

Takes Oath

Rena Vasilakou Becomes Citizen

April 8

Ever thought what your American citizenship really is? Never thought of having to take tests to become an American citizen, have you?

To a natural-born citizen of the United States this never crosses the mind, but Rena Vasilakou, a



Rena Vasilakou smiles as she thinks "I am an American citizen!"

Rena Answers Questions Were the tests hard? Rena stated that they were not difficult. What are the citizenship papers? She said they were like diplomas.

Comparing the life of teenagers in Greece and America, Rena says that teenagers have less freedom in Greece and that a girl cannot date until she is 20 years old. The standard of living is also different. In Greece there are no conveniences as in America—no TV and no as in America — no TV and no electricity, and the average family cannot afford a car.

DE Convention

Eight local Distribute Education students attended the state DE convention in Greensboro, North Carolina last weekend.

Patsy Taylor represented the Rocky Mount club by running for delegate to the national convention.

DE members attending were Joe Capel, Dickie Forbes, Kenneth Tucker, Bobby Daniels, "Puddin'" Gold, Patsy Taylor, Ray Bryant, and Chips Wood. The members were accompanied by Mrs. Bettisue Hunt, club adviser.

young Greek girl, has thought of it and she took tests for her citizenship papers in Raleigh, March 4, and will return to take the Oath of Allegiance, April 8.

Lives With Aunt, Uncle

Rena's naturalized American aunt and uncle, who had no children, wanted to adopt her, since her parents were living and she was not an orphan, she had to come to America as a displaced person. Before coming here she had to pass through the American Embassy in Athens, Greece. Rena is not legally adopted now, but lives with Mr. and Mrs. John Surlis, her aunt and uncle.

5 ECC Students Try Teaching In Art, Commercial Classes

Is it possible to be a student and a teacher at the same time? Five East Carolina College seniors are living proof to Rocky Mount students that such is tried anyway.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Nellie Winstead, commercial teacher, two of the students majoring in business education at ECC are under actual circumstances, "learning the ropes" of teaching typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, the profession they plan to enter after graduating this year.

Three students, under the guidance of Miss Laura Boice, art teacher, practice art instruction here during fifth period of each day. These students also observe the teaching of art in the grammar schools. Before they can graduate, the five students must pass the ECC requirements for eight weeks of practice teaching.

Miss Janice Ethridge from Red Oak, teaching in Shorthand II and

Typing I classes, is not too certain about her plans. "I hope to get married," states the young Miss Ethridge, "and the hours of a teacher would fit with the hours of a housewife."

Asked why she chose to attend ECC, Miss Ethridge, who prefers junior and senior classes, replied that ECC has one of the highest rated business departments in the South.

Mr. Edwin Lanier of Chinquapin is teaching Typing I and bookkeeping. Mr. Lanier, who has always wanted to teach, prefers ninth and tenth graders as students. He and his wife, an English teacher, would like to go to Alaska to teach eventually, although he wants to remain in North Carolina for a while.

Miss Letty De Loatch, Conway; Mr. David Wheeler, Scotland Neck; and Mr. Joe Stell, Greenville, are the art majors teaching in the art department.

Newsees

Half holiday for students! Hurray! School is dismissed at 2:15 today because of the PTA Workshop which will meet in this building.

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Pottery Glazing! Art Students have been making and glazing pottery for the past few weeks under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Laura Boice, and ECC practice teacher, Miss Janet Hill. Their new project is interior decorating and while working on this each student will take one room of a house, draw the plans, and completely decorate it.

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"Stunt night of 1958" will be sponsored by the senior class, who planned to give a play; but since they were unable to secure a director, they decided to have a stunt night instead. Anyone who can perform any stunt (no talent necessary) is asked to contact Al Wordsworth, chairman of the Stunt Night Committee.

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Alumni. Rocky Mount Senior High alumni are doing it again! Judy Barnes, '56 graduate, is constantly making the Dean's List at Sweet Briar College. So is Luanne Hobbs at St. Mary's College. By the way Luanne also played the leading role of an heiress in "The Heiress" presented by the college March 6.

PTA Covers Much

At Monthly Meeting

Even with poor attendance — which increases with each meeting because of lack of interest — the PTSA covered much territory discussing scholarships, cafeteria, and Junior-Senior at the monthly meeting Thursday night, February 27.

Since there has been criticism of the food in the cafeteria, a committee was formed to investigate the situation and make suggestions.

For several years it has been some students' desire to have the Junior-Senior open; but after discussing both pros and cons of the problem, the PTSA decided it best to remain a closed affair.

At the beginning of the meeting, the question of more emphasis on scholarship was brought up and in the discussion it was stated that there was a feeling that too many extra activities had taken the students' interest from studies.

After the open discussion, Mr. D. S. Johnson, superintendent of city schools, spoke on "The Criticisms of Public Education in the Nation and State of North Carolina."

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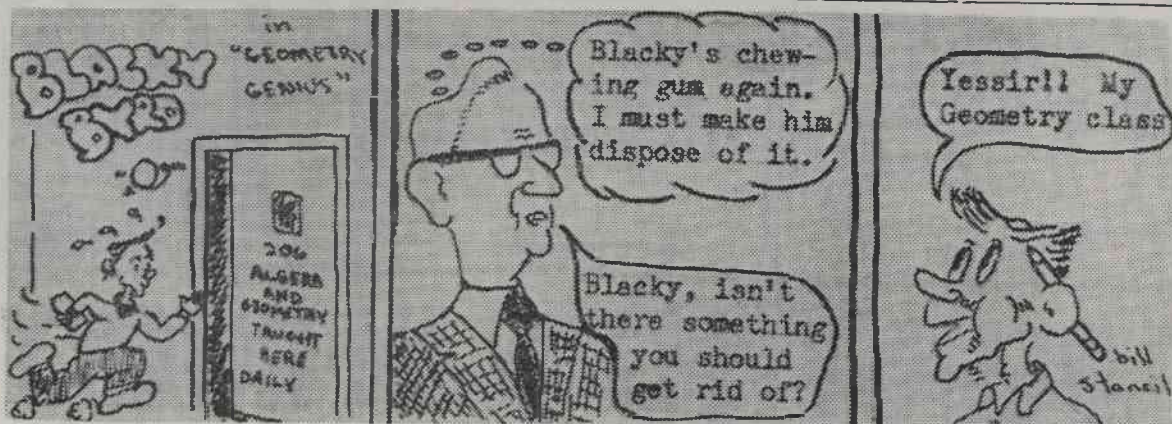
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