

## Newsees

### FHA CONVENTION HELD

Three RMHS girls attended the State Future Homemakers of America convention in High Point, N. C., on April 21.

These girls — Dot Williams, Jean Griffin, and Margie Williams— are members of the Rocky Mount chapter of the FHA. Miss Josephine Grant, adviser to the club, accompanied the girls.

If you happen to be up on the third floor any time soon, take a peek at the Home Ec living room. The FHA provided the funds for the purchase of new drapes which students of second year Home Ec made as a part of their year's study.

The drapes are peach and aqua on a background of rich brown.

Officers of the club are Charlotte Leonard, president; Margie Williams, vice president; Katherine Parker, secretary; Julia Jordan, treasurer.

The group is advised by Miss Josephine Grant.

### DANCE THEME SHOEN

Circus time is coming around! Yes, that's right! It's the theme for the annual RMHS Spring Dance to be held April 27. The Social Committee, headed by Barbara Land, has completed the plans. Sub-committee chairmen are Katherine Speight, refreshments; Velna Motley, invitations; Grace Dew, decorations; Albert Rabil, Jr., entertainment. Other members of the committee are Betty Ann Cross, Janet Fulcher, Edith Johnson, Edward Halford, Albert Rabil, Bobby Grimes, Virginia Gray, Emily Ryals, Edward Johnson, Frances Riddle, and Dick Gregory.

Bids for distribution to the students are to be given home-room teachers the day before the dance.

### LOCAL TALENT FEATURED

Local talent is to be featured at the May meeting of the Junior Music club. Emily Baker, Sylvia Pullen and Miss Beryl Joyner are to take part on the program.

This is the one meeting of the year which is open to the public. Frances Dunn, president of the club, has issued an invitation to all interested RMHS students. This meeting is to be held May 7 in the Episcopal Parish House at 8:15.

### FRENCH EXAMS GIVEN

National French exams were given the first and second year French students during the week of April 9-13.

This exam is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. The best paper from each class is to be turned into the National Contest where they will be judged along with prize winning papers of other high schools throughout the Nation.

The winners from RMHS will also receive a bronze medal for achievement in French I and French II.

Joyce McNeely was high scorer in French I.

## Is That Your Middle Name??



Shown above are several seniors receiving calling cards. All are members of Miss Vauses' homeroom. Photo by Barringer

### Carl Stough Presents Musical Assembly

Friday the 13th, turned out to be a lucky day for students and teachers alike at RMHS for in assembly they were honored to have Carl Stough and Mrs. Adam Thorpe who entertained with a musical program.

Carl Stough, director of music at the First Presbyterian Church, sang several selection, all about love. The first was an early opera, written in German. "Celia" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" were sung also. Each song was a little later dated than the one preceding until he came to the more modern "Surry with the Fringe on Top" and the top hit tune of the nation, "If."

But that wasn't all by any means. A group of RMHS boys, several of whom are very shy, made their musical debut. They thrilled the audience with their version of "Nothing Like a Dame", directed by Stough.

### Committee Announces Slate Of S O Officers; Voting To Be May 2

Members of this year's nominating committee composed of Dick Gregory, Charlotte Leonard, Jimmy Selby, Mary Wilkinson and Ellen Williams, met on Monday and Wednesday of last week and drew up a slate of officers for the next year's Student Organization.

After much thought and consideration they chose for president, Gene Williams and Billy Cooper; vice president, Donald Rooker and Preston Bradshaw; secretary, Emily Baker and Fay Finch.

The nominations were announced yesterday and petitions can be circulated until four o'clock tomorrow. The campaigning will last one week.

May 2 is scheduled for the day of voting by the student body, and then, if necessary, a revote will be taken on May 3.

### RMHS Musette Club Observes Grade Pupils

Musette members have been observing teaching in grammar schools and high schools for the purpose of getting the reaction of certain age groups and to see actual teaching in the age group of their choice.

Each future teacher was excused from a class for a day a week. At the last meeting of the club students reported on what they learned.

The Musettes also went to the first grades just before Easter and played games with the children and told them stories.

Each month a retired teacher is visited by a Musette and carried a gift. This gives the student contact with people who have gone through a career they are planning to enter. Also each week a member visits Eleanor Peele, and George Newby is remembered by the group.

