



CLASS RINGS—Anxiously awaited by members of the Junior Class class rings are now here. (Photo by Killebrew)

Guidance Proves Rewarding

Before coming to Rocky Mount, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin lived in Scotland Neck. When she began teaching in Rocky Mount High School, the guidance program was young and had fewer duties and responsibilities. She began as an English teacher and gradually worked into the guidance program. Today she is head of the guidance program and teaches one advanced class of senior English. Miss Kitchin attributes her enjoyment of counseling to her deep love for young people.

Miss Kitchin's mother believed that traveling broadens one in many ways and this belief was transmitted to Miss Kitchin. She has visited every state in the union except North and South Dakota. She and Miss Annie Gaynor have traveled to Canada and Mexico and every summer for the past few years they have spent a few days in New York touring various exhibits and art museums.

Miss Kitchin is a person of varied talents and interests. Her main enjoyment stems from the field of music, especially classical music. Although she dislikes T. V., she enjoys watching and listening to symphonies presented on T. V. by such men as Leonard Bernstein. Miss Kitchin's home is filled with Christmas music from November to January.

Through the years Miss Kitchin has collected a number of recipes, all of which she plans to try one day. Experimenting with these recipes and taking a

trip in October remain as her two "long-range" wishes.

Although Miss Kitchin does not consider herself to be a talented artist, she has a great interest in this field. As in music, her preference is classical, and she admits that she rarely understands modern art.

Other minor interests include gardening and flower arranging, reading poetry, and writing. Several of Miss Kitchin's works have been published. She believes that her love of beautiful things, music, art, flowers and literature, was transmitted to her from her mother.

The art of teaching is a very difficult one and Miss Kitchin strives to be an individual who shares her experiences and knowledge with her students instead of simply stuffing them with book facts.

Student Organization work provides Miss Kitchin with the opportunity to observe and work with young people of other towns and other schools. After attending many conventions, where she is always an active participant, Miss Kitchin firmly believes that the young people of Rocky Mount are the best young people anywhere.

Clubs Show Yule Spirit By Helping The Needy

This year, as in the past, the service clubs of RMHS are spreading their good will and Christmas spirit to others less fortunate than they.

The Phalanx club under the leadership of President Chuck Coley has undertaken the project of collecting food, clothing, and toys. These items will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families.

Corrye Minges, president of the Service Club, says that the club will make Christmas happier and warmer for a needy family in Rocky Mount. This club also sponsors the annual Christmas program.

The Kudos and SOS Clubs under Presidents Woody Gibson

and Pete Fly, respectively, are also spreading Christmas Cheer throughout the Rocky Mount area.

If anyone would follow the example set by the service clubs at Senior High, Christmas in Rocky Mount would certainly be a more cheerful and joyous occasion for all.

From the service clubs of RMHS, wishes for every Merry Christmas to all!

Juniors Win Acclaim In National Essay Contest

Ten RMHS students recently joined the ranks of the "published authors." They are Bobbi Creech, Dan Ballance, Johnny Evans, Joan Meeks, Carolyn Teague, Roger Stancil, Chris Stanley, Rebecca Sheriff, Nancy Wilson and Marilyn Whitfield.

These juniors, along with the other members of Mrs. Roberson's second and fifth period English classes, participated in a contest sponsored by the National Essay Press. The win-

ners received certificates of acceptance, and their essays will be published in the Semi-Annual Anthology, YOUNG AMERICA SPEAKS.

Copies of the Anthology will be available at \$2.00 a copy. With an order of five or more copies, one complimentary copy will be given to the school library. Those wishing to order a copy of the Anthology should see Mrs. Roberson or Mrs. Lundy.

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