

IEWS and REVIEWS

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Now that the excitement of newly elected Class officers is over, the four Classes will settle down and begin their activities of the second semester. These officers have a more difficult job now that the Classes may meet every week during Group Guidance. With this more difficult job also comes the opportunity for better Class meetings, more Class projects, and a feeling of Class spirit. For the first time in our high school history, there is the opportunity for a Class to become a unit and feel close to your classmates as you do toward your home room friends.

The Class is an important division of the Student Organization. While the Homeroom Division is the basic one, and the General Division has the most prestige, the Class division has a definite place in the student organization.

Class Promotes Purpose

As an important part of the Student Organization, there are excellent opportunities to carry out the purpose of the Student Organization.

There are many ways for students to be democratic citizens. One way is to give the speakers, teachers, and students your full attention during Group Guidance. Another way is to participate in class projects by accepting committee assignments, by supporting projects through intelligent votes, and by boosting the school on all occasions.

There are many ways students can practice FOLLOWSHIP in their Group Guidance or class meetings. One way is to practice a few of the suggestions or ideas which are presented to you. They are sound, good ideas or they would not be given to you.

The main social activity of the second semester, except for the senior class, will be the Spring dances. The benefits of these dances will not just be the pleasure of attending them. These benefits will include the knowledge and the enjoyment which the students, who plan the dances, will gain.

A Challenge To You

Remember that the individual student is what is important in every class. In order to make your class important, be a democratic citizen—a good FOLLOWER, co-operate with your officers and show them loyalty and respect.

Organization Pictures Made For Hi-Noc-Ar

During the past three weeks the Hi-Noc-Ar staff has been busy getting pictures made of various clubs, officers of spring and fall semesters, and the band and choir. Due to the weather, schedules have been made and cancelled and set for other days.

Neal Adkins Organizes New Boys' Gun Club

Supervising the new and very popular gun clubs, this year is Mr. Neal Adkins. There are two clubs, a junior club composed of freshmen and sophomores, and a senior club for junior and senior members. The enrollment is all boys. When the club was first announced, 70 boys signed up for the junior club, but the membership had to be narrowed down to an approximate 40.

The remaining 30 boys joined the newly formed dramatics club, advised by Mr. Edson. The senior club now has 24 members.

The Gun Club, to the individual, would probably mean a club in which the boys practice shooting, but these clubs are entirely different. They teach the boys the mechanics or fundamentals of different types of guns. Each week one of the members of Mr. Adkins, brings a gun to dis-assemble and put back together again. In this way they become acquainted with the various types of guns and the parts of each. In studying about guns, the boys have been taught safety in the use of them in the woods when hunting, at home, and in a crowd of people. They also learned how to fall with a gun, which is very important.

High School Students Introduce 'Teen Time'

Have you heard your name on the radio yet? If you have, you probably heard it over Teen Time which comes on Friday over WC-EC at 4:00 p. m.

Bo Thorpe, acting as Master of Ceremonies, and Fay Grady and Kay Saunders have a very interesting program. Kay gives the highlights of the weeks news around RMHS. Fay Grady gives the latest gossip and Bo tells of the sports.

The three top tunes of the week as voted by the high school are played and dedicated to different members of the school. There is usually a guest speaker, either teacher or student, giving comments on some matter of importance.

Class Officers Chosen

Officers have been elected by the four classes to serve for the second semester.

Those officers in the freshman class are Elsie Williams, president; Marvin Ward, vice president; Janet Spain, secretary; Elizabeth Vann, treasurer. In the sophomore class, Mary Wilkinson, president; Betty Hedgepeth, vice president; Mary Ruth Divine, secretary; Edward Hallford, treasurer and Clarando Mangum, parliamentarian.

The junior class elected Gene Williams, president; Lloyd Thrower, vice president; Shirley Robbins, secretary; Clay Daughtridge, treasurer; Harold Harper was elected president of the senior class with George Harris, vice

president; Margaret Boone, secretary; Anne Zimmerman, treasurer.

