



PETERSON AND POLLARD WIN: Drew Peterson and Toretta Pollard both win in the Breakfast Optimist Oratorical contest. [Photo by Bulluck]

Peterson And Pollard Win Breakfast Optimist Contest

"Together we will" was the title of this year's Breakfast Optimist Oratorical contest. Two of Senior High's students, Drew Peterson and Toretta Pollard, have both won the first place honor.

Toretta and Drew have both won a trophy, \$200 savings bonds, and a chance to win the district contest in Greenville.

Mr. Norman Chambliss III coached the contestants this year. Ten contestants competed in the Oratorical Contest held at the YWCA on March 10 in front of three judges, one of whom was Mrs. Edythe Tweedy, Senior High Guidance Counselor.

Drew's point of interest was

how America's working together can achieve common goals. Toretta chose to highlight world togetherness. Although the two winners were interviewed at separate times and in different places they both quoted, word for word, that the contest had "pretty rough competition."

Batts To Attend Girls' State

Kaye Batts has been selected to represent Rocky Mount Senior High School at the annual American Legion Tar Heel Girls' State. It is to be held at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, June 12-June 18, 1979.

Kaye was asked how she felt when she discovered that she won this honor and she replied, "It was always in the back of my mind that I would love to go, but I never thought that I would be chosen to go, and I thought about how happy my family would be."

Kaye is interested in the government. She worked at the polls, and for Jimmy Carter in the primaries. She is the Recording Secretary of the Service Club, Secretary of the Eastern District Student Council, and a Hi-Noc-Ar staff member.

Kaye was asked what she wanted to do at Girls' State and her answer was, "I hope I'll learn a lot at Girls' State. From what I hear it's like a mini-state. You elect a governor and all that stuff. I think I'm going to run for speaker of the house."



BATTS TO ATTEND: Kaye Batts has been selected to attend the annual Legion Tar Heel Girls' State. [Photo by Hutchisson]

Six Trophys Won By DECA Students

Nine DECA students from Rocky Mount placed in contests held at the 33rd annual DECA State Convention held in Charlotte, N. C. on March 24-26.

Forty-four students from Rocky Mount attended.

DECA students from the 14 districts competed against each other in areas such as, Competency Based Competitive Events (CBCE) on levels related to their jobs, and traditional contests such as: Job Interview, Display Contest, Sales Demonstration, Public Speaking, and Advertising.

The winners from this chapter were: 1st place, Math, Apparel and Accessories Contest, (owner/mgr.), Danny McDonald; 1st place, Selling,

Apparel and Accessories Contest (owner/mgr.), Isaac Gray; 2nd place, Sales Demonstration Contest, Denny Vierheller; 3rd place, Public Speaking Contest, Phillip Page; 3rd place, Merchandising, Food Marketing Contest (owner/mgr.), Debi Boone; 3rd place, Merchandising, Food Service (Master/Employee), Cindy Knight.

Proficiency Award Recipients were: Debi Boone, Isaac Gray and Kim Godwin.

Other activities included the screening and nomination of the new state officers by the voting delegates. The students attended a banquet, discos, and sightseeing tours of the downtown area.

Crime Watch Ends Citizens Play Cop

During the one year the Citizens Crime Watch was in existence the crime rate in Rocky Mount dropped 25 per cent. However, the citizens crime watch was ended approximately six months ago because citizens were taking it upon themselves to act as policemen, according to Officer W.V. Davis of the Rocky Mount Police Department.

The Citizens Crime Watch was started in November 1975. It was started by the Tar Heel C. B. Club working jointly with the Police Department. The members of the CB Club would report to the Police Department,

giving their car make and call number. They would receive reflectors to put on the side, front and back of their car. This would distinguish them from other cars so patrolling police cars would be able to tell the difference.

The major job of these men was to patrol the city looking for suspicious people or cars. They were not to pull people for speeding or anything else. Once he saw something suspicious, such as a car parked behind Belk's at 3:00 in the morning, the man was to radio the police station. Then a policeman would investigate.

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