



Mr. Rockefeller Branch, teacher at Ruffin High School. He taught social studies and English, and he managed the book-room. He was a veteran of World War II and an active member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

"201"

"Ye shall not cry for me when I die, for I shall be in Heaven—talking with my Lord."
How often had I heard those words during his last few weeks
Strange I know it seems, I feel it was his token considering the things he did speak,
Now each time I walk in 201, the class which was his living,
I feel his presence there, see his smile, and hear his words of giving.
His room is full of bits of words spoken in years gone by,
And I can hear his voice still, even though I know he has died.
And the students who came from time to time to 201 in search of a "listening ear"
Would come away after awhile, each problem solved, and each mind clear.
So, if you have a problem which you feel you need to share,
Go ahead to 201, sit down, you'll feel his presence there,
For even though he has passed away, this man does still care,
And if you sit in 201 awhile, you'll find Mr. Branch still there.

by Mrs. D. Bennett