

Newsies

Contest Play Chosen

"Good Medicine," a comedy in one act by Arnold and Burke, has been chosen by the Edsonians for presentation in the dramatic contest in Greenville, March 7-8.

The setting of the play is the poorly furnished living room and office of a doctor, trying to get started in his chosen profession. The plot centers around how he got started and made a big success through the best medicine, honesty.

The cast of three people has not been chosen yet but will be announced at a later date.

Trophies Awarded

Boxes on a table—too small for shoe boxes—too deep to be books—greeted the students of the RMHS Friday before last when they entered the auditorium for their regular assembly. To the delight of this year's football players, the boxes contained trophies which the Good Sports club had decided to give.

The trophies were small miniature football players wearing uniforms of the school colors—black and gold—and each had the jersey number which the player receiving it wore.

Hedgepeth To Preside

Betty Ann Hedgepeth, the vice-president of last year's Junior Music club, will replace Sylvia Pullen as the club's president for the coming year. Ruth Sides is replacing Betty Ann as vice-president and will be next year's president and Alice Diehl Barnes is the new secretary-treasurer, replacing Edgar Bulluck.

The new members of the club attended the monthly meeting held at Ruth Sides' home last Wednesday night.

Choir To Sing

In appreciation for the new robes which the Rotary Club made possible, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Harold T. Parry, will present a program of eight selections to the club at its regular weekly meeting at the New Rick's Hotel next Friday night.

The numbers will be "Now the Day is Over;" "All Through the Night;" "Wandering;" "Auf Weidersehen;" "Sweethearts;" "The Woodchuck Song;" "Dry Bones;" and "Almighty God of Our Fathers."

The selections by the choir will be the feature of the program at the Rotary Club meeting.

Hufham Elected President

Christine Hufham, a sophomore, has been elected president of the North Carolina Y-Teen organization. Christine is a charter member of the local Y-Teen club and is vice-president of the local club.

The State Y-Teen conference was held in Winston-Salem on February 16. There were 110 girls from different parts of the state in attendance.

RMHS Girls Compete For May Queen Title



Smiling happily, Marie Tyler shows some of the personality that helped elect her Azalea Attendant.

—Photo by Albert Rabil, Jr.

Tyler To Represent Nash At Annual Azalea Festival

Marie Tyler, an attractive brown-eyed junior from Rocky Mount high school, will represent Nash County at the fourth annual Wilmington Azalea Festival to be held March 28-29.

Each of the fourteen neighboring counties was asked to select a girl to serve as an attendant to the Princess who will be selected from New Hanover county. The Princess and her attendants must be between 16 and 18 years of age, must attend high school, and must be single.

The attendant from each coun-

ty will be honored at the Princess' Ball and will also ride on a float in the parade. She will also be escorted to the various places of interest in New Hanover county.

Marie is the first girl from Rocky Mount to receive the honor of being elected to the Azalea Festival Court. The other girls nominated were Aileen Griffin, Dot Whitley, Janet Fulcher, Katherine Parker, Joyce McNeely, Sis Livengood, Jean Cooper, and Shirley Robbins.

Marie will leave Rocky Mount on Friday, March 28, and return home late Saturday, March 29.

Students Pledge For Prayer

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:" We the undersigned feel led by the Spirit of God to organize and uphold a morning prayer service for ALL denominations. We feel that the time is at hand for Rocky Mount high school to turn to God." Such is the petition that has been circulated through the high school during the past weeks.

Students here have definitely been benefited by the evangelistic meetings of Bob Finley and the work of "The Call." A demand for a high school prayer service has developed following these two campaigns.

Reverend A. B. Bryan, president of the ministerial association, has been contacted and is doing all he

can to get the ministers to help to get the service started. It is planned to have three meetings a week for the time being. After a trial period, the services will be held more often is possible.

The meetings will be short worshipful periods in which the interested students may lead the meetings in songs, prayers, or short talks. Since plans are not complete, the people who will advise and lead have not been designated.

Any student who wishes to sign a petition and has not had the chance may contact Kay Finch, Billy Cooper, Tommy Avent, or Barbara Coley. Even if some of the students have not signed the petitions and want to attend the meetings, they may.

