

Staffs Plan Trip To CSPA Meet

"Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof" is the theme of the thirtieth convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University, New York City, March 11-13. Seventeen staff members and the two advisors of the school publications, *The Blackbird* and *The Hi-Noc-Ar*, are making plans to attend this convention, which will draw 3500 or more student journalists from all over the United States and some foreign countries. The local group also hope to attend some Broadway shows and tour a few of the "Big City's" famous attractions while in New York.

A highlight of the convention will be the luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria. At this time announcements of special awards will be made. More than 150 meetings, conferences and discussions will be offered with professional journalists and outstanding members of the school publication field delivering talks and giving advice.

Delegates from the *Blackbird* are Joy Ann Hayes, Mary Lee Fountain, Lucinda Oliver, Betty Sue Cash, Valentine McMillan, Julian Aldridge and Mrs. T. D. Young. From *The Hi-Noc-Ar* staff are Bobby Deans, Penn Strandburg, Jimmy Selby, Christine Huffman, Janet Spain, Theo Pitt, Gordon Wilkinson, Ruth Sides, Robert Daughtridge, Bobby Fleming, Nancy Hollingsworth and Miss Alma Murchinson.

Ratings of newspapers and yearbooks are made at this convention. Last year, the *Hi-Noc-Ar* received a "two" rating and the *Blackbird* captured a "one."

Slight Resemblance To Senior?

What senior boy has a slight resemblance to this picture? Here are a few hints to help in naming him.

First, he is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds (at last report), has blond hair and blue eyes.

He loves sports and has been on the baseball and basketball teams for three years. In football, he was co-captain of the team but, due to a broken ankle, was not able to complete a full season. His playing the first of the year was that of a star, however.

He also loves fishing and in the summer can often be seen with



pole in hand heading for the river.

Sports, however, are not the only things in which he excels. Last summer, he was one of four delegates to Boys State. Have you

guessed, yet?)

He has long been a member of the BAFOS and at present is president of that group. Recently, the senior class voted him one of the sixteen outstanding seniors.

When seen in the halls, he is easily recognized by his slow, steady walk and talk. He never gets in a hurry and never seems to care. He's usually seen with a girl, A. D. (Give up?)

He plans to go to State College to study engineering.

As a final clue for the few readers who still have not guessed, he is editor of the *Hi-Noc-Ar* which went to press two weeks ago. Of course, Bobby Deans is this month's personality.

(Thanks to Alma for the picture.)

DAR Selects Sue As 'Good Citizen'

Sue Gregory, chosen local "Good Citizen" by the Daughters of the American Revolution, will represent Rocky Mount next month in the state-wide competition for the title of "North Carolina's Good Citizen of the Year."

The state honor, which signifies the winner as the outstanding high school student in the state, will be awarded during the annual DAR Conference to be held in Durham in March.

The winners are chosen on the merits of high school record, dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to their school, community and nation.

Sue, who has been active in school affairs since she began high school, has a record of positions that include president of the junior class, president of the Service Club, vice-president of the State National Honor Society and publicity chairman of the Student Organization.

She served as a delegate to the Eastern District North Carolina Student Council Congress and last year was winner of the American Legion Essay Award. Recently she was selected as one of sixteen senior superlatives.

Her club memberships include the Good Sports Club, Service Club, National Honor Society and the Musettes.

Outstanding senior girls throughout the state will be considered for the state honor. The winner will be the guest of the DAR at the national convention.

Pics Made Of All

"Turn your head a little more this way. That's right. Look straight at me and let's see a little smile. That's it. Hold it! Click!"

This is what Mr. A. C. Pickrel, a commercial photographer, said as he took the pictures of all students in Rocky Mount Senior high school on Tuesday, February 2. Picture taking began during first period and lasted through the fifth period. The students were called in to have their pictures taken by homerooms.

Nearly 103 students and teachers of Rocky Mount senior high drive cars to school every day.

Students Give, Exhibit Talent

Everyone, or nearly everyone, helped contribute to the March of Dimes during the month of January. The quota for Senior High was \$700 and in order to reach this quota, the Service Club sponsored a talent show in the school auditorium.

In this talent show were students who volunteered to take part. Edith Ann Johnson and Newsome Maples, who did a modern dance, were first place winners. Their prize was \$5 which was donated to the March of Dimes in the winners name. Carolyn Lowder and Faye Batts placed second with their piano duet. Malaguene. Mr. Cleetwood was third place with his monologue on "What it was was Rocky Mount High School." Phil Wheelless was Master of Ceremonies.

Others in the program were Dan Johnson, Ray Joyner, Bernice Joyner, Charles Sanders, Peggy Jones, Fred Ruben, Cocky Atkins, Tommy Vaughan, James Ezzell, Jerry Renfrow, Garland Chick, Eddie Pennington, Jimmy Lancaster, James Chandler, Berry Lamm, Larry Gupton, Norma Bulluck, Judy Carr, Rosalie Delton, Jimmy Selby, Henry Warren, Raymond Highsmith, Jimmy Davis LaVerne Strickland, Bobo May, Welford Price, Gordon Weeks, John Nelms, Harold Gilbert, and Harry Gray.

The Club took in an estimated amount of \$200. Representatives went to the home rooms each morning and about \$300 was collected from the home rooms, clubs and faculty contributions.

The school fell short of its goal, but even this was not bad.

RC Makes Chest

Members of the Junior Red Cross Council are busy preparing a school chest which will be sent to a place where disaster or poverty is prevalent.

