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Neal Adkins, Ernesto Arroyo, Eddie Allen, and Greg Low discuss ideas which they learned at the Student Council Congress in Charlotte. (Photo by Killebrew)

THREE RMHS DELEGATES RETURN FROM STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Greg Low, Eddie Allen, Neal Adkins, and Ernesto Arroyo traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina as delegates to the North Carolina Student Council Congress, which was held October 14 and 15.

These delegates accompanied by Miss Kitchin left for Charlotte at noon Sunday, October 14 in order to arrive at Myers Park for a snack supper at 6:00. The first session of the NCSCC was held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Delegates attended discussion groups concerning responsibility

of officers, committees and sponsors, activities including year-long programs and assemblies, citizenship of training leaders, parliamentary law, and honor systems, and harmony of faculty-student relationship, public relations and orientation of new students.

Greg, Eddie, and Neal were elected as delegates to this meeting in the Student Organization meeting of September 25. Ernesto, foreign exchange student, was automatically a delegate.

Eleven Boys Nominated To Compete For John M. Morehead Scholarship

Eleven senior boys of Rocky Mount Senior High School have been notified by Miss Kate Parks Kitchin that they have been nominated for the John Motley Morehead Scholarship.

Those who qualified are Eddie Allen, Hilton Barrett, Butch Clayton, Jimmy Coates, Mike Floyd, Jimmy Hubbard, Greg Low, Jim McChesney, Wrennie Pitt, Dwight Thomas and Bebo White.

Morehead Scholarships are awarded to outstanding high school senior boys for study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The award is made for only one year but is annually renewable depending upon the recipient's grades and conduct. The value of the scholarship is \$1,275 per year. This amount can and may be increased or decreased at the beginning of any year by the Trustees of the Foundation. Financial need is not regarded in the competition.

On making appointments, scholarship committees will regard the qualities laid down by Mr. Morehead in the indenture creating the foundation. They are

scholastic ability and attainments; qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship; evidence of moral force of character and of capacities to lead and to take an interest in schoolmates; physical vigor, as shown by interest in competitive sports or in other ways.

A list of qualifying students was sent to the local County Scholarship Committee, headed by Thomas A. Hicks, Jr. This committee will investigate and personally interview all nominees and recommend to the District Scholarship Committee not later than November 15th. Those nominees adjudged to be qualified. The District Scholarship Committee will interview each boy and in turn recommend those adjudged to be qualified to the Central Scholarship Committee. Then each nominee remaining in competition must appear before the Central Scholarship Committee at Chapel Hill for personal interviews.

PTSA To Conduct 1962 Open House

At the annual Parent Teacher Student Association Open House meeting on October 25 parents will have an opportunity to go back to school as they follow their child's schedule.

Following a brief business meeting a shortened schedule of approximately ten minutes per period will be followed. It has been proposed that instead of going to study halls, parents will go to the cafeteria for refreshments.

Magazine Subscription Drive Ends With Sophomores Leading In Sales

The Sophomore Class led in the magazine campaign selling a total of \$3,086.61. The Junior Class came in second with \$2,638.65; and the Senior Class was last with a total of \$1,960.18.

The amount sold by the entire student body was \$7,685.44. Although the goal of \$10,000 was not reached the magazine campaign, which is the only money-making project of the Student Organization was considered to be successful.

Many of the prizes offered were won by various students. The highest salesman, Louis Dozier, won a seventeen jewel Bulova

Annual Convention To Meet Here

Approximately 2000 teachers will attend the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Northeastern District North Carolina Education Association to be held here next Tuesday. The theme of the 1962 convention is "Learning-The Passport to Freedom".

These teachers will come from eighteen county school systems, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Tarboro, Elizabeth Ckty, Roanoke Rapids City schools, and East Carolina College, North Carolina, Wesleyan College, Chowan College, and the College of Albemarle. Students in the cities and counties mentioned above will have an all-day holiday.

The meeting in general will consist of departmental meetings, luncheons and a general session. Departmental meetings will be held in classrooms of Rocky Mount Senior High from 10:00-11:30. There will be nineteen departmental meetings, concerning every phase of school life from agriculture to attendance officers.

