

How He's Changed!



Who is the baby in the above picture? Well, yes, he has changed quite a bit since the taking of this picture, so here are a few hints as to his identity.

In the school halls, he is often seen talking to his "girl" or walking her to class. He always has a big smile and a hearty greeting for everyone else, too. His personality is one of the finest features about him.

On Saturdays, he works at Worsley-Brooks. Since he was co-captain of the football team, working on week days was out of the question. That's why he works only on Saturdays.

During the past summer he was one of the four delegates to Boys' State. From all reports, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.—(How him now?)

He was Kiwanis' Boy-of-the-month for September and has been elected one of the sixteen outstanding seniors.

His winning smile and personality has won him honor upon honor and friends and more friends.

If you haven't yet guessed who this person is, you will know by the last hint. He is none other than the president of the student body—Yes, it is Baxter "Little King" Savage.

Apple For Teacher? No Coffee

Was that the mailman that just came up on the porch? Wow! It certainly was! Just look at that stock of mail. Looks like it's all newspapers, too. With all this material, I should have no trouble writing eight inches for my exchange column today.

Here's one from Balboa high school in the Canal Zone. From the looks of this paper, they really have some "hot times" down there.

Hint to the home ec students! Want to get on the good side of your teachers? Follow the example of Chapel high school and surprise the faculty some cold day with hot coffee and doughnuts.

Let's see. Here are some from Idaho, Hawaii, and Florida.

Students Form Orchestra

Oh, listen to this, band members. In Norfolk, Jimmy Hunt, a Granby student, organized his own orchestra. Now Jimmy and his Melody-Makers have won a twenty-six week TV contract with a

Bulletins Display Original Greetings

Coat hangers, and chicken wire, in shapes of bells and stars, entwined with ivy, berries, and pine boughs make up the artistic assortment of Christmas projects on display in Mrs. Van's biology room.

The biology students are getting ready for the annual tea given at the Christmas season for the parents and faculty to see the results of this project.

Classrooms Decorated

The same Christmas spirit reigns in many of the classrooms around school. Homerooms have decorated their bulletin boards with Santa and other symbols of the Yuletide season. In room 110, original Christmas cards made by the 10th grade English students, are on display. These were the results of a unit on poetry writing.

Next door in room 106 Santa beams at the students from an attractive bulletin board array.

Manager Scene Featured

Homeroom 112 features an interesting scene of the wise men and shepherds at the manger. This is done with brown paper and crayons.

The Blackbird room cannot go without mention. It is gaily decorated with little Blackbird Santas. One Santa has his sack full of Blackbird subscriptions!

Calendar Cues

December 18

School closes at 3:15 for the Christmas Holidays.

January 4

End of Christmas Holidays. School begins again at 8:45.

January 20

The Community Concert will be held in the Rocky Mount Senior high school auditorium.

January 25

First and second period exams.

January 26

Third and fourth period exams.

January 27

Fifth period exams.

January 28

Beginning of second semester.

Project Kept Secret

Musettes Work, Socialize

Activities undertaken and completed show that much enthusiasm has been displayed by the Musettes this year. Such projects as baby-sitting for the P. T. A.'s preparing an overseas box, keeping the registers when the Open House was held, and helping teachers with book work, typing, and reports, have been undertaken. Another big project is being secretly carried out.

In addition to doing things for others this group has also been entertained. Scotland Neck invited the Musettes over to their school for a dinner and dance. Delta Kappa Gamma, National Honorarv

Society for women teachers, which sponsors the group, invited the members to a tea December 5.

The first of two night meetings was held at the home of Mrs. Lee Whitaker. On the program Elizabeth Vann told "What Musettes Means To Me," Miss Jessie Johnson gave the P. T. A. requirements and Miss Corine Pitt, president of the DKG told what Mu Chapter expects of the Musettes.

The second meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret McGregor December 8. At this meeting six teachers talked to the group on the requirements in the different fields.



STUDENTS FIND JOBS—Peggy Whitehurst and Audrey Kennedy are busy in Rosenbloom-Levy's wrapping Christmas packages. This is a familiar scene downtown in the many stores as the Christmas season opens and the rush begins. Many students are spending their afternoons and holiday time trying to please the crowd of shoppers and to make a little extra money for themselves.

New Clubs Here! Staff Sounds Off

By special request of the students a Bible Club was organized in the activity program this year.

