



## Kudos Is Kickin'

On November 26, the KUDOS Club, sponsored by Mrs. Jo Anne Poole, presented a Thanksgiving assembly in the gym.

During the assembly the Thanksgiving Basket Awards were presented. First prize went to Homeroom 204. They received a gold plaque. Second and third trophy winners were the Good Sports club and the Health Occupations II students.

RMSH's choir, directed by Larry Gupton, performed

holiday numbers. The KUDOS club performed a Thanksgiving Day skit.

All Thanksgiving Baskets were pooled together after the assembly and redistributed according to need to families picked by the Social Service Administration of Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Poole said after the goods were accounted for, "We have enough can goods and dry goods to go to 14 Rocky Mount families.

## Funds Rolling In?

The RMSH Marching Band is continuing to make plans for the Mardi Gras to be held February 4-9. The band's funds, at the present time depend entirely upon donations from various organizations, businesses, and individuals. Mr. Sykes feels that all RMSH students should

realize that donors are not only supporting the school band, but that they are also supporting the entire teenage population of Rocky Mount.

The Bonanza Steakhouse raised approximately \$890 for the band in November and, as of the Thanksgiving holidays, the largest single sum, \$1,000 was donated by the Evening Optimist Club. Some of the other donors were People's Bank, The Rocky Mount Civitan Club, The Business and Professional Women's Club, Nash Brick Company, and North Star Motor Lines.

Due to these and other sources including many students, such as those members of the T.A.C. Club and individuals such as Dr. John D. Hartness, the band has, at this time, raised around \$9,000. Its goal for the trip is \$19,000! The band asks for support in their project.

## Right To Life

By Terri Kilpatrick

The question of abortion is a basic human question that concerns the entire civilized society in which we live. It is not just a Catholic, or Protestant, or Jewish issue. It is a question of who lives or dies.

Do not confuse abortion with birth control. Birth control speaks of preventing new life from beginning. Abortion kills the new life that has already begun.

In the United States, abortions are permitted up to nine months. During the first six months, abortions are allowed for any reason. Between the sixth and ninth months, abortions are permitted for health reasons — physical or mental. Over 90% of legal abortions are done for the "mental health" of the mother. Medical opinion is deeply divided as to whether psychiatric reasons even justify an abortion. "There are no unequivocal psychiatric indications for abortion." (Dr. Sloan, Temple University.)

Pro-life materials written by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilke can be obtained from Hiltz & Hayes Publishing Co., Inc., 6304 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

# YES Spells Concern

"'Helping the handicapped help themselves' is a statement I hear quite a lot. Often it is said by a voice emotionally empty and therefore it is insincerely implied."

This is the feeling of Brooks Skinner, President of the Rocky Mount Chapter of Youth for Easter Seals. However, he also quickly pointed out that the Rocky Mount Y.E.S. group is

one of the most devoted chapters in North Carolina. This is quite evident because this past year Rocky Mount Y.E.S. was awarded the honor of being the "Outstanding Volunteer Organization of the Year." Brooks stated, "The reason that this is so precious to our group is two-fold. Firstly, we had the joy of fulfilling a task that was truly useful.

Secondly, our Rocky Mount Chapter is the only high school age Chapter in North Carolina. The others usually consist of College students."

Youth for Easter Seals make such fund raising events as the annual See-Saw Marathon very profitable and obviously have fun doing it. The money raised from these activities goes to the Pine Valley Chapter of the North Carolina Easter Seals Society. Over eighty percent of this money is used directly for services and research relating to the aid of the handicapped. The remaining money is used for administration.

During the weekend of November 23 and 24, the Rocky Mount Y.E.S. took a group of handicapped children to Camp Easter in the Pines, N.C. The group had a wonderful time and really learned what a rewarding experience it is to help people.

The Rocky Mount Youth for Easter Seals Chapter is always looking for more members. Students interested in the group can contact any member or officer, and receive a more prospective viewpoint.

## The "Dedication"

While Christians everywhere prepare to celebrate the birth of their religion's central figure, members of an older faith observe the ancient celebration of Hanukkah, or Feast of Lights. Hanukkah begins on the twenty-fifth day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, which is usually at the same time of year as December. This year the celebration is December 9-17.

The festival of Hanukkah commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty led

by the high priest Mattathias and later by his son, the brave Judas Maccabeus against the Syrian oppressors, in the year 165 before the common era. The struggle culminated in a great victory for the Jews which ended in the recapture of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was cleansed and rededicated to the service of God. The lights were rekindled in the Sanctuary. The festival is known in the Hebrew as "Hanukkah" which means "Dedication." It is also known in the Hebrew as "The Feast of Lights" because the Hanukkah candles are lighted each night for a period of eight nights in commemoration of this Feast of Rededication.

The candles are kindled in commemoration of the miracle which, according to tradition, occurred when the Maccabees rededicated the Temple.

After cleansing the Temple

and removing all of the idolatrous objects that had been used by the Syrians, one unpolluted cruse of oil was found in the Temple, just enough oil to burn for one day. Yet, miraculously the oil burned for eight days. The miracle of the cruse of oil symbolizes the miracle of the survival of the Jewish people and Judaism through the ages.

During the eight days of Hanakkuh, gifts are exchanged, and poor people are remembered. Every night for eight nights one candle is lighted on a menorah, which is a candlabra. There are eight lighted candles on the last evening.

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