Following these meetings, luncheons will be held in some of the Rocky Mount restaurants. Classroom teachers will eat at Josh Bullock's, directors of instructions (music, art, etc.) will eat at Carleton House Restaurant, future teachers at Buck Overton's college teachers, principals, and superintendents at the Rio Restaurant, guidance directors at Howard Johnson's, and the remainder present will eat at the Senior High cafeteria.

At 2:00, the general session will begin in the Rocky Mount Senior High Auditorium with the Reverend Henry Ruark, pastor of the First Methodist Church, giving the invocation. D.S. Johnson, Superintendent of Rocky Mount City Schools, will give



Miss Millie Moore, Mr. D. S. Johnson, and Mr. C. M. Edson are shown making plans for the district teacher's meeting to be held here next Tuesday. Miss Moore is supervisor for the meeting. (Photo by Killebrew)

the welcome, and following this, the East Carolina College Men's Ensemble, under the direction of Charles E. Stemens, will present several choral selections. After the preliminary business, the main speaker, Ivan Boxell, editor, publisher, and civic leader from Danville, Pennsylvania, will speak on "A Time Bomb-Fused at Both Ends".

Educational exhibits will be on display in the gymnasium for the benefit of teachers present. Encyclopedias, audio-visual aids business education material, books, and art materials are

some of the products to be on display.

The local chapter of the National Honor Society will operate a concession stand in the lobby of the auditorium for the convenience of teachers. Sandwiches, cookies, cupcakes, candies, gum, pie, and coffee will be served by members all day. Most of the food will have been prepared by the members themselves.

THE BLACKBIRD staff will distribute free copies of THE BLACKBIRD to out-of-town visitors.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION WON BY TWO SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Two seniors at Rocky Mount Senior High have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring. Each of these students receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

C. M. Edson, principal, has announced that the Commended students are, Bebo White and Dwight Thomas.

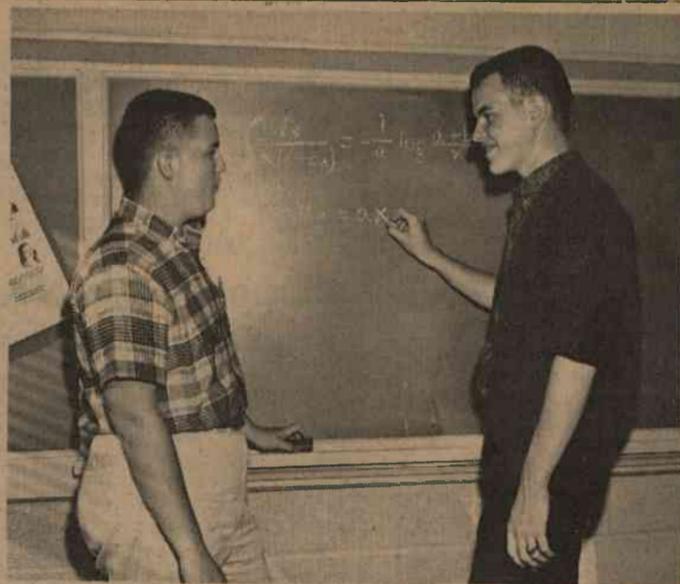
The National Merit Scholarship Corporation gives recognition to two groups of students who achieve high scores on the NMSQT. The Semifinalists group is composed of the highest-scoring students in each state and in U. S. territories. Some 11,000 Semifinalists will take a second examination in December to establish further their eligibility to receive Merit Scholarships.

The Commended students were among the high school juniors in more than 16,000 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a three-hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the eighth annual Merit Program.

The Commended students and the Semifinalists who do not win Merit Scholarships are considered for certain other scholarships that are offered through the facilities of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Free Passes

Addresses of several RMHS students are in the advertising section of THE BLACKBIRD each issue. If these students have subscribed to THE BLACKBIRD they may come by room 117 and receive their free pass to the Center Theater; courtesy of Mr. Bob Andrews.



Dwight Thomas and Bebo White are shown discussing a math problem. Both attended the National Science and Math Institute at the University of North Carolina his summer, and have recently received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. (Photo by Killebrew)