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Social Day Held At Gainesville Hi

Tuesday, April 2, has been proclaimed "Social Day." At precisely 11:01½ m.p., all students will dance out the windows, form a circle around the school, and the principal, J. R. Callison, will joyfully distribute one match (red-heads, of course, get two) to each person.

As the matches are struck, the band will play "Smoke Gets in your Eyes" and "My Old Flame." Then the 700 brightly glowing sticks will be sadly thrust into the new school which has stood for 12,756 years.

After the conflagration, students and faculty will file back into the building and spend the rest of the day toasting marshmallows, roasting hot dogs, and browning buns.

The teachers have all expressed the opinion that they are going to enjoy this day every bit as much as the students.

The city school superintendent, L. H. Battle, has announced that if this heretofore untried activity is successful and is enjoyed by all, it will be made a yearly event. The city treasurer has calculated that if this enlightening affair is carried on for ten years, it will save the city at least \$100,000,000.00, which might have to be spent in rebuilding the school if it should be drowned.

Scenes Around GHS

Clairese H., James P., Perry P., Patsy B., and innumerable others prepare to go to summer school. Mr. Hughes admires work of Junior History students.

Juniors seen taking it easy in afternoons awaiting Junior play. Polite under classmen hail seniors by rushing in side door at dinner hour . . . Football players seen picking daisies in afternoon. . .

Juniors patiently await arrival of rings . . .

All seniors make honor roll . . . Jimmy R., John S., and George O., teaching Mr. Hughes gov't. class.

Mr. Hughes announces fastest moving class in history of school is that of 6th period business law.

Glum seniors await graduation day with hearty hearts.

JUNIOR PLAY PSYCHIC SUCCESS

Tomorrow night the Junior Play was held in the Gainesville High Gym. The play was one of the all time classics, "The Perfect Idiot," written by two of Willis (Bill) Shakespeare's great proteges, Eunice and Grant Atkinson. The players were all famous personalities of the stage and screen. Many have appeared on Broadway and performed at the London Pladium.

FLASH

Flash — MADAME MARGARITA STRINGER, world expert on the subject, has disclosed that the paintings in the GHS library are works of pure art.

Flash — The governor has announced that there is an open season on ball-players. Congresswoman Anne L. and JOYCE W. have long asked for this.

Flash — Students at GHS were startled when S. AARON allowed her hair to grow to her waistline.

Flash — Bouquets were presented to MISS BERTHA TURNER for always treating her students with the same courtesy as if they were people. (This is no April fool.)

Flash — The combination of THOMPSON and TATE is no longer conversing in third period speech.

Flash — H. S. is no longer concerned about shorthand.

Flash — JOAN A., famous author of a nationally syndicated love-lorn column, is not herself involved romantically.

Flash — MISS RUTH GOUDLOCK, head of the GHS Commercial department, suggested that her students prop their feet on the chair rails in front of them and watch their hand while typing. This is a new technique.

Weather Report

The instruments forecast some might foolish weather headed this way! April 1 is calm though; only two tornadoes and a hurricane are expected. During the coming week, the mornings are reported to be extremely cold with 98 degrees F. temperatures. However, the afternoons will be warmer, with blizzards and ice storms. Much precipitation is also foretold - from all those GHS students who won't get to go to school this summer.

Doug Patterson, of course, is well-known for his outstanding performance in "The Worst Years of Our Lives." William McDonald and Jay Mundy are remembered as the handsome stars of "From Here to Not Never Nowhere."

The director of the hit was that renowned director-producer, Miss Laura Sue Hawkins. Among the hits she has supervised are "South Atlantic" and "Stagnant 17."

As a result of the play, Mr. Callison has announced that hypnotizing machines will be placed in every room. Every student will be hypnotized in order that he can pass his work. Also, Mr. Battle has called in the great psychiatrist, Dr. Larry Whitfield, who is to examine each student to determine whether they are sane or sound.

GHS To Get Needed Comforts

At a special meeting by the Board of Education, March 29, it was decided that, beginning this coming fall, the official school term will last from September until December instead of from September until May, thereby giving the students a nine months vacation. Students will take the same subjects, and the school day will be the same length with the exception of a "seventh" period. This will be eliminated to provide more time for going to the movies and watching TV.

