

## SAD STORY IS TOLD BY SPANISH STUDENT

This is a very melancholy tale. And it could be true (which is the saddest part of all).

Hear me out people. This could happen to YOU!

In September of 1957, I entered this high school and signed up for Spanish, among other things. I promptly flunked Spanish (among other things).

The following September I entered high school again (against the wishes and advice of my advisor and all the teachers who had taught me), took Spanish I, and made an "A". I'm still not sure how this happened.

Anyway, this made me extremely happy until I learned that they had put me in the ADVANCED Spanish II class (the accelerated class with all the bookworms, National Honor Society members, etc.).

This was definitely not the place for me. So I very promptly paid a visit to the good Mr. Fountain.

"Look, I flunked Spanish!" I told him. "I'm dumb!"

Mr. Fountain turned out to be the first person in high school who has ever contested this statement, and he refused to take me out of the advanced class. So I went over to the main office and got my complete permanent records (which have a liberal sprinkling of D's and E's), took these records back to Mr. Fountain's office, shoved 'em at him, and said,

"Look, I'm dumb. I can prove it!"

The good man took one look at this record and promptly agreed.

He took me out of the advanced class and put me back in another class which made me extremely happy.

I managed to pass Spanish II, but my luck ran out when I took III. I flunked it.

I took it over again. And flunked again. This went on for an extended period of time.

But, strangely enough, when final exam grades were posted last June, there was a "C" beside my name. And there was great rejoicing.

Thus, in the short space of five years, I had gotten off my foreign language requirements. It had only taken from September of 1957 to June of 1962.

This year I am not taking Spanish, but a new course. American history. If I don't pass it in three years, I think I'll quit high school (with the advice and best wishes of my advisor and my teachers).

## Students Show School Spirit

While the senior members of the journalism staff were diligently working one fifth period to complete the first issue of THE BLACKBIRD, it slowly began raining and after a minute the bottom fell out.

All of a sudden one of the members of the staff tore out of room 117. Dazed I walked to the door to see Carlton Edwards stop by Miss Murk's room, where another boy joined him (whom I later learned was Jimmy Willis), and they both hurried toward the Senior Walk. My curiosity completely aroused, I hurried out to the entrance beside Miss Craig-hill's room to see where they were going in such a downpour.

Standing in the driving rain, trying to get the flag down, already soaking wet, they appeared to have lost their senses, but I realized that they were showing the best kind of school spirit, service. Good work boys!



## Greg Low To Be New Kiwanis Boy

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Emerson.

This is the personal motto of the Kiwanis Boy of the month, Greg Low.

Being President of the Student Organization is only a stepping stone for Greg's big ambition in life, President of the United States. He plans to prepare the way for this high honor by studying political science at either Duke University or the University of North Carolina.

"It is quite an honor," says Greg, "to be chosen as the first Kiwanis Boy of the month. I thank Mr. Edson for choosing me and appreciate the splendid hospitality of the Kiwanians."

Greg says that his pet peeve is people who don't use logic in their thinking. This just goes to show you that he has a philosophical outlook on life. Another philosophy of his is, "All work and no play makes Greg a dull boy," so he makes bridge his game.

He attended a luncheon at the Ricks hotel, Thursday, as guest of the Kiwanians. Greg serves as editorial editor of THE BLACKBIRD and is a member of The National Honor Society.

Congratulations, Greg! Good luck on the Presidency.

Better school spirit seems to be the up-to-date trend in the better high schools across the country. Don't let our school spirit die. Let's make history at Senior High.

## CUTTING FOOL

WITH CARLTON EDWARDS

With the beginning of a new column you will realize as you read that it will be filled with fun and reasoning.

You will be reading jokes, anecdotes, poems, and just about any ole thing, with many aspects of school life being discussed.

Did you know that we have 8 senior homerooms, 10 junior homerooms, 13 sophomore homerooms, and NO freshman homeroom? . . . that THE BLACKBIRD will publish 13 issues with 8 pages this year (we normally publish nine issues with 6 pages). . . that the junior members will publish three or four supplements of THE BABYBIRD?

A successful person does not have things done for him, he does them. . . . A strong body is the foundation of a strong mind.

For Spanish students only: Compren ustedes el PAJARO NEGRO, hoy. Solo un peso veinte y cinco para trece ediciones.

For French students only: Achetez LE BLACKBIRD aujourd' hui. L1 ne coute que pour treize issues.

We will not publish the Russian translation, due to the fact that it might be used as propaganda.

For English students only: Buy THE BLACKBIRD today. Only \$1.25 for 13 issues.

One rainy day two turtles

for a soda. The big turtle said "Will you go home and get the raincoats?" The little turtle replied, "I will if you won't drink my soda."

"All right," said the big turtle. Two years went by, and the big turtle said, "I guess he is never coming back. I'll just drink his soda."

Just then a sound came from outside the door, "If you touch that soda I won't go."

Here I sit in the moonlight, Abandoned by women and men,

Murmuring over and over, "I'll never eat onions again!"

The three R's of modern day school are reading, rioting, and rithmetic.

In case the underclassmen didn't know (but I reckon you do) the Senior Walk is for Seniors (that's logical); the seniors also can leave for lunch, and from the auditorium earlier than underclassmen.

O, MLE, what XTC I always feel when UIC

I used to rave of LN's eyes 4 LC I gave countless sighs, 4 KT, 2 and LNR,

I was a keen competitor. But each now's a non-NTT, 4 UXL them all, UC.

Smiling Sam, the colored cop, Is a mighty happy poppie; His wife has given him a

son- A little carbon cop-y.

## Quality Laundry and Cleaners

238-242 Tarboro Street

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Dry Cleaning

Laundry

Rug Cleaning

Fur Storage

## Meadow Brook Dairy

"Distributors of Health"

Telephone GI 2-1714

Rocky Mount

North Carolina

Hear Blackbird Football This Year On WRMT



Dale Kilgo  
6 to 10 PM  
"Our Best To You"  
10 to 12  
Henry Sanders  
Midnite  
'Til Dawn

## THORPE

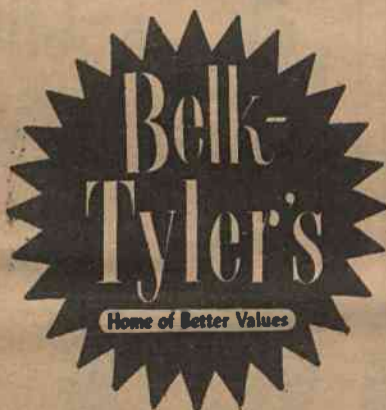
Music & Vending Service

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Tel. 442-2854

Greenville, N. C.

Tel. PL 2-4606



"For The Best In Sportswear, Shop . . .

BELK-TYLER'S of Rocky Mount."

## Carolina School of Commerce

121 N. East Main Street

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Telephone GI 2-6317



Everybody's Swinging

to the

**BANK OF ROCKY MOUNT**

**FOR THEIR BANKING NEEDS**

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation