

Chalk Dust

By Mgrv Rhea Gardner

After three months of writing on the black board, it's awfully easy to become enshrouded in chalkdust. Every time you wipe the slate clean, or beat an eraser, a powdery "puff" goes in the air and little granules fall to the floor.

An ecological minded friend recently acquainted me with a solution in the form of a low cost Eraser Vacuum Cleaner, guaranteed to keep erasers chalk free and chalkboards clean - all week! With the approach of year's end, I don't know if he was trying to be helpful - or tell me something!

Even though there's only one more week of school, the boards are far from being emptied, as teachers and students continue to prepare for final exams, final enriching experiences and final impressions to look back on next year and in years to come.

A pleasant experience that many in the community and school won't forget for a long time was the DECA Bosses' Banquet last week. The feeling of appreciation toward the approximate 250 invited bosses and guests, the feeling of respect toward work and fellowman, and the feeling of closeness between student and faculty permeated the whole affair. John Mitchener, Jr., received a new Boss of the year Award, based on the recommendation of DECA student Joyce Belch. This award was aptly given to one who we all know has befriended many, and many that we will never know about.

Bob Partin and Janet Harrell were named DECA Students of the year. Johnny Dowd, DECA instructor, also got a lump in his throat when the parents of his students presented him with a plaque of their appreciation of what he has done for their children's growth. The lumps got bigger when the students presented him with a \$100 check, which was but a token compared to their respect and appreciation.

Physical fitness is stressed in all schools, from the earliest age of supervised play periods at school to the more sophisticated form of stiff physical competition later on. Even though it involved young 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, the 1977 Physical Education Day Olympic at Swain School last week couldn't have been more competitive or serious for all students entering the events. Coach Dave Holton and his staff of student coaches, who go to Swain each day, instruct students, make them aware of the importance of strong bodies, and teach them fair play, really put together a good program. As they gave their "all" in relay races, rope jumping events, tug-o-war games, and long distance races, these students were

also experiencing the joy of sharing as their grade of fellow classmates won an event. Each class also demonstrated a cheer to Mr. Cole, which was a warming surprise to the Swain principal. Class and individual winners will be announced at Swain's Awards Day on June 1.

Another display of physical prowess and grace will later place in the D. F. Walker School gym, Thursday, May 27. This event is open to the public and will be present to all Swain and Walker students. I'm talking about the annual Walker School Gymnastic Program which Coach Robert Woodley and Coach Tom Bass plan each year. As they participate in tumbling, trampoline, balance beam acts and other floor exercises, students have to exert mental discipline, coordination, grace, brains and brawn that would cause most of us to groan for weeks.

The ultimate in recognizing students for their athletic endeavor at school usually takes place in the form of a banquet or awards day program. However, an unusual banquet will be at 7 P. M. Thursday, May 26, in Chowan High's cafeteria. The Chowan Athletic Banquet, aside from presenting 1976-77 student athletic awards, will reflect upon boys basketball over the past 40 years. Covering the years from the 1930's through the 1970's, Troy Toppin, David Bateman, James Copland, and Curtis Stalings will carry the ball and delight audiences with nostalgic changes that have taken place in this sport over the past 40 years. In deference to their respective ages, I won't reveal who will cover what years, but for \$4 you can buy a ticket from Rob Boyce or any member of Chowan's Monogram Club, get a delicious meal, support students in their moment of glory and have \$10 worth of fun.

When we say cultural arts, most folks are inclined to think in terms of painting, music, dancing. However, the Title III Cultural Arts program at Swain and Chowan schools for the past three years expand beyond this. The use of educational television has been a boon to giving students insight on how other people live and exposed them to places and events that they may never live to see.

Recent programmed materials, "Tell It All" - A Time for Sounds, focused on occupational program. Fifth grade student at Swain carried it out of their classrooms and into the Community by visiting local businesses. They wish to extend their thanks to The Chowan Herald, Jimbo Jumbo's, Leary Plant

Farm, Leary Brothers Storage Co., Atlantic Forest Products, Fiberform, People's Bank and Trust Co., Carter's Ink, and Nixon's Fishery for allowing them to come over the past several weeks for explaining their plant operations. Four students from each classroom visited these establishments and returned to make oral and written reports to share with others in their groups.

