



Rabil 'shoots' himself.

—Photo by Albert Rabil, Jr.

Camera 'Bug' Gets Rabil; Hi-Noc-Ar Features Work

A quick flash of light! It was just a flashbulb pop from the RMHS famous cameraman, Albert Rabil, Jr. The popular editor of the 1952 Hi Noc Air addicted to the camera "bug" itch.

For the past four years Albert has followed this well-known hobby of his with the interest that only a born photographer could show. Starting out with only a box camera, he now has a folding camera and a Speed Graphic and other equipment of which he is very proud.

Not only does Albert have his own cameras but he also has a well-equipped darkroom in the basement of his newly built home in West Haven. There he does his own developing of film. He enlarges and prints his pictures also. Almost since he was bitten by the camera "bug", Rabil has been more or less interested in his own darkroom.

Albert has often hinted at photography as an occupation but always greets you with the idea that it will not be his means of livelihood after finishing school. However, he is whole-heartedly interested in commercial photography and also in scenic black and whites.

'Photo By Rabil' Common Sight

Pictures by Rabil have become well known to the students of Rocky Mount high school and to the people of Rocky Mount and North Carolina. Having his pictures published in the Raleigh News and Observer and the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram is not a rarity: He had his pictures in the Hi-Noc-Ar during his sophomore, junior and now his senior years. The Blackbird has also featured some of Rabil's photographs.

Photography by no means takes up all of Albert's time. He has a complete wood-working shop and a small coin collection. He is an Eagle Scout of Troop 11 and is the holder of the God and Country award.

Speaking to Rabil about his hobbies he said, "I don't have very much time to spend with any hobbies now except photography. It seems to hold all of my interest for the present." Of his interest and ability for photography keeps on increasing. Albert will more than likely become one of the outstanding photographers of this section.

Modern Girls Lead In Poll Among Boys

With the approaching of Valentine Day many boys will be giving a lot of thought to the question, "Will you be my Valentine?" What kind of girl will she be, the old-fashioned type or the modern type?

In a poll taken recently in the halls of RMHS to decide which kind of girl the boys preferred this is what was uncovered.

Fourteen out of twenty boys preferred the modern type of girl. The capable, intelligent, independent, career-minded girl of today has taken the spotlight and the old-fashioned, shy, home loving girl of the past years has been pushed into the background. Also four boys replied that they liked a girl in-between the modern and the old-fashioned.

Some of the answers received when the boys were asked to explain their choices were:

"I'm a modern boy and I want a modern girl!"

"I like the capable type of girl who is broadminded."

"I like any kind!"

"Who wants a shy girl?"

"These are modern times and the girls should be modern too."

"I like them because they're the sweetest girls there ever have been." Here's a tip. There's nothing like the male point of view!"

Grimes Places High

Bobby Grimes, a freshman at the University of North Carolina, has achieved advanced standing in English at the beginning of his studies there.

The students who go there and are placed in advanced courses and make creditable marks are allowed graduation credit for the required courses which they are able to omit. This enables them to take a greater number of electives.



Around the Campus

—by—

BARBARA and BOBBITT



Why are all the girls acting so nice lately? Oh, Valentine Day is coming up! We do hope the boys will take the subtle hints and hand out the boxes of expected (?) candy.

Have you had your fortune told yet? Seems Madame Peggy not only knows all but tells all. She will answer all questions and even inform you when and if you will be married. Brooks Hinson is to be married by her 19 birthday, but Sallie Adams must wait till she is 21. Charlie Putnam is going on a long trip—maybe Florida, huh, Charlie? Join the line to Madame Peggy's and learn your past, present, and future.

Carolyn Ellis had a pajama party recently and we hear they had a wonderful time. Val McMillan is having a p. j. party the fifteenth with around thirty girls attending. This should be some party—we only hope she has some neighbors left after a "night of noise."

R. L. Knowles, Grace Daniels, Donald Rooker, Peggy Ward, and Fred Turnage visited Raleigh to attend the State-Villanova game.

We wish to congratulate Neva Munnerlyn and Joy Jones on their

recent marriages. Neva was married to Dicky Taylor, former Rocky Mount student and star athlete, on January 11. Joy has been married to Bill Johnson since November 25. Best wishes to both couples!

George Patseavouras was a recent visitor to Chapel Hill. He went with Harry Zacharas of Wilson.

Since visiting the "Big City," Sue Gregory, Gordon Wilkinson, and Elizabeth Vann think New York City is the place to go.

The Follies cast seem to be sorry their times are over. We hear there is more rehearsal than work. What with Bernard Taylor wandering in, Richard Byrd singing and the "Harry girls" jumping around, they had a lively time.

We hope all of you get THE Valentine from YOUR VALENTINE!!!!

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