By an overwhelming majority it was also decided that new facilities for the comfort of students while attending school were needed. From now on reclining chairs with foam rubber cushions to provide correct posture will be available to each student. Sun lamps will be issued to maintain a healthy glow despite the long hours spent in class, and one robot will be given to every five students to aid

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Staff

Captain Hornblower Janice Martin
 Asst. Capt. Hornblower Clairese Harrison
 Gossip Gatherer Mimi Redwine
 Scoop Scutter Kitty Moore
 Cosmetic Caper Carol Roper
 Asst. Cosmetic Caper Marshall Judson
 Freak Funnies Ann Patterson
 Copy Kat Barbara Murphy
 Swop Shoppers Jean Wilson
 Blood Vessels Pat Waters
 Negotium Puer Leonard Parks
 Financial Failures David Owen
 Muscle Huscle Caroline Romberg
 and Ward Robocker



The Zlphabet

Z-any . . Harriett Martin
 X-traordinary . . Dick Taylor
 W-hacky . . Ronny Coven
 V-ivacious . . Ann Hamilton
 U-nderstanding . . Frosh Teachers
 T-alented . . Douglas Stow
 S-small . . Bonny Simpson
 R-emarkable . . Margie Elliott
 Q-quiet . . Nancy Adams
 P-eppy . . Mildred Garret
 O-riginal . . Jane Wofford
 N-ice . . Alice Hulsey
 M-ischievous . . Lyna Estes
 L-ovable . . Eleanor Stanford
 K-ind . . Ben Lilly
 J-oker . . Al Ledford
 I-nteresting . . Bing Cummings
 H-appy . . John Petty
 G-ay . . Yvonne Grigsby
 F-un . . Betty Newnham
 E-xciting . . Sandra Terrell
 D-istinguished . . Jimmy Richardson
 C-razy . . Austin Edmondson
 B-eautiful . . June Flanagan
 A-dorable . . Marcia Partee

The Principal Sez- -

The principal's office has recently announced that the following students have failed and will never be able to graduate: Perry Parks, Deborah Bell, Patsy Brice, James Pethel, Buzzie Bennett, Angela Porter.

Marie Westbrook, Jimmy Patterson, Billie Claire Cronic, John Nuckolls, Perry Whatley, Douglas Stow, Emma Peck, and Alice Knickerbocker.

The principal's office has also announced that the following will pass from the eight grade to the senior class: Miss Susan Stiles, Miss Isabel Barrett, Mrs. Mac Paton, Mr. Ray Prosperi, Miss Mary Sue Reece, and Miss Nellie Johnson.

Mr. Callison reports that at a recent board of education meeting the city commissioners decided to place a Coca-Cola machine in every classroom. The Pepsi-Cola bottling plant has the contract for installing these machines, and the 7-up plant will furnish the soft drinks.

GHS TO GET—Cont. From Page 1 in difficult mathematical problems.

The chairman of the board announced that other much needed improvements will be made in the near future.

APRIL FOOL!

Dear Diary,

May 11.—The sub-freshman class had its annual class night in the gym at 11:17. Bruce Glover, president of the class, was master of ceremonies. The highlight of the presentation was Bill MacDonald's singing "Yokohama Mama," accompanied by Carol Roper on the violin.

June 1—The senior class left on a class trip in their private cars. They spent two weeks in Florida, one week in New Orleans, one week in Washington, D. C., and two weeks in New York City. With the money they had left over from the trip they bought clocks for each classroom to relieve eye strain of students who don't have watches of their own and have to peer across the isle at someone else's.

See you later, diary.

Sports Flash

Girls Basketball team of GHS will travel to Milledgeville for a state tournament game with Henry Grady High.

Congratulations to our lasses for the exquisite record of 30 wins, 0 losses.

Coach Prosperi was high scorer for the year with 1,000 points.

Rucker, Romberg, and Williams tied with 39 every game.

Hardy, Tolbert, Reese, and Jewel had a nice year bench-warming.

We can now well say "No one can beat the gals from GHS."

Guess What I Saw

Mr. Hughes looking at cheese-cake pictures during government class . . . Turner livening up class by telling jokes . . . Miss Griggs swigging juice at lunch . . . Kissing games in cloak room? . . . Miss Turner smuggling watermelons into the building so her classes can have a slurping contest . . . Miss Chamlee looking mean . . . Miss Speer re-enacting her hair-raising experiences.