Picnics and field trips are frantically being sandwiched in these last days of school. Murray Nixon, in his usual graciousness, is holding the annual Fish Fry for Swain fifth Grade students. The Swain SGA will hold its annual picnic at Edenton's waterside Colonial Park on Friday, and the Holmes Senior Class, their picnic at Sandy Point on Thursday. This class' final get together will follow the Senior Day festivities at school-sprinkled with skits, floor figures and the reading of the Class Prophecy and The Last Will and Testament.

If I seem to get hung up on the Holmes Senior Class, it's because I have two (Ginny and Naomi Obara) graduating and am well informed and somewhat unnerved.

Trips continue—Tuesday's much needed rain did not dampen the spirit of all 8th grade Walker students, nor Sybil Harrell, volunteer chaperone, who went to Tryon Palace in New Bern. Let's hope that extremely high spirits won't wear down those of Marion Cross, volunteer parent chaperone, and the other eight teachers who will go with the Holmes High Senior Class on their trip to Washington, D. C. and Kings Dominion on May 27 and 28. These and all volunteers who have given their time, physical and moral support throughout the year have made and will continue to make a lasting impression on students and the schools.

At D. F. Walker's final 1977 P.T.A. last week Peggy Vaughan, Katherine Slade, Rosa Rountree, and Van Johnson assumed the offices of President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively. Leading off with a project for next year, Al Everson, Mrs. Darnell White, Rosa Harrell, and Lindsey Hornthal were appointed to head up a Beautification Committee.

The D. F. Walker Kindergarten perhaps upstaged the Chowan and Holmes High graduates yesterday. It was hard to say who was prouder, parents or the 132 Kindergarten students as they performed and preened before their audience during their Commencement Exercises.

There's much more, but I'm up to my knees in chalkdust again—couldn't afford \$49.49 for an eraser vacuum.

Morring Gets 12 Months In Chowan District Court

Judge John T. Chaffin presided over the weekly session of Chowan County District Court and sentenced Daniel Louis Morroring to 12 months in prison after the defendant entered a plea of guilty to third offense of drunk driving.

In other cases called, the following action was taken: Robert Lee Dillard, malicious damage to personal property, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and make restitution.

Charles Thomas Cone, speeding, \$10 fine and costs. Willie Percy Perry, traffic violation, \$10 fine and costs. Brenda Lee Sessoms, traffic violation and failure to appear pursuant to a release order, 15 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and reimburse bondsman.

Edward Luther Holly, damage to real property, six months, suspended upon

payment of \$100 fine and costs and make restitution. Percy Lee Leary, injury to real property, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Clyde Leary, Jr., trespass, six months, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. David Biggs, communicating threats, not guilty.

David Brown Hudgins, reckless driving in a motorboat, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Six cases where failure to list taxes was alleged were dismissed. They were against: Rosa Francis Ford, Majorie Ann Dail, Kirt Evans Taylor, Frank Albert Holley, Marie Holley White and Alfonza Cooper.

Two divorces were granted. They were: Luther Hardy, Jr., from Rosetta B. Hardy; and Bettie Fulcher Hollowell from Herbert E. Hollowell, Jr.

Slatton: Grads Must Improve Self-Images

ELON COLLEGE—Dr. James H. Slatton, pastor of River Road Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., told 325 Elon College graduates Sunday they are the victims of stereotypes and must change their self-images before they can change the world.

Included among those receiving degrees from the four-year, private coeducational college were: Thomas Joseph Johnson, a physical education major, son of Calvin M. Johnson, Cape Colony, Edenton; and Cynthia Kay Tew, a history major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tew, Route 2, Edenton.

"You are the product of your images," the commencement speaker told the graduates. "The task of education is to equip you to enter a lifelong battle with the images by which you live. Nothing is more vital than how you see yourself."



NOW THEY CAN READ! — The White Oak First Graders visited Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Friday. The scene for summer reading fun was set as Mrs. Sharon Sophia gave them a VIP tour and invited them to becoming reading regulars. She is shown here with Charles Cross and Tammy Hare.



THE GRAY SAYS
By Nellie M. Sanders
Director, Pettigrew Regional Library

SEEKING SUPPORT—A critical issue for public libraries is currently being considered by an important sub-committee on Appropriations to the N. C. General Assembly. House Bill Number 1004 was reported favorably by the sub-sub-committee on Public Libraries, recommending substantial increases in State Aid to Public Libraries. Before it becomes law, as part of the 1977-79 budget, it needs a favorable report from the joint (Senate & House) Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation.

Every public librarian, every library trustee, every friend-of-the-library, every county commissioner is being urged to back this bill which is needed to provide increased direct support to public library systems in every county in the state.

