

School Board Sets Priorities

Chowan County citizens at a date yet to be determined, will vote on a \$3.5-million bond referendum for construction of a new central high school, but Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is committed to a reorganization program which could cost in excess of \$1.5-million.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn said the alternative to a new facility would be expensive while "giving us less than a satisfactory solution" to providing the best educational program for all the children in the county. Ernest A. Swain Elementary School in Edenton is not considered in either proposal.

At the beginning of a called meeting Monday night, Eugene Jordan, chairman, stated the Local Government Commission has determined a special election cannot be held August 15, as previously anticipated.

Chowan County commissioners will be asked to amend the resolution

calling for the referendum once the date is determined.

At another point in the meeting, Mrs. Amburn, chairman of the Site Selection Committee, said four sites are being investigated with the overwhelming choice at this time being property at Valhalla.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, presented six organization pattern possibilities for consideration, using projected enrollment for 1981-82. The plan approved called for grades 9-12 to be housed in the new facility; 7-8 county-wide at Holmes; K-6 from Edenton at Walker; and K-6 from the county at Chowan.

Like Swain, White Oak Elementary in the county would be abandoned. Dunn said the plan recommended by the instructional staff would present a problem because of the "under utilization of Holmes initially."

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Rezoning Bid Defeated, 4-3

Edenton Town Council, for the second consecutive time, voted 4-3 Tuesday night against rezoning property adjacent to U.S. 17 bypass for development of a shopping center. Mayor Roy L. Harrell, without comment, broke a 3-3 tie.

At issue was application from W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard Burroughs to rezone 10 acres on the south side of Virginia Road.

Councilman Gil Burroughs, a teacher and coach at John A. Holmes High School and no

relation to a principal in the proposed development, spoke in opposition to the request. He voted accordingly, but Councilmen W.H. Hollowell and Jesse L. Harrell, both downtown businessmen, remained silent while voting with Burroughs.

A business partner of Hollowell, James Blount, was involved in a lengthy law suit against the town over earlier action to rezone the property.

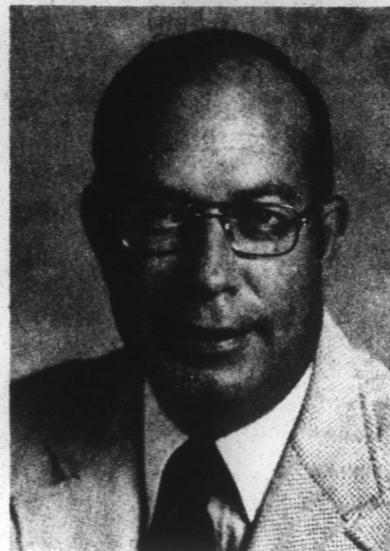
Councilman J.P. Ricks, Jr., read a lengthy statement outlining Edenton "old past" prior to 1952,

in which he cited acts of progress over the years. "Don't kill that spirit tonight," was his plea. (The text of his statement is printed elsewhere in today's edition.)

Dr. Allen Hornthal challenged Burroughs' statement that downtown Tarboro was among towns bypassed which were on the decline. He noted that within the past two years this municipality was voted the All American City designation primarily due to efforts of downtown merchants.

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James A. Kinion

Kinion Accepts Schools Position

James A. Kinion, principal of D.F. Walker School since 1968, was selected by the Board of Education Monday night to be the assistant superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools. He will officially assume the duties July 1.

In announcing Kinion's new post, which has been vacant since Cecil Fry's retirement in December, 1977, Supt. John Dunn stated that "The school board was fortunate to have had several applicants with high calibre qualifications interested in the position."

"Jim's past experience and educational background will be a welcomed asset to the school system's administrative office, guaranteeing a smooth transition," Dr. Dunn added.

Kinion, a native of Bath, received his formal education at East Carolina University, including his B.S., M.A. in administration, and Advanced Education Specialist certification. Since his career began in 1953, Kinion has been a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal. He, and his wife, Lane, and two children have resided in Edenton, where he has been affiliated with the school system, since 1963.

Dr. Dunn also announced that applications are now being received to fill the D.F. Walker School position being vacated by Kinion. Anyone interested should direct all inquiries to James Pressley, director of instruction, P.O. Box 206, Edenton, or telephone 482-4436. June 15 is the deadline for receiving application.



Dr. James L. Fenner, Sr.



Sara Chappell



Johnny Chappell

Baccalaureate Slated Sunday

Rev. George Broome, pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church, will bring the Baccalaureate address at Chowan High School on Sunday evening. Others on the program include John Guard, principal, Rob Boyce, assistant principal, and Shelia Lassiter, member of the graduating class.

On Monday evening, Albert Long of Happenings Incorporated, Durham, will be the keynote speaker for the graduation exercise. Mr. Long, a former athlete at UNC, is a well-known inspirational speaker among youth organizations throughout the state.

Others who will appear on the program are Johnny Chappell, valedictorian, Sara Chappell, Salutatorian, Bob Jordan, class president, Jill Copeland, class vice president, and Winston Dail, teacher at Chowan.

Diplomas will be awarded by Eugene Jordan, chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education; John Guard, principal; and Daisy Bemby who is retiring from the teaching profession this year.

Job Slots Granted

Chowan County, based on population, has been granted 60 slots for summer youth jobs. Employment Security Commission has been named coordinator for the \$397,052 program.

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., will sub-contract the counseling portion of the program. The Regional Manpower Advisory Council recommended ESC as the coordinator and it was approved by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

A total of 554 disadvantaged students aged 14-21, will participate in the program in the 10-county Albemarle Area.



