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DAR, Typical Youth Chosen; Honorees Represent School

Charlotte McIntyre, a senior and Ronnie Jackson, a junior will represent Rocky Mount Senior High School as Daughter of the American Revolution Citizenship Pilgrim and Typical Youth respectfully.

Holding offices has been the major part of Charlotte's past. She served as secretary of the sophomore class and has held many homeroom offices.

She won the coveted Padereski music award for being able to play ten different pieces in ten consecutive years in the national auditions, which was presented to her last year at the annual awards day. National Honor Society member, editor of the Hi-Noc-Ar, and cabinet member are just a few more of her many activities.

Charlotte showed ability in state, national, and county affairs by going and representing her school and town at Girls' State in Greensboro this past summer where she ran for nomination of governor in the Nationalist party.

Her interest in the school's sports and activities was shown again when she was elected as a sponsor by the senior class.

Ronnie has served his school in many offices. In Junior High he served as treasurer of the Student Legislature and was chosen as Typical Youth by fellow students.

Since he entered Senior High, his interest in school affairs has not been lost. Serving as chairman of the House and Grounds, treasurer

of the junior class, vice-president of his homeroom and representative to the Student Organization have been just a few of the many jobs he has done.

He too has been interested in sports and the school's extra-curricular activities. He serves as full-back on the varsity football team and has been a great help in sending his team off to victory. Another of his duties at Senior High has been as an active member of the Monogram club.

American Ed. Wk.

Parents, students and teachers all over America joined together in observing Education Week, with "Praise and Appraise Your Schools" as its main theme, during the week of November 8-14.

Each day during American Education Week, articles pertaining to topics essential to school life were written by various teachers from the Rocky Mount City Schools and printed in the local newspaper. Topics included: The Child, The People Next Door, The School Board Member, The Adult Citizens, and The Voter. Mrs. Nancy Gorham, an English and World history teacher at Senior High's Night School, wrote an article on "The Adult Citizens: How Can The Schools Serve Them?" as Senior High's contribution.

Posters were placed throughout Senior High and Rocky Mount honoring American Education Week.

From Twenty AFS Applicants

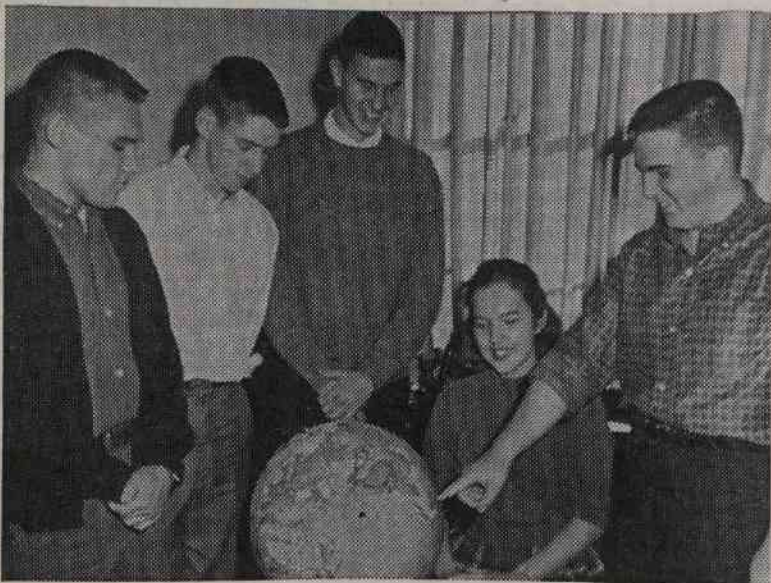
Six Semi-finalists Chosen

Nannie Hussey, Bill Parker, Garry Garris, Mayo Stancil, Tommy Baysden, and Alice Kovarco have been chosen as semi-finalists out of 20 applicants for the American Field Service summer program from Rocky Mount.

