



**SUPPORT PROJECT**—Ryland Ruritan Club has presented \$435 to White Oak School for use in a Beautification Project. John Guard, left, accepts the donation from Lester Copeland, club member as Dorus Copeland, project chairman, looks on.

**Ruritans Aid School Beautification**

White Oak Elementary School had the good fortune to be chosen one of the Ryland Ruritan Club's special projects this spring. According to a spokesman, the Ryland Ruritan Club is a community service organization which annually seeks to find worthwhile community projects to support financially. White Oak School's beautification project was the target and recipient of a \$435 check recently.

John Guard, White Oak principal, in accepting the check from Lester Copeland, stated that the generous contribution from the Ryland Ruritan Club is enabling the school's long range beautification program to come to fruition. White Oak School entered the State's School

Beautification Program in the fall of 1974. Since that time, several groups and agencies have contributed their knowledge and talents to the project. Two years ago, the Chowan County Soil Conservation Service developed a long range landscaping plan for the school. The present landscaping plan was developed by N. C. State Horticulture Department. Several proposals were received from area nurseries, based on the types and amounts of shrubs and ground cover suggested for use by the Horticulture Department.

Leary Plant Farm was the successful bidder to perform the work which has done as much to transform the appearance of White Oak School.

**Owl Hoots And Screeches**

**HOOTS**  
**ART TOUR**—By any measure, the chartered bus trip to the State Art Museum in Raleigh last week was a huge success. The bus was not quite full - we hope to do better next time - but the twenty-five passengers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mayor William Flowers of Plymouth helped me to coordinate the trip and very generously furnished the light refreshments we enjoyed along the way.

Since we were not scheduled to arrive at the Art Museum for our guided tour until 1:30 P.M., there was time for a delightful detour through the home and garden of the Art Society's Membership Chairman, Harriett Poole, and her husband, Dr. Frank Poole who is President of the Men's Garden Club for the state.

By design the tour coincided with National Library Week, and two other members of the staff of the Pettigrew Regional Library were among the most energetic sightseers. Frances Sexton, Tyrrell County Librarian from Columbia and Paula Davis from the Washington County Library in Plymouth shared my delight in the activity taking place in the Capitol Square. Several storytellers were busily entertaining the large groups of children surrounding them as part of the Storytelling Festival

sponsored by the Children's Librarians of the state. Even Marian Leith, Acting State Librarian, was in on the act - she spent her lunch-hour seated under a tree enjoying the thrill of holding a group of kids spellbound.

Our lunch was prepared by the women of Christ Church, across the street from the Capitol, and that really expedited our sightseeing. The delicious, inexpensive meal was served so promptly that here was time for the ambitious ones to see other buildings in the area and still get to the Art Museum on time. We were officially greeted by the Director of the Art Museum, Moussa Doumit, and welcomed to Raleigh by Kathy McCarter, assistant Secretary of Cultural Resources. The tour through the Museum was conducted by specially-trained docents and the only complaint I heard was that it was impossible to see everything in the time allotted.

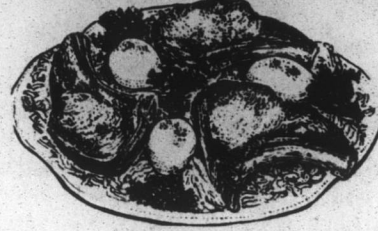
**SCREECHES**  
**COLD SINGERS**—The fickle weather played a dirty trick on us in Edenton on the very next day. It rained and turned cold. Despite the weather, the Choral Society performed bravely outdoors in the band-shell on the Court House Green to a very appreciative audience. I'm going to miss those Monday night rehearsals.



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