, he's only 4 feet 7 inches off the ground.

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### "EXAM'S EVE"

'Twas the week before exams,  
And all thru the school,  
The motto was "Cram"—  
Not a brow was cool.

While I in my innocence  
All the year long  
Had learned not one thing;  
All my guesses were wrong.

Each night did I study;  
My brain, it was racked—  
But there was nothing to do;  
All knowledge I lacked.

I pulled at my hair  
And bit on my nails;  
But the teachers all leered  
And said, "Hope she fails."

Oh, why must this happen?  
Whose idea is this?  
Our days are all nightmares,  
Gone is our bliss.

If we ever find out  
Who started this all,  
He'll wish he were dead,  
He'll cower to the wall.

We'll torture him cruelly;  
HIS brain will be racked.  
Exam for exam,  
We'll pay them all back.

—Eleanor Collins

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## Freshmen Worried

BY PAT RIERSON

Open any door to a freshman class and all you'll see will be a host of bowed heads, each one trying to absorb a lot of knowledge in a short time—"cramming," in other words.

Why, oh why, did we have to be the first freshmen class to take exams? All last year our cry was, "Wait 'till we get in high school; then we'll be exempt."

Now we're here, and we're having to cram just as is everyone else. With the aid of a lot of midnight oil we hope to make the grade.

However, we freshmen are a pretty self-satisfied lot after all. Ask the first freshman you meet if he would like to be back in grammar school, and I'll bet his answer would be, "I should say not. That seems like an entirely different world."

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## Teachers Once Resolved To Be Good Little Kids - But Now

### Sensational Expose Of New Year's Resolutions Of MAHS Instructors.

When the teachers were in school, they made resolutions. After careful research, some of the ancient good intentions were unearthed, and here they are:

#### Miss Haymore—senior:

"No more gum for me, ever, even if they do say it's good for the teeth and to keep one from eating in school."

#### Mrs. Barber—freshman:

"I resolve not to bite my nails, because, if I do, I will never grow up to be a BIG high schooler."

#### Mrs. Mackie—senior:

"I resolve not to have another point taken off my citizenship this year. I shall deprive myself of one lollipop for every point."

#### Miss Swanson—junior:

"I resolve to learn to cook if it kills me."

#### Miss Johnson—sophomore:

"I resolve to stop playing in the Chemistry lab and to really help my 'pardner' do the work."

#### Mrs. Sydnor—freshman:

"I resolve to stop wearing bow ribbons in my hair. I am tired of having those mean old seniors tease me."

#### NEW RESOLUTIONS

Here is the inside of some of their 1941 resolutions:

Coach Shelton resolves this: "Since leap year is over, I will quit flirting with the girls."

Mr. Sims will wear no hat unless it is an off-face style.

Mrs. Barringer has promised herself not to mention Dorothy Thompson in her classes.

Children: "I sure am, because once in a while I used to get out of one or two."

Conclusion:

Examinations are a test on what you don't know.

Miss Hale has resolved to diet in order to lose those excess pounds.

Mr. Finch resolves not to drop any chalk in any class.

Mr. Clinger is going to eat only one meal a day—one lasting 10 hours.

Miss Huddleston resolves to break all her '41 resolutions.

