

Y-Teens Planning Best Year Ever

"I belong. You belong. We belong—conjugate and congregate—at the YWCA."

That's the motto this year for Y-teens all over the world. The emblem shows a scarf around the globe which represents the fact that the "YW" is an inter-national friends with young people around the world.

Senior Y-teens have been organized in RMSHS and a junior-sophomore club is being planned. With the aid and leadership of Mrs. Ann Gilliam, local Y-teen director, and Mrs. J. M. Gray, executive director of the YWCA, this club is planning a big year in community service, world fellowship, and programs for its own meetings.

Y-Teens Aid Chest

For one of the community service projects the girls sealed hundreds of letters to send out to the business people of the city to solicit funds for the Community Chest. Six senior Y-teens volunteered to participate in a program for the Business and Professional Women's club to explain the work of the UN in countries of need. Also they are selling handicrafts for invalid in the city.

The local club joined hands with Y-teens around the world in giving pennies for scarfs to send over seas as a token of friendship.

Hair grooming, personality, clothes and skin care were subjects for programs this month in the senior club. The girls choose an appropriate speaker for each theme and receive first-hand information on these ever-popular subjects. Such a program is planned for each month on different topics of interest to all teen-agers.

New Officers Picked

Officers for the fall semester are Anne Proctor, president; Faye Grady, vice-president; Sarah Moore, secretary; Ruth Farmer, treasurer; Marlene Blount, sergeant-at-arms; and Miss Mildred Dezier, adviser.

These hard-working, enthusiastic Y-teens are looking forward to one of the best years in their history in service, self-improvement, and fun.

Portrait Personality Adventure Packs Story By Mason



The above picture was taken when this very popular teacher and Esther Holden were the first and only two girl debaters in the Rocky Mount high school.

After high school she attended Woman's College in Greensboro, N. C. After graduation she returned home and at the present she gives a good social science background to the students of Rocky Mount senior high school.

This teacher has light, sparkling, wavy hair, brown eyes, a fair complexion and a friendly smile. Students who know her well know that she's not always the firm, business-like person one sees in the classroom, but one who can tease and joke as well. She is bubbling over with personality and has always been a favorite with those who know her best.

The United Nations will play a very important part in her class this week. She is very interested in the World Federalist program and for many years served as advisor to the World Federalist Club in high school.

Should a student be mixed up on the American Revolution, she's ready and willing to help out. If the reader still doesn't know who this teacher is, he is asked to drop by room 13 sometime and meet the personality of this portrait in person.

The Golden Admiral, by F. van Wyck Mason, is a book of high adventure, romance, intrigue, mystery and terrific action.

Most of the action is centered about Henry Wyatt, a young sailor who is trying to get a good start in life. Wyatt starts off in high gear but comes to misfortune early in his career. This misfortune causes him to lose something very dear to him.

Young Wyatt, not being easily discouraged, sets his head and tries again. Going with Sir Francis Drake on some raids on Spanish ports and ships puts Wyatt in a better position to carry out his desire.

Misfortune seems to stick to Henry Wyatt and again he fails in his purpose. While all this was happening Wyatt's family has increased and he has more responsibility on him.

Other things were going on in the world at this time; England sees Spain getting ready for an all-out war with many countries. England prepares to take care of the Spanish Armada.

Henry Wyatt sails with the English fleet against the Armada. Many fierce battles follow. After some battles the English fleet feels almost beaten, but the English men come out on top. Wyatt has been doing very well and when the fighting is over he has many honors bestowed on him.

Calendar Cues

October 27

North Carolina Student Council Congress adjourns. RM is represented by Theo Pitt and Joyce Harris.

District Parent Teacher Association Meeting in the auditorium.

October 30

Miss Johnson's senior home-room 112 has charge of assembly.

November 2-3

Ministerial Association sponsors a Billy Graham picture.

November 6

Atlantic Coastline Railroad sponsors a Railroad Safety Program, with Mr. S. B. Marks, in charge for assembly.

November 11

Community Coccert.

November 17

Woman's Club.

Mears, Campus Sweetheart Of '53



Photo by Killebrew

As the strains of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" drifted across the field, Miss Mary Joe Mears was crowned Miss Campus Sweetheart of 1953 at the Homecoming game with Durham last Friday night.

The band formed a heart, and as the stadium lights went out, red lights blared from the hats of the band performers. A green Oldsmobile convertible drove onto the field under a spot light that was directed on the three girls in the back seat. The heart opened and the car drove into the center. Miss Patsy McAuley and Miss Elizabeth Vann, second and third place winners, occupied the car with the Sweetheart.

Miss Mears was presented a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums

tied with black and gold ribbons. Mr. Spero Konukolus made the presentation and also placed the crown on her head. The runners-up were presented single yellow chrysanthemums tied with the school colors.