Sophomore Secrets

Andy C. is a secret agent for the SSU (Smart Scholar Union).

Nancy W. peddles a bicycle for a trim waistline.

Ray N. takes a "flat top" survey. Mary Ann B. collects quick thunder storms.

Jane G. counts colleges in her spare time.

Walter T. takes breathing exercises to improve his speed.

Joy Cagle takes milk baths for that white skin.

Bill D. counts freckles for free. Patsy M. rents horses tails (just to be different).

Howell M. sells smiles by the pound.

Perry W. counts piano keys for recreation.

Irving H. plays checkers to build up his muscles.

Mary Ruth S. takes shrinking pills. Dianne D. is on a diet.

Albert H. stores his grins in a jar.

Gala April Fool's Party Planned

Yesterday the final plans for the gala April Fool's party were completed, and tonight is the big night. GHS boys, girls, and faculty members will gather in the gym for the social season's biggest scandal; hoo-boy, whotta riot dis is gonna be!

M.C. for the evening will be the well-known physical culturist and anti-historian league president, Mr. Leon Hughes. We all have heard of Mr. Hughes' great work in the abolishment of social sciences.

It is rumored that, should the party begin to lag, two of the lovely lady faculty members will do the Australian wobble. Do not laugh, this is a very difficult dance. If the efforts of these entertainers should fail to liven up Gainesville (most unprobable), another team, consisting of two renowned math teachers, will demonstrate some of the geometric functions of the angles, curves, and assorted lines of Marilyn Monroe.

After these numbers, the floors will be cleared so that the unconscious can be carried off. They will be taken to the biology lab for dissection by the fourth and fifth period Biology classes - have fun, children!

Toward the end of the evening the students will vote for the most unpopular teacher of GHS. This lucky person will be the center of attention for the rest of the night, because a special program has already been planned for him or her, although it has not been disclosed to the public. The writer of this story knows the plans, however, and urges you to attend it) you have any grievances toward any of your tutors— oh, oh, ohh whotta night!

All in all, this April Fool's night is gonna be something to tell your grandchullen about!

Thumbnail Edits

—those three

Leave us discuss the facts of --- oh no, not dat, we put out a respectable little scandal sheet and don't intend to demoralize our paper.

—HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU—
(with music etc., etc.,) MISS CHAMLEE!!

FLOP TUNES

The following are the songs that were voted most unpopular in a recent world-wide survey.

1. I'm Trotting Beside You
2. It Takes Four to Square Dance
3. Too Young to Cut the Katsup Any More
4. High Low the Sun
5. How Much is That Hound-Dog in the Window?
6. Oh, You Mama
7. Stranger in - - - - -
8. The Chattanooga Waltz
9. Mary and Jimmy Were Lovers
10. Open Courtship
11. Tennessee Shoe-Shine Boy
12. Too Old to be in Love
13. Lady of Australia

New Arrivals At GHS

We want everybody to get acquainted with the new arrivals at GHS. Here is some DOPE on them.

MR. LEON HUGHES has fought here 35 years. He was a GENERAL in the war of 1912 and at present is wading through the marshes of history, sociology, Government, and business law.

MISS LAURA SUE HAWKINS has been here 30 years. Before coming to GHS, she was Einstein's personal assistant. At present she is engaged in chemically lifting the roof from OUR school.

MISS BERTHA TURNER has taught for 40 years or more (!! who knows ??) the "Art of the Execution of the King's English." She dined with Lady Macbeth at her castle. As a graduate of West Point, Miss Bertha is well-acquainted with J. Allen Webster, who also attended Annapolis. J. Allen, having taught Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing for 35 years, built the Chartreuse Gate Bridge.

MISS RUTH GOUDELICK, who has taught for 30 years, has typed all the books in which we are now studying. Miss Ruth, who guides the teachers in the paths of leniency, is engaged in the manufacture of paper clips.

