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**The Magic Bow**

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Nicolo Panzanini, the greatest violinist of all times, lived for his music. From his first concert he was acclaimed throughout all Italy as an extraordinary violinist. The violin maker in Genoa arranged for him to get a Stradivarius violin. Later in his career he got a Guarnerius violin, even greater than a Stradivarius.

Once when Panzanini was in a restaurant in Vienna, he met a young man who was having trouble with the pianist about his song. Panzanini picked up a violin, played the song and then played impromptu variations on the theme. The young man was Franz Schubert.

Pazanini's life was full of joys and disappointments. He fell in love with Countess Janne de Vermont but could not marry her until later in life. He had to pawn the Stradivarius to pay off gambling debts. This proved to be his greatest joy because he got the Guarnerius that night.

This book would hold the attention of a person who is not interested in music because of the excellent story. It shows that the violin is an individual instrument and not merely a part of an orchestra.

**Sports Issue Bids**

Elaine Peters, Janice Gray, Janice Sumner, Sue Gregory, Margaret Daughtridge, Peggy Bateman, Gordon Wilkinson, Patricia Harris, and Ruth Reese Sides were the nine junior girls receiving bids to the Good Sports Club Friday.

Old members of the club say they expect over a hundred dollars profit after the completion of the sale of school sweat shirts. Sales for the past month have been good.

Newly elected officers are Beryl Peters, president; Shella Robbins, vice president; Joyce Thomas, secretary; and Claranda Mangum, treasurer. Mrs. Thelma Lundy and Mrs. Corinne Landis are the advisers.

**With The Students**



"Once upon a time"—Bonnie Bartholomew, four-years old, listens and looks while her sister, Claranda Mangum of the senior Tri-Hi-Y Baby Sitters bureau, reads from her favorite book.

The bureau is a project started by this group last semester. It has fixed rates and the sitters give a small percent of their earnings to the treasurer of the club. Enough money was made during first semester for the club to take a

needy family from the Christmas welfare list.

Plans are in progress for a delegation from Wilmington to visit the local Y-clubs. However, due to basketball games and exams at both schools, no date has been set for the visit.

Newly elected officers are Claranda Mangum, president; Betty Jean Spence, vice-president; Jo Ann Windham, secretary; and Laverne Fleming, treasurer. Mrs. Louis O'Tuel is the adviser.

**Exchange Column**

**How Would You Like A 'Buss'?**

The Student Council of Granger High, Kinston, has adopted Joe Heldur, a twelve-year-old Estonian refugee. Joe lives with his mother in the American zone of Germany.

The Radiogram of Wilson recently asked a number of students what they would do if given a buss. Some of the answers were "Strip it down and make a hot-rod"; "Charge couples 50 cents an hour"; "Use it all I wanted to." Naturally most of the students thought the reporter meant a bus. However, the buss referred to was a kiss.

Feminine members of Hickory

High School seem to be attracted by full and pleated skirts this year, according to The Hickory Twig. Angora, however, is "the fad" of the year. Angora caps, some of which are trimmed with fur, are popular at HHS along with angora gloves of various colors.

Girls at Farmington High School, Honolulu, Hawaii should be glad most of their dates have strictly "old fashioned" ideas. Most boys replied emphatically "no" to the question of whether or not a girl should share the expense on a date. However, most of the girls felt that they should go "dutch" on certain occasions.

**D. E. Jobs Train Pupils For Future**

Students interested in the field of retail, wholesale, and service establishments have the opportunity to receive practical training while still in high school. This is made possible by the school Distributive Education department.

Boys and girls, sixteen or over, are trained by Miss Jean Riddle, a RMHS graduate, to become buyers, advertising managers, department or store managers, salesmen for a wholesale business, and managers of laundries and restaurants.

Working students have specific regulations set up by the D. E. Department. These govern absences from school and work, changing jobs without the coordinator's knowledge and consent, and maintaining a good rating with the store manager.

At the District Convention held in Durham November 12, Durwood Murray presided in the absence of the president. District officers elected from RMHS were Ray Matthews, treasurer and Manley Godwin, associate president. Delegates from the local club plan to attend the state convention in Greensboro in February.

The club's main project during the first semester was an assembly program. A Christmas party was held and a Bosses' Banquet is planned for the Spring.



"Kordota file-um....Platy-hellmen-these. Whut them Miz Van?" "These are biological terms. Many of my students missed the spelling and definition of those n their exams. I certainly hope hey'll profit by these mistakes und do better.

"Well, Whut iz exams?" "Ah Clem, how stooptid kin yuh git? Ain't yuh bin hyar long enuf tuh tell thet hits tests these chil-uns haf-tuh take."

"Oh, thet accounts fer them 'har long faces I've bin seein' lately."

