



Pictured above are the new teachers, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Hargrove, Mrs. Barbour, Mr. Gupton, Mrs. Worrell, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Wentz.

RMSH Welcomes New Teachers

This year RMSH is "blessed" with eight new arrivals. Of course it's not the sophomores, but instead the backbone of the school. What are we talking about? It could only be our new teachers.

First of all, we have Mrs. Mary Worrell. She graduated from RMSH and East Carolina University and is now teaching home economics. She expresses an informal manner in teaching so as to encourage student thought and discussion. Some of her favorite hobbies are sewing, cooking, collecting recipes and decorating.

Mrs. Sara Brown, who teaches world cultures is a graduate of Wesleyan College and is originally from Fairmont, N.C. She enjoys working with ceramics, decoupage, and needlecrafts, and finds RMSH "most enjoyable".

Another graduate of Wesleyan College, Miss Verna Wentz, is not exactly new to RMSH, as she was a student teacher here last year. She teaches tenth grade English

and proclaims that RMSH is the best school she's ever taught in, especially since it's the only school she's ever taught in. She spends some of her spare time reading, camping, doing embroidery, and at the beach.

The GRYPHON STAFF'S own, Mrs. Henrietta Barbour, is a graduate of UNCG. She teaches eleventh grade English and of course, newspaper journalism. Mrs. Barbour enjoys reading and refinishing an older home where she and her family reside. She is originally from Dunn, N.C.

One of two new men teachers, Mr. Harold Dearing, is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College and is now teaching ICT and technical drafting. He says that RMSH is the best school he has ever worked in. Originally from Bluefield, West Virginia, he is married and enjoys painting, hunting, and tinkering.

A native of Rocky Mount, Mr. Lawrence Gupton was a member of the first graduating class when RMSH

was a new institution. He attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, and now teaches chorus and English. He's married and has three children.

Welcome also to our new speed reading and English teacher, Mrs. Carol Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter attended high school in Park Ridge, Illinois. She attended the University of Illinois, Richard Bland College and received her degrees from William and Mary.

Another former graduate, Miss Linda Hargrove, has taught morning classes here for the last two years, with afternoon classes at R.M. Wilson. Now a full-time RMSH teacher, she teaches Spanish I and tenth grade English.

Leadership Conference In Sight For DECA Students

In the elections held this month Marvin Thorne was elected president of DECA, and Blaine Todd was elected vice-president. The other officers are: Gail Phillips, secretary; Libby Turner, treasurer; Beverly Powell, parliamentarian; Dawn Gindrup, historian; and Linda Battle and W.C. Allen, Sergeant-At-Arms.

DECA has a lot of activities planned for the near future. The DECA officers are looking forward to a leadership training conference to be held in Tarboro in October. The conference

will include officers from all the 3-B district schools and will be held at Tarboro High School. The Miss DECA and Job Interview competitive events will be held at Northern Nash High School for the District 3-B Leadership Conference to be held there.

DECA started the year off with its District 3-B Fall Social. The social was held at RMSH and included a "Sock Hop" among other activities. The thirteen schools included in District 3-B were represented by 450 students who attended the affair. Only DECA students were allowed to attend.

Working Students Involved In VICA

VICA the Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, has begun another year of helping the working students at RMSH, by providing them with experience, job training, and self confidence.

David Thompson, a second year student at Senior High, has given presentations to ICT classes concerning the advantages of VICA. A tape, "The VICA Story", was used to help explain the club's purpose: To help working students grow through organization and experience, and to let them be recognized by participating in an organized institution.

VICA students engage in contests that involve competition in work skills and oratory public speaking. Student participation in elections is advocated. Any student can run for district, state, and even national of-

fices. VICA student involvement is seen in their entry in the Homecoming Parade, and last year the dedication of the Victory Bell to the school. It symbolizes school spirit and is sometimes rung before RMSH football games.

Thompson used slides in his presentations showing involved VICA students of past years and their projects. Future VICA projects were also discussed.

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