

## Awards Banquet Held For RMSH Athletes

The Sportsman's Club sponsored a banquet Monday, March 11 in the Senior High cafeteria in honor of Rocky Mount Senior High Athletic teams. Guest speaker for the banquet was Jimmy Clack, starting center for the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League.

Those in attendance were the members of the football, basketball, wrestling, girl's tennis, track, girl's basketball, cross-country and baseball teams, the coaches, the cheerleaders, and many parents and Gryphon fans. The banquet was very well organized and everyone had a very good time.

Each coach presented the trophies for his sport. Walt Wiggins, presented the following football awards: The People's Bank Best Defensive Player Trophy to Thomas Lancaster, the Jaycee Blocking Trophy to Thomas Lancaster; the Stallings Oil Most Valuable Player Trophy to Boo Boo Alston; The Tom Kermon Memorial Most Dedicated Player Trophy to Donnie Harrelson; The A. H. Bryant Realty Best Hustler Trophy to Marvin Dancy; and The Billy Smith Memorial Lineman of the Year Trophy to Jimmy Weeks.

Coach Stan Bastain awarded the R. T. Brinn Most Improved Wrestler Trophy to Peter Tapia. Donald Farmer won the Most Valuable Wrestler Trophy.

The Girl's Outstanding Tennis Award went to Ginny Horne.

Coach Richard Hicks presented the following basketball awards: The Reginald Pryor Defensive Players of the Year to Boo Boo Alston; The Lindsey's Gulf Most Valuable Player Award to Phil Ford; The Citizen Savings and Loan Most Outstanding Player Trophy to Phil Ford; The Rocky Mount Auto Parts Most Improved Player to Thomas Lancaster; The Rocky Mount Auto Parts Most Improved Player Award to Doug Henley.

Coach Stan Bastain presented the Most Outstanding Runner award to Lee Toler.

The Most Outstanding Player (Girl's Basketball) Award was presented by Coach Judy Bradshaw to Annette Armstrong.

Congratulations are due to these very worthy winners. THE GRYPHON would also like to thank the Sportsman's Club for showing such great interest in RMSH athletics.

**Many Drive-Ins, But...**  
There are plenty of drive-in theaters, drive-in restaurants, even drive-in banks.  
What we need now is more drive-in places to park.



Several members of the Boy's Tennis Team discuss an upcoming match. Pictured above are left to right, Andy Burnette, Frank Inscoc, Jay Carter, Gerry Felton, Bob Bennett, Alan Joyner, and Wilton Gay. ( Photo by Kent Murray)

## Netters Prepare For Season

Well, tennis is really booming around the country - the sport has, you might say, become a real "smash." If you ride by Sunset Tennis Courts around four in the afternoon, you'll see some familiar faces raising a "racket." Earnestly working on their forehands, backhands and lobs are the aces of Rocky Mount tennis - the 1974 Senior High Gryphon Tennis Team.

This year's team is led by Bill Wallace and his assistant, George Ramey. The guys are really enthusiastic about Coach Wallace, who is in his first year here at RMSH. Coach Wallace is a firm believer in physical durability, as exemplified by all the laps he makes the guys run. Nevertheless, everyone on the squad is very happy to have such an able man leading the team.

With an abundance of returnees from last year's team, these Gryphon netters show much promise. As there is so much talent on the squad, it's hard to pick a number one seed. At press time the four top players are Jay Carter,

Andy Burnette, Bob Bennett, and Frank Inscoc. Others fighting for high spots on the ladder are Theodore Manos, Gerry Felton, Joe Jones, Wade Mayberry, Tim English, Wilton Gay, Louis Lucas, Alan Joyner, Eugene

Westry, and Jimmy Couch. This season is anticipated as the best yet for Gryphon netters. Come out and see some good tennis. You just might be watching the next Rod Laver. (Or the next Arthur Ashe, right Joe?)

## Ruler Fights A Growing Sport At RMSH

A new sport has been introduced at RMSH. It has no formal name as of yet, and the inventors of the game are Bob Rosser and Walter Ricks, two enterprising juniors. The two collaborated on the finer arts of the game in Mr. Abernathy's 5th period Geometry class. The game is played by two contestants who have a "sword fight" with their straight-edges (or rulers, as some prefer to call them.) The object of the game is to "duel" as long as possible without the teacher seeing what's going on. The sport is starting to spread, but Bob and Walter remain the aces. Boys, you



may have started a new fad. Teams could be organized - can you imagine the matchups? How about Josei's Perpendicular Bisectors vs. Julius' Congruent Radii?

### Sports

(Continued from page 9)

- Wrestling: Donald Farmer
- Basketball: Phil Ford
- Girl's Basketball: Annette Armstrong, Thelma Battle, Linda Jones, Joy Bradley
- Track: Keith Lanier, Lee Toler, Bryant Aldrige
- Baseball: Doug Henley, Tommy Crocker, Tommy Warrick
- Boys' Tennis: Louis Lucas

**WEST END TEXACO**

 **443-5354** 

Located at the Corner  
Sunset Av. & Winstead Av.  
West End Plaza Rocky Mount

**WOOTEN'S SMALL ENGINE AND MARINE**

WE SELL THE BEST,  
SERVICE THE REST

Lawn Mowers, Chain Saws, Outboards  
1145 Cokey Rd. GI 2-2369

**Denson's, Inc.**

**MEN'S SHOP**

Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801

TRY REFRESHING

**SUN DROP**

Raleigh Rd. GI 2-1422

**Superlock**

South Church St. Ext.  
Division Fontaine Trucking  
**MANUFACTURERS OF 5TH WHEELS...**  
**BACKBONE OF AMERICA'S TRUCKING**

**Joyner's Sign Service**

1021 Sycamore St.  
**446-6324**

**Moore's Antiques And Gifts**

2800 Sunset Ave.  
Phone 443-1298

**JOYNER'S ATHLETIC HOUSE**

123 TARBORO STREET SPORTING GOODS 446-6159