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'Orators' Prepare For Peace Contest

With the announcement of the winners of the "Voice of Democracy" contest, Billy Garrett, Tyra Hornsby, and Sallie Wood concentrated their attention on the District contest.

This is a challenge to these three who will represent RHS, in that the first place winner will receive \$75.

From this point, the District winner will compete on a state level, and possibly on a national level later on.

For the rest of Mrs. Mildred Nichols' Public Speaking students, attention was focused on learning Christmas stories, an assignment which ties in very nicely with the present season!

After Christmas, a Peace Contest will be underway. In this contest, Mrs. Nichols' students will relate the role of peace in the history of the U.S.A. and also express what peace means to them.

Mr. J. W. Green has been, in previous years, the sponsor of this activity and presumably will be the sponsor this year.

Later on this year, presumably in March, the Debate Team will participate in the State Debate. The location for this meet is at present unknown to Mrs. Nichols, but usually it is held at Spray, N. C.

All members of the Debating Team are anticipating this event very much and have given a lot of time to developing the background and ideas to make their arguments more convincing.

For three days in April, a District Tournament will be held, in which five states will be competing. Various members of the Public Speaking Class and Debating Team will travel to Columbia, South Carolina to represent Roxboro High at this event.

Science Department Gets New Addition

New facilities have been added to the Roxboro Science Department this year. Labs are located in the classrooms and each has a hood to eliminate odors and also make experiments less dangerous.

The chemistry classes this year are planning to tour Collins & Aikman and Crown Aluminum.

The Physical Science classes are studying by the use of television this year. Prepared sheets are given to the students with numbered problems, experiments, and different references for more continuity.

Each class will be expected to have a yearly project ready for the District Science Fair this year.

News Briefs

The Student Council successfully carried out a number of activities this month.

Christmas baskets were created by each homeroom to be distributed today. These baskets included such items as nuts, fruits, and a variety of small and useful gifts.

A clean-up campaign for the lunchroom was also sponsored.

A conference ruling has specified that no PEP BANDS from any school will be allowed to play at any away games.



A part of the RHS Chorus prepares for the Christmas Concert

RHS Juniors To Take National Merit Test On February 25

Interested RHS juniors will have the opportunity to take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on Saturday, February 25.

On the basis of these test scores, 10,000 semifinalists will be selected from all over the U.S., and will be named in early May of 1967.

This year Roxboro has three semifinalists: Billy Garrett, Edward Boyd, and Berl Oakley. They are now eligible to become Finalists in this scholarship program, the largest of its kind in the world.

All semifinalists must submit SAT scores, biographical data, a recommendation from the principal or counselor, and a financial statement from the parents to be eligible.

Qualifications are considered equally among all, regardless of financial need. Merit scholars receive a scholarship with an annual minimum value of \$100 and maximum value of \$1500.

Bethel Hill High Beta Club To Disband After Two Years

One of RHS's new clubs this year is the Beta Club which was brought to RHS by twelve former Bethel Hill High School students.

This club is similar to the National Honor Society, the only difference being that the mem-

Christmas Activities Abound; RHS Clubs Make Season Bright

Roxboro High School certainly will not lack that holiday spirit this year, as several clubs have busily prepared for the

AFS Sets Deadline For Finding Home

The deadline for finding a home for next year's American Field Service sponsored foreign exchange student is February 15, 1967, according to Miss Mary Alice Elliott, sponsor of the National Honor Society.

Any student in Roxboro High School interested in having this student in his home during the next year is requested to contact Miss Elliott at once.

The only qualifications are: 1) that the mother of the family be present in the home when the student comes in from school; and 2) that the parents of the family not be divorced or separated.

Miss Elliott will help any student and his family that meet the qualifications to send their name to the American Field Service Office in New York.

bership requirements are lower.

The Beta Club is unique in the fact that no new members will be inducted and it will be dissolved after the seven present Juniors graduate or a sufficient number are inducted in to the NHS.

When the Juniors were inducted last year at Bethel Hill they decided to keep the Beta Club at RHS until they graduated.

It is not possible to belong to the Beta Club and the NHS at the same time.

The Beta Club, sponsored by Mrs. Geraldine Terry, has the following requirements: 1) a 90 average, and 2) that the prospective members are considered on the basis of their character, attitude, and achievements.

