

NO POINT TO IT!

Have you got any problems or faults? We, the staff of THE BLACKBIRD, trying to get an idea for this first editorial that would strike a happy medium with all students, decided that if there was anything we all have, it is problems and faults. Realizing that these have been discussed year in and year out with no apparent results, we hope not to bore anyone in renewing them.

These problems are presented by the students, all of us. They include such things as destroying school books and other properties through much careless handling, whittling away the desks (not careless but deliberate), and smearing walls with pencils and crayons, as perhaps very small children will do.

But why? There is no point in it—no reason. The person who can say there is owns the distinction of being quite unique, for he alone can give a reason for doing wrong.

Then there is the problem of skipping classes. This does no harm to the school and certainly doesn't offend the teachers, but still it is wrong. Look at it this way. Who will skip the bad tasting medicines which relieve miserable colds? Yet there are those of us who will skip a class, which relieves illiteracy. Or there is this point of view. Can we afford to skip any part of these have been discussed year in and year out with world knowledge is a necessary tool for life. Knowledge is the controller of all.

Skipping, however, affects only the ones who do so. But the marring of school is different. It is a structure that will be here for years. Now it is new and comfortable, but we can make it uncomfortable—even unbearable. So this is it—shall we waste our energy, and it is wasted when we do something as useless as destroying useful material? It is up to us!

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, TOO!

It is a rare pleasure for me to welcome all students, both new and old, to our brand new Rocky Mount Senior High School. Our building is one of the finest in the state and we should all take a great interest in our school and preserve its beauty and neatness. Our new environment should provide an added incentive for us to make the most of our opportunities and make a more earnest application to our studies.

This year promises to be a banner year in the history of our school. Each of us should strive to do his best both in studies and activities and thereby add to the glory of our school!

Personally, I am exceedingly proud to be principal of such an attractive school, such an industrious student body, and such an excellent faculty. I hope that you, too, have that same pride!

C. M. Edson, principal

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Cars-A To Z

First year I've ever been here—
Ain't never seen the likes;
It looks just like a mansion
With gobs of cars and bikes.

And 'bout the cars, I think you'll see

By peeping out the dor,
That R. M. Senior High School
Has its share of 'em—and more.

The types all range from Cadillacs
To model T's and A's.
Then back to one like Pontiacs
And next to Chevrolets.

Although we have a heap of cars
We are assured of this:
Of all the careful drivers
Our students top the list!

—by George Knight

Did You Ever See

- A horse fly?
- A book shop?
- A cat fish?
- A window box?
- A tomato plant?
- A bottle neck?

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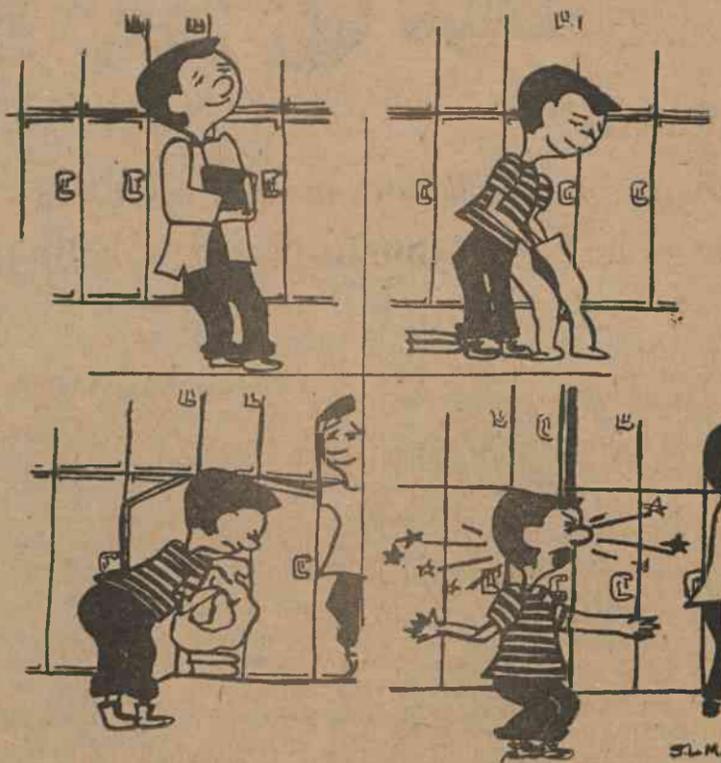
During the past week THE BLACKBIRD staff has been busy on two projects. Besides the regular grind of seeking out stories and news for publication, we've been soliciting ads and subscriptions.

At this time we wish to say THANKS to those who subscribed and we think you won't regret it. Also we want to thank the local merchants for their whole-hearted support.

We hope you will agree with us that the paper is better than ever.

The Staff

Use Your Head!?



Way To Go, Students?

Come on, students, get in line. Come on, students, you're not doing fine. We've got a band; it don't play jazz; but let's support what Rocky Mount has.

Too often the band is criticized for not playing "pops" or not playing well. When you think about this, it's hard to play while marching along, keeping ranks and files straight and trying to pull off what is hoped to be a great maneuver all simultaneously.

People shouldn't find fault unless they can label it constructive criticism. The band is improving fast and trying hard to please the students and adults. It's not easy for the band to play when they are seated in the bleachers because people crowd them so that the breath just won't come up and the instruments have to be held either straight up or straight down. Not a very comfortable or convenient arrangement, don't you agree?

Let's practice our school spirit and soon we'll be able to say, "Way to go, students, you're really in line. Great going, students, you're doing fine. You're helping the band with all you've got. They're not letting you down, you can bet they're not."

Talk About Names, But—

Hi, everyone! Isn't the new school grand? After staying up all Knight for Weeks from May to September worrying about it, I find it simply out of this world. The grounds look so pretty with the grass growing. All it needs is some Ivey to grow on the Sides and a little white Lamm nibbling at the grass. I'm glad there is no Clay around or the Maples couldn't grow so big. We have no Gardner who Waters the grass, and Still no one to pick up the Branch the Wynne blew off the Maples so we all must help keep things looking nice. I saw a Starling, some Robbins and another Byrd hopping around eating the grass. I hope they don't eat all of it.

Everyone seems so Gay he fairly Shines. They hang their Coates and Capps up, then Hunt for their room. Remember how a person would act like a Savage in the old school, and the Lowder he got, the funnier? It sure sounds different now!

Our city really paid a pretty Price for this school, and I guess Moore Cash will be needed before the year is out. Let's try to show our appreciation by making this an outstanding year.

Gosh, there goes the Bell and I have to run to the Deans office, so I'll be seeing you!