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## Newsees

### LOCALS HOLD HIGH OFFICES

At the sixth annual D. E. Convention of the Eastern District held here November 1, the Rocky Mount club had three of its delegates elected to high offices. Durwood Murray was elected Associate President, Cavelle Batchelor, Vice President of Eastern District and Carol Jenkins, Secretary. The convention was considered most successful.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On October 26 the National Honor Society had its annual fall tapping service. To be a member, one has to excel in the Society's four outstanding traits, character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The following were tapped, Worth Hobbs, Billy Overton, Thelma Lancaster, Preston Bradshaw, Janet Mellor, Joyce McNeely, Rob Ned Brannock, and Grace Daniels. Miss Bond is the society's advisor.

### WEINER ROAST HELD

Homeroom seven on October 12 had a weiner roast held out at Riverside Park. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. Homeroom seven's class officers elected for the first semester are France Riddle, President, Andrew Hardesty, Vice-President, Joyce Jenkins, Secretary, and Fred Lee, treasurer. Student representatives are Sonny Hallford, first semester, and Bobby Scruggs, the whole term.

### CHOIR, BAND GIVE CONCERT

The high school choir and band gave a joint concert in the high school auditorium, November 14. This year the Rotary Club was sponsor for the annual appearance. The funds will be used to purchase equipment, such as additional robes, uniforms and other items.

Director of both groups is mild-mannered Professor Harold T. Parry, who came to Rocky Mount 17 years ago from Boaz, Alabama, where he directed music at Sneads' Seminary.

### WHO'S WHO?

Who's outstanding? That was the question the seniors had to decide for what class has so many distinguished people as this year's group.

Voting took place and when the votes were calculated, Kay Finch, Margaret Moore Eason, Dot Whitley, Shirley Robbins, Thelma Lancaster, Sylvia Pullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Gene Williams, Preston Bradshaw, Billy Cooper, Albert Rabil, and Worth Hobbs were the top twelve selected by their class members as the ones who best represented the senior class. These people will take the place of the senior superlatives, since it was thought that in this way more people would get to be recognized. The superlatives in the past have overlapped with some people receiving two or three superlatives and others who were so close losing out.

## Subscription Campaign Ends; Goal Not Reached

Magazines have been the subject of most every freshman and junior for the last few weeks. Why? Because the annual campaign for raising the class treasury has just been closed.

With a goal of \$2000 each before them, the two classes fell to selling in earnest on October 17 when Mr. Charles Doak opened the campaign with a forceful pep talk held during the freshman group guidance hour. The juniors were special guests of the freshmen during this assembly.

With such a large goal before them, each class knew that a lot of work had to be put out. Every afternoon and evening freshmen and juniors were out knocking on doors, trying their best to get subscriptions.

For two weeks this campaign went on. Now the campaign has been closed and although the goal was not quite reached, a considerable sum was made by each class.

Totals of all sales for both classes have not been completed yet, but Miss Kitchin and her assistants are working hard to find out exactly how much each class made.

With the seniors expecting a large Junior-Senior next spring and the freshmen looking forward to a grand Freshmen Frolic, the campaign was a very important step in the eyes of all around Rocky Mount high school.



### Johnny Johnson, VIP, Leaves For Convention

John Allen Johnson '52, known to everyone at RMHS as Johnny Johnson, has been chosen as one of the five representatives of the Southeastern Area of the American Junior Red Cross. These five representatives, together with the representatives of the three other regional areas of Red Cross are the governing board and policy makers for the entire Junior Red Cross program; a program that extends into nearly every school in the land.

Johnny goes to Atlanta November 16 and 17 to start his career as a Red Cross VP I by attending a regional conference at area headquarters.

## PTSA Survey Tells Of Student Activities

In a survey made in RMHS recently it was found that each student spends an average of 3.85 nights or afternoons away from home in some out-of-school activity. Of these activities 2.39 were school sponsored. The students are home 3.9 nights per week with their families.

It was found that 345 students held after-school jobs. Of these 146 stated that it is absolutely necessary for them to work. The students spend an average of 11.9 hours per week in recreational activities. There are 648 who have regular duties at home. These duties take an average of 3.2 hours per week but all the time is not taken up with work. The students like the mystery, music and sports on the radio and the favorite hobbies are reading, music and sports. The methods of recreation are dating, phoning and dancing.

