

'Don't Trump My Ace!'



"We just might set them," might be what Betty Spence is thinking as she carefully decides which card to play. Others enjoying this bridge game are left to right: Buck Roney, Betty, J. T. Webb, Janet Wynn, and Betty Brock.

Bridge Is Latest Fad At RMHS, Learned And Enjoyed By Many

"We've got a grand slam!" "You've trumped my ace," and "Oh, they've set us!" are just a few of the many bridge terms you'll hear while watching the game.

Bridge, one of the latest fads around Rocky Mount has proved to be both beneficial as well as enjoyable and seems to be smiled on instead of frowned on by parents.

Bridge Comes Before Lunch

Some students can hardly find time to eat lunch for playing bridge. Others rush through their lunches and on to the gym to use the cards that are provided for them by the social committee.

Where did these mobs of people learn to play bridge? Most of

them were privately instructed and these girls were a great help in teaching others.

Everyone Plays Bridge

Now, everywhere you go, to parties, or just small get-togethers you find everyone lounging around with a handful of cards laughing, gossiping, and stowing away loads of food. Bridge is now the answer to the teenager's problem as to where to go and what to do!

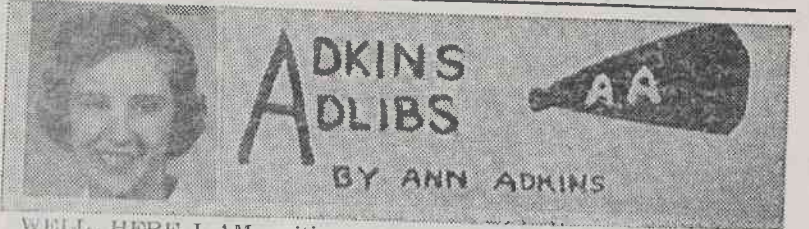
Sophomores Lead In Rating All A's

Sophomores lead the school in the number of students making all A's for the semester and the last six week period with the juniors coming in second and the seniors lagging behind.

Students smart enough to make straight A's for the semester are: sophomores, Harry Harper, Carol Joyner, Juanita Joyner, Helen Strickland, Michael Carson, Judy Ashby, Barbara Hall, and Pat Thomas; juniors, Sue Daughtridge, Janice Davis, Alan Watson, Dot Rotters, Lucy Aldridge, Frannie Harrison, and Doris Jordan; seniors Gail Wald, Ann Pullen, and Haywood Evans.

Along with the students who made all A's for the semester there are those students making straight A's for the last six weeks. They are: sophomores, Harry Harper, Carol Joyner, Juanita Joyner, Helen Strickland, Martha Speight, Michael Carson, Judy Asby, Claire Bolton, Mary Bett Ellen, Pat Thomas, Ann Mebane, and Phil Stevens; juniors, Eugene Cherry, Janice Davis, Frannie Harrison, and Doris Jordan; seniors, Janice Dawson, Lou Ann Randolph, and Gail Wald.

It is interesting to know that most of these students are taking the college preparatory courses.



WELL, HERE I AM writing my first column for The Blackbird as the juniors are editing this issue of the paper — the thought actually scares me a little — so please bear with me.

JANUARY SEEMS to have been a popular month for birthdays. "Bean" Brown threw open the doors of her house recently for Mac Hines, Sandra Weller, Dottie Lou Thorpe, Teddy Gossett, Ralph Williams, Linda Mears, Terry Newell, John Waters, Marian Creech, Gary Etheridge, Lucy Aldridge, Bootsie Oldham, and many more who came for fun and to wish "Bean" a happy birthday!

Birthday Celebrated

THE SAME NIGHT Janice Davis celebrated her birthday with Jeanette Widdifield, Parks Cobb, Sue Hutto, Betty Brock, J. T. Webb, Jean Renfrow, and Larry LeMoine helping her.

IT WAS ALL a surprise to Alie Cooper, Kay Fuller, and Susan Harris. I'm talking about the birthday pajama party that Jenny Fields, Mary Peyton, Betty Sue Doles, and Bobbie Shreve were the wide-awake (?) gals the next day.

Returns from N. Y.

"I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME," was the report of Sue Daughtridge upon her return from New York. Sue and her mother visited such places as Radio City Music Hall, the U. N. Building and also saw three Broadway shows.

AFTER THE BASKETBALL GAME Mary Fleming Barnes invited Betty Spence, Helen Strickland, Pat Farris, Barbara Hall, Martha Speight, Barbara Horne, and Posey Reeves over for a night of fun and bridge. Others there to see the Blackbirds defeat the Raleigh Caps were Bobby Branch, Charlotte McIntyre, Bill Purvis, David Williams, Nancy Coggins, Betty Gail Fuller, Frannie Harrison, Jo Williams, Shaw Caddell, and Bobby Hayes.

Looks like I'm running out of space, so 'bye for now!

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