

Punkin Head! Which One?



12-Month Plan Coming?

It Would Help Conditions

Students, there is a bill on a 12-month school system before the state congress; but don't get excited, because this "catastrophe" will not go in effect this year.

This "bright idea" has the thoughtful consideration of the state's best educators. Dr. Charles Carrol, North Carolina superintendent of public instruction, said a study on the 12-month plan is under way, and that the bill would have public hearings all over the state before being passed on.

Such a plan has many advantages. There would be more subjects offered and possibly fewer school years to attend, since one could go a full year instead of 9-months as at present. Teachers would get 12 pay checks instead of the 9 they are getting now. This would help out their financial situation, but could they hold up under such a rigid schedule or not?

The students' first complaint would be about the heat. Air conditioning would be a **must**, and this would cost a considerable amount of money. Although the buildings and equipment would be used year round, many students had rather go to the beaches and swim or sun during the summer time.

This plan is designed to help out the over crowded school situation. With it, few schools would have to be built and less maintenance cost would be necessary.

Privileges, Reward For Two Years, Responsibilities

Senior privileges! How many times did we say, as sophomores and freshmen, "How great it will be to have senior concessions!"?

That time has finally arrived for the class of '58 — At last they are seniors and should be treated with proper respect.

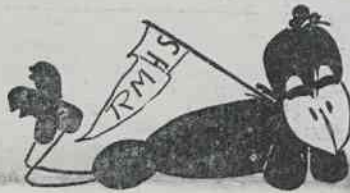
A private possession of each senior is the Senior Walk and no underclassmen may tread on the private property.

Another privilege of seniors alone is that of leaving assembly first, although some sophomores and juniors have been seen leaving the auditorium at the same time. Soon enough the classes of '59 and '60 will have their chance to be classified as "sophisticated seniors". It belongs to the present upperclassmen now: they have waited twelve long years for these privileges; let them enjoy their moments of glory while they can.

All the complaints, however, have not been of underclassmen alone, as some seniors have abused the privilege of leaving class two minutes early for lunch.

The few treasured privileges the seniors have should be well guarded — or one day there may be none

Ben Blackbird Sez



If all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, there ought to be no dull boys here!!

Senior High Hits Song Hit Parade

"Wonderful, Wonderful" — End of 6-week's tests.

"Just Between You and Me" — Isn't school rough?

"Treat Me Nice" — Teachers, I'm about to fail.

"Chances Are" — If I live through this year, I can live through anything — (Seniors).

"Let Me Be Loved" — Even after I took that report card home.

"So Rare" — Those A's.

"Long, Lonely Nights" — Spent burning the midnight oil.

"Crew-Cut and Baby Blue Eyes" — Booty, May.

"How Little We Know" — In trig class.

"That'll Be the Day" — When homecoming Game is played.

"Fascination" — Senior themes

"Goody, Goody" — I passed the first 6 weeks.

"June Night" — Graduation.

"Oh, How I Wish" — I could have stayed in Junior High (Sophomores).

"A Fallen Star" — Or was it the Sputnik?

"Around the World" I nMadison Square Garden.

"Gone" — Sun, Sand, and Surf.

"Happy, Happy Birthday Baby" — The Blackbird staff to Pat Bell (Surprised, Pat?)

"School Day" — 8:45 to 3:15 (If you don't get a special "Invitation")

"Hot Diggity" — Lunch time.

"Day by Day" — The work piles higher.

"How Can I Tell Her?" — Mom, I failed history.

School Pride

Treasure, Not Burden

Down with school spirit! So long, cheerleaders! Let's not have a school paper! Why bother with a Junior-Senior?

This seems to be the order of the day. Not in words, for no one seriously thinks these things will be lost, but looking into our crystal ball we see proper attitudes dying a slow but sure death.

Is this what we really want? A returning to the days when the three R's composed the entire curriculum of school life. The days when a high school paper was unheard of and when the many privileges we take so for granted were even more absurd. Not all good things are necessarily forfeited through abuse but many through careless neglect.

