

From Your President

It is my happy privilege to welcome you, old and new students, at the beginning of the 1954-55 school year to our Senior High. This will be our second year in the building and soon the new gym will be ready.

Last year the students took perfect care of the building, of which we are all so proud. Let's keep it that way!

We have a good faculty and fine physical facilities. Our opportunity to learn is great. Take advantage of it and study, after all, we are here to learn.

This year should be a good one, both scholastically and in our activities, and should make us very proud of our school.

Your Student Organization will need your support, interest, and suggestions. Back up the Student Organization in all its undertakings. I think we will have a great year. WELCOME!

The Staff joins with Sandy in wishing the students the very best year you've ever had in high school. Let's get right behind him and make our school the best in the State.

Doing Your Share?

Local students have the reputation of making one of the finest student bodies in the State. In order for it to remain so, the students must be behind it with interest and support.

No business or organization can remain successful unless each of its members have a prolonged interest in his firm. In a school the athletic teams, school publication staffs, dramatic departments, and school clubs are similar to such business firms. These groups cannot do their best unless they have student backing.

Interest and support can be shown in many different ways. At the present the football players are helping set a fine athletic record by fighting hard to win each game, but they can't do it alone. They need encouragement. They need to have the feeling that they are being backed. Here is where the students can pitch in and help win the game. By yelling and cheering, the onlookers can give the team the necessary "push" it needs when the going gets tough.

In the same way the other "teams" in the school need the student backing. The students in these groups are doing their best to keep RMSHS labeled one of the finest schools in the State. Are you doing your share of the job?

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Like It?

Well, here is the first 1954-55 edition of THE BLACKBIRD, which the staff has tried to make a paper that you, Mom and Pop will be glad to read.

We hope that you like the new, slick surface, along with the smear-proof ink and our approach to reporting the news which we know has room for improvement.

Plans to have a better supplement filled with the latest gossip and stories about many hitherto unknown, unpublished items about students and known characters.

Ideas obtained last year from students have guided us in this first feeble effort to improve our paper. If you have any ideas that might help or other bits of information that haven't been published, pass them on to us. We'll consider every worthwhile idea and we promise to use what we can.

It is your paper. Help us to make it the best paper.

What'd You Do

If you were unlucky enough to be caught with a cassowary in the halls at school, what would your reaction be?

Mimi Brewer says she would be embarrassed Billy McIntyre would go west Janice Frazier would crawl in a locker Sandy Thorpe would leave town immediately Ronnie Felton would stand still in amazement Margaret Williams would laugh Bobby Savage's reaction would depend on whom he is with What would Lucinda Oliver do? She'd enjoy it while it lasts! Carol Morgan says she would run Kenneth Cooke says he would hide his face and Barbara Jones says she would jump to the ceiling.

Won't their faces be red when these people learn that a cassowary is only a large swift flightless bird of the same family as the ostrich, but smaller, native to New Guinea and Australia.

Faculty Sketches

Ever ready to repeat an explanation full of wit and humor "measuring eyes" light up as two and one half inch grasshoppers are brought into the room Our Biology friend Mrs. Van!

Dignified and unbusinesslike in appearance a book of knowledge when it comes to math thoughtfully provided a fan for student comfort during those warm days Of course who else, but Mr. Mac?

A bundle of energy enthusiastic a very small package tied with a large smile right at home at a typewriter almost as large as she Mrs. Landis!

