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Magazine Sales Led By Juniors

Short Of Goal

With a grand total of \$4,170.05, RMSHS closed its school-wide magazine campaign yesterday morning. Though the sales fell far short of the \$7,000 goal, most of the homerooms did fairly well and several went over the amount set for them.

Due to the new junior-senior high school set up all three classes competed in the campaign. This is the first year that any classes other than the freshman and junior have taken part. Individual totals are sophomore \$886.20; junior, \$1992.50; senior, \$1291.35.

New Prizes Offered

Instead of all individual prizes, a new scheme was worked out this year. The homeroom with the highest average sales per person will go in a group to the Ice Capades in Raleigh. The boy and girl in the entire school with the highest totals will each receive \$50 in clothing from the Hub in Goldsboro. Other prizes include tickets to the Ice Capades, watches, and camera outfits. At this writing, the winners have not been ascertained.

Miss Kitchin was the overall adviser for the magazine campaign; she was aided by representatives from each class. Chairmen for the three classes are senior, Janet Spain; and Jimmy Daughtridge; junior, Audrey Kennedy and Marty Purvis; sophomore, Joyce Harris and ay Joyner. Each homeroom had a captain who kept a record of individual sales and turned in subscriptions and money each morning. Mr. Doak, the Curtis representative, has promised a supper to these hard workers.

Campaign Short Of Goal

Monday, October 12, the door-to-door scramble for subscriptions began, and it ended yesterday with the final figures showing the school almost \$3,000 short of the original \$7000.

Profits from this project furnish most of the income for the classes. The seniors will use theirs to finance the traditional gift to the school. Junior funds will be used in presenting the Junior-Senior Prom in honor of the senior class. Sophomores will spend part of their money on the Sophomore Hop.

Edsonians Cast First Play

Announcement of the cast of "Lost Horizon", the Edsonian's first production climaxed a week of try-outs. Since the announcement two weeks ago the cast, with its director Miss "Winkle" Harris, has been working hard on lines for the presentation, December 11.

Those selected for the play are Newsome Maples as Conway; Patsy McAuley, Helen; Ken Brinson, Mallinson; Eddie Booth, the High Lama; Robert Daughtridge, Chena; Christine Huffman, Miss Brinklow; Bill House, Barnard; Nancy LeeHane, Lotzen; Rose Booth, Tashi; Kay Sanders, Ai-Ling; Jimmy Lancaster, Rutherford; James Chandler Wyland; Gordon Wilkinson, Myra; Edith Ann Johnson, Elizabeth.

"Lost Horizon," dramatized by Anne Coulter Martens and Christopher Sergel from James Hilton's

National Honor Society Initiates Eleven Seniors



Members of the NHS shown as they began the tapping ceremony are, left to right, Elise Williams, Sue Gregory, Gordon Wilkinson, Anne Proctor, Janet Spain, Elizabeth Vann, Jimmy Davis, John Marriott, Margaret Daughtridge and George Knight.

Rev. Herbert Speaks Stresses Faith, Character

"...And so we honor those students, who, in the opinion of their teachers and classmates, are building into their school life this four-fold foundation...Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service," said George Knight, president of the Rononoca chapter of the National Honor Society, in his opening remarks at the annual fall service.

Eleven seniors were picked in this impressive ceremony. They are Frances Jean Thorpe, Kay Conleton, Emily Ryals, Ruth Sides, Pat Pittman, Patsy Pearce, Lloyd Hedgpeth, Billy Colston, Jimmy Selby, Jimmy Daughtridge and Stan Still.

Rev. J. F. Herbert, Speaker

Following the pledge of membership the students were privileged to hear Reverend J. F. Herbert superintendent of the Rocky Mount Methodist Churches. In his address he stressed the need for unquestionable character and unflinching faith.

Elizabeth Vann, representing character; Jimmy Davis, scholarship; John Marriott, leadership; and Margaret Daughtridge, service, explained the four basic qualities needed for membership in the organization. Sue Gregory and Elise Williams presented the devotional services prior to the tapping. Background music, "Clair de Lune" was provided by Carolyn Lowder.

Fifteen Per Cent Chosen

Students tapped into the national organization were chosen by members of the society and the faculty. Student votes determined one third of the necessary average, teachers votings one third and the individual scholastic averages one third. The top fifteen per cent was then selected.

