

Graduates: Old And New

We want to be among the first to welcome the Class of 1927 at Edenton High School back for its first reunion—a Golden Anniversary event. And at the same time we want to congratulate the 192 seniors at three institutions along the Public Parade who next week reach a milestone in their young lives.

Commencement exercises are a glad as well as a sad time. So is much of the scheme of things in life. However, it traditionally signifies the "coming of age" of a young person and a time for accepting greater responsibilities as a citizen as well as being faced with hard decisions about the future.

The main decision they must make is whether they are going to be a part of the problem or contribute to the solution wherever they find themselves. This is, in itself, a grave responsibility which doesn't happen by accident, but is carefully designed.

Out at Chowan Academy there are eight graduates in the Class of 1977. Further up the county Chowan High School has a class of 54 while here at home there are 130 smiling faces under those funny looking caps with a tassel down in front.

We hope they enjoy all the good things in life, while facing head-on and conquering those things less attractive. If there is to be a tomorrow worth looking toward then serious thought must be given to putting today's priorities in proper order.

Our tenure doesn't span 50 years, but we called back some memories of little more than half that period of time as we turned through the 1927 edition of the "Tea Pot".

The Class of 1927, of which Friend Spec was president, was composed of 27 members. Two have since deceased and two more will be unable to attend Friday's festivities. We are sure it will be a rewarding experience for those who have planned the event and all of those who attend.

To the Class of 1977 it is either "farewell" or "welcome"; while to the Class of 1927 it is "congratulations" and "many, many happy returns."

Swan Song

It has now been nine years since Rev. E.L. Earnhardt came to meander along the Public Parade as pastor of Edenton United Methodist Church. It is now time for him to move on to new challenges (if there are any of greater importance) and Sunday morning he will preach his last sermon as minister of the local congregation.

"If I Be Lifted Up" is the topic he has chosen for his swan song. His text is John 12: 26-32.

As neighbors for all but a few months of his tenure here, we developed a real love and friendship for Ed Earnhardt and his family. Tommy, the youngest of three Earnhardt children, graduates from John A. Holmes High School Tuesday night and Sunday evening his father will be a speaker at the commencement service.

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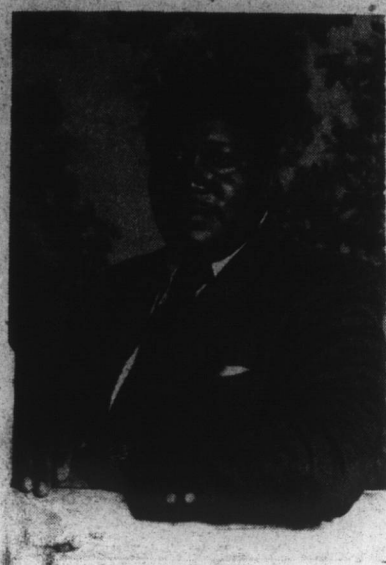
Hearings Slated On Aging Plans

Two public hearings on Region R's Area Plan on Aging have been set for June 10 and June 16.

The first meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Gates County Agriculture Extension Building in Gatesville. The June 16 meeting will be held in the Edenton Municipal Building. Both meetings begin at 10 A. M. and will end at noon.

These hearings are being held in order to afford older persons, the general public, officials of general purpose local government, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to comment on the area.

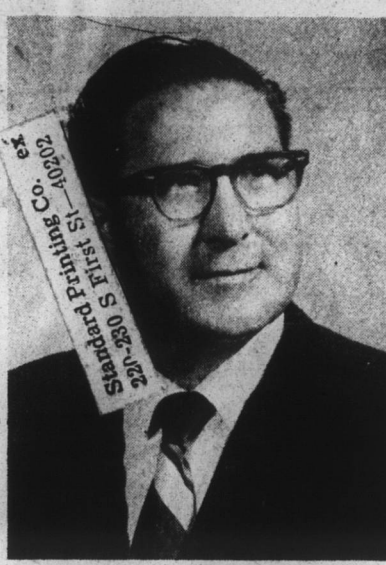
Summary copies of the plan will be available at each of the hearings.



