

## Superlatives

### Seniors Choose Top Members

Outstanding seniors, whose pictures will appear in the Hi-Noc-Ar, have been picked in a senior class election and another honor announced.

Fred and Ray Joyner, president and vice-president of the student body respectively, are two of the senior boys chosen for their outstanding service to the school.

Harold Gilbert, president of the National Honor Society; Tommy Vaughan, treasurer of the student body; and Fred Harris, editor of the Hi-Noc-Ar, can add to their list of accomplishments a job well done on this year's Blackbird squad.

James Ezzell is a credit to the school as treasurer of the senior class and co-advertising manager of **The Blackbird**.

Mariah Parker, Fay Batts, Cacky Atkins, Joyce Harris, and Norma Savage have held class offices and are well-known for their school spirit.

Another honor bestowed on a local student is the selection of Kathryn Batten as the DAR girl. This choice was made by the faculty on the basis of dependability, patriotism, leadership, and service. The members of the senior class, however, acted as the nominating committee.

## Kudos Spread Sale Of Ribbons To Promote Interest In Sports

Kudos Klub, senior high school's newest service club, has ventured to carry on the sale of ribbons to promote interest in sports other than football for the first time in the history of the school.

This particular project has been sponsored for football only heretofore by the Service Club. Although the Kudos are the "infants" of RMSHS clubs, they are making themselves well-known through their services to the school and by introducing new projects and activities.

Originality seems to run high in the group, since the Kudos introduced another "first" in the form of a luncheon meeting during club period only recently. Lunch was prepared by the cafeteria staff and served to the students at the beginning of activity period. At the end of the meal business was attended by Mrs. Young, the adviser, and Mr. Edson.

Suggestion for the luncheon was made by Mr. Edson who added that other RMSHS Klubs (pardon,

### Adviser Announces News of Sock Hop On Last Exam Day

"Hard student participation deserves recreation" was a portion of the announcement given by Mrs. Gladys Robbins, advisor, as she issued news of a Sock Hop, to be sponsored by the senior class the last day of mid-term exams.

Music will be furnished by a juke box and a small admission fee will be charged. This fee will go into the senior class treasury to help defray expenses of the annual "Senior Day."

Mrs. Robbins said the dance was set for this particular date because both the students and teachers would need a morale builder after a hectic week of mid-terms.

### Boys Reach Finals

Fred Harris and Dan Boone have reached semifinalists positions in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation contest.

They placed in the top 4,000 of 64,000 students who took the pre- they must take an aptitude test of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Finalists will receive scholarships according to actual financial needs. Awards will range from \$100 to the complete cost of college.

clubs) might follow the same suggestion.



Selling ribbons for the Kudos Klub, Pat Johnson, club president, is shown making her first sale to Henry Warren, senior. Photo by Barringer

### Santa Crowns Miss Print

## Norma Bulluck Wins Contest

With Santa Claus presiding, Norma Bulluck was crowned Miss Print and Banks Currin, her campaign manager, was named Mr. RMSHS by Jimmy Moore, editor, who was the M. C. in disguise

during the annual coronation service combined with the Christmas assembly program this morning. Norma won the title by accumulating 6,488 votes of a total 25,858. Jean Williams was runner-up with

5,666 votes. Her campaign manager was Lyman Whitehead.

With Christmas music in the background, Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit (Eleanor Bulluck) came from the chimney and called the candidates and their managers to the stage. Each contestant was presented a gift donated by Baldwins, Rosenblooms, Penney's, the Center Theatre, Belk Tylers, or W. C. Reid Music Company. The campaign managers were presented a small gift from the staff in appreciation for their work.

Final gift from Santa was the beautiful arm bouquet of flowers and the Miss Print crown as he announced the winner. Miss Print took the throne and her court gathered around for the Christmas program.

Miss Print campaign is sponsored annually by **THE BLACKBIRD** to supplement the funds for the publication. Each contestant sets up a plan to solicit funds, and each penny collected counts a vote for her.

Girls who participate are nominated by the students and they in turn choose their campaign managers. This year the girls and managers are Alma Daughtridge and Bobby Southerland with 5,385 votes; Norma Savage and Jimmy Davis with 1,903 votes; Jean Williams and Lyman Whitehead with 5,666 votes; Norma Bulluck and Banks Currin with 6,488 votes; Sylvia Undergraff and Bradley Dozier with 4,124 votes; and Tonya Pennington and Ray Joyner with 2,292 votes.

This project has been conducted by **THE BLACKBIRD** for the past seven years. Last year's winner was Erwin Robbins.



Norma Bulluck with Banks Currin as her campaign manager are pictured above after winning the 1955 Miss Print campaign. She was crowned in an assembly after winning the contest with 6,488 votes. Photo by Barringer

## Christmas Dance Students Recieve Invitations

Sparkling, glittering invitations, made by the social committee of the Student Organization, have been given to every student in school for the annual Christmas dance tonight in the school gym from 9 until 12 midnight.

Special invitations are available for any guests that might attend. Students were requested to register the names of those guests and obtain their invitations from Miss Kate Kitchen, social director.

The social committee members have spent much time and effort in preparation for this dance. Other than making the invitations, they have worked hard in decorating the school gym.

Music will be played by the East Carolina Collegians. The PTSA is helping the Student Organization with refreshments for everyone. Games and other interest activities will be conducted in the gym for those who do not want to dance.

Rules that are applicable to all school dances are (1) no wandering in and out of the gym during dance hours, (2) no smoking on dance floor, (3) admission to dance by invitations only, and (4) no parties after the dance.

### Girls Enter Exams

Betty Crocker Scholarship exams were given in the art room to twenty-two senior girls on December 6.

General Mills Inc. sponsored the contest which consisted of two parts. Thirty-five minutes were devoted to objective questions on home-making with ten minutes for an essay question.

Tests were mailed to Science Research Association which promised the results in January, giving the winner for the school who is also eligible for the state and national awards.

## TV 'Celebrities' Display Ability In Teen Talent On Channel

TV "Celebrities" of senior high school will display their talent over channel 9, WNCT, in the Teen Talent Program under the supervision of James Ezzell and Foy Bradshaw, Saturday, December 31.

Talent will include Eeanor Bulluck, doing a toe dance; Peggy Jones, singing "The Lord's Prayer"; Davide Barney, presenting his version of "Sermon of the Psalme"; selections from "Showboat" by selected members of the choir; and a piano solo by Fay Batts.

Foy Bradshaw and Mr. Charlie Graham, adult adviser, are helping

James. Fay Batts and Minnie Williamson are handling the music. As art director, Jean Williams is going to draw posters to be displayed on the program. Aaron Matthews is in charge of transportation.

Future Teen Talent shows will be televised every six weeks if possible. In addition to talent from the local schools, Benvenue and West Edgcombe High Schools may be called on for their "talented teenagers."

Teen Talent began last year under the direction of Ronnie Felton. Though only two programs were given, they proved to be quite successful.