

Pupils Receive Awards

Career students in RMHS were presented with certificates two weeks ago during activity period. Ray Wilkinson, Program Director for WCEC made the presentation.

The sophomore and junior grades were averaged and the top 25% received the award. Mr. Wilkinson praised these students for their early decision as to their profession and were now working toward that goal.

Those receiving certificates were James Bishop, Gertrude Coggins, Grace Rose, Dot Price, Marvin Thompson, Edwina Jones, Pat Keel, Nancy Eason, Ralph Chason, Sylvia Best, Nancy Haggard, Glenn Daughtridge, Frances Barnes, Daphne Riley, Billy Kilgo, Inez Briggman, Albert Parker, Marilyn Ezzele, Betty Hedgepeth, Richard Price, Richard Edmundson, Gwen Cooper, Barbara Hyman, Wilton Holliday, Bobby Eggleton, Jean Moore, Louis Booth, Clarence Wallace, Lois Little, Doris Ellis, Robert Hardy, Elaine Peters, Agnes Wiggs, Eules Robards, Melba Wallace, Shirley Vaughan, Carolyn Proctor Morris, Carolyn Stancil, Betty Barnes, June Cockrell, Alton Denning, Dorothea Joyner, Margaret Reaves and Betsy Barnes.

Wild Rose A Success; Characters Score Hit

"Wild Rose," a musical comedy, was presented through the combined efforts of the music, dramatic, and physical education departments and the Student Organization on the night of April 4. This was the second try at such a combination and both proved successful.

The stage set was decorated to look like the living room of Mrs. Dora Valentine. The entire program of songs was good but the one that seemed to have lingered is "Love is Like an Automobile." This song was sung by Nancy Leehane, Brenda Stafford; Elizabeth Bateman, Imogene; Pat-sy McAuley, Clarabelle; Albert Parker, Luther Valentine; and Albert Rabil, Norman Stafford.

The other main characters were Val McMillan, Jean Cooper, Christine Hufham, Bernard Taylor, Lloyd Thrower, Jeanette Holmes, Grace Strange, Louis Booth, June Cockrell and Mary Ayscue.

The sponsors of the musical asked for good audience behavior so that the actors could do their best. In the end it turned out that the audience behavior was as good as the actors playing. Both were excellent.

Note New Hair Styles Of The Boys And Girls Around RMHS Campus

Around RMHS new hair styles are as important as a new hat.

With the approaching of hot weather the horse-tail has become very popular with the girls. Barbara Futch and Anna K. McDonald are two who boast these attractive manes.

Marie Tyler and Peggy Dietzel are sure to be cool this summer with their close cropped hair cuts.

Shirley Robbins is another attractive Miss with her hair pulled back with a perky little bow.

Blond hair seems to be becoming popular again. While the girls seem to stick to blond streaks, the boys seem to prefer theirs completely brond.

By the way, the boys aren't taking a backseat in hair styles either. The square cut can be seen on a few. They're also way ahead of the girls in coolness as Charlie Putman demonstrates by his crew cut.

With the hot weather so near, we predict that many girls and boys alike will appear at school with new and shorter hair cuts.

Blackbird Staff

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When this is done, the persons on each page start the layouts. Each article is given a specific place on a page as a complete "blueprint" is made for the printer. Headlines are then made for each article.

The work of laying out the paper usually takes Thursday and Friday. Then the copy and dummy are sent to the publisher where THE BLACKBIRD is printed and is returned the following Tuesday for distribution to subscribers. That's all there is to it—until Thursday when it starts all over again.

In addition to the general laying out of a paper, there are many other jobs which must be done, among them is the solicitation of ads. Advertising pays a large amount of the cost of the non-profitable paper. Yes, the Blackbird is non-profitable.

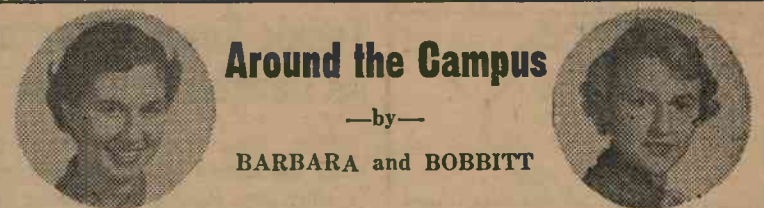
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Around the Campus

—by—

BARBARA and BOBBITT

"Good afternoon, fellow students, this is your roving reporter ready with the Easter news of RMHS. Although Easter was last Sunday most of the students are still discussing what everybody else wore and how nice they looked.

Let's go back to Sunday. Here we are in front of one of Rocky Mount's biggest stores, S. H. Kress, where we will review the passing parade. Wow! Look at Mary Ann Braswell in a stunning navy blue checked taffeta dress. She really can make people stop and look twice. Beryl Peters is wearing a lovely brown suit. Here comes Nancy Parry and Tam Holliday who both have on new suits. Nancy's is natural linen and Tam's is grey. How pretty they are!

Dusters seem to be very popular this season because coming down Main Street we see Alice Barnes and Barbara Ann Kinsaul with new dusters, looking very trim, we must say! Betty Ivey, Elizabeth

Vann, and Peggy Bateman look stylish in their Easter frocks too. There are so many dressed up girls around here you don't even notice the poor boys who put out for the corsages we see.

Well, look who's coming—Miss Mills and Miss McLaughlin. These two teachers are so dressed up that they don't really look like teachers. (Well, how do teachers look?)

A really big crowd is out today with all of their Easter finery. There's Miss Craighill looking stunning. We thought we heard a "Charmant, n'est pas!"

Our time (and space) is about all used up so with this statement we will have to close with a hearty au-revoir!

Ex-Editor Likes Navy

Below are some excerpts from a letter to the adviser of the Blackbird from Jimmy Carter, the 1949-50 editor of the paper, who is now in the navy. "He says "I really like life out at sea. Living on land can never compare with it as far as I am concerned."

At the time of the letter he was

stationed just off the coast of Columbia. He told something about a few of the places he has visited, La Guara, Caracas, and the places around these cities.

He said, "The setting alone for Caracas is enough to make your mouth drop open in wonderment. It is located in a valley that runs east and west and the mountains on all sides are so high that they are capped by perpetual clouds. It is indeed a beautiful city. The city itself could easily be mistaken for a Roman town in the time of Nero in the old section while the new section is more modern than any American city that I have ever seen."

While Jimmy's outfit was in Caracas, they were entertained by the members of the American Colony, which has about 35,000 members. "They gave us a big banquet and a dance for which they furnished girls. Most all of them were Americans although some of them had not been in the states for as many as 15 years." continued Jimmy.

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