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Dr. Benjamin F. Currin, our new Superintendent, already busy with his new job.

Dr. Currin Assumes Position With RM City School System

Dr. Benjamin F. Currin, previously an associate superintendent of the Halifax County School System, replaced Dr. W. O. Fields as superintendent of the Rocky Mount School System November 1.

Dr. Fields, who announced his resignation in September to go into effect November 1, accepted an offer of the State Department of Public Instruction concerning education.

After Dr. Currin was highly recommended by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the School of Public Education of the University of North Carolina, a special committee, under Dr. Harry Fish,

advised the Rocky Mount School Board to choose Dr. Currin as the replacement for Dr. Fields. Dr. Currin was selected to this position by a unanimous vote Tuesday, October 6.

Along with his strong qualifications, Dr. Currin will be able to understand the Rocky Mount School System, since his background in education has been acquired here in Eastern North Carolina.

For the last six years, Dr. Currin has been the associate superintendent of the Halifax County School System.

After graduating from Oxford High School in Granville

County, North Carolina, Dr. Currin attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There he worked toward his bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees in education.

Prior to his job with the Halifax County School System, Dr. Currin taught at a junior high in Durham County. He also was the principal of elementary schools in both Wayne County and Thomasville.

Having previously served as president of the Halifax County unit of the North Carolina Educational Association, Dr. Currin is currently the president of District 12 of the NCEA's Division of Superintendents.

Dr. Currin, a Methodist, is a former member of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club and until recently has been the director of the Roanoke Rapids United Fund.

He is married to the former Betsy Bullock of Oxford, North Carolina. They have two sons, Ben Jr., 12, and George, 9.

Presently living in Roanoke Rapids, Dr. Currin and his family hope to move to Rocky Mount during the Thanksgiving holidays. They plan to reside at the Heritage Hills Apartments on Sunset Avenue.

Although Dr. Currin has not yet joined any clubs or organizations in Rocky Mount, he has been visiting various civic clubs throughout the community.

On behalf of RMSH, The GRYPHON staff wishes to extend its welcome to Dr. Currin, and wish him a long and prosperous career as the Superintendent of the Rocky Mount

Seniors Decide To Adopt Needy Appalachian Child

Seniors recently decided to discontinue supporting the Filipino child because they felt that needy children in the United States should be taken care of first.

Lee Snitzer suggested that the senior class adopt a needy American child. After his suggestion, a vote was taken. The first ballot consisted of three choices, an American Indian, an Appalachian, and the Filipino. Another ballot was prepared for a run off between the Appalachian child and the Filipino. The Appalachian child won with a clear majority.

A committee was elected to investigate procedures for adopting the Appalachian child. Bill Young was chosen as correspondent between the adopting agency.

Since 1953 every Senior class has adopted a foreign child through Foster Parents Plan Incorporated in New York City.

Eduardo Carpio, who is twelve years old, was adopted by the two previous Senior classes. He has written every month since his adoption two years ago. His parents are unable to take care of him properly.

Food and clothing were provided for him with the \$181.00. Since he received proper food and clothing he could attend school.

Two service clubs, the Booster and Good Sports Clubs, have voted to contribute money to support Eduardo for another year. One club has rejected the proposal and three are undecided.

A group of Senior girls and a teacher have agreed to contribute money if there is a deficit.

Children Incorporated in Richmond, Virginia is the agency through which the Appalachian child will be sponsored. According to this agency \$144.00 a year will provide a needy child with the necessities of life.

Bill Young, the correspondent, asked the agency to send a critical case. He said "The Appalachian situation is bad.

I've talked to people who were there last summer and they said that it is unreal... The welfare system is inefficient and apparently can't meet the needs of the area. For that reason, I think that we are justified in taking care of our immediate needs before the needs of foreign people."

Two Seniors Add Honor To RMSH DECA Club

Members of the RMSH Distributive Education Club traveled to Durham High School to compete in the District Competition. Two members of the club won honors for the DECA Club. Grey Burgess, a senior and the daughter of Mrs. Maxine Burgess, won third place in the Miss DECA contest.

