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VIEWS and REVIEWS

by Shirley Robbins

"Miss Starlight" was held to make money for the Students Organization. The Student Organization, which works for the good of every student in school, needed money for its extremely low treasury.

Approximately $200 profit was made from "Miss Starlight," but there were other benefits from this performance which are more important than the amount of money collected.

The choir supplied about 50 students who were the actors in the musical comedy. The Edsonian Dramatic Organization built the scenery. The Art Department painted the many beautiful posters to be distributed up town to advertise the production. Mr. Parry taught the singing. Mrs. Lundy taught the dancing. Mrs. Kramer supervised the stage setting. Miss Murchinson coordinated these parts for the finished product.

This willing co-operation from so many students, departments, and teachers made "Miss Starlight" a model project in co-operation. Co-operation such as this makes a better school in which the students feel they are really a part.

Better citizenship through co-operation would be a good slogan, since co-operation is the key word for our Student Organization.

The group was very proud to sponsor a project which was so successful and which tends to improve our school spirit.

It has been suggested that a musical comedy be an annual affair. It certainly would be a worthwhile project for our school.

The adience behavior, too, was excellent and everyone is to be congratulated on the active participation as actors, directors, and observers.

Locals Take Debates From Kinston Students

Rocky Mount high school debaters took both ends of a doubleheader from Kinston's Grainger high school on March 30, 1951. The annual dual and triangular debates are sponsored by the North Carolina high school debating union.

The query for this year's debate was: Resolved that the American people should reject the welfare state. Local stdents participating were Donald Rooker and Nancy Jane Harper for the affirmative and Helen Walters and Jimmy Pierce for the negative. The RMHS negative team debated in Kinston while the affirmative team played host in Rocky Mount.

After the debates, the teams in both towns were honored at luncheons in the home economics department of both the schools.

Mr. Ralph Gorham, RMHS debating coach announced that the debaters will travel to the district contest later on this month.

Edsonians Enter Chapel Hill Contest

—photo by James Reid, Barringer Studio

Above is pictured a scene from the contest play 'Ashes of Roses'. Left to right are Barbara Rowland, Carol Wiggins and Fay Reynolds.

'Ashes Of Roses,' 'Cracked Ice' Given

Students from the Edsonian Dramatics department presented two plays, "Ashes of Roses," and "Cracked Ice," at the State Drama Festival held in Chapel Hill last week.

Julia Jordon received first place on posters and Peggy Deitzel won second place.

Grace Dew took second place in costume designs and Bobby Matthews received a second on his stage model of the R M H S auditorium stage.

"Ashes of Roses" was awarded an honorable mention. This play was written by Constance D'Arcy Mackaye and all her works are well known for the beauty she places in them. "Ashes of Roses" depicts an incident in the life of the famous English actress Kitty Clive. The setting is in London one spring night in 1741 in the theatre dressing room of Kitty Clive.

The members of the cast were Kitty Clive, Barbara Rowland; Horace Walpole, Bruce Miller; Phyllis, Faye Reynolds, Roxane, maide to Mistress Clive, Carol Wiggins.

Along with the hard work of getting the exhibits ready, modeling costumes, putting on plays and observing the work of others, the students, from all reports, managed to have a great deal of fun. The plays were held at sessions in the morning, afternoon and at night.

The girls all roomed at Nash Hall. They ate at such places as "Port Hall," "Coffee Shop," and at "Danziengers," a little German Sweet Shop.

The students and Mrs. Kramer worked hard and spent many hours to obtain these honors and should be highly praised.

DE Club Has Banquet

Distrubutive Education students of RMHS presented a short play, explaining the various phases of merchandising as studied by them when they held their second annual DE banquet at Buck Overton's on the evening of April 2.

The play, entitled, "The Court of Customer Complaints" was given entirely by the students. Characters were judge, Tommy Powell; clerk, Colin Sholar; Mr. Clam, Jack Davis; Miss Lost, Doris Blanford; Gertie Gossip, Docky Carmichael; Mr. Indifferent, Randolph Sellers; Susie Snooty, Mildred Fredrick; Mr. Layon, Linwood Barkley; Miss Never Know, Charlotte Brown; Mr. You Are Wrong, Bobby Matthews; Miss Eva Careless, Mary Eva Howell.

Helen Wells, DE student named winner in a speech contest held recently in Greensboro, explained the different activities of the course.

In her talk she stated that 26 students, working part time have earned $8,779.67 since the middle of last September. The students have classroom instruction part of every day and then spend 15 hours a week on the job in the different business establishments.

She urged all employers who can possibly hire DE students to do so.

Floyd Ganious, presdent of the DE class, presided at the meeting and Colin Sholar conducted the devotion.

Kay Finch Competes In Oratorical Contest

Kay Finch, RMHS junior, won the state finals of the American Legion Oratorical Contest held in Albermarle, N.C.

Kay has received numerous other honors in high school this year. She won the "I Speak for Democracy" contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. She served on the Community Chest speakers board. She was also appointed by the Sudent Organization as a delegate to the Eastern District Student Council Congress held in Wilmington,

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John Sloan Presents Liquid Air Experiment

Mr. John Sloan's experiments with liquid air were exciting and enlightening. Some students, especially those on the first few rows, probably classed themselves as dangerous also. Mr. Sloan started the program off with a bang and these "bangs" were heard quite frequently throughout the program.

He explained how to make liquid air and some of the uses and then went into his experiments, which included everything from frying eggs on ice to driving nails with a banana hammer. He froze all types of foods and articles, shot guns and burst balloons.

This was the last of the varied and interesting paid assemblies students have witnessed this year.

East Carolina Holds Annual Senior Day

Interested seniors of RMHS visited East Carolina Teachers College April 6, Senior Day, to participate in an interesting and varied program. The program for the visitors was planned to give high school seniors a glimpse of varied activities on the campus and to asquaint them with the purposes and ideals of the college. The day's events included a tour of the campus grounds and buildings where special exhibits were on hand. An opportunity was given the seniors to see the college nursery and kindergarten, to observe student teaching, to visit dormitories, and to see the Air Force ROTC unit drill.

Included in the afternoon program was a barbecue luncheon.

Talent Claims Reward

The RMHS glee club unler the direction of Harold T. Pary, and the Roanoke glee club unler the direction of J. P. Parker, vill give a concert Thursday night at 8:15 in the Rocky Mount high school auditorium. The combind choirs will be conducted by the well-known Dr. Karl V. Gilbrt.

The following numbers will be sung by the Roanoke Rapids Glee Club, "Let There Be Music," "Salvation Is Created," "Hking Song," and "Thanks Be To God." These numbers will be sung by the RMHS glee club "Ave Maria" "Where In the World But In America," "Into the Night," and "Invictus." The choirs together wil sing "This Is My Country," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Tadamus Te," "Monastery Garden," "Mighty Fortress," and "Gloria in Excellis."

The members of the choirs are looking forward to this big event. From all reports the program should be an entertaining one. The admission is sixty cents for adults and thirty cents for students.

Music Club Bids Given

Worthington Hobbs, Dickie Collins, Grace Daniels, and Nancy Parry received bids to the Junior Music club last week.

The club, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Woman's club, is composed of students who are both talented and interested in music and it meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the home of one of its members.

Each year the Junior Music club presents a $25 scholarship to a senior member of the club who plans to major in music at college. This student must be selected by a committee as the one most worthy of the award. Clyde Straughn is the winner of this year's scholarship.