

Ma's, Pa's, Advisers

Thanks Go to Faculty

Dear Teachers,  
At this time of year, seniors seem to be the ones receiving all the praise, honor, and glory, but we know who the power behind the throne has been.

Thanks first to our principal, Mr. C. M. Edson, for his ever ready help and to Miss Elcanor Pearsall for all her aid in the library, especially at senior theme time. To Miss Kate Parks Kitchin we extend a hand of thanks for the expert guidance she has given us.

Homeroom teachers who have been ma's, pa's and advisers in a place which, in reality, has been a second home.

These teachers — Mrs. Hiram Cuthrell, Mrs. T. D. Young, Miss Josephine Grant, Miss Dorothy Craighill, Mrs. Bettie Sue Hunt, and Mr. A. Malloy McGregor — have given time and effort to make

our high school years successful ones. They have advised and done everything in their power to help put over projects. When the projects were successful, to whom was the credit given? — The class members, of course!

We do not mean to overlook our subject teachers, for they are the one to whom we are primarily responsible. We consider ourselves lucky. Anyone can teach what's in a book, but not all schools have teachers who encourage individuals to do, to act, and to think for themselves.

In later years, when members of our class are successful and famous, you teachers will certainly have the right to say, "I helped make that person what he is today."

The Senior Class

Spring Fever Hits, Affects Everybody

Spring fever has hit Rocky Mount Senior High students like a bomb, but they aren't the only ones affected by this disease.

Coming out of The Blackbird office, I spied Mrs. T. D. Young, adviser, slumped over her desk checking copy in a lazy manner. (It could be fatigue, though).

Rambling down the hall, I peeked in the Spanish room and saw Mrs. Hiram Cuthrell, looking as if she were ready for a siesta.

As fifth period arrived, I noticed Mrs. Janice Williams explaining algebraic logarithms in 208. Teaching seems to have slowed down from a fast jitterbug to a slow waltz.

Now is the time for Mr. Harold Parry to get out his music sheet "Barefoot", as this seems to be running through everyone's mind.

Evidence of this was Mary Lewis Langley, at the library Monday night — barefoot!

Wonder why students now jump at the idea of being "sent to the office"? Well, that's one place that has air conditioning!

Everybody's Got The Jitters



EDITION



'58 in Review

Look Shows Leadership

Following is a review of an imaginary play of the class history of Senior High's '58 graduates, among whom were many of outstanding leadership qualities.

Act I  
Setting: Long, empty halls of Rocky Mount Senior High School 1955-1957

Characters: Green shivering sophomore

Act II  
Scene I — Home of local residents

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Characters: A class of hard working eager, fun-loving youngsters.

Act III  
Setting: Most anywhere but the classroom

Characters: A greatly decreased number of boys and girls who are suffering from mixed feelings of joy and regret.

Confused at Arrival

The cast of Act I, a group of confused young people, strayed along the mystery laden halls of RMSHS in the fall of 1955, but it did not take these boys and girls long to clear the confusion and solve the mysteries before them.

Under the guidance of teachers and the capable leadership of Sandra Melton, president; Molly Arnold, vice president; Pat Bell, secretary; and David Barney (now living in Maryland), treasurer; they gained a firm foothold and struggled through their first year.

In Act II the leading characters were Blount Taylor, president; Pat Thurman, vice president; Anna Spruill, secretary; Vickie Taylor, treasurer. The curtain rose on the first scene with a group of boys and girls earnestly soliciting magazine subscriptions among the townspeople. The class led the sophomore

and seniors in this campaign.

In the second scene preparations were underway for the long-awaited Junior-Senior dance. The gym with its weird murals, spiders, weeping willow trees, and ceiling of stars was a product achieved by hard labor.

Leading in the cast this time were Blount Taylor, president; Celia Brake, chairman of the decorations committee and secretary, and their able understudies Craig Daughtridge, vice president, and Brenda Burnette, treasurer.

Act III Climaxes Years

Act III brought together all the fun and work, the joy and sorrow these actors experienced throughout the play. Larry Medford was cast in the leading role in scene I and Mitchell McKinney plays vice president, Peggy Lamm, secretary; and Al Wordsworth; Pat Bell, secretary; and Sonya Hooker, treasurer.

