

I Find Funny Items Summing It Up

Confusion galore confronted me in the April exchanges, but I found some interesting items in the serious issues.

For example, The Spectator of Granby High, Norfolk, Va., put out the April Fool, Perculator from the Low School, Poorfolk, Va., in which teachers were involved in bootlegging and had a mineral swimming pool in the munchroom. (April Fool!)

According to John Adams Journal, Cleveland, Ohio, students have been swimming in a roof pool and the city cooler has been holding 25 rebel speeders. (Just fooling again).

The "Gray Light" of Gray High in Winston Salem was doing some wishful thinking when it reported Gray High was obtaining a print shop. That's just too good to be true. (Almost fooled me, too.)

Here is something new. Students at Plant High in Tampa, Florida, had an annual circus with clubs sponsoring concession stands on midway. Acts such as swinging ladders, a clown high bar a triple trapeze, and tight-wire acts were presented by stu-

Finalist Wins Bond In Spelling Contest

Individual class spelling champs will be awarded a medal and certificate and the school champion will be presented a sterling silver medal and a fifty dollar bond at the close of the contest.

Winners who were selected to participate in the event were chosen from the spelling classes by the fourth period teachers.

At the present time the sophomores are having eliminations to obtain their class winner.

See if you can top this. Sylvia Gregory of Greensboro at the age of six was on a train with a dozen Japanese spies accompanied by armed FBI men. During the night Sylvia fell out of her upper berth and landed on a Jap who had just killed a man in the next compartment. Needless to say the FBI quickly caught the killer. Later the train came unhooked from the engine and traveled six miles before the engineer discovered his loss waited for the train to catch up.

Maybe someone here has had an interesting experience such as this. If he has, send it in to The Blackbird.

That's it for this time. If you want to read any of the April Fool issues, they will be at the top of the exchange pile.

R. Eason DE Girl

Roberta Eason has been chosen the "D. E. Student of the Year" by a committee made up of Mr. C. M. Edson, principal, Miss Charlotte Read, classroom instructor, and others who are connected with her work.

Students taking D. E. are graded on classroom work by Miss Read and on their outside work by the employers. Credits are given toward the diplomas for both parts of the course. This enables the students to go out and meet the public while dealing with the retail business.

This year Roberta is taking D. E. for her third year. Her other two courses are Senior English and choir. She reports for work at Rosenbloom-Levy immediately after her third period class.

Under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin the sixty-five piece N. C. Symphony is to play in the Senior high school auditorium tomorrow night at 8:15.

During the concert Miss Caroline Taylor will play Shostakovich's Concerts For Piano, Trumpet and Strings Opus 35 as a piano solo.

Symphony Here Tomorrow

A free concert will be given to grammar school children. This is financed by the adult memberships. There will be no high school gift admissions and tickets will not be sold at the door. Student memberships are \$1.00 each.

Mr. Horace I. Anthony S/Sgt. United States

Air Force wrote a letter to The Blackbird telling some of the career opportunities for high school graduates in the Air Force.

Air Force Stresses Advantages

Complete information on the technical training courses has been compiled into an 84 page free booklet entitled "Pocket Guide To Air Force Opportunities". This booklet now available at the U S A F Recruiting Station in Rocky Mount, also covers subject counseling, school locations, duty assignments, pay educational programs, traveling opportunities, retirement benefits and recreational facilities.

Calendar Cues

- April 26 Margaret Truman Concert
- April 29 Sophomore Party
- May 6 Junior-Senior Dance and Banquet
- May 10 Band and Choir Concert
- May 20 Senior Play



Pictured above are four members of the Jugglers—Pat Reaves, Alvin Leonard, Marshall Deans, and Kenneth Killebrew. Mr. Cleetwood and two other Jugglers are absent from the group.

C. C. Cleetwood Stars; Judges Pick Crockett

Texas' Alamo with Davey Crockett came to the stage of the local high school when Mr. C. C. Cleetwood and the Jugglers won first prize of fifteen dollars at the "Stunt Night" sponsored by the Hi-Noc-Ar.

