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EDITORIALS



WELCOME EVERYBODY!

For the second annual open house, the classrooms of Central high have once again opened. In all the departments, from English to industrial arts, there are displays which give proof of the merit of the students. Posters decorate the walls of the rooms; scrapbooks are neatly arranged on tables; soap carvings illustrate various phases of study. Every where in the school one can see parents and other people looking at the interesting work and talking to teachers.

Much praise is due those who have put across this worth while project. It enables everyone interested to learn of the work Rocky Mount high school students are doing. Until this was begun, there was no way at all for the parents to see the work and the places where their children learn.

The staff of the Blackbird congratulates all those who have helped put open house across and welcomes everyone to the second annual open house.

ON TO FORTUNE

"There comes a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." What a timely expression this is!

The 150 Seniors of the Rocky Mount high school are at probably the highest tide in their lives. Now that they are about to finish high school, the way they decide to go will lead to their success or failure.

Many of these boys and girls will seek higher learning at wonderfully equipped colleges and universities; others must step out into the business world and find their places.

With the fine education these one hundred and fifty have received, they should be able to withstand the rough waves on the sea of time.

A PROBLEM MET

Five or six years ago athletic coaches at Rocky Mount high school were confronted with the problem of building a strong team with inadequate material. This material was inadequate not because of quality but because of quantity. The boys of Rocky Mount lacked the initiative to learn to play a sport and the love of sports to try out for them.

Then there came a change in the coaching personnels. Men were brought here who were interested in athletics and were pleased with nothing but a winner. They got busy; they asked boys to go out for athletics. A few at the time responded to their pleading and results were gained.

Now the situation is different. So many boys go out for football that there are three squads A, B, and C. There is a varsity and a junior basketball team. Baseball has varsity and junior high squads. Track, a sport new to this high school, has been introduced. Now boys out for athletics are asking the others why they are not out. Slowly the number of athletes is becoming larger and larger. Rocky Mount boys are enthusiastic about their athletics.—E. P.

THE SENIORS SAY

Five years ago 150 timid freshmen came to high school. For their nine hundred school days there has been the faculty to help these students with all their problems. Through thick and thin they have always stood by. On behalf of the Senior class, we, the Blackbird staff, wish to express appreciation for the fine help and cooperation of the Rocky Mount high faculty.

WE APPRECIATE IT

Talk about faithful people, the advertisers certainly rate way up near the top. This year the Blackbird's finances have consisted almost wholly of the money paid for advertisements.

The merchants of Rocky Mount can always be depended on when it comes to supporting a good cause. Willingly have they given advertisements to the nine issues of the Blackbird, and without that willingness the high school could not have had a paper.

Now, at the end of the school year, the staff wishes to express its appreciation for the splendid help of the merchants of Rocky Mount.

ALUMNI

By LILLIAN BELL

Many Rocky Mount high school graduates have become victims of the photographers of the many state papers.

A becoming but not too flattering picture was taken of Alice Suiter, '36 graduate, when she was elected president of the Cornelian Society, and on the judicial board of the Student Government Association.

Martha Anne Speight was standing rather far back when her picture as Maid of Honor at the May Day Festivities was snapped.

I noticed that Mary Wood Winslow has changed very little since her high school graduation. Mary Wood was a sponsor for the leaders in the Senior Prom at U.N.C.

Unless the cameraman is mistaken Glenn Griffin, pianist at Salem College, has changed somewhat. Glenn has advanced far in the musical field since she has been there.

Ruth Hart, senior vice-president at Flora MacDonald, still takes as good a picture as she is a student.

Ruth Dixon and Elizabeth Knight, Appalachian State Teachers College graduates, still respond to pictures nicely.

Although Clarence Griffin didn't have his picture taken he has received a high honor at U.N.C. that of being taken into the North Carolina chapter of the National Honorary law school society of the Order of Coif.

Mildred Morris who just couldn't stop with her many achievements at S.T.C. has been elected into the Alpha Sigma Tau, a national sorority.

The honor roll at Carolina never fails to have Rocky Mount students on it. The last quarter seven made it: Sol Fligel, Jr., Gordon Burns, Tommy Brafford, Laurance Pittman, Connie Lee Thigpen, Mary Wood Winslow, and John Chambliss.