## Happy Birthday

- Jan. 23—Geneva Carter.  
Jan. 24—Rachel Gruble.  
Jan. 27—J. L. Johnson.  
Jan. 28—Tommy Marion.  
Jan. 31—Clyde Inscore.  
Feb. 1—Cleo Wagoner, Pauline Childress, Thomas and James Elder.  
Feb. 2—Jack Folger, Raleigh Fleming.  
Feb. 3—V. D. Ward, Virginia Taylor.  
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Feb. 5—Morgan Combs, Billy Critz.  
Feb. 6—Lewis Inman.  
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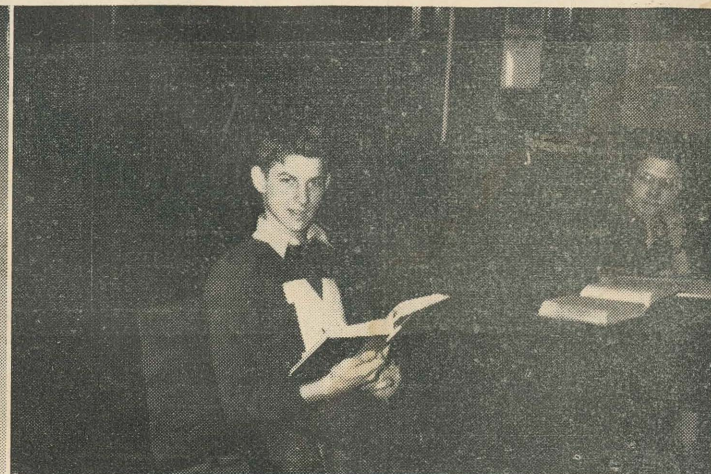
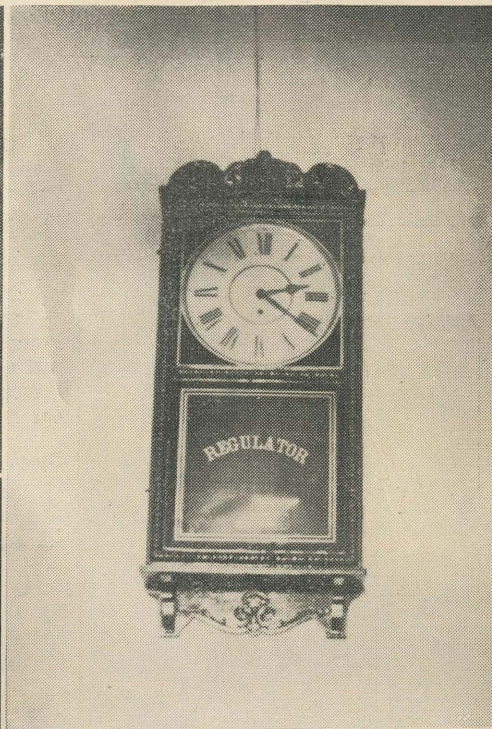
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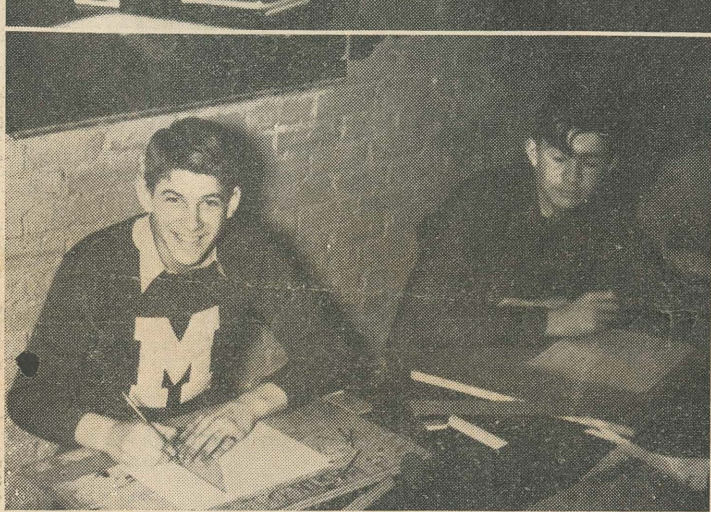
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THIS MONTH'S FLASHPHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY—

