

Vica Week Observed February 11-17

National Vica Week was observed February 11-17 to bring to focus the many opportunities in the field of skilled training.

The Vocational Industrial Club of America is the youth organization for trade, industrial, technical, and health students. The week honoring the Vica organization offered a good opportunity for students to look into a future as a skilled craftsman or technician through programs at RMSH. All of this proves that there is a bright future ahead for those preparing for a future job in more than one hundred skilled occupations.

Students are urged to look into the Vica program because who knows - you may be doing yourself a favor!

Serendipity

What is serendipity?

It is what you find when you are looking for something else.

The word was invented by Horace Walpole in 1754. He based it on the Persian fairy tale about three princes from Serendip. The princes went on a journey expecting the usual. Instead, they found valuables they had not sought.

Serendipity, then, involves that which is not expected, that which is not obvious, that which is important in the unimportant. Indeed, failure, carefully studied and analyzed can be as valuable, perhaps more valuable, than success.

Alexander Graham Bell, for instance, was trying to improve the telegraph. An accident occurred and he discovered what was to become the telephone . . . Fleming discovered penicillin because some of his plate cultures of staphylococci became contaminated . . . Roentgen found X-rays by noticing a black line on a sheet of paper, produced when he passed current through a tube . . . Steam blew cork out of a bottle and Oliver Evans conceived the possibility of the steam engine.

All these are examples of serendipity.

But the idea resulted only because each man had created his own individual conditions to see, not only with two eyes, but also with that third eye: the magic eye of imagination which is based on an accumulation of learning.

The new idea, the flash of inspiration comes to those who have learned the obvious and then can see the different.

Be prepared for your bit of serendipity.

Learn all there is to know in whatever field you choose. Serendipity awaits.

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Pictured above are Myra Fisher, Chuck Rehm, David Jones, and Debra Hopkins.

Girls Show Their Consideration For Boys During Twirp Week

Rocky Mount Senior High was the scene of some very peculiar happenings during the week of March 12-16 where many senior high girls were being extra nice to the young men of our school.

It was "Twirp Week," the

Television

By SARA JANE COLLIER

The Charmin is squeezed,
The Partridges plucked.
Cher gets Sonny,
Hee Haw is shucked.
Flip Wilson is flipped,
Dean Martin is drunk.
The Odd Couple divorced,
McHale's Navy sunk.
Green Acres gets plowed,
Sale of the Century is sold.
Mannix gets shot,
Cosell gets a cold.
To Tell the Truth lied,
The Gold Diggers dug.
Jeanne is dreamt of,
Batman is slugged.
The Lone Ranger is lassoed,
McCloud's in the sky.
Andy Griffith's arrested,
Matt Dillon might die.
Search is still looking,
Daybreak's at dawn.
Sesame Street's been paved,
Turn the radio on.

chance for the girls to be extra courteous to the boys. The girls showed the young men their appreciation by helping in many ways. The young men were fascinated when the girls opened doors for them, sharpened pencils, carried books, and did many other things that the boys ordinarily would do.

Concluding "Twirp Week", there was a spring dance in the gym. The girl had to ask the boys, and this gave the girl a chance to ask the fellow of her choice. The students were entertained by a group called "Jasper" formally known as the "Brass Parks." The band played all the latest records and all the students had a great time -- thus ending Twirp Week.

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Past, Future Discussed In Meeting Of SRA

The SRA met on Tuesday, March 6, and discussed many interesting things concerning what will be going on in the near future and what has already taken place.

The SRA was happy to report that the surveys taken in the homerooms that discussed ways in which a RMSH student could improve his school were pretty good overall. A question that appeared on the survey was, "Have you ever tinkered with narcotics?" The SRA members were pleased to find that over 85 per cent of the students had not.

SRA members also invited students who were really interested in their school to come to the next SRA meeting. The members made it clear that a student was not to come just to get out of class, but if he was really interested in the school's affairs, he would be welcomed.

The spring dance was also discussed. The SRA thought it was best to limit visitors to those attending the school. The dance will be casual, but no jeans of any kind will be allowed. It is suggested that a young man wear a tie.

"The luxury of doing good surpasses every other personal enjoyment."

— John Gay

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