

By Law If Needed

Raise Standards of Behavior

For three years Senior High went along gathering a minimum of scratches, broken windows, writing on the walls, etc.—about what general wear-and-tear would bring.

This year, an epidemic of unnecessary breakage and abuse to the building and equipment has been evidenced and continues despite promises made to the school principal.

What makes students want to mar and destroy their "home away from home," the home that must last for others after they have moved on the "greener pastures," the home many another North Carolina boy or girl would give his "front teeth" for? In some schools in Nash County, desks of any kind are so scarce that students carry their desks from room to room, according to a report given by Mr. L. S. Insoe, Nash County School superintendent.

Here where each person has a desk, there appears to be a movement to do away with them. When pencil marks, then scratches, and later cuts are found on desks, it means that soon there will have to be a replacement of that desk, IF the money is available. Nobody wants to write on a desk that resembles a washboard.

Many visitors have complimented the student body on the fine, clean, well-kept building. From a general glance at RMSHS, this might be true. Neither student nor faculty would like to hear the honest opinion if it were closely inspected (a magnifying glass would not be necessary).

House and Grounds committee cannot do all the work they are not supposed to do so, Students only can do the work needed to place this school in the spotlight as the finest, cleanest, the best kept in N. C.

Student interest should do this required work. However, since many do not care for anything, the student organization in co-operation with the faculty should work out a method of more severe punishment and a stiff fine for those who cause the respect for the school to lag.

If a fine were set by the student council for those caught defacing the school in any way and if the council could recommend the punishment for an act of vandalism to be enforced by the principal, the school might rise from its present position.

When a law forces respect, hatred is gained for those enforcing such a regulation. If this be the one and only way to gain appreciation for a good building, let's have the motion for such a law.

Practice Needed in Life Saving Effort

Plane crashes in Hertford, one teacher and one student lose lives in Mount Airy school fire, flames destroy school in Washington, North Carolina—such world tragedies recently struck near home.

When such accidents occur this close, attention is vividly drawn to the need for alertness and carefulness. In a school the size of Senior High, regular fire drills and other evacuation practices are definitely in order.

At the present time when there are threats of war, all students should learn the instruction for behavior in case of atomic attack. They should make a habit of closing all windows and doors when leaving the classroom in any drill.

Many schools, including RMSHS, use the dismissal bell for fire signals, and this method tends to confuse the students and faculty. If a different warning (a gong or a siren type) were given, then less time would be wasted because the signal would be instantly recognized.

If teachers take time to again instruct each class how to leave the building in case of an emergency, if students make an honest effort to learn and carry out the instructions, and if regular drills are practiced, little time will be lost and something highly valuable might be saved—a human life!

Usually the only thing about a secret that is kept when it is related from one person to another, is who told the secret to the first person.

Dear Editor

Editor's Note:

A citizen of Rocky Mount writes the first letter in this article and a student writes the second.

A large 30 x 34 inch broken window pane at a home on Hammond Street in plain view on east side

Scrapbook Helps Prepare Foreign Exchange Student

Next year's foreign exchange student will present many problems to the home where he lives. To help overcome these problems, a scrapbook should be sent to the student before he arrives, telling him about the family he is to stay with, the school he is to attend, the students in the school, and the town (its terrain, location, and such). Plenty of pictures should be included.

It is best to write the exchange student for it will help better acquaint him with the people with whom he will be living and make the adjustment less difficult on both sides.

Family, School Profit

Any home having an exchange student will profit greatly. The family will get an inside view on customs and the way the natives act, but more important than this, the host and exchange will have a sense of fellowship. RMSHS will benefit from the exchange student, too.

Each student brings his own type of joys and hardships from his country, and each year brings a different type. That's what makes the American Field Service Exchange Program so interesting.

Exchanges New Here

Since Ole Askholm, Danish exchange student, is the first in this school, it is a new experience here; so the students naturally don't know much about the program. In the future the school will better understand the program and the exchange student will get more and better support from the whole school.