Jack Rose was taken into the Chemical Engineering Society at State.

Tom Reid is graduating from Campbell College this year with honors. In addition to being manager of both the football and baseball teams and commercial class president, he took the sweepstakes in the superlatives having gained the title of most likely to succeed, most influential, best all round, best dressed, most popular, and the best looking boy.

Blackbird's Eyeview

Ann and D. B., La Rue and Frank H., Martha and Charles, Betty Warren and Rhinehart (Where was Mike?) Betsy and Tinkey and the old reliables John W. and Nina—and the surprise appearance, Ella Mae and J. L. R.—at the Jr.-Sr. Dot and dashes—

Ann Fountain telling about the Phi GAM house party she attended—A. R.'s disgust at what Mildred must do—Nancy Bean's ability to keep Jack Purvis' admiration—Virginia Lee, cute Charlie Humphries, and Carolina—Snooping—

Jenny Woodard won't tell anything but snooper knows her mind and interests. Evelyn Gentry and Jack Mac Rae, according to public opinion, would hit it off if it were not for several tenth graders—the Tarboro boys in town—a certain girl thinks Tom Fisher is cute—Mary Lucille has so many boys around, ye snooper can't know all—Betsy O. has Greene in her life.

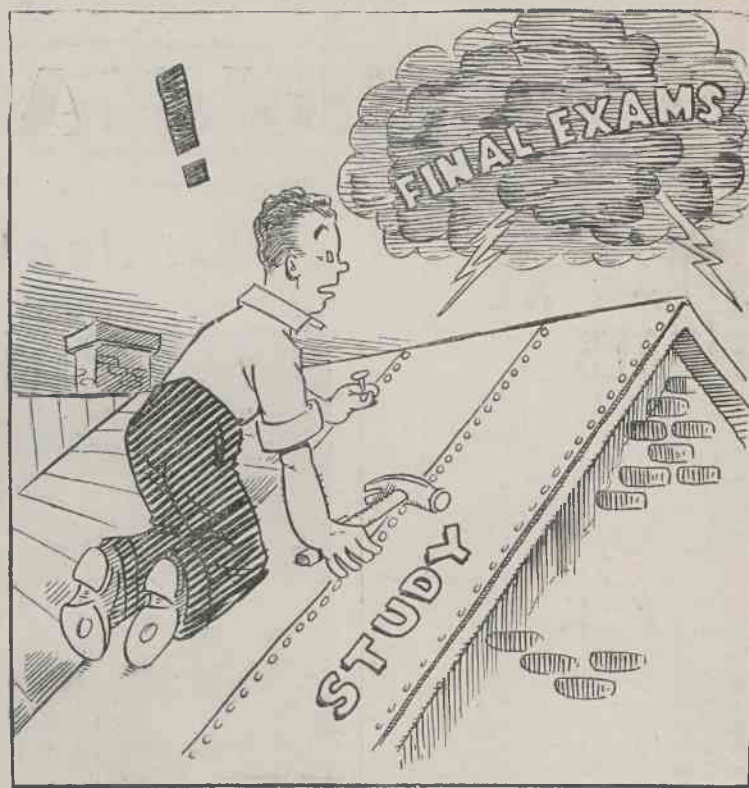
A story; Dillard—Mary Wilkins: Who is Mary? Does D. know? Frances and Felix going strong. Mildred, Frances, Martha and Charles (the quartet). A fight—Martha, the enticer walks in, presto Charles.

Secrets; Phillis Perritt, has one, the snooper knows about it—but just isn't telling. Louis Aycock likes Luther Smith—Louise's secret? No secret—Willy Glover is the Casonova of H. S.

How could—the senior girls do without George Valentine? Norma without Duke? and any girls exist without Jiggs Walker? A cabin party not be any fun, especially for Franz? You know Milton Henry doesn't exactly hate Betsy Powell? Yep, it's open house and mama and papa will be sorry now for us children and all the steps to climb, rooms to find, and jammed hall ways—

And too, it's hoo And tears of hail We shed for you— Oh, Seniors, Wall! A last word—Gene Hart will make this a good column next year.