Miss Sanderson Joins RM Commercial Dept.

A bit of something new hit RMHS when Miss Frances B. Sanderson came to fill a vacancy in the commercial department. She hails from Bath, N. C., and comes here straight from East Carolina College, where she majored in business, to take over for Miss Ann Birkhead, who gave up teaching for a secretarial job at the University in Chapel Hill.

When asked what she planned for the future, she blushed in her own private way and said that she had no specific plans. Murmurs from the back of the room mentioned marriage and boy friends. Who knows ? ? ?

Albert Rabil To Star In Drama 'Wild Rose'

Albert Rabil has been chosen for the leading role of Norman Stafford in the musical comedy "Wild Rose," to be presented April 4.

The setting of the play is in Mrs. Dora Valentine's country home. The plot is a very mixed up affair where everyone is in love with someone else who is not the person he is supposed to be. It all begins when Queen Malens, played by Nancy Eason, wishes her daughter to have the best and so secretly leaves her child in place of Mrs. Valentine's little girl, played by Peggy Alexander. When they grow older, each girl falls in love with one of her own kind. As the musical unfolds, so does the problem which in the end is completely and happily solved.

Others in the cast are Gypsy Joe, Bernard Taylor; Rose Valentine, Jean Cooper; Luther Valentine, Albert Parker; Brenda Stafford, Nancy Leehane; Mrs. Stafford, Christine Hufham; Rose Malena, Velna Motley; Theodore Willingham, Lloyd Thrower; Leone Hastings, Jeannette Holmes; Gladys, a maid, Grace Strange; Keene, a butler, Lewis Booth; Clarabelle and Imogene, guests, Patsy McCauley and Lib Bateman; Zelena and Floretta, gypsy girls, June Cockrell and Mary Ayscue.



ALBERT RABIL, JR.

—Photo by Barringer

Eight Beauties Enter Race For 'Crown'

Who will be the '52 May Queen? Sixteen junior and senior girls have been chosen by their respective classes to compete for the title of queen and the court attendants.

The eight girl candidates selected by the Senior class for this honor are Norma Pittman, Jean Cooper, Jane Allsbrook, Becky Griffin, Ann Page, Betty Lou Davis, Dot Whitley, and Tam Holiday. The eight winning junior girls are Marie Tyler, Janet Fulcher, Mary Avera, Shirley Stone, Elva Griffin, Myra Padgett, Sylvia Crocker, and Joyce Thomas. Portraits of the girls are made by Mrs. Dot Barringer.

Whitcomb To Judge

Judges for the queen are chosen by the staff from some national figure. This year the staff has chosen Jon Whitcomb, well-known commercial artist and illustrator, to act as judge. He accepted on condition that a candid unretouched snapshot of each girl be sent along with the regular portrait. He said they would serve as a guide to what each candidate really looks like. Judges in the past have been Al Capps, Charlie Justice, Alan Ladd, Billy Rose, and Harry Conover.

For the past five years the coronation ceremony, sponsored by the Blackbird, has highlighted the intermission of the annual Junior-Senior dance. The girls who have been chosen as queen during those years are Hazabelle Pearsall, Nancy Yelverton, Robin Arrington, Peggy Edmondson, and Sarah Joyner.

Good Sports Present Statuettes, Issue Bids

Bids to the Good Sports club were issued to eight junior girls during homeroom period, February 8. The girls were Betty Ann Hedgepeth, Neva Taylor, Nancy Parry, Sally Adams, Edwina Jones, Barbara Ann Drake, Beryle Peters, and Frances Riddle.

Originally the club was organized to promote good-will between RMHS and Charles L. Coon high school in Wilson. It now tends to help in all phases of sportsmanship in the school.

Some of the projects of the club are the selling of game ribbons and the annual giving of a supper to all the athletic teams. This year the club presented the members of the football team with statuettes. The statuettes were miniature football players in the local school colors with the number of each individual player in black on the sweaters. On a plaque, at the base of the statuette, are inscribed the letters RMHS.

The new officers for the club are Shirley Robbins, president; Jean Proctor, Vice-president; Thelma Lancaster, secretary; and Sheila Robbins, treasurer.