This club differs from the other clubs in that the programs are conducted by outside speakers instead of by the students themselves. Speakers for this club are usually preachers and well-known leaders from the community. A few who have spoken to the club are Rev. Douglas Branch, Dr. Norman Johnston, Miss Olive Cook, Rev. Thomas J. C. Smythe, and Rev. Hoke Ritchie.

Miss Louise Parker is the adviser to this club.

Another new organization added this year is the Audio-Visual club. Mr. C. C. Cleetwood is the adviser.

All phases of photography, including both still and moving photography, are being discussed. Work is also being done with sound equipment.

For the first time, too, a school projection committee has been organized and it ties in with the club. Students on this committee check on the projection and sound equipment for teachers.

Information gained in the Audio-Visual Club prepare students to run the projector for teachers who desire this service.

Have you ever heard your voice over a tape recorder? How did you sound? Members of the Journalism class had a chance to find this out recently.

It came about like this—One of the co-editors was in charge of the class discussion in preparation for the next issue of the Blackbird. There was a tap at the door and Mr. Edson asked to speak to Mrs. Young. In a few minutes Mrs. Young came in and announced that a recording was going to be made of the staff at work. She said it probably would be played over the radio at a later date. This was a surprise to the teacher as well as to the students.

There was a busy hum of voices in room 110 when Miss Millie Moore brought the recording machine into the Blackbird office. Mrs. Young made her introductory remarks. Then Valentine McMullan, one of the co-editors, took over to lead a class discussion on the layout plans for the Christmas issue of the paper.

By the time the class had discussed suggested articles and layouts for three pages, the period was almost over. Miss Moore then played the recording back to the class. Mrs. Young and several students thought they sounded terrible and would like to have made it over. However, time would not permit this so someday in the near future the staff at work may be heard over the radio.

Are You Normal

Have you ever wondered if your favorites were normal? If so, now is your chance to find out. Here are the results of a survey recently taken to find out the students' favorite place, food, song, and sport.

The favorite place for most of the students was "home", which speaks well for all of the parents who make home what it is. The "beach" and the "Teen-age Club" were next among the favorites. For some reason summer vacations are never forgotten. One can tell Mlle. Craighill had something to do with those who listed the "French class" as their favorite place.

Steak Is Favorite Food

"Steak" is the favorite food with the majority of the students. However, "chicken" and "shrimp" also ranked high on the list. One person from the entire high school listed "garlic" as his favorite food. Hadn't the students best avoid him after a feast?

The best way to tell about the songs is to compile a list of the "Ten Top Tunes." They are (1) Eggs to Riches, (2) When Love Goes Wrong, (3) To Be Along, (4) You, You, You, (5) My Love, My Love, (6) Answer Me O Lord, (7) Ask Me, (8) Blowing Wild, (9) All I Want Is A Chance, (10) Good Lovin'.

Pick Ten Top Tunes

RMSHS' "Ten Top Tunes" seem to be favorites across the nation also.

You might have already guessed that football would be the favorite among all the sports. Then baseball, and water-skiing were voted by some students. Does RMSHS have any experts in the latter?

'Low Man' Loaded

"Low Man on a Totem Pole," by H. Allen Smith, is a book of personal experiences, humorous enough to arouse laughs from even the worst "sourpuss."

Mr. Smith first started out working on a newspaper. There he met a newspaperman who thought Herbert Hoover had bladders on his feet. Then he met a man who carried turtle eggs in his pocket and perpetually bounced them on a bar saying, "Here lies the last hope of the human race." Mr. Smith also met another odd character who fed chili to a straight-back chair. This odd character even named the chair Xanthippe.

During the time Mr. Smith was a newspaperman, he met a man named Fort. Fort was always thinking and doing things in reverse. He came up with insane ideas and theories for almost everything except what was wrong with him. Yet, some people labeled him a maniac.

Some people hear unexplained noises and sounds. Such was the case of a man named Gene, with whom Mr. Smith is well-acquainted. Gene heard flutes quite often; and when he did, he would rush off to write a book. As soon as he started writing, the flutes would stop.

Another experience of Smith's was with a man challenged who challenged Goering to a duel above the English Channel. The duel, however, never took place. The man couldn't fly.

Such zany characters as these plus many more may be found in "Low Man on a Totem Pole." Any student who likes humorous books should read this masterpiece of humor, easy enough for anyone to read. Damon Runyon said of this book, "Rich, human stuff loaded with laughs."

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