

## Newsees

## R. M. Baseball Team In Film

North Carolina, a Tar Heel farm, and the Rocky Mount Baseball club will be part of the new Burt Lancaster picture, "Jim Thorpe, All American."

This is a true story of an Indian boy who won fame in track, baseball, and football.

Thorpe actually spent some time in North Carolina. He played two summers, 1909 and 1910, playing pro baseball with the Rocky Mount club. (Not for money but to keep in condition.)

Burt Lancaster uses no stunt man in the picture. He does broadjumps and highjumps, runs, sprints, and throws the javelin and discus. The time portrayed is around 1912.

Studio officials considered coming here for location scenes but decided to hold expenses down by shooting most of it at an Indian school in Okla.

## R. L. Sides Speaks To Seniors

Mr. R. L. Sides, judge of the juvenile courts in Rocky Mount, gave the senior class a most thought provoking talk dealing with the subject of harmful thoughtlessness in the high school auditorium.

He pointed out to them several examples of how little pranks had resulted in serious mishaps, bringing sorrow to the offended and the offender. He also reminded the seniors of their responsibilities as leaders of the younger students.

This was the first of a series of programs, planned for the seniors during the part of the activity period set aside for class meetings. These programs will be both educational and entertaining.

## Twirp Dance Given

Twirp season is on! What kind of season is that? Well, that's the one time of the year when the girls pay and the boys sit back and take it easy.

Rocky Mount as a rule does not usually enter into this festivity, but on the night of November 4, a twirp dance was held at the Masonic Temple.

This dance was sponsored by the Senior Girls Tri-Hi-Y. The music was furnished by the playing of records. For refreshments, fudge, sea foam candy, and sandwiches were sold by members of the club.

## D. E. Club Hears Speaker

The D. E. Club was honored recently by having Mr. Herbert Knight from Belt-Tylers as a guest speaker.

The topic of his talk was "Opportunities Opened To Students In Retailing." One of the important things he brought out was the importance of character and discipline, self-control, and doing the job right. Requirements of an employee were also discussed.

Mr. Knight is a former student of Rocky Mount high. He graduated from UN about 15 months ago and is the Junior comptroller for Belt-Tylers.

## Choir Entertains Association

The Rocky Mount High School Choir entertained the North Carolina State Christian Association on the night of November 1 in the high school auditorium. The songs sung were "Ave Maria" by Arcedelt, "Carol of the Bells" by Wilhousky and "Evening Pastoral" by Shaw.

The choir is under the direction of Harold T. Parry.

## Annual Contest For 'Miss Print' Held

For the fourth annual "Miss Print" contest some thirty girls were nominated and voted on by the student body. Of these the ten top girls were selected and are the candidates for the title "Miss Print of 1950."

This campaign is sponsored by the Blackbird in order to raise money for the school paper.

The ten contestants and their campaign managers are Blanche Wilkins with Albert Rabil; Fay Reynolds with John Page; Ann Bulluck with Whees Gupton; Bruce Carr with Jimmy Richardson; Lillie Parker with Gene Williams; Nell Harris with James Livsay; Ann Bailey with Bo Thorpe; Nancy Bartholomew with Tommy Bass; and Joyce Proctor with Donald Bryan.

Four years ago, the Blackbird started the "Miss Print" contest. Norma Hunley was the first "Miss Print". Since then Donna Jean Capps and Nancy Williams have held the honor.

Only one penny qualifies a person to vote. At the end of the campaign the candidate with the most money counted in pennies is winner. The winner will be announced in the Blackbird on December 5. Her picture will appear in the Blackbird, the Hi-Noc-Ar, and the Evening Telegram. Mrs. Young, adviser of the Blackbird has a surprise in store for the winner this year.

The campaign started on November 10th and will continue until November 17 at 4:00 o'clock.

## Allen Brown Elected State D. E. President

At the district meeting of the Distributive Education Clubs, Allen Brown, was elected president of the convention.

An estimated 150 students from Durham, Wilmington, New Bern and Rocky Mount met in the Greenville City Hall last Wednesday.

The meeting began at 8:32 in the morning and lasted till 4:30 event on the morning program in the afternoon. The feature was a discussion on How D. E. Club Members Help their Communities.

Major W. H. Staley of the Greenville Salvation Army provided entertainment for the group, after which they retired to the Respos - Jams Restaurant for luncheon.

## GOOD WILL DELEGATES SPEAK

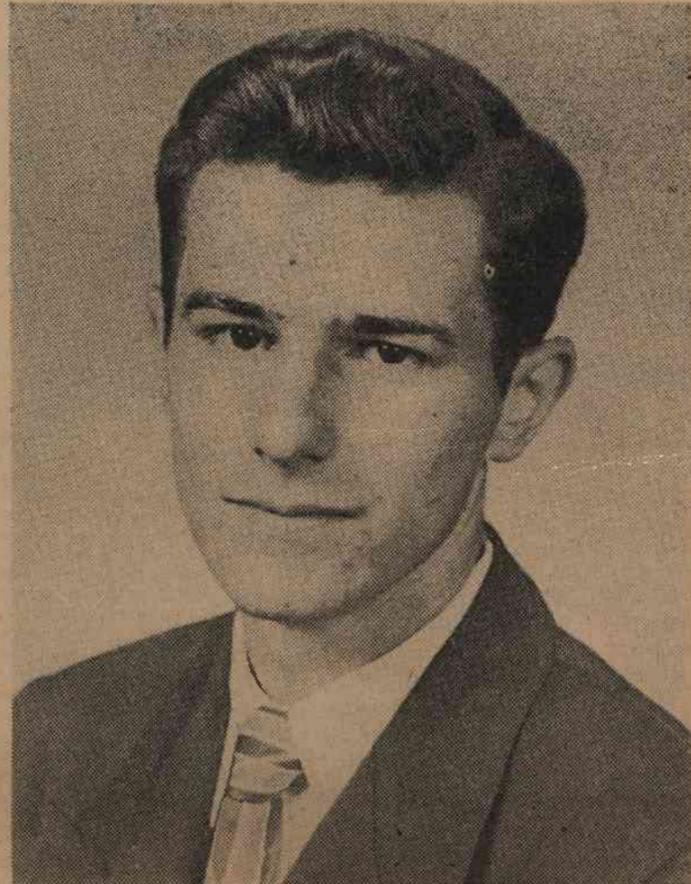
As the students filed into the auditorium for the annual Good Will Assemble, November 2, the first thing noticed was he Shelton Looms Trophy paced in clear view. This is the trophy which is given to the annual winner of the Wilson-Rocky Mount football game.