Ralph Cole



Rev. E. L. Earnhardt



Rev. George Cooke



Rev. A. C. Robinson

Finals Set At Chowan, Holmes

One hundred eighty-four seniors in two high schools in Chowan County will receive degrees in separate exercises next week. Commencement sermons for both Chowan High School at Tyner and John A. Holmes High School here will be held Sunday evening.

The Chowan High baccalaureate service will be held in the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. The John A. Holmes High service will be held at 7:30 P.M. at

Edenton Baptist Church.

Commencement activities will conclude at Chowan High with exercises at 8 P.M. Monday. There are 54 in the class. Finals at Holmes High will be at 7 P.M. Tuesday at Hicks Field.

Chowan High

On Sunday evening, Rev. George Cooke will bring the baccalaureate message. Mr. Cooke is the pastor of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church and a long-

time friend of many Chowan students and their parents.

Freddie Cofield, a senior, will open the service and Carroll Evans, senior and Student Council president, will pronounce the benediction.

On Monday evening, Mike Evans, president of the Senior Class, will introduce Rev. Albert C. Robinson who will bring the commencement address. Mr. Robinson is a counselor at

Elizabeth City State University, but many members of the community knew him first as pastor of Warrens Grove Baptist Church in Edenton.

Seniors on the commencement program include Beverly Twine; Carroll Perry, Senior Class vice president; Beth Cooke, salutatorian; and Vicki Modlin, valedictorian.

Dr. John B. Dunn, superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan Schools, and Gilliam Underwood, principal of Chowan High School, will award the diplomas.

A student choir, under the direction of Miss Cathy Seagraves, special classes teacher at Chowan, will present music for both programs.

Mascots, Lynn Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Morris, and Dale Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Jones, will lead the procession of graduates.

Marshalls are Johnny Chappell, chief, Lynn Gibbs, Sarah Chappell, Jill Copeland and Debbie Ullom.

Holmes High

Ralph Cole, principal at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School, and Rev. E.L. Earnhardt, pastor of Edenton United Methodist Church, will deliver sermons at the baccalaureate service for the graduating class.

Cole's topic will be "Education in Today's Society" while Mr. Earnhardt will use the topic "The Right to Life."

Music will be provided by the John A. Holmes Concert Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother.

Graduating exercises for the 130 seniors will feature student speakers at Hicks Field. Joel Hylton, Nan Stutzman and Robin Harrell, the top three academic students in this year's class, will talk on the topic "Climb High... Climb Far."

Music will be provided by the Holmes Marching Band, under the

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Summer Study Set At Holmes

Summer School registration for students in Grades 7-12 will be from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. at John A. Holmes High School on June 10.

Required courses needed for credit, and make up courses for students who failed English or math will be offered. Courses in science and social studies will also be offered.

The tuition fee for each course taken will be \$50.00. Classes will be conducted from 8 P. M. to 12-noon daily June 16 through August 4.

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HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY? — This is the Class of 1927 at Edenton High School which will have a Golden Reunion here Friday evening. Pictured are, first row, left to right, Emily Wood Badham Cox, Helen Baker Jethro, Elizabeth Beasley Barrington, Robert J. Boyce (deceased), Sidney S. Campen, Mildred Chesson Gray, and Elizzie Cullipher Ramseur. Second row: Louise Dail Patton, Daisy Lee Davis Cobb, Sallie Margaret Elliott Pottage, Marguerite Goodwin Warden, Sarah Margaret Harrell, Lucille Harris Jones, and J.H. Haskett, Jr. Third row: Guy C. Hobbs, Elizabeth Hollowell Lupton, Annie Holmes Brothers, Frank Hughes (deceased), Mary Lucille Jones Payne, W.P. (Spec) Jones, and Ethel McMullan Fisher. Fourth row: Leslie Morgan, Madge Pettus Richbourg, Eula Rea Kline, Elizabeth Tuttle Spencer, Emma White Perkins, J. Frank White, Jr., and John A. Holmes, Jr., mascot.

