

## Couch Is Kiwanis Boy

"Always act so that you can wish that your actions will become the moral code of the universe." This is the borrowed philosophy of Clay Couch, the Kiwanis boy of this month.

Indeed, philosophy is only one of Clay's many and varied interests. Besides being a Morehead nominee, National Merit Semifinalist, member of the National Honor Society, and Treasurer of the Senior Class, Clay is one of the most accomplished trumpet players in the RMSHS band. He also performs with a well-known dance combo in this area, "The Four Kings", and has played in the All-State Concert Band for two years. Clay has collected numerous other honors throughout the years, including a scholarship to the National Science Foundation at the University of North Carolina, a scholastic letter, and he has held various homeroom offices.



CLAY COUCH, November Kiwanis boy, puts his trash into provided trash cans. (Photo by Killebrew)

School work does not occupy all Clay's time. He can often be seen riding his Honda or participating in his other hobbies of tennis and golf. On the quieter side, Clay enjoys reading philosophy and novels.

## Newly Arrived Teachers Are Pleased With RMSH

New to Rocky Mount as well as Senior High is Mrs. Phyllis Marcom, one of the teachers featured in this issue of The Blackbird.

Mrs. Marcom, a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia and a graduate of Mary Baldwin College in Stanton, Virginia, teaches English 10 and 12 to students who admire and respect her.

"A pleasant change" is the way Mrs. Marcom describes Senior High when compared to Bunn High, where she taught before.

A typical old Dominion belle, friendly, but quiet and gentle in manner, Mrs. Marcom likes to sew, read, and travel. She has visited every state from Georgia to Maine and as far west as Chicago. She hopes some day to visit the West Coast.

Mrs. Marcom and her husband, who is assistant pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church and a student at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, have lived in Rocky Mount since February. "We both like the town very much," says Mrs. Marcom.

With her little white Falcon as her identifying mark, Mrs.

Oneida Price travels to Senior High to teach math.

Native of Pinetops, Mrs. Price was graduated from Atlantic Christian College. She began teaching at Henderson High School in Henderson, N. C., and then came to Rocky Mount to teach at Senior High when her husband was transferred by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph.

Mrs. Price's main hobby is her three year old daughter, Lisa. Other than her, Mrs. Price finds time to sew most of her own clothes and read. During the summer Mrs. Price likes to go boating and water-ski.

"Rocky Mount Senior High is an excellent school and has a great deal to offer. I find that the students here have the attitude of wanting to learn and this makes all teaching efforts seem worthwhile," comments Mrs. Price.

## RMSH Launches Program For Bettering Of Library Facilities

Students have been given a chance to voice their views about the library through a board of student advisors. The need for a student Library Advisory Board was presented to the Student Organization October 5th by librarian, Mrs. Carolyn Bailey, and was unanimously approved.

This advisory group is made up of two representatives selected by and from the student Library Staff, and one chosen by the librarian from the student body at large, and two from each class selected by the Student Organization Representative Assembly.

Elected by the assembly were sophomores, Woodie Bobbitt, and Tim Ballou; juniors Beverly Rosser and Roger Stencil; and seniors Elizabeth Wagner and Charles Dice. Mrs. Bailey chose Hugh Shearin as the representative at large.

The purpose of the Library Advisory Board is to give the student viewpoint of library policy and service and to encourage students to make fuller use of the library. It will also suggest ways to help improve library citizenship.

Another branch of the library is the volunteer student library staff. This year the staff members are to be highly commended, for the customary one-half unit received for library work has been banned by the state. These students undertake working in the library solely from



MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY STAFF—are front row from left to right: Margaret Wells, Sandra Worrell, Kathy Johnson, Jo Alston; back row: Martha Wilkes, Wayne Dorsey, Skipper Thompson, Scott Adams, Dan Batts. Missing from the picture were George Edwards, LaRue Fountain, Stephen Gardner, Elsie Joyner, Glenwood Newsome, Ray Thompson, and Judy Edwards.

a desire to serve their school.

The 16 staff members who devote five periods a week to the school library are seniors Sandra Worrell, Wayne Dorsey, and George Edwards; junior La Rue Fountain; and sophomores Scott Adams, Jo Alston, Dan Batts, Stephen Gardner, Kathy Johnson, Elsie Joyner, Glenwood Newsome, Ray Thompson, Skipper Thompson, Margaret Wells, Martha Wilkes, and Judy Edwards.

Among the staff's many duties are operating the circulation desk, preparing books for circulation, mending books, keeping the library clean and attractive, and taking inventory.

Just as the student library

staff has come to be an indispensable part of the library, the Advisory Board will make it more beneficial to students and faculty.

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