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Cadets Second in Group Competition

Essie McGivray

The GHS cadet corps placed second in the seventy-five to one hundred and fifty cadet group of Central Command. First place honors went to Parry Sound Corps by a close margin. The annual inspection which took place last June was highlighted with the inspection by Lt.-Col. J. R. Barber, the march past, demonstrations and a mock raid windup. However, all of these items were performed in a dreary rain. There are approximately 15 cadet corps in competition with Georgetown. Can GHS place first this inspection?

We are sorry to hear that Phil Wade will be laid up for several weeks with his broken leg and extend our best get-well wishes from the whole corps.

New olive-drab ties and Melton hats for winter have been handed out. An official statement from Central Command says that new dress uniforms will soon be on their way; this will be a great improvement over the old worn ones.

10A REPORT

Terry Harley

Our principal has apparently taken on another responsibility. He has been seen hurrying from room to room pulling down the "girly" calendars as fast as the boys can put them up. A good example of this recent craze to know dates (who looks at the date?) can be taken from the notorious class of 10A. Very little time had passed in this new year, before we walked into our room one morning to be hit in the eye with a large calendar with a . . . which had a . . . well, it resembled the one which you, no doubt, forbade your husband to hang in the kitchen. Anyway Mr. A. C. Geography Teacher Prouse had his last period in our room with the boys of 10B (bless their little hearts) and I am told that he had quite a task keeping the eyes of the male section on the right map. In fact, the period ended with the removal of one of the "maps" namely the one which the boys were staring at.

Naturally, when we returned in the afternoon the absence of our "chicken one" was not too difficult to detect. We suffered through a long calendarless (there's a new word) afternoon but the gang did not give up, for on entering the room next morning I was hit in both eyes, that's right — two calendars, and, clothed much like the first, more or less (I'd say less). It could have been the principal's instinct or just plain suspicion, but just the same, within a matter of minutes our glorious leader was standing in the doorway glancing first at the 'gals' and then at the class. He stood for a moment smiling at the pupils of 10A and then in a tender voice he shouted: "I'll give who ever put those art works up, two minutes to get them down," or something to that effect. The first minute was passed in innocent silence with the boys eyeing each other. The second was a flurry of chairs and all that which goes with the ripping down of the eye-catching calendars. They were rolled up and reluctantly handed to Mr. Lambert and that was the end of that little episode.

GRADE XI REPORT

Hello everyone! Here we are with a short report of Grade XI happenings. This being the first in 1954 will dwell on a pleasant subject. By the time you read this, we will be plowing through exams.

Strangely, the class-room atmosphere has changed considerably. Most students have awakened from their customary doze, and have begun to wonder what has been going on since September. The most we seem to remember are the extra-curricular material, that have been congealed inside notebooks.

Another notable fact is that everyone has been laughing extra hard and long at jokes of certain members of the staff. Not that it would make any difference between a pass and failure but, there always is hope. Text books that had become musty and dusty are being slowly opened. Yes, strange actions.

These exams also cause extra relief when the bell rings to end a period. We have the security that until the next day, nothing more can be added, that we are expected to learn for exams.

With the hopes that you will keep your fingers crossed for us, we close until our next edition.

—Of 164,000 people immigrating to Canada in 1953 more than 80,000 went to Ontario.

EDITORIAL

It was suggested that the teachers of GHS might possibly contribute some little article to each edition of High Tales. We agree with the suggestion because after all High Tales represents GHS and should represent it fully. In other High School newspapers this is common with one teacher writing an article for each edition. We feel sure that it wouldn't overburden the teachers and it would make a fuller paper. As the students do a great deal of work for High Tales, it is only fair that the teachers should chip in a little bit. We think this would be a very good idea and hope that the staff will feel that way also.

GHS CHOIR

Here is the first report for 1954. Let's hope there is a little more news this year than last.

An exam in music is coming up for some of the girls, and they have been trying to think of a fool-proof plan to get rid of the records they have to identify for the exam. But so far they have not succeeded. Also one girl has to write the music exam and another exam on the same afternoon. Oh well, let's see them figure that one out.

According to our choirmaster "Our fate is about to be decided," that is concerning the festival which will take place in May. There are high hopes that the choir might compete this year and we all think it's a terrific idea.

Well, I guess I'll sign off for now. See you next week.

GRADE XII REPORT

There will be very little news this week for sadly enough, two of our main jokers are on the absent list due to two rather acute cases of the flu.

When we returned to school on Monday everything was peaceful and quiet but at noon a disturbance had arisen. A calendar had been put on the door, and on the calendar was, according to one of our teachers, "quite a gal." But much to our disappointment and surprise the calendar disappeared and we haven't seen it since I noticed that there were similar calendars in most of the rooms at the first of the week but they aren't there now.

One of our teachers took great pains in looking up some definitions for us and wrote them on the board for us to copy in our books and not comprehending what they were, one student accidentally (I think) rubbed them off before they were copied. After a few remarks from the teacher the dictionary was juggled back into the room and the definitions were again written on the board. After all the trouble in copying, recopying and re-copying the definitions, I don't think they'll be forgotten in a hurry, at least not by the teacher.

"Sir, I want to marry your daughter."
"What! That child — Why, that's preposterous! I'll —"
"Now, now, sir, calm down. You are just prejudiced against her. She's all right, really!"

CHEQUES TO THREE ESSAY WINNERS

The Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Legion last spring sponsored an essay contest. Three High School students were fortunate enough to win awards. Miss Pat Vickers who was a student last year, Ola Berg fifth form student and the editor of this paper, The cheques were recently presented to these students.

GRADE 9A REPORT

Well, everyone's got used to the old grind again and is off to a new start in the new year.

We are all very sorry about Philip Wade who had a very serious accident last Tuesday. We miss him very much and would like to send our sympathy to the Wade family.

Our Shop and Home Economic classes are coming along very well as Grade 9A got the highest average of all classes in shop. I don't know what place the Home Economics class came.

Don Walters had the misfortune to get his thumb broken the other day. We hope he soon gets over it.

THE LOONEY BIN

McBath

Slowly the students trudged up the stairs, entered the room and flopped down in their seats. Here they remained motionless for approximately five minutes, then they tossed their books into the desk. This was the scene on January 4th, 1954 in our famed room. The Christmas holidays (as they are called) were ended and everyone had come back to school to recuperate. How we kept awake that Monday is now the eighth wonder of the world.

Joe Friday and Frank Smith of Dragnet fame also dropped in on Monday morning. It seemed that everybody had the wrong desk and then the manhunt was on.

The door on our room has been changed. Before it swung in, and when you were coming in, in the mornings, loaded down with books you could enter quite easily. Now it swings out. The first day of the change about three major accidents to students trying to go through the door were luckily avoided. Just bruised bodies and no broken bones were the result.

Beautiful exams are approaching. They start the 21st of January and end on the 29th. All students are now studying very hard (that is the statement of the paper.)

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The Dog and the Bone

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