"Yeh. Well, we gotta go now, Miz Van. See ya later!"

"Say, Cora, les askt this hyar boy whut's wrong wid him. Hey, boy, whut's yor name?...George Strickland? Whut's thuh matter wid yuh, boy? Yuh looks lik your mammy jist giv'd yuh som kaster erl!"

"I just made forty-two and one-half on that American history exam."

"Dad-lemit, boy, in my day they didn't pay us fer takin' a test an' hyar yuh done made forty-two an' one-haf cents. They's down rite inspiratin'."

"Clem, yuh mean exasperatin'. An' besides he didn't make forty-two cents; he failed thuh exam."

"Yuh know, Cora. I allus thought teachers were purt' nigh the smartest people there wuz."

"Whut yuh mean, Clem? Ain't they?"

"Well, if they is, I don't see why they askt all them younguns tuh answer their questuns fer em?"

"Ah, Clem, yuh know them teechers knows thuh answers, and hey is jist tryin' tuh find out if 'uh chilluns do."

"Well, maybe yu iz rite, but I think them teechers iz camifloged a way tuh larn sumpin' new."

"Oh, yuh iz thuh impossibalist, mule-headedness piece of flesh this side uv Ant Sadie's pool room in South Hick-n-Sack!"

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**Seniors Sound Off**

"I think it must be Satan's own invention," was Wilson Pitt's opinion of the exams he had to take for the first time last week.

Several other seniors who were exempted as underclassmen voiced their opinions. Claranda Mangum's startled reply was, "You mean we have to take 'em?!?" Donald Edwards thinks it's a good idea, because it prepares students for college. Mary Ruth Divine regrets the loss of her usual vacation.

A school regulation requires that all seniors take exams at the end of first semester. This was made so that straight A students would have some experience at taking tests before entering college.

**Review Of First Semester's News In A Nutshell**

(Ed. Note—News around RMHS was plentiful last semester. Following is a review of the most important events from September through December.)

**September**

Sept. 2—Some 821 students were greeted by Mr. C. M. Edson, principal, on their return to RMHS.

Sept. 23—Juniors and freshmen set a \$4,000 goal for magazine subscription campaign.

Sept. 26—The first of the paid assemblies, a show by the Hammerettes, an all girl marimba quartet, was given.

Sept. 30—The new Blackbird hits the streets.

**October**

Oct. 3—After six long years, the Blackbirds finally defeated the

powerful Wilmington Wildcats by a score of 6-0.

Oct. 4—Y-Teen officers attended training course at New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Oct. 5-11—Fire Prevention Week observed.

Oct 10—Members of the junior and freshman classes reach and go over their magazine sales goal of \$4,000. Total sales were \$4,536.40. Joe Lancaster and Nell Wiggins were the high salesmen.

Oct. 15—PTSA had its annual open house.

Oct .16—Mr. D. S. Johnson, superintendent of city schools, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Education Association.

Oct. 17—Sylvia Crocker, a beautiful blonde senior was crowned "Miss Campus Sweet-

heart of 1952" at the Rocky Mount-Washington football game.

Oct. 23—James Chandler, Elise Williams, and Nancy Leehane received bids to the Junior Music Club.

Oct. 23—Mrs. Patty Bratton Turner, home missionary, speaks on mountain work and service to student audience.

Oct. 31—Donald Edwards, Edwina Moore, Claranda Mangum, Beryl Peters, Gertrude Coggins, Judge Johnson, Jo Ann Windham, and Donna Clark were tapped into the National Honor Society.

Oct. 31—Margie Parker represented Rocky Mount at the Goober Bowl in Enfield.

**November**

Nov. 2-8 — National Future

Homemakers of America Week.

Nov. 5—Local Exchange Club presented photostatic copies of twenty-eight important documents to Rocky Mount.

Nov. 7—RMHS observed its first homecoming. This was also the day for the annual Good Will tour between Rocky Mount and Wilson. The Birds defeated the Cyclones to keep the coveted Shelton Looms Trophy for another year.

Nov. 12—Mr. Sam Grathwell, the second in the series of paid assemblies, gave an interesting talk on the FBI to students.

Nov. 16, 17, 18—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.

Nov. 20—Lillian Daughtridge, a freshman, was crowned Miss Print of 1952. Margie Parker, a sophomore, was runner-up.

Nov. 21—"The Late Christopher Bean", presented by the Edsonians, was successful.

**December**

Dec. 1—Miss Antje Dendler, a German exchange teacher, arrived to study the Rocky Mount city school system.

Dec. 15—The D. E. department held their annual party.

Dec. 19—Christmas festivities started for high school students with the annual Christmas dance, sponsored by the Student Organization.

Dec. 19-Jan. 5—Christmas holidays.