

### Out Of Chaos — Unity!

When an argument is won and a question is decided, there are those who must yield and abide by the decision. They must put to use that which they have learned from birth—a respect for authority.

Nothing can be gained by rashness, bitterness, rebellion, and malice. We must accept that which we cannot change and make the most of it.

We must put aside individual interests and think of others. We must put our school first. Our school is more important than any social organization or individual.

We must think and act calmly and sensibly. We cannot afford to overlook education and our school and wander blindly into disorganization, discontentment, and chaos. Unity for better education is what we must seek. Let us put the emphasis on the essential and the essential is education.

It is not too late to retract rash statements and view the problem sensibly. You must keep your head when all of those about you lose it. We must bring out of chaos—unity. This is our task.

M. B.

### Stop. Stop, Stops!!!

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No, there's no thief running away with valuables, but this is an SOS, just the same . . . an SOS for stops, door stops, that is.

Since the weather is getting warmer, classrooms are a lot more comfortable if the doors are left open. But this causes a draft and the doors 'go with the wind'—BANG! Sounds like a little Hazel and it doesn't help the doors any, not to mention what it does to the nerves of those who'd rather be on the beaches anyway.

Perhaps this idea will interest homerooms, shop students, or some clubs in providing these little items for the classrooms. The homerooms may wish to donate a sum in order to buy a door stop for their room or the shop students may decide to make enough for all classrooms. Just an idea!

### Sterling Or Plated??

There are many people who appear to be sincere, but who have ulterior motives for their actions.

A person who is genuinely sincere is one whose word means the truth and whose character is beyond reproach. He always thinks of others before himself and his actions lean in this direction instead of for his own personal gain.

Genuine sincerity is like a sterling silver spoon and false sincerity resembles a plated one. A spoon that is marked sterling is made completely of the finest silver and its composition contains no flaws, while a plated one has only a thin coating of fine silver with its inside filled with a lower grade of metal. While it may appear to be sterling, it takes only time to show its real composition. Rust, corrosion, and a rough inner surface soon appear and the spoon becomes of little value and use.

In this challenging century of war and turmoil one has many opportunities to prove his real worth and sincerity. Certainly in this day and time we want to possess sterling qualities.

## Admires Sign After 50 Years!



Peggy Whitehurst admires the sign that marks the site of her grandfather's business back in 1906. Her home is at the right.

Photo By Barringer

## After The Bell Kay Williford Likes School; Wiley Shearin, Future Dentist

By Jimmy Moore

Seniors, do you remember when you were wandering around the halls of the old high school as green freshmen and saying to yourself, "Oh, I wish I were a senior!" Well, here you are now with only twenty eight more days and then you will be marching down the aisle to get that sheep-skin. Seriously, don't you wish you had just one more year left?

Hey! all of you mathematical geniuses who took the statewide algebra and plane geometry test, next time the teachers tell us to study for a test of this nature, we'll do it, won't we?

Well, our very affable and versatile history teacher, Coach C. C. Cleetwood, has done it again! This time, with the help of "The Jugglers", he won first place in the "Stunt Night" sponsored by the Hi-Noc-Ar. That day was, in a sense, a double victory for him, because his Blackbirds also won their first conference game. Congratulations, Mr. Cleetwood!

### 50 Years Ago . . .

#### Whitehurst Has Historical Home

"One of the best, most progressive, and fastest growing cities in North Carolina", quotes the ROCKY MOUNT RECORD, a catalogue of the city in 1906! If they called us a progressive city then, what in the world would they think of us today?

Many of the traditions of the "old Rocky Mount" still remain today, either in spirit or in form. Many descendants of those who helped make the early history of the city are in our midst everyday.

Among the outstanding contributors to Rocky Mount's early history was Mr. W. D. Cochran, Peggy Whitehurst's grandfather, who claimed to have the most modern store in Rocky Mount. His line of merchandise included men's ready-to-wear and other clothing apparel.

On the side-walk in front of the City Industrial Bank there is still the brass sign that marks Mr. Cochran's business.

At the left are pictured his granddaughter, admiring the sign that marks his business, and a recent photo of his home. The Cochran home still stands, having been remodeled in keeping with the times. It has been moved to Howell Street, where Pggys family live today. Built around 1897, it is one of the interesting features of the "old Rocky Mount."

This is one of two articles about students with interesting relatives. Next month other Rocky Mount families will be featured. Surely there are other students who have interesting family stories . . . If you will share them with the staff members, then we can share them with others! Someday, our descendants might even be writing about us. Wonder what they will say 50 years from now!

Editors and business managers of The Blackbird and the Hi-Noc-Ar have unanimously selected Kay Williford and Wiley Shearin as the personalities-of-the-months of April and March, respectively.

During her four years in high school, Kay Williford has had various homeroom offices. Also, in her freshman year, she was a student organization representative.

Kay, an enthusiastic worker in all school activities, was the secretary of her sophomore class and vice-president of the Good Sports club. She is now publicity chairman of the student organization.



"Shall I tell them you're going to be a dentist", says Kay to Wiley in planning her next issue of Hi-Lites.

Photo By Barringer

She is a member of the National Honor Society and last June she was a commencement marshal. In her freshman year, she won the Civitan citizenship medal.

For all three of her class's dances, she has been chairman of one refreshment committee and this year she is on the Hi-Noc-Ar staff.

Wiley Shearin, the personality school, Wiley plans to enter Carolina and prepare for a dental career.

### Way Back When . . .

#### Gregory Was "Biggest Talker"

"Does that person look like Doug Hunt to you?" asked Norma Savage of Jimmy Moore, as they were looking through a 1920 Hi-Noc-Ar.

"Yes, it does in a way. I wonder if his picture is in the senior section?" replied Jimmy. "Why, yes, it is here and it's Richard Frederick Hunt. That must be his father. How about that!"

"Well, he's not the only person in here that have children that have been to this school. Here are some more."

For instance, Peggy Whitehurst's mother, then Helen Cochran, was on the Hi-Noc-Ar staff and also the "Most Studious" in the class of '23. Peggy is the news editor of The Blackbird and she is also a member of the National Honor Society.

"Cheese" Gregory doesn't have anything on his father just because he can talk a lot. Mr. Henry Gregory was voted the "Biggest Talker" in the class of 1923!

"Yes", said Norma, "This all goes to show that the old adage, 'Like father, like son,' is very true." (And that goes for 'Like mother, like daughter', too!)



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