Odd 'Gifts' in 214



Elbert Robbins, Jane Palmgren, Beulah Wilkins, Jean Harris, Judy Cobb, Teddy Little, Pat Johnson, and Hulda Wlliams were officers of homeroom 214 during the year. (Photo by Barringer)

What Curious Sights!

Unusual Gifts Decorate 216

Homeroom students appreciate

iest way to have one of the best

decorated homerooms in school.

THE BLACKBIRD editor, Ed-

ward Riner, is one of the members

with Betty Lou Savage and Jo Jo

Cuthrell in the 1957 Beauty Court.

Society leaders, club leaders, and

athletic contestants also on this

homeroom's roll.

Students in Mrs. Ora Van Buskirk's homeroom 216 say they have the sophomores' efforts, for not many curious sights awaiting them only are they lovely, but the eason their arrival at school each morning, since their room is a biology lab and "Mrs. Van's" pupils often bring her unusual "gifts" such as a huge dead fly.

Members of this homeroom don't of this senior homeroom. Beauty have to decorate for the season and brains combined are here too at Christmas. Other students, mostly sophomores obliged by making dried flower arrange- Names of many National Honor ments, wreathes, and centerpieces as biology projects. Even mistletoe rings are allowed.

'Squares' Fill 208 No, Not Students-Math Structures!

Upon entering room 208 the casual visitor may find it filled with strange, colorful objects cubes, squares (no, not students), and other solid structures, for trigonometry, algebra, and solid geometry are subjects taught by the homeroom teacher, Miss Wita Bond.

Miss Bond literally "carries a torch" for scholarship, leadership, character, and service. For many years this teacher in addition to her regular duities has advised the Romonoca chapter of the National Honor Society. Encouraged by her, about a fourth of her room have been tapped into this organiza-

Miss Bond's students for the past three years have exhibited many of these traits. Service Club president, Faye Kirkland; Cap and Gown chairman Carolyn Langley; Senior class president, Freddie Jean Edwards; and last year's the tallest boy, Clarence Williams, standing people in homeroom 117. chief commencement marshal, to some of the 'brainest' students Dan Woodruff, are just a few of in the school. Miss Bond's "biddies" graduating

Faculty Has Party

Frolickin' (with no pupils present) was the order of the even-Eleanor Pearsall's home, Thursday night, May 16.

Teachers brought homemade fcods for the picnic - potato salad, sandwiches, deviled eggs, cakes, and cookies and fried chicken galore.

Outstanding Sr. Girls

Win New Title, Dancing Role

To Add to Honors

(Editor's note: Blackbird Staf-Bulluck are exited, and right- first professional dancing role. fully so - but read on to find out

Ellen Joyner has won another on the staff of the BLACKBIRD fers Ellen Joyner and Eleanor title, and Eleanor Bulluck has her

Both these beautiful and talented girls have worked two years

McGoo's Kazoo

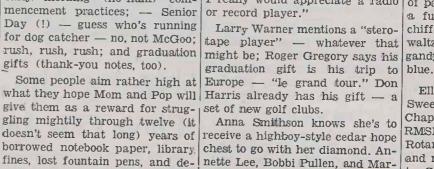
By Kelsey McGee

Oh, it's great to be a senior at Jane Palmgren says she "would graduation time — early exams;— like a car, but that's just a dream. early, morning (ho-hum) com- I really would appreciate a radio mencement practices; - Senior Day (!) - guess who's running for dog catcher — no, not McGoo; rush, rush, rush; and graduation gifts (thank-you notes, too).

gling mightily through twelve (it borrowed notebook paper, library fines, lost fountain pens, and detention slips for chewing gum in

Grads List 'Wants'

Lee Newby, for instance, would especially like a hi-fi record player -- "Like Frank Wilkinson has." Luanne Hobbs thinks a portable radio or clock radio would be nice.



and Linda Pittman think their gifts will be "probably a watch."

