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## NEWSEES

### Student Reporters

Blackbird reporters, elected by the students and representing the classes, are Pat Alexander, freshman; Johnny Hammond, sophomore; Kay Congelton, junior; and Edwina Moore, senior.

The main job of these reporters will be to assist the staff in getting news about the classes and their activities.

Although the reporters are responsible for bringing in the news, they need help. They have been elected by the students to represent them and without the support of the student body, they cannot succeed in this task. Active cooperation is urged by the staff to make a better and more interesting paper.

### Billy Cooper Honored

Billy Cooper, who was a honor student and a member of the football team last year, has made the Dean's list at college. Billy's a freshmen at Union College, Schenectady, New York. His family is expecting him home for Thanksgiving holidays.

### Comedy Successful

"The Late Christopher Bean" by Sidney Howard was presented by the Edsonians Friday night in the gymnasium. The play, in three acts, was well received by the audience.

Christine Hufham as Abby and Newsome Maples as Dr. Haggett were the leading characters. Valentine McMillan, Mrs. Haggett; Patsy McAuley, Susan Haggett; Grady Gardner, Maxwell Davenport; Suzanne Covington, Tallant; C. V. Childress, Rosen; and Joe Whitehead, Warren Creamer, were the other characters.

## Special Week

### Honors FHA

Tribute was paid to the Future Homemakers of America club during National FHA Week, November 2-3.

Each day of this week was a special one for the members of the local club. Sunday was Church Day. The members attended the North Rocky Mount Baptist church and decorated the altar with red roses, the club flower. On Monday, Publicity Day, club members could be recognized by the badges they wore. Community Day was observed on Tuesday. The members brought in used clothing which was checked and mended and given to a needy family.

School Day was Wednesday. On that day the members wrote letters to a foreign school to promote international good will. Thursday was Family Day. "Families Together" was one of their projects. Each member did something extra special for her family.

The club members observed Fun Day on Friday with a spaghetti supper held at 5:30 P. M. in the homemaking department. The supper, prepared by the club members, consisted of Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, ice cream, and coca colas.

Saturday was Fund Day. Each member worked to make money to pay her share in sending a delegate from this state to the national convention next summer.

Miss Josephine Grant is head of the FHA in RMHS.

## Club Gives RM Freedom Shrine

Photostatic copies of twenty-eight important documents were presented to Rocky Mount by the local Exchange Club, November 5. These copies, in the form of plaques, are called Freedom Shrines, and the Exchange Clubs throughout the country have presented them to their various communities.

Among the plaques presented here were copies of the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, Franklin's Epitaph, Washington's Copy of the Constitution, the B. I. of Rights, Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address, and the United Nation Charter. As these examples indicate, the collection clearly illustrates the heritage and progress which can only be had in a democratic country.

The plaques will be on display in the library after they have been exhibited to the different classes in school. Since the history of America can be studied more vividly and with more interest from the plaques than the familiar textbooks, it is hoped that this collection will be on and off display from time to time as the classes find use for them.

## Lillian Daughtride, 'Miss Print'



Lillian Daughtride, shown above, was crowned Miss Print of 1952-53 after a close contest last week.

## Parker, Second In 52-53 Contest

In a lovely evening dress of blue, Miss Lillian Daughtride, a freshman was crowned Miss Print of 1952-53 in assembly Thursday. Using a background of silver and blue against wine velvet and soft music played by Carolyn Lowder, Jo Ann Windham, co-editor of the Blackbird, crowned Miss Print while Wilton Holliday, co-editor, presented her a huge bouquet of varicolored flowers. Miss Margie Parker, a sophomore, was runner-up. She was presented a nose-gay of lovely flowers tied with varicolored ribbons.

### Second Largest Campaign

Miss Daughtride with the help of her campaign manager, Bill Toler, received a total of 7,288 votes. The runner-up, Miss Parker followed close behind with 7,195 votes. Her campaign manager was Jimmy Lancaster.

