



THE BRIDE AND FATHER MARCH: Jackie Wilde and Terry Janney march down the rows of chairs for their wedding ceremony.



CAKE IS DELICIOUS: Jackie Wilde and Alan Addams enjoy the reception. Others add into the festivity.

Family Life Presents Weddings

During the week of exams, January 18-20 four weddings were held at Senior High. Mrs. Bette Penny married four couples in one week, with some help from her four Marriage and Family Life classes.

First period class held their wedding January 18 at 9:00 in the cafeteria. Alan Adams and Jackie Wilde said their vows to each other and thanked Donna

Odom for directing their lovely wedding. Phillip Page, the minister, gave the newlyweds legal permission to be husband and wife.

Donna Jones and Steve Love repeated their vows after their minister Michael Deloach the same day at 11:00. They also thanked their director, Ricky Mercer, for handling such a sweet pre-noon wedding.

Sharon Metcalf made sure that Ruth Battle and Larry High were married correctly on Wednesday at another pre-noon wedding. Wayne Lee was responsible for the new husband and wife.

The last wedding was held Thursday, Jan. 19 at 11:00. Ricky Coleman also was

minister to Brenda Dickens and Percell Mitchell. Their director Valerie Zobloskay added congratulations to the last couple married last week.

The ushers in the weddings brought in the bride's mother, the groom's parents, and all the guests. The bridesmaids followed with the maids of honor

walking before the brides. The music flared, and the guests and families rose while the bride and the bride's father walked alone to the altar.

After each wedding the receptions were held in room 206 with receiving lines and the cutting of the cake.

Clubs Announce Upcoming Events

Service Club

The Service Club has elected new officers for the second semester. They are: President, Laura Hardy; Vice President, Candace Brantley; Corresponding Secretary, Janet Kitts; Recording Secretary, Kaye Batts; Treasurer, Eddy Wilson; and Chaplain, Amy Fisher. They have recently held a candy sale.

Music Club

The Music Club went caroling through the school halls December 21 to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. On

January 16 they attended the North Carolina Symphony with Chet Atkins.

DECA

Distributed Education Classes are in the process of having local contests. They are also preparing for the District Conference at Wilson Fike on February 17. Contests are Display, Advertising, Public Speaking, and Student of the Year.

VICA

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America have finished selling Gryphon key chains.

Financial Difficulties Voiced About Center

Over the past few weeks there has been much excitement over a proposed civic center for Rocky Mount. The civic center which would cost about 3.5 million dollars and seat 3,500 people, could provide recreation and cultural activities for Rocky Mount citizens.

The big question is, "where is the money going to come from?" Mayor Fred Turnage said he doubted that the citizens of Rocky Mount would approve

a tax increase, and he added that he would definitely not call for a bond issue because two bond issues worth \$8000,000 have recently been approved. The need for a new city hall was cited by Turnage who felt that the city hall and the civic center would put a strain on financing. Turnage said that there had been little public enthusiasm that would make the city council consider the civic center. "Chances are much greater for private investment with perhaps federal or county help,"

Turnage added.

There are arguments for the center, dealing largely with the economic boost it would give Rocky Mount. Wilbur Rose, chairman of the Nash County Industrial Development Commission, said that the civic center would bring in some of the income lost from tourism when Interstate I-95 is completed. Theo Pitt, chairman of the Central City Revitalization corporation said the civic center would upgrade a declining tax base in downtown Rocky Mount.

Sixth Grader Views RMSH

By Richard Gurganus

I was wondering what it would be like when I get to Senior High. I think the exams there would be very hard and complicated. I think the average student would study about an hour for an exam. I wish the exams would be one page, but there will probably be about five or six.

I think the teachers would have to be kind've strict to have a good class. I think they would give out a lot of D.T.'s. I think the principal would be black and have a straight face and kind of chubby.

I think there are about 700 students at Senior High. The Seniors probably get to eat

lunch where they want. There are about seven periods.

I think the cafeteria food would be cold, because it probably came from another place. I think the average student would have a friendly and joking personality. People probably get there in the morning and back home in the afternoon many different ways. All in all, I think I will have a fun time when I get there.

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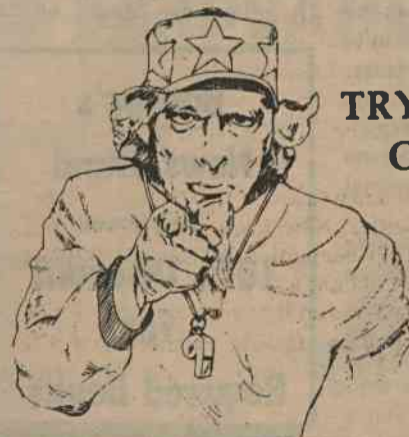
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