RMHS Supports 'March Of Dimes'



The above students—Shirley Robbins, Billy Cooper, Joyce McNeely—are members of the Senior Club, which sponsored the March of Dimes Campaign in high school.

Service Club Collects Students' Donations

Over the intercommunication system last Tuesday a program was given with the highlight being a transcription of George Newby's voice urging the support of the March of Dimes campaign.

Because North Carolina's funds have been exhausted the need is great. The goal for RMHS was \$400. Each student was given a card board container with a place for five dimes. They were urged to bring all they could for the worthy cause.

The annual drive for the March of Dimes in RMHS was conducted from Tuesday through Friday of last week. The Service Club was asked by the local polio foundation to sponsor the campaign in the high school. This was the first project of the second semester for the Service Club.

H. Conover To Choose Jr.-Sr. Beauty Queen

Following the custom of the past four years, the Blackbird Staff has chosen a celebrity to select the beauty queen who will be crowned at the annual junior-senior in May. The staff this year has chosen Harry Conover of Conover Modeling Company, New York City, and they have received his letter of acceptance to be the judge.

Conover was brought to attention of the staff by a member of the staff who secured an annual from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Conover had chosen sixteen campus beauties. He offered modeling jobs to one or two of the chosen girls. This influenced the staff in its selection of Conover for judge.

Judges for the past four years have been Alan Ladd, Al Capp, Billy Rose, and Charlie Justice.

Departmental Projects Featured At Jan. PTSA

Departmental information was featured at the Rocky Mount high school PTSA program held January in the high school auditorium.

The teaching of art in the grammar schools and the high school was reported on by Miss Doris Meekins, local art teacher. Grace Dew and Julia Robinson gave talks on art as a subject.

Alice Barnes and Virginia Gray, pupils of Miss Hazel Worsley, represented the piano department with piano solos.

Miss Addie Lee Meador told of her work with students who had speech defects.

An art display, presented by the biology department, was shown at the meeting. The display made up of soap carvings from the National Soap Carving Committee contained 100 pieces. One of these carvings was done by Anne Stevens, former RMHS student.

A large crowd attended the meeting.

Future Teacher Club Selects New Name

Last year one read of the activities of the Future Teachers Organization in the school. This year this organization has taken on a new name, The Musettes. This title finds its origin in the name of the sponsors of the Future Teachers, which in this district is the Mu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma, a national fraternity for teachers.

Old and new members of this organization convened at the home of Betty Anne Cross for the purpose of electing officers on January 17. Officers elected for the new year are Betty Anne Cross, president; Emily Baker, vice president; Julia Jordon, secretary; Mary Jo McKinney, treasurer.

The time of meetings was set for the second Monday night in each month.

Ann Steven's Carving Entered In Competition

Ann Steven's carving of a horse's head has been selected and submitted for the traveling exhibit in the 23rd Annual Soap Sculpture Competition, sponsored by the National Soap Sculpture Committee.

This contest is entered annually by thousands of persons—young and old—who compete for cash prizes donated by Proctor and Gamble of Cincinnati. First, second and third prizes as well as honorable mentions are made. The prizes range from 250 to 50 dollars.

This collection of sculptures carved from white soap was on display in the biology room 200 until January 30. It was opened to the public and was visited by the PTSA, eighth grades of each elementary school, a Girl Scout Troop, high school biology and art classes, and the colored high school art classes were invited to visit the display if they desired.

These annual competitions are entered by only a small number of the hundreds of thousands who follow this hobby with widely differing degrees of proficiency and talent but with equal enjoyment and delight. It offers a medium for self-expression, at such small cost and with so few necessary tools, that everyone, no matter how limited his budget, can afford to try his hand at and obtain both satisfaction and enjoyment. Entry blanks for the 24th Annual contest are obtainable at the offices of the National Soap Sculpture Committee, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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