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JUNIOR OFFICERS (l to r): Bobby Thompson, vice-president; Benjie Smith, president; Kitty Keel, secretary; Stephen Draper.

Officers Elected By Three Classes For Second Half

During the months of December and January, Senior High Students went to the polls to elect officers to serve them through the second semester of 1966-67.

After first hearing speeches promising more leadership, the classes elected these all-important officers. Sophomores elected their first officers since coming to Senior High, juniors elected those who will guide them through the Junior-Senior; and seniors elected officers to serve them during graduation.

Senior officers elected are Cornelia Doherty, president, Jim Middleton, vice-president; Beverly Rosser, secretary; Julian Ruffin, treasurer.

Juniors elected: Benjie Smith, president; Bobby Thompson, vice-president; Kitty Keel, secretary; Stephen Draper, treasurer.

Officers for the sophomore class are Ken Thompson, president; Jay Bobbitt, vice-president; Ramsay Lea, secretary; Anne Pittman, treasurer.

Teresa Rhodes, chairman of the Elections Committee, termed the voter turn-out "poor." As usual, sophomores led the school in the percentage of voters registered voting. Unofficial tabulations show 53% of the seniors voting, 67% of the juniors, and 73% of the sophomores.



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SENIOR OFFICERS (l to r): John Ruffin, treasurer; Jim Middleton, vice-president. Missing were Cornelia Doherty and Beverly Rosser.

Three Leave RMHS As Semester Begins

Second semester will begin January 25 with several faculty changes announced by Mr. V. J. Colombo, principal. In a special release to The Blackbird, Mr. Colombo presented these shifts.

Mr. Frank Hammond, who has taught band in the City School System since 1960, left the teaching profession entirely January 6 to become a pilot with Piedmont Airlines. Mr. Hammond began his career here with the students who are now seniors; he taught them the fundamentals in the sixth grade. Rocky Mount has seen its band enjoy phenomenal growth during his tenure. As much as he loves teaching and working with young people and music, Mr. Hammond finds the draw of flying, a long-time avocation, and the better place for his family too much to ignore. When asked how they felt, most of his students could only say, "He's a great guy."

Mr. J. C. Sykes, who is also a longtime instructor for the city system, replaced Mr. Hammond. Mr. Sykes has previously worked with the Junior High bands. Having helped many students no wat Senior High, his will not be a strange face.

Mr. James Hart, first semester art teacher, left the school January 24, to take on a new position as Director of Audio Visual Aids and Special Services for the city system.

Mrs. Rusty Spears, known to many through her affiliation with the Rocky Mount Arts Center, replaced Mr. Hart.

Mr. Edward T. Smith, as-

sistant principal during the first semester will leave the city to become principal of Enfield Graded Schools. Mr. Smith taught English there before coming here. He left Rocky Mount January 25 and will assume his duties there around February 1.

Mr. Dudley Whitley, head football coach, will become assistant principal.

Mrs. J. C. Sykes, wife of the new band director, will take over Mr. Whitley's economics class and Mr. Smith's English classes.

Open House To Be Held After Ball Game Tonight

The Social Committee of the Student Organization will hold an open house Friday, Jan. 27, following the Enloe basketball game. The open house is to be held in the school cafeteria, and will last from about 9 o'clock until 11 o'clock.

Gwen Seigman, chairman of the Social Committee, has announced that the event will be for all students of RMSH who will receive an invitation. Gwen reported that the open house would be informal requiring only school clothes.

A juke box will provide

music for dancing. The students may play card games, chess, and other games provided by the committee. Refreshments for the get-together will be served by members of the committee. Several of the members helping out with the planning are Kathy Cherry, Dickie Seaton, Ramsey Lea, and Dillon Coleman.

Tonight's soiree will be similar to the one held last year after the Jacksonville basketball game. All students are invited to attend and bring their dates.

State Of The Student Organization

"The Student Organization—A microphone for the student voice." This microphone has definitely been utilized by the Student Organization during the first semester. This is widest in the various accomplishments and activities undertaken. Some work has been acknowledged, other work has been performed behind the scenes. But most important, the work has been done by the students themselves and greater accomplishments are expected next semester. Following is a detailed outline of the work of each committee thus far this year.