Next spring the juniors will be given their first chance and seniors will be given their last.

Officers of the Society are George Knight, president; Elise Williams, vice-president; Gordon Wilkinson, secretary; and John Marriott, treasurer. Miss Wita Bond is adviser to the organization.

Other members who were tapped last year are Janet Spain, Anne Proctor, Sue Gregory, Elizabeth Vann, Margaret Daughtridge, and Jimmy Davis.

Staff Plans Contest

What girl will be crowned Miss Print of 1953-1954? Just to make it more interesting, plans for the coronation of Miss Print and assembly honoring her will be kept secret until the big day is here. Some lucky girl will be honored.

Ballots are to be sent to each homeroom on November 2. Each person is to vote for eight girls, two of whom are to be from his own homeroom. If a ballot is brought in without the two girls from that home room, the nomination will not be counted. The twenty girls receiving the highest number of votes will be voted on again for the top eight.

The actual contest starts November 4 and will run for two weeks. Miss Print is to be crowned Wednesday, November 25 in a special assembly program.

Miss Print contests have been sponsored by The Blackbird for the past seven years to raise money to help finance the school paper.

Get ready for Miss Print of 1953-1954!

NEWSEES

Neil Williams, class of '52, has been elected president of the Men's Choral Group and president of the Orchestra at East Carolina college. In high school Neil served as solo clarinet and captain of the band.

NCSCC held in Albermarle, N. C. adjourned today. Those representing RMSH school were Theo Pitt, senior; Joyce Harris, sophomore; and Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, S. O. adviser.

New officers will have been elected by the time this "hits the street." The retiring officers are: Bill Mewborne of Roxboro, president; Fred Ginn of Goldsboro, vice-president; Sandra Bowman of Reidsville, secretary; Richard Jordan of Albermarle, treasurer.

Tommy Bass, graduate of the class of '51, has been elected Drum Major of the Drum and Bugle Corps of State College. He is Master Sergeant in the ROTC group also.

Billy Cooper, student at Union College, is doing nicely after having received a shoulder injury in a football game.

Several members of the Future Teachers Organization went to Greenville Friday for the District Teachers meeting. This meeting was held on the campus of East Carolina College.

Valentine McMillen, Barbara Smith, Peggy Jones, Connie Taylor, Shirley Burnett, Christine Huffman, Pat Alexander, Norma Bulluck, Betty Briggman, Peggy Searcy, Dick Norment, George Strickland, Harry Gray, Bobby Patterson, Larry Ganton, and Linwood Pittman attended a choir clinic with Mr. Parry October 22 and 23 at E. C. C. While there they sang with 150 other students in a combined choir for the District Teachers meeting. The program contained religious and secular music.

558 Annuals Sold

After a two week subscription campaign the Hi-Noc-Ar staff received approximately 558 subscriptions. This number represents about 90 percent of the student body. Although the official campaign is over Miss Murchison, advisor, says they will still try to get 100 per cent subscriptions.

The Hi-Noc-Ar will be sent to the Universal Supply and Equipment Company of Fort Worth Texas as soon as the dummy is finished.

Individual pictures were taken by Barringer's Studio. Bobby Fleming, a member of the staff, has taken many pictures of school activities that will be seen in the Hi-Noc-Ar of 1953-54.

Bobby Deans is editor; Theo Pitt, business manager; Robert Daughtridge, advertising manager; and Gordon Wilkinson, circulation manager. There are seven other seniors and four junior members on the staff.

Five senior homerooms, those of Ma Murchison, Miss Harris, Miss Johnson, and Miss Cuthrell subscribed 100 percent.

Sr. High Has Formal Opening

Open house last Wednesday night really proved to be a gala occasion as it was on this night that the first PTSA meeting of the year was held in the new senior high school. This was also homecoming night for former students. Parents and friends were invited.

Former students met with their classmates in designated classrooms from 7:30 to 8:00. Many were delighted to get together and relive many school day memories.

A special program began in the auditorium at 8:00, featuring the RMSHS band, the RMSHS glee

club and several local men and women who came back with many interesting details on high school life many years ago.

The school board was also present for the homecoming and they were introduced by Mr. George H. Booth, president of the PTSA. Mr. Booth acted as master of ceremonies for the event. He urged all parents to join the PTSA so they would receive all of its many benefits.

Upon leaving the auditorium all visitors toured the building and met the teachers.