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Left to right: Barbara Wheeler, 1st place, Public Speaking; Allen Rhodes, 1st place, Sales Demonstration, Dennis Eatman, 2nd place DE Student of the Year (Boy); Deborah Breedlove, 2nd place DE Student of the Year (Girl).

## DECA Club Claims Four Winners In District Contest

Rocky Mount was host to the District 3-B of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, Wednesday, February 17. Ten schools had representatives for the afternoon and night sessions in which contests were conducted in five areas.

Distributive Education students from area schools represented participated in Advertising, Creative Marketing, Public Speaking, Sales Demonstration, and Student of the Year Contests.

The awards were made by V. B. Hairr, Administrator of Occupational Programs for the State Department of Public Instruction. He commended the work of the Distributive Education clubs.

Buck Luper of Northern Nash

won first place in the Advertising contest, and Eddie Wright, also of Northern Nash, was awarded first place in the Creative Marketing division. Barbara Wheeler of RMSH took first place honors in the public speaking contest with a talk on automation. Allen Rhodes of RMSH won first place in the Sales Demonstration contest.

Sue Johnson and James Harding of Roanoke Rapids won the Student of the Year awards. Deborah Breedlove and Dennis Eatman of RMSH placed second in the Student of the Year award.

Winners on the District level are qualified to participate in the State Meeting to be held in Charlotte during the spring.

Schools represented included Tarboro High School, Bunn High School, Roanoke Rapids Junior and Senior High Schools, Weldon High, Smithfield-Selma Senior, South Johnston High School, Northern and Southern Nash, Fike High School, and Rocky Mount Senior School.

## Barbara Parrish Selected For Homemaking Award

Barbara Parrish, a senior, has been selected Rocky Mount Senior High School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Barbara was chosen on the basis of her performance in a written knowledge and attitude examination on December 1. She will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program, and is now eligible for state and national honors. These honors include 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

The national first place winner will receive a \$5,000 educational grant. She will be chosen this spring from 51 Homemakers of Tomorrow representing each state and the

District of Columbia. These 51 homemakers will have an all expense - paid educational tour of Washington, D. C., and Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Betty Crocker Search of the Homemaker of Tomorrow is the only national scholarship program in Homemaking exclusively for high school seniors. Begun by General Mills in the 1954-1955 school year, it emphasizes the importance of homemaking as a career. Including 1971, it will have awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships during its 17 year history. This year's enrollment 650,000 senior girls brings total participation since the start of the program to almost seven and three-quarters million.

## Trip To France Planned By Teacher And Students

Mrs. Ann Williamson, a French teacher at RMSH, will be the leader of a group comprised of herself and fourteen students, which will tour and study in France this summer.

Sponsored by the American Institute Foreign Study (AIFS), the students making up the local group are: Betsy Strandburg, Florence Jeffries, Gay Wilgus, Janet Fish, Margo Wiley, Kim Smith, Betty Jo Shirley, Ann Duke Williamson, Nan Brantley, Greg Ohree, Andy Dorr, Margaret Sheridan, Ann Williford, and Albert Hedgepeth.

The group, led by Mrs. Williamson, will leave the United States from Kennedy Airport Friday, June 25. They will spend the period from June 25 to July 3 traveling and sightseeing in London and in Paris. The summer school session will then start, on July 3.

The AIFS students will take an intensive course in the French language and civilization, on one of three levels-

beginner, intermediate, or advanced. This summer school will be held in Vichy, France, at the Institute Cultural International de Vichy. The students will have sixty hours of class time, total, in about twenty days. During their summer session, they will be lodged in student dormitories.

While at Vichy, the AIFS students will also be involved in extracurricular activities. Sports facilities will include tennis, swimming, bicycling, rowing, and sailing. There will also be a short course offered in French cuisine for interested students.

Speaking of the trip, Mrs. Williamson commented, "I think this will be a broadening experience for these young people, and it will give them a fresh perspective. The value of studying with native French teachers will be a great advantage.

## Kathy Wright Named Finalist For Reynolds Scholarship

Kathy Wright, a senior at RMSH, has been selected as one of Nash County's nominees for the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship for study at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Kathy is among more than 200 nominees that were interviewed this month by alumnae committees.

Twelve scholarships are awarded to each freshman class. The awards are valued at \$1,600 and cover room, board, tuition, fees, books, and expenses. They are renewable for the four years of study.

The selection of finalists was delegated to the Alumni Association of UNC-G by the Reynolds Foundation when the pro-

gram was first started in 1962.

The Reynolds Scholarship were established by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in memory of Mrs. Katherine Smith Reynolds, a UNC-G alumna, wife of the founder of Reynolds Tobacco Company, and mother of the late R. J. Reynolds, Jr.

Kathy is presently serving as the Secretary of the Student Organization. She is also a member of the Masquers, an honorary dramatics club, and the National Honor Society. Kathy is a member of the Service Club and was a delegate to Governor's School last summer in Winston Salem. There she studied choral music for seven weeks. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Wright.

## VICA Student Wins Contest

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) held their second annual regional meeting recently at Oxford.

Brent James, a senior at Rocky Mount Senior High School and President of the VICA club, placed second in a contest on domestic affairs with a speech on The Apollo Missions of the United States.

The purpose of the meeting was to give aid to students in developing leadership qualities. Contests were conducted in job interviews, safety, public speaking, domestic affairs, and occupational notebooks.

Trophies were awarded to the winners at the conclusion of the session.

## R. M. Boys Club Presents Mel And Tim At RMSH

The Boys Club of Rocky Mount along with a local disc jockey presented the nationally known Mel and Tim at Rocky Mount Senior High School Auditorium, Monday, March 1. This program was one of a series of projects planned to secure funds to carry out the program of the Boys Club. This club is a non-profit organization which is financed only through donations and projects sponsored by the club. Mr. Robert Sharpe, Director of the local Boys Club, stated that he hoped to purchase the building that the club is now renting. His biggest dream is to build four Boys Clubs in Rocky Mount.

The local club is a part of

the National Organization of the Boys Club of America. There are 400 members here but the club has served more than 5,000 boys during the past year.

The club is geared to fight juvenile delinquency and takes educational trips, including one to the U.S.S. North Carolina and The Azalea Gardens in Wilmington. The boys also go fishing, camping, and also have a basketball and softball team.

National Boys Club Week is March 28-April 3. The theme for this week is "Good Kids Don't Grow on Trees." The local club will hold a pine tree planting ceremony during the week.