



Congratulations . . . Class of '69

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RMSH BEAUTY COURT WINNERS and their escorts are Anne Joyner, fourth runner-up, escorted by Page Lea; Donna Armstrong, second runner-up, escorted by Wayne Robertson; Lucille Williams, Maid of Honor, escorted by Stewart Edwards; Skipper Greathouse, Editor

of the Blackbird; Kay Belcher, Beauty Court Queen, escorted by Benjie Martindale; Emily Peyton, first runner-up, escorted by Mutt Wilson; Debbie Mills, third runner-up, escorted by Michael Haggerty; and Debbie Skimer, fifth runner-up, escorted by Ken Thompson.

Kay Belcher Crowned Beauty Court Queen

The 1968-69 RMSH Junior-Senior, sponsored by the Class of '70, was held in Tarrytown Mall April 25. Highlighted was the crowning of Kay Belcher as Queen of the 1969 Beauty Court.

The RMSH Beauty Court is sponsored each year by the Blackbird staff. Judges, chosen by the Blackbird staff, were sent a folder containing formal pictures, candid snapshots, and descriptions of each of the sixteen members of the Court.

From these they selected a queen, a maid of honor, and the five runners-up. The judging was done this year by four members of the UNC-CH basketball team. Rusty Clark, Dick Grubar, Gerald Tuttle, and Joe Brown.

The Beauty Court of RMSH is never complete without the mascots. They were Connie Bradshaw, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Francis C. Bradshaw, and David Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Skinner.

After the entrance of the mascots, Denise announced the runners-up, the maid of honor, and the 1969 Beauty Court Queen.

The runners-up were Debbie Skinner, fifth runner-up, escorted by Ken Thompson; Ann Joyner, fourth runner-up, escorted by Page Lea; Debbie Mills, third runner-up, escorted by Michael Haggerty; Donna Armstrong, second runner-up, escorted by Wayne Robertson; and Emily Peyton, first runner-up, escorted by Mutt Wilson. Lucille Williams, escorted by Stewart Edwards, was chosen Maid of Honor. Kay Belcher, a member of the Blackbird staff and escorted by Benjie Martindale, was crowned Queen of the 1969 RMSH Beauty Court.

Principal Honored

In a special dedication assembly program last Friday, the Hi-Noc-Ar staff presented an annual to Mr. V. J. Colombo.

Ella Jean Lewis, editor of the Hi-Noc-Ar, introduced new officers and announced the new staff members for next year. Afterwards, she announced the special dedication of the Hi-Noc-Ar to Principal Colombo.

While Miss Murchison urged all students to examine their yearbooks carefully, the staff members were distributing them to the homerooms.

After the assembly was dismissed, the students returned to their homerooms to receive their annuals.

RMSH Senior Wins Scholarship

Robert Earle Collins, RMSH senior, is the recent recipient of a highly-valued scholarship for four years of undergraduate study at Greensboro College in Greensboro.

The scholarship, which apparently has no name, is awarded to one student in North Carolina who has ex-

pressed interest in Greensboro College and who shows outstanding potential for academic success in college. This is the first year of the award. Approximately fifteen others were finalists in the competition for the award.

The award consists of a \$5,000 scholarship granted immediately upon reception of the honor. Continued academic success, which means a 2.7 quality point average the Freshman year and a 3.0 average on a four point scale

thereafter, is necessary for maintenance of the award.

Robert learned of the possibility of the scholarship in a senior class meeting from an announcement by Miss Kitchin, guidance counselor. As he was the only one to contact her, Miss Kitchin then compiled his record and sent it to Greensboro.

The interviews were held Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Robert's winning was announced at a luncheon Saturday.



ROBERT COLLINS

DECA Holds Banquet

The Distributive Education Club held its annual Bosses Banquet at Josh Bulluck's Wednesday evening, April 30.

Judy Davis, Distributive Education President, presided over the banquet. Charlotte Nash greeted the guests and gave the official welcome. The response was given by Mr.

William Reissner Jr., Operating Manager of Montgomery Wards.

Mr. John Langley, D. E. Coordinator, introduced the guests. The students then presented their sponsors and told the group something about them.

Leigh Wheeler gave a report on club activities which was followed by the invocation given by Ginger Resico. A buffet dinner was then served to the 120 guests.

Special entertainment was provided by Jim Bailey, Benjie Martindale, and Emmett Gladstone.

Speakers Chosen For Graduation

Speakers have been chosen for two important RMSH graduation exercises.

The Reverend B. Frank Leggett, minister of the First Christian Church, will give the Baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Gaylord Lehman will read the scripture, Revelations 21:1-8, and give the prayer. After this Rev. Leggett will speak on "Adventure With The New."

A RMSH senior, Ken Thompson, was elected by the senior class to present the Commencement Address. Ken was chosen after the senior class voted to have a member of the class give the graduation speech.

FHA Mothers Entertained At Annual RMSH Dinner

The Future Homemakers of America Chapter of RMSH entertained their mothers at their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at Josh Bulluck's Restaurant, Friday night May 9.

The table decorations were red and white. Places were marked with red place cards carried out in the club's cards and program booklets designed and made by club members. The theme for the banquet was "Bridging the Generation Gap."

Debbie McCarver, club president, welcomed the guests, and her mother, Mrs. W. J. McCarver responded for the mothers. Each girl then introduced herself and her mother and at the same time presented her mother a corsage. Gail Williams gave the invocation and dinner was served. Amanda Robbins introduced

the speaker of the evening, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin. The subject of her talk was "Bridging the Generation Gap." Miss Kitchin emphasized the fact that the gap between the generations today is no different than that at any other age and it takes both mothers and daughters working together to recognize and resolve their differences.

The program was concluded with the club members repeating the Club Creed. The president presented each mother a copy of the "Homes" issue of "Ideals" which were contributed by her father.

The club plans to attend the State FHA Convention in Raleigh tomorrow. Delegates to the convention will be Debbie McCarver, Debbie Breedlove and Pam Bone. The theme will be "Citizenship—Who is Responsible?"

FBLA Members Attend Employer-Employee Dinner

The Cooperative Office Occupations class and the Future Business Leaders of America of RMSH had their first Employer-Employee Banquet, Friday evening, May 2, at Josh Bulluck's.

Melinda Trevathan, president of the FBLA, opened the program with a welcome to the employees and their special guests. Following the invocation given by Flora Tillery, vice-president, dinner was served.

After the dinner, Debbie Shearin, reporter, introduced

the guest speaker Mr. Holton Harrison, principal of R. M. Wilson Junior High School, who gave a short talk titled "Change Demands Choices." In concluding the banquet, Mrs. Jane G. White, Cooperative Office Occupations co-ordinator, gave a few remarks.

Although many FBLA members do not work, they voted to help pay the expenses of the banquet as their project of the year. Without their help the banquet would not have taken place and each girl in the COO and their employers would not have been recognized.



FBLA OFFICERS are Debbie Shearin, reporter; Lynn Taylor, treasurer; Melinda Trevathan, president; Flora Tillery, vice-president; and Wanda Newton, secretary.