

GRYPHON
EDITORIALS

Parking Lot Problem

The parking lot at Rocky Mount Senior High seems to be an almost unsafe place to park. The lot is filled with broken glass, tin cans and other debris. This is indeed an unsafe place for automobile tires. Who is at fault? The students are at fault. There is no excuse for all this debris. The time it would take for students to use the available trash cans would be far less time than it would to replace a tire, and I might add far less expensive. It's the duty of everyone who drives to school to rid our parking lot of this problem so it will be a safe place for parking cars.

New Horizons

The day approaches. The time is near. In a few months we will be completing the first leg of our race. June is only a short time off and most of our Seniors will be off into a new world. We have completed 12 years (most of us, some a little more than 12) of education. Many of us will continue our education in the form of colleges. This is a very wise choice for people who are willing and able to continue this formal education.

But for many of us, our formal education is over. Many have chosen to meet the world head-on. These people are basically the people who work well with their hands, and without these talented people we cannot expect to progress. No matter how talented these people may be, their natural talents must be developed. There are many fine schools in this area that offer technical training to those who enjoy the aspects of technical employment. There are coarses offered in almost all fields of endeavor, and these fields should be explored.

With the ambitions of our young people, the talent that they possess, and the training that is available, we only need to explore the prospects to know that America is in good hands.

Unity At RMSH

The students of Rocky Mount Senior High should begin at last to treat RMSH as a real school, a unified school.

RMSH has never seemed to be unified since the merger of Booker T. Washington and the old Rocky Mount Senior High. There still seems to be a continuous rivalry between the Booker T. Lions and the RMSH Blackbirds. This rivalry is not directed toward other schools in athletic competition, but the rivalry seems to be between the Black and White students. There have been several attempts by a minority of the students to bridge the ever-widening gap. Quite often it seems that this minority has received rebuttals by their peers.

We who now attend RMSH should try to work together to solve our problems this year. The need for unity is now. The upcoming sophomore class can continue to build their unity only if they enter a unified school.

With this quote in mind, "We may have come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now", RMSH will surely prosper in years to come.

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DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

The first paper money of the U.S. government was issued, March 10, 1862.
The "Blizzard of '88" began to cripple New York City on March 11, 1888.
President Franklin D. Roosevelt broadcast his first "Fire-side Chat," March 12, 1933.
On March 13, 1852, in a cartoon, "Uncle Sam" became a symbol of the United States.
Eli Whitney received the patent for his invention, the cotton gin, March 14, 1794.



Around The Campus

By RICHARD NEWMAN

In this issue column, I am going to vary from the normal run-of-the-mill Around The Campus.

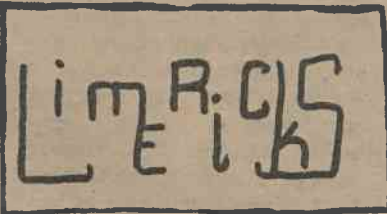
Many of us have become friends with a new face in our midst. This new face is Marcello de Souza. Marcello is a Brazilian college freshman who is here on a months visit with Sam Feurst. In this column we will discuss some of the problems that have arisen since Marcello's arrival.

Number one -- the Communication Barrier Incident. We are sitting at the lunch table when Marcello decides he wants an ice cream sandwich. So, he proceeds to the serving line and the lady say's "May I help you?" Marcello's reply "I would like a sandwich." She says "What kind." "Kind?" inquires Marcello. The lady, in total bafflement hands him a ham salad sandwich. Marcello shakes his head and remembering that an ice cream sandwich has frozen milk in it, he ut-

ters, "Milk." So, she hands him a carton of milk Marcello returns to the table--in utter disgust.

Number two -- the Change From the Quarter Incident. Scene -- lunch room (does the lunchroom have a patent on Marcello?) Again Marcello wants an ice cream sandwich. (I wonder if they have ice cream sandwiches in Brazil?) He asks the lady for an ice cream sandwich and she obliges. He hands her a quarter and begins to walk away. She calls him back to get his change. She hands him a dime and he walks away -- in utter confusion.

Number three -- the Carolina - Maryland Game Incident. Scene - The student Lounge. Sam Fuerst (avid Carolina fan) and myself (avid Maryland fan) were discussing that night's basketball contest between the Tar Heels and the Terrepins. Of course, Sam was positive that the Heels were going to in-lalate the Terps. (They were favored by 12 points). And I was the average underdog fan with the "wait-and-see" attitude. Then Marcello, who knows almost nothing about basketball, decides to side with me. (He didn't even realize the Carolina team was number 3 in the nation). Marcello to Sam: "Maryland will win - wait and see." Final score, Maryland 77, Carolina, 75. Way to go, Marcello.



(Ed. Note: The following limericks were written by Mrs. Pace's 11th Grade English Class.)

There was an old cat named Floozy,
Who loved to dance the watusi.
She'd dance all the night
Until mid daylight
And then would go home feeling woozy.

Cathy Ellis

There once was a guy named Sonny;
The looks of his girl were quite funny.
A friend once exclaimed
"How can you stand that dame?"
"Simple," he replied, "It's her money!"

Jerry Parker

Editor's Quote Book

The happiness in this life depends less on what befalls you than the way in which you take it.
—Elbert Hubbard

Why School?

One can see the problems faced by the RMSH Self-evaluation Committees as they work toward the school's reaccreditation when they think about answering this question in these complex times.

The RMSH faculty along with parent and student representatives - 125 altogether - finished that sentence Monday night, February 21, before they split up into committees.

Committees will study every aspect of the school's activities, educational media services (library and audio-visual) guidance services, school facilities, and school staff and administration in this drive to maintain RMSH's high educational standing.

The Rocky Mount School Board, before its regular monthly meeting, came as guests to the organizational meeting in the library.

Mrs. Ruth Bell presided and introduced Dr. Maylon McDonald and Dr. James Batten, both of ECU, who will serve as consultants, while these committees make reports and give recommendations for improvements.

The purpose of the Southern Association is to establish standards of education in schools from elementary to university level. Schools which are members have the highest accreditation possible in the South, and RMSH has been a member since 1920.

Principal Elton Newbern challenged teachers to undertake their committee jobs so RMSH continues to be "second to none" in education in North Carolina.

After the committees draw up their recommendations, a visiting committee made up of educators from other schools will come to study the educational program, physical facilities, and equipment.

Recommendations will then be considered for possible changes before the school presents its reaccreditation request to the Southern Association. This reaccreditation effort is made periodically to assure that the school is maintaining its educational standards.

Teachers, parents, and students who make up each committee met in their first of many meetings to come in the months ahead after the group meeting.

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