Around The Clock With A MAHS Senior



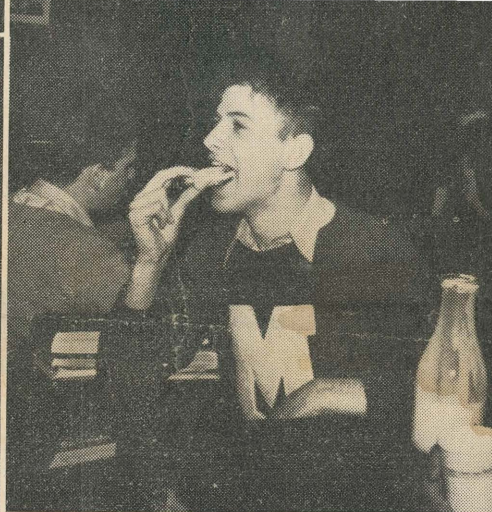


Robert Steven Masten, the boy whose beaming face you see seven times above, is 16 years old today. Of the 5844 days "Mastini" has "graced" this earth, this is a chronicle of one of his more routine 24-hour cycles.

**MY DAY**—I got up around 7:30 this morning and finally got to school about time for the first bell. After standing out front and teasing the girls and talking to the boys, I entered the school building to complete the studying I meant to do the night before. I went through the seven periods described below, and then returned to my home room. But for my school life, see below:

**ACTIVITY PERIOD**—Bobby stares the cameraman in the face. At the time, he's studying, for his lone extra-curricular activity is football. Others visible in his No. 12 home room are Gaston Martin, in foreground; Carroll Jackson, in glasses, with eyes on lessons; Clarence Goad, the baseball catcher; Jimmy Harrison, Dramatic club prexy; Lois Key; Margaret Lester, partially hidden by the paper held in the hands of Sam Owen. Bill Lyle may be seen between Margaret and Sam.

**FIRST PERIOD**—Masten trucks through the halls to first period Chemistry. This was Wednesday, wasn't Masten's lab day, but the cameraman persuaded him to pose pouring water into a flask. His lab partner is "Black Jack" Inman, who was so shy he wouldn't pose with Bob. That day Bobby and Jack sat over in the "hot corner" to the left of the door where there usually is an abundance of wholesale "meanness." That day there was none.



**SECOND PERIOD**—From Chemistry, Bobby goes to the Shop where Mr. Clinger instructs him in Mechanical Drawing. This is another of those ideal classes where there is fun aplenty. The "sick cow" mugg on Masten's right belongs to Jimmy Harrison, who was so blinded by a flash picture in Charlotte one night, he always closes his eyes when facing a camera. Masten makes about average grades in all his subjects. He won his letter in football last fall when he was the blocking back understudy of co-captain-elect Warren Stewart. He may get to play varsity when he returns as a post-graduate next fall. Bob's going to Carolina.

**THIRD PERIOD**—He usually doesn't sit at the back of the room in Miss Anderson's third period senior English class, but they're repairing desk tops in that room now. Beside him is Mary Jacobs, circulation manager of the HIGH SPOTS, who thought she was out of the pix. That day Masten was reading the part of Macduff in the play "Macbeth." Next day he read Macbeth's part also. Bobby has always been an active scout, is an Eagle, in fact. His bosom companion is "Sloppy" Woltz. They once overturned a boat in a river in mid-winter, once had BB wars. Now they loaf.

**LUNCH PERIOD**—Masten, like most of the rest of the school, isn't in love with the 2:15 session. But everyone agrees it's o. k., as one might gather from the way he goes after the sandwich in the pix at the bottom center. The mammoth bottle of milk belongs to Sam Owen. This is one of the most realistic photos of Masten, eating lunch in the short 20 minutes allotted us during the winter months.



**FOURTH PERIOD**—With a good meal tucked in him, Bobby then heads for one of his hardest classes, Trig. He's working at the board on one of the review problems as another footballer, Dick Edwards, looks on. Notice he is working the problem wrong and has left the characteristic off the log. He doesn't have a blackeye. Bob handed Mr. Finch a dollar when the latter came in the room, but Mr. Finch assured his unlucky-number class of thirteen that this wasn't a pre-exam bribe from Bobby. What was it for?

