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Hi-Noc-Ar Campaign Begins

Subscription Goal—650

Hi-Noc-Ar subscriptions for this year will be on sale for two weeks beginning Monday to all Senior High students with an anticipated goal of 650 subscriptions.

Selling for \$3.75, the Hi-Noc-Ar can be purchased by paying the full amount or by using the installment plan; paying a deposit when the sale is made and the remainder before the book is issued in May.

Beginning last week and extending through this week Charlie Killebrew made individual and group pictures for the Hi-Noc-Ar with individual pictures costing \$1.50

Clubs and organizations have a choice of buying one-third page for \$7.50, one-half page for \$10, or a complete page for \$20.

During the two weeks of the campaign the staff members have home-rooms from which to take orders. They go to their assigned home-rooms each morning during home-room period. They can also contact students personally outside of school.

Through the combined ideas of the group, the staff has decided on the theme, color, and dedication for this year's annual with the aid of their advisor, Miss Alma Murchison. This remains a secret until the book is issued. However, reports say the theme is entirely different from last year, and more on the lighter side.

Heading the Hi-Noc-Ar are Charlotte McIntyre, editor; Turner Coley, business manager; Jenny Fields, advertising manager; and Dennis Barnes, circulation manager. Other staff members include Mike Livesay, Mayo Stancil, Linda Ruffin, Nancy Wells, Nannie Hussey, Helen Strickland, Garry Garris, Lucy Aldridge, Sandra Weller, Parks Cobb, Kirby Ward, Alice Kovarco, Bobby Branch, Gene Cherry, John Fleming, Sue Daughtridge, and Eva Berg, with Miss Alma Murchison, advisor.

Edsonians Present Three Act Comedy; 'Quiet Summer'

Quiet Summer, a three act comedy, written by Marriane and Joseph Hayes, with a cast of 18, will be presented by the Edsonian Dramatics Organization on December 5 in the Senior High auditorium.

Betty Sodeman, Wayne White, Wayne Bridgers, Posey Reeves, Linda Blackburn, Judy Sorrell, Carolyn Ez-zell, Judi Taylor, Marie Tilson, Pat Thomas, Ernestine Hollingsworth, Linda Barnes, Ed Vann, Clarence Ayscue, Toy Eggleston, Mickey Ez-zell, Ray Bryant, and Joe Warner will compose the cast for this play.

This play concerns a sedate lawyer, played by Wayne Bridgers, who has to put up with two teen-agers, Betty Sodeman and Wayne White, who are rudely thrust upon him for the summer months.

With all the Edsonians working hard decorating and building sets, all will be in readiness for the upcoming production.

"Betty and Wayne have of the hardest parts playing the part of teen-agers" Mrs. Ada Hobbs, director, stated.

Journalism Class Hears Talk On TB by Dr. Margaret Battle

Dr. Margaret Battle, guest speaker, spoke to the journalism class about tuberculosis prevention and control at the regular class period, Tuesday, October 13.

Students were told the different symptoms of tuberculosis and various methods used to detect the disease. Dr. Battle stressed the fact that everyone should have yearly checkups. She also talked a great deal on the treatment of TB and the TB Associations throughout the United States. She informed the students how to take care of themselves in order to resist the TB germs that might enter their bodies.

Someone in this country is stricken every six minutes with this di-

sease and in 1957 over 13,000 Americans died of it. 100,000 have the disease now in its infectious form but do not know they are sick. For those who have contracted the disease the annual selling of Christmas seals provides money for their care.

Each student of the journalism class will write an essay, editorial, or draw a cartoon on tuberculosis. Its purpose is to inform the public as to the severeness of the disease and the importance of helping to support the TB Associations. The student writing the best article and winning in the Rocky Mount Chapter will then compete in the state contest.

Miss Print Chosen Today

Runner-Up—Miss Print



Sandra Weller, was crowned Queen of the Masquerade Ball in the annual Miss Print assembly with Jenny Tyner as first runner-up.

Photo by Killebrew

Sandra Weller Top Candidate For Miss Print

Sandra Weller, the new 1959-60 Miss Print, was crowned today most beautiful girl at the masquerade ball with runner-up Jenny Tyner.

Heading the campaign for Sandra was Buck Roney and for Jenny, Jim Speight.

Other candidates with their campaign managers were as follows: Margaret Carmichael escorted by Roger Waters with 2955 votes; Eva Berg escorted by Dennis Barnes with 2861 votes; Judi Weller escorted by Bud Joyner with 2588 votes; Dottie Warren escorted by Dickie Moore with 1766 votes; Pam Daniels escorted by Double Snow with 1621 votes; Donna Ramey escorted by Mike Lundy with 1552 votes; Bettie Jane Munden escorted by Gus Tulloss with 1103 votes; Patsy Warren escorted by Joe Warner with 814 votes; Nannie Hussey escorted by Bobby Branch with 691 votes and Mary Alice Ray escorted by Bruce Strickland with 795 votes.

This contest is sponsored annually by "The Blackbird" staff as has been the custom for the last ten years. Its purpose is to raise money for "The Blackbird."

Twenty five thousand seven hundred and fourteen votes were collected by the girls together with their helpers. Each girl had four helpers and every penny counted as a vote.

TV Classes at Work

Experiment Again This Year

Rocky Mount Senior High's two TV classes, American and World History, are studying again this year with the aid of telecasts coming through WUNC TV, the University of North Carolina station.

For the past two years, American history classes have participated in the TV experiment and this the third year will provide enough evidence to determine the advantage and disadvantages of this method of teaching.

It has been found that students in North Carolina who have taken part in this program have scored higher on the standard achievement American history tests than those in the non TV classes. These tests are sent by the Princeton, New Jersey testing system. In Rocky Mount, the TV and one of the non-TV classes take these tests to determine how much each class learns. These tests are given in the fall and again in the spring.

An official class consists of ninety or more students according to the official figures. Senior High's American history TV class is official for the third year and is taught by Miss Iola Parker. She has an assistant, Mrs. Jim M. Wilgus, who corrects tests papers and takes over the class when Miss Parker is absent.

Miss Lois Edinger, the TV studio

Mr. Ralph Gorham is teaching the World history TV which is unofficial and consists of only seventy-five students. This class is in its second year.

Replacing last year's studio World history teacher, Mr. Marcus Floyd, is Mrs. Ruth George Dobson. Mrs. Dobson has traveled abroad on several occasions. She formerly taught World history in Fayetteville.

Annual 'Mag' Campaign Ends John Fleming High Salesman

Falling short of the desired goal, the annual magazine campaign ended with John Fleming from the senior class being top salesman with a total sale of \$121.38 October 1, 1959.

Mary Ellen Elmore was the junior class high salesman with Skipper Sprye following close behind as the sophomore high salesman.

Leading the school in highest total sales was the junior class with \$2,011.81. Following close behind was the senior class with \$1,789.78, and following in line next was the sophomores with \$1,535.54, thus bringing to a close the magazine drive with a total of \$5,336.13 for the entire school.

In the school the three high home-rooms were Miss Alma Murchison's, senior homeroom 106, with \$577.776, Miss Helen Grant's junior homeroom 204, with \$316.33, and Mrs. Hiram Cuthrell's, junior homeroom 115, with \$315.81.

Proceeds from the campaign drive furnish money for the Student Organization and help to defray expenses that each class encounters during the year.

Due to the tremendous expenses of the junior class for the annual Junior-Senior banquet and dance the juniors give 10% of all their earnings. The senior and sophomore classes each give 25% which is also an added incentive to work hard during the campaign.