

## DeMolays Crown New Sweetheart At Annual Ball

Third annual Sweetheart of the Deux Pays Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Ellen Joyner was crowned by Fay Batts (last year's local Sweetheart and the present State Sweetheart) at the annual Sweetheart Ball, November 10.

Ellen was selected on the basis of her church, school, and civic service from a group of five girls by members of the local chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

Other contestants were Eleanor Bulluck, Barbara Davis, and Kitty Thurman, all of whom are on the 1956-1957 staff of *The Blackbird*, and Anne Proctor, who was on the 1953-1954 staff is now secretary at the Greybar Company. Ellen is circulation manager of *The Blackbird*.

As Deux Pays Chapter Sweetheart, Ellen will enter the State Sweetheart contest at the 1757 DeMolay Conclave.

Both previous local Sweethearts, Leane Ann Brown and Faye Batts, won in the State Sweetheart contest.



Josephine Sugg registers Elaine Bell during a lull in the registration for the mock election sponsored by the government and history classes. (Upper left)

At times the registration places were crowded. It was found later that over 90% registered and voted in the "straw ballot." (Below)

Photos by Billy Faulkner



## BOM and Girl

### Civic Clubs Honor 3 in Nov.

Clare Davenport and Edward Riner are Rotary Girl and Boy of the Month and Jackie Skinner is Kiwanis Boy of the Month for November.

Chosen by the RMSHS faculty on basis of leadership and school records, these three will be honored by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs at their weekly luncheon meetings.

Clare is business manager of *The Blackbird* and a member of the National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll. Edward is editor of *The Blackbird* and is also a member of the National Honor Society and of Quill and Scroll. Jackie is president of the National Honor Society and co-captain of the football team.

### NCIAA Meet Here

Approximately ninety-five members of the North Carolina Industrial Arts Association gathered at Senior High for its fall meeting, November 3.

Mr. Emil Kronquist, master silver craftsman, presented an exhibit of his works, created or reproduced from original masterpieces. He is originally from Sweden and said that he was very thankful for being able to come to America.

Mr. Neal A. Adkins, local shop instructor, host for the convention.

## Play

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who have leading parts in this mysterious play. Members of the cast appear to be professionals. Oldest of the crew is Larry Warner with three years of dramatics; running a close second are Retha Kerman, Audrey Glover, and Frances Gay; bringing up the rear are Puddie Gold, Jane Palmgreen, and Stan Reed with a year each.

Mrs. Hobbs, new to the faculty this year, is directing the play with the help of student director, Marilyn Richardson.

## McGoo's Kazoo

By Kelsey McGee



As a member of the local Boy Watcher's Society, I present this treatise on my observations of the football player (oofay allbay ay pay lay or ? ! ? ).

To aid in the identification of the ? ! ? , the following information is pertinent. His plumage is varied, locally black and gold. His calls are easily recognized, primarily, the "wolf whistle," but frequently consisting of numbers. In weight, he varies from 123 to 235 pounds locally. His eyes may be blue or brown, but are frequently black. His skin is thought to be boy-colored, but what with mud, blood, and bruises—ugh!—who is sure?

### Where ? ? ? Hangs Out

? ! ? may be found around football fields, locker rooms, and girls. He sleeps in classrooms.

In addition I have found that certain groups especially appreciate ? ! ? . These include girls to whom he pays much attention, girls to whom he pays no attention, coaches, the rest of the team, cheerleaders, and fans.

Certain groups do not like ? ! ? , especially girls to whom he pays no attention and the opposing team.

### What ? ? ? Likes

? ! ? likes himself and girls—mainly cheerleaders, food, football, to win, to talk about himself, and to talk about football.

Things that the ? ! ? doesn't like include homework, girls that run after him, girls that don't run after him, and to lose.

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### DAR Girl Selected

Nominated by the students and elected by the teachers, Clare Davenport is the 1956 DAR Pilgrim of Rocky Mount Senior High.

Qualifications for the DAR girl are that she must be an outstanding senior and a good representative of the school.

Among Clare's activities which helped her achieve this honor are the following: she is business manager of *THE BLACKBIRD* and she represented her home-room (215) in the Student Council. She is secretary of the National Honor Society and also of the Quill and Scroll. She is an active member of the Service club and was an October "Student of the Week" in *The Evening Telegram*.

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