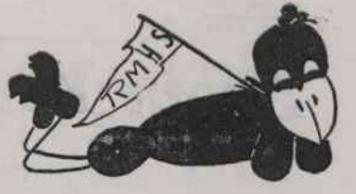


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New Regulations Cut Gum-Chewing, Add Five Minutes

No chewing gum in any form, shorter time between classes, new time for student organization meetings and snacks to be served in the cafeteria are some of the new regulations which will be put into effect this year.

Hot lunches and snacks will be served in the cafeteria. Added expenses come because it is no longer on the Federal School Lunch Program but functioning independently. Some free food will be sent by the government but not enough to effect the prices.

Time between classes has been cut, three minutes will be given because of the time wasted all last year. In the junior high building, it was more difficult to get to classes but it was done in three minutes, therefore five minutes was too much time.

Five minutes have been added to the day due to the course in spelling which is given at the end of fourth period. Many students are lacking in spelling ability, and it is hoped that those going directly into business or to college will benefit from this added emphasis. Some factors still need ironing out before its success can be stated.

No chewing gum in any form has a place in the classroom, the halls or the auditorium. This ruling will be strictly enforced due to the appearance it gives to the students as well as the school.

The schedule for activity period will remain the same but there will be no interruptions. Tuesday will be club day and only then will any club be permitted to meet. During the homeroom hour, homerooms will have a chance to have reports and programs of special value to the students.

Student Organization will meet during class period every two weeks. Meetings will be staggered, so the student will not miss each class more than once or twice and will not work a hardship on any student or teacher.

Hi-Noc-Ar Plans Underway

Bill Kincheloe, editor of the 1954-55 HI-NOC-AR, reports that definite plans cannot be revealed at this time concerning the annual.

Members of the staff are looking forward to the finest annual ever, and they are always busy with their advertising campaign which has been underway about two weeks.

This year, staff members want the book to be a student year book so suggestions from the students will be greatly appreciated.

The business staff members are, Mimi Brewer, business manager; Marvin Barnes, advertising manager; and Bobby Savage, circulation manager. Senior members of the staff are Nancy Newbold, Erwin Robbins, Kay Williford, Wiley Shearin, Jimmy Herring and

New Teachers Bring Glamor To Senior High Faculty



Shown getting the "lowdown" on the new teachers is Norma Bulluck. The teachers are from left to right, Mrs. Hathcock, Miss Ross, Miss Sharpe and Miss Reed. Another new teacher, Mrs. Massey, was conducting a class at the time the picture was made. Photo By Barringer

Aldridge JRC Head

Julian Aldridge represented the Rocky Mount-Nash County Red Cross Chapter at the Junior Red Cross Southeastern Area Leadership Training Center at Camp Green Cove near Hendersonville, August 19-28.

A complete study of the Red Cross and its activities was made in the ten-day period. Campers spent most of each morning and half of the afternoon in discussion groups and assemblies. The latter part of each afternoon was taken up by recreation. An assembly and entertainment program made up the evening schedules.

In the discussion groups the students learned about the international services of the Red Cross, the blood program, of the services to the armed forces, water safety, about the fund campaign, nursing services rendered by volunteer workers in the Red Cross, and about many other services the Red Cross gives to the community.

At the closing banquet on the last Friday night of the convention Miss Carolyn Blackwood, who represented the United States at the Canadian Training Center, spoke on her experiences in Canada.

Johnny Hammond. The junior members which were selected by the staff last year, are Charles Sanders, Faye Batts, Margaret Stone and Fred Harris.

Receiving a copy of the annual is always one of the highlights of the year. All seniors will want a copy since it will contain pictures of their classmates and a picture history of the school activities.

In future years a great thrill will come when it is possible to look back over the familiar faces of one's high school career. Only by getting a subscription to THE HI-NOC-AR can this privilege be possible. When the homeroom representative comes around, have three dollars and a half ready so the 100 per cent mark, which is the goal of the staff, may be reached.

615 Enroll

Final tally of the enrollment this year finds 239 sophomores, 210 juniors and 166 seniors, making a grand total of 615.

Sophomore girls outnumber the boys by 21 while there are only 2 extra junior girls. Seniors lead with 22 more girls than boys. Taking the school as a whole, there are 45 more girls making 1 3/19 girls for every boy.

Paid Assemblies, Appearances Set

Vice-presidents of the three classes and the vice-president of the student organization chose four programs from a list sent by the Southeast School Assemblies for the paid assemblies during the year, and these do not all fall on Fridays.