MRS. E. T. STATON has taught here for 35 years. In her older (??)

days, she broke in the Arabian steeds of Texas. After having sailed the 10 (or was it 7?) seas, perched on John Silver's right shoulder, she was imprisoned in the tombs of Chillon. Engaged in these adventures, she gathered much material for the "Filthy Rag" (Trumpeter) of which she is now "boss" (???)

MISS MARY PENTECOST, who has been here 30 years, is responsible for one of the most important events in history - namely the murder of Caesar. This came about when, in a jealous rage, she persuaded Brutus, her date for the evening, to stab Caesar because he was making eyes at Miss Lucy. Miss Mary teaches "Slang" along with Miss Bertha.

MISS GRACE (C'est Ce Bon!) SPEER has taught here for 40 years. She is especially acquainted with the birds and the bees. Her favorite food is the octopus (a la under glass)!! Miss Grace is now appearing on the city square in "Le Domestique de M. Joli-Coeur" as a monkey trainer.

MISS VENIA CHAMLEE is one of our newest arrivals, having been here only 25 years. She was consulted by Pythagoras in the solving of the hypotenuse equals the sum of the square of the other two sides." This theorem was used by Miss Venia and J. Allen in their construction of GHS.

EIGHTS GRADE SLEUTHS UNEARTH WEIRD SECRETS

Snooping among their classmates on this fine first day of April, the eighth grade sleuths found many jokes and pranks going the rounds.

Heading the list was "Old Faithful"—the untied shoestring gag. Among those trying to trip their friends on this one were BOBBY ADAMS, KENNETH CONNER, HARRY BARRETT, WILLARD FUNDERBURK, LAMAR GRIZZLE, JOHN DEWEY QUINN, FREDDIE TIBBETS, and FRANK THURSTON.

In the crowd that slyly switched the sugar and the salt in their containers, we discovered EDWARD MARLOWE, HASKELL Mc-QUINN, GEORGE PILGRIM, MARIE MYERS, SUNNY NIVENS, DONALD SMITH, JOHNNY THOMPSON, JAMES MUMPOWER, DAN BLACKWELL, CAROLYN GILSTRAP and GENEVA ROBERTS.

GLEENDA MILLER, BARBARA FLOYD, PATSY O'DELL, BRAD-

LEY EMMETT, MARTHA NELL HAMPTON, MARTHA ANN SHUBERT, BOBBY LOTHRIDGE, and BRADLEY ELLIOTT immensely enjoyed their wholly proper uses of the telephone — such as: "Is your refrigerator running?" "Yes." "Well, you'd better go catch it."

LARRY MAUNEY, JERRY LOTHRIDGE, WALTON MOORE, ANN POTTS, FREDDIE TIBBETS, SKEETER WHITWORTH, TOMMY EVERETT, and BRADLEY LAWSON were the recipients of prankish signs devised by JOHN CRONIC and ELLIOTT DUNN.

(Since this copy was written two weeks before April Fool's Day, the editor feels that it is safe to assume that these activities of the eighth-graders were used on either Thanksgiving or Valentine's Day—Poor reporters, they had a deadline to meet and forgot to check their copy.)

Look Alikes

Thomas Pinson Frank Sinatra
Mr. Hughes Liberace
Jay Mundy Mutt
Bobby Johnson Jeff
Betty Ann Guest Jane Russell
Peggy Stepp "Max"
Angela Porter Irma
Larry Whitfield Arthur Murray
Coach Deavers Mr. Peepers
Beverly Brown Margaret Truman
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Act Alikes

Gerry Heltinbeery Jerry Lewis
Leroy Jones Valentino
Mary and Jim Miss Brooks & Mr. Boynton
Bobbie Childs Rose Mary Clooney
Jane Grogan Florence Nnghtingale
Clairese Harrison Lois Lane
Leonard Parks Dick Tracy
Bolly Bob Strickland Digger O'Dell
Jean Wilson Marie Rose
Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely on purpose. This is your April Fool Idiot saying hello until the last time.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—Just a few more exams.

LOST—Gym at GHS.

FOUND—Way to attend school longer.

FOR SALE—Miss Turner's English tests.

NEEDED—Longer 6th period.

WANTED—Four more months before June.

FOR RENT—GHS library - slightly used.

LOST—Keys to GHS.

FOR LEASE—GHS football team.

WANTED—Nobody to Love.

FOR RENT—"Steadies"

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