

# Chalk Dust

By Mary Rhea Gardner

Have you ever picked up a piece of chalk, only to have it crumble in your hand? and it was your last! There's that big empty blackboard staring you in the face, just waiting for the first screechy letter.

Being resourceful we can't allow despair to set in, but look around for ways to improvise. A-ha!! Tucked away on the classroom book shelf is an Ouija board. The hands that we've been wringing are well heated and ready to go.

The Ouija is moving slowly toward the word G-R-A-D-U-A-T-I-O-N—and Holmes and Chowan high school seniors are moving quickly in that direction.

On May 20 Awards Day will be held in the Holmes High Gym. This day is much looked forward to by all, for it is then that students are honored for achievements during the year and recognized for accomplishments. Perhaps the most rewarding feeling at this time comes from the community participation, as clubs, organizations, and individuals present awards and scholarships to deserving students, reaffirming their faith in education and the need for continuing education. This will also be the first day that sophisticated, but teary-eyed seniors will don their caps and gowns as a group, and gain a deeper respect in the eyes of their underclassmen.

Each year, regular services are held as a part of graduation to honor seniors. This year, in a spirit of ecumenical-fellowship, all seniors have been invited to attend the Providence Baptist Church on May 22 to worship as a group. Once again they will have the chance to don their robes, which by now will be put on with a feeling of impending change and responsibility.

At the approach of year's end, school clubs and

organizations look for ways to say "Thank You." The Holmes DECA Club held its annual Appreciation Banquet Wednesday night for all of the businessmen in the area who have shown their confidence in the students and schools, by employing students and giving them on the job training. Ouija predicts that there will be a full article on their much-looked-forward-to event in next week's paper.

Through the years, the Aces Athletic Association, the Holmes Booster Club, composed of interested citizens and athletic department has done so much for students and the school's athletic program. At the end of each season, it goes one step further to publically recognize individual students for their school spirit and participation in athletic events. The annual Spring Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May 25 at 7 P.M. at the Jaycee Building. This event is open to the public. Tickets for a delicious supper may be purchased for \$4 at school or from any AAA member. I hope lots of people will go, because it is important for students to have well wishers present when they receive recognition in an award. This banquet will honor the girls softball team, the boys baseball team, the boys tennis team, and the track team.

This school year may be coming to an end, but plans are already being made for next year. To see groups working together and sharing ideas enthusiastically for students' benefit really gives you a good feeling - and who does this more and for longer periods of time - time that parents and teachers P.T.A.s have taken hold at White Oak, Walker, and Swain schools over the past two years. Their roots have grown stronger and deeper each year, as experienced members pass on their knowledge to those who unselfishly take a new responsibilities and time absorbing energies.

This past Monday night, approximately 125 parents

turned out for White Oak's "Open House" and final PTA meeting for the year. Sylvia Bunch, Glorius Elliott, Shelia White, and Annette Parrish were charged with the respective duties of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer for the 1977-78 school year during an installation ceremony. In inspirational devotional program presented by Mrs. Spencer's and Mrs. Mitchell's second grade students included a scripture reading by Michelle Krauss; prayer by Maxine Twine, and singing by both second Grade groups. Valerie Winslow, a ninth Grade Chowan High student accompanied the group on the piano.

On Tuesday night, D.F. Walker held their P.T.A. installation of new officers meetings, which was too late for this week's paper. However, I understand parents were to be thoroughly entertained by Doug Ashton's seventh Grade English students, who presented two one-act plays - a comedy dealing with a spendthrift wife and a romantic, comical farce. Teresa Forehand, Barry Baker, Rose Hawkins, Frank Parrish, Stephanie Hampton, Gordon Jethro, and Jamie Lane played the principal roles in these skits.

Otis Strother, band director, is excited over the way his future band is stacking up. Last week 45 enthusiastic rising sixth graders signed up to be in the band. Choosing an instrument was the hardest part, as each child had visions of grandeur of becoming a future star.

The Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association is already making plans for ways to support new and old band students. At this last meeting, Doris Litchfield was elected president for next year; Al Everson, vice president; Hazel Alexander, secretary, and Evelyn Keeter, treasurer. Bob Harrell will once again co-chair the Peanut Festival, which has tentatively been set for October 21-22. I don't yet know who the "co" will be.

