

## Model Home Is Being Finished

Shop Class Project Nears Completion; Show Case Displays Choice Work

The members of the industrial arts department have been doing outstanding work this year.

The model home, being built by the building trades class, is rapidly nearing completion. The plastering, the only job the class did not, and is not going to do, has been completed. All the plumbing and wiring has been installed with the exception of the fixtures. The big stone chimney is rapidly taking shape. The basement and garage cement floors have been poured and the trim work started.

The shop classes are undertaking shop work and have completed several outstanding problems. The school sound system has been reconditioned. Penelope Jenkins and Josie Knight, together, have built four period cedar chests.

The advance shop class is building twelve tables to be used in any of several class rooms for display purposes. Paul Mooring is constructing ten signs for the local garden club. James Griffith is building a chest of drawers; Paul Stewart, a Duncan Phye coffee table; and Henry Crumpler, a period cedar chest.

The addition of a forge has increased the possibilities of metal work. In this field James Strickland is building a bench saw. Several small articles such as knives, chisels, and foot scrapers are also being constructed.

### Drafting

The drafting classes are studying orthographic projections, isometric drawing, architectural drawing, and perspective drawing. Mr. L. Russell Harris, director of the beginning industrial classes, says that the progress of the beginning drafting classes has been exceptional for beginning students.

The industrial arts show case has been decorated with several pencil sketches by Charles Bass along with problems by the shop classes. The theme of the display is "Drawing as a Hobby."

## Much Coin May Be Collected

Several contests, offering valuable cash prizes, are open to the student body now with several students having already entered.

The North Carolina Association of Elks recently sponsored an essay contest of from 2000 to 2500 words. Among those that entered the contest, writing on the topic, "Obligations of Citizenship" were Elizabeth Coleman, Stella Johnson, Mildred Martin, and Paul Mooring. A first prize of \$50 is offered.

The American Legion is now sponsoring two essay contests. The subject of the first is "A Comparison of the Advantages of the American Citizenship" with a word limit of 1,000 words. The contest closes April 5. Jack Wooten has entered. The second to be written on the topic, "Queen Marie of Roumania-Ambassador of International Good Will," is limited to 1,500 words and shall be submitted by April 10. The first contest offers prizes ranging from \$10 to \$20; the second, \$5 to \$20.

The 1939 Citizenship essay contest, closing two weeks before graduation, is open to all seniors. A prize of \$5 is given to the winner by each school. Each entry will be limited to 750 words.

Mrs. Margaret Thigpen is in charge of the contests.

## Roles Cast For Mystery Comedy

"One Mad Night," three act mystery comedy to be given by Mr. C. M. Edson's dramatic classes, was cast Monday and Tuesday of this week. Rehearsals are already underway.

Milton Henry as Dan Cutter, Bobbie Moore as Wing, Mildred Thompson as Priscilla, Jacqueline Denson as Lady Macbeth, D. B. Powell as John Alden, Bill Greathouse as Mr. Hyde, Mike Carr as Dr. Bunn, Nancy Bean as Mr. Kluck, Sister Speight as Mrs. Finch, Mancy Hicks as Depression, Bill Shearin as Artemus Burke and Jack Purvis as Siletto make up the cast in James Reach's mystery.

## Triangular Contesters



Representing Rocky Mount in the triangular debates and at Wake Forest tomorrow are front row, left to right, Bessie Rollins, Frances Keel, Marjorie Hollowell, and Teddy Poplin. Back row: Elwood Orr, Lenora Burke, and Katherine Gill.

## RM Negative Team Wins

The Rocky Mount debating team was eliminated from the state triangular preliminaries, Friday, March 31. Wilson and Hugh Morson, Raleigh, also of the triangle, were losers by the same route, that is by the affirmative. The negative teams in each school was victorious.

Bessie Rollins and Frances Keel, Rocky Mount negative debaters, defeated the Raleigh affirmative at Wilson. The affirmative of Rocky Mount, Teddy Poplin and Margorie Hollowell, lost to the Wilson negative in Raleigh.

In the high school auditorium here with Mildred Martin, president of the debate club in charge, the Raleigh negative defeated the Wilson affirmative. Amanda Stidley served as time-keeper.

Judges of the Wilson-Raleigh debates here were Maurice Barnhill, Mrs. George Daniel, and Dr. Francis Bishop.

