

## Just Dig In Again!

'Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic taught to the tune of—exams!

Another period has passed in the lives of some unfortunates who have been studying for those necessary but sometimes fatal semester exams. What would teachers (and students) do with out them? (Probably shout with glee.)

If you are one of the 'senior brains' who was exempt from all mid-term tests until this year, pat yourself on the back and remember us of another group who have studied so diligently for those 'cussed' (pardin thu expresshun) exams.

Although some will leave school this June with happy, bright, shining, little faces never to return or else to return next fall, many will return during the summer (pore things) and study for six more weeks. Tragic but true that some students are entirely unable to do without school for three months. Who said that?

Seriously, if you haven't done the best you could have done on some tests, don't feel too bad, but try, try again. (Ya know, give it the old go, go, go!

## Success Is What You Make It

'Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

Is success winning trophies and honors in school, saving unselfishly, learning and using that knowledge to benefit mankind, or is it adapting intelligently to any situation and there advancing as an upright citizen of a democratic nation?

No matter what you consider as sucess, remember 'there is no rose without a thorn! Whatever you seek to accomplish, have the determination to stick to until the goal or gold has been achieved.

Success is what you make it. If you are one who 'slides' by and never really studies, can you expect to succeed in anything beyond sliding? Otherwise, if you take every opportunity to learn and cheerfully enjoy working for what you get, you are better prepared to be successful. Whether you win great honors or not, you still have the satisfaction of knowing that you are a vital spoke in a big 'wheel' of progress.

When you feel depressed, stop and think! Nearly everyone has your same problems and likely enough they have succeeded in finding the common solution, work, which is the essence of success.

S.P.

## Radio, Ron Felton's First Love

When anyone mentions six feet two, eyes of brown and a pleasing personality with a great deal of go-go-go, students immediately think of Ronnie Felton, the May Personality of the Month.

Ronnie has served in many capacities since he entered high school. He was president and vice-president of his homeroom in his freshman year and he has also served as an officer in various classrooms.

The Radio Broadcasters Club is his first love and he has been president, vice-president, and program director of this organization. He has also directed two programs over WNCT and had a radio show over WCEC this year.

Last summer Ronnie attended the Civitan Youth Conference at Wild Acres, N. C. He says of this, "The conference was an experience that I will always remember and cherish." This year, as advertising manager of *The Blackbird*, Ronnie has devoted innumerable hours to it, and the advertising campaign, was one of the most successful made in the last ten years, if not in the history of *The Blackbird*.

In sports, Ron has played on the freshman basketball team and, al-

so in his freshman year, he was on the intramural basketball championship team.

Ronnie, who makes above average grades in school, says, "My favorite subjects are chemistry, biology, and general science."

As is indicated by his size, he likes all kinds of food but says his favorite is steak. As you've probably guessed, there are no foods that he dislikes.

Ron also says that he likes any kind of dances and music except hillbilly and that he likes girls—period.

'When asked what he plans to do after graduation, he replied that he would go to East Carolina for two years and then to the University of Virginia to prepare for a dental career.

## To Seniors

By James Ezzell

Yes, you graduating seniors,  
That day is almost here;  
The day that ends four glorious years,  
That you have held so dear.

You started off as a freshman,  
You were new to all the fellows;  
And when you got your first grade,  
Boy, were there some bellows!

When you became a sophomore,  
You thought you knew it all;  
In the old junior high,  
That building three stories tall.

Then you were a junior,  
And began to settle down;  
To study just a little,  
In the newest building in town.

And now that you're a senior,  
And four years are almost through;  
You can have the satisfaction,  
That we looked up to you.

During this past year,  
You were a guiding light;  
The gang would always follow,  
And expect you to treat them right.

Now, some of you might say,  
You're glad the end has come;  
And in a few short months,  
The college tunes you'll hum.

But on the other side,  
There's some who would shed a tear;  
Because the end of those four years,  
Finally has met them here!

Bye Now!

## Graduation Brings Gladness, Sadness

With less than two weeks until graduation, most of the seniors are naturally wondering whether or not they are as anxious to leave RMHS as they once pretended, so this month's roving reporter asked several of them how they felt about leaving, and their answers are printed below.

Question: How do you feel about leaving senior high?

Carole Morgan, Mr. A. M. MacGregor's homeroom: "Well, I've had four good years in high school and I've enjoyed them, but I am ready for a change. I'm glad I'm graduating."