Extra curricular activities are fed by the fuel called "school spirit" and without this they die. Don't let this happen to your school! A renewal of pride in our high school is vital at this point and we must learn to regard it and its activities as treasures rather than burdens.

Goal's Worth Reaching

Attention, sophomores especially! If the desire to attain membership in the National Honor Society is yours, now is the time to start working for that goal.

To be considered for tapping into this organization, a student must rate high in four major fields: scholarship, leadership, character and service. He must have a "B" average in scholarship for all three years in high school.

One must start working while sophomores to attain high ratings in these qualities. Grades are important for one must have them to be considered, but he must not neglect the other requirements. If a student meets scholastic requirement, he is rated by society members and school faculty on his qualities of service, leadership and character.

The purpose of the club as stated in the handbook is as follows:

"to develop loyal pupil citizenship; to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship; to stimulate a desire to serve faithfully one's school, community and country; to promote trustworthy leadership; and to instill exemplary qualities of character in the pupils of Rocky Mount High School."

It takes a lot of work for some, but all agree that succeeding in becoming a member is worth working for.

Like Puzzles? Try This Then

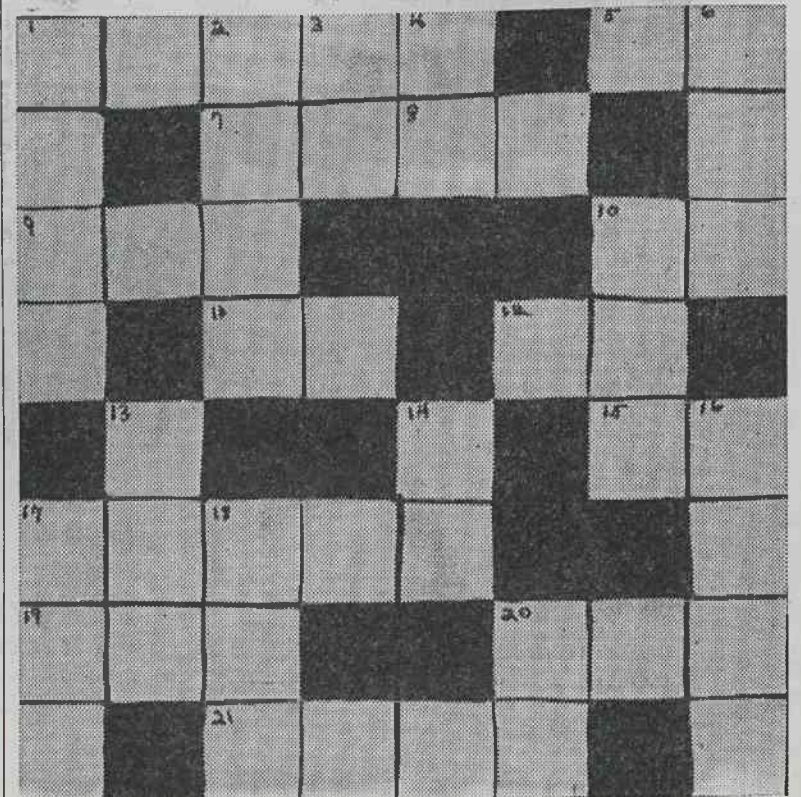
Across

1. New coach's first name.
5. Si (French into English).
7. Football star — Graham.
9. Tommy —.
10. You (familiar French).
11. Exclamation when Homecoming was called off.
12. Adjective ("Aunt" minus "ut").
15. Preposition.
17. Mommy (collq.).
19. Preposition meaning 'before'.

20. Made from pine or fir trees.
21. Nothing (slang).

Down

1. In the parking lot.
2. Supplementary paper in THE BLACKBIRD.
3. Pronoun.
4. Street (abbr.).
6. A foreign bug.
10. Explosives.
13. The Lunch and Dairy—.
14. Possessive pronoun of I.
16. Possessive pronoun (pl.).
17. Sea (French).



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