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On top--RMSH Morehead nominees: first row, left to right: Dennis Pittman, Alonzo Hines, David Cordts, Julian Griffin, Pete Thompson, Bill McCullen, and Bill Daughridge. Second row, left to right: Tim Brinn, Lee Vester, Mike Marshall, Martin Strickland, Greg Fields, and David Dresser. Absent are Edwin Williamson and Andy Dorr.

District 12 NCAE Holds First Meeting At RMSH

Tuesday, October 21, while students slept, played or worked at home or went out of town, nearly 2,000 teachers participated in a District Teachers Meeting in the gymnasium of RMSH.

Involved in this meeting were the members of District 12 of the newly merged NCAE, N. C. Association of Educators. The NCAE went into effect July 1, 1970, and is a result of the merger of the predominantly white NCEA, (N. C. Education Association) and the predominantly blacks NCTA (N. C. Teachers Association). There are 15 divisions or districts of the NCAE, and District 12 includes Edgecombe, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Northampton, and Wilson Counties.

The meeting began at 9:15 A.M. with a general session in the auditorium. Music was provided by the RMSH school choir

and was followed by an invocation given by Mr. Lloyd Thrower. After a welcoming speech by Dr. W. O. Fields, Supt. of the Rocky Mount City Schools, a panel discussed the new organization. Along with Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mrs. Ruth Jones, NCAE President-elect, the members of this panel centered their discussion on an effort to unite all North Carolinians in the teaching profession.

Additionally, the officials of District 12 were elected and the legislative program for the district, which will be presented to the next State legislature, was discussed.

After the general session was over, the teachers met with their departmental divisions in various rooms of the school. Each division discussed matters relevant to the teaching of

their subjects, such as techniques and new supplementary materials. The meeting was adjourned after the divisions concluded their business.

The National Honor Society members at RSHM gave their free time to serve refreshments to all the teachers present, during the meeting. They served free cokes, compliments of the Rocky Mount Coca-Cola Company and sold sandwiches and hot coffee.

Mr. Colombo reported that he was very pleased with the entire program. Many of the out-of-town participants complimented the administration and faculty here on the recent school additions and were especially attracted by the rock garden in the main lobby and by the fine display of bulletin boards in many of the rooms. The first annual meeting of the NCAE was a success for everyone involved.

Switchboard Will Offer Services On Drug Abuse

October 19 a group of interested people met at Lakeside Baptist Church to discuss a new approach to the drug problem. The group consisted of local youth, interested adults, and the co-ordinators of the project. The project is called "Switchboard" and offers information to the public on drug use and abuse.

The program began in Chapel Hill about a year ago. Because of the success of the initial Chapel Hill project, a second "Switchboard" was founded to handle the growing number of people who need Switchboard's services.

"Switchboard" is a telephone-based project where a person may call and ask questions about drugs. The project will also handle "bummers" and cases dealing with overdoses. Persons will also offer information on any specific

drugs, such as its effects, side effects, and any possible impurity in the drug. The "Switchboard" project does not attempt to make any moral or religious decisions on drug use. It merely attempts to offer psychological or medical assistance to those needing it. "Switchboard" will be concerned primarily with the drug situation, but can also offer assistance by referring your problem to someone who can help.

The project's co-ordinator is Bryan Tuttle, a 1967 graduate of RSHM. Mr. Tuttle began the program about a month ago with the help of Mr. Eddie Baysden who has since left Rocky Mount to serve in the U. S. Army.

The GRYPHON wishes luck to "Switchboard" in its efforts, and encourages all RSHM students to support the program.

The main business of the meeting was the merger of these two organizations and the adoption of the Constitution.

RSHM delegates to the meeting included Roland Valentine, Rahn Barnes, Betsy Strandberg, and Lynn Carter. Roland led a discussion group on the role of the Student Council adviser. Betsy led a discussion group on the responsibilities of Student Council members. Mr. John Woollen, history teacher, accompanied the group.

Details of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the GRYPHON.

Fifteen Seniors Competing For Morehead Scholarship

Fifteen senior boys from RSHM, nominated for the coveted John Motley Morehead Awards for study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are David Dresser, Dennis Pittman, Martin Strickland, Alonzo Hines, Julian Griffin, Greg Fields, Edwin Williamson, Andy Dorr, Lee Vester, Tim Brinn, Bill McCullen, David Cordts, Mike Marshall, Bill Daughridge, and Pete Thompson.

Requirements

Each eligible school selects boys with selections based on requirements made by Mr. Morehead when the awards were first created. These qualities include evidence of moral force of character and of capacities to lead and to take interest in schoolmates, scholastic abilities, and extra curricular attainments and physical vigor as shown by participation in competitive sports.

Interviews

The fifteen nominees mentioned above will be interviewed separately by the Nash County

Selection Committee. The boys considered qualified will then go before the District Committee in Williamston. If any of the boys should be recommended by the District Committee, they will be interviewed by the General Selection Committee in Chapel Hill. The Central Committee will recommend candidates to the Board of Trustees of the Morehead Foundations. Selections made by the Board of Trustees will be final.

Grants

In addition to the honor of being a Morehead Scholar, the award is accompanied by a grant to finance the recipient's undergraduate study at the University. The grants are awarded for one year, but may be renewed annually if the recipient's performance is considered satisfactory. The \$2,100 grant includes, tuition, room, board, laundry, books, student fees, and incidentals.

Congratulations go to all nominees and good luck in your interviews.

Career Day Aids Youth In Preparing For Future

Wednesday, October 28, the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce along with the Guidance Department of RSHM sponsored a Career Opportunities Conference for Rocky Mount high school students, with the theme being: "It's Your Future-Prepare For It."

The program got underway with an assembly in the gym, with Mr. Weddie H. Huffman, director of industrial relations for Burlington Industries, giving the keynote address. Mr. Huffman has had various assignments with Burlington since 1950. He is presently located in Greensboro, at his company's corporate office. Before joining Burlington he was a teacher and a coach.

Following the assembly, students were put in direct contact with approximately ninety leaders from businesses and industrial occupations in various fields. Each pupil visited three consultants to learn of skills and training he needs, to find out about the future job market, the income, and the po-

tential advantages and disadvantages of its occupations. These sessions also helped a student explore the vocational area for which he has aptitude and interest in.

The purpose for the Career Opportunities Conference was an effort by the local Chamber of Commerce to provide a broader vocational opportunity and understanding for local youth. The conferences also were designed to give young people the practical business viewpoint on employment conditions and job opportunities in this area. They also assisted our guidance counselors in helping students select courses that may be required for jobs or future training they plan to pursue. In addition, the conferences emphasized the need for a well-rounded education and the long range value of getting as much education as possible.

Some of the vocational representatives had displays in Tarrytown Mall from Wednesday until Saturday depicting Vocational Guidance Week.



Mr. Foy Pullen talks to interested students on being a professional pilot during Career Day.