According to the Stick Report, which was issued some years ago by a Legislative Study Commission headed by David Stick of Dare County, the state should provide at least half of the funds for operating public libraries. In order to achieve this, a schedule for increased appropriations was outlined but the state budgets for the last few years have fallen short of these recommendations. An effort to rectify this situation prompted the Libraries Committee to submit a special bill (House Bill 1004) which calls for additional funds.

It is important to let the legislators know that public libraries deserve their support. The N. C. Library Association (NCLA) has a legislative committee and the chairman, Wake County Public Librarian Bill O'Shea, does a great job of keeping the legislators and the librarians informed of each other's activities and needs. But he cannot do it alone. At the Planning Council meeting held in Raleigh last week for officers and committee chairmen of the NCLA Public Libraries Section, he urged that everyone contact their Senators and Representatives - preferably in person or else by phone or letter. Even more effective than librarian (who have a vested interest in the bill) would be for patrons of the libraries to encourage the legislators' support.

SCREECHES GETTING IN TOUCH—Because of the hectic schedule for legislators during the "home stretch"—the last few weeks of the session which traditionally is reserved for final action on the budget and other "money bills"—it is difficult to get in touch with our representatives and senators. As luck would have it, while the librarians were meeting in Raleigh, county commissioners from all over the state were also meeting for a briefing on current legislation. Thanks to Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County commissioners, I was invited to the reception for legislators and commissioners held at The

Hilton Inn and then to dinner with the First District delegation.

Although the occasion was a social one, I managed to talk to many legislators about the Public Libraries bill and received a favorable reception. Sen. Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City is chairman of the Appropriations sub-committee and he assured me that he gives public libraries a high priority. A similar assurance came from Rep. Stanford White who is a member of the same sub-committee. But they need to hear from more constituents.

My courtesy calls at the Legislative Building the next day netted me an opportunity to visit several pretty secretaries and to observe the legislators from the gallery while they deliberated a highway bill - they were too busy for consultations. However, I saw many of them again that night since Rep. Vernon James very graciously invited me, my daughter Cyndy and her husband Jet Barker, to join him at the Spring Fling pig-picking given by Luther Hodges, Jr.

Pastor Takes Orient Tour

Don Phillips, Pastor of Warwick Baptist Church, Route 1, Hobbsville has just returned home after spending seventeen days in the Orient as a member of the E. J. Daniels Christ for the World Organization. While on this tour, the team visited Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines. On the invitation of twenty churches in Kunsan, South Korea, Dr. Daniels invited various ministers from across the southern United States to go with him. While in Kunsan, the team preached in these twenty churches and over 2,000 professions of faith were made by the Korean people. A greater city-wide crusade was held in Kunsan with over 15,000 professions being made during the five services. Don preached in the Ok Bong Presbyterian Church in Kunsan for nine services and there were 154 first time professions of Christ made and four young people committed themselves to full time Christian service. He also had an opportunity to speak in the Kunsan District Prison where 300 prisoners and 6 guards made first time professions. Dr. Daniels team found the people of South Korea friendly and loving, almost worshipping the American people. Our prayer for them and for the Americans is that we never do anything to lower our feelings among these people. The tour continued on through Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines visiting the missionaries and seeing the work being done in these countries.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans will eat more than 30 pounds of hamburger this year.

Beef Producer Registration Set In June

"The Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office will register beef producers June 6-17 to vote on the beef research and information order," said H. O. West. "Beef producers who fail to register cannot vote in the July referendum."

If over half of registered producers vote in the referendum and two-thirds of those voting approve the order, the Secretary of Agriculture will appoint a beef board, composed of not more than 68 beef producers, from names submitted by producer organizations. The board would collect assessments on sales of cattle and use the funds for beef research and information programs.

Registration may be in person or by mail. Those who wish to register by mail may request the ASCS county office to mail registration cards.

All persons who produced beef during calendar 1976 are eligible to register. This included feedlot operators as well as dairymen. Each production entity—such as a family, partnership or corporation—is entitled to one vote. A 4-H or FFA member may register, provided he or she produced beef independent of the family operation.

From June 6 through 17, the ASCS county office will daily post a list of producers registered to vote in a conspicuous place. A final list will be posted June 22. Anyone may challenge the eligibility of any producer listed. H. O. West, ASCS Chowan County Executive Director, will resolve challenges.