"Mister Littlebit" a comedy, in two acts was presented by the Palmer Martin Players, September 24. This was a play about a young married couple whose home was suddenly invaded by an impish little creature who announced himself as "Mr. Littlebit."

Secrets belonging to the magicians of the ancient China Imperial Court will be told when Chan Loo, the magician, comes here, October 26. Chan Lee is known as the magic mandarin and comes direct from the mystery spectacle, "Sim Sala Bim."

Leaders in the field of acrobatic hand-to-hand balancing tumbling, comedy tumbling and teeter-board exhibitions is the Taflin Trio scheduled for December 14. These performers are stars of the big top and give extraordinary exhibitions of precision, timing and gravity-defying gyrations. A backward double somersault into a ten-foot high perch chair is one of the highlights of the show.

"Characters In Clay" will be presented by Raymond Borgardus, January 27. Working with 90 pounds of clay and without the use of any tools except his hands, Mr. Bogardus molds giant heads of famous persons.

Delegates Report

Delegates to the 1954 Tar Heel Girls' and Boys' States report that their experiences at these conferences were most profitable.

Jane Hatchett and Kay Williford were selected last spring by a special faculty committee to represent the school at Girls' State at the Woman's College in Greensboro the first of the summer. While there Jane won for herself the signal honor of being selected a candidate for Governor of Girls' State.

Delegates to Boys' State, Bill Kincheloe, Flaye Hammond and Charles Daughtridge, and Julian Aldridge followed much the same schedule as did the Girl Staters. The Boys' State convention was at UNC.

Upon return home the delegates were the dinner guests of the local American Legion, at which time they made a report of their week's experiences.

Students Pick Season's Clubs

RMSHS students have chosen their clubs for the year 1954-55 from many organizations which have a special place and meaning in the school set-up.

Good Sports, The Musettes, The National Honor Society, The Service Club, BAFOS, The Radio Broadcasters and The Junior Music Club have been a few of the most active in the past.

The Good Sports, an organization for girls only, is most active. Under the advisership of Mrs. Landis, this club sponsors the sale of ribbons before each football game every week.

Those students who plan to be teachers belong to the Musettes. The purpose of this club is to better acquaint the members in the trials and tribulations and also the joy of being teachers. Mrs. Van Buskirk is the adviser of this club.

The National Honor Society is a select organization for those students that excel in service, character, leadership, and scholarship. Under the advisership of Miss Bond, they have tapping services in the fall and spring.

Phy. Ed. Teacher Offers Gym Class For Jr-Sr Girls

Five new teachers have been secured for the senior high faculty, four to replace teachers who resigned last year and one to fill a position that is new in the school.

Mrs. Opal Ross replaces Mrs. Hiram Cutirell, who is now looking after a bouncing baby boy. Mrs. Ross received her degree in English and Spanish at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. She commented on the splendid discipline and organization found here.

Miss Frankie Sharpe is in the English and History departments. She is a graduate of Duke University. When asked her impression of RMSHS, she replied, "Everything impresses me." She fills the position vacated by Miss Jessie Johnson, who married during the summer.

Florida sent us Mrs. Jacqueline Hathcock, who is taking Miss Winkie Harris' place. Mrs. Hathcock studied at Depaura University in Indiana and at Emory University for her M. A.

Miss Charlotte Read, a RMSHS graduate, returns this year to replace Miss Jean Riddle, who is busy looking after a new husband. Miss Read attended WC and RPI and says she now feels as if she has returned home.

Mrs. Jay Massey is instructing girls physical education and biology. She is occupying a new position on the faculty. Mrs. Massey attended W. C. and New York University.

All the teachers commented favorably on the splendid attitude of the students and the wonderful faculty-student relationship found in the school.

The Service Club, under the direction of Mrs. Robbins, is one of the most active clubs in senior high. The members are selected each year by the junior members from the year before. In addition to having the home football game programs printed, they sponsor many worthwhile activities such as the polio drive.

BAFOS is a sports organization in high school for boys only and Mr. E. E. Adkins is the adviser. Membership to this club is by invitation only.

The Radio Broadcasters is perhaps the most active group in school. This group has a regular thirty-minute program each week and it also appeared for a one-half hour talent show on WNCT last year in Greenville. Mr. Charles Graham is the faculty director.

The Junior Music Club is for the talented sect in senior high. In this group, each member must perform at least three times a year before the rest of the club.

Other outstanding groups are the FHA, the Bible Club, the Mixers Club, and the Personal Typing Club.