

Miss Annie Gaynor Retires Position

By GAIL KEETER

Men, women, and children in Rocky Mount and the surrounding areas will always be indebted to one lady who came to Rocky Mount in 1928. Miss Annie Gaynor retired last month and it is for her outstanding contributions to Rocky Mount that this paper has chosen to write about such a progressive person.

Miss Gaynor was born in Washington, North Carolina. She came from a large family with eight children. Her mother passed away when she was nine and a few years later her father passed away. Yet, Miss Gaynor had such a great drive to help other people that she is a person that will always be looked up to.

Miss Gaynor came to Rocky Mount as a result of accepting a job with the Rocky Mount Health Department. At this time no clinics were available for people who needed help. The personnel in the Health Department investigated calls and really found many of their own cases. This work sometimes involved going from house to house. Today it is impossible to do this type of case work, and it is wonderful that it isn't necessary, as there are many clinics provided where people may go.

When asked about her most reward experience in life she told us of the Polio Clinic in Hickory. Miss Gaynor was the first nurse from North Carolina to volunteer to help at the Hickory Polio Clinic. At this time no available vaccine had been discovered to counteract the dreaded disease, very little hell could be administered to the polio patients--other than keeping them comfortable by the use of warm blankets.

Miss Gaynor is also a former teacher and nurse of RMSH. Teaching about ten years may seem a long time to most of us, but to Miss Gaynor it was



Miss Annie Gaynor is known and loved by all. (Photo by Whitley)

just one of many exciting things that has happened to her. She taught Home Hygiene and Caring for the Sick. She remarked that education has changed a lot over the years, but has not been a sudden change. During Miss Gaynor's teaching years she remembers that there were fewer meetings to keep the teachers long after school, but that the teachers would get together at the drug stores and enjoy a Coke before going home. Miss Gaynor has a very unusual and wonderful hobby which most of us are familiar with.

She spends long hours clipping out pictures and write-ups of students, friends and many people that she barely knows, and sends these clippings on to them. This is just one of many things that she does for the people of Rocky Mount.

Miss Gaynor attends the First Baptist Church. She is a member of the Junior Guild, member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society, and Vice-President of the Red Cross. She was awarded the coveted honor of being the Woman of the Year in Rocky Mount in 1951.



The unique Rotary couple once again is Sherman Corbett and Lewis Hardy. (Photo by Burnette)

Two Outstanding Students Chosen As Rotary Couple

Take a boy and a girl that are outstanding in all walks of life standing for progress and you will come up with this month's Rotary Couple, Sherman Corbett and Lewis Hardy.

Lewis Hardy, if I said he is mostly seen on the tennis courts at Sunset Park wouldn't be all true, because he is seen just as much on the basketball court and all around RMSH.

This is not the first award, although it is among the top awards, that Lewis has received this year. He was chosen as an Alternate Delegate to Boy's State, has been chosen the Human Relations Boy, and to add to his accomplishments Lewis was chosen an Outstanding Senior.

With all the experience Lewis has had while in high school, he is sure to end up as a college president or something neat like that. Lewis has been Vice-President of the Phalanx Club, President of his homeroom for three years and has been a Representative to the Student Representative Assembly. He has served on the Social Committee and the Elections Committee.

Can we hardly believe that

with all these things to keep him busy he still has time to be a member of the Phalanx Club Fellowship of Christian Athletes and of the Monogram Club.

Rotary Girl

Shermayne Corbett is no less active than Lewis. Although she isn't seen on the basketball court she admits that she does play a little tennis.

Shermayne is now serving as President of Service Club, was homeroom president first semester and is the senior Class Secretary.

She belongs to several local clubs, The Bethletes, which she serves as Vice-President, and the Y-Teens.

Here at school Shermayne is also very busy, who is a Color Guard, a member of the band.

Shermayne has received several awards this year. Speaking of the congenial couple, Shermayne and Lewis were chosen as Human Relations Couple, a few months ago. Shermayne is also an Outstanding Senior.

Shermayne plans to attend UNC at Greensboro, where she plans to major in psychology.

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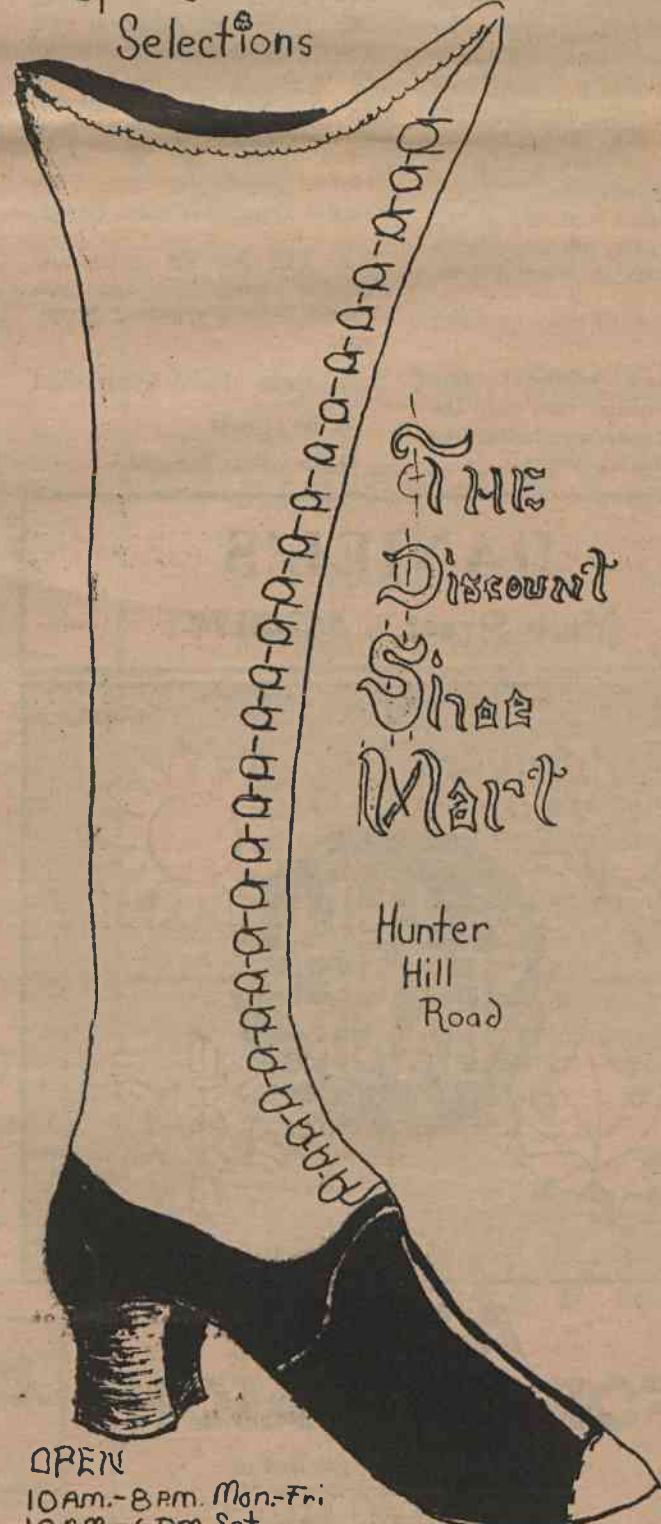
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