English Travelers And "The Spurrlows" Entertain RMSH Students In Two Recent Assembly Programs

Safety Is Featured **By Touring Singers**

The quality of the assemblies at RMSH has recently hit an all time high. They have proved interesting as well as educational. The two most recent of these assemblies were put on by a group of students who traveled to England and by the Spurrlows. Student comments for the programs range from "great" to "extraordinary."

English Travelers

A group of Rocky Mount Sen-ior High students who traveled to England this summer with their advisor, Miss Alma Murchison, presented an assembly on their trip Friday, Jan. 6. The group studied at the Uni-versity of Durham for four weeks along with 300 other American students under a program of the American Institute for Foreign Study.

Four of the nine students making the journey gave brief talks on the various aspects of English life which they had observed during their stay. Curtis Andrews gave a talk on the city of Durham where they stayed most of the time. Homer Vernon discussed the college they had attended and the courses in which they had enrolled. The tours were covered by Margaret Tharington. Judy Jordan told of the people and customs of the people of England. George Clack and Joanne Alston who also took the trip did not take part in the assembly.

Slides taken by the members of the group were shown and explained. They showed Durham University and the town of Durham. Others gave a view of the country of England with its oid castles and ancient wall of Roman times.

Of the six weeks abroad two were taken up with tours of England, France and Scotland. Miss Murchison was delighted to find her family tartan while on an excursion in Scotland. The girls thought the casmere sweaters which were very in-



SPURRLOWS PERFORM AT SAFE DRIVING ASSEMBLY

expensive looked beautiful. Afhome they made a scheduled stopover in Iceland. Greenland thrilled the group as the airplane headed for New York.

Still they think back to the horrors of the takeoff. The flight was late, due to mechanical difficulty. After the extended wait the plane took off amid a thunderstorm. Everyone agreed that if given the chance, they would all return to England.

Spurrlows Sing "Music for Modern Americans" featuring the touring "Thurlow Spurr and the Spur-lows" proved to be a rocking, swinging hour of entertainment. The much publicized performers presented a musical program enphasizing safe driving. The group, which has covered over 65,000 miles touring the country, is sponsored by the Chrysler Motor Corporation. Local dealers, Ray Bandy's Plymouth and Dodge and Caddell Motors, paid the expenses of bringing the group to Rocky Mount.

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With lively music and light-| tude. ter leaving Paris enroute for hearted comedy the Spurrlows reminded everyone of highway safety awareness and responsible driving attitudes Some of the songs enjoyed by the students included "That's Life," "Can't Buy Me Love," "Sweet-heart Tree," "Driving' Along," "Party Song," and "A Taste of Honey."

In one portion of the show Jose Weaver of the Spurrlows brought out a sign reading S.D.A. while another attractive girl of the group informed the students that S.D.A: meant Safe Driver Appeal. On the programs briver Appeal. On the programs there was a S.D.A. personal rating test. If a driver did not burn rubber, jump lights, and drink while driving he could probably pass the test. Thurlow Spurr told of several personal experiences emphasizing that many times it might take courage not to race. Spurr gave the basic principles of the safe driver's attitude: discipline, freedom, and responsibility. These are the qualities of the good driver who promotes safety by his driving skills and atti-

In recognition of the driver education teachers who instruct the course in summer and fall sessions ten instructors were presented with framed certificates. Thurrlow Spurr asked the group to come to the stage to receive their awards. S. L. Chapman, Dale Thompkins, Ray Durham, Dudley Whitley, Neil Adkins, Jimmy Armstrong Charlie Martin, Harold Dearing, J. E. Oxendine, Ralph Gorham, and John Langley were the in-structors to receive the certificates.

The inscription on the certifi-cates read: "Having clearly evidenced sincere interest in the education of American Youth in highway safety through dedication in driver education. .

BULLETIN

The Music Committee of the Junior Class, under the leadership of Harry Harles and Bobby Thompson, has secured the Tropics and the Robinson Brothers for the Junior-Senior to be held May 12

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RMSH Happenings

The Scholastic Aptitude Test results were received by RMSH students on January 13. The test was administered on December 3 at various locations in the greater Rocky Mount metropolitan area. Test results were generally high with four people making over 700 either on the verbal or math portion of the test. One hundred forty-three seniors took the test.

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Last week RMSH was visited by Roberto Sergio Steren of Salta, Argentina. Roberto is in the US under the International Fellowship exchange student program. He has been staying with Steve Butler of Roseboro, N. C. of Roseboro-Salemburg High School.

He stopped over in Rocky Mount after visiting New York, Washington, D. C., Niagara Falls, and other points of inter-est in the north. While there he lived with Dan Ballance.

While at RMSH he visited several Spanish classes and gave a short talk about Argentina, in Spanish, answered questions, and showed some interesting slides of his home in Roseboro and of his northern trip.

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