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Inspectors Visit The High School

For several weeks GHS has been visited by inspectors. Our resident inspector Mr. Laskie first visited most of the rooms and we hope he got a favourable impression. Mr. Fowler visited us temporarily as he was the commercial inspector. Mr. Mathews and Miss Cameron, Shop and Home Economics inspectors, were here to see how the new school was progressing, as Home Economics will be situated here.

CADET NEWS AND VIEWS

Essie McGillivray

Staff Sgt. McArthur of Central Command gave a lecture on the bazooka or rocket launcher which will be the standard equipment of the active and reserve army after Christmas. He stated that the NATO had adopted a new Canadian bazooka which was efficient and capable of piercing the thickest armour on the new Russian tanks, which is approximately eleven inches thick. The cadets will be taught firing procedure and mechanism and control, etc. and they may even have a try at firing one. The total weight is only about sixteen pounds and the projectile considerably more; the back-fire is dangerous within twenty-five yards. All safety precautions and range procedure will be adopted when they are fired under the capable instruction of a qualified instructor.

New olive drab ties and Melton hats have been issued to the cadets and parades have been adjourned till the new year.

A.S. Bob Allen, a former GHSer gave a talk to the Grade IX boys about the navy courses he is taking. He answered many questions about navy life and training and advised the boys to stick at school and get at least junior matriculation.

I would like to take this space to wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Prosperous New Year.

LOONEY BIN

Well, at long last winter is here. For a while it looked as if we would be having a green Christmas but now with our recent snowfalls, we will be having a white Christmas.

Our Christmas exams will be after Christmas again this year. They start on January 21st and run thru' to the 28th. So during the holidays we poor souls of middle and upper school "will" be starting our studies.

About two weeks ago the school saw the picture "Tale of Two Cities." It was very kind of the Howard Wrigglesworth school to give us the use of the auditorium. But if the lower school people act as they did then, the new school will be taboo for GHS. They left a mess on the floor of gum and chocolate bar wrappers, that from appearance — one could say that there was a boxing match there, not an educational picture.

Our new school addition, is slowly beginning to take form. The windows are now being put in and the heating system being put down.

Fifth form the other day was part of a test for fifth formers throughout Ontario. They made us take an IQ test. When our results are added to the rest of the results a big jump will be recorded. I will not say which way the jump will be made though. I'll leave that conclusion up to you.

Paul Barber, a dear fellow member of the Armed Forces, he has joined the Fleet Air Arm and is presently stationed at London. We wish all the luck in the world to Paul in this new venture.

In closing I wish to bestow to you from the Looney Bin a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDITORIAL

The season of good cheer and fun has come around again, so soon after the last season. This time of the year is one in which everyone has fun, takes a holiday and relaxes. But most of us forget the real meaning of Christmas while we are merry-making and stuffing ourselves. Many families forget what they are really celebrating, consequently Christmas today is a highly commercialized holiday, in which most people spend their time loafing and eating. The underlying meaning is really forgotten and it is our own fault. There is nothing wrong with having a genuine "Merry Christmas," but don't forget what it really means. We should all practice the spirit of Christmas throughout the year. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a really Merry Christmas, but remember when you are celebrating... what you're celebrating.

STUDENTS ANTICIPATE THE NEW BUILDING

The addition to GHS is fast beginning to look like a building. It seems to be a favourite pastime to gaze at the workers and superintending the job from the windows of GHS. The frames of the windows have been installed and the outside work almost completed. Inmates of fourth form were glad to notice that a new boiler will be installed in the addition and maybe then some heat will seep into the room which has an average temperature of 65 degrees. There are several reasons therefore why the new addition is being watched with interest.

EXAMINATIONS START ON JANUARY 21st

The time table for examinations of middle and upper school was announced two weeks ago. The examinations commence on the twenty first of January and continue on into the next week. The three year system of examinations which was asked for was rejected even though Milton has a satisfactory three year system. With the addition of another teacher there have been more tests on each subject regularly which is hoped will help build up the marks better than last year's low.