The chest is to be filled with useful articles and first aid equipment.

Bill Tharrington is supervising the construction of the chest and Judy Kabo is in charge of painting it with scenes from around Rocky Mount, so that the people who receive the chest may get an idea of the American way of life.

Seniors Enter Contests

Two essay contests open to seniors only, one sponsored by the Civitan Club and one by the North Carolina Bankers Association, closed last Friday. The Civitan contest is essay-type and the other is a public speaking contest.

The Civitan contest is national with the subject, "The Privileges and Duties of an American Citizen." Many senior English classes have been required to enter this one as class projects.

The paper may contain not more than 1,000 words and not less than 500. Judges will allow 30 per cent for composition, spelling and punctuation and 70 per cent for subject matter.

Local winner will be awarded \$100 by the Civitans. National prizes range from a \$600 scholarship for first place to a \$25

scholarship for sixth prize.

"The Big Change—Fifty Years of Progress" is the topic of the NC Bankers contest. The speech must be written by the participant and confined to a delivery time of twelve minutes. It must deal with the progress and development of the contestant's own community and geographic section. It must also tell the story of how this progress has contributed to the advancement of North Carolina and must anticipate the future development of the community in the advancement of the states.

General organization and content of the speech, and presentation will count fifty points each.

County winner will receive a \$25 savings bond and a district winner will be awarded a \$100 bond. Higher prizes are \$500, divisional, \$1,000 state winner. Thus making it possible for the state winner to receive \$1625 in all.

Teachers will choose 20 papers from the high school to be judged.

Two Attend Shop For State Winners

Rose Booth, state winner of the "I Speak For Democracy" contest sponsored by the Jaycees, and Miss Iola Parker Rose's faculty adviser, attended the national workshop in democracy for state winners in Williamsburg, Virginia, February 19-21.

"I really do think this is one of the outstanding honors to come to our school," said Miss Parker. One of the most interesting events in her opinion was meeting 30 exchange students from foreign lands.

General topic of the workshop was "American Government Today Living Up to the Principles of Our Fathers."

Saturday night Rose and Miss Parker attended a dinner at the Williamsburg Inn and afterwards saw the William and Mary-Wake Forest basketball game.

Club Issues 8 Bids

Eight junior girls became pledges to the Good Sports Club Monday, February 8, at a meeting in the home of Penn Strandberg. They were Peggy Daniel, Judy Brewer, Jeanette McIntyre, Mary Lee Fountain, Margie Parker, Mary Frances Warren, Kay Williford and Lee Ann Brown.

Girls only are eligible for membership in this club and those invited to membership are limited to juniors and seniors. They are chosen because of their qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and character.

Purpose of the Good Sports Club is to promote good sportsmanship in the school. The group sponsors various projects during the year, one of the most outstanding being the decoration of the goal posts for football games.

Mrs. Landis is adviser of the group.

From The Mailbag

By Anne Proctor
The Spectator, Granby High School, Norfolk, Virginia.

From now on, Granby students will be given the privilege of choosing their teachers when signing up for courses. Under this system, honor students have first choice, then seniors, juniors, and sophomores, respectively.

The Hickory Twig, Hickory High School, Hickory, N. C.

Students of this school recently voted Tony Curtis their favorite actor, with Rock Hudson running a close second. Tony Curtis has agreed to select the annual Beauty Queen.

High Life, Senior High School, Greensboro, N. C.

While on the subject of movie stars, three such celebrities came to Greensboro. Anne Baxter, Tyrone Power, and Raymond Massey, playing in *John Brown's Body*, granted an interview to a group of high school reporters. The stars were so friendly and natural that the students forgot to get autographs.

Maury News, Matthew Fontaine Maury High School, Norfolk, Virginia.

In this school, sixteen students serve on an Honor Court, or Student Advisory Board. The purpose of this group is to counsel problem students, or help solve any other problems around the school.

The Chieftain, Pocatello Senior High School, Pocatello, Idaho.

Students of Pocatello high are going to change their school constitution and government. These new bills are going to be passed to enable more students to take part in the school's activities and follow the laws passed by the school's law-making body.

Goldsboro Hi News, Goldsboro, N. C.

(With *Blackbird* variations.)
Miss Murk—"I may lecture today on Chaucer. How many of you read the 25th. chapter?"

(Nearly all hands go up.)

Miss Murk—"That's fine. You're the group to whom I wish to speak. "There is no 25th. chapter."

New Fashions Seen In School

"Variety is the spice of life." This statement applies not only to life but to hair styles also. Within the last year Rocky Mount High students have shown that new hair do's really add variety.

Last spring and summer the "cat cut" was the top hair style with the boys and girls. When the boys switched over to the "crew cut," the girls with long hair were really high style with their "pony tails." What's the fad now? Anyone can see that it's the "Italian" hair cut. Margie Parker seemed to have set the pace when she cut off those beautiful long locks. Nearly everyone has followed suit, including Ruth Sides. Ruth just recently had her locks clipped, but the result was worth it.

What's next in this great age of new fashions? Maybe they'll even go back to the pencil slim style with no waist! One guess is as good as the other.



Calendar Cues

- February 25
Grass Roots Opera—La Boheme.
- February 26-28
State championship basketball playoffs in Winston-Salem.
- March 1
Oratorical contest—"The Big Change".
- March 5
Second Edsonian presentation. *The Enchanted Cottage*
- March 1-14
Publication staffs attend CSPA Convention.
- March 23
N. C. Little Symphony Concert
- March 31
Community Concert.