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Pictured from left to right are D. E. co-ordinator R. C. Horne; State nominee for National Secretary - Treasurer Lavern Williams; Job Interviewer State Winner Tom Dickens; Sponsor of the Job Interview contest from Snelling and Snelling Don Bobbitt; and D. E. Co-ordinator Geraldine Hargrove.

Winning On Mind Of D. E. As They Attend Convention

Winning was in the minds of the Rocky Mount Distributive Education Club when they at-

Student Chosen District Winner

Pam Watson, a senior at Rocky Mount Senior High was chosen as the district winner of the N. C. Federation of Women's Club.

In this achievement, Pam won a \$25 savings bond. She also won the right to compete statewide. If Pam goes on to be the statewide winner, she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of her choice anywhere in the state of N. C.

Some of Pam's competitors were Deborah Stancell, from RMSH; Katherine McGoughlin, from Tarboro; Charisse Herring, from Selma; and Nancy Thayer, from Smithfield.

There are three different areas which help determine who will be the winner of the award. These areas are academic, financial need, and extra-curricular.

Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson on 1007 Aycock Street. When Pam graduates, she plans to go to law school.

The Gryphon staff would like to congratulate Pam on her success thus far, and wish her the best of luck in the statewide competition.



Pam Watson announced as District winner of N. C. Federation of Women's Club.

tended the 29th annual North Carolina State Distributive Education Clubs of America Convention held in Charlotte, March 9 and 10.

The representatives from the local eighty-three member club were Tom Dickens who competed in the Job Interview Contest, Lavern Williams who ran for State and National Secretary-Treasurer, and also who was one of two students serving on the Convention Registration Committee.

Stephanie Farmer competed in the Public Speaking Contest and also served as an official member on the State Tally Committee, as this was one of her duties as Parliamentarian for District 3B. Evangeline Simmons, a third place winner in the Sales Demonstration Contest on the District Level, also attended the convention. The Club because of its size was eligible to take five voting delegates: Sharon

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Victory Bell

Friday, March 10, the D. E. Club presented a victory bell to be used at such events as pep rallies to Rocky Mount Senior High.

The D. E. Club thanked Steve Evans, a student at Rocky Mount Senior High, for having such a tremendous influence on the project's success.

When the victory bell was presented to the students on that assembly day, the D. E. Club was shown by a big round of applause that the bell was greatly appreciated.

A D. E. member had the opportunity of sounding the bell. The sounds that rang through the gym spelled out the word victory which is the theme of the bell.

After the presentation by the D. E. Club, Rocky Mount Senior High's Dance Band played a number of songs, which were very enjoyable.

The Gryphon Staff would again like to express their congratulations to the D. E. Club for a job well done.

Final Stages Of Reaccreditation With Banquet And Day Of Visitation

RMSH concluded the final stages of its reaccreditation program on February 20-21 with a banquet and a day of visitation.

The whole process of reaccreditation was termed a major success, for the cooperative support and concern by everyone helped exemplify the greatness of our school. Many of the 27 member visiting committee commented not only on our outstanding academic level but also on the warmth and friendliness which prevailed so abundantly in the actions of the body.

During the banquet, a very fine display of student involvement amazed the committee. Home Economics students served hors d'oeuvres preceding the dinner, and then during the dinner a group of students helped serve coffee and a delicious dinner to the guests. Also, student talent was displayed in an improvisational skit "A Fable For Fun" presented by several members of the dramatics department. Miss Alma Murchison's poem "Twas the Day Before Visitation" and also a choral group helped to show to

the committee the pleasant atmosphere which envelops our school.

The day of visitation was organized so that committee members could observe the various RMSH departments at work. The committee members were given a tour of the school during 6th period on the preceding day by student guides, so that during visitation day, committee members could roam through the school at their own pace and at random. Various students were able to talk to committee members in the halls and also in a special assembly to relate their own feelings about the school.

With the reaccreditation process behind us, RMSH may now look to the future and benefit from all the hard work during the reaccreditation process.

