

## Council Workshop Features Science, Math Authorities

Featuring a program of noted scientists, mathematicians, and educators from business and educational fields, the PTA Council Workshop met in the auditorium of Senior High, February 5, at 7:30 p. m.

Special exhibits were on display in the auditorium lobbies and halls, showing the result of the courses in the local schools, and the use of science and math knowledge in the many business fields open for young people today.

Dr. E. A. Cameron of the University of North Carolina spoke on "Opportunities in Math Today". Dr. S. B. Knight, also of the University, stressed the need of people trained in science and chem-

istry. Mr. C. E. Privott of the Senior High faculty explained how these subjects were taught and emphasized in the local system. Dr. R. E. Wilfong from the Dupont plant in Kinston told of the industrial need for young people thoroughly trained in these fields.

After the program was over, this reporter asked several of the parents the question, "Did the workshop change your opinion of math and science for high school students?" The parents interviewed were of the same opinion; they had always thought math and science should be stressed in high school because it can be used in later life and the workshop only helped them realize this more.

## EC Band Includes Seven RM Grads In Local Concert

Seven Rocky Mount graduates "made music" as members of the 60 piece East Carolina College Concert Band in assembly Friday, February 1.

Ralph Chason, Ken Killebrew, George Knight, Boots Malone, Joyce Pierce, Linwood Pittman, and Bill Sexton gave their Alma Mater reason to be proud as their college band entertained with a program of dance music, marches, classical pieces, and jazz selections.

Mr. Herbert L. Carter, director of the ensemble introduced and explained the legends of all selections which included the Railroad Suite. Mr. Carter said he thought this suite was especially suitable since Rocky Mount is a railroad town. The suite was divided into three movements: Casey Jones, John Henry, and Old Susanna!

At the conclusion of the program, the Collegians, a fourteen-piece dance band, played two popular numbers: "Too Young To Go Steady" and "Jump for Joe". Two of the above-mentioned alumni, Ralph Chason and George Knight, are also members of this group.

The Collegians is one of several dance bands that the juniors are considering for this year's Junior-Senior Prom.



Ring! Ring! Ring! Here we are phoning in the latest "chit-chat" about our school community.

Congratulations to Bill Stencil on being elected president of the Junior Classical League at the state convention February 9. We know he is capable and will make Rocky Mount proud of him.

Peggy Jones, a 1956 graduate, brought praise and honor to herself and her former school when she performed in the Grass Roots Opera in Greensboro, February 2.

### You? A Litterbug?

"Do be a neat student; don't be a litterbug", the first theme displayed on the new bulletin board in the General Purpose Room, is getting results from some students, it appears.

Nancy Harlow showed her interest in keeping the school clean by putting trash in the trash cans. Maybe this will set an example for the rest of the student body.

### Study Pays Off

While observing various students at study in our school, we came upon many good and many bad habits. Frank Wilkinson, newly elected president of the National Honor Society, was observed tackling an English assignment.

### College Ahoy!

Jane Bradley, Betsy Alexander and Barbara Southerland spent an exciting weekend at Woman's College recently. They came home sleepy-eyed and well pleased with college of their choice.

### Fashions On Parade

Need any advice on the latest

in spring fashions? Well, we have the authorities right here in our school. Just ask Judy Boyd who

seems to be up-est fashions. Judy's eyes are always alert as she thums through various fashion guides. Her 'style' verifies this part.



### Partying At Dowdy's

Lately Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dowdy's home has been the scene of several parties for sophomore and junior groups.

JUNIORS: Those having a gay time were Joyce Burgess, Allen Updegraph, Judy Brown, Bobby Daniels, Vickie Taylor, Pat Thurman, Craig Daughtridge, Buzzy Tilley, Betsy Alexander, Dan Denison, Celia Brake, John Baggett, Carol Wilson, Al Wordsworth, Ray Bryant, Haywood Edmondson, Bobby May, Caroline Campbell, Sonya Kooker, Barbara Southerland, Nancy Harlow, and Puddie Gold.

To top it off, the girls went to Puddie Gold's for a SLUMBER-LESS slumber party.

SOPHOMORES: Cutting up a fling among the sophomores were Wayne Bulluck, Cleve Cherry, Susan Keel, Sammy Way Kay Beach, Tommy Adkins, Charles, Joe Wheeler, Jean Bulluck, Dan Beach, Ann Sugg, Jimmy Gilbert, Bonnie Baker, Blarrie Tanner, Mary Lewis Langley and Murray MacDiarmid.

## Fanciful Facts

By R. C. Preble, President

Encyclopaedia Britannica



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## 'Bird's on Review' 'Behind the Pages'

Since interruptions and headaches all go with publishing THE BLACKBIRD, the staff wants its public to see "behind the pages".

From beginning to end, here's what happens. Members are assigned beats to cover by the editor. (A beat is a route to cover for the latest news.) After "beat sheets" are in, articles are assigned to reporters.

Page editors' headaches start after they have drawn "layouts" (blueprints of their pages). Articles don't pan out; some must be "killed" (omitted) for various reasons.

Deadlines make everybody rush to write, check, rewrite, and type articles and compose headlines. As articles come in (sometimes late), the paper begins to take shape.

Somewhere in the rush, the art editor finds time to work with the cameraman. The advertising manager sees that all ad copy is on the right page. Finally, the paper goes to the printer, but until the staff sees the paper actually in print, their worries aren't over.

So, most of the work the staff does is "behind the pages" with plenty of headaches.

However, after all this rush and work, the staff unanimously votes, "We love it."

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