Even though they don't have a graduation to anticipate, students in lower grades have looked forward to the end of the year "special" activities for a long time - usually in the form of an educational field trip. This week Mrs. Hollowell's and Mrs. Byrum's fifth graders at Swain went to the Marine Resource Center in Manteo. Mrs. Bissette's fifth Grade Enrichment class students visited the Legislative complex in Raleigh, as did the Holmes National Honor Society students.

Mrs. Banks' fourth Grade students at White Oak, accompanied by Mrs. Sara Tynch, volunteer parent, toured historic Edenton. You really don't have to go far to see what a marvelous heritage is right under your nose.

Mrs. Walker's and Mrs. Bond's sixth Grade class at Swain relived a part of World War II at the McArthur Memorial museum in Norfolk last week and then went on to the zoo to watch the monkeys scratch and the snakes slither.

So many resources to give so many different experiences - and so many people willing to help. On May 19, all first Grade students at White Oak will learn all about the county's volunteer Rescue Squad activities as Bennie Twine and Murray Ashley takes them through the facilities at Rocky Hock and in Edenton. These students will wind up their "special day" with a picnic lunch in Edenton's waterside Colonial Park.

Ouija is trying to spell something, and the next letters are C-H-A-L-K.....

This month, April 6, marks the 60th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I.

## Beaman Hears

## Varied Docket

## Hear Tuesday

Judge Grafton G. Beaman presided over the weekly session of Chowan County District Court here Tuesday morning. The following action was taken:

Carroll Jackson Forehand, resisting arrest and reckless driving, four months suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs; drunk driving and speeding, dismissed.

Daniel Louis Moring, drunk driving, fourth offense, called and failed.

Amy Susan Jernigan and Conrad Earl Wolff, fishing without a license, warrants ordered.

Kelvin Robert Hall, drunk driving and reckless driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

William Robert Cobb, speeding, \$50 fine and costs. Brenda Lee Sessoms, traffic violation, called and failed.

Otessia Davis and Rose Mary B. Cooper, larceny, identical sentences of six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and placed on probation for one year.

Allen Perry, assault on a female, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Lloyd Clifton Littlejohn, aid and abet in delivery of controlled substance, no probable cause.

Queenie Elizabeth Hampton, speeding, \$5 fine and costs.

The following worthless checks were dismissed: William C. Whitehurst and David E. Jackson, Jr.

The following counts of failure to list taxes were dismissed: John Hinton Sessoms, Carroll Hay Hurdle, Floyd Lee Roundtree, William Henry Jordan, Annie Mae Privott and Bobby Harris.

## Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Edenton Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet on Monday-June 13, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building to consider application by Richard B. Baker 304 S. Oakum St. - Zoned R6 to use existing garage after remodeling interior for "Home Occupation" to Wit-Photo Studio and Film Developing.

May 19, 26, chg.



Roger A. Hathaway

## Roger Hathaway

## Is MS Recipient

Roger Allen Hathaway received his master's degree in industrial arts in education Sunday at Virginia State College in Petersburg.

Hathaway is a 1968 graduate of D.F. Walker High School and a 1972 graduate of Elizabeth City State University. While at ECSU he was a football player for four years.

He is employed at the Hampton City Schools and has taught industrial arts and coached at Syms Junior High for the past five years. He and his wife, Ida, have a son.

The graduate student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hathaway, Jr., Route 2, Edenton.

From the Revolutionary War through June 1976, the United States expended \$258.2 billion for benefits and services to America's veterans, their dependents and survivors. World War I veterans and their survivors have been the beneficiaries of \$60.4 billion of these expenditures.

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## Receives UNC-G Degree

GREENSBORO — Miss Marion C. Hollowell of Tyner was among 1,905 persons to receive degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the institution's 85th annual commencement on Sunday, May 15, in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Altogether, degrees were awarded to 1,349 undergraduates and to 556 graduate students. The latter group included 47 students who earned doctoral degrees.

Miss Hollowell, a dance education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Hollowell, Route 1, Tyner. She received a bachelor of science degree, cum laude.



MERCHANTS USHER IN STRAWBERRY SEASON — North Carolina's two-months-long strawberry season — coastal counties to mountains — was ushered in again this year at Chadbourn's 45 Annual Strawberry Festival. The prize-winning berries, bought by the N.C. Merchants Association, are shown here being presented to Gov. Jim Hunt by merchants representative Jim Womble of Raleigh. On the left is Jim Graham, State Agriculture Commissioner, and auctioneer for the Chadbourn event. All three agreed few things are better than strawberry gems.

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