

# Twirp Week Ends Today



PRISCILLA RODERICK makes last minute check on her Twirp.

The first annual Twirp Week at Rocky Mount Senior High School draws to an end tonight with a Twirp Week Dance in the RMSH gymnasium.

The underlying theme of this week has been to have the girls wear the pants for one week. Boys have been the recipients of graces usually reserved for girls.

Monday, girls were supposed to open the doors for boys as they walked down the hall.

Tuesday, every girl was to compliment a boy in some way.

Wednesday, boys became butter fingers as girls were picking up everything they dropped.

Thursday was D-day. This was the final day girls could get a date for the dance tonight.

Friday was treat day. Every girl was supposed to bring a boy some type of treat.

As the week wore on, boys and girls both were heard to comment that there should be more equalization between the sexes. Girls found the weekly task of asking for dates a chore they would rather not shoulder. Likewise, boys found that sitting at home by the telephone was no fun. Several fellows discovered that sitting at home on Friday nights is no

big thing, either.

S.O. leaders stated that the purposes of the week were wholesale participation, fun, and a better understanding of each others' plights by the sexes. Perhaps now boys will take another attitude toward dating, and girls will have more understanding toward those boys too shy to ask for dates.

The wrap-up dance will be held tonight in the gymnasium from 8 to 11. Music will be furnished by the Legends.

## Football Coach Resigns In A Three-Block Move

Mr. Dudley Whitley, head football coach for the past two years and assistant principal since mid-semester, has resigned his position to become principal of J. C. Braswell School.

Mr. Whitley has been a teacher and coach since coming to Rocky Mount in 1959, beginning at R. M. Wilson Junior High.

A native of Pinetops, he attended South Edgecombe and N. C. State, where he got a B. S. degree in recreation and physical education. In 1964, he won a Master's degree in administration at ECC.

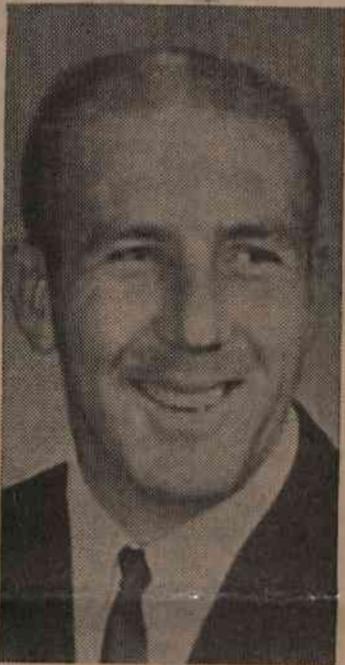
While here, Coach Whitley's football teams compiled a 2-17-1 record. His 1963 and '64 baseball teams were Eastern 4-A Champs. The 1963 team won the State title, while the '64 nine were runners-up.

When asked to comment, Mr. Whitley said, "It's hard to leave something you've done all your life, but I know I've made the right decision . . . August 15 is when it will hurt the most. I'll be out there."

Athletic Director C. V. Lundy said the position will remain open for a while; applications

will then be accepted.

S. O. President Marcus stated, "On behalf of the student body, I express our deepest appreciation for the effort and dedication he has given to RMSH. We'll all miss him."



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## Wita A. Bond NHS Chapter Taps Thirty-Two In Assembly

Today during sixth period fourteen juniors and eighteen seniors were tapped into the Wita A. Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society.

At this tapping, the traditional program was changed to some extent. Instead of the usual four speakers, the members chose to have only one speaker this time.

Lynell Dudley gave the devotions. Dan Ballance, the speaker for the assembly, then talked about the history of the National Honor Society and the requirements for admission. NHS President Sandy Easley presided over the assembly.

The old members, carrying

candles and certificates, then went out into the body of the auditorium and tapped the new members. The following people were tapped:

### SENIORS

Joyce Berk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Berk; Frank Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bradley; Billy Bunn Brantley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Brantley; Dove Buchan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Buchan; John Daughtridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Daughtridge, Sr.; Carol Dubel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dubel; David Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dudley;

Paula Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Dunn; Johnny Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evans; Herbert Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hearn; Donna Moseley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Moseley; Margaret Moss, sister of Mrs. T. N. Dunn; Pat Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds; David Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith; Ann Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

### JUNIORS

Carolyn Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bryant; Faye Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Casey; Rex Gass, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Gass; Charlotte High, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John High; Hatcher Kincheloe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Kincheloe, Sr.; Charlotte Looney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Looney, Jr.; Betsy Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Mann; Otto Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moore, Jr.;

Lynn Pullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pullen; Barden Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robbins; Mary Jo Sheridan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Sheridan; Grayson Shuff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Shuff; Lee Simrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simrell; Mary Ella Tetterton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tetterton; Homer Vernon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vernon; Marilyn

Viverette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Viverette; Lois Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson; Sarah Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willis.

