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Tea Dance Experiment

By Leanne Darou

When you think of an experiment you naturally bring to mind a chemistry laboratory or some such scientific scene. Well, in our ultra-modern G.H.S. we not only stage these experiments, but also recently, we have performed an experiment in the social field of our school.

Now take another glance at the title. The next outstanding word had better be "tea". Tea, as far as I have heard is a brown beverage taken usually by adults. You could have gone over the room with a fine comb and a magnifying glass and you still would not have seen any tea. I could not comprehend any good reason for not having tea at a tea dance. At a Tea Party no one would ever have to be a detective to find tea. This slight malformation of the dance was not at all due to neglect or ignorance. Oh no, G.H.S. is far beyond that. We students are just one step ahead of some of the more brilliant and more experienced of our set. The reason for calling this a Tea Dance was found to be due to the time of day, at which it was held. Of course! That sounds quite logical, since it was held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. That's the same time that tea parties take place.

Now all we have to figure out is how "tea" and dance got mixed up with "experiment". After calling in Friday who did some investigating on Saturday, so he could get a picture of the whole scene before the experiment took place on Thursday the case was not too difficult to solve.

A Tea Dance had never before been held in G.H.S. Fifth, fourth, commercial and third (B) forms, had the responsibility of undertaking a Tea Dance experiment and if it were successful the other forms of the school could safely do the same. After Friday had finished his investigation on Saturday and Thursday he was quite sure that the dance had been a success. Friday was a little worried at one time because at 4:15 p.m. the pop was shot. But the culprit must have been innocent because Friday only found two guns when he crawled around with his magnet. It was a wonder he found any because he stuck to the metal legs of every chair he passed and how could about five dozen bottles of pop be shot by only two guns. The case might have been serious other wise, since the guns were loaded water pistols, and "it is a fact universally known" that water and pop don't mix well. On December 16 at 5:00 p.m. the cases were closed (and stacked in the corner for Schenks to pick up). Dum Dum Dum!

MES PLAINTES

Well here it is a new year, with supposedly new ideas, new everything. But what shows up? — the same old column, written by the same old person — all that's new is the pen and ink I'm using.

This week I bring forth an idea called "The Student of the Week". Now this idea is used in quite a few schools in the surrounding district. It has proved quite successful if properly managed, so why not try it here in town?

The student chosen could be from any room in the school. He would be selected by the teachers for outstanding work in some subject which he takes.

If this idea was adopted, it would give rise to a competitive spirit in all students to be chosen Student of the Week. It would mean better grades since this honour would be bestowed only on students of high standing.

If some town merchant or the Student Council issued a small, useful, but not costly gift to the winner of the competition, it would add more lustre to the idea. It would also make the honour worth while in practice as well as name.

4-H FORESTRY CLUB

Shells Carney, Secretary

The January meeting of the 4-H Forestry Club came to order at 12:15 in Room 1 of the G.H.S.

The minutes of the last meeting, and roll call were read.

Mr. Armstrong told the members about pamphlets on Forest Conservation, Forest Trees of Ontario and Forest Trees of Canada.

Mr. Groves then gave a talk and notes on "How a Tree Grows" in which he explained, by means of drawing, the different stages in a tree's growth.

Some members brought twig collections nearly completed and we were reminded that the collections must be handed in before the month of March.

The date of the next meeting was then decided upon and the meeting was closed.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Often when phoning for a personal item, people will say "Oh, I didn't think you'd be interested."

Far from it. We always appreciate a call, and we consider it a real favour when you phone news of your visits and visitors.

WEIRD INTERLUDE

J. L. Lambert

(A Behind the Scenes Exclusive to the Herald... Story of How Principals Get That Way)

7:20 a.m. (any day). Phone rings. Terra Cotta student "Please sir, is today a holiday?" Anderson told me there was no school today!

7:40—Phone rings! Principal informed still member in bed with flu.

7:42—Begin phoning for supply teacher. Lane busy.

7:51—Lane still busy.

7:57—Phone rings. Editor of High Tales (a) Is it true Grade XII has a holiday today? (b) Have you written that article for High Tales?

8:10—Phone rings. Grade IX student "How soon does the school open sir? I forgot to take my Maths book home last night and I want to do my homework before nine o'clock. (This proves that truth is stranger than fiction.)

8:27—Supply teacher secured.

8:45—Open for business. Six absence slips, four detentions, seven dental appointments for students at 9:45. (Should turn this one over to Fabian of the Yard.)

8:50—Prepare timetable for supply teacher.

Pete Hart detected attempting to smuggle stray dog into school.

8:51—Editor of High Tales requests article.

8:52—Hackshaw requested by student who has lost his locker key.

8:53—Phone Rings "That the Hon. seahoe Grill?"

8:54—Student "Did anyone turn a French book into the office, sir?"

8:55—Pete Hart detected trying to smuggle two stray dogs into the school.

8:56—"A bottle of ink just spilled on my desk sir."

8:57—Phone rings "Oh, Dolly darling, wasn't it a wonderful party last night" (this offers interesting possibilities).

8:58—Teacher reports Room Eight might as well be at White River.

8:59—Another teacher reports Room 2 is 98 in the shade.

8:59—Mary Barber reports difficulty getting into locker. Locker opened up reveals 6 pairs flight boots, 4 windbreakers, 1 pair rugby shoulder pads and other masculine impediments. Point out to Souther, Scott, Senko, Richardson and Barbara Landsay that this involves a slight misconception of Elizabethan humor.