Miss Lola Parker, coach and advisor of the club, accompanied the affirmative team to Raleigh. Mrs. Margaret Thigpen and Superintendent R. M. Wilson went to Wilson with the negative.

Alternates were William Bennett, Lenora Burke, Elwood Orr, and Catherine Gill.

The topic for the contest was "Resolved that the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain."

## Commercial Contest To Be Held April 14

"All commercial students will compete in the commercial contest on April 14," states Miss Mary Lou Barr, one of the commercial instructors of R. M. H. S. There will be contests given in Bookkeeping I and II, Junior Business, Salesmanship, and Short hand I and II. The test is given to each member of the class in his or her respective commercial study. Three of the best and most highly ranked papers in each contest will be sent to Greensboro for further judgment and also to compete in the state finals.

In previous years Rocky Mount commercial students have topped high honors in the state contest.

## Baird's Room Gets Honor Cup Again

Miss Virginia Baird's homeroom won the scholarship cup in the Junior High School for the first six weeks of the spring semester. There were 13 on the honor roll in the winning room.

The cup which is presented by the Junior National Honor Society each six weeks to the homeroom having the highest scholastic record was presented to George Valentine, president of Miss Baird's homeroom, by Ruth Ann Duffy.

## Students Enter French Contest

Fifteen outstanding French students participated March 24, in the state French contest according to an announcement made by Miss Dorothy Craighill, teacher of French.

The contest of the second and third year classes each an honor student with A or B average. The contest participants were Elizabeth Coleman, Ida Harper, Jim Johnson, De Lon Kearney, Ella Mae Lane, Mildred Thorp, Caldwell Ward, Mary Louise Wombie, Louise Aycock, Betty Knowles, Nell Gaither, Stella Johnson, Betty Warren Savage, Bessie Loney, and Mable Packard.

The papers were graded by Miss Craighill. The three best papers were submitted by Stella Johnson, a senior, who received the highest grade; Mary Louise Wombie, a junior, who received second place; and Louise Aycock, a senior, who received third place. These papers will be sent to the Department of Romance Languages in Chapel Hill where they will compete with the three best papers from fifty-seven other high schools.

Constance Sweeney won an honorable mention in the contest last year.

## Rocky Mount Takes Honors At Drama Event

Rocky Mount high school won two first places and an honorable mention at the drama contest held recently in Chapel Hill.

The scrapbook contest for Junior high schools was won by June Warton of the ninth grade.

Ethel Tyree won the poster contest for high schools with a poster advertising "Little Women."

Haywood Taylor won honorable mention in the make-up contest as the character "Hillebrand" in the Senior high contest play, "Saint Agnes' Eve."

"Oh Golden Weed," the three act play that opened the festival, had a number of high school students in it.

The Junior high produced "So Early In The Morning" during the festival. Mr. C. M. Edson served as president of the Carolina Dramatic Association during the last year. Next year's executive committee was chosen and Miss Claude Aycock and Mrs. Jameson Bunn Dowdy were included.

## Helen Drummond Is Shorthand Champ

A nation-wide shorthand contest was won by Helen Drummond, a commercial student, recently. She gained this award by obtaining 142 words a minute in shorthand. This is the first time that such an honor has been conferred upon a Rocky Mount high school student. Miss Mary Lou Barr, Shorthand teacher, states, "We feel very proud of Helen, for this is the greatest award in shorthand that can be given a high school pupil."

## Debating Team To Go To Wake Forest

### It's Opinion

In a recent Time Magazine questionnaire given to the first period journalism class, they were asked their reactions and opinions of various world situations.

The majority said that if they were Jews, living in Germany today, they would endeavor to escape the country, providing they could enter the United States.

Five of the nine students in the class decided they would extend the government "made work" policy and cut off all direct relief, thereby requiring every man to work for a living; however, only two of the nine thought it wise to arm to the limit of the national resources.

Strangely enough, it was the unanimous decision of the entire class that if they were members of Congress, they would consider every proposal made by the President in turn of its merits and support those which they believed to be beneficial to the nation and oppose those regarded as detrimental.

## Seniors Set For Finals

The dignified seniors have at last received some privileges, or to make it more specific, the 12th graders have received two privileges, these being the "seniors steps" on the old building, and the honor of strutting up the aisle first in assemblies while the under-graduates look on with a rather nonchalant attitude.