**FIFTH PERIOD**—Wednesday is Bobby's library day. He's usually the first one to reach the library where he has one of his best times. Above, he talks with Miss Trotter, as they examine a BRITANNICA. Don't let this posed pix fool you. Behind, reading the funnypapers, is post-grad twin, Jean Partridge. Bob's other lab day is Monday, and his section, through somebody's forgetfulness, gets to go to the library on Friday as often as four times in a row. It's supposed to alternate every other week with the Tuesday-Thursday group. From here Masten returns to his home room in a hurry and goes home. The clock shows 2:20, and Bob is almost at his mid-town home.

Photogenic, smiling, laughing, noisy, mean (pulls out chairs, throws test tubes of water in people's faces, ties aprons in knots, breaks door), Bobby Masten is one of the most-liked and popular boys in MAHS. He's as much fun as these pictures show he is. Masten will probably get his driving license Thursday. "He's a swell fellow."

(We picked Bobby Masten because he is photogenic and had a good all-round schedule that carried him to many departments. Picking a name from a box didn't work.)

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# Mount Airy Has Five Aces To Take King With Friday Night

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### Big District Tilt May Decide Champ

**Our Record**

Bears, 39; N. Reynolds, 16  
Bears, 23; Red Bank, 15.  
Bears, 39; Nancy Reynolds, 30.  
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Bears, 55; Francisco, 4.  
Bears, 26; Walnut Cove, 21.  
Bears, 46; Francisco, 10.

Along the road to Chapel Hill, North Carolina lies the sleepy little hamlet of King, a little town that shows only its back doors to cars that speed on to the center of the University.

Along the road to Chapel Hill for the Mount Airy boys' basketball team, the best cage outfit Coach Wally Shelton has ever coached, according to his own admission, lie two obstacles—a red-headed fellow named Tedder, who shoots basketball goals from the front and back doors, and four of his brethren who make up the renowned King basketball team.

The town King may be off the highway, but the Mount Airy Blue-hound Special must go right through King, the basketball team, before it reaches Chapel Hill.

The night of nights for Northwest North Carolina basketball comes up this Friday night, January 25, when the Bears invade King for a crucial hardwood test with the powerhouse King five in a game that will help decide who will represent the western part of the state in Chapel Hill next March.

This is a group one state race class "B" battle, this dogfight slated between King and its boy named Tedder and the best team Wally

### Female Cagers Nip Winless Hanes

**Our Record**

Bruinettes, 29; N. Reynolds, 21.  
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Bruinettes, 16; Francisco, 26.  
Bruinettes, 31; Hanes, 26.

Wonders will never cease. The Mount Airy girls defeated Hanes there Friday night to the tune of 31-26 in a nip and tuck battle played in the Twin City.

Other than this victory and an opening triumph over Nancy Reynolds, the girls, all inexperienced, have gone nowhere this year in the win column.

The forwards were working the ball smoothly, hitting the basket, were on the alert like they hadn't been for ages. The guards turned in their usual beautiful games.

That Hanes hadn't won a game this year didn't matter to the local lassies, who just kept rolling along. Even when the game got too close for spectator comfort, it appeared that Mount Airy was on the victory road at last.

Lucille Gruble, lanky center forward, racked up 17 points. Pendleton got nine, and Timmons, five, Archer paced the losers with 13.

Mt. Airy (31) Po s. (26) Hanes  
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Pendleton (9) F (5) Knight  
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Britt G Donner  
Pruett G Payne  
Steele G Sigmon

### Hanes Rally Blasts Locals

**DISTRICT STANDINGS**

	W	L
King	2	0
Mount Airy	1	1
Hanes	1	1
Walnut Cove	0	2

The roaring chant that echoed through the Hanes high gymnasium, "Our team is redddd hot," was no misstatement, for the Golden Dragons of the Winston-Salem school were belching fire and burning the basket at white heat pace Friday night as they carded an upset victory over Mount Airy in a district game, 41-27.