- I. Publicity Committee Projects
 - A. Special News bulletin board in "A" building.
 - B. Twelve theme bulletin boards in "B" building.
 - C. Five special bulletin boards in "C" building.

1. Homecoming
2. Thanksgiving
3. Christmas
- D. Maintenance of the Tillery at Hammond Street sign.
- II. Activities of the Publications Committee
 - A. Publication and distribution of handbooks at a cost of \$600.00.
 - B. Publication and distribution of student directories at a cost of \$260.00.
 - C. Designing, printing, and plan for distribution of thank-you-grams at a cost of approximately \$30.00.
- III. Activities of the American Field Service
 - A. General activities in welcoming and orienting AFS Student.
 - B. Selection of gift at Christmas for AFS student.
 - C. Writing of 50 letters to civic clubs in Rocky Mount requesting contributions to AFS budget.
 - D. Acknowledgement to AFS contribution to the budget.
- IV. Operation of Student Store
 - A. The daily operation of store, 8:15-8:30 in morning, part of first lunch period and one afternoon a week after school.
 - B. Accurate records of purchase and sale of all materials.
 - C. Payment of sales tax monthly.
- V. Services of Lost and Found Committee
 - A. Accepting and filing record of all articles turned in to the lost and found department.
 - B. Publication of all articles through daily bulletin and bi-weekly report to the S. O. Assembly.
 - C. Semester-end display of

- all articles.
- D. Disposition of unclaimed articles at semester end.
- VI. Service of the Fire Drill Committee
 - A. Holding of fire drill monthly.
 - B. Replacing of instruction signs in rooms.
- VII. Service of the Traffic Committee
 - A. Beginning-of-the-year direction of new students through the building.
 - B. Cooperation with House and Grounds Committee toward improving the parking lot.
- VIII. Service of House and Grounds
 - A. Work in the parking lot.
 1. Repainting trash cans.
 2. Filling in holes in parking lot.
 - B. Cooperation with Mr. Phill Overton of the City Health Department by submitting write-up and pictures for city cleanup scrapbook.
 - C. Cleaning up planter in lobby in preparation for new plant for spring.
- IX. Activities of the Elections Committee
 - A. Opening of books for registration of transfer students, sophomores, and any other unregistered students for one week.
 - B. Preparing for and conducting the three class elections for Second semester class officers.
- X. Services of the Social Committee
 - A. Orientation party for transfer students in Sept. at approximately a cost of \$10.00.
 - B. Homecoming dance in November at approximately cost of \$200.00.
 - C. Management of friendship ceremony during half time

- of home conference basketball games.
 - D. Operation of concession stand at Homecoming Dance.
 - XL. Service of Assembly Committee
 - A. Preparation for and cooperation in two weekly assembly totalling seven-teen assemblies.
 - B. Types of Assemblies
 1. Two guest speakers
 2. Motivation Assemblies
 - a. Magazine kick off
 - b. Hi-Noc-Ar Assembly
 - c. Paradigm Campaign
 - d. Blackbird Campaign
 - e. Fire Prevention
 3. Inspirational Assemblies
 - a. School Spirit
 - b. Veteran's Day Assembly
 - c. Christmas Assembly
 - d. Mount Olive Choir
 4. Recognition Assemblies
 - a. NHS Assembly
 - b. Black Masquers Assembly
 - c. Football Awards Assembly
 5. Demonstrations Assembly
 - a. Edsonian previews
 - b. England As We Saw It Assembly
 - c. Stage Side Chats
- XII. Activities of School Spirit Committee
 - A. Sponsoring of five Bonfires and pep rallies.
 - B. Printing posters acknowledging athletic events before each game.
- XIII. Activities of the General Organization
 - A. Regular Attendance at S.O. meetings.
 - B. Attendance of delegates at the State Student Council Congress.
 - C. Promotion of the magazine campaign.



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