The other candidates and their campaign managers were Sally Adams with Ben Williams, Joyce Harris with Fred Harris, Tonya Pennington, with Bobby Daughtride, Mary Jo Mears with John Marriott, Doris Cooper with Jimmy Womble and Barbara Futch with Charne Futtman.

One behalf of Mrs. Young and the Blackbird staff, Jane Edwards, business manager, thanked each candidate, each campaign manager, those who helped in the campaign, and those who contributed to make the campaign a big success this year.

### Contest in Sixth Year

This is the sixth year that the Miss Print contest has been sponsored by The Blackbird to raise money for the paper. Each penny donated counts one vote.

The winners in the passed years were Norma Hunley 1947-48, Dona Jean Capps 1948-49, Nancy Williams 1949-1950, Joyce Proctor Thomas, 1950-51, and Norma Jean Pittman 1951-52.

Miss Print's pictures will appear in the Evening Telegram, News and Observer and the 1952-53 Hi-No-Ar, the school year book.

## Safety Slogan Given

Railroad Crossing Safety Day was observed in the high school last Friday with a program sponsored by citizens of the city. Mr. Jack Bennett, president of the Jaycees, introduced Mr. McDonald, radio announcer. Mr. McDonald stressed the importance of the student's being careful when crossing railroads. He urged them to be more aware of the danger and to keep in mind the slogan, "Safety or Sorrow."

Mr. C. McDavis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was not present, but he sent a message urging the citizens of Rocky Mount to watch and obey the signals at every railroad crossing. Colonel Lantz, commander of the state highway patrol; Officer Herbert Luper, instructor of driving training, spoke to the students also.

Mr. McDonald next introduced Mr. J. C. Clements, chief of the Property Protection Service of the A. C. L., who said that the job of the Service was to protect the property of the railroad.

## Four Delegates Represent School At NCSCC

Donald Bryan, Mary Wilkinson, Elise Williams, Baxter Savage, and Miss Kate Parks Kitchin represented RMHS in the twenty-sixth State Student Council Congress held in Burlington, November 16, 17, 18.

Sixty-five schools each had four delegates and an adviser at the meeting, which purpose to unify

ideas and give new suggestions to to the student organizations in schools over the state.

The theme of the conference was "Citizenship Now and Tomorrow." Four subtopics were discussed in special groups. Each one of the four local delegates attended one sub group. The topics were "What Nationally?" led by Bob

Moffitt of Forest City; "What in the Community?" led by Frank Brooks of Greenville; "What in the School?" led by Shirley Shrago of Goldsboro; and "What Personally?" led by Anna Mae Peekham of Plymouth.

Honor came to Rocky Mount high when Donald Bryan was appointed parliamentarian at the last session of the congress. RMHS was selected to serve with Wilmington on the Resolutions committee.

Wright Langley of Four Oaks, president of the NCSCC, introduced the keynote speaker, Thad Eure, Mr. Eure spoke on the fundamentals of citizenship, bringing out all the little things which make one a good citizen.

Other officers of the conference were Walker Jung of Kannapolis; vice president; Joe Pagette of Chapel Hill, secretary; and Jimmy Chamblee, president of Walter M. Williams high school in Burlington, treasurer.

### Social Affairs

To break the monotony of formal discussions and meetings, entertainment and social affairs were well-planned throughout the three days. First came a picnic supper Sunday. A banquet was held on Monday. Also as a special treat all the clubs of the Walter M. Williams high went together and paid all the delegate's way to a concert by the United States Marine Band that afternoon. A dance topped the social activities, Tuesday.

Miss Kitchin said, "Another thing we enjoyed was examining the new high school, which had just been completed at Burlington."

The officers for next year are Bill Newburne of Roxoboro, president; Fred Ginn of Goldsboro, vice president; and Sandra Bowman of Reidsville, secretary. The Treasurer is always the president of the host school.

## 'Teachers' — On The Record



The Musettes are on their way to being "good teachers." See story page 7. Pictured above are officers of the organization. They are left to right, Janet Williams, president; Elaine Peters, secretary; Nancy Hollinworth, vice-president; and Carolyn Rich, Treasurer.

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