The officers are President, Jimmy Rogers; Vice-President, J. D. Denny; Secretary, Faye Gentry; Treasurer, Linda Dickerson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Glenn Dickerson; Program Chairman, Claudia Berryhill.

Chorus Presents Concert; Plays to Capacity Crowd

The Roxboro High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Earle Berger, presented its annual Christmas Concert last night in the Morgan Street School auditorium at eight o'clock.

The music was a variety of traditional and modern songs by the Prep Chorus, Rocket Chorale, and Concert Choir.

The climax of the Concert was Roy Ringwald's *Song of Christmas* and the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, performed by the Concert Choir.

The alumni students were invited up to sing these two songs.

The *Song of Christmas* is the story of the nativity as told in Christmas songs, carols, and

Biblical verse. It was narrated by Miss Jan Stephens.

Soloists featured in the *Song of Christmas* were Nancy Lee Newell, Phyllis Newton, Janie Windham, Richard Gentry, and Henry Newell.

This song also featured a trio composed of Joe Long, Richard Gentry, and Gary Green, and a quartet composed of Wheeler Carver, Joe Long, Katharine Harris, and Louise Bradsher.

The 80-member Prep Chorus accompanied by Julie Edens, Eleanor Hill, Debbie Oliver, and Robbi Rogers presented the following songs: "Sing We Now of Christmas," "Sing Ye Sweetly," "O Christmas Tree," "O Bambino," "Pin a Star on a Twinkling Tree."

The 108 members of the Rocket Chorale, accompanied by Beverly Adcock, Debbie Thomas, Beth Hester, Bobbi Brooks, Barbara Bradsher, and Susan Gillis presented these songs: "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts," "Cherry Tree Carol," "Calypso Noel," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "Masters in This Hall," and "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas."

The 70 members of the Concert Choir, accompanied by Gail Tatum, Carlene McClure, and Bonnie Hunt presented the following songs: "Alleluia," "A Joyful Christmas Song," "O Listen to the Angels Song," "The Holly and the Ivy," "Sing of a Merry Christmas," "Good King Wenceslas," "Song of Christmas," and "Hallelujah Chorus."

The entire concert was well received by the capacity crowd.

festive season ahead.

The Distributive Education Club was among the most active with a semi-formal Christmas dance that was held on Saturday, December 17.

In addition to the present members, the alumni were invited to attend and enjoy the music provided by the "Avengers."

The FTA once again remembered the faculty members with the distribution of Christmas cards.

The French Club, Le Cercle Francais, had a pre-holiday meeting. French carols were sung and The Christmas Story was read. Also, third-year students presented a skit.

The FBLA also began making the season bright with a bake sale at Carolina Power and Light Company on December 17.

Masons to Sponsor Americanism Essay

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, is sponsoring an essay contest on Americanism. The contest is open to any rising high school senior in North Carolina, according to Miss Mary Alice Elliott, history teacher at RHS.

The purpose of this essay contest is to prepare students for useful lives and through this to preserve the principles on which the USA was founded.

Some booklets to be used in writing this essay will be made available to students. Interested persons should see Miss Elliott about where to obtain these booklets.

A scholarship of \$300 will be awarded to the winning person. The closing date for the submission of essays is April 1, 1967.

FFA Meets at RHS For Three Contests

The Federation of the Future Farmers of America met at Roxboro High School last Friday for its yearly contests.

This federation is made up of FFA chapters from Durham, Person, and Orange Counties. The contests that it holds are tool identification, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure.

Eleven representatives were sent from each chapter to compete in these contests. The RHS entries won second prizes in parliamentary procedure and tool identification.



JIM BROOKS

Jim Brooks Elected Student Instructor

The RHS Band has elected James Charles Brooks Jr. as its student director. He will serve as director of the Dance Band, which is to be organized shortly after Christmas.

Band Director Fred B. Duncan and band officers recommended Jimmy as their choice for the post, and put it to the remaining ninety members for a vote. He was unanimously chosen for the position.

In addition to serving as the Dance Band Director, Jimmy will also assist Mr. Duncan, Drum Major J. D. Denny, Jr., and Assistant Drum Major Cal Berryhill in directing the band when it performs in concert.

Jimmy, a senior, has been a band member for the past three years. He plays the baritone. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Brooks of Clayton Avenue.

Jimmy commented, "I am really glad that I was elected, and I will do my best for the band."