Outstanding events of this act were the Junior-Senior at which the actors were this time the guests, Senior Day, baccalaureate, and graduation.

The curtain will ring down on 190 actors (seniors) as they receive their coveted diplomas on May 30, 1958.

Officers Revealed At Class Breakfast

Permanent officers for the senior class were announced during the Senior Breakfast at the Rio Restaurant this morning as follows: Larry Medford, president; Sandra Melton, vice president; Judy Brown, secretary; and Celia Brake, treasurer.

Juniors in Mrs. Gladys Robbins's English class have been handing in a lot of themes on Mondays about their weekend experiences at various beaches. Maybe the next time someone ventures to one of these beaches they will see Mrs. Robbins soaking up the sun. Some have already "soaked." Among those are our practice teachers — Miss Barbara Brown, Miss Frances McKnight and Miss Helen White.

'58 Graduates List School Plans

With the closing of school, this year's graduates will represent Rocky Mount well in many colleges and other types of schools next fall both in and out of the state:

Below is a list of "who's going where."

North Carolina State — Willard Batts, John Brown, Freddie Gardner, Glen Lee Hill, Henry Hinson, Tommy Hobbs, Cecil Marks, Ronald Roberson, John Stargess, Blount Taylor, Eddie Wilhaff and Al Wordsworth.

University of N. C. — Russell Clack, Allen Cronenberg, Jerry Daley, Bill Dunn, David Harper, Dan Robbins, George Staton, Larry Ward and Bill Winters.

Peace College — Sylvia Barrett, Celia Brake, Linda Carole Kelly, Linda Gail Pridgen, Peggy Singleton, Julia Sutton and Jean Watson.

East Carolina — Caroline Campbell, Lillian Currie, Bobby Daniel, Margaret Sutton Deans, Jimmy Gardner, Sonya Hooker, Bobby Jackson, Jimmy Thorpe, Kay Turn-

age and Alton Oakley.  
Womans College — Betsy Alexander, Molly Arnold, Pat Bell, Jane Bradley, Gwen Currin, Craig Daughtridge, Connie Griffin and Barbara Southerland.

Louisburg — Bobby Fisher, Roger Sellers and Louise Watts.  
Chowan — Keith Abbott, Gene Eason, Wayne Knowles, and Gus Lancaster.

Campbell — John Baggett, Andy Morgan, George Putnam, Pat Thurman and Buzzy Tilley.

Wake Forest — Dorsey Daniel, Pat Lowder and Stanley Vaughan.  
Marjorie Webster — Gloria Gold and Kay Toler.

R. P. I. — Ernestine Barnes, Bill Colson, Puddin' Gold, Jimmy Waters and Chippis Wood.

Lipscomb College, Nashville Tennessee — Ray White.

University of Miami — Carol Wilson.

Merdith — Patsy Daughtridge and Carol Heck.

St. Mary's — Vickie Taylor.

Duke University — Judy Brown.

Mr. James Roberts and the Senior High School band, which played for the processional and recessional.

Sunday was the big day for the beginning of graduation activities with the baccalaureate sermon.

This Week, More Practice!

This week, which is regular exam week, seniors will meet in the auditorium at 11:00, dressed in robe and cap to practice for graduation exercises. Practices will last approximately two hours.

If any senior has to take an exam during regular exam week, he will do so and then report to practice.

Lees McRae — Barbara Brown, Mars Hill — Lee Bulluck and Jeff Griffin.

High Point College — Haywood Edmundson.

Salem — Carol Treant.

Davidson — Bob Moore.

West Point — Sammy Meyer.

Rex Hospital — Nancy Harlow and Eugenia Norment.

N. C. Baptist Hospital — Kenneth Tarlton.

Carolina School of Commerce — Rena Vasilakon.

Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky — Milton Barnes.

Belmont Abbey — Frank Brake.

Atlantic Christian — Joyce Burgess, Iris Edwards and Jimmy Land.

School of Nursing; Medical College of Virginia — Sandra Melton.

Those not going to college but have other plans are as follows:

Navy — Charles Edwards and Don Lancaster.

Coast Guard — Tommy Hedgepath.

Marriage — Jeannie Dixon.