County Fathers Face Pressure Of Budget

"Financial pressures being faced", getting the "mileage out of what we spend", and knowing "what we are sanctioning" are key quotes from a general discussion of departmental budget requests presented to Chowan County commissioners Monday afternoon.

There were guarded and cautious statements tossed around

as a "brief" presentation of the Finance Committee turned into a lengthy discussion of county finances. Then they agreed that the commissioners would set as a committee of the whole to "hone" the budget prior to a public hearing scheduled for 10 A.M. on June 20.

Commissioner N.J. George, committee chairman, urged that

careful consideration be given the budget requests by each board member. "Each commissioner needs to know every item in each department's budget," he said. Later he pointed to "financial pressures being faced" by the county and the limit to which property can be taxed.

The bright spot in the meeting came when Mrs. Pansy A. Elliott, finance director, reported that the assessed valuation in the county increased by \$3.6-million in the past 12 months, bringing it to a total of \$118,187,000. At this rate, one cent on the tax rate would bring in \$11,818 but it was generally agreed that to levy on \$115-million with an anticipated collection rate of 95 per cent would be more realistic.

The current tax rate is 75 cents per \$100 valuation and property owners can expect a considerable increase but no one even hazards a guess as to how much.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said the commissioners have a responsibility to "get the mileage out of what is spent" regardless of where it is spent.

Earlier, Commissioner Alton G. Elmore, who is a member of the Finance Committee, expressed the opinion that every board

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Girls State Candidates

Three students from Chowan County have been chosen to attend the 38th annual session of Tar Heel Girls State.

Those from the area to attend are: Pat Bond from John A. Holmes High School; Jill

Copeland, Chowan High School; and Dawn Dozier, Chowan Academy. They will attend the session from June 12 to June 18.

Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and is held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Pat Bond



Dawn Dozier



Jill Copeland

Board Seeks More Local Matching \$'s

The Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission has proposed a \$560,500.75 budget for fiscal 1977-78 which will require \$60,263 in match from member governments.

The proposed city-county allocation is based on 25 cents per capita and 50 cents per capita, respectively. Chowan County, based on 1976 estimated population, would pay \$5,650 while the Town of Edenton would pay \$1,328.

There are 10 counties in the region served by the commission and an equal number of municipalities. Five of the counties and two municipalities were in attendance at the budget meeting Thursday night at Soundview Restaurant.

R. S. Monds of Perquimans County, chairman, had appointed a budget committee composed of Graham Perview, Currituck County manager; Bill Hartman, Washington County manager; and W.B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator.

Perview previewed the budget, saying the committee was not responsible for the figures but assisted Bob Whitley, executive director, in putting it in proper form to comply with the Fiscal Control Act.

Whitley explained that while the 1976-77 budget contained a shortage, due to the A-95 Clearinghouse being totally omitted, and both HUD-701 and Aging Programs were incorrect, the proposed budget is sufficient to overcome the shortage.

The budget was described as one which holds the line and "will contribute toward getting the regional organization back on the track. It includes 6 1/2 per cent across the board salary increase. Whitley said the commission has 18 employees.

Raleigh Carver, chairman, Pasquotank County commissioners, questioned much of the budget, placing particular emphasis on the Family Planning

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Mrs. Wilkins Hosts Class

Twenty-nine of the 32 graduating Holmes seniors, who were in Mrs. Frances Wilkins' sixth grade at E. A. Swain School in 1971, were invited back to an unusual party last week.

While sixth graders, each student wrote predictions on world, personal, and environmental matters, which were sealed in a jar to be opened when they graduated.

The TIME CAPSULE was long forgotten by all—except Mrs. Wilkins.

During their reminiscent reunion, each student read his prediction.

Mrs. Wilkins made a 1987 prediction that the class members would be the first colony to settle on Mars. Each student wrote another prediction on his named space ship as to what he would be doing 10 years hence.

Tommy had predicted, "Teacher opens jar" prior to their graduation year—she didn't!



UNIQUE REUNION — Anna DeBlois was one of 29 of the 32 graduating seniors at John A. Holmes High School who returned to Mrs. Frances Wilkins' Sixth Grade at Ernest A. Swain School recently for a reunion.