8:59—Pete Hart detected attempting to smuggle a camel into school.

8:59 25—Fifth Form Lochinvar reluctantly parts from Grade IX Juliet in corridor. Depressed because he may not see her again till 9:45. He fleets nothing but the school burning down would give him a chance of seeing her sooner. Spends first period toying with the idea of committing arson.

9:00—Phone rings. School bell doesn't ring. bus arriving late, four town students arrive late, four workmen arrive to work in Girls' Locker Room. Science teacher reports leaking gas in Lab, subversive-looking character armed to the teeth crawls into office over heaped-up bodies, may be the Revolution but turns out to be Editor of High Tales.

9:15—Principal arrives in grade XIII English.

9:17—Requests editor of High Tales to produce essay assigned for homework.

9:43—Editor finishes explaining why he hasn't got the essay written. Principal makes careful notes of this masterpiece for his own future use.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Sue Crabtree

Although I am a little late in saying it, I extend to you my sincerest New Year's wishes and hope you have a prosperous 1955.

Since we have returned from the vacation we all seem to be still be in a holiday daze.

As far as the choir goes, our poor conductor is lucky if he gets any sound from us at all for everyone has a cold, sore throat, or frozen jaws (compliments of the dentist.) You can take your pick which one you want but regardless how you feel about it you are doomed to have one of them. The choir has not been told of any engagements so far for the New Year, but you can be sure that we will have our annual concert. We also will probably take part in the spring festivals. That is in the future though. For my first report of 1955, I would like to give the two highlights of what I think was accomplished in the fall of '54 as far as the choir is concerned.

First was the organization of the boys' choir and also their debut at the Hurricane Relief Concert. They did a wonderful job and even the female part of the choir had to admit they were "pretty good."

The other "big event" as far as we are concerned was the Christmas day broadcast of our choir on Brampton's radio station. Since our choir has never been recorded before... at least not while I have been in it it was very interesting to listen to one's own voice, along with 30 or so others. Everyone seemed to agree on the fact that we did a good job—so who are we to argue with them!

Well I guess that sums it up for 1954 and also the issue, so goodbye until next time.

Several Will Enter Speaking Contest

Several students have already listed their names as contestants in the Public Speaking Contests, sponsored by the local Lions Club. The winner of the girls and boys division will each receive a trophy and ten dollars; each of the other contestants will likely receive five dollars. It might be necessary to have a preliminary contest to narrow down the number of contestants to eight or ten. The final contest will be held at the end of January, and will be open to the public. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

POST HOLIDAY REPORT

By Terry Harley

We now know that a person can forget more in ten days than he can learn in ten weeks. This business of getting back to school is like waking up from a bad dream and then trying to get back to sleep. We are managing to become readjusted, but appreciate some of the changes in the school which we will have to live with in 1955. To begin, the new electric clocks have been finally hooked up and running smoothly. This of course, will effect the popularity of those in the class who possessed what watches and were in 1954 being constantly requested to secretly flash the time by holding up perhaps three fingers on one hand and maybe eight on the other. You know what I mean.

We also have been blessed with a new bell system, which adds to the modern movement that has now taken over the school. At the end of each period three bells ring at two minute intervals. The first is the warning bell, the second is the end of the period and the third signifies the start of the next period. In brief they have been termed "Wake Up", "Hurry Up" and "Give Up".

Of course all the rooms have new 1955 calendars. It was just the luck of 11A to get one with a picture of a large bottle of headache pills.

Another annual occurrence went off with the usual fooling around. We had our pictures taken on a time like they do in Kingston. We will probably have more to say about that when we see the results.

If you have anything to sell... try an adlet!

G.H.S. Graduates

by Doug Wrigglesworth

As we promised last issue we have a message from one of our more famous graduates. We are featuring this week, Rev. Ross K. Cameron, M.A., minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church in Toronto, who is considered among Toronto's outstanding ministers. This fact was shown by Mr. Cameron's picture and a typical prayer for Universal Prayer, Week in the Telegram last Wednesday evening. His message for High Tales follows.

"Georgetown High School has had a long and honourable history. It has sent out many men and women who have given excellent service in the many and varied vocations which they have chosen. They have given practical proof of the excellent training and teaching which they received from many teachers in that school and of the splendid spirit of public service which always was fostered in the spirit de corps of the school by staffs and pupils alike. High ideals and worthy methods of achieving them, the traditions of British freedom and Christian faith, the infinite values of painstaking toil, healthy sportsmanship, and sound self-discipline at ways have been characteristic of the programme and spirit of Georgetown High School. They have made for good citizenship and service. Personally I am very glad that it was my good fortune to attend that school although, also, it has been my constant regret that I did not avail myself at the time of all the opportunities for work and development which were there. Mr. Ralph Ross, B.A., was principal of the school when I attended, and I am happy to say that he is well and attends the services of the church of which I am the minister, whenever he can."

See you next issue!

GRADE 9B REPORT

LYNN TRELSAVEN

As the new 9B reporter I am happy to have the job as representative for the room this term. I hope my reports come up to the standard of those written by last term's reporter, Bob Hess.

We think it would be a very good idea to have a suggestion box in the room. It would give more pupils G.H.S. a chance to present anonymously or otherwise, any suggestion of the staff's consideration. The pupils of our school have a good deal of voice in school affairs, already, and it is good practice for later years, they know what they themselves and the other pupils like.

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