



Norma Pittman



Marie Tyler
Maid of Honor



Dot Whitley, Queen



Sylvia Crocker



Mary Avera



Elva Griffin



Janet Fulcher

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Wilkinson Elected President; Third Girl In School's History

Savage, Williams Fill Other Important Jobs

For the first time since 1942 a girl, Mary Wilkinson, will head the executive department of the Rocky Mount high school Student Organization. An outstanding rising senior, Mary was elected when the polls opened on May 1 for the juniors and seniors and May 2 for the freshmen and sophomores.

Officers elected to serve the 1952-1953 term along with Mary were Baxter Savage and Elsie Williams. Baxter, as vice president, will be in charge of all assemblies and fill in when Mary is absent. Elise, following in the footsteps of her brother Charles who was president in 1949-1950 and her sister, Ellen who was secretary in 1950-51, was elected to the post of secretary.

Putnam Petitioned

Mary, the third girl in the history of Rocky Mount high school to hold this office, defeated another rising junior, Tommy Looney, following a spirited campaign headed by Billy Cooper and Tommy's campaign managers. Alice Diehl Barnes withdrew her name from the vice president slate in favor of 1952-1953 Hi-Noc-Ar editorship, but Charlie Putnam was petitioned by the student body to furnish opposition for Baxter. George Farmer

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Senior Class Presents Play, 'A Day In June'

Seniors take to the stage and the night of the annual senior play is fast drawing near. "A Day in June" by Tom Taggart is the play chosen for this year's production.

The plot of the play is centered around getting a formal wedding together in four days. Nancy, played by Thelma Lancaster, and Russ, Johnnie Johnson, are to be the happy bride and groom. The setting is placed in the living room of the Aspenwall home in Lockburn, Ohio.

Other members of the cast are Mrs. Aspenwall, Pat Ryan; Harriett, May Joe Goodwin; Winnie, Carolyn Ellis; Dodie Malone, Johnnie Shelton; Miss Cheevy, Betty Talton, Olga Petrovna, Margaret Moore Eason; Flo Quinn, Virginia Gray; Sue Parker, Peggy Dietzel; Ned Daugherty, Billy Rawls; Fred Grumbine, Donald Rooker; Payton Scott, Edgar Bullock.

Rising Freshmen Visit High School On Tour

High School became a reality and not just something in the future to many rising freshmen as the eighth grades of the five elementary schools visited RMHS last Thursday and Friday.

Following this the Orientation panel, consisting of Theo Pitt, Mary Wilkinson, Shirley Robbins, and Wilton Holiday went to the different schools to explain just how high school works.

Each day freshmen went with the members of the panel to their grammar schools and described their own freshmen experiences. Johnny Hammond returned to Battle, Judy Brewer to Edgemont, Janice Anderson to Bassett, Bobby Wimberly to Wilkinson, and Lois Howell to Braswell. Following the talks given by the panel members, a period for questions and answers was held. Gene Williams acted as moderator of the panel and Miss Kate Parks Kitchen went along to help the student representatives where they needed her.

The tour for the eight grades included the auditorium, the gym, the library, next year's freshmen homerooms and the campus.

Queen Dot Whitley Reigns Over Junior-Senior Prom

Class Of '52 Observes Special Day, May 29

Senior Day, the day all seniors enjoy special privileges and pleasures, will be observed May 29. On that day caps and gowns will be worn by all seniors. A breakfast held at the New Ricks Hotel at which time Mr. and Miss Senior of R M H S. for 1952 will be chosen, and they will start the day with a bang.

Special privileges will be given the seniors on this day. Skipping homeroom, activity period, and study hall and disregarding all traffic regulations will be allowed. All underclassmen must rise when a senior enters a class and he may have the privilege of teaching the class. After an extra half hour for lunch, they will return to a program of homeroom skits of which the best will receive a prize.

Later they will be entertained at a picnic given by the P T S A at Riverside Park, after which they will be the guests of the Center Theater.

Marie Tyler Places High In Royal Court

In hushed stillness broken only by the softened strains of "Make Believe" and the rustling of evening dresses, Donald Bryant announced that Miss Dot Whitley was to reign queen of the Ball. This announcement climaxed the annual Junior-Senior program last Friday night at Benvenue Country Club.

Miss Marie Tyler was picked as runner-up and Maid of Honor to the Queen. Other members of the Court were Misses Janet Fulcher, Sylvia Crocker, Mary Avera, Elva Griffin, and Norma Pittman.

The little flower girls, who preceded the Queen dropping rose petals in her pathway, were Frances Gail Bellis and Jane Walker. Little Frank Harrison acted as Crown bearer to the queen.

Other Contestants Honored

After the coronation by Fred Patton before an improvised throne on the deck of the "Showboat," the other contestants were recognized. They were Misss Jane Alsbrook, Becky Griffin, Tam Holliday, Ann Page, Jean Cooper, Betty Lou Davis Shirley Stone, Myra Padgett, and Mrs. Joyce Thomas.

The queen, wearing a dazzling silver crown, carried an arm bouquet of multi-colored flowers.

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Benvenue Country Club Scene Of Jr.-Sr.

Climaxing the social activities for the school year, the juniors honored the seniors at the annual prom last Friday night at the Benvenue Country Club.

Just as last year the juniors planned a dinner dance beginning

with the serving of juice on the terrace from 7:00 o'clock until 8 o'clock. Then the members of the two classes were invited into the ballroom for the main course consisting of turkey salad, cranberry sauce, potato chips, hot bis-

cuits, iced tea, a dessert of ice cream and cookies. Cookies and punch were served at intermission.

The welcome address was given See "Scene Of Jr.-Sr." Page Four