

Teachers, We Thank You

Dear Teachers,

At this time of year, seniors seem to be the ones receiving all the praise, honor and glory, but we know who the power behind the throne has been.

The homeroom teachers who have been with us through thick and thin during the past four years especially deserve our appreciation and thanks. They have been our parents in a place which in reality has been a second home. These teachers Mrs. VanBuskirk, Miss Murchison, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Cuthrell, Miss Harris, Mr. Privott, and Mr. Cleetwood have given much time and efforts to make our high school years successful ones.

Mr. Privott and Miss Johnson, who were our class advisers, did everything in their power to help

put over our projects and when they were successful, which was always so, to whom was the credit given?—The class members, of course.

We do not mean to overlook our subject teachers, for they were the ones we were primarily responsible to. We consider ourselves lucky—Anybody can teach what's in a book—but not all schools have teachers who encourage individuals to think, do and act for themselves.

In later years, when members of our class are successful and famous, you teachers will certainly have a right to say, "I helped make that person what he is today."

Appreciatively yours,
The Seniors

Lowder Presents Sr. Piano Recital To Student Body

Carolyn Lowder gave her senior recital in the auditorium assisted by Faye Batts on Friday, May 14. The program consisted of: **Easter Dawn In Hollywood Bowl**, Engleman; **Grand Valse Caprice**, Cadman; **Military Polonaise**, Chopin; **Flight of the Bumble Bee**, Rimski-Korsakov; **Malaguena**, Ernesto Lecuona.

The stage was neatly decorated with the two pianos taking a prominent position. There were two baskets of flowers off center and on the right.

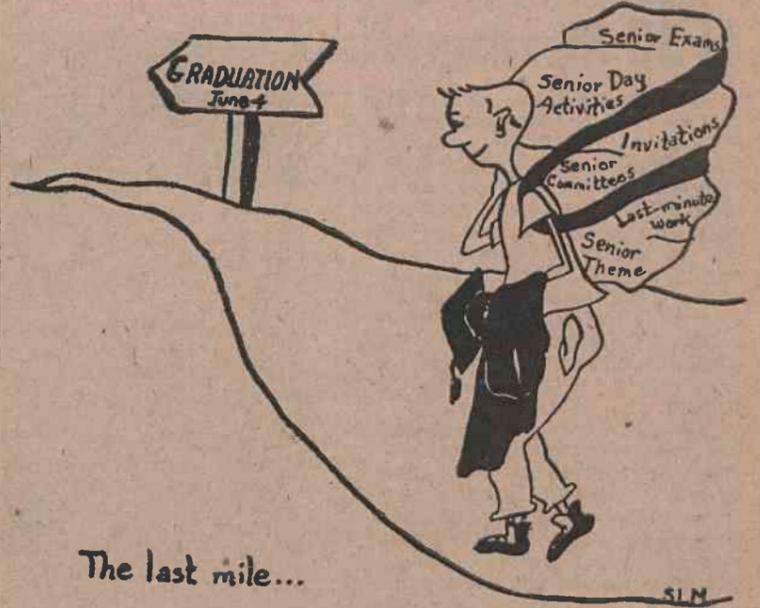
Carolyn, a senior, has been a pupil of Miss Worsley for many years and has always been outstanding in music. She has been the accompanist for the choir the past two years and was in the junior choir for her freshman and sophomore years. She plays the organ in the Arlington Street Baptist Church. She is a member

of the Junior Music Club and has participated in many of its activities. This year she was awarded the Junior Music Scholarship for outstanding musical ability.

She plans to attend Meredith College in Raleigh next year, where she hopes to get her degree in church music. She has taken the college preparatory course in high school, making an above the average scholastic record. She also does individual accompaniment as well.

Carolyn has participated in many other activities in school, one of which is drama. She is a member of the Edson Dramatic Organization.

Faye Batts is a sophomore, a member of the Junior Music Club



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'Famous Last Words'

How does it feel to be a senior and graduating from school at last after twelve years of hard work?

A freshman looking ahead toward his next four years of school might consider it as one of the happiest moments of his life, but we find it a different story when the moment finally comes. Believe it or not, a few seniors have tears in their eyes at the thought of graduating!

To give you first hand information as to how these lucky people really do feel about graduation, the following quotes are listed:

"I've enjoyed every minutes of my high school days, but I can truthfully say I'm looking forward to graduating." — Sallie Ann Bartholomew.

"I'm going to miss high school and all the fun I've had with everybody, but I'm also looking forward to next year."—Janice Sumner.

"I'm glad to be graduating but I know I'm going to miss RMHS. It's might hard to realize it's all over though"—Vivian Williams.

"Of course, I'm real excited about going to college but I have so many pleasant memories of high school and I wish I didn't have to leave now!"—Betty Sue Cash.

"These have been four wonderful years, I've had a wonderful time, and I've met some wonderful people that I'll never forget!"—Rose Booth.

"I'm both glad and sorry that I'm leaving high school. I'm glad because I'll be going off to college and sad because the best days of my life will be over."—Peggy Bateman.

Read And Weep
"Graduation is a time when you feel elated about getting a little slip of paper and then cry over it"—Glenda Starling.

"It will mean that I at last

have some sense and will have to act like a big girl now."—Nancy Hollingsworth.

"Graduation means that we have reached the day we have been looking forward to since the beginning of our school career"—Jeanette Ruffin.

"Graduation is the wonderful goal toward which I have been working since I entered grammar school. It means the beginning of maturity for all of us"—Yvonne Churchill.

