

# So Long, Teachers



**MURRAYS SANTS BARBARA BOUND:** Mr. and Mrs. Kent Murray will be moving to Santa Barbara California at the end of the school year. Mr. Murray plans to attend Brooks Institute of Photography there.

was more of a radical after his graduation at Wesleyan than he is now. Eight years of teaching has made his approach to education more structured and a little more conservative.

This Star Trek-freak history teacher really enjoys living. In one of his day dreams he sees himself very clearly driving around town in a 1930 Rolls Royce, well fed and with plenty of spare cash in his pocket. "I like to live well," comments the young liberal bachelor. "If you're going to do something, there's a right way and a wrong way."

#### Mrs. Chesson

"No, we haven't any relatives in Whiteville but it seems everyone else does," says Lela Chesson. She explains that many of her friends in Rocky Mount have her "fixed up" with new companions in Whiteville. Mrs. Chesson says her family plans to move to Whiteville in the early summer. Although she admitted, she may miss Rocky Mount, she said, without reservation, "I like change!" She says her first and only year at Senior High has been a good one.

One can tell she is an energetic individual by listening to her talk. Her frequent small laugh between sentences puts one at ease in her presence and almost assures one of an instant friendship.

Mrs. Chesson likes to experience new things and places. "I'm sure I'll enjoy being close to the coast," she says. "I plan to take a break

from teaching, you might say, and do a little freelance writing at home, perhaps some newspaper work also."

When the subject of missing old friends came up, Mrs. Chesson grinned when she said, "It's only three hours away," a seemingly easy drive for such an optimistic little blonde.

#### Mrs. Murray

"I'm ready to accept basic changes in my lifestyle, but I'm also looking forward to opportunities that a metropolitan area offers," reflects Mrs. Peggie Murray. She is referring to her shift in residence from Rocky Mount to Santa Barbara, Calif.

She talks about the move in a straight-forward acceptance of the impact the move will have on her life. "I'm willing to accept the role as sole supporter since Kent will have to devote most of his time to his studies," she indicates.

Commenting on the opportunities her new home will offer, she says, "I want to see some plays in their beginnings. Some of the plays that end up on Broadway, start on the West Coast." She adds voluntarily, "I was sad the last time I took a group of students to see a play in Chapel Hill. I realized that it would be the last time for me, the last time I would see the plays with the kids and the Carolina Playmakers."

#### Mr. Murray

"I'm looking forward mostly to meeting new people, with

their different attitudes, and a change in the general atmosphere of my surroundings," comments Mr. Kent Murray of his planned move to California this summer.

He and Mrs. Peggie Murray are moving to Santa Barbara, California, where he will attend Brooks Institute, a very prestigious photography school. "I'm a little apprehensive about the moving itself," says Mr. Murray, with a seemingly ever-present calm, "But the biggest change for me will be the transition from teacher to student. And the fact that I won't be working full-time."

When asked about plans after graduation, Mr. Murray replied, "I don't have any definite plans. I would like to go into some creative photography and portraits."

The artist in Mr. Murray comes through as he mentions the proximity of the geographical qualities of California. "On one side you can see the ocean and the other the mountains tower over the land," he visualizes.

#### Miss Kitchin

As an actress leaves a successful stage career thanking her fans for her success, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin leaves commending the students of Rocky Mount Senior High.

Despite the public's constant deeming of students as apathetic, Miss Kitchin defends the student body by declaring, "Students aren't apathetic,



**MISS KATE PARK KITCHIN RELAXES:** Miss Kitchin will be leaving Senior High after this school year. She looks back "with gratitude and pride to have been associated with Rocky Mount Senior High School."

they're just busy doing something else, either in athletics, scouts, church groups, or academics." Miss Kitchin has taught the gamut of classes and emphasizes that Senior High offers a "wonderful opportunity." Every department has achieved wonderful recognition in its field," says Miss Kitchin, "and students need to realize that they attend an unusually fine school." She chose the high school level because she says

the students are "stimulating and interesting."

Her office filled with an assortment of green plants possibly symbolizes the growth and pride that Miss Kitchin has planted in the depths of Senior High. And as a star praises from her heart the institution that has aided her in her success, Miss Kitchin looks back "with gratitude and pride to have been associated with Rocky Mount Senior High School."

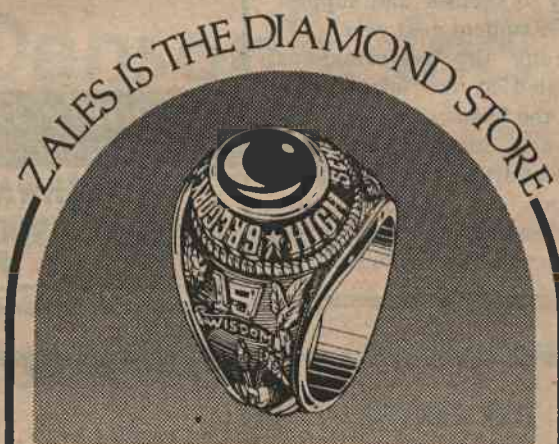


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