Susan Harris, chairman of the Foreign Exchange Committee, talked to the junior class about applying for the opportunity to go abroad this summer as a foreign exchange student under the American Field Service program. Any junior wishing

to apply had to write an essay on "Why they would like to be the exchange student during the summer of the current year." After the students had applied, they met in Miss Kate Parks Kitchin's office to be interviewed. Mrs. H. L. Faulkner, past president of the Foreign Exchange Committee of Rocky Mount, Mr. Dudley Harper, head of Foreign Field Service, Mr. C. M. Edson, Miss Dorothy Craighill, Ralph Williams, Frannie Harrison, and Susan Harris were all present to interview the students. Soon after the interview with the twenty applicants, six semi-finalists were chosen. Eva Berg, this year's exchange student from Sweden, then interviewed the six students.

These semi-finalists are now competing for the final selection. They are writing a description of the most memorable moment in their lives, a typical school day, and summer day, and a complete description of their family and home. This is turned in and sent to New York to an AFS screening committee. These results will be sent sometime after Christmas when the exchange student for 1960 will be announced.



Semi-finalists in the Foreign Exchange program are (L-R) Mayo Stancil, Garry Garris, Bill Parker, Alice Kovarco, and Tommy Baysden are discussing where they would like to go if chosen for this honor.

Photo by Bugs Barringer

Patsy Warren Crowned



Patsy Warren smiles happily after she is crowned Campus Sweetheart with runners-up Margaret Carmichael (left) and Jenny Tyner (right).

Photo by Barringer

Senior Girl Reigns Over Homecoming On Unlucky Day

Patsy Warren, Campus Sweetheart, Homeroom 116's float, and THE BLACKBIRD staff all received honors Friday, November 13th., an unlucky day for most people.

Patsy was crowned Campus Sweetheart at the halftime by Wilma Shearin, head majorette. Patsy who is head cheerleader, had as her runners-up, Margaret Carmichael and Jenny Tyner. At the dance Patsy was crowned again by Double Snow and Mike Lundy, co-captains of the varsity football team.

In the homecoming parade there were six winners in the two categories of originality and beauty from which the floats and cars were judged. The first place winner for originality was Miss Dorothy Craighill's homeroom, 116, with the theme, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight." Wildlife club place second and honorable mention went to the HI-NOC-AR staff. The winner in beauty was THE BLACKBIRD with the theme "THE BLACKBIRD — A tribute to the school." Second place was awarded to the Good Sports club with honorable mention going to the Cheerleaders' car. Prizes offered were \$5.00 and \$2.50 given by the Service club which sponsored the parade.

At District Meeting

DE Students Win Honors

Students from Rocky Mount Senior High School and their advisor, Mrs. Bettisue Hunt, attended the Eastern District Meeting of the D. E. C. A. in Goldsboro, N. C. on Wednesday, November 4.

Following a greeting given by the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, Chris Gillars, president of the Rocky Mount Distributive Education Club, gave the response for the students.

Senior High was represented in the finals of both contests held at the gathering. Using the topic "What Makes a Star Salesman Click?", Jerry Smith placed second in a public speaking contest. In a job application contest, Jerry Wayne Blankenship placed second with his demonstration of a job interview.

Representing the Senior High D. E. Club at the meeting were Roger Barnes, Curtis Felt, Micky Robbins, Woody Herrington, Jerry Wayne Blankenship, Jerry Smith, Mottis Reams, Billy Fuller, Chris Gillars, Belva Johnson, Betty Jean Maley, Alvanell Martin, Russell Carroll, Billy Hunt, Bobby Perkins, Jerry Parker, Mike Howell, and Mrs. Hunt.

Journalism Class Participates In Tuberculosis Essay Contest

Members of the journalism class have been working on essays, editorials, and poems about T. B. for the Twenty-Third Annual Press Project which is sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Subjects under which the articles could be written are 'Our School in the Fight Against T. B.' and 'Health in Our Own Community.' Students had a choice of either of these subjects for their project.

Aims of the project were to make the student aware of his responsibilities to health and his neighbors, to encourage responsible citizenship, and to raise the standard of school journalism.

Rules for this project are that

only student-staffed and edited publications for senior high schools are eligible, entries shall consist of one or more issues of a duplicated publication issued at regular intervals during the school year, and entries shall contain articles on one of the assigned subjects. These entries are sent to the local tuberculosis association.

These articles will be judged by a member of the Tuberculosis Association. Judging will be based on accuracy, originality, journalistic style, evidence of research, and understanding of the subject matter.

Certificates of Honor are to the publications which the aims of the project articles will go on to the state contest.