

Tom Avera Appears In RMHS Assembly

Rocky Mount high school students had a taste of Broadway last Friday when an assembly featuring Tom Avera was presented by local talent.

Tom had a lead in the musical Oklahoma and has worked on television and radio and is now planning a trip abroad. Tom is not the only talented one in his family, his sister Frances also entertained the student body with several songs. Dick Johnson sang a song "What Can I Do" which he wrote that was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

Frances and Dick Johnson sang songs including "Baby It's Cold Outside" and "Whopee."

Mr. Avera played and sang a few songs which were popular when he attended Rocky Mount high school and also a more recent one from the musical "Call Me Madam," entitled "You're Just In Love" accompanied by his sister Frances.

A special feature of the program was the audience participation number in which four teachers and four high school boys gave a special version of the waltz.

RM Students Plan For HS Play Day

Announcing! The State AAA High School Play Day, an event to be held at High Point, North Carolina, April 28! Approximately thirty-six girls from Rocky Mount high school will attend. A chartered bus is to be made available and any girl in high school who is interested may attend.

There will be team sports, such as basketball and softball, track meets and individual sports.

The program planned is varied and offers opportunity for fun. Those who are interested in attending this event are asked to contact Mrs. Bill Lundy before tomorrow.



Janet Mellor Clicks

Click, Click, Click, sound the typewriter keys! This is not a strange sound to members of the journalism class. To them it is a symbol of the work industrious Janet Mellor turns out.

Janet is a very important mainstay of the Blackbird Staff. Without her the staff would have trouble in setting up the dummy for the paper, at least, it means that without her the dummy would not be the neat work that it is. Janet types the assignments after they have been corrected by Mrs. Young and rewritten by the students. These articles are the ones that are brought in after the other work has been sent to the typing class.

In addition to her work as typist Janet occupies the position of News Editor on the Blackbird Staff. She is an active member of homeroom 202.

Janet also holds down a job in the afternoons and on Saturday and often she baby sits for her boss when he and his wife wants to go out.

Dependable, pleasant, always willing, and never so busy that she doesn't take time to help out. That's Janet.

Junior-Senior Theme

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Cooper, Bobby Harper, Janet Mellor, Donald Rooker, Tommy Slater, Randolph Sellers, Carolyn Ellis, Norma Pittman, and Jean Strickland. Co-chairmen of the refreshments committee are Thelma Lancaster, and Marian Harris with Miss Grant the adviser. Other members of the committee are Charlotte Leonard, Anita Williamson, Silas Weeks, Bonnie Bunn, Jimmy Armstrong, Dot Whitley, Jimmy Shine, R. G. Capps, and Ed Bandy. Co-chairmen of the Music and Figure committee are Johnie Shelton, Albert Rabiell, Worth Hobbs, and Becky Griffin with Miss Gurley the adviser. Other members of the committee are Jimmy Smith, Sue Franks, Neil Williams, Marjorie Williams, Pat Ryan, M. H. Pridgen, and Velna Motley.

Finch Loses Contest To Virginia Speaker

Kay Finch, RMHS junior, spoke in the American Legion Oratorical Contest held recently. She reached the regional finals held in Greensboro, N. C., on April 11, and there she was defeated by one point.

Kay was defeated by Jeanne-Mann Dickinson, a senior of Roanoke high school in Roanoke, Virginia. Also competing in the contest was Herman Hill of Lancaster, S. C.

After winning the regional finals Jeanne-Mann Dickinson, competed in the semi-finals in Atlanta, Ga., where she won. Going on to Richmond, Va., she won the National finals, receiving a \$4,000 scholarship to the school of her choice.

'Miss Print' Becomes 'Mrs. Print'; Wed Sat.

"Miss Print" of Rocky Mount high school becomes a Mrs.

Joyce Proctor a short, green eyed brunette, has now changed her name to Mrs. Jack Thomas. Joyce was wed to Jack Thomas a former student of RMHS last Saturday night. She is a majorette and also participates in other high school activities.

Joyce received the title of "Miss Print" last fall. Will she now be known as "Mrs. Print?"

Park, Scene Of Picnic

The Good Sports club will honor all athletes of Rocky Mount high school with a picnic at Riverside Park on April 26.

This picnic is given annually as part of the much earned reward for the honor they have brought to the school. The entertainment for the affair will be furnished by the newly elected Good Sports club members.

Barnes, Lowder Shine

Alice Diehl Barnes and Carolyn Lowder, piano pupils of Miss Hazel Worsley, received a grade of "excellent" in the Music Contest at E C T C in Greenville, N. C.

They were chosen to represent the Rocky Mount District. Alice Diehl represents the senior high school and Carolyn, the junior high school.



AS I HEARD IT

—By—
JEAN COOPER

Ahoy, Mates! The time is drawing nigh! Yes, the blessed event is soon to take place! What am I talking about? Why the Junior-Senior, of course. It won't be long now either. The committees are busy as bees in a tar bucket trying to make this the biggest and best yet. Both the boys and girls are looking forward to this annual affair, and although some are still waiting for their ship to come in, many have dates. Gosh! All the excitement in the air!

While there is anxiety about that, there is also an increasing amount about the fact that reports will be distributed soon. This six weeks has been a sluggish one for most of us, and well—you know what I mean. We'd all appreciate it if the teachers would be so kind as to forget to make them out at all.

By the way, if something should happen to swoop by, knock you gently topsy-turvy, and leave your mouth with the lower lip touching the ground, don't be alarmed. It's just a junior or a sophomore girl (or it could be a boy) learning to drive, or trying to prove to the world and themselves, too, that they've received their driver's

license. The lightning-like streak, bumping gracefully down the road, is either Virginia Gray or Marie Tyler, so watch out, pedestrians! (Get the point).

What do you think of this business about the firing of MacArthur by President Truman? This was the question asked several of the RMHS students. These were some of the answers. Barbara Drake says "I don't think he should have done it." "Don't ask me" said Marland Reid as he scratched his head. Freddie Lee "doesn't think it is right," and Claranda Mangum thinks "President Truman is plumb crazy." Katherine Dove had no comment and Robert Varnell says "It's undemocratic." Other students passed opinions, but Becky Griffin summed it all up with "I don't think any of us really know the true facts."

Did you know that:

Shirley Robbins and Gene Williams visited relatives in Winston-Salem last week-end?

Ann Bulluck was a sponsor at the Lamba Chi Alpha fraternity dance in Durham Friday night.

Sara Joyner attended a fraternity dance in Chapel Hill last week end?

Jessie Reid went to Durham one Saturday not long ago?

Tam Holliday attended the Washington, N. C., Junior-Senior last weekend?

Jimmy Carter was Kiwanis Boy of the month.

It's high time I was shutting up? Well, I'll be sailing along until another day.

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