The overall tapping chairman was Johnny Gower. Co-chairmen for the tea after the tapping were Nancy Wilson and Barbara Overman. In charge of the stage was Beverly Rosser, flowers, Margaret Tharrington, robes, Sandy Easley, certificates, Tessie Price, and invitations, Carolyn Cannon. The program committee consisted of Jane Bulluck, Chris Stanley, Dan Ballance, and Ellen Winstead. Pianist was Wynn Gattis.

There are three chances for eligibility to the society. To become a member, a student must maintain a 90.5 average since the ninth grade and is evaluated and rated by the faculty according to service, leadership, character, and growth.

## Romans Enjoy Banquet

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Julius Caesar (Steve Parker) presided over the Roman banquet given to celebrate the birthday of Octavian (Dillon Coleman), the great-nephew of Caesar. The event was held in the cafeteria of the Senior High School at seven o'clock, April 7.

Lounged the Roman patricians upon couches at tables, eating a three-course banquet served by slave girls.

The invocation and sacrifices were given by Caesar. After dinner, Caesar delivered an oration lauding the accomplishments of Rome, and particularly, those of himself.

Following his speech, an amusing skit, a "Roman Romance," was presented by the following: Trumpeteer—Robert Collins; Jupiter—Skipper Greathouse; Ceres—Tommy Jordan; Prosefina—Jim Watson; Voice—Keith Bowden; Frog—Royce

Johnson; First Torousman—Kevin McBride; Second Torousman—Danny Wise; Town Cryer—Hugh McLean; George—Bob Joyce; Judge—Tommy Delbridge; and Handsome young man—Butch Barbee.



CAESAR invokes his blessings upon the gathering.

## Workshop Attracts Students Who Aspire To Be Leaders

The RMSHS General Purpose Room was the scene for the annual Leadership Workshop from 9:15 to 12:00. This annual project, sponsored by the Student Organization, was attended by RMSH homeroom, class, and club officers and invited guests from the three junior highs.

The workshop began with a

general session in the GPR, after registration from 9:15 to 9:30. During this session, S. O. President Arthur Marcus delivered an address on the "Importance of Good Leadership."

Following Arthur's talk, a skit was present, representing the three major types of leaders—autocratic, laissez-faire, and democratic. A filmstrip, "Leading and Following," was then shown, highlighting the problems and qualities of a good leader. A panel then presented a critical discussion of the film.

After a brief break for refreshments, the group divided into individual conferences. Leading the discussions were Arthur Marcus and Mrs. Speight-presidents, Frank Bradley and Mrs. Sifford—Vice-presidents, Dan Ballance, Beverly Rosser, Mr. Horace Felton, and Miss Kitchin—secretaries, Jane ferrell and Mrs. Hayworth—treasurers, Jim Middleton, Bill Griffin, and Mrs. Tyler—S. O. representatives, Teresa Rhodes and Mrs. Marcom—committee chairmen.

Out of 428 invitations delivered 198 people answered. Only 27% of those invited, 105, attended. By filling out the evaluation sheets made available to them, those attending agreed unanimously that the workshop was worthwhile and helped them fulfill their duties more efficiently. Everyone agreed they would come if another workshop was held next year.

## Edsonians Present Three-Act, Comedy For Upcoming Play

The spring production by the Edsonian Dramatic Organization, *Father Knows Best*, will be presented in the auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, April 21 and 22 at 8:00 p. m.

*Father Knows Best* is a three-act comedy, adapted by Kristin Sergil from the radio program of the same name by Edward James.

The comedy arrives from the situations which arise when Father tries to take over the household and cope with the family problems.

Students associated with the play seem to feel that this will be the best production offered in recent years by the Edsonians. The play itself runs in natural, easy-flowing dialogue.

The leading roles are played by Dale Hall, Father; Ann Taylor, Mother; Brenda Thompson, Betty; Rita Parker, Kathy; and Steve Bunn, Bud. Other members of the cast are Sonny Lea, Russell Bass, Dan Batts, Winkie Young, Debbie Ganes, Debbie Slone, Billy Collins, Dianne Couch, Gwen Seigman, Marie Baker, Lynda Harrell, Ken Murchison, and Dickie Oakley.