With Accompaniment Yet "A Musical Instrument" _ by Elizabeth Browing was the poem Faye Kirland was reading to Miss Kate Parks Kitchin's third period senior English class - when suddenly a resonant, blaring blast (seemingly from a giant instrument of some sort) drowned her voice. At the end of the echoes, Fage resumed only to find she again had competition.

garet Ricks say luggage is "the

thing" for them, and Betsy Avera

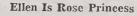
What kind of competition? Nothing less than a rocket on the Command Decision Jet exhibit on the Nash Street side of RM-SEIS. These loud, mournful noises continued for most part of Thurs-

More Gifts They Get

Heiling Meyers gave all senior girls Lane miniature cedar chests. The Jewel Box preseted each senier with a gold and black school

Annual Junior Guild tea for the senior class was at the home of Mrs. Julian Fenner, Wednesday, May 1. Many seniors enjoyed the lovely afternoon affair.

and have contributed much to its improvement.



Pretty, blonde, brown-eyed Ellen Joyner is now Rocky Mount Rose Society's 1957 Rose Princess.

Ellen and her three attendants Clare Davenport, Lee Newby, and Besty Leu Savage, greeted guests attending the Rose Society's anmal Rese Show at the Ricks Hetel Friday, May 17.

Climaxing the day, Princess Ellen was crowned by Mayor P. K. Gravely at the banquet that night with a "diamond" tiara on a base of pale pink rosebuds. Ellen wore a full-length gown of pale pink chiffon, and her attendants wore waltz-length formals of green organdy, butter-cup yellow, and deep

Ellen's other titles are 1957 Sweetheart of the Deux Pays Chapter of the Order of De Molay; RMSHS Campus Sweetheart, 1957: Rotary girl for December, 1956; and member of the RMSHS Beuty Court, 1956.

An outstanding senior, Ellen plans to continue her higher education in the field of art.

Asked about her plans after college, Ellen said, "I'll probably go into some phase of art.'

What could a talented young girl like Eleanor Bulluck want more than a summer of valuable experiences, with pay, at Manteo,

Eleanor has it, a summer of dancing. She was notified last week after her second audition for the part one of the eight dances in "The Lost Colony" that she had been accepted for a role.

She says that although she is a dancer, she will try out for a role as a dramatic understudy for one of the outdoor drama's actors --"because that's what 'most everyone does!"

While at Manteo, Eleanor says that she and the other dancers will pool talents with others in the drama and conduct and attend classes in speech, drama and modern dancing.

Her schedule after that will be busy, for rehearsals start June 10; the play starts July 1 and ends September 1.



In this photo Annette Lee and Karen Proctor are shown on the bottom row, and Clayton Hurt, Charlotte Carmichael, Linda Bullock, and Freddie Fulcher are on the top row. (Photo by Barringer)

HR 117 Has Brains, Height

varigated homeron

This lively and sometimes exasperating (according to observers, not Miss Vause) homeroom at their recent presented their teacher with a white sweater as a 'graduation' gift. Originally the homeroom of Mrs. Jay Massey, ing at the annual RMSHS faculty this group 'adopted' Miss Vause, pincic in the lovely garden of Miss whose 1956 senior homeroom had tence a thousand times for his graduated, after the departure of teacher. The next day a Tide box Mrs. Massey last year.

and a recipient of a Morehead inside — John's assignment! Scholarship, Don Harris; editor (Wouldn't it have served him right of the Hi-Noc-Ar, Bettie Ann if he had to paste them all to-

Miss Rubie Vause of 117 boasts, of THE BLACKBIRD, Barbara Fulcher; Hi-Noc-Ar staff member, it includes people ranging from are only a few of the more out-Davis; and several choir members

> Brains must go hand-in-hand with energy, because some of this group look back with sheepish grin and due repentance at some of the stunts they pulled, much to the consternation of poor 'little' Mrs. Massey, their sophomore teacher.

'Black John' Pearson once (?) was 'naughty', with the reslut that he was assigned to write a senwas found on the teacher's desk Student Organization president with thousands of pieces of paper Whitehurst; advertising manager gether in the correct order?!)



Senior homeroom officers of Miss Vause's 117 are, left to right, Shirley Pierce, Bobbi Pullen, John Pearson, Bill Waters, Richard Taylor, and Billy Merritt. (Photo by Barringer)