



Preston Jones (42) goes up for a layup as Don Johnston (20) watches in JV action earlier this season.

RMSH Drops Phys Ed Requirement

Physical Education, a course which the Rocky Mount School System now requires its students to take one semester of in the tenth and eleventh grades will not be required next year. Students are now required by state law to take physical education in the ninth grade.

The Rocky Mount School Board, in approving the change, noted that the course will still

be offered as an elective in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. One of the major reasons the course will no longer be required is the general lack of participation and enthusiasm on the part of the students. This results in the refusal of many to dress out for class than resulting in a large number of failures in a class required for graduation.

As the physical education

classes are now, in many cases there is overcrowding of classes. Because of the lack of participation, there is also a discipline problem. Thus the teacher becomes involved in teaching the class as well as supervising the students in the bleachers. This presents a general waste of instructional time.

Perhaps by not requiring physical education, gym class for those who enjoy gym will become more enjoyable.

Typical Season Opener

Gryphons Dump Roanoke Rapids

It was a fairly typical season opener in many ways. The pitchers were not as sharp as they will be later on, the hitters were swinging late, the fielders were a bit shaky, and Larry Daughtridge pitched Rocky Mount to a 4-2 victory over Roanoke Rapids.

The Gryphons struck for three runs in the first inning against Roanoke Rapids lefty Bob Meyer, and added an insurance run in the sixth. The Yellow Jackets picked up single runs in the second and third innings, but Daughtridge hit his stride and set them down on one hit over the last four innings to get Rocky Mount off on the right foot for the coming season.

Phil Ford, Tommy Warrick and Randy Warrick scored RM's first three runs as the Gryphons collected four base hits. Both Daughtridge and Roa-

noke Rapids hurlers Meyer and James Humphries then settled down to some serious hurling. The Gryphons went without a hit for three innings before collecting a run in the sixth while Daughtridge gave up only a bloop single by Jackets reliever Randy Lee in the Seventh Inning.

Track Schedule

March 22 . . . with Goldsboro and Wilson, here; March 29 . . . with Goldsboro and Kinston, here; April 5 . . . with Wilson and New Bern, at Wilson; April 12 . . . with Greenville and Wilson; at Wilson; April 18 . . . with Goldsboro and New Bern, at New Bern; April 27 . . . division meet, at New Bern; May 4 . . . state sectional meet, at Greenville; May 11 . . . regional meet, at Greenville; May 18 . . . state meet, at Raleigh.

**First Union
National
Bank of
Tomorrow**



Editor's Quote Book

"We are here not to get all we can out of life for ourselves, but to try to make the lives of others happier."
—William Osler

CITIZENS SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.

229 SUNSET AVENUE

Dingle's Corral

N. MAIN ST. 446-2528

PNB

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK

Returnees Key Title Hopes As Gryphon Baseball Begins

Well, its spring again and with spring comes the beginning of baseball season. Coach Jerry Carter is practicing diligently with his team and anticipates an outstanding season.

Of the 24 men on the baseball team, 8 of them are returning from last year. These are Sonny Wooten, Hilton Sykes, Tommy Warrick, Phil Ford, Jimmy Lewis, Randy Wunderlich, Larry Daughtridge. Coach Carter feels that he has a nucleus for a fine team in these men. Last year, the baseball team finished with an overall 15-6 record and were co-division champs.

Coach Carter stated "We'll probably be the favorites in our division." He also feels that other coaches will pick RMSH as favorites. One of this year's strong points will be his pitching staff. He also feels the team defense should be good and that he looks for improved hitting from last year.

As for the other teams in the division Coach Carter feels that Greenville, Wilson, and

Goldsboro will be our biggest threats. He also thinks that Kinston and New Bern will have improved teams.

Even though the Gryphons have a great team this year, they still need your support. So let's get out and go to the baseball games!

Guardian Corporation

SUNSET AVENUE WEST-POST OFFICE BOX 4305
ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA 27801-919-443-4101



Located At Quality Motel Hal Orr's

Thorpe Music Co., Inc.

All The Newest Juke Box Hit Records

Located Behind The Telephone Co.

**QUALITY
PORTRAITS**
Call 446-5738

For Appointment
BARRINGER'S
129 Western Ave.

Burnett Drug Company

160 EAST THOMAS STREET

BRASWELL'S SPORT SHOP

Telephone Gibson 6-4611

FOR SPORTING AND OTHER GOODS

137 Nash Street