

## Nell Harris, Star In 'Miss Starlight'



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## 'Miss Starlight' Given

"Miss Starlight," a two-act musical comedy, was presented to a large audience in the high school auditorium under the sponsorship of the Student Organization of Rocky Mount high school last Friday evening. This was the first such production ever to be presented by the high school.

The players in the cast were Franklin Sanderson, Jimmy Carter; Bert Brown, Jimmy Richardson; Snapper, Pete Winstead; Carlotta Beard, Betsy Lockamy; Mrs. Rhoda Fleming, 'Boots' Daughtridg; Drew Crane, Benny Wrenn; Flo Randolph, Jean Eason; Trixie Trimmer, Lillie Parker; Miss Venus, Nell Harris; Rosetta,

Elizabeth Bateman; Sadie Sutton, Ruth Riley; Mrs. Cora Sanderson, Ann Dennis; Creston Clarke, Vernon Huggins.

Some of the musicals in this production were "The Apple of My Eye," "In Society," "Following In Father's Footsteps," "Miss Starlight," and "It's The Little Things."

The book, lyrics, and music, were produced by Charles George, author and composer of "Wild Rose," "Kentucky Sue," and many other best-seller musical hits.

The production was under the direction of Miss Alma Murchinson, Mr. H. T. Parry, and Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, business-director.

## Edsonians To Take Part In Dramatics Festival

"Ashes of Roses" by Constance D'Arcy Mackaye, and "Cracked Ice," by Guernsey Le Pelley, are the two plays that have been selected by the Edsonian Dramatics Organization to be presented at the annual Dramatics Festival in Chapel Hill beginning April 4.

Constance D'Arcy Mackaye's plays are well known for the beauty that she places in them. Her "Ashes of Roses" is supposed to depict an incident in the life of the famous English actress Kitty Clive. The setting is laid in London one spring night in 1741 in the theatre dressing room of Kitty Clive.

The characters are Kitty Clive, Barbara Rowland; Horace Walpole, Bruce Miller; Phyllis, Faye

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## Bulletin Board Displays Citizenship Decorations

Outside of room five there is a bulletin board display made periodically. This was started last fall under the direction of Mary Wilkinson and her committee. Mary was elected president of the sophomore class for the second semester and the duties had to be forwarded to Margaret Daughtridg, and outstanding freshman.

The committee uses the weekly campaigns in the school as a basis for the decorations and clippings on display. They also use any topic to promote good citizenship. Sid Hardesty also has a corner of the board to point up the sports events of the school as they take place.

Those that serve on the committee are Sylvia Pullen, Kay Congleton, Nancy Parry, Mary Wilkinson and Newsome Maples.

## Fuller Speaks At Career Day

### National Honor Society Taps 14 New Members

In recognition of scholarship, service to the school, character, and leadership, the National Honor Society in an impressive candle-light service tapped 14 students, March 9.

Those receiving the recognition were five seniors—Alva Wallace, Grace Dew, Herbert Slater, Barbara Hartman, Hazel Rawls; and nine juniors—Billy Cooper, Albert Rabil, Marian Harris, Sylvia Pullen, Anita Williamson, Peggy Ward, Tommy Slater, Margaret Moore Eason, and Donald Rooker.

Rev. Jimmy Mattox, an ordained minister, spoke to the student body. As he spoke he gave two challenges. First he challenged those tapped to hold those qualities that enabled them to be tapped and secondly he challenged the other students to attain these qualities.

The stage was decorated with a huge basket of spring flowers on each side of the enlarged Honor Society emblem. Standing in the emblem to speak for the four qualities were Harold Harper, Helen Wells, Alice Joyner, Jimmy Thorton. Spring flowers were used along footlights. The light was given off by the candles of the old and new members and those in the candelabra.

The devotion was conducted by Betty Ann Cross and Betty Lockamy. Bill Phillips, president, gave the welcome address.

### History Students Tour Historical Williamsburg

Forty-seven American history students boarded a chartered bus to begin the two day trip to the historical Williamsburg, Virginia last week.

After crossing the James River on a ferry the group toured Jamestown. One of the most interesting things seen there was the old church where the first House of Burgesses in America met in 1619.

