

## To Visit in Local Homes

# City Host to 34 Exchanges

Rocky Mount is to be host, July 1 and 2, to thirty-four foreign exchange students who will be guests in homes in the town and will be entertained during the two days of their stay here.

At present, the American Field Service is looking for homes in which the students will be housed.

At the end of each scholastic year, the exchange students, under the auspices of this Service, are given a short tour of a section of the U. S. before they return to their European homes. Rocky Mount has been selected as one of the 8 or 10 special towns in the South that they will visit.

While these European students are here, planned entertainment events will be sponsored by the J. C.'s, local civic organization. This recreation will include such things as picnics and swimming parties.

Students will represent some 29 nations and most of them will have attended a New England school this year.

## 'Slave Mart' Here As Latin Classes Prepare for Feast

Shades of the old Fayetteville slave mart!

It's happened here at RMSHS—Local Latin students have "sold" themselves into "slavery" for five days, for sums ranging from fifty cents to two dollars and fifty cents.

No, they aren't disobeying the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. With the permission of their parents and the faculty, the Latin students chose "slavery" as preferable to any other money-making project for their annual Roman Banquet.

Fixing the minimum price for the "slaves" at fifty cents, the students arranged for a professional auctioneer, "Senator" Hugh Edwards, assisted by "Tribune" Cleve Cherry to serve at the auctions Thursday and Friday mornings, second lunch period, and afternoons, March 7-8

Bidding was hot and fast, as teachers and students vied for the "slaves" of their choice. The "slaves" are to work between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 for five days, the week of March 11.

(See Slave Mart, Page 6)

## Career Week in Action

### Students Attend Discussions

Career-minded students are attending career discussion group and learning more about the fields open for young people today during the Career Week, March 11-17.

For this week, activity, and fifth periods are switched so the discussion groups meet each day at 2:30 — 3:14.

Students attend the discussion groups of their choice, and those who do not wish to attend any group go to the auditorium where

they are shown movies on vocations.

Six to nine groups are open for students to attend each day. These deal with fields ranging from home making to mortuary. Secretarial work, FBI and police work, architecture, and nursing and medicine lead the fields in student popularity, if group choices mean anything.

Discussion groups are led by experienced and able citizens in these fields.

# THE BLACKBIRD

Clean-up  
Week!



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## BRIGHT LIGHTS AHEAD!



Martha Ann Fountain, Carol Heck, and Molly Arnold want to have enough clothes in case N. Y. has another blizzard. Last year's delegates were in New York's worst snow storm in years.

Photo by Barringer

## Tops in CSLS

### NHS Taps Seventeen

Seventeen students — 10 juniors and 7 seniors — excelling in character, scholarship, leadership, and service, received the tapping last Friday afternoon at the year's second National Honor Society candlelight induction ceremony.

President Frank Wilkinson presided at the tapping. Four other members explained the society's cardinal principles. They were Jean Edwards, Larry Warner, Edward Riner, and Faye Kirkland.

In selecting eligible students for the NHS, members of the society first consider the scholastic records. Afterwards they rate 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 all the students having a "B" average. No students are discussed during any NHS meetings. Teachers rate the students in the same manner. After much averaging,

a certain percentage of students with the highest general averages are the ones to be tapped.

Seniors possessing the principles and the required averages were Judi Garner, Frances Gay, Carolyn Langley, Bobbie Jean Pullen, Elbert Robbins, Betty Lou Savage, and Robert Wynne; juniors were Jane Bradley, Judy Brown, Craig Daughtridge, Allen Cronenberg, Gwen Currin, David Harper, Larry Medford, Dan Robbins, Anna Spruill, and Blount Taylor.

## SO NEWS

Delegates Haywood Evans, Jerry Daley, and Janet Bulluck will represent Rocky Mount at the Eastern District Student Council Congress convention in Edenton, March 29.

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CLEAN-UP-WEEK will be observed March 18-23, announced Jerry Daley, House and Ground chairman. Mr. Kelley Vester, city sanitarian, will inspect and grade the school before Clean-Up-Week begins, and after the campaign he will issue another grade.

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BEWARE STUDENTS! Henry Hinson will warn you the first time you car is found parked wrong or you're caught speeding in the parking lot, but the second time this happens there will be a fine of \$1.00.

## Don Harris Wins Scholarship; Finalist for Two Other Awards

### Delegates Travel To CSPA Meet

"Country come to town" might be the opinion of New Yorkers who observe the 18 delegates from the Hi-Noc-Ar and the Blackbird staff attending the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York, March 13-17.

Tomorrow night after a long, weary but jubilant train ride the "hicks" will invade Broadway and the bright lights of Times Square before the more serious business of attending the convention. After registering at the Hotel New Yorker and splashing some water on their faces, they will rush out again to take in one of the various shows currently running on the Broadway stages.

While at Columbia the delegates will attend general journalistic meeting and clinics, Edward Riner, editor of The Blackbird, will lead a discussion group on "Page Make-up and Layout."

Highlight of the convention activities of the delegates of both staffs is the luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday. At this time special awards are announced and delegates have an opportunity to meet noted guests and hear famous speakers. The luncheon is the official closing of the convention.

The Blackbird delegates also plan to meet Prof. Charles Van Doren, of the T. V. show "21" (See Delegates, Page 6)

When it comes to scholarships, Rocky Mount seniors are tops, and Don Harris has proved this by winning the coveted John Motley Morehead Scholarship of \$5000, the finalist position for the Angier B. Duke Scholarship, and the Elks Scholarship award.

Recently the Elks awarded Jean Edwards and Jackie Williams the Most Valuable Student awards. Each received a \$100 savings bond

Also bringing honors to this school are Kelsey, McGee, who is one of the finalists in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, and Jo Dare Williams, who is also a finalist for the Angier B. Duke Scholarship and the other winner for the Elks Leadership Award.

About thirty students entered the Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest sponsored by the Civitan Club of Rocky Mount, but no word has been heard yet as to who the finalists are.

## Dates to Circle

- March 15 . . . . . Student-Parent Game
- March 19 . . . . . Little Symphony
- March 21-22 . . . . . BPW Follies
- March 28 . . . . . PTSA Meeting
- April 5 . . . . . Community Concert
- April 10 . . . . . DE Banquet
- April 6 . . . . . Band Choir Concert

## An Editorial

### Who Are the Guilty?

Page two carries a letter questioning the level of citizenship among students.

The writer could have called the authorities. He did not though, because he was trying to help further citizenship by asking the vandals to own up to their plundering and make restitution for damages. If the guilty parties do this, they will do one of the hardest things man does — confess to being wrong.

The question is who are the guilty ones? Many authorities place the blame for teenage crimes on the church, the school, or the home. This of course, does not relieve young adults of their responsibilities too.

The home carries most of the blame because it starts molding the character of a person; then the church and the school add to the basic foundation or alter it. An individual is like a wad of clay that is fashioned in some manner. The home commences sculpturing with the clay. By the time a child enters the church and school, the clay has started to harden and these two institutions have a big job on their hands if they attempt to change or add to the form.

THE BLACKBIRD and surely the student organization want these boys to own up to their mischievous doings for their own good, primarily, and for the reputation of the school, secondly.