



Have A Merry, Merry Christmas

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New NHS members are left to right: (top row) Wade Allen, Theresa Holland, Jamie Council, Bill Mebane, Lee Blackmon, Howard Weeks, Kathy Bennett, (bottom row) Melissa Bennett, Veronica Nelson, Ginny Bass, Jo Anne Boykin, Kitty McGee, and Cheryl Greeson.

(Photo by Killebrew)

Student's Ideas And Suggestions Expressed During SRA Session

The sixth meeting of the Student Representative Assembly met Tuesday, November 27, during the second period in the auditorium to show what representing is all about.

The meeting was called to order and the roll and minutes were read. Pat Watson, chairman of the Elections Committee, reported on the tentative dates for the second semester class officers. Nominations should be turned in by December 14, and campaigning will take place Jan. 3-4, with speeches on Tues., January 7, and voting on January 8.

President Bill Roebuck then discussed the possibility of having the president of RMSH serve as ex-officio member of the City School Board. The assembly agreed that the idea would be beneficial to the student body. The options of having constitutions included in the Gryphon Brieffolios for next year was also discussed. It was decided that next year students who wished to have a copy of the constitution could get one, but they would be optional and not be given out.

SMOKING IN COMMONS

The next order of business was the discussion of new business begun by Senior representative, Rob Shields. Rob's homeroom thought that one should be able to smoke in the commons even on nice days. After Tony Brabham commented on the fact that consideration must be given to nonsmokers as well, a motion was made to request that smoking be allowed everyday in the commons area and seconded. The motion was then voted on and defeated by

the assembly.

NO DETENTION?

Rob's next idea was to suspend the use of detention hall for two weeks on a trial bases. Many representatives stated that the disciplinary system at RMSH should be looked into. Tony Barbham was appointed chairman. This committee would be in charge of finding new ways and methods of discipline and to evaluate the old ways. Rob then made the motion to close the detention hall and it was seconded. An amendment was then brought up to add to the motion, that after two days the system did not seem to work, it could be stopped. This amendment was voted on and carried. The motion to request that detention hall be suspended for two weeks was voted on and carried.

Ruth Dixon, a Junior Representative, requested that twenty of the senior parking places be painted back white as many of the seniors weren't using them. Bryant Aldridge volunteered to take a survey on the parking lot to see what could be done. A motion was made that after the survey was taken and showed that Seniors weren't using all the places, that twenty places would be painted white. It was seconded, voted on, and carried.

Paula Murrill then asked all representatives to send back the slips explaining their absence from the meetings. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the beginning of third period. This meeting was quite successful, in that the representatives did exactly what their job is; to

represent. Opinions were expressed openly and honestly and motions were voted on democratically. The SRA is really on the ball.

EXAM SCHEDULE
Monday, January 15
Tuesday, January 16
Wednesday, January 17

January 18 & 19 are
school holidays

Rocky Mount Optimist Club Selects Senior and Junior as Typical Youths

Marvin Dancy and Jamie Council have been selected by the Optimist Club as this year's Typical Youth for their outstanding contributions to our school.

Jamie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Council and the late Mr. J. C. Council of 1334 Planters St. As Ad Manager of the Hi-Noc-Ar and a member of the President's

Cabinet and chairman of the Social Committee, Jamie is involved in much school activity. She just recently has been tapped into the NHS. Jamie spends much time out of school working with her church. She is pianist at her church and Director of the Now Generation Singers.

Chosen as a Typical Youth when a Junior is a special honor and Marvin is certainly deserving of this honor. Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dancy of 1412 C. Avenue. Marvin does his best in every field he applies himself and he sets an example to all students at Senior High. Marvin loves all sports and is a fine player on our football team. He is high standing academically and is a SRA representative from his homeroom. As a member of the Elegants, Marvin does manage to squeeze in social life.

The Journalism class wishes to congratulate Marvin and Jamie for being chosen as this year's Typical Youths.



Pictured above are Jamie Council and Marvin Dancy.

(Photo by Killebrew)

Nation Is Affected By Energy Shortage

By Terre Kilpatrick

Our Nation is undergoing an Energy Crisis due to the increasing demand for gas, fuel, and other energy sources. The shortage affects the individual businessman, the corporation, and the family.

Mr. Johnston, of Johnston's BP Service Station on Fairview Road and Eastern Avenue, commented on the situation: "I can set no limit of gas purchase to customers because the individual businessman seldom knows how much his gas delivery will be, but I plan to place a limit by Christmas. The Energy and Gas Shortage does affect me - it cuts out my money! And it will get worse before it is over!"

Toby of Toby's Fairview Road and Tarboro Street Shell Station expressed his situation: "In November, I received 15,000 gallons of gas, and I had no gas for the last week of the month. At the first of December, the company gave me notice that I was to receive 17,000 gallons, and soon afterwards, I received it. The individual businessman has no warning as to how much gas will come and when it will arrive, however, this doesn't seem to affect my other business. Right now, my gasoline business is on a first-come-first-serve basis!"

The family is affected by having to cut down on outside trips and indoor expenditures. Time-saving tips on such things as errands, paper routes, and visits by car should be cited and practiced to save on gas. Facing similar

problems; the home and the school must cut down on electricity and heat. Most homes and classrooms are heated to 68 degrees F., to reserve power. The recent issue of "Let's Get Together" (bulletin of Rocky Mount City Schools) was dedicated to the Energy Crisis and noted some very observant aspects projected for the future.

So, people, we need to conserve! Or by 1984 - we might be gone.

Christmas Candlelight Service Held

The Service Club sponsored the Christmas Candlelight Service held at First Baptist Church Wednesday, December 19, at 7 o'clock.

The program began with the prelude, then an oral presentation was given by ten Service Club members. The presentation was followed by a solo by Grace Dortch and a prayer by Phyllis Goffney. An explanation of the candlelight service was given by Randy Perry. Then everyone gathered outside the church in a circle and sang "Silent Night." After this portion of the ceremony, Randy Perry gave the benediction. The music was provided by Myra Fisher and Steve Braswell. The entire program was performed by candlelight.