The next stop was Williamsburg. There the students were taken on a conducted tour of the most interesting places and things to be seen. Among these were the Governor's Palace, the Powder Magazine, the Capital, and the Bruton Parish Church, which is the oldest Episcopal Church in America now in use, and of which Miss Craighill's brother is the

## H. S. Staffs Have Fun In New York

"Bye, goodbye everybody, see you when we get back." Words like these were heard from the sixteen students and their two chaperons as they left for New York on March 7.

Those going from the Hi-Noc-Ar staff were Betsy Carr, Pete Winstead, Nancy Barthoomew, Fay Reynolds, Barbara Fulghum, John Page, Bobby Grimes, Bill Phillips,

### Service Club Sponsors Annual Sunrise Service

Following the tradition of the past years the Service club has charge of all Easter services and bulletin board connection with RMHS. Two of their programs have already been presented. There are to be two more, one in assembly tomorrow and the sunrise service Thursday morning which will be held in the Lutheran Church.

Each year the club has charge of all four services and invite speakers for the first three. In the last service, which is at 7:00 o'clock Thursday morning, a member of the service club delivers the message.

For the past two services the speakers have been Father McLaughlin and Rev. Gray Temple on Tuesday. The speaker for tomorrow will be Rev. Eslee Phillips. Bobby Chandler will deliver the message at the Sunrise Service on Thursday.

#### Music For Services

The choir for the two assemblies in school has been made up of the remaining members of the service club. The accompanist has been Emily Baker. On Monday, Lillie Parker introduced the speaker. Tuesday Joyce McNeely was in charge of the program and Barbara Land will have charge tomorrow.

The choir on Thursday morning will be the RMHS choir. The organist will be Peggy Ward. The scripture will be given by Billy Powell. The prayer and benediction will be given by Donald Rooker and the welcome address by Billy Cooper, president of the Service Club. Ellen Williams and Barbara Land are in charge of decorations for all the services and Shirley Robbins is publicity chairman.

The entire student body is invited to attend the special Sunrise Service on Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock, March 22.

They also visited a few of the craft shops.

When the tour was completed the group returned to the Williamsburg Lodge where they had reservations.

Some of the things seen the next day were the Wren Building at William and Mary College, the battlefields and forts at Yorktown, and the Mariners Museum near Newport News.

Benny Wrenn and their adviser Miss Ala Murchinson. The students representing the Blackbird staff were Fred Patton, Johnnie Shelton, Emly Baker, Shirley Robbins, Jean Cooper, Carolyn Ellis, Margaret Moore Eason and their adviser Mrs. T. D. Young. The girls stayed in the Hotel New Yorker, while the boys stayed at the YMCA.

Going up, the RMHS group and

### Representatives Lead In Discussion Groups

Career Day, a day to help juniors and seniors to choose their profession, was observed in Rocky Mount high school last Tuesday.

Career Day got underway with a talk by Dr. Frank Fuller, education guidance director at E C T C. Dr. Fuller warned against rushing into a profession without giving the matter considerable thought. Before selecting a career he stressed consideration of three things—interest, ability, and personality.

Discussion groups began at 1:30 when the students met in sections of the school with representatives from various businesses and professions. They gave the teenagers an idea of just what to expect from the careers they have chosen to follow upon the completion of their formal schooling.

#### Panel Discussion Held

After these discussion groups the auditorium for the panel discussion. Dr. Frank Fuller, the moderator, introduced the speakers. Mrs. Ruth Coley talked on "What the Business World Expects of You Socially;" Mr. Ted Draper, "What The Business World Expects of You Intellectually;" and Mr. Jack Bennett, "What You Can Expect from the Business World." Dr. Fuller gave a summary of the talks. The business world expects one to have a well-rounded personality and the ability to reason. Jack Bennett summed up what one can expect from the business world in one word—opportunity.

#### Dr. Bender Speaks

Career day was highlighted with a talk by Dr. James H. Bender, noted author and educator. His life's work is the study of human relations as they affect the personal, social, and business affairs. He covered a variety of subjects ending with a plea to the future parents of tomorrow to be sympathetic with their children. His message was both inspiring and informative.

This program is designed to familiarize local students with every aspect of the jobs they have expressed an interest in. Full credit for the effective planning and execution of Career Day must be given to Dick Gregory and his Career Day committee and to Miss Kitchin, advisor of the Student Organization and to the Junior Chamber of Commerce for its participation in the program.

the group from Robinsonville had a private coach. The group arrived in New York about one and a half hours late, but still took advantage of the tickets to "Where's Charlie?"

The purpose of the trip was to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Convention at Columbia University. At this convention the

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