Charles Daughtridge, Mrs. Sue Bowden's homeroom: "Up until this year I had looked forward to graduating from high school. This year is different from other years, however. The time passes faster and I've had so much more fun. Now, in a way, I regret graduation."

## 'Thank You', Says Our Editor

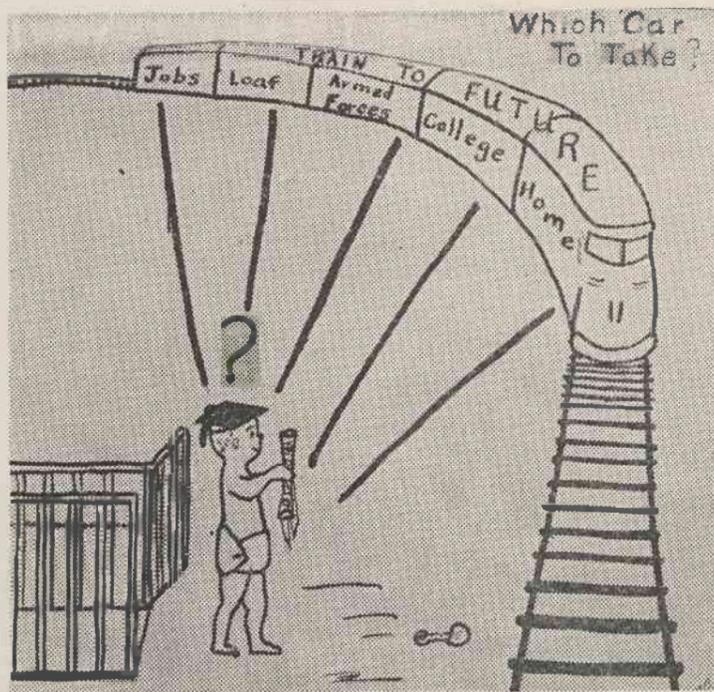
With the last issue of *THE BLACKBIRD* ready to go to press I want to express the deep appreciation I feel to the staff members for the unselfish time, effort, and co-operation they have all given me and to thank you for your support, for without it there could not have been a paper.

We all owe our sincere thanks to Mrs. Young, our adviser. The patience, helpfulness, and all the "putting up with us" that she has displayed through-out the year have made working on the staff a real joy.

We hope you have enjoyed *THE BLACKBIRD* and that you feel we have fulfilled our goal of keeping you informed on school events and also of giving you a record for the future.

Next year's staff is already anxious to begin work on the paper. I'm sure with their enthusiasm and your support that together you can produce one of the best *BLACKBIRDS* ever!

Julian Aldridge, Editor



## Are You Responsible?

As we come to the end of another school year, the second in the new plant, the students of senior high deserve commendation for the excellent job done in keeping the school clean.

Despite the fact that the majority the student body is doing a superb job, there remain two black marks against us because of a small group. One of these is the group that insists on drawing and scratching on desks. This is a childish act and should be confined to the younger children. After all, if a student has enough intelligence to reach the tenth grade, he should also have the sense to get out a piece of paper when he wants to scribble.

The other mark is not inside the school, but on the campus. Although students have been warned not to litter up the ground, another small group (perhaps the same one,) continues to throw trash and bottles on it.

If the students could only be made to realize that these are childish acts and that they reflect on the character of the school as well as the person, they would probably refrain from doing them. But this group needs help. So when you see someone committing one of these offenses, tell him to stop; and if he doesn't, report him. That would not be tattling, but doing your civic duty.

## Shearin, BOM

Wiley Shearin, senior member of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff, has recently been chosen May Kiwanis Boy-of-the-Month.

Since Wiley entered high school, he has been president of Mrs. Sue Bowden's homeroom and treasurer of the senior class. Last year Wiley was a special committee whose duty was to report to the student organization on the magazine, *Student Life*. Last semester, he was tapped into the National Honor Society.

In March of this year, Wiley was chosen the Personality-of-the-month by the school's two publications.

As the Kiwanis Boy, Wiley is luncheon guest of the Kiwanis Club each Thursday during this month.

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Since this is the final issue of *The Blackbird* for '54-'55, the junior members of the staff have taken over the regular part of the paper with Norma Bulluck and Jimmy Moore serving as co-editors.

The senior section (pages four, five, and six) is edited by Julian Aldridge, Lucinda Oliver, Eddie Felts, Ronnie Felton, Peggy Whitehurst, Charles Bateman, Martha Bradley, and Woodrow West.