This year the senior class chose for its invitations a lovely old-fashioned "When Pa was a Courtin' Ma" script rather than "ye olde tyme" English print. The delicate script will show up beautifully on white paper.

Since the seniors have heard so much about finances until they had really hard pains, they selected the fragrant, yet inexpensive carnation as the senior flower. The carnation also emphasizes the white in the senior colors.

The graduating class chose a philosophical motto "Step by step one goes a long way." (Some students not only think that it is a saying, but also it (Continued on page four)

## Griffin, Edson Speak At English Meeting

The English teachers of the Rocky Mount high school had a meeting April 3, at which there were two speakers, Mr. C. M. Edson, director of dramatics, and Miss Hazel Griffin, English and journalism teacher. Mr. Edson spoke to the teachers on "Teaching Appreciation of the Radio in Schools." Miss Griffin spoke on "Teaching Appreciation in the School for Photo Play."

Each English teacher gave a brief summary of the year's work.

## Seniors Select Supers

Those aged spinsters and bachelors of wisdom and education, generally referred to as seniors or diploma getters reached down to the unfathomed depths of their mental recollection and with many a scribble and "who did you put" segregated from their co-sufferers their idols of superlatives.

Leading with the "Charlie McCarthy" award in witticism Eveline Loney also was their ideal of the best all round girl. Co-starring with Eveline is "Snappy Comeback" Thomas Easterling who is left holding the bag containing gawdiness and talent.

Dillard (Snow White) Bulluck without one of his so-famous chapel speeches, copped the position of best all round boy, best sport and most athletic.

Emulating to the letter the traits of Venus, Norma Dozier also finds herself the most popular fem.

President Nelson O'Quinn leads in

## Among Selected Schools to Feature in Speech Contests There This Week-end

At the first annual North Carolina High School Speech and Debate tournament which is to be held in Wake Forest Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, Rocky Mount high school will be represented by Teddy Poplin and Marjorie Hollowell, the affirmative debate team, and Bessie Rollins and Frances Keel, the negative debate team. William Bennett and Catherine Gill, the affirmative alternates, and Elwood Orr and Lenora Berk, the negative alternates, will also make the trip. No one has announced intentions of taking part in the oratory and the extemporaneous speaking, therefore Rocky Mount will probably have no representative in either of these contests.

### Prizes Offered

To the winning debate team at this tournament, a beautiful eighteen-inch loving cup will be presented. Medals will be given to the best debater, and to the winner of the oratory and extempore speaking contests certificates of distinction will be given to the ten best debaters, to the schools advancing to the finals, and to the second and third place winners in the contests.

The tournament will differ from the state triangular debates in that the judges will give oral criticisms, thereby letting participants know why they won or lost. The purpose of the tournament is to encourage better debating and to get away from "canned" speeches. Judging will be done by college debate coaches, thus insuring expert judging. Invitations to the tournament was limited to Group I Standard High Schools, thus permitting larger and stronger schools to compete against schools of their own standard rating.

The tournament offers debate conscious schools another chance to debate as it does not conflict with the state triangular debates which were held March 31; nor does it require additional work as the same query is used. The query is resolved that "the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain." The finals will be broadcasted over WPTF, Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

## Glee Club To Go To Greenville

The Rocky Mount high school chorus will make its only trip this spring on April 28 to a concert festival held in Greenville at the Eastern Carolina Teachers' College.

The event will become an annual affair, this being its first year of existence. The festival is under the direction of Dean Tabor of E.C.T.C. and was organized by H. T. Parry, vocal director of R.M.H.S.

Various schools over Eastern Carolina will be represented at the festival, each rendering four selections. Two of the four which the Central Hi glee club will give are: "Steal Away" by Novel Cain, and "Morning" by Oley Speaks.

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comeliness and co-occupies the position of most school spirited with Phillis Peritt.

Lillian "Scoop" Bell is considered as best sport and most athletic.

Betsy Powell rides to fame in the art of taktiveness and flirtiness. Whether it's his talking or not William Glover doesn't run second to Betsy in her fair art.

Indulging in the flair and flourish of color and dress are Betty Warren Savage and Billy Young.

In the lives of "you first" and other such courtesies are Betsy Owen and D. B. Powell.

The lad and lassie of wisdom and intellect, Paul Mooring and Stella Johnson catch the public eye as does the talented Ethel Tyree.

Catherine Breland and Paul Mooring have diligently pursued the course set by the title of most studious.