Memorial Day Proclamation

Is Released

In cooperation with the Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion, Mayor Roy L. Harrell of Edenton has issued a proclamation regarding Memorial Day. The official act is printed below:

WHEREAS, Thousands of gallant Americans have paid the supreme sacrifice for the preservation of our precious American heritage; and

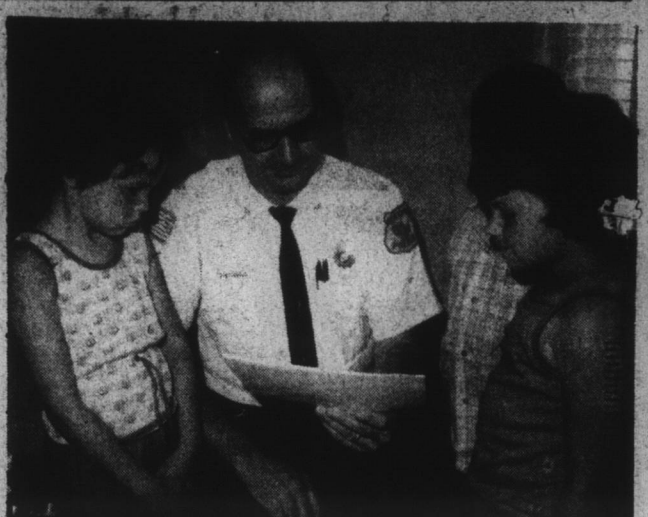
WHEREAS, It is both fitting and proper that a special day be set aside to pay tribute to their deeds as well as honor the millions of Americans who wore the uniform of our country with honor in time of war and have also passed on into eternity; and

WHEREAS, more than a century ago the first order was issued for a nationwide observance of a day "designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country;" and

WHEREAS, Such a special day of commemoration provides not only an occasion for expression of patriotic unity, but also a rededication of our efforts to achieve the ultimate goal of an honorable world peace to assure that such sacrifice will never again be necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America, through enactment of Public Law 90-363, June 28, 1968, has set aside the last Monday in the month of May as Memorial Day; now

THEREFORE, I, Roy L. Harrell, Mayor of the Town, of Edenton, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 30, 1977, as Memorial Day, and do hereby call upon all citizens to observe the day in honor of our heroic dead and in reaffirmation of the founding principles of our great nation. I further call upon each residence and business firm to display appropriately and proudly the Flag of the United States of America in observance of this holiday.



INSPECT DOCUMENTS — Inspection of documents at Edenton Police Department was part of the agenda for first graders at White Oak School. Melissa Bunch, Edward Leary and Pam Peele listen attentively as Police Chief J.D. Parrish explains procedures.

New Bank Opening Set

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company will hold formal opening ceremonies for its new Elizabeth City office on Tuesday from 5:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

The brief opening ceremony will be followed by an open house which will conclude at 7:30 P.M. George Haislip, vice president and city executive of the Elizabeth City office, said that all area residents are invited to attend.

The new office, the bank's first in Pasquotank County, is located adjacent to the corner of Ehringhaus Street and Halstead Boulevard at 1609 West Ehringhaus Street.

Participating in the opening ceremonies will be John H. Bell, Jr., Mayor of Elizabeth City, W. Raleigh Carver, chairman, Pasquotank County commissioners; Francis C. Bradshaw, pastor, City Road United Methodist Church; Lewis R. Holding, president of First-Citizens; and Haislip.

The new bank facility, which will be the 225th office of First-Citizens, will be of traditional design and features a spacious lobby, private offices, six teller windows plus a drive-up window and plenty of free parking.

Haislip explained the First-Citizens is looking forward to being a part of the Elizabeth City area and noted that the bank has been designed to accommodate the present and future demands of the growing region.

All persons attending the opening will have the opportunity to register for \$455 in cash prizes, which will be given away at the conclusion of the open house.

Staffing the new office in addition to Haislip will be

Sam West, manager of the consumer loan department; Carolyn M. Ball, Annie Lee Barnhill, and Rebecca G. Perry.

Providence Baptist Notes

Church School begins at 9:30 A.M. Morning worship service begins at 11 A. M. with the Edenton Community Male Chorus serving.

Annual Family Day will be observed in conjunction with morning worship service. Dr. Fenner will be in charge of morning worship service. Immediately following morning worship service, a "Fellowship Luncheon" will be held in the Charlton Building.

At 6 P. M., the deaconesses will sponsor "A Popularity Contest" featuring the "Singing Deacons" of Providence. Your prayers and support are earnestly appreciated.

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