



Pictured above is Chris Perryman, who recently won first place in the Northeastern Division American Legion Oratorical Contest in Louisburg.

Perryman Wins Highest Honors At District Level

Christopher A. Perryman, a junior of Rocky Mount Senior High School, recently won first place in the Northeastern Division American Legion Oratorical Contest in Louisburg.

Third Place In Ashboro

Perryman advanced to the State Oratorical Contest which was held in Asheboro, and received a third-place rating on the state level.

His first speech was made concerning the United States Constitution. He was awarded a gold medal and a \$50 savings bond from the American Legion for his winning performance.

For his participation on the state level in Asheboro Perryman received another gold medal.

Receives Check

At the 53rd anniversary dinner of the Rocky Mount American Legion post this week, Perryman represented a gift of \$25 for his performance in the oratorical contest.

Perryman's training in public speaking developed through a Public Speaking class, instructed by Mrs. Ruby Sharpe, at Rocky Mount Senior High.

Players Capture Awards At District Drama Festival

The RMSH Edsonians, directed by Mr. William Rawls, competed in a district drama festival held at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City on March 25 and won seven top awards.

There were five district festivals held by the Carolina Dramatic Association sponsored by the Carolina Playmakers. Any play receiving a top award was invited to attend the state festival in Chapel Hill.

In their session RMSH students received seven out of nine awards. They received one award in theatre arts, two awards in play production, and four acting awards.

"Fables for Fun," consisting of three short fables: The Brentown Musicians, Henny Penny, and the Fisherman and His Wife, received a distinguished award in play production. Only plays receiving a distinguished award are invited to state competition in Chapel Hill.

This play also received an award in theatre arts for outstanding costumes. Also, for the same play, three members of the cast received acting awards. These students were Connie Maxwell for her portrayal of Goosie Poosie, and the fisherman's wife, Richard Newman for his portrayal of the ass, the fox and the fisherman, and Bill Searcy for his portrayal of the duck, the Cat, and the fish.

All other members of the cast, Sam Carico, Pam Watson, Steve Parker, and Amy Maxwell, received praise from the judges.

"No Snakes in This Grass" was the second production by RMSH students. This play also received a distinguished award in play production. The cast consisted of Gwen Sanders, Keith Thompson, and Richard Newman. Richard received his second "outstanding actor" award for his performance as Adam.



The members of the Edsonians who recently won awards at the district drama festival are Bill Searcy, Connie Maxwell, and Richard Newman.

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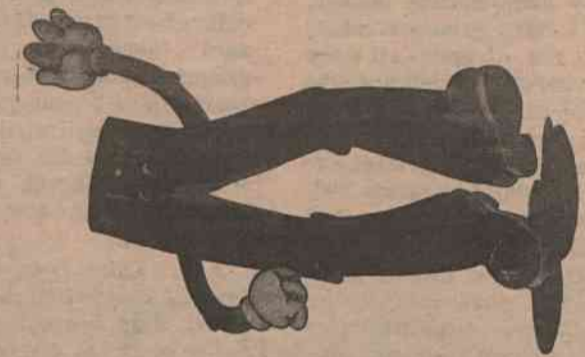
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