



CHARLIE BUCK GIVES: Love struck Buck gives his heart to Stephanie Maryland.

Valentine's Day Excites Characters Everywhere

On February 14, students at Rocky Mount Senior High will be asking one another, "Will you be my Valentine?"

What makes the day so special to people all over the world? Valentine's Day is named for St. Valentine who was beheaded in Rome for aiding persecuted Christians. It was originally a celebration held by Romans who held a lover's feast for their young people. After the spread of Christianity, Pope Gelasius changed the name of the festival to St. Valentine's Day in an attempt to Christianize the pagan festival.

Valentine's Day first became popular in the United States at

the time of the War Between the States. Most of the valentine cards of that time were hand printed and usually showed cupid whose arrows had pierced a heart. Many of the store bought cards cost \$10, and young ladies kept the cards as keepsakes. Many valentine cards have become collector's items.

On the more sinister side of St. Valentine's Day, in 1929 the St. Valentine's Day Massacre occurred in which seven gangsters were slaughtered by other gangsters in a continuing gangland war.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in various manners throughout

the world. In Great Britain, children receive gifts of candy, fruits, and money, and they sing songs picked for the occasion. In Italy some areas hold feasts in honor of Valentine's Day. Here in the United States, cards are exchanged and parties are held.

Here at Rocky Mount Senior High, a box is placed in the lobby in which students may drop valentine cards. On Valentine's Day or the school day closest to it, these cards are delivered to the receiver's homeroom. Students taking foreign languages make valentine cards written in the language which they are taking.

Yellow Brick Road Opened



PINBALL MADNESS — teenagers check out the pinball machines at the newly opened Yellow Brick Road.

"All I want is a place in Rocky Mount where young kids and teenagers can come during the day and at night and stay out of trouble," says Tommie Ezzell, owner and operator of Yellow Brick Road Game Room. "Dates and family gatherings are also welcome," he comments. Tommie, the Home Bound teacher for Rocky Mount City Schools, operates Yellow Brick Road at 217 Tarboro Street across from Edgemore Tech. Yellow Brick Road is open from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays. Teenagers and young people are welcome to come in and play pinball, foosball, pool, or any other game at Yellow Brick Road.

"Anyone is welcome to come

in and make himself at home and play the games as long as he follows my four rules which are: No Profanity, No Drugs, No Alcohol, and No Gambling," says Tommie. Kids who don't follow the rules are warned the first time and are asked to leave the second time. Tommie also offers personal counseling to anyone who wants it.

Yellow Brick Road has an assortment of vending machines with snacks, hot sandwiches, hot drinks, and soft drinks. A juke box with records, which are changed weekly, provides music for Yellow Brick Road. There is no dress code, and bare feet are welcome in the summer.

In the future, Tommie hopes to hold foosball tournaments and have posters and T-shirts for those who want them.

Seminar Classes Plan Trip

A trip to Washington, D.C. is being planned by the Seminar classes. The trip is planned for Wednesday, April 14 through Sunday, April 17.

While in Washington the students and chaperones plan to spend a day visiting Congress. They also plan to visit the Smithsonian Institute, Washington Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the White House.

The students who are serving on the committee to organize the trip are Mark Pearsall, Elizabeth Howell and Clay Harris. Mrs. Barbara Taylor is the teacher in charge of the trip. Fund-raising committees and a

chaperone committee have been formed. It is estimated that approximately seven chaperones will be needed. Fund-raising projects are being planned to raise as much of the

necessary cost as possible. Students will participate in such things as bake-sales and car washes.


The students plan to travel to Washington by bus.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Brenda Rodgers. She is planning to be married to Mr. Bob Fisher Sunday, April 17.

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