As the car left the field, the band marched to the stands and formed an "A" for Alumni and played "Auld Lang Syne." Then it formed a "PS" and played "P. S. I Love You."

The majorettes twirled their new batons, given to them by the American Legion. The batons have lights that can turn on and off at both ends.

The sponsors for the game were Miss Penn Strandberg with Marvin Ward and Miss Gordon Wilkinson with Jimmy Lancaster.

First Drill Succeeds

Buzz-zz! Buzz-zz! Buzz!

During fifth period on Thursday of Fire Prevention Week the student body heard for the first time these five blasts of the horns and buzzers, the new fire drill signal.

Students walked quietly out of the building in single file and onto the sidewalk in about sixty seconds. This was a longer time than was thought necessary by the Fire Drill Committee.

On Friday in assembly Fire Chief Parrish, Assistant Chief James and Fireman Inscoe gave a demonstration of three types of fire extinguishers. They were the soda acid for combustible fires, one

for electrical fires and the foam extinguisher that smothers.

A special bulletin was sent to students and teachers, to be read and then posted on the bulletin board. It concerned fire drill procedure and gave instructions to each room as to how to get out of the building.

Instructions were to leave all windows tightly closed. The first two people to reach the door were to open it and all students were to keep silence during the evacuation of the building.

The assembly program and drills were in co-operation with Fire Prevention Week.

Voice Of The Students

Most of the students of RMSHS come to school free but there are some who actually pay to come. A few are from Battleboro and many live outside the city limits. Here is what a few of these students have to say about their reasons for coming to Rocky Mount senior high.

Martha Becknell says, "There are many subjects offered in RMSHS that are not offered in county schools. For example our school offers three foreign languages when most county schools teach only one. I enjoy having a choice of clubs and activities as well as having a voice in the student organization. It is well worth my \$20 to come to school here."

LeVerne Strickland who comes from Battleboro says, "My main reason for coming to Rocky Mount

to school lies in the fact that city schools are better equipped to prepare me for college than are any of the rural schools in this vicinity. Also now that I have made many friends in Rocky Mount, I wouldn't think of going to school anywhere else."

"I just come to school here because I like it. I like the teachers, the students and the school spirit. In my opinion, there isn't a better school anywhere!" says Addison Wimberly.

"I come to RMSHS mainly because the school spirit here is excellent," remarked Vivian Williams, also of Battleboro, "and the students are the friendliest to be found anywhere. Also there are many clubs and activities from which I may choose and can take to prepare me for college."

What's New With Ann?

Buzz-zz-z!

Oops! There goes the doorbell! Just a minute! I'll be there as soon as I crawl out from under these newspapers.

Well, hello! Come on in folks. I see you decided to accept my invitation and dropped in to look over the newspapers.

You picked the right time. I was just giving them the once-over and there's quite a bit of news brewing.

Oh, you want to see this Hickory Twig? If you're a race fan you'll be interested in an article on page three. It seems that Johnny Belk, a Hickory senior, is lucky enough to own two foreign cars—a Jaguar and an Italian Fiat. I'll bet plenty of Rocky Mount boys wish they were in Johnny's shoes.

Say, here's a paper from Greensboro College. This name sounds familiar—Sylvia Diehl. Oh, yes! Sylvia is a former Rocky Mount student. She's associate editor of the college paper, The Collegian.

According to the High Life, Bermuda's call has been heard by

certain students of Greensboro High. In an effort to "beat the heat" during the first days of school, several boys showed up for class clad in Bermuda shorts. The tables seem to have been turned, girls.

Students in Clarksdale, Mississippi just don't belong unless they sport "mummified" notebooks. That is, notebooks are bound in adhesive tape and then, duly covered with autographs. P. S. The Clarksdale coaches are scratching their heads and puzzling over what could have happened to their supply of athletic tape.

It's getting late and you've got to rush off. I was just getting wound up. Don't forget to come by next month when I'll have another deluge of papers for you to help me read. If you have some friends who'd enjoy sharing the news, bring them along, too.

Just this one sage thought before you leave:

As one little electron said to another when they met in a new element: "I don't know you from atom."

What! No Steps?

"Aren't we going to have any senior steps?" This is the question the roving reporter heard from seniors last week as she went about gathering student opinion.

Ever since there has been a senior class, there have been certain privileges which these students were allowed to have. Digging back into the history of the school one finds that there has always been "senior steps" of some description. This year the seniors are without steps and certain privileges. Reason for this moving into a new school all are seniors—senior high school students, that is. Maybe that's the reason—Maybe, too, the special steps just haven't been pointed out yet.

Some of the seniors have planned to call for a class meeting, in which the students will make their plea. Suggestions of what could be done have been sent to the officers of the senior class.