RMSH Student Is Crowned, Wins Title Of Miss OIC

The OIC building was the scene of the Miss OIC 1973 pageant, in which one of RMSH students, Carol Reid, was crowned Miss OIC 1973. The master of ceremonies for the pageant was the one and only J. D. Lewis of WRAL-TV, channel 5's Teen-age Frolic.

The participants in the pageant were Vivian Joyce Coleman, graduate of RMSH; Margaret Roberta Farr, Northern Nash Senior High; Evelyn Harper, of RMSH; Joyce Mari Harrison, Southern Nash Senior High; Carol Reid, who was named Miss OIC, of RMSH; Mary Whitaker, 2nd runner up, of RMSH; Mary Harrison, Northern Nash Senior High; Sheila High, 1st runner up, Northern Nash Senior High; Sheila Holmes, graduate of RMSH, Dorothy Knight, Tarboro Senior High; Zelda Dorcelle Mays, Tarboro Senior High; Marlene Detrice Petway, of RMSH; Linda Faye Rick of Northern Nash Senior High; Gwendolyn Saunders, 4th runner up, of RMSH; Sandra Michelle Westry, Northern Nash Senior High; Teresa Claudette Whitfield, of RMSH; Leola Williams, graduate of RMSH; and Cathy Williams, 5th runner up, Northern Nash Senior High.

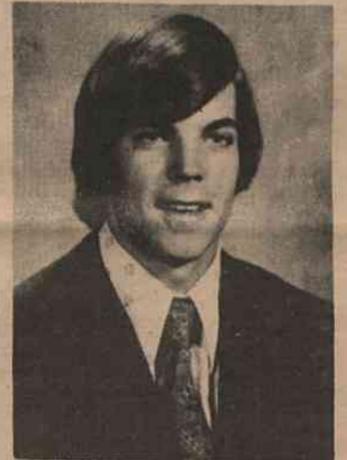
Special guests that were on the pageant program included Miss OIC 1972, Claretta Washington; Miss Black North Carolina, Doneva Chavis; and Miss Rocky Mount, Susan Stroud. The 18 contestants appeared in

swimsuit, talent, and evening gown competition. The nine judges came from all over North Carolina including one from Atlanta, Georgia.

Carol Reid, a senior at RMSH was crowned Miss OIC 1973. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid of 503 Henry Street. She was sponsored by the Elegants Club, an active group of young men in the community. Her talent was singing. Carol's hobbies include knitting and singing. She would like to attend Hampton Institute in Virginia and major in music.

In addition to her trophy and crown, Carol will receive a \$150 scholarship to the school of her choice, a \$25 gift certificate and the right to represent OIC in community affairs.

The 2nd and 4th runners up were also from RMSH. The 2nd runner up, Mary Whitaker is an outstanding senior here at school. Her talent was a presentation of "The Prodigal Son". She was sponsored by the Sigma Gamma Theta Sorority. Mary's hobbies include reading and working with people. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and major in Business Administration. The 4th runner up, Gwen Saunders is a senior at RMSH also. Her talent was a dramatization and she was sponsored by the OIC staff. Gwen's hobbies include drama and music. She plans to attend Winston - Salem State University and major in drama.



John Dinan is winner of Morehead Scholarship.

Student Is Given Honorary Title

John Dinan, the president of the RMSH school student organization, was announced a winner of the Morehead Scholarship, March 8.

The Morehead award is an honorary award accompanied by a grant of money used to finance the recipients' under graduate study at UNC-CH. This grant is at least \$2,250 yearly, and is renewable for four years.

To be eligible for the Morehead award, a student must graduate from one of the schools eligible in the Morehead award competition, which are selected by the trustees of the Morehead Foundation. These young men must also meet the requirements of UNC-CH. They must also be unmarried.

The students must have scholastic ability and extra-curricular assets, as well as a physical vigor, shown by participation in competitive sports or by other ways.

John plans to go into medicine and to play football when he attends UNC-CH.

When asked his reaction to winning the scholarship, John said, "I was shocked!"

Congratulations to you, John, and best of luck at UNC-CH.



Left to right: Miss OIC, Carol Reid and Mary Whitaker, second runner up.