

SHOP INSTRUCTION-Mr. Adkins shows Jack Stone and Sammy Hendricks the proper way to blue a gun. (Photo by Killebrew)

# Shop Instructs Boys In World Of Wood, Metals

what went on in that big teachers by putting up various building in back of the school?

by the many boys that use it every day. To others, it may be known as the Industrial Arts building, but its operations are

The shop classes, consisting of one machine shop, two wood shops, and a class in mechanical drawing, are under the direction of Mr. Neal Adkins. Mr. Adkins, the prominent "owner" of the shop, as he is the only instructor the shop presently here at Senior High has seen, is still teaching the skill of using the tools one needs to master metal and wood.

The machine shop, consisting of three periods a day, takes up the morning in the shop. This course gives three credits, one for each period. In the machine shop, students learn the use of machines designed for use in working with metals.

The students usually work on projects of their choosing after instruction from Mr. Adkins. These projects include making small repairs on automobiles, reblueing guns, and making many small instruments out of

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small objects and doing many It's the shop, as referred to small repairs in the classroom.

Mechanical drawing, of which there is one class, helps the student planning for a career in engineering or other similiar careers to learn how to use scale drawing, blueprints, and other things of this nature. Held for one period, Mr. Adkins also instructs this class.

There are two classes of wood shop held in the afternoon. These classes, designed to teach students the use of wood, are also helping students in choosing their future careers. Students in these classes make various projects as well as learning to use wood. Some of projects include

School's shop is also receiving many honors for their efforts in metal and wood. Only last year, Billy Joe Quinn and Mr. Adkins won a trip to the World's Fair for Quinn's winning telescopic gage in the state. Soon after this, Mr. Adkins was asked that the gage be allowed to be put on exhibit at the National Museum of Science and Industry at Chicago.

## also assist | racks, cabinets, and book racks. Rocky Mount Senior High

## Maria Teresa Medina Studies At RMSH

Teresa Midina comes to us from Bogata, Colombia. Maria Te is from a large family; she has three brothers, ages 19, 15 and 13, and one sister, age 12. Her father is an outstanding dermatologist in the city of Bogata, the capital of Colom-

Traveling is something she has done a great deal of. In 1960 she toured Peru, Chile, and Argentina. In 1963 she set out again with fifty girls from her school, her destination this time being Europe. While in Europe she visited Spain, Italy, France, and Holland. On the return trip the girls spent one week in New York.

The pace of life in South America is much slower than that of the United States, and it seems that Maria finds it extremely difficult to get from one corner of the building to the other in just four minutes. "I take my time and I am late!" she says. In Colombia schools this situation is not a problem because the students remain in one class while the teachers change classes. When the next year begins Maria Te will begin her third year of college. Her subjects this past year included physics, chem-istry, French, English, religion, philosophy, Colombia History, Colombian geography, and others! There is no student government and no extra-curricular activities. Almost all of the schools are private; public

Vivacious and intelligent, Maria | schools are only for the poor and have only five grades. Teachers here, she believes, are much better qualified than Colombian teachers. She especially likes the informality of our classes.

Maria Te had definite reasons for wanting to come to the United States with International Fellowship. "The only things people of Colombia know about the United States are what they sec in the movies. This may be how lime is in Hollywood, but not among ordinary people. I want to see how you live." Maria Te says. Upon arriving in the South, Maria Te was amazed by "the beautiful forests right in the city. It is not like this in colombia."

Maria Te is very happy to be living with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sorrell whom she says "make me feel like a real daughter." Many thanks are sent to all of the students here for being so friendly and help-

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