

News

These 'n Those

by Anna Spruill



Does it seem strange to hear from a new reporter and see her face in the head? It's not that Regina Harles, Annie Lechevalier, and Sandra Hedgpeeth have been impeached but just temporarily excused. You see, the seniors, alas, must put out this issue for exams "all by their little lonesome".

Parties, Parties, and More Parties
For the record I'll tell you of some of the Christmas celebrations that local teenagers had.

Junior and senior girls planned a progressive supper party December 31 and it turned out successfully. First course was at Kay Beach's, where appetizers were served. Mr. Jesse Dowdy's house was next stop. There everyone went to Josh Bulluck's to a "sit down dinner", after which they drifted to Carol Threatt's for desert of lime punch and cake.

After the progressive dinner, the group went to an "after party" at the Caromount Mill cabin to watch the old year out and to wish the new year in.

Dancing was also enjoyed when Mark Daley, Jane Fountain, Chuck Haggarty, Wickie Thorpe, and Mary Will Woodard entertained January 3. Walter Plummer furnished "hot" jazz music for approximately 300 people who were invited.

Ed Vann had a "blast" at his house January 4 and invited everyone. (Many showed up too!)

French Students Celebrate
Celebrating "Le Jour Des Rois", the Day of Kings, in French classes January 6, the first and second year students had a cake (per class) with a tiny prize in it.

The person who received the slice with the prize was king or queen of the day. Rulers turned out to be George Staton, Gail Wald, Jimmy Land, Gloria Farris, and Jane Fountain.

First Exams!

Taking exams on a senior high level was a new experience for the sophomores and for seniors who previously had been exempt in all of their courses. However, everyone lived through them and are looking forward (?) to those at the end of school.

ORCHIDS TO — new class officers — students who support games — those who passed their exams — good start in the new year . . .

BRICKBATS TO — students who embarrass our school by making unnecessary noises at basketball games — gum chewers — furniture abusers—



New Math Teacher Finds School 'Nice'

"I find Senior High to be very nice and beautiful and the students most polite," says Mrs. Janis Williams, new mathematics teacher.

Mrs. Williams replaced Mrs. Herbert Knight at the close of Christmas holidays. She will teach Algebra II, trigonometry, and solid geometry and is adviser to sophomore homeroom 208.

Mrs. Williams graduated from Winthrop College in South Carolina, where she majored in mathematics, and did her practice teaching at Rock Hill Training School. She did post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

So well did she like Chapel Hill that she stayed on to teach. She came to Rocky Mount from High Point where she taught for a while.

At the present Mrs. Williams is living in Nashville and travels the 10 miles each morning to work.

The Blackbird staff extends its welcome to her and hopes she will enjoy teaching here and will continue to have a favorable impression of the school.



Esther Joyner, Mary E. Ricks, Linda Lewis, Nancy Ricks, Peggy Reams, and Barbara Gardner rejoice over the snow as it settles in the school parking lot. Here they prepare to throw snowballs. Photo by Killebrew

Low 32F Temperature Brings Tabular Crystals--Yes, Snow!

What is snow? To the common people snow is a white, cold substance that falls in the winter; but according to scientists, snow is small tabular and columnar crystals of frozen water formed directly from the water vapor of the air when its temperature at the time of condensation is lower than 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

A white wonderland prevailed over the eastern part of North Carolina January 1, and people had the opportunity to see what snow was like even though it was not too deep. Snow clouds hung low and the temperature slowly dropped. Sheets of white flakes fell through the sky and excited students longed to get out and throw snowballs.

Snowmen sprang up all over town; people dragged sleds out of the attic. Still the shower of crystals came in an even downpour.

Late that afternoon the skies cleared. Snow had piled upon the window sills. There was a freshness in the air. The snow stopped and it began to freeze.

Icicles hung frozen to tree limbs and a settled snow bank found brown earth beneath the white.

By the next day, January 8, the roads were slushy. Mud and snow tracks had ruined the beautiful effect of the snow, and old man Sun shone brightly, melting the cold, wet blanket of tabular and columnar crystals.

Sr. High Gets Youth Council After Editorial of Protest

Senior High has become acquainted with the Youth Council, a newly formed organization resulting from an editorial of protest on youth activities written by Larry Warner.

Larry stated in his letter to the editor of *The Evening Telegram* that the teenagers in Rocky Mount did not have good teenage facilities and that he thought something should be done about it.

Soon after that, Sandra Melton, Carol Threatt, David Harper, Norma Bulluck, Bettie Ann Whitehurst, Gene Arnold, and Larry met and organized the council. (Not only high school students were interested but graduates also.) This organization works with Mrs. Fairy Bandy, head of the city recreation department, and Mrs. Benton Thorpe, organizer of the Sub Deb Club.

A project of the Council is the dances sponsor. Among the outstanding ones this year are the back-to-school, Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve dances. According to the teenagers they were a big success.

Another example of the effort put forth by this club is the new pavillion built on the basketball court at the river park. The Council met with the Business and Professional Women's Club and asked them to build a cement dance floor for use in good weather. The juke box was furnished by Thorpe Music Company. During the past summer it was the scene of many dances and enjoyable times.

Members of the Youth Council are now trying to obtain a better teenage club for Senior High since Junior High uses the one in the Masonic Temple. In getting this club much depends upon the support the teenagers give these other projects.

Officers of the club are Haywood Edmundson, chairman; Judy Brown, co-chairman; Janet Bulluck, secretary; and Sandra Melton, treasurer.

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