The trophy was placed on a table covered in a striking piece of gold velvet and beside it stood a football helmet filled with fall flowers. The delegates from Rocky Mount and Wilson were seated in front of a miniature goalpost decorated in the colors of the two schools.

Guest speaker for the assembly was Mr. Suessman, representative of Caranount Mills, who spoke on the reason for having the trophy. Mr. Cy Elson, principal of Rocky Mount High school and Mr. G. S. Willard, principal of Wilson High School gave short speeches on the promotion of good will between the two schools.

Other participants in the assembly were Skp Horton, president of the Wilson student body; Dick Gregory, president of Rocky Mount student body; Frances

## State Group Picks Gene Williams



Gene Williams, RMHS junior, wins presidency of State Student Congress Convention. (Photo by Barringer)

## Barrett Retires From Presidency

Gene Williams, an outstanding student in RMHS, brought honor to the school by being elected president of the State Student Council Congress at a convention, meeting in Charlotte on November 7-8.

Gene succeeds Mack Barrett of Canton as president. He has held various offices in school such as president or freshman and junior class, president of Junior Boys Hi-Y for two years, Vice President of Senior Hi-Y, delegate to Hi-Y conference in Charleston, S. C., candidate for Vice President of Student Organization and various other offices.

Other representatives attending the meeting from RMHS were Dick Gregory, who was Vice President of Student Council Congress this year; Jimmy Thornton; John Page and Miss Kitchin, adviser.

This twenty-fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Council Congress was held in the Alexander Graham high school, the hosts being the Charlotte schools.

The theme of this year's talks and discussions was "The Student Council; a Laboratory in Democracy". The guest speakers were Mr. Van Pool, who gave the keynote address Monday afternoon and Mr. Paul Lucas of Charlotte Duke Power Company who spoke Monday night at the banquet.

Gene as president will receive invitations from schools bidding for the next meeting. He will make all arrangements for the council meeting next year and he will be the host and preside over the next meeting. Gene also plans to attend the National Convention in Boston on June 18-21.

## Community Chest Drive To Begin Tomorrow

Tomorrow under the direction of Mr. Jack Bennett, Jr., president of the drive, and Mr. Norman Gold, general committee chairman, the Rocky Mount Community Chest opens its fund raising drive for the year with the gold set for \$44,540. The campaign will close on December 7, at a Victory Dinner in the Ball Room of the Hotel Ricks.

The goal of \$44,540 is approximately 19 per cent greater than

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## 'Seek And Find Out,' Says World Traveler

"Seek and find out; look and learn" was the advice given a group of high school students by Mr. Sydney R. Montague, brought to Rocky Mount by the Executive Club. Mr. C. W. Parker arranged for him to speak to the students on November 8 during fourth period.

The well known world traveler, writer, and lecturer held the attention of the audience by thought provoking statements and humor. Mr. Montague told the students he wanted to talk to them because he liked to have an "intelligent audience." He reminded them that they go to school, not to learn how to make a living, but to learn to live.

"To the young ladies he said that true glamour was on the inside. He reminded the boys that a gentleman is first gentle. A former Royal Canadian Mountie, Mr. Montague said that one thing Mountie training teaches is that one must have a sense of humor. "A sense of humor will get you much," he said.

## This Moment Is My Life

Mr. Montague is a distinguished author whose philosophy is similar to that of the Eskimo — that philosophy is expressed in one of his poems, "This Moment Is My Life." He stressed the importance of living this moment and doing the things that should be done now, — not putting them off until the future. The future is only a hope — The past is only a memory, so today is life.

He is married and lives in Hollywood. Every year he makes a trip into Canada and Alaska and carries some college boys with him. He has a very bright outlook for the vast regions of the north. Doing away with the idea of a war being fought there, he believes that this land will be opened up and the resources brought to light.

## Deep River Quartet Sing For Students

Returning by popular demand the Deep River Quartet of Indianapolis, Indiana, known as "The Four Men of Harmony," gave the student body of RMHS another assembly.

This quartet presented a program with a high degree of taste, talent, and showmanship. In their program last Friday morning, their songs ranged from the humorous, and the religion spirituals, to the modern songs of today.

Some of the spirituals sung were "Bound To Leave This World", and "Ain't It A Shame". Those of the more humorous were "Dry Bones", and "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". The quartet also sang popular tunes like "Night and Day", and "I'll Never Be Free".

It has often been said that the Negro's greatest contributions to American culture lies in the field of music.

Since one of our students, George Newby, missed this assembly, the school had the entire program wire recorded to send to him.

## WHAT THANKSGIVING MEANS

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N noodle soup  
K Pumpkin pie  
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I Hot biscuits  
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