"I wish I were a sophomore and could stay here three more years. I really hate to leave"—Betty Ivey.

Valentine McMillan can hardly wait!

"Kay Sanders: 'So long, it's been good to know ya!' Yours truly (Sarah Moore) has only this to say—"AMEN!"

Sr. Day Schedule

8:30—Senior Breakfast, Ricks Hotel Dining Room.

(Back to class after breakfast.)
1:45—Program in the Auditorium.

1. Last Will and Testament.
2. Prophecy.
3. History.
4. Five Minute Skits by Senior Homerooms.

5:30—Vesper Service at the Lake.

6:00—PTSA Supper at Josh Bulluck's.

After supper—Free movie at Center Theater.

10:00—12:00—Dance in Senior High Parking Lot.

Music by Walter Plummer.

With the closing of school, the graduates will well represent Rocky Mount next fall in the various colleges in and out of the state.

Below is a list of "who's going where."

N. C. State—Bob Cummings, Garland Chick, Jimmy Daught-ridge, Jimmy Davis, Bobby Deans, Robert Harris, Lloyd Hedgepeth, Rooney Malcom, Stanley Still, Marshall Sullivan and Bill Thar-rington.

University of N. C.—Billy Col-ston, Jimmy Crumpler, Wiley Fisher, Bobby Fleming, Jimmy Lancaster, Stan Leggett, John Marriott, Theo Pitt and Marvin Ward.

Womans College — Sallie Ann Bartholomew, Peggy Bateman, Wilma Campbell, Betty Sue Cash, Bunny Crowley, Kay Congleton, Johnny DuFour, Edith Ann John-son, Jerry Renfrow, Mary Jo Mears, Joan Mixon, Elaine Peters, Emily Ryals, Peggy Sexton, Ruth Sides, and Janice Sumner.

Peace College — Margaret Daughtridge, Patricia Harris, and Brooks Hinson.

Flora McDonald College—Elise Elise Williams.

St. Marys College—Betty Ivey,

Class Of '54 Has Good Record; Edson Extends Congratulations

In just a few more days the Class of '54 will for the last time pass through the corridors of Senior High. Many will continue their education in colleges and universities, the armed services will beckon a few, the strains of the Wedding March lure several to the altar; but the majority will begin to seek a livelihood in the world of competition. But what-ever path beyond school is select-ed, it is hoped that the four year sojourn in Senior High has ade-quately prepared the Class of '54 for the responsibilities that lie ahead.

The Class of '54 holds the dis-tinction of being the first class to graduate from the new million dollar Senior High and this year's class holds the record of being the largest class to ever graduate from our school. These two firsts," as important as they may seem, do not represent achieve-ments but are actual statistical facts. The Class of '54 will not be largest group to graduate from a

our school but will be chiefly rec-ognized for the great contribu-tions made to the life, welfare, and history of our school. This school is a better place because the class of '54 has been here. They have set an excellent ex-ample for future classes to follow. Their accomplishments and achievements have left an indeli-ble mark upon all who had the honor to help and serve them.

One distinctive characteristic that may be noted about the members of the Class of '54 is that they always placed the wel-fare of the student body above personal or class desires and wishes. This most commendable trait has resulted in a pride of school and as development of school spirit that is unsurpassed in the state.

May, we all thank the Class of '54 for their enviable record and may we wish for them much suc-cess for the future.

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Where They Plan To Work (?) Next

Val McMillan, Mary Proctor, Mol-lie Sprull, Elizabeth Thompson, and Jean Thorpe.

Duke University—L. M. Barnes, James Chandler, Yvonne Church-hill, Sis Livengood, Peggy Pettitt, and Janet Spain.

East Carolina College — Pat Alexander, Dave Barnes, Darrell Boyd, George Burton, Peggy Ged-die, Bo Gupton, Nancy Hollings-worth, George Knight, Berry Lamm, Patsy Pearce, Boots Pitt-man Bat Ritner, Peggy Searcy, George Strickland, Johnny War-ren, and Gordon Weeks.

High Point College — Harry Gray.

Greensboro College — Mildred Leggett and Kay Sanders.

Lees-McRae College—Sarah Lee Moore.

Presbyterian Junior College—Charles Hughes.

Harris Conservatory of Music—Myrna Koonce.

Fork Union—Eddie Booth and Robert Daughtridge.

Wake Forest College—Paul Bul-luck, Carter Hedrick, Smokey Lancaster, Welford Price, Baxter savage, and Freddy Hurnage.

Meredith—Carolyn Lowder.
Salem—Sue Gregory, Patsy Mc-

Auley, and Vivian Williams.

Those going to colleges out of the state are:

Hollins College—Elizabeth Vann and Gordon Wilkinson.

Hampden-Sidney College — George Moore.

Gradwohl School of Laboratory and X-Ray Technique — Ruth Farmer.

Georgia Tech—Lee Parker.

Those not going to college but who have other plans are:

Air Force — Eddie Pennington and Eulis Robards.

Army—Sketter Currin.

Secretarial Positions — Mamie Johnson, Loretta Clark, Inez Brig-man, Glenda Overman, Rose Booth, Carolyn Stancil, Barbara Avent, Ann Proctor, Inez Booth, Barbara Bedgood, and Janice Lindsay.

Marriage — Nancy LeeHane, Shirley Lamm, Fay Grady, and Mary Sue Clay.

Housewife—Ruby Daughtridge, Jeanette Ruffin, Yvonne Arring-ton, Barbara Cooke, Pat Pops, Shirley Godwin, Shirley Simmons, and Barbara Smith.