Religious activities take an average of 3.9 hours per week but most of the students say that this doesn't interfere with their home work.

The students do not think there are two many out-of-school activities for them, but 410 say that they feel they have too much home work assigned.

## Good Will Furthered By RM And Wilson High

Delegations of the Good Sports club's of RMHS and Charles L. Coon high in Wilson were hosts at the annual Good Will Tour, November 9. Members of the club here are chosen on the high standards of sportsmanship, leadership, character, and service. The primary work of the club is to promote good sportsmanship.

Members of the local club went to Wilson Friday and participated in the Wilson assembly program which was followed by a social hour. Later in the morning the group from Wilson joined the high school group in Rocky Mount to take part in the assembly program here.

For the affair the school stage was decorated with bleachers, goal posts each draped in the colors of the two schools, with a background of floor baskets filled with chrysanthemums.

The program was in the form of a radio broadcast during warm-up time for a football game. Ray Wilkerson of radio station WCEC acted as master of ceremonies. He interviewed the two delegations made up of the student organization presidents, the Good Sports president, football coaches, captains of the teams, sponsors, principals, and cheerleaders.

Following the program a luncheon was served at the Teen-Age club to the Wilson and Rocky Mount groups. The table was unique with its football motif. A large arrangement of chrysanthemums formed the center piece flanked by goal posts at either end of the table was interspersed with footballs filled with the same flowers.



—Photo by Albert Rabil, Jr.

## Norma Pittman, 'Miss Print'; Judy Brewer In Second Place

### RMHS Students Choose Campus Sweetheart

Campus Sweetheart of 1951-52 was crowned at the Oxford Orphanage football game in a ceremony at the half. Dot Whitley, head cheerleader, won this coveted honor and Tam Holliday and Norma Pittman were runners up.

The band came onto the field, followed by the majorettes flanking the convertible on which the three girls rode. Emily Baker announced the winner and Dot was presented with a large bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

This ceremony climaxed a campaign in which the junior and senior homerooms nominated several senior girls to run for Campus Sweetheart. The entire student body voted and the three top contestants were announced Friday. Due to rain, the Oxford game was postponed until Monday so the suspense and anticipation was at a high note by the time the announcement finally came.

### Half-Time Features Sponsors For Games

One of the projects of the social committee of the student organization is the responsibility of getting game sponsors for all the home football games. The committee decides which class is to elect sponsors and then conducts the election. It also writes all visiting schools and invites them to send two sponsors and escorts. At the half time of the games on Friday night, the four sponsors and escorts meet in the middle of the field and the RMHS sponsors present chrysanthemums to the visiting sponsors.

So far the sponsors for this year have been Elizabeth Vann and Mary Jo Mears from the sophomore class for the Greensboro game, Doris Ellis and Elva Griffin from the junior class for the

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### Successful Campaign Held For 1951-1952

Following the most successful campaign ever held, Miss Norma Jean Pittman, a senior, was crowned Miss Print of 1951-52 in assembly Friday. Admire much applause from the audience, Tam Holliday, business manager of the Blackbird made the formal presentation to the student body and presented Miss Print with a huge bouquet of flowers.

### Large Number of Votes Cast

The total number of votes cast for all candidates was 51,494. Miss Pittman, with the aid of her campaign manager, Albert Rabil, received a total of 9,451 votes. The runner-up, Miss Judy Brewer, a freshman, followed close behind with 9,185 votes. Her campaign manager was Lloyd "Country" Thrower.

The other candidates and their campaign managers were Becky Matthews with Carol Browning, Jane Hatchett with Bobby Savage, Mary Jo Mears with Wiley Fisher, Penn Strandburg with George Farmer, Elizebeth Vann with Worth Hobbs, Janet Fulcher with Charlie Putman, Marie Tyler with Tommy Looney, Elva Griffin with Bobby Daughtridge, Jane Allbrook with Billy Rawls, and Dot Whitley with Bernard Taylor.

Much credit is to be given to the campaign managers and the student body for their active support and enthusiastic cooperation in making the campaign a success.

### Miss Print In Fifth Year

This is the fifth year that the Miss Print contest has been sponsored by the Blackbird to raise money for the paper. Each penny donated counts one vote and these votes were deposited in labeled jars placed in the halls and carried around by the students. Posters attracted the interest of the students during the campaign which ran from November 2-12.