

Elementary Grades Affected

JUDGE ORDERS INTEGRATION

Federal Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., Tuesday ordered complete integration of elementary grades in Edenton-Chowan Schools for 1968-69. The freedom of choice still holds for other students this year but he called for a plan for elimination of the dual school system by next year.

The teachers previously assigned to the grades affected by the order will be transferred along with the students.

In Edenton, students in grades one, two and three, will be assigned to D. F. Walker School. Students in grades four, five and six will be assigned to Swain Elementary School.

Students assigned to Chowan and White Oak Schools in grades one, two,

three and four will be assigned to White Oak. Students in grades five, six, seven and eight will be assigned to Chowan.

He ordered that transition be made on a non-discriminatory basis to implement the plan.

Judge Larkins said he will take immediate steps to encourage and direct extra curricular activities, including athletics, between predominantly white and predominantly Negro schools.

The order followed a series of recent events on the student assignment problem, including an informal conference Monday in New Bern between the jurist and local school representatives, and a

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"He wants some information about how we are progressing," he said.

Dr. Bond said there are a lot of things the board is uncertain about. "We need to know some answers," he added. He briefed those in attendance on events leading up to being ruled out of compliance with HEW guidelines.

In a plea for unity, the chairman said: "If there ever was a time when citizens of the community should work together, it is now."

Several questions were asked about what plan the board would offer Judge Larkins. Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., chairman, Concerned Citizens Committee, asked if the same plan rejected by HEW would be put before the judge.

He was told it was the official plan of the board at that time.

When questioned about White Oak School, Dr. Bond said the long-range plan is to do away with it.

Dr. Bond said the local situation was about like that in New Kent County, Va., where the U. S. Supreme Court held freedom of choice was unconstitutional because it was not working.

N. J. George, board member responsible for calling the special meeting, said he didn't want to see any schools closed and the county was in no position to build new ones to accommodate a switch in students.

He made a motion to return to the

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The Public Parade

Right To Point

Saturday night's called meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education created a lot of conversation, both fore and aft. Many of the questions asked by interested citizens were pretty well butchered, but never answered.

At one point Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, became somewhat confused. Asked about who the board was answerable to, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare or the people of Chowan County, the chairman replied that the board worked for the State of North Carolina.

Dr. Bond would do well to remember that his responsibility as a school board member ends at the county line.

But the question that drew the most pointed answer was: What can we do? "Vote for George Wallace" came a quick reply from the audience.

Three Aces

Over in Greenville Saturday night the North will meet the South. While the Confederate Flag still stirs our emotions, we'll be pulling for the North in this encounter.

It's the sixth annual Boys' Home Bowl Game which pits the best high school grid players in a contest for charity. The North Carolina Jaycees originated the game to pay for a cottage at Boys' Home. It has become a very popular event.

This year those who meander along The Public Parade have a special interest in the contest. Two young men who have provided thrills over the years in the 2-A Albemarle Conference—Billy Wallace and Ronnie Harrell—will be very much in the thick of things for the North squad.

Also, Coach Marion Kirby of John A. Holmes High School, is assistant coach for the Yankees.

A big show is planned at Ficklen Stadium, beginning at 8:15 P. M. You won't want to miss it.

Father And Son

A successful, self-made man may find he has a son who is belligerent, too passive or a social misfit. Why?

According to Leo F. Hawkins, extension family relations specialist, N. C. State University, "Many self-made men never allow themselves to become deeply involved with anyone. They create a

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Miss Hettie Wallace

Miss Cape Colony

A 15-year-old rising sophomore at John A. Holmes High School has been crowned Miss Cape Colony.

Miss Hettie Wallace, West Queen Street, was chosen from a field of 15 pretty contestants during the annual affair at Surfside Park Sunday afternoon.

She was presented her crown and trophy by Miss Ann Harrell, winner of the contest last year.

Miss Wallace is the daughter of Mrs. Hettie Wallace.

First runner-up in the contest, which climaxed a day of fun and games, was Miss Cynthia Ruiz of Virginia.

Miss Carroll Lassiter was second runner-up.

Pat Flanagan of WCDJ again acted as master of ceremonies for the event, sponsored by United Properties, developers of Cape Colony on the Albemarle Sound.

Commissioners

Chowan County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at 9 A. M., Monday.

Chairman W. E. Bond will preside at the meeting held in the courtroom at Chowan Courthouse.