Be Prepared



We learn the junk And then we flunk! Heigh ho! Heigh ho! —Pine Whispers.

Exchange Column

"Twas in a restaurant they met Romeo and Juliet. He had no cash to pay the debt So Romeo'd what Juliet." —Exchange.

The Senior class of Durham High School has decided to put water fountains on the tennis courts as its gift to the School. —The Hi-Rocket.

Where there's a will there's a relative. —Exchange.

Height ho! Heigh ho! Off to school we go!

Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh recently finished paying for its movie projector. It took them fourteen months to pay the thousand dollar debt. Is Rocky Mount going to let Raleigh beat them.

Flattery is soft soap and soft soap is 9 per cent lye. —Exchange.

The seniors are mighty— The seniors are strong— Excuse me, people— False alarm! —Sandspar.

He who laughs last sits behind a tall, fat man at the show! —American Weekly.

FINE FEATHERS

By De Lon Kearney

Four outstanding seniors with fine feathers were chosen for this last issue because of their participation in the sports world. Each is to be congratulated for his fine work.

PHYLIS CUYLER PERRITT

In the realm of sports, Phyllis has been very active. This last year she went out for three sports—Speedball, basketball, and tennis. She hasn't fully decided on her vocation yet but she is leaning to the scientific side, such as brain surgery.

She has been or now holds the following offices: President of the tenth grade, vice-president of the senior high, chairman of the board of finance in the student government, Honor Black Masquer member of Hi-Y, National Honorary Society, Good Sports, Black Masquers, Service Club. For the senior superlatives, Phyllis captured the honor for being the most school-spirited.

Ice cream and water melon are her favorite dishes. As an avocation she prefers flying. She believes in finding the good points in people and, as a result, likes most people. If she had gobs of money she would like to travel above all other things. Next year she is returning to R. M. H. S. as a post graduate to re-take chemistry and learn the fine details.

LILLIAN BELL

To her acquaintances she is Lillian, to her intimate friends she is "Shanghai Lil." She also has been important in girls sports. Speedball, volley ball, basketball, and hiking are the sports she went out for this year. She has been on the varsity basketball for two years and won her letter at that time. She has played softball at the Y for three years.

At present Lillian is a member of the Quill and Scroll, Hi-Y, Good Sports, and secretary of the Girls Athletic Association. She was voted the most athletic and the best sport for the senior superlatives.

She aspires to be a journalist. Her idea of a delightful shock is a ham sandwich and some chocolate pudding. Out of school she works in Kress and in the summer will play on their softball team. Lillian is very much interested in taxi-dermy, hunting and fishing. Although she's not a native of Rocky Mount, she has done much in R. M. H. S. to further girls' sports.

VERNON SPEIGHT FELTON

"Spurney" Felton has seven letters in sports. He received four for basketball, two for football, and one for baseball. Vernon went out for four major sports this year. They were football, basketball, baseball, and track which is still in its infancy. He prefers basketball possibly because "I know more about that," shyly declares he.

If he had seeds of money he would buy a car, then go to college, eat a heap there, and have a grand and glorious time. However, as he put it, "It's not likely to happen."

He is interested in becoming an air conditioner or entering some phase of physical education. It is doubtful if he will go to college this fall. Eating is his favorite occupation. As for what he likes to eat, it's anything edible.

Vernon is approximately six feet tall. His rather boyish face comes as a surprise when one surveys his mature body. He has brown hair and eyes and a ruddy complexion. He has held numerous offices since he came to R. M. H. S.

DILLARD BULLUCK

Dillard was born at Palmyra, N. C. near Scotland Neck eighteen years ago. Much water has gone under the dam since then. In those years he has been considered one of the finest athletes R. M. H. S. has seen.

Dillard was captain of the football team two years in succession, '37 and '38. He was president of the senior class for the fall semester and president of the Monogram Club. He was vice-president of the junior class last year, and is a member of various clubs.

The two sports Dillard went out for this year were football and baseball. He has been playing football for five years and baseball for three.

Carolina is the destination of Dillard for his college years. He plans to become a dentist. When asked about the types of people he preferred he assured, "Quiet people," but he couldn't give a reason. His favorite dish is fish-seafood, mama Dillard amiably likes dances and parties, hunting and fishing.