Dennis Eatman, also a senior, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Eatman, won first place in the Job Interview Division. Later this year, he will compete for state honors. Grey works after school for a local drug firm. Dennis works for a car rental agency. Congratulations to two well deserving seniors.

RMSH Delegates Attend Convention In Asheville

Asheville High School was the scene of the annual North Carolina Student Council Congress Convention which four RMSH students and one faculty advisor attended November 1-3.

Roland Valentine, Betsy Strandberg, Rahn Barnes, Lynn Carter, and Mr. John Woollen, as their faculty advisor, left early Sunday morning to attend the convention.

Upon reaching Asheville High, the delegates were registered and briefed on the information they would need to know for the next two and one-half days. After being situated for the night in homes of Asheville High parents, the delegates began to work.

The main purpose of the convention was to merge the N. C. S. C. C. with the North Carolina Association of Student Councils into the North Carolina Association of Student Councils. This task was to be fulfilled by the ratification of a constitution by both groups while they were in Asheville. Eventually, the constitution was accepted and the merger, for the time being, completed.

While at the convention, the

delegates were entertained by students from Asheville. During portions of the day, the delegates attended discussion groups, two of which were led by our own Betsy Strandberg and Roland Valentine. The groups covered a variety of subjects including human relations and inter-school activities.

Another main portion of the convention was the election of new officers. RMSH was represented in the elections by Rahn Barnes who ran for first Vice-President, but who, unfortunately for the new N.C.A.S.C., did not win. Last year's N.C. S.C.C. President, Don Hughston, a junior from Charlotte, was elected president of the N. C.A.S.C. in these same elections.

N. H. S. Chapter Taps Twenty Senior Members

The Wita A. Bond Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted twenty seniors from RMSH, in an assembly held in the school auditorium, Wednesday 11.

The ceremony was opened with Marian Davis giving the devotion and Kathy Wright singing "Walk Humbly With Thy God" accompanied on the piano by Sara West. Bill McCullen, president of the Honor Society, greeted the guests and gave the torchlight speech. Gay Wilgus, Alfreda Hines, Bill Daughtridge, and James Hargrove read poems on the subjects of scholarship, leadership, character, and service which is the foundation of the National Honor Society. Short talks were then given on each of these fundamentals.

Members were chosen for their ability shown in the following four qualifications. The students must maintain a high scholastic average, render service to the school, display unquestionable character, and outstanding leadership qualities.

Members were inducted by the lighting of the candles from the torch. They were Joy Bass, Amanda Brantley, Tim Brinn, Phyllis Bryan, Cathy Bullard, Donna Cedarberg, Donna Davidson, Andy Dorr, Ginny Goff, David Hodges, Karen Johnson, Janice Joyner, Patricia McBride, Tony Miller, Dennis Pittman, Sterling Saunders, Pete Thompson, Thurman Tyson, Lee Vester, and Margo Wiley.

Bill McCullen, President, administered the oath of membership. Principal Vincent Colombo gave his congratulations to the new members and adjourned the assembly.

Following the ceremony, a tea was given in the cafeteria for the old and new members of the society. Parents and guests of the members were invited to attend. Parents of the members who assisted in the tea were Mrs. S. L. Blaylock, Mrs. J. R. Bourne, Mrs. T. C. Cobb, Mrs. R. J. Sherdian, Mrs. H. H. Strandberg, and advisors Mrs. R. K. Hardy and Mrs. M. S. Hayworth.



The new National Honor Society Students are first row, left to right, Karen Johnson, Cathy Bullard, Janice Joyner, Ginny Goff, Margo Wiley, and Sterling Saunders. Second row, Pete Thompson, Joy Bass, Donna Davidson, Amanda Brantley, Donna Cedarberg, Patty McBride, and Phyllis Bryan. Third row, Tim Brinn, Andy Dorr, Thurman Tyson, David Hodges, Troy Miller, Lee Vester, and Dennis Pittman.