2 Men Held For Forgery

Two Chowan County men will face trial in Superior Court on charges of forgery or aiding and abetting in forgery as a result of action taken Tuesday in District Court.

Kelly Springfield White, Negro, East Gale Street, waived preliminary hearing in District Court on seven counts. The checks involved totaled \$273. Judge W. S. Privott ordered White held under \$500 bond.

Fred Allen Bunch, 25, Route 3, Edenton, was given a preliminary hearing and Judge Privott found probable cause. Bunch was released under \$3,500 bond.

Judge Privott later gave two defendants active prison terms. Randy Locklear, 19, 209 West Carteret Street, was convicted of trespassing and assault. He was sentenced to eight months. Alonza Britt, Jr., Route 1, Tyner, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and given a six-month term.

In the following other cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker, Judge Privott took action:

Joseph Beasley, assault with a deadly weapon, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Joseph Byrum, assault on a female, six months, suspended and placed on probation for two years upon payment of costs.

David Theodore Chappell, reckless driving, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

William Freeman Umphlett, traffic violation, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Jaynes Clarence Eford, traffic violation, five days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Auction Dollar Days Underway Here

In the past bogus bills have turned up at various spots in Edenton. Now, a special type dollar is being circulated.

Never before have so many bogus bills been circulated than are now making their way from 25 local business establishments—including banks.

These aren't exactly bogus bills, they are Auction Dollars that can be used to bid on valuable merchandise later in the month. The local participating mer-



PROMOTED BY FIRM—James E. Darnell left, has been named executive vice president and general manager of Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., taking over the principal duties from E. L. Hollowell, right, company president. Hollowell will remain active in the business, devoting his time to sales and development. Darnell joined the firm in November, 1965.

Darnell Promoted At Veneer Firm

E. L. Hollowell, president, Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., has announced the promotion of James E. Darnell, vice president, to the position of executive vice president and general manager of the local industry. The promotion was effective Monday.

Hollowell, who is relinquishing his management duties, will now be able to devote more of his time to sales and development of the veneer firm and his other business interests.

Darnell, 28, joined Chowan Veneer in November, 1965, as assistant manager. He was later elected vice president of the firm, which is considered to be the most modern and productive veneer plant in North Carolina.

A native of Winston-Salem, Darnell received his degree in textile engineering from N. C. State University. He was employed with DuPont in Kinston for two years prior to joining Chowan Veneer. At N. C. State he was active in

Delta Kappa Phi, textile fraternity.

The new executive is active in the Jaycees, now serving as corresponding secretary.

Darnell is married to the former DeAnna Hollowell, and they have three children, Deena, Donna and James E., Jr. The Darnells are members of Edenton Baptist Church.

Chowan Veneer cuts white face veneer for the furniture trade throughout the United States. There are 96 employees in the local plant with 100 more being

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Coach Is Sought

David M. Bumgarner, assistant football coach at John A. Holmes High School has resigned.

Supt. Bill Britts said Wednesday morning a successor to Bumgarner has been interviewed. However, no one has been employed.

Some action to fill the coaching position is expected to be made at a regular monthly meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education next Monday night.

Bumgarner recently submitted his resignation to accept a position in Greenville. He will become line coach at J. H. Rose High School.

In a recent interview, the coach said the Greenville post is "an opportunity I cannot afford to turn down." He said it would be a good stepping stone in the coaching profession.

Also, Bumgarner plans to continue his education at East Carolina University, working toward a graduate degree.

Rose High is currently playing in 3-A classification and will move into 4-A next year.

"Gigi and I both regret leaving Edenton," he said. "The town has been good to us and it certainly has offered us everything we wanted. The people have been nice to us and we have enjoyed working with the young people. Still, this is such a fine opportunity in coaching plus the ability to return to school myself, I just can't turn it down."

Following graduation from ECU, Bumgarner came to Edenton as assistant to Coach Marion Kirby.

He has been head baseball coach and directed Edward G. Bond Post American Legion baseball squad and took the entry to the district playoffs this year.



ANOTHER FIRST—The first fiberglass cruiser to be manufactured at Chris-Craft Corporation's modern new facility on Albemarle Sound rolled off the assembly line this week. W. M. Sanford, right, general manager, and Donald M. Gilbert, plant manager, extreme left, joined other Chris-Craft employees for a picture in front of the cruiser. The product is a 1968 27-foot Commander. It has twin 100-horsepower V-4 engines and sleeps four.