The club members are Carolyn Ellis, Emily Baker, Nancy Harper, Betty Anne Cross, Helen Walters, Mary Jo McKinney, Anita Williamson, Margaret Moore Eason, Joyce McNeely, Charlotte Leonard, Sylvia Pullen, Sarah Williamson, Margie Williams, Shirley Anderson, Betty Jean Pullen and Patsy Moore.

The adviser of the group is Miss Jesse Johnson.

### Frosh Present Frolic

Hay stack invitations announced the annual Freshman Frolic which was held last Friday night in the gymnasium from 8 until 11.

The gym was decorated with flowers and greenery and the hill billy theme was carried out. Pepsi-cola, doughnuts, peanuts, potato chips, and cookies were served to the guests. The program was presented by talented freshmen.

## Seniors Choose Play

"Men are Like Streetcars" has been chosen for this year's senior play to be given in the high school auditorium.

This selection is a new, farce comedy. Its plot deals with the affairs of a group of sub-debs. Maudie, the sub-deb heroine, has advice to offer all her friends; she counsels them in affairs of the heart and the techniques they develop give rise to many amusingly complicated situations. Involved in the plot are Sylvia, the older sister whose affairs eventually turn out very happily, Joy, the unattractive cousin who finally gets her man, three typical young sub-debs, their mothers, and their suitors. Maudie's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, and the maid also add flavor to the

solution of the plot.

Members of the senior class who were interested in taking part in this production tried out. Those securing parts and their roles are Margaret Boone, mother; Robert Burgess, Dad; Fay Reynolds and Barbara Rowland, daughters; Carol Wiggins, a cousin; Blanche Wilkins, Sarah Joyner, and Betsy Carr, Maudie's friends; Frances Dunn, Mrs. White; Hazel Rawls, Mrs. Allen; Barbara Land, Mrs. Day; Joe Beard, Maudie's part time steady; Jimmy Carter and Bobby Chandler, Sylvia's friends; Barbara Fulghum, the maid and John Page, chi, any girl's steady.

Rehearsals started Monday night and committees have begun their tasks. The profits of this annual affair will go to the senior class treasury.

## Jr.-Sr. Theme Made Known

Spring has arrived in Rocky Mount high school and with it comes the annual Junior Senior. This year a dinner dance, using a Spanish fantasy theme, will be held at the Benvenue Country club, May 4.

The highlight of the program is the announcement and coronation of the beauty queen at approximately 10:15. The rest of the program and figure follow.

The Blackbird is again sponsoring the beauty contest. This year Harry Conover of Conover Modeling agency acted as judge. The candidates for queen are Ann Bailey, Nancy Bartholomew, Anne Bulluck, Bruce Carr, Alice Joyner, Sara Joyner, Faye Reynolds, and Blanche Wilkins. The juniors who are running for members of the court or Maid of Honor are Jane Allsbrook, Betty Lou Davis, Jean Cooper, Becky Griffin, Tamara Holliday, Ann Page, Norma Pittman and Dot Whitley.

### Figure Presented

Immediately after the crowning a program will be presented for the queen. Then the figure will be presented in honor of the queen. Approximately 75 people will be in the figure. The dinner dance will last from 7:30 to 1:00.

Co-chairman for the decorations committee are Kay Finch and Buddy Edmondson. Miss Riddle is the adviser. The other members of the committee are George Rose, Julia Robinson, Peggy Dietzel, Billy Overton, Billy Powell, Cavelle Batchelor, Bernard Taylor, Billy Littleton, Julia Jordon, and Joyce McNeely. The co-chairmen of the program committee are Emily Baker and Preston Bradshaw with Miss Bond the adviser. Other members of the committee are Virginia Gray, Charles Lundy, Margaret Eason, Mary Jo McKinny, Bobby Owen, Sylvia Pullen, Edgar Bulluck, Tommy Avent, and Billy Cooper. The co-chairmen of the invitations committee are Peggy Ward and Rob Ned Brannock with Mrs. Gorham the adviser. Other members of the committee are Billy Rawls, Jean

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## A Tribute To A Friend

On the high school campus the flag flew at half mast for two days of last week and the city schools closed from 10:30 until 1:30 on Thursday as a tribute to Mr. J. C. Braswell, a prominent banker and a man of varied interests, who served as chairman of the city school board for many years.

The vacancy made by the death of Mr. Braswell leaves his home, his community, his church, and his school with a feeling of deep loss and of keener appreciation for the contributions he made to them. So it is with humility that Rocky Mount's school system paused in its daily schedule to pay a tribute to this friend.