

THE POINTER

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Union High Wins TIAA Championship

Union High being a member of the T. I. A. A. met a great deal of opposition in the Annual tournament however they proved themselves the champions by winning three successive games. Union High began her victorious march by defeating King William 19 to 41. Union had previously met King William twice during this season, and had been victorious by a small majority. By defeating King William, Union High was placed in the semi-finals. In a very close game Union High came through in the last second to defeat J. M. Gandy's team 25 to 24. This proved to be the most thrilling game of the day. Union High's team "froze" the ball very expertly for the last 55 seconds after William Sampson had made a swift field goal for the two points that brought them from behind. This placed them in the finals. The second game was played with only an hours rest for the players but Heavy, J. Graves, C. Waller, R. Woodford and A. Garnett were basketball mentors for the entire game. Union High entered the finals against Beverly Allen of West Point, who had been doing equally as well, by defeating Middlesex and surprising Plainview with a fourteen point majority. Both teams with fervent skill battled back and forth until the half when Union was leading West Point 19 to 18. During the last quarter, Union High's team used its reserve energy to cruise victoriously ahead of the opponents to win the championship. This is the first time in the history of the T. I. A. A. that Union High has won the first place trophy. During the season, Union High won six league games. The members of the team suffered the disadvantages of practicing and playing on an outdoor court. A great deal of gratitude goes to Mr. W. E. Lowe, the coach for getting them in shape under the usual circumstances. This paper gives 15 cheers to the great champions who have proved themselves "Kings of the Hardwood."

Team Roster

Charles "Hook Shot" Waller.
Wilbur "Baby Boy" Sampson.

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Thanksgiving Baskets Donated

November's project for the Junior Red Cross was sending Thanksgiving baskets to the needy and sick in various communities. This project was carried out beautifully with participation from the students and teachers.

The students of each homeroom contributed a basket which contained canned and fresh fruits, canned and fresh vegetables, nuts, candy, and other personals. We had a total of eleven baskets, which were distributed in the various communities.

We are planning to carry out other projects in the near future that we feel will be our duty, and of help to other people.

We are proud to say that we have received letters from those persons thanking us for our thoughtfulness. Some of these letters can be found on page 2, under Letters to the Editor.

Commercial Club Organizes

The Commerce Club organized this year for the first time. The officers elected were as follows: President, Elizabeth Jones; Vice President, Cora Lee Coates; Secretary, Virginia Richardson; Assistant Secretary, Bernice Jefferson; Treasurer, Edna Mines.

They hope to purchase a Trophy Case for the Trophies that our school has won. They also hope to do many other things this year to improve our school.

Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

The Staff

Choral Club Gives First Program

The Choral Club Organization, selected the following persons as officers: President, Lenora King; Vice President, Delores Gordon; Secretary, Otelia Coleman; Asst. Secretary, Margaret Clark; Treasurer, Joyce Jackson.

There are thirty-nine members with the largest number coming from the 11th grade and the majority of the boys coming from the eighth grade.

In order to join the Choral Club, one must be able to sing, learn individual parts, attend school regularly and be dependable. Everyone that is in the Choral Club, attends the High School Music Course the first period in the morning.

The Choral Club made its first appearance December 3, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Noel, Virginia. They look forward to accepting an invitation to sing at St. Clare Walker High School, Middlesex County sometime in January, if the weather permits.

The Choral Club hopes for bigger, and better programs as they make more appearances and gain more singing experience.

Mrs. Walker, the instructor, said, "Since it is a good idea for everyone to start the day with a song, the members of the Choral Club should be wide awake in their other classes."

We wish the Choral Club much success as they travel about making people happy with songs.

Cafeteria Served 2783 Lunches In November

The second day after our school opened our cafeteria opened, providing good and tasty, well balanced lunches. Mrs. Banks, our dietitian and home economics teacher plans our well balanced lunches for us daily. With each lunch we receive a meat, one vegetable and a salad, with milk for twenty-five cents or with out milk for twenty cents.

For the month of November the

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Editorial

Christmas is here! We as Americans, living in this land realize its implications and feel the joy it brings. Yet we must reflect the terror and trouble that holds our world in its terrible grasp. Have we forgotten what peace on earth and good will to all mankind really means? Have we forgotten that we have neighbors? Has man become so dollar struck, in his capitalist world, that he fails to recognize the existence of others around him?

Large casualties from the battle fronts reveal that men are destroying the essence of themselves. The thoughts of atomic energy being used for warfare makes us feel unsafe even at a remote distance. The echoes of news from foreign fields are flashing destruction, and on the home front citizens are taxed beyond their means. Are these the steps toward peace?

Will the house be actually calm; will the lights stay on again all over the world; will Jimmy go to sleep in his little bed; will peace come to this confused world? Yes, Christmas is here and we are saying, "Peace on earth, and good will to all mankind." Yet, we utter the words and only hope for better things.