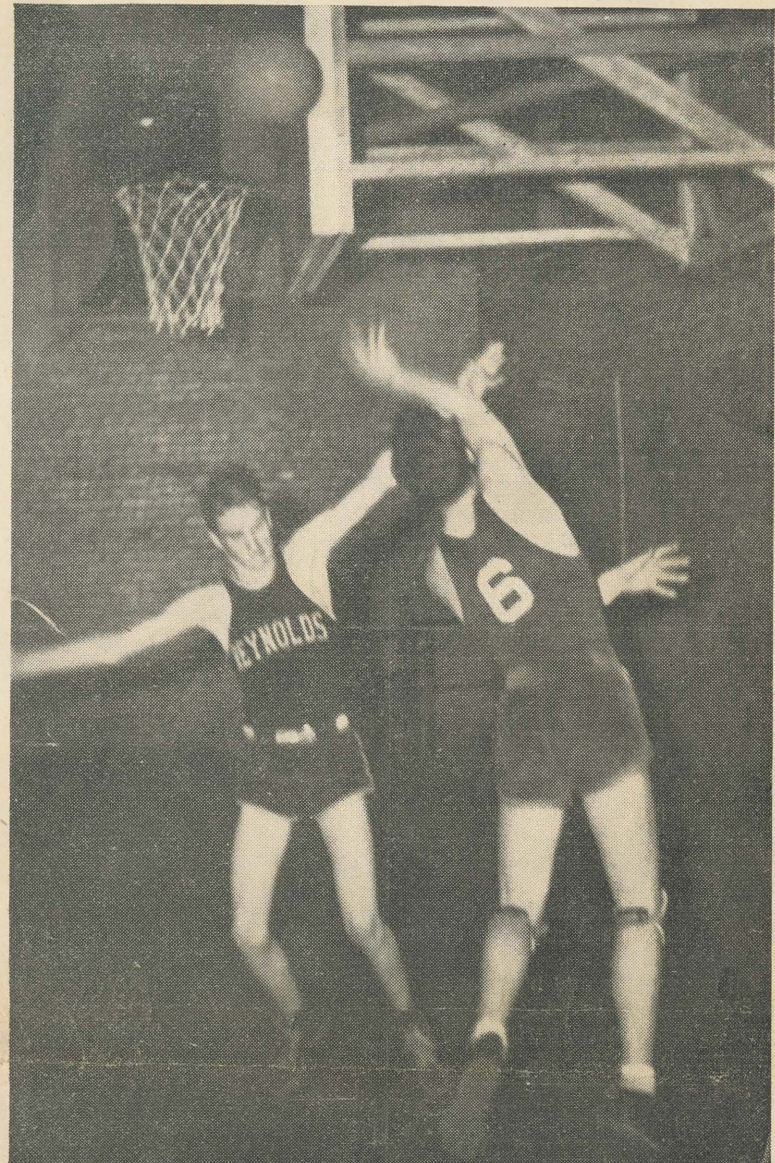
This was the first setback ever administered a Mount Airy athletic team by representatives of Hanes high school, and the Hanes men did a thorough job of shellacking MAHS for the first time.

Mount Airy couldn't work its fast break and couldn't get around the ball-handling sharks of Hanes. Then too, the Dragons were dropping them in from every angle in the last four minutes so fast the exasperated Bears were left like Hitler left Warsaw—shattered.

A last-minute 31-29 triumph over Walnut Cove gave King first place in this, the fastest of North Carolina cage districts. Coach Sawyer of Walnut Cove protested Barr's winning goal for the Kingsmen had not left the boy's hand when the whistle blew, but the records show Sawyer's state champions have lost two straight games. The matter however, has been referred to Chapel Hill. The Cove was home team, and a play-off is imminent.

