

As the plane taxis down the run-way, the lady peers suspiciously over her glasses. Glancing around nervously, she sees only one whom she recognizes. After the plane is airborne, she relaxes noticeably. Her "mission" has begun.

Don't get your hopes up. She's not a foreign agent on assignment to destroy a continent. She's not even a hi-jacker. She's just Mrs. Christine W. Tripp, science teacher at RMSH, on her way to Europe for a fantastic vacation!

Europe is completely unique in itself. Mrs. Tripp discovered that for herself this past summer when she was "hanging loose" on the huge continent. Although not alone, she didn't go with a large of people. (She traveled with a friend.) One of the first things that impressed her was the people of the European countries. They aren't much different from Americans, she found. If she had been able to communicate with them, they probably wouldn't have seemed any different

at all. On the whole, the natives treated her warmly and were helpful in any way they could be.

Some of the highlights of her "excursion into the world beyond" were things we learn about in such 'exhilerating' subjects as history, geography, Spanish and French.

Palaces, palaces! As children, we dreamed of living in palaces. Mrs. Tripp has come closer to that than most of us have ever been. Her claim is two palaces! The first, and most famous of which is the Palace of Versailles. As we know from our history texts, this is in Versailles, France. The Hall of Mirrors and the Gardens were the main points of interest here.

In England, she visited the home of one of our favorite authors. Stratford, England is the home of Shakespeare.

She's back now, teaching as hard as ever. "But," she says, "The travel bug has bitten me." Which means she'll probably go again



Former Associate Principal Forsees Active Retirement

To most people retirement means stopping all activities and sitting in a rocking chair, but to Mr. R. D. Armstrong, former Associate Principal, it means continuous involvement.

Before the past school year ended many students assumed that Mr. Armstrong would return to RMSH's staff; however, it was learned that he retired. Mr. Armstrong did not resume his duties at the advice of his doctors at Duke and in Rocky Mount.

Although he is formally retired, Mr. Armstrong does not plan to remain idle. He plans to become more active in civic organizations, write for the Evening Telegram, and work as a member of the Trustee Board of Edgecombe Tech.

Because of the length of time he has worked with students Mr. Armstrong misses his job. Only time will cure his nostalgia for school.

Mr. Armstrong worked in primary and secondary schools. Probably his most memorable moments of his career were during the expanding of the former Booker T. Washington Senior High's curriculum.

Although Mr. Armstrong is not formally connected with RMSH he offered his statement, "In my opinion we are facing one of the most revolutionary periods of education that we have ever had. If we expect to come through and keep quality education we must throw aside a lot of things that we are doing and put ourselves to the wheel and go to work. As we face this crisis we have got to think of getting a good education instead of the color of skin,"



THESE STUDENTS review materials from summer drug workshops. From left to right; Nancy Reirson, David Edwards, Rubie Gibson, and Mary Barr. Absent from picture, Bill Strandberg.

RMSH Students Journey To State Drug Workshops

ZZZZ . . . ZZZZ . . . Wake up! . . . What? . . . Time to go . . . Where? To drug workshops that's where!

While most students enjoyed sleeping late on the first days of summer vacation, three teams of RMSH students forfeited their sleep to attend drug workshops.

These workshops which were sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, were aimed at educating school officials and community members on ways of handling the drug problem.

Three workshops were held. The first one was at East Carolina University, Greenville. David Edwards and Mary Barr, accompanied by Mrs. Katherine Collins and Mrs. Noel Moore represented the high school students' aid to younger students in the fight against drugs. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro hosted the second workshop which Bill Strandberg and Nancy Reierson, accompanied by Mr. John Woollen, attended. Rubie Gibson and Mary Barr attended the final workshop at the University of North Carolina at Ashville with Mr. John Woollen.

Other counties and school systems presented various programs. Changes in drug laws, community organization for drug abuse programs, and drug education were presented by representatives from the fields.

All of the time was not devoted to drugs. Several breaks allowed the RMSH students to mingle with the participants and discuss views. A principal and teachers approached the students to congratulate them on their presentations and ask questions.

The teams from RMSH were enlightened by the workshops and plan to use their information to aid others.



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