Letters To The Editor

6381 Northfield
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Dear Mr. Guss,

I wish to express briefly my thanks and appreciation for the wonderful paper you sent me. As much as I hate to say it, it was better than the one we had last year. I wish you much success in all the other works you attempt to do.

I was never a great person for writing. I will try to thank you thoroughly when I see you, which I hope will be Christmas. Tell all the members of the staff, I said keep up the good works. Give my sincere regards to all.

As ever,
Mary Garnett

328 Byrd Hall
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Miss Dorothy Carter, Editor
"The Pointer"
Union High School,
Bowling Green, Va.

Dear Staff Members,

Please accept my sincere and fondest gratitude for a "grand little paper—The Pointer."

I note with pleasure that you have made a great deal of progress. I sincerely hope that in the future you will continue to retain the same enthusiasm which was shown in your first copy of the year.

Congratulations, and may you continue to achieve in the same manner which has made our "Alma Mater" so great.

Yours truly,
Emma Samuel

Dear Members of the Junior Red Cross:

We wish to thank you so very much for the lovely Thanksgiving Basket that you sent to our family. We will be delighted to see you in our home at any time. May God bless us all and you continue in His service.

With best wishes,
Your friends

The Junior Red Cross of
Union High School
Bowling Green, Va.

Dear Members,

I can not find words to express my thanks and appreciation to you for such a worthwhile basket. I pray that God will bless each one individually and collectively for remembering me on such an event.

Yours in Christ,
Your friend

Poem Of The Month

KEEPS ME BUSY WATCHING ME

By O. Ray Burgess

It is easy to be critic
Of my neighbor and his ways;
To find fault with all his actions
When he works and when he plays.
But I'm kept very busy
Guarding my own life, and so
I have not the time to follow
Everywhere that he may go.
To be judge of others actions
Makes one's eues swell with
pride:
Just to scrutinize their business,
See the things they try to hide.
But my faults are weighing heavy;
Imperfections all I see;
Have no time to judge my neighbors—
Keeps me busy watching me.
So, dear Lord, I am so thankful
I'm no saint with halo's glow;
Just a poor forbidden sinner
Living daily here below.
Finding every day a battle
To be fought—a prize to win;
Just an ordinary mortal,
But forgiven of my sin.

Thanks, Voters !!!

I wish to extend many, many thanks to every one who voted for me and helped me in my campaign. I will try my best to carry out all of my promises and make this organization most successful. With your help, I am sure that this can be accomplished.

Student Government Pres.
Elizabeth Jones,

T. I. A. A. * * *

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Charles "Square" Gray.
Henry "Heavy Creeper" Wilson.
John "Gravy" Graves.
John "Zeke" Minor.
Clifford "Roundchest" Johnson.
Alvin "Butter Bean" Garnett.
Harry "Spark" Derricott.
Thomas "Long Shot" Wright.
Thomas "Curly" Wilson.

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Producer of Champions

The trophies that are on display in the principal's office truly signify that Union High School is a producer of champions. The students have met challenges in the Tidewater Interscholastic Athletic Association and in the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic League and proved themselves to be the victors. The former league consist of schools such as, King William, John M. Gandy, Beverly Allen, Thomas Hunter, Gloucester Training School and many others. In the latter league, there are schools as Maggie Walker and Armstrong of Richmond, Peabody of Petersburg, Manassas Regional, St. Emma, Hunnington High of Newport News and others of similar caliber. These consist of some of the largest schools throughout the State of Virginia. In both of these associations Union's teams have proved that they are champions of their own right.

In the school session of 1949-50, they have been victorious in the following activities: Baseball, Basketball, and Dramatics.

Baseball

The baseball team won the District and State Championships in the V. I. A. L. This was acclaimed a tremendous feat by many of the critics throughout the entire State. For these achievements they have

received a permanent trophy which stays at the school, the State trophy which they keep for one year, and twelve gold baseballs with the inscription, "Champions."

In the Tidewater League, the baseball team won the Championship for three successive years and now keep the beautiful trophy that has been in their possession ever since the League purchased it. However, they won it one year before they offered a trophy as the first prize. These represent tributes to a great team!

Dramatics

The Dramatic Club has also added to the laurels of the school by entering two contests last year and now proudly display a silver cup and a plaque as first place prizes. The cup was won in a contest sponsored by Virginia Industrial School with many surrounding schools participating. The plaque that they display is first prize from the T. I. A. A.'s ten schools.

Basketball

Now, the basketball team, which was eliminated in the finals last year by Gloucester, and took second place, romped ahead in the tournament this year to capture the championship in the T. I. A. A. This adds another trophy to the

N. H. A. Plans

The N. H. A. outlines its plan for the year as follows:

September—

Membership campaign; Report from State Convention; N. H. A. and N. F. A. Camp.

October—

Installation of officers; Chapel program.

November—

Worked with the Junior Red Cross in getting the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy.

December—

Christmas baskets for the needy; Helped to decorate the Christmas tree; Selling Christmas cards, as a money raising project.

January—

Teen-age panel discussion; a social.

