

RMSH Students Plan Summer Study Abroad

"It's the opportunity of a life-time," said Miss Murk in regard to the American Institution for Foreign Study Summer School program.

This summer two groups of students from RMSH will be participating in the foreign study program. Miss Murk will be watching over a flock of English students at the University of Durham, England, while Miss Dorothy Craighill will chaperone French students at the University of Poitiers at La Rochelle, France.

Durham, on the River Wear in northern England near the Scottish border, is the third oldest English university, having been founded in 1883.

Courses being organized for this school are Post-War English Theater and Novel, Archaeology (with field trips to Hadrian's Wall and Stonehenge), Shakespeare, Milton, Chaucer, English Architecture, and Early English History.

The students will live in historic Durham Castle or in St. Mary's College in single or double rooms. They will enjoy boating, tennis, and hockey, and will have the opportunity to learn to play cricket.

Reactions from participating students were varying. "The experiences of travel and meeting people will add to personal assets and help me for years to come," remarked Mack Pridgen.

Roger Stencil commented, "I

think it will be very educational, but I also plan on meeting lots of people because 'England swings like a pendulum do.'"

The group of French students will be attending the University of Poitiers at La Rochelle, France. It is located on the West Coast of France, halfway between Bordeaux and Nantes, about 150 miles from Paris. Fifteen minutes away by ferry is the island of Re, famous for its beaches, sand dunes, and pinewoods.

The courses offered stress conversation and acquisition of vocabulary rather than grammar or translation.

When asked what she thought of the trip, Pam Robinson said, "I think it's just great! Ann Robertson was glad to find out there will be contact between the students and the local population.

This program is open to students who gave the recommendation of Miss Murchison or Miss Craighill and Mr. Colombo but is limited to 15 students per group. Tuition and the cost of transportation to and from Europe will be approximately \$725. Other expenses, about \$275 include laundry, books, transportation to and from New York, and souvenirs.

The students will attend school for four weeks, after which they will take a short sight-seeing tour through Western Europe and then fly home.



DE STUDENTS—David Jordan and Martha Parrish, checkers, and Elton Gardner and Wayne Cochran, bag boys, receive on the job training at Winn-Dixie grocery store. (Photo by Killebrew)

DE Students Gain Experience

This year the Distributive Education, as in years passed, is playing a major role in student job training at Rocky Mount Senior High School. Mr. John D. Langley, the new DE instructor co-ordinator, points out that, "Distributive Education rounds out the student as a total person and seasoned worker to have a full knowledge of the job when he enters it, and to begin at a high position rather than at the bottom."

The DE job success is based on competition. The student who participates in class and learns the work usually gets the job. The student must learn what the employer and customer expects of him. Through the knowledge gained in class and the experience of the job, the student stands an excellent chance for promotion and higher wages. The average hourly wage, as of November, is \$1.12. The total earnings of all the 43 students to date is \$11,349.22. Most of the



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students have successfully received a raise for work done so far.

The DE student must work a minimum of 15 hours a week. There is no maximum work week.

The student usually leaves school during his lunch period to go to his job. The student is represented in one of the 29 businesses, in the area of retail, wholesale, and service stores.

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ployee, conscious of strides he can take to satisfy his employer, the customer, and himself. DECA is effective in that money is not lost educating the student in a job training college or school. The program of the high school itself instructs the student on helpful hints to please customers, good grooming habits, and good general disposition.

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