

Exchange Excerpts

By EVANS

Hello again, Plantites. The schools from New York to Miami, as well as those from San Francisco to Boston are all getting ready for the last business of this school year. You're right, exams. Most of the institutes of learning have already had their Senior Proms and Award Days, and now they are anxiously awaiting graduation and summer vacation. Let's take one last fling around the country before we say adieu.

HELP THE NEEDY—

As one of their final projects, the Student Council at Senior High School, Jamestown, North Dakota, sponsored a clothing drive. Each member of the student body took part in the drive, and when it was over 810 pounds of clothing had been collected. The clothes were then packed in big bags and sent to Knoxville, Tennessee, where they were sorted and then sent to destitute children in Korea, Europe, and the Far-East. This type of cooperation is needed all over the world.

BLURT—

If you happen to fall on the dance floor, these are three of the ways to avoid embarrassment:
 1. Just stay there; they'll think you've fainted.
 2. Get up gracefully; they'll think it's part of the dance.
 3. Start mopping the floor; they'll think you work there.

THIS SUGGESTION—

Was sent to the editor of the school paper at R. S. P. I. in New York: "In promulgating your esoteric cognition or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicability, beware of platitudinous ponderosity, sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolexity, psittaceous reactivity, ventriloquial verbosity, and various rapidity. Shun double-entendres, prurient pocity, and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent." In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, and sensibly. Don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say, and DON'T USE BIG WORDS.

DEDICATED—

I want to be a Senior,
 And with the Seniors stand;
 A fountain pen behind my ear,
 A notebook in my hand.
 I wouldn't be a president,
 I wouldn't be a king,
 I wouldn't be an angel
 'Cause angels have to sing;
 I wouldn't be an emperor,
 For all the wealth would bring,
 I'd rather be a Senior,
 And never do a thing!
 (We're afraid the seniors don't agree with the ideas this poem implies. How about it, seniors?)

SPECIAL DAY—

The seniors at Boone High School in Orlando, Florida, really had a bang-up time on their skip day. They dressed in rompers, pinafores, and other baby clothes and came to school to eat breakfast with the other members of the senior class in the cafeteria. After breakfast they ran over the campus laughing and dragging their teddy bears and rattles. About ten o'clock, the seniors put on a four ring circus for the benefit of the juniors and sophomores in the gymnasium. The upperclassmen then ate a relaxing lunch by themselves in the school lunchroom. In the afternoon the carefree seniors attended a baseball game in which they completed against their rivals, Edgewater. Following the game they crowned the king and queen of their choice to rule them throughout the remainder of the evening. The seniors then attended a tremendous barbecue where they ate to their heart's content. Are you getting tired?????? The students at Boone never gave up, for after dinner they attended a big variety show in the auditorium and finally put an end to the day after they completed in a jitter-bugging contest. From the looks of it, they needed two skip days, one to enjoy themselves, and one to RECUPERATE.

ANGELIC—

I never kiss, I never neck;
 I never say "—" I, never say heck;
 I'm always good, I'm always nice;
 I play no poker, I shake no dice;
 I never drink, I never flirt,
 I never gossip or spread the dirt;
 I play no games or funny tricks,
 But what the heck, I'm only six.
 —Kidnapped

GRADUATES ADVISE—

Valuable advice from the senior's own storehouse of knowledge to the spohomores and juniors was "Have fun, but don't get caught", and "Have fun, but take it easy. There's always another year."
 I'll sign off by saying it has been great traveling around the states with you.
 —ARLENE

Senior Class Progress Traced from Bound Copies

Turning back the pages of time is not an easy thing to do. However, within the pages of the Pep O' Plant lies a clear record of the class of '54 ever since they entered as lowly sophomores in the fall of '51. The following is a brief account of the highlights in the lives of this year's seniors.

1951

FALL—The hopefuls of '54 entered as lowly sophomores . . . Carol Jones edited the P.O.P. . . . Miss Shirley Schroeder, Miss Lucille Stansell, Mrs. Ernestine Case, Arthur Cox, and Miss Joanne Zewadski entered as Plant's new teachers . . . Tommy Blake headed the student body . . . Rosemary Royster edited '52 Panther . . . Faculty presented students with new victory flag . . . Panther Prowl originated in place of bonfire . . . The sophomore cheerleaders were Adelaide Gonzalez, Judy Perlman, and Gay Nicholson . . . Ralph Buchman was bandmaster, and Ann Walker, Ida Felicione, and Jean Smith were majorettes.

1952

SPRING—Band sponsored rodeo . . . Susan Linebaugh and Martha White were co-editors of P.O.P. . . . "Pirates of Penzance" presented by music department . . . Senior Class Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace" . . . Dick Miller and Ann Lowry ruled Pantherilla . . . Sophomore representatives were Pat Donnelly, Barbara Frupp, Madeleine Knowlton, Ann Walker, Bobby Davis, Rod Fields, Vibert Griffith, and Frankie Traina . . . Gold and Black furnished mural for cafeteria . . . First Junior-Senior Prom was held . . . Bill Manning was elected mayor . . . Buzzy Hughes elected to head student council for next year . . . Band held Silver Anniversary concert . . . Sailor Circus sponsored by Dad's Club.