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Water Study 'Not Complete'

MANTEO — Studies of the Albemarle Sound Basin haven't gone far enough, a member of the Coastal Resources Commission charged here last week and a state water quality official agreed.

The exchange between Frank Furlough of Columbia, a commercial fisherman and CRC member, and Col. Dan McDonald of Raleigh came during a discussion of the plan to take water from North Carolina to supply Southeastern Hampton Roads, Va.

Furlough said all the studies had been made of tributaries while none had been made in the Albemarle Sound. He charged that the study would not be complete until all the waters are evaluated to a point where they empty into the Atlantic Ocean.

He further said moving from the Chowan River to Roanoke River would not benefit the water quality in the sound, into which both rivers dump.

Col. McDonald, a former Corps of Engineer official now with the state Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, agreed with Furlough and admitted that such a study had not been made.

Representatives of the Norfolk District, U.S. Corps of Engineers,

did not respond positively to a CRC request to have representatives here to discuss the alternatives. Dr. Gene Huntsman of Havelock, CRC committee chairman, expressed disappointment.

While Col. McDonald said the state "cannot tolerate any

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Col. Paul E. Lasker

New Headmaster

Col. Paul Edwin Lasker will become headmaster at Chowan Academy, effective June 15, according to Joe Towe, Jr., of Hertford, chairman of the board.

Born at Tigard, Ore. in 1929, Col. Lasker attended elementary school, high school, and college in the state of Oregon. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1954.

Upon retiring from the Army after 22 years of active service, he became the Senior Army Instructor for Junior R.O.T.C. at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville. He simultaneously served as the Director of Army Instruction for all Army J.R.O.T.C. instruction in Pitt County.



Dr. Robert E. Gray

Commencement

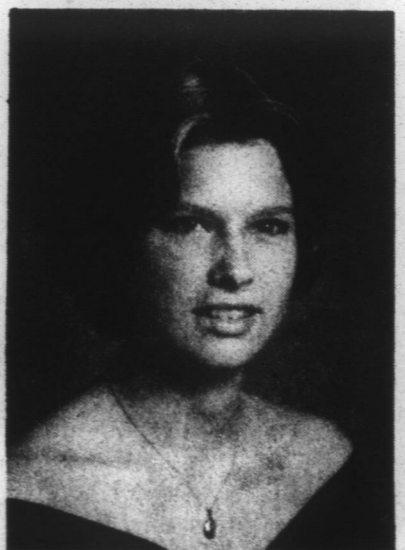
The Class of 1978 at John A. Holmes High School will receive diplomas Monday night in graduation exercises at Hicks Field. The program starts at 7 o'clock.

Dr. James L. Fenner, Sr., pastor, Providence Baptist Church, and Dr. Robert E. Gray, pastor, Edenton Baptist Church, will speak at the baccalaureate service at 7:30 P.M. Sunday. It will be held at Edenton Baptist Church.

Dr. Fenner's topic will be "Stop And Think" while Dr. Gray will speak on the subject: "Keep On Keeping On."

Special music will be presented by Anna Kay Manning and the John A. Holmes Concert Choir, directed by Mrs. Shelby Strother. "If You Believe" is the subject for three student commencement addresses. Speakers will be Kenneth Pierce, valedictorian; Elizabeth Stevens, salutatorian; and Farah Bemby.

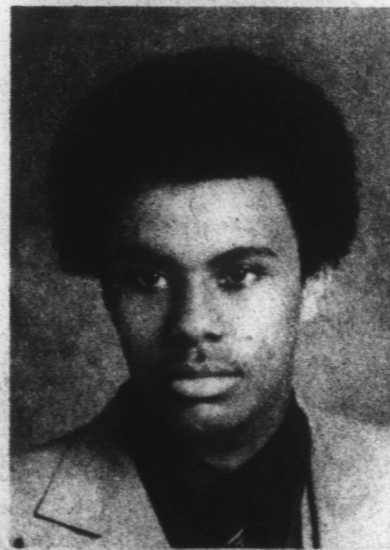
Dr. Bruce R. McGraw, principal, and his assistant, C. Louis Belfield, will present the seniors and Dr. J.H. Horton of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, will award the diplomas.



Elizabeth Stevens



Farah Bemby



Kenneth Pierce

Public Parade

Class Of 1978

This is commencement time along the Public Parade and throughout much of the country. Thousands of high school seniors will respond to the call of "turn your tassel" which officially marks their entry in a new world.

Today this newspaper devotes considerable space in announcements about plans for three classes in this county — Chowan Academy, John A. Holmes and Chowan High.

Also, individual recognition is given the seniors as some 50 local business establishments and industries sponsor the annual graduate pages. This is in the form of a public service for us, as more than normal time is spent on page composition because of the photographs. However, it happens but once in the life of a young person and it deserves a little special treatment.

As we said it's a new world for these graduates and as we have noted so often in the past, the real challenge is for them to play a role in the solution rather than become a part of the problem.

Annual Meetings

One can't expect much out of Raleigh in the next couple or three weeks. Why? The General Assembly is back in session.

Bureaucrats have a tendency to "walk on eggs" while the lawmakers are in town. This will be especially true during the 1978 mini-session where liquor and budget are the primary topics, not necessarily in that order.

The session comes less than a month after the May 2 Democratic primary and the floor will have a generous number of "lame duck" legislators. What effect this will have on legislation remains to be seen, but it could produce more evils than the last minute surge of adjournment of

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Raymond Chappell



Dr. S. Bruce Petteway



Amanda Bunch