Second prize was presented to Coach E. E. Adkins and the Kool Ones after "selling" their product—Garrett Snuff. Also in the act were Pat Lewis, Lady Ricks, and Peggy Daniels, who made up the "Triplets", singing "You are My Sunshine."

John Nelms and Harold Gilbert captured third place with their usual hillbilly routine.

English 10C presented a synco-pated marriage with Buddy Cockrell as the bride and Adam Maples as groom. Gail Sutton was guest vocalist at the ceremony

singing "Let Me Go, Lover." Pinky Lee (Marvin Barnes) was the first on the program as he sang and danced with the children who came to see his show. This stunt was presented by the National Honor Society.

All participants were members of clubs, homerooms, and classes who wished to help the Hi-Noc-Ar.

Mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Miss Alma Murchison, adult adviser to the annual. Proceeds went to the yearbook to help with finances.

Performing before an audience of approximately nine hundred people of this community "Broadway" was displayed and word has been received that there have been requests for a repeat performance.

Seniors Pick 'You Can't Take It'

"You Can't Take It With You," by Sue Yelverton and Bobby Kaufman and Hart, is the production which will be presented by the seniors as their annual money-making project, May 20. The plot deals with a love scene between the only sane members of the cast, Alice and Tony, played

"every man for himself" room. It is here that meals are eaten, plays written, printing presses are run, and grandpa keeps his snake collection!

Mimi Brewer plays the part of Penelope Sycamore, Grandpa's playwright daughter. Peggy Daniel is Essie, a ballet dancer. Ed, her husband played by Marvin Barnes, runs his printing press. Graham Adams and Lois Howell are the colored help, Donalds and Roeba. Tony's parents are Jane Hatchett and Eddie Felts as Mr. and Mrs. Kirby.

Julian Aldridge, as Henderson, gets hot on the trial of income tax evaders because he is a representative of the Department of Internal Revenue. Carolyn Rich plays the part of Gay Wellington, a drunk whom Penelope drags in off the streets to read her plays. James Birney is Mr. DePinna, Jerry Forbes and Carol Jean Melton are Boris Kolenkhov and Olga, the Russians. The three G. men are Woodrow West, Charles Bateman, and John High.

Gene Arnold is student director and Mrs. Jackie Hathcock is the director.



Rehearsing a scene of the senior play are, seated, Mimi Brewer, Bill Kincheloe, Marvin Barnes, and Sue Yelverton, Peggy Daniels is doing the ballet.

Speakers List Success Qualities In Sixth Career Day Assembly

Characteristics for success in the business world were emphasized at the sixth annual Career Day under the co-sponsorship of the Student Organization of RMSHS and the Rocky Mount Junior Chamber of Commerce, April 15.

Coach Has Shadow

Mr. Cleet C. Cleetwood's 4-legged shadow (man's best friend) often seen with him in the hall really doesn't belong to the coach at all.

It seems that "Davey Crockett" has a magnetic power that draws this strange dog to visit him at RMSHS. Mr. Cleetwood told Mrs. T. D. Young the other day that his "shadow" resembles his own dog, who is chained at home. Even the real McCoy gets loose once in a while, so for these occasions, Mr. Cleetwood has a chain outside his window where he keeps the dog.

Mr. Cleetwood has a way with all animals (that includes students, too!)

The morning session featured a keynote address by Mr. J. G. Page, Personnel Superintendent of the DuPont in Kinston who gave the students the benefit of his years of experience in dealing with good qualities in employees.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Robert Tanning, Mr. Carlyle Gay, and Mr. Jack Cummings, local business men, were members of a panel which discussed "The Elements in Business." Mr. Quillan Ward was moderator for the panel. They stressed the importance of developing one's personality, interest, ability and business ability or memory. A number of interesting aids were used to illustrate the speakers' points.

Sandy Thorpe, president of the RMSHS Student Organization, presided over the first session of Career Day at which time he recognized Peggy Manning, Jean Stephenson, and Joyce Hudson for their efforts in a student committee on arrangements. Mr. Earl Privott presided over the second session of the assembly following the lunch hour.