

## A Fineness Of Character

Once again RMSH has proved itself to be an outstanding school. Not only is our school known for its variety of good courses but also for the wonderful students which participate in the scholastic program.

In the recent reaccreditation process, many of the visiting committee commented on the excellent conduct and friendliness found among the student body. This fine example of "Southern Hospitality" really warmed the hearts of the committee and they will continue to talk about the fineness of RMSH when comparing it to other schools across the state.

RMSH students are known for their excellent character and behavior wherever they are. Their athletic conduct can speak for itself and the fine character of the student body is really something of which one can be proud. So be proud students -- for whatever honors or praise you get -- you deserve!

## The Coming Of Spring

Winter is nearly behind us. Once again we can hear the pleasant chirping of birds and feel the warm weather of the spring season. The warmer weather is a nice change to the somewhat "snowy," cold winter we have had.

Spring will offer students a fine chance to become involved in outdoor sports and will relieve them of the wintery "blahs". Along with inhaling some good "fresh" air, spring will offer students a chance to observe the beauty of nature with budding plants and green grass.

Although everyone will be inhaled by the beauty of spring, we shouldn't forget our duties to ourselves. Along with the enjoyment of our hobbies, we should continue to devote some time to our studies. They certainly won't compare to the weather but, on the other hand, the weather doesn't mean much when we need a job!

## Around The Campus

—by Debbie Harvey

Well, we finally did it, juniors! We proved to the senior class members of the Gryphon staff that we can put out a paper too! Maybe they will want us to put out the paper more often, because it seems to me this paper was put out with a little more smoothness than a few past ones. I guess that goes to show that juniors aren't so bad after all, right?

Oh, just in case anyone didn't hear why the last issue of the Gryphon was given to the entire school body the reason was — the staff made a mistake in the whole layout; therefore the printer could not print our paper. In order for the paper

to come out on time we had to get enough papers printed for the whole school. So... that explains it!

Sure seems like spring is just around the corner, doesn't it? It sure seems nice to have all this sunshine after such a cold winter. Pretty soon it will be "beach" time again.

Twirp Week was really something wasn't it? Well men, I hope you enjoyed it because you may never have a female open a door for you or carry your books again. Also, the dance was pretty much fun too. Some of you men really had it made with your girls driving, didn't you?

It looks like the seniors will be in charge of the next paper. I hope that a few of you enjoyed the junior issue. This issue just gave you a glimpse of the magnitude of the Gryphon next year.

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### Something's busting out all over...



## Students Attend Convention

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Barnes, Mary Whitaker, Randy Hutchison, Harry Thorpe, and Kent Washburn. William Reid attended as Member at Large. Co-ordinators, R. C. Horne and Mrs. Geraldine Hargrove completed the clubs attendance.

It was stated by one of the speakers that all the students who competed in contests or ran for offices were all winners just for competing; however, Rocky Mount ended up with many honors.

Tom Dickens won first place in the Job Interview Contest and Lavern Williams was nominated to represent North Carolina in the National Convention running for Secretary - Treasurer. Both Tom and Lavern will be attending the National Distributive Education Convention being held in Atlantic City, N. J., the first week in May.

Rocky Mount as a club won the opportunity for the first time to represent the State D. E. Clubs at the State Fair in Raleigh. The Exhibit was designed and constructed by Cindy Talbott and Pete Tapia, Co-chairmen; Jo Ann Robards, Billy Brunson, and Gerry Brabham. The exhibit has been on display for the last two weeks in the lobby next to the Principals' office. The award was accepted by William Reid.

For the fourth year the Rocky Mount D. E. Club has won the three star Sears Achievement Award which is awarded for the clubs entire years work. This year the club presented a fashion show to the school and spoke to several civic clubs about the D.E. Program. Several other projects were car-

ried out to insure the club of the award. Evangeline Simmons accepted the plaque.

## 'Twas The Day Before Visitation

'Twas the day before visitation and all through the school

Everybody was frantic; we'd all lost our cool;  
The rooms were all dusted and polished with care,  
Even the bottoms of the desks were spotless  
in case someone looked there.

The students were dazed with all the facts crammed  
in their heads,  
While the teachers were sure they'd be better off  
dead.

From principals Newbern and Hines to Mr. Pash in the shop,  
We'd all been busy with vacuum, broom, and mop.  
And now the time had come to cease our worrisome  
chatter.  
The committee would be here to see what was the matter.

Dr. Currin would come and all of his staff as well,  
And everybody would be waiting for the 8:40 bell.

The school on that morning was a sight to behold!  
Everything was all ready. The students had been told  
That this was the most important day of the year.  
Everyone was to be natural; there was no need to fear.  
Then through the squawk box there came such a noise  
We nearly jumped out of our skins;

We lost all of our poise;  
For there was this voice bellowing loud and long,  
And we laughed as we heard it; for it sounded like a  
song.

"On, Hartsock, on Haskins, on Kahdy, and Thompson,  
On Hampton, on Hagwood, on Darden, and Cockrell  
From the Hammond Street entrance to the Nash Street  
wall  
Now, dash to your classes--dash away, dash away all!"

And then in a twinkling through all of the halls  
Came the visiting committee, eager as race horses  
from their stalls.

They went about their work with determination and  
zeal,  
And a pride in their mission that was difficult to con-  
ceal.

All through the day they sat patiently in class  
As they heard teachers expound on English, Science,  
and Math.

They learned how to weld and make a chocolate cake,  
And discovered there was a nurse available in case of  
a stomach ache.

They dismantled a car, and learned of D.E.  
They conversed in French and Spanish, and had fun in  
P.E.

They applauded the chorus and were captivated by the  
band.

They studied World Cultures and learned to type with  
one hand.

They painted a landscape and watched a table being  
made,  
And were amazed at the speed with which bricks  
could be laid.

They finally finished their work, and at the end of the  
day

They dashed to their cars and soon sped away.  
But I heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight,  
"Don't worry a minute, folks! Senior High is all right!"

Miss Alma Murchison

## Do-Did-Done

"What did you do at your last place of employment?" asked the personnel director.

"I was a Did Man," replied the applicant.

"That's an odd title," observed the personnel director. "What's a Did Man?"

And the applicant explained. "When the boss wanted something done, he told his vice president who repeated it to the office manager. The latter ordered his assistant to take care of it and the assistant turned the job over to one of the supervisors who then directed a senior clerk to put it in the works. The senior clerk passed it on to the junior clerk who, in turn, gave me the job. As the Did Man, I did it. I had nobody to order around."