



Value Of The Honor Policy

What do you think of the honor policy? That is the question posed to a number of students to get a cross section of opinions on this important topic. Students who gave their opinions asked that their names be withheld.

"I believe it will be all right if everyone co-operates, but some people are going to refuse to co-operate," says one student.

Another says the honor policy is bad because it forces a friend to tell on a friend.

Perhaps students who have commented have not thoroughly thought the problem of cheating. Or maybe they have infantile thinking ability. Perhaps students don't understand how the honor policy works. Whatever the reason, the poll seems to show a lack of comprehension and consideration.

Reporting someone who has been given a chance to report himself is not really hurting that student. More students would get farther and quicker with more push and less pull. Being reported might be the push needed to promote honesty.

In a community as large as this one, there will always be dishonest people. Allowed time and a means (the honor policy) the honest people will influence this group eventually to the point where cheating will be neither smart, fashionable nor profitable.

As the lawmakers of tomorrow, it is necessary that students fully understand and live by the often quoted phrase, "Crime does not pay."

I Would Like To Ask

Dear Editors,

For myself as well as the other students in R.M.S.H.S., I would like to ask the Blackbird, "Why haven't you had anything to say about the sorority and fraternity situation in our school?" The local paper has given this matter much publicity and we would like to know why our own school paper hasn't made any comment.

Don't you think this situation should be discussed in school as well as out, since it has so much bearing on many of the students?
A Concerned Student

The sorority-fraternity question has not been discussed by The Blackbird because these organizations are not recognized by the school. Therefore the paper does not feel that it is necessary to give an opinion on the subject.
Editor

Dear Editors,

Recently there has been some discussion among the students about doing away with the forty-minute lunch schedule and getting back on the sixty-minute schedule. Do you think the students could in any way have influence in having something done about this? Maybe The Blackbird could carry something about it. After all the faculty, parents and students voted for sixty minutes for lunch. Thank you for anything you can do.

Someone interested
The forty-minute lunch period has been in progress for two months now and no serious mis-
haps have come up as a result of it. It is too late in the year to do anything about it. Next year if there is still dissatisfaction with this set-up and if the question is brought up soon enough, maybe something can be done.
Editor

Our Parents

By Mimi Brewer

Parents are people who are awed at your first cry—they marvel at your laugh—they watch for you to stand alone—help you to walk—encourage your first work—show everybody your first tooth.

They help you write your letters to Santa Claus—stare unbelievably at Billy in his tuck, or Mary in her first strapless formal.

They glory in your accomplishments and sympathize with your defeats.

They watch you turn the other cheek and build your character.

They understandly realize your first love—joyously help with wedding plans—watch with experienced eyes as your children—and theirs continue to grow.

Parents are Sympathy, struggling with a snow suit; Love, kissing you goodnight; Courage, making you stand alone; understanding when you need it most.

Parents are Patience, teaching you to tie shoe strings. They are Hope, lending a helping hand—and they are Faith, teaching you to pray."

Your Trip Worth It?

School sponsored trips which are offered to the students of Rocky Mount have proved to be a great factor in this business of education. Football trips, visits to the "Ice Capades" Press and Student Organization Conventions and others of that kind add much to the life of any high school student.

No where else can one find the fun and the companionship that can be found when he's piled on the train, cheering his team on to victory as they approach that all-important game. When a group takes an educational trip, one finds that learning something with others and by actually seeing what others are studying can mean much to the educational process.

Everyone who is lucky enough to be able to take one or more school sponsored trips should appreciate the fact that Rocky Mount provides such privileges to the students, and all should give the teachers who so willingly chaperone them their deepest and sincere appreciation and full cooperation.

Now We Know!

Ever since George Washington became "Father of Our Country" and our first president, a question has at some time gnawed its way into the minds of every loyal American. It has puzzled several generations of intelligent but baffled people. What the citizens of this great nation are wondering is why did George Washington chop down the cherry tree?

This enters American minds in February because it was on a February 22 that George first came into this world. What man or beast does not know of the fall of the cherry tree? Washington's words were "I cannot tell a lie; I chopped down the cherry tree."

There are a few creatures, however, that possess the "genius" type brain and have figured the whole thing out. George was just smart. He knew that his family saw him and also saw the tree as it fell. He then said to himself, "If I lie now, I will get a beating." So George played it smart, told the truth, and got away with it.

Valentines To You!!

February is the month of many birthdays. Starting the month off right Eddie Booth celebrated his birthday. Then comes Mary Jo Currin, the next day, and on the fourth of February Payton Bland, Henry Rowland, and Shirley McCarter came along. The very next day Jimmy Mears, Margaret Daughtridge, and Sallie Brown Ellen were introduced. A few more who were born this month are Carole Hagan, Milton Dickens, Kay Williams, Norma Savage, Carolyn Fore, Wellford Price, Joe Powell, Frankie Brock, Pat Wilder, and G. C. Warren.

Along with George Washington, Eddie Pennington celebrates on February 22. Then Margaret Spain, Judy Carr, Royce Powell, Harold Denton, Lucinda Oliver, and Pat Alexander, the sophomore, will be one year older, finishing out the month.

In the month of March, "the

windy month," twenty-one students have been blown in. Garland Chick is first on the list. Then comes Aaron Murray, Frances Brantly and along with the success of the play, Valentine McMillan will celebrate hers. Then Kathryn Avent, Johnny Soden, Ann Price, and Kenneth Cooke all on the eight. Laverne Strickland, Skeeter Currin, Peggy Jennings, Kay Sanders, Minnie Lou Williamson, Stanley Still, Lee Pittman, Smokey Lancaster, W. K. Coggins, Wilma Campbell, George Morgan, Peggy Collins, and, last but not least, Harmon Mosely on March 30.

Here's wishing all of these Rocky Mount Senior high students, and, of course, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, a very happy birthday and may they have many happy returns of the day.

Don't Waste Those Taxes

How many students in the high schools of the United States realize what a wonderful privilege it is to be able to get an education? Do students understand how much of their parents money goes into the buying of books and building funds.

Here in Rocky Mount the parents voted on a bond issue that would put additional taxes on them so students could get more and better education in a school with modern equipment designed to aid students in the learning process.

To keep America the wonderful democratic nation it is, it is necessary for her citizens to have a complete education so they will be prepared to lead the nation in future years.

Come on, students, let's make the most of it.

Measure Of Greatness

Some of the greatest deeds in the world are done and no one knows of them. This is one of the reasons that these deeds are great, for many deeds are done only for the praise the doer will receive. George Washington was undoubtedly a great man, but he was also a humble man. He never ran away from responsibilities, but he did not go out for things that would bring praise to him. He did not wish to be president of the United States, for he felt the job was too big for him. This feeling of humbleness is one of the best characteristics that can be possessed by any person. Doing things in a spirit of humbleness may not bring praises from man, but man is not the final judge.

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