

Club Sponsors Flag Raising, Other Services

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Gladys C. Robbins, the Service Club of Rocky Mount senior high school has certain projects of its own. One of these is the raising of the American flag on the front campus each day. This year they have a new nylon flag to fly from a beautiful, strong, new flagpole on the front campus.

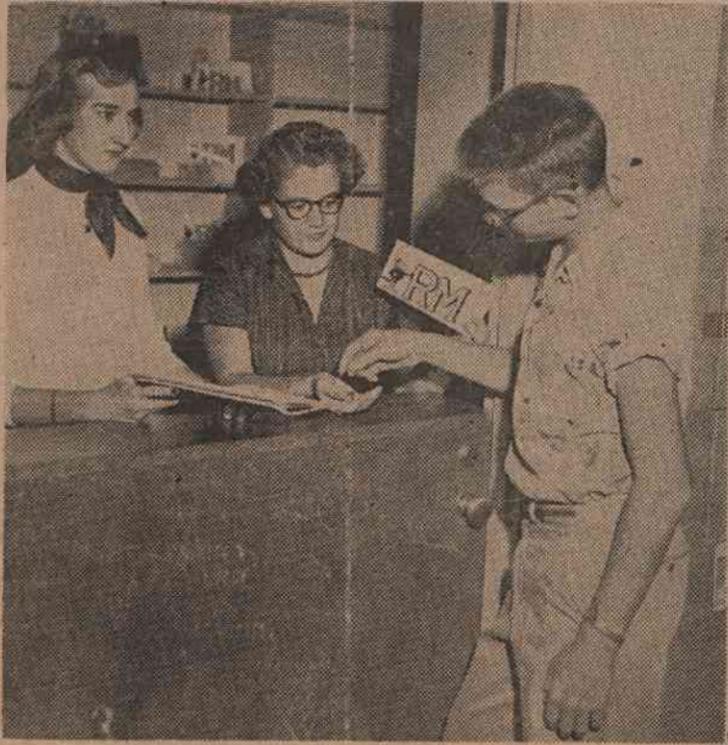
Since the Service Club has not completed its organization for the year, Sue Gregory has been chosen temporary chairman of the club. Sue has appointed Wiley Fisher and John Marriott to be the temporary "flag-raisers."

The flag is raised in a particular manner and folded in a certain way as a Boy or Girl Scout knows. Anyone interested they may come out some morning or afternoon and see just how this is done.

One day last week the flag was raised at half mast out of respect for Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Fred Vinson, who died. It is only at half mast when a national, state, or city dignitary dies.

Among the many other projects of this club is the important one of selling programs at the home football games. These projects make it possible for the members to render valuable service to the school and community.

May I Help You?



"Well, isn't that cute?" was the remark made by Henry Thompson to Peggy Searcy and Katherine Batton as he paused in front of the Student Store to buy a pack of notebook paper and a Blackbird sticker.

So far as this reporter knows, this is the first time in the history of Rocky Mount a school has had such a store where the students could buy their needed school supplies. The store, which is sponsored by the Student Organization, is here solely for the convenience of the students so that they will not have to go all the way uptown for a simple pack of notebook paper or pencil.

Carolyn Gardner, a senior is in charge of the store and has four

girls working with her. Carolyn, Joyce Harris, and Peggy Searcy open the store at 8:15 every morning and close at 8:51, five minutes before the last bell. Katherine Batton, Judy Kabo and Gretchen Zabawa re-open the store at 1:15 and close at 1:30. These girls volunteer their services to the store.

The supplies are ordered from the wholesale places and are resold at regular prices. Miss Kitchen donated several boxes of Christmas cards and invitation cards with envelopes that the senior class of last year left. She also gave some useful advice and hints about the running of the store, which the girls gladly accepted.

Later on the girls hope to set up a "grab table." On this table will be fountain pens, pencils, and other articles that were left by students and the Lost and Found Department of last year. These articles will be sold at half price.

The clerks say "Buy Supplies at the Student Store"

Students Pick Clubs

Study Group Added

Would you like to learn to dance, play Bridge or Canasta? Well, to do this, all you have to do is enroll in the Mixers Club, sponsored by Miss Riddle, which meets every Tuesday.

This year, there are seventeen different clubs being sponsored by seventeen different teachers. Last week, the homerooms made a list of as many different clubs as they could think of and the teachers were asked to sponsor one out of the list.

Many New Clubs

Four new clubs were added to the list this year. Typing Service, a club organized by Mrs. Bowden, is for students who have had typing and are offering their services to type any work the teacher would like to have done. Hunting and Fishing and the Athletic Clubs organized by Mr. Neal Adkins and Mr. "Knocker" Adkins, are of most interest to boys particularly, although there are a lot of girls that like sports and hunting and fishing just as much as boys. The Debating and Speaking Club, organized by Mr. Gorham, is being presented this year as a regular club for the first time.

First Study Hall

Also for the first time we have a Study Club, which students who need extra time for studying and who wish to learn something of correct study habits can take in place of the regular activity club.

We still have most of the old clubs such as Choir, Dramatics, Radio Broadcasters, Personal Typing and others. These are some we could not do without.

Members Elected For Staff Posts

Senior members of The Blackbird staff elected the following students from the junior members to fill the positions left vacant by last year's staff.

Elected to the positions were Lucinda Oliver, Feature Editor; Kay Sanders and Julian Aldridge, Columnists; Flaye Hammond and Gerry Gardner, Sports Editors; Mary Lee Fountain, News Editor; Peggy Searcy, Assistant Business Manager; Betty Sue Cash, Assistant Advertising Manager; Sarah Moore, Staff Artist; and Anne Proctor, Exchange Editor.

These students were elected on the basis of their interest in the positions.

Cheerleaders Head Shouts of Victory

"Come on, Blackbirds, Get in line!"
"Come on, Blackbirds, etc."

This is what you usually hear starting off a Friday night game or a pep rally. Headed by Edith Ann Johnson, who was elected last year after serving two years on the squad, the R. M. cheerleaders, it has been reported, have been working several weeks now learning new cheers and yells to inspire the team to victory and spectators show school spirit too.

On the squad this year are Edith Ann Johnson, head cheerleader; Eddie Pennington, Mary Jo Mears, Richard Byrd, and Newsome Maples. These are all members of the senior class.

The junior members are Gene Arnold, Margie Parker, and Nancy Newbold. These report that they're ready to go—so
"Let's go, Blackbirds;
Let's go, Big Team;
Let's go, Students-----
Rah-----Blackbirds!"

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