The Bear game started rather

### Folger's Shot Fizzles But We Won



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All the fireworks and tricks and russle-tussle in the game will explode with full force Friday night in what is a fitting climax to a hectic

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## 'Babe' Jones Yawns - Co-Captains Introduced - Don't Make Grid Heroes Idols, Wade Tells Lions

Marion Jones says he wasn't sleepy. In fact, he says he enjoyed the talk by Wallace Wade at the Lions club football banquet last week very much.

But when Marion Jones yawned, Coach Wade broke into his prepared address on the place football should hold in the school program with the remark:

"You're right. I'm almost through with my speech now. I'll sit down in just a minute."

Of course, Wade was joking; but most of his speech was on the serious side. He lambasted those who make athletes think they are heroes who can get by at anything with only a minimum of effort.

He said that those guilty of this were doing the most harmful thing to that teen-age boy that could be done by anyone.

Dan Hill, former Duke man, showed complete pictures of the Duke-Pitt football game following the Duke coach's well-received address.

Some peas that fell off the fork at the football banquet: Somebody got Coty Carter's seat at the players' table, and he had to sit opposite the dignitaries of the meeting. . . Ben

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Britt	G		Donner
Pruett	G		Payne
Steele	G		Sigmon

Substitutions: Mount Airy—Spain, Merritt. Hanes — Kirby. Referee: Cowan, Davidson.

First quarter: MAHS, 7; Hanes, 7. Half: MAHS, 17; Hanes 13. Third quarter: MAHS, 28; Hanes, 25.

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The Bear game started rather slow, and MAHS mounted a 5-1 lead before the end of the first quarter.

Then Hanes got hot in the second foray and a scoring spree left the Bears behind, 12-10, at the half.

In the third, it was Mount Airy's time again, and at the end of the see-saw third canto, MAHS led by a slim 23-21.

It was the final quarter that spelled doom for the locals. Nothing

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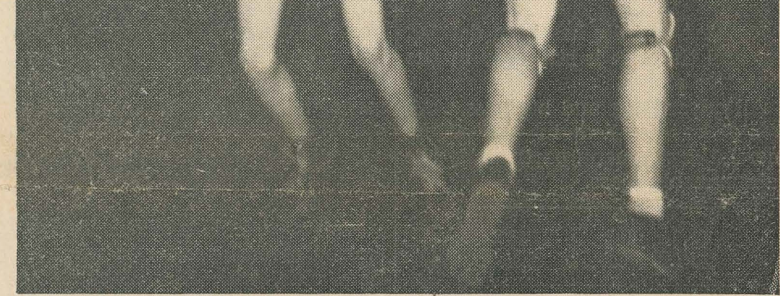
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## Journalism

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cuss the much wrangled-over idea, but struck one disastrous bottleneck:

Who will teach the course?

Only Coach Shelton, burdened with the Dramatics club, four classes daily, and the coaching of football and basketball, has had sufficient training to teach this course. His present schedule almost removes him from the picture.

An English teacher, Mr. Finch stated, might be able to instruct junior and senior students in the course next year, but she would have to undergo intensive summer study.

The HIGH SPOTS would be solely the product of this class, open to third and fourth year students who are above average in English, and only class members could serve on the paper's editorial staff.

That certain influential members of the staff, who under the present set-up will control the paper in 1941-42, wouldn't join the journalism class was one thought.

Only four juniors who have stood out as "stars" on the HIGH SPOTS so far assured a newspaper reporter they would take the course. Making this promise were news editor, Sarah Merriitt; feature editor, Barbara Wrenn; and reporters, Ellen Brannock and Bill Hollingsworth.

Not only would this class period be given to work on the paper, but students could also receive some much-needed instruction in the elementary principles of newspaper work.

There is no doubt in any quarter that a better paper would result from the organization of this new class.

Nothing definite has been decided yet and the talk is still only in the tentative stages.

All advertising and business work would be handled in the Commercial department, particularly the salesmanship class.

## District Tilt

## Sigma Delta

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rale of the club, long shaky, had fallen apart.

The scheduled December gathering was never held.

Although the honor society got off to a late start this year, it was generally believed that the group was in for one of its most prosperous years.