EDITOR SAYS 'THANKS' TO HIGH TALES STAFF

Thanks: To those who help to make a paper. Not too many people realize how much time and work is done in preparing "High Tales" and so we would like to say thanks to all those who help us. Mr. Armstrong and his commercial class deserve a big "thank you" for all the time they spend trying to untangle some reporters' writing and for typing all material in this newspaper. Mr. J. L. Lambert our principal also deserves thanks for reading through our material and sifting it as to good or bad as the spirit moves him. Also of course the reporters and writers all deserve a big hand because they are the ones who really have to think out our material even though some of it doesn't show much thought. We hope this good work will continue in the new term making a better paper for all.

GRADE XII REPORT

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! There, we got it in before anybody else.

Every room has now drawn names for our Christmas Party and everyone is trying to think of some original prank to play on the poor unsuspecting person whose name was on the paper.

The two pairs of running shoes which were hanging from a hook on the ceiling have finally been taken down. A week or so ago our dear principal happened to peek into our room (we were taking Latin at the time) and saw the running shoes hanging there. He came back with that grin on his face and asked who

had been the conspirators. Every thing was quiet and no hands were raised, so he had to do it the hard way. He asked each boy except one and when everyone denied the charge his eyes travelled to the one remaining boy. No words were needed for a pair of very red ears gave him away. It was decided to have a solemn procession into our room while the culprit (with help of one who usually does these things) took down the shoes. But as the bell went the two boys became, thirsty and as our principal went out of the door, crawled up the ladder and thus evaded the embarrassing episode. When we returned to school the next day, the two pairs of running shoes were down from the ceiling but could not be found. It was found out later that the shoes had been put behind the books on the book shelf.

We all hope that we have as much fun in the New Year as we did in the old, which reminds me—"Happy New Year."

CHOIR REPORT

by Bev Hyde

The editor of High Tales very nicely came up a week ago and yelled in my ear that I was to write an extra long report about everything that has happened during the year. Well, here goes!

Every thing went along as usual with the general noise filling the halls of GHS until an announcement was read from a scroll by a page (none other than our music teacher) which said that the choir had been invited to sing at St. John's United Church of Georgetown in November. Then the fun began. New songs (that we never knew existed) were brought out and practiced and new ways to rulin' them were thought up by the culprits in the alto section. No matter how hard we tried everything went off very well at the church and even our choir leader was proud of us. After this was over everything again settled down to normal, but not for long. Another invitation had been wangled by our choir-master. We were to sing at Guelph on December 13, 1953. This time carols were brought out and the altos found that they could sing soprano if they had to and so we were off to Guelph on the bus with strict orders from headquarters about gum chewing. We landed safely in the church and service went beautifully until the fireside. The triple trio, after changing seats about ten times finally got settled and carols were sung. Then came our big moment, up we got into a beautifully straight line in front of the people only to find that everybody had music but the altos. There were three very red faces as we finally secured a sheet of music and began to sing. But to add insult to injury we came to a part in the song where it had been a ritual at practices to giggle (believe it or not it was funny) and so being unable to control ourselves we giggled all through the last page. We received only a few frowns and as the song ended ran to our seats and again began to laugh. We found out one thing while we were there and that was that the ladies of the church will serve a beautiful lunch to both gigglers and non-gigglers.

Well here's a great big "Merry Christmas" from the choir and also a very Happy New Year.

Eight Pupils Visit County Court Session

Bob Crawford

On Monday, December 7th, eight pupils from GHS went down to see the court proceedings in Milton. Those who went were: Betty Jean Anderson, Gail King, Diane Hilllock, Carol Seddon, Rhoda Dixon, Carol Benham, Peter Pomeroy and Bob Crawford. The judge took his place and the court was opened. A few lawyers presented cases to be postponed for various reasons and the judge reluctantly put them off. Next about 12 persons to be naturalized came forward one at a time, and were asked their names; whether they intended to reside in Canada; did they like Communism, etc. Three were turned down because their English was not good enough. After this the jury was sworn in and the court adjourned until 1.30.