February—

Observe Negro History Week; Valentine Party.

March—

Banquet; Clean-up Campaign; Plant red roses.

April—

Observe N. H. A. Week; Fashion Show and a dance afterwards; Help with the Red Cross Drive.

May—

Prepare for the National Convention.

June, July, August—

Attend Camp; Help with community and home projects.

collection.

The County at large should be proud of the students who have the fighting courage to bring home the bacon. They should be equally as grateful to the splendid coaching staff that has helped to develop these students into good sports and just citizens. Yes, they are the Champions of Champions, and Union High has produced them!

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TEACHERS CHRISTMAS WISH

We the members of the faculty . . .

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A. M. BANKS
E. D. HOLDEN
A. A. BRITT
M. S. ROBINSON
L. L. BOXLEY
W. E. LOWE
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J. E. LUCKIE
C. C. RAGLAND
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A. V. UPTON

School Cafeteria * * *

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lunch room served 2783 students and of this number 1560 students received free lunches or lunches at a reduced rate.

Free lunches are served to children who do not have both parents and to children approved by the lunchroom committee and the principal. Families who have three or more children eating in the lunchroom daily, are given a reduced rate of fifteen cents per child, which means that the children are served a lunch at less than cost.

We receive excellent service from our cooks and students who work in the cafeteria. We have two paid workers and several volunteer students who serve us very willingly.

The cafeteria is a meeting place for some of the students. They enjoy laughing and telling jokes to each other while eating their delicious lunches. The students are very grateful for this asset and know that the parents appreciate the efforts of our cafeteria staff.

To The Family Of. L. T. Washington

The students of Union High shared your hours of grief and bereavement at the death of Mr. L. T. Washington. Members of the Jackson family are very prominent students on our campus and their sorrows are felt by all.

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Bill Seymore Writes - - -

Since this is the last time I will write for this year, it's only natural that I must be on the ball and try to dig every one that has had trouble with their affairs and those who think that their secret is safe. Many people have been puzzled to find out who I am and where I live, but as yet no one has called my name and I am surprised because I was sure someone would have guessed it before now. One thing is certain, if you tell me your secret, I'll tell Caroline.

Creola Coleman you shouldn't have told me that you were going to Dee Cee if you didn't want me to suspect that Robert Johnson was the reason. Cecil Terrell broke it up when he walked into the movies with Alice Jones, didn't he Addie? Emma J. did you have a nice time up in Woodford when you spent the week end with Marie? That movie was something to behold and I beheld it!! People were running by the ticket office going to the lunch room with their boyfriends money. She wasn't hungry was she Lester, Ole boy? Gravy, you shouldn't buy tickets unless you are sure she's going with you. That goes for your buddy also! I should wait until a little later but I just can't hold this—Rosa P. just why would Wyatt cut his class ring down to fit that cute little finger of yours? Now that I have that out, Manley Fortune you must watch your temper and not get so angry when you see Florence J. beating up her gums with other males. That movie brought John Minor and Sidney rather close together.

It's going to be awful tough on Eoxley and Beverly with their cars, in case they ration gas for the war, won't it Sally and Helen Childs. Incidentally it has been rumored that while Sally was coming to school in the 51 Mercury, Leslie S. was at home making repairs on his bicycle. T'aint so, I know! Virginia R. did you enjoy that dinner at Franklin Pitts Sunday or were you eating just to be polite.

Barbara W. maybe you didn't have the grasp it seem like in the last issue for somebody is taking your place.

Just tell me why would Mildred Pitts and Margaret Clark have such an argument over Bobby

when he is supposed to be making eyes at Mildred? Jessie P. seems to be on even better terms with Delores Tillman.

Ora (Becky) Green is all smiles since it is near Christmas. Has she baked the cherry pie Billy Boy?

Clarence it was strange that you and Kate should wind up in the same English class when your schedules were different.

At the dance Friday night I peeked in to see how things were doing and oh! brother was there joy in the house. While casing the joint, Jean D. and Mary F. were doing alright for themselves, to say nothing of Franklin and Nick.

C. C. you really think that Doll is quite a Doll, don't you? George W. what happened to all that mail you and Square used to get from up John J. Wright way?

V. B. why do you save that seat on the bus every day for him, is that your new S. P. that you are trying so desperately to keep a secret even from your best friends?

David Coleman since you are informing everybody what is going on, why don't you tell who you are making goo-goo eyes at?

It is awfully hard to remember all the people I saw at the dance, so I'll stick in these few while they are still hot in my mind. Robert you shouldn't take your brothers play since he is in college.

Now gang you had better watch out during the Xmas because I may be lurking around and gathering news for the next issue so be on your P's and Q's lest you should get your name in my column. I'll be rough the next time, so watch out! When you have cooled down, I want to wish you the very merriest Christmas and a joyous new year—Ole Bill Seymore writes and have written, moves on—Bye, bye, cause I'm a long gone daddy. Bill Seymore.

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W. E. LOWE

After School and Sat.