

### Mrs. Van Buskirk Writes Article On Dried Arrangement For Journal

"Let Nature Be Your Teacher" is the title of an article appearing in this month's issue of North Carolina Education. This article was written on dried arrangements by Mrs. Ora Van Buskirk and submitted to the magazine in the hope that it would be of value to other teachers. It was illustrated by pictures of arrangements made by her biology students.

Mrs. Van Buskirk told how her students collect the plants, name them, dry them, and sometimes paint them. The students use containers that harmonize with the arrangement, such as a rolling pin, straw baskets, or a wooden keg.

The plants are dried and then arranged by the pupils who use only 15 per cent of artificial materials in a single display.

Some arrangements featured in the article were Basket Beauty, Rolling Pin Magic, Acorn Cup Cutie, and Manger Scene.

Mrs. Van's biology classes have just finished their dried arrangement course for this term. They were judged in the local flower show and several won prizes.

### Glamor Girl Picked

"Glamor Girl of the Month" has been selected and will be notified by mail. Bugs Barringer, sponsor of this contest is to decide when the next contest will be held.

Everyone is urged to take part in the next contest and vote for the "Glamor Girl of the Month" by filling out the ballot in the Blackbird and taking it to Barringer's studio.

### DE, DO Compile Plans For You

Distributive Education Club members have already made plans for the year. At the first meeting held earlier in the year new officers were elected. They are Shirley Godwin, president; Herbert Spain, vice-president; Tommy Banton, secretary; and Peggy Blandford, treasurer.

At the first meeting the club also decided to meet one night a month. Each member would bring their boss to the meeting. The girls and boys are required to come dressed up to each meeting. Also at these night meetings they plan to serve light refreshments and to have a speaker.

Although the Diversified Occupation Club will not function as a separate group these people will meet together with the Distributive Education Club.

Miss Jean Riddle is advisor of the Distributive Education club and Mr. Lee Chapman is advisor of the Diversified Occupation club.

### With The Alumni

Marcie Milne, a 1953 graduate of Rocky Mount high school, recently brought honor to her alma mater being elected president of Woman's Hall at East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C.

Velna Motley, of the class of 1953, has made the Dean's list of Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas. Velna made a B average last semester to receive this honor.

Norman Johnson, a 1950 graduate, has also honored his high school by being elected Captain of the Cadet Corps at Davidson College.

### 50 Years Bring Many Changes

The following article is based on answers received by George Knight at the Open House Wednesday night. George was inquiring about the styles back in the "good old days."

We've shore come a long way in just a half century! Just think! Years ago (around 1905) the favorite form of entertainment was Spelling Bees and Friday afternoon recitations.

Another radical change has been in the date business. Tentatively was the curfew in 1925. An if little Johnnie or Janie over stayed that curfew, he usually had to dodge papa's shoe. Nowadays, the daughter very lovingly takes dad's shoes off and casually hides them in the bedroom closet. The boys (their feet being of such an enormous magnitude) just borrow them for the night.

Those "leg of mutton" blouses must have been handy during times of inflation. Nothing like wearing one's food supply, eh?!

Speaking of inflation (that was the topic under discussion, wasn't it?) and dates (the previous topic) dutch dates must have been "real cool" for the boy's pocket book. In these times with shows, hamburgers and pegged pants costing what they do, only a few can even afford a pocketbook!

Pegged pants—humm! Now that must be a strange sight for the old timers. The clothes, language and hair styles must dazzle them. Here we have the teenager's answer to the H-Bomb (H for Hep Cat, of course).

Yes, things have changed! Of course, few teenagers are in a position to judge the social customs of the early nineteen hundreds, so they can't say which is better. Which would you prefer though—a nice quiet spelling match, or a "real gone doll", and pocket full of Jack and a ripsnortin' game of ball played with the feet???



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### From The Mailbox By Kay and Julian

Dear Julian,  
Everybody, just everybody, has been going to homecomings lately and will be going to them during the next few weekends.

Mary Joe Mears, Joan Mixon, Carolyn Gardner, Barbara Ann Moore, Betty Sue Cash, Peggy Daniels, Ruth Sides, Becky Odom, and Carolyn Rabil are going to the State College Homecoming.

Leah Lee will travel to Greenville for the East Carolina College Homecoming.

The Carolina-Wake Forest game attracted several RM girls. Among them were Lynn Hatchett and Nancy LeeHane. Edith Ann Johnson is planning to go to the Wake Forest Homecoming.

Brooks Hinson and Lee Parker have been taking in quite a few of the Carolina games. Val McMillan and Nell Wiggins plan to go to UNC for the Homecoming.

Last Saturday Miss Harris and Mrs. Young and her husband attended the Duke-State game.

The State Fair really attracted the RMSHS students. Among those seen on the grounds were Eddie Pennington, Sallie Ann Bartholomew, Janice Gray, Mary Jo Mears, Patsy Covington, Mollie Spruill, and Barbara Ann Moore. Don't you know they all had fun?

Elizabeth Vann went up to the Naval Academy October 16.

The Homecoming activities here were successful. All the students who came home from college and those graduates who are serving Uncle Sam and were back home, added much to the enjoyment of the day and night.

Kay Sanders is planning to attend the Shoe and Slipper Dance to be held November fourteenth at Duke University.

Write soon and tell me all the news around Rocky Mount.  
See ya,  
Kay

Dear Kay,  
Wow! Things have really begun

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to hum now that the school year is well underway, haven't they? Your interesting letter has almost convinced me that that crowd of yours never stops going!

Wasn't our homecoming more fun than ever? The pep rally Thursday night was great fun. I thought the bonfire was what really made it a success though.

Wasn't the homecoming parade exciting? You could certainly tell that a lot of hard work and planning had been behind the decoration of the different cars! The band and majorettes really made a name for themselves at the game during the half time, didn't they? I thought the way they arranged the crowning of the "Campus Sweetheart" was exceptionally good!

It was nice being able to see all the old "grads" who returned home from college just for the homecoming activities. All in all, I think our homecoming week was quite a success!

Have you heard about Jean Williams, Lynne Hatchett and Dot Ricks? They spent the day in Chapel Hill and attended the Carolina-Wake Forest game.

Being a senior I guess you've already begun your senior theme! It sends a chill down my back every time I realize that this time next year we juniors will be struggling with the same thing.

Until your next letter, I remain,  
Your friend,  
Julian

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