The trial was for a motor accident that took place on February 3rd, 1952. At 1.30 a juror who was not present for duty was brought before the judge and fined \$25 or 10 days. Then the lawyers brought forth the plaintiff and defendant. The lawyers examined and cross examined the plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses. At 4 o'clock the court was adjourned for the day and the verdict was given the next day.

GRADE 10A REPORT

by Terry Harley

It's that time again. Christmas, bringing with it all the cheer that it is noted for. Christmas has different meanings to various people. Along with its true meaning it means to us the time has come for exams, report sheets and holidays. To me in particular, it means that I have to try to relate to you, a summary of the first term.

Thinking back I can recall a cool morning in September and groups of students huddled at every door, each in turn telling his adventures and mishaps of the summer holidays. A new teacher joins the staff while the classes are still in the mix-up stage and they haven't calmed yet. Time passes and I can see the football team being chosen and getting into what they call shape. Our once green, rug-like campus becomes a big hope in the ground as the foundation for the new addition is being constructed. As the periods drag by the detentions (that word sounds familiar) get over-exercised, the football team loses, Sparky stays, the new part of the school goes up and it's just about time to finish the story and there just happens to be a grand wind-up brewing in Mr. Lambert's office in the shape of report sheets and no matter which way you spell it it always means "The End in more ways than one for some of us. Just the same I am wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I may as well throw in a poem. There once was a father named Snoot.

Who looked good in his Santy Claus suit.

As he neared his son's bed,
The boy woke up and said,
"Cut the comedy, pop, where's the loot?"

Don't twist my arm, I quit!

GRADE XI REPORT

We welcome you to our final edition for 1953. Time certainly does fly, n'est-ce-pas? It seems only yesterday that we stepped into what proved to be the best fall term yet. This only goes to prove that losing all our victories didn't squelch our school spirit. Come on kids, you must agree we had a wonderful time even though we lost almost all the football games and nearly hit "rock bottom" at the field meet (thanks to the boys). Our spirits rose tho' when we discovered that through the terrible defeat two girls from GHS had come through with championships, Dianne Harrison, securing the intermediate and Eileen Oates the senior. One boy does deserve credit for capturing, for his second year, the half mile trophy. Naturally this was none other than Paul Barber, who has now, we are sorry to say left us to go into the Fleet Air Arm. He will be missed by all.

We also can add to our collection of memories, those of the "Football Dance" held at the Howard Wrigglesworth School. I think we can safely say, from both the staff's and students point of view that all had a good time. The highlight of that evening was Miss Parkinson's piano solo to which all merrily danced the Schottische. Although there were many complaints concerning the doughnuts at the time we are happy to say we never heard of any disastrous after effects, so all in all it turned out to be the most successful party in our three years of our high school days. A hearty thanks to the student council for this well organized evening of fun.

From this you readers must agree that we have had our full share of fun in this past term. This week brought an unusual quiet atmosphere to the school. This was caused by a mysterious visitor who had such influence that Grade XI's waste basket (better noted for holding apple cores, orange peels, etc.) had to be emptied, Miss Ann Hyde doing the honours. Of course by now you must know we mean the inspector, who by the way missed our room completely.

Our bulletin board drew throngs of long faced students this week when the examination time-table was posted on it. Incidentally they start January 21st, 1954. This though has an advantage and a disadvantage. The results cannot prevent Santa Claus from arriving on schedule, but can't you picture us studying ferociously over the holidays. Ahem!

The closing tidings we would like to leave with you are our sincerest wishes that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So until you hear from us again in 1954, have a wonderful holiday.

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