Big plans, calling for programs on colleges, joining the National Honor Society, inviting faculty members, holding an impressive candlelight tapping ceremony in the spring, and doing something for others, caved in.

**Clouds Gathering in '39.**

At the opening meetings last fall, the same trouble, growing out of member dissatisfaction, was experienced. But constant criticism from other school sources made the members ashamed of themselves, and the club rallied into a creditable organization before the term was over.

However, this year, when things looked good from the outset, the uproarious situation came to a show-down. Students refused to prepare program parts or entertainment, and executive phases of the work were completely neglected.

Not even the high-sounding proposals could snap the club out of the dormant state into which it had fallen.

Order and attention at meetings was lax.

Finally, after continued discussion and thought, it was decided to abandon the club, unless student interest waxes high again.

Asked when she thought there would be another meeting, Mrs. Bivens replied, "I don't guess there will be another one this year, because the students will not cooperate."

Ben Williamson is president of the doomed organization.

**Once Held Prominence**

First organization of this kind was formed several years ago when the

40, it was not until this fall that the props completely fell out from under the organization. All the rallying power in the world couldn't have saved the organization. Gone was the best class in the school's history, the large senior class of 1939. Gone was student spirit and interest.

And now, after continued dissension and furor and threats, the club has collapsed and will disappear from the calendar, as MAHS is left without an honor society.

## Hanes Blasts

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could stop Hanes, and, desperate. Mount Airy could not hit the rim itself.

Finally Sheets, who hit 17 points; flue-ridden hero, Harris; and center Jimmy Long started to work. They caged them from everywhere and then proceeded to keep Mount Airy from doing any caging of its own.

Jimmy Miller got 13 points for the Bears. Jack Folger and George Sparger played bang-up defensive games.

It was an off-night for the locals—everyone has them—and Hanes was "reddddddddddd hot."

Miller hit the basket five of 22 times, Folger two of eleven, Childress two of ten, Marion one of two, and Sparger none for two times. That should be indication of the regularity with which the Bears weren't hitting the hoop. The team average was ten for 47.

**Mt. Airy (27) Pos. (41) Hanes**

Miller (11) --- G----- (2) Smith  
Childress (6) --- G----- Stevenson  
Sparger (2) --- C----- (6) Long  
Folger (5) --- F----- (3) Phillips  
Marion (3) --- F----- (17) Sheets

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## District Tilt

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week of exams at MAHS.

Tedder is terrific. He personally beat Hanes for King last week, 20-15, and he has personally put a number of clubs by the wayside with his unerring shots and stellar all-round play.

Although this one will be a smashing battle, and most sources will concede the favorite's role to the Kingmen, Mount Airy is keyed up. The boys see no reason why there should be anything between Mount Airy and Chapel Hill except the little TOWN known as King.

Everything that the Mount Airy-Walnut Cove knockdown-dragout sieges have will look like amoeba when the Bears go to King Friday—if what every newspaperman in Northwest North Carolina says is true.

Mount Airy, with 251 points to only 104 for the opposition, is unbeaten so far this year. County teams fell like Italians in the Libyan desert, and Walnut Cove succumbed after a heated conflict.

This game is loaded with dynamite.

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To cut operating expenses and dues, the club in 1938 broke its tie with the national Beta organization and formed the local chapter of the Sigma Delta club.

Highly successful were the honor societies these two years. Students fairly slaved to become members of the club.

Suddenly in 1939 interest waned in every corner. Students no longer coveted membership in the society. The group had no contact with the rest of the school and did nothing except hold an annual picnic in the spring for incoming members.

Misbehavior and disorder reigned over every meeting. Clara Belle Clark, then prexy of the group, and Mrs. Jackson toiled endlessly to save the club from embarrassment.

While it nearly fell apart in 1939-

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your dollars grow. Your invest-  
ment is steadily growing and  
increasing its earning power as  
it grows—and savings here are  
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