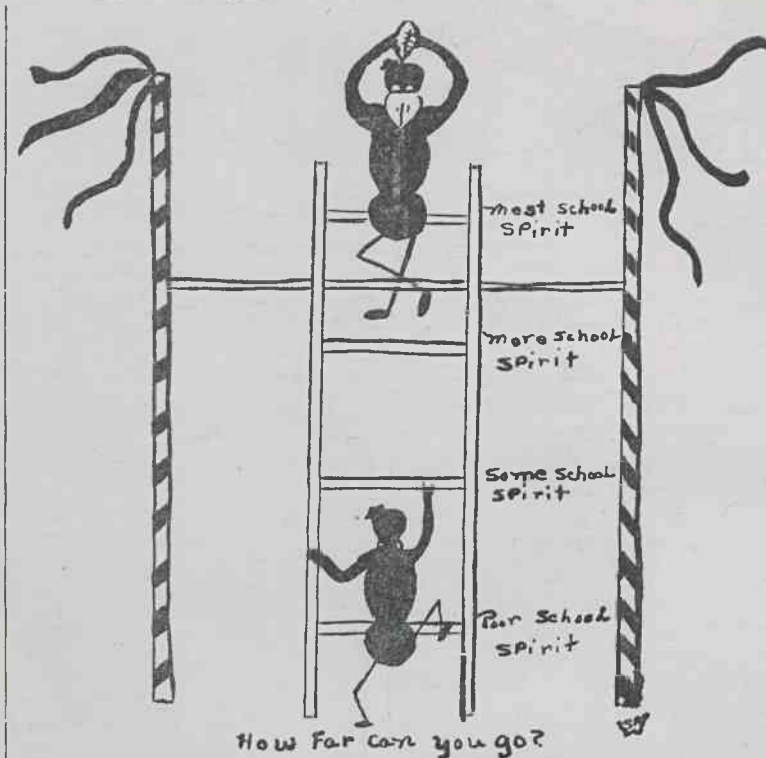
Determination skill perfection originality musical ability Mrs. Black!

Spelling, Hard? Try This!

So many students have complained of the hard spelling course, that the staff has devised the following simplified spelling method. What do you think of it?

The year 1954 would be devoted to the elimination of the soft "c" which is replaceable by "s". In 1955 all other "c's" would become "k's". Thus we certainly would have no further korseen with konsonant. However, sinse it would still be found on all typewriter keyboards, we would use it as a replasement for ce bocersome "th."

Next, ce suffix "ing" would be attakked. Cis problem would be solved by removig ce excess "in".



What America Means To Me

What does America mean to me?

It means freedom—freedom to speak my own thoughts, worship my own God, and live my own life. Sometimes I feel as though I cannot fully appreciate or understand this gift, as I have never known any other kind of life.

From freedom comes hope and from hope comes opportunity; and from these come the chance for every man to make his own life, whatever it may be.

This to me is the greatest thing a country has to offer her people.

Ed. Note. The above article written by Joan Backett was selected as one of the best essays on **What America Means To Me** received in the American history classes. I felt that no students words could be more meaningful than Joan's, as she was born in Turkey and came to America at the age of twelve, at which time she received that priceless gift of American citizenship.

School Begins With A 'Bang'

By James Ezzeile

As usual, things began at the relatively new high school with a bang.

The first few days found the halls literally buzzing with students lost in the rush and turmoil of trying to get to their next class in the short time of three minutes. On the first morning, many sibes of relief were heard as Mr. Edson announced that the first week's schedule would be shortened so the school day could be completed by noon.

But oh, that Mr. Weatherman! He really turned on the heat! During the first several weeks,

the only word to describe what he was dishing out was that prolonged — "whew-w-w-w-w." Sophomores said that last year about this time there was a slight breeze stirring in their school. Well, there probably was one over here then, to—but that was last fall.

As the days grow into weeks, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and faculty members, with shirts and dresses soaked with perspiration, walked hurriedly through the halls wiping brows with their handkerchiefs and lugging the books from which their tree of knowledge grows.

So my suggestion to you is—keep cool, keep wiping that brow and wait 'cause footballs are in the air and soon the leaves will begin to turn and cool breezes of fall will be here.

It's News!

If you have:
eloped
been married
bought a car
"died" recently
had a wreck
got a new boyfriend
got a new girl friend
been sick
had a party
"popped the question"
found a job
started going steady
been drafted

IT'S NEWS! Turn it in so we can print it!