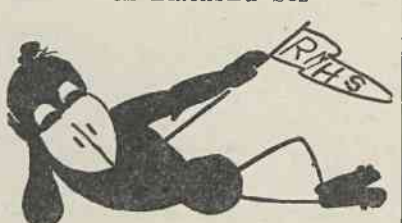
Apology Is Overdue, Operation Pen Pals

is still awaiting replacement by the three young men who broke it with one of many brick bats and rocks obtained from a pile in rear yard, thrown in known absence of the owner, on their last of three such trips into the yard during the week of December 12, 1956.

They were seen on each occasion by neighbors, while in the act. Will their conscience send them forward to replace their damage? And in the future 'Don't Steal.'

It is a crime to steal, to trespass, to damage real or personal property, and these things are not done by honest first class citizens.

Ben Blackbird Sez



Before you criticize others, take note of yourself; then criticize if you can do it justly.

Also, good citizenship forbids being a "Litterbug." Litter is thrown daily by high school students along Hammond Street, in yards, and wherever they travel.

They buy cups of drinks, bags of confections, etc., and eat along streets on their trips from school, and throw the refuse in the yards and on the street, which is a \$50.00 fine.

Name Withheld by Request

Dear Editor,

I would like to know the names of several girls who would like to correspond with some boys in Denmark. The boys are friends of mine.

If any girls would like to do this, please notify me at school or at home. My phone number is 6-4872.

This would be a nice gesture and it would certainly please my friends.

Sincerely,
Ole Askholm
634 Piedmont Ave.
H. R. 210

Eyeing RMSHS: Students Want Snow and 'Eye'

By Edward Riner

From the looks of the weather, there will be no more snow in Rocky Mount this year.

Most students have given up this idea, except Martha Ann Fountain and me. Snow or no snow the weather is still on the brisk and chilly side with boys continuing to arrive at school in wool trousers and the girls gladly wearing their wool skirts. This won't last much longer, though.

Cow's Eye, Anyone?

Tony Floyd brought two cow's eyes to Mrs. Betsy Ipoek's (she's gone and it's now Mrs. Callie Marie Jackson's) biology class, and the eyes are still in there in glass jars with some kind of liquid.

If you have never seen a cow's eye out of its socket, make an extra trip to the class in 205 to see it. It is real exciting to watch the eye float around when the jar is

turned upside down.

A good gag to pull on friendly enemies is to set the jar in front of them and ask if they have ever eaten boiled cow's eye.

Miss Pat, Kill It!

Any student like Mike Womble, Honey MacIntyre, Richard Taylor can pass Pat Jordan in the hall at any time and just by saying, "Kill it," start her into walls of laughter.

I don't know why Pat gets so excited over just a simple phrase, but she does.

Making A Girl Angry

Jane Fountain told me recently that if I wanted to make my good friend Mary Brent Elmore angry with me, all I would have to do was call her Mary "Brat" Elmore. I did and sure enough she became angry with me. Mary Brent, if you read this, please accept my apology.

Students Want To Be Exchanges



1. Reed Nelson-sophomore:

To visit a foreign country would be a terrific opportunity to see how other people live, what sports they play, their customs, and to find out more about their school systems and how they differ from ours.

2. Dorothy Whaley-sophomore:

Visiting a foreign country would be a fascinating and interesting experience as well as an educational one. It would give me the opportunity to see how people live in other countries and how their school life compares with ours.

3. Glenn Hill-junior:

Being an exchange student would be a wonderful experience and would certainly be worth the time spent abroad. I can hardly imagine the fun experienced while visiting a family who speaks a language different from mine.

4. Margaret Sutton-junior:

It would be most interesting to learn the customs and the ideals of other nationalities. The knowledge one would acquire while he was an exchange student is knowledge that can be used in later life. I'd like that.

5. Ole Asholm-senior:

I wanted to know you better, to live the kind of life you live, and to learn to speak your language. I have learned much since I came here which I know will be of great value to me after I go home.

6. Frances Osborne-senior:

I'd love being an exchange student because it would provide wonderful opportunities. It would be exciting, educational, and something a young person would never forget. It would give students of different countries a better understanding of each other.

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