1952

FALL—Tallulah Brown was editor of P.O.P. . . . Junior cheerleaders were Adelaide Gonzalez, Gay Nicholson, Judy Perlman, and Madeleine Knowlton . . . Fred DeLozier headed band . . . Majorettes were Ida Felicione, Ann Walker, Shirley Hatfield, Jean Smith, and Charlotte Holden . . . First Powder Puff football game . . . We beat Hillsborough . . . Arnold Scudder and Vibert Griffith made All-City. . . Margie Hill and Shirley Morgan were co-editors of the Panther. . . Lorenzo named head coach.

1953

SPRING—Ann Kelton and Don Worthington — editors of P.O.P. . . . Connie Felicione and Denny West were Pantherilla rulers . . . Juniors represented by Madeleine Knowlton, Pat Donnelly, Ann Latimer, Gay Nicholson, Bobby Davis, Vibert Griffith, Frankie Traina, and Bill Alderman . . . David Shear elected state president of Honor Society . . . Arlene Evans attended Girl's Nation.

1954

FALL—Janell Vergason appointed editor of P.O.P. . . . Jack Griffin new staff advisor . . . Leo McDonald named dean of boys . . . Civinettes organized for their first year . . . Madeleine Knowlton, Rod Fields, Pat Donnelly, Judy Polk, and Adelaide Gonzalez headed Student Council . . . Mrs. Lorraine Sewell class sponsor . . . David Shear elected class president for third time . . . Mike Edelstein was Junior Rotarian . . . Carol Collins edited Panther . . . Senior cheerleaders: head, Adelaide Gonzalez; co-head, Madeleine Knowlton; Gay Nicholson, Judy Perlman, Dee Dee Moody, and Barbara Naylor . . . Larry Pointer led band . . . Senior majorettes were: head, Ida Felicione, Ann Walker, Pat Pettit, Shirley Hatfield, Charlotte Holden, and Karen Ries . . . Plant charter member of new conference . . . All-City team boasted seven Panthers . . . Mary Ann Snead received D.A.R. award.

1954

SPRING—Tupper Saussy edited P.O.P. . . . Senior Class presented "Merry Widow" . . . Bill Alderman elected Junior Rotarian . . . David Shear and Madeleine Knowlton won Elk's Leadership awards . . . Senior Class elected sixteen notables . . . Madeleine Knowlton and Mike Edelstein reigned over Pantherland . . . Television served as theme of Senior Banquet . . . Mrs. Frances Martin appointed as dean of girls next year . . . O. M. Schlieter to return as dean of boys . . . Lettermen named Roland Bourgeois as outstanding in the athletic department . . . Spring sports copped four city titles.

Plant Band Has Best Season In 27 Years

Members of the Plant High band are writing the final chapter to the most successful season in twenty-seven years. Plant's Golden Panther band won eligibility to the state contest and gained a second place rating in the state for their marching and half-time show presentation.

Unlike most extracurricular organizations the band doesn't operate for two or three months and then close shop for a year. It is necessary for the Plant band to start practicing the first of July before it begins performing for the nine full school months. This is a necessity because, unlike other organizations, the band cannot get into top shape in three or four weeks. As Mr. William Lucka, band director so ably put it, "If we don't improve, we're losing ground." Therefore the band members are asked to take private lessons and to practice daily at home in addition to the regularly scheduled rehearsals held at school. For the past three years a number of outstanding band members have received recommendations from Mr. Lucka and have attended band camps at either Tallahassee or Miami. While at camp the students receive training in musicianship, leadership, and music directing. They also participate in sports activities, dances, and forums. This year Clarke Davis, David Bozeman, and Donald Freeman, have made plans to attend the camp at Miami. The University of Miami Band Camp has also chosen Larry Pointer to serve as counselor this year. Five weeks of intensive music training at a band camp have been said to be worth more than three years of regular instruction, according to music instructors.

The Plant band has several bands within the band, so to speak. For instance, the largest band is the 85 piece marching band. The best players in the marching band are combined for the 65 piece concert band. Later, when seasons arise, smaller bands are taken from the concert band. One of these was the Pep Band, which was noted for its Boogie March presentation. Another small band was for the FSU Circus and other projects.

The marching band was originated at the beginning of the school year last fall. Larry Pointer was chosen drum major with Joy Thernton as head majorette. The band performed for the first time during the halftime of the Jefferson game. It continued to entertain football fans throughout the season, finally climaxing with the Thanksgiving halftime show. The next performance given by the Panther band was the annual Winter concert at Municipal Auditorium.

The band spends September, October, and November marching and preparing half-time shows. Then in December they present their winter concert. They parade during January and February and compete in contests in March. This year the Plant band went to the State Contest and therefore had to spend all of April preparing for the State Contest finals in May. This year the Plant band went into State Contest and therefore had to spend all of April preparing for the State contest finals in May. This year the band received a second and two third ratings in the finals.

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