

### DAR Honors Students

The Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored four Chowan County students as winners of an essay contest sponsored to commemorate American History Month. American Flags and Certificates for Outstanding Work in American History were awarded to Carole Baker, Jennifer Lane, Neal Bass, and Ralph Hollowell, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade first place winners, respectively, during the DAR's February luncheon.

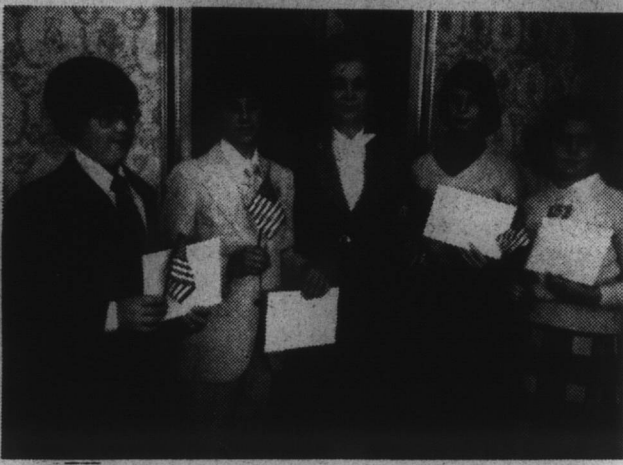
Commending all participating students for their efforts, Mrs. Marguerite Burch announced the four winners from a field of one-hundred and six essays submitted from Chowan County's public and private schools. The County's 5-8 grade teachers were also commended for encouraging stronger student patriotism and interest in the country's history and progress.

The four winning essays, developed around the theme, "Industries and Trades During The

Revolution," have been sent to the DAR Regional office for further competition. Winning Regional essays will then be judged in state and national competition. Contestants with the best essays at these levels will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.

Mrs. Burch, DAR American History essay contest chairperson, noted with interest the variety of industries and trades which appealed to students in researching their essays. Printing, tavern operations, paper making, blacksmithing, gunsmithing, coopering, glass making, whaling, and the iron industries during the Revolutionary Period were among the more popular subjects covered.

As the students read their award winning essays to the luncheon group, members were impressed with the creative ways selected by students to present their researched composition. Essays were judged not only on content, but also on penmanship, spelling, punctuation, grammar usage, and bibliography.



**ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS** — Winners of the American History Month Essay Contest were recently honored at lunch by the sponsoring Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR. Left to right, Neal Bass, Chowan Academy seventh grade, Ralph Hollowell, Chowan Academy eighth grade, Jennifer Lane, Swain Elementary School sixth grade, and Carole Baker, Swain Elementary fifth grade, were presented certificates by Mrs. Marguerite Burch, center, contest chairperson, for their first place entries on "Trades and Industries During the Revolution." The DAR annually sponsors the essay contest in February for 5-8 grade students in Chowan County.

### Local School Responsibility Increasing

The number of school units in North Carolina has dropped over the past twenty years by thirty as the result of merger. In 1960 there were 174 local units and as the 1979-80 school year begins, there will be 144. Two units, Robeson County and Maxton, merged this year. The total number of local units will drop to 143 on December 1, 1980 when the Craven County and New Bern units merge.

Each of these local units is governed by a board of education which sets policy for the operation of schools in their unit. The local board is responsible for hiring a superintendent to administer school policies, and for hiring all other personnel and others. The superintendent is hired for either a two or four year contract at the discretion of the board, subject to approval of the State Superintendent and the State Board of Education.

State law requires only three qualifications for becoming a superintendent: (1) a superintendent's certificate; (2) three years of experience in school work within the past ten years; and (3) a doctor's certificate showing the person free of communicable disease. All other considerations are left to the discretion of the local

board. And there are frequent changes in the top job in the local unit. This year, for instance, there will be 17 new superintendents in North Carolina who have never served as a superintendent before. Additionally, four Tar Heel superintendents have taken new jobs in other units.

All superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, and most teachers are paid on the basis of a state salary schedule. The superintendent's salary is based on the size of the school unit in terms of pupil membership and on the individual's experience and certificate. Salaries range from

\$21,552.00 to \$46,896.00 across the state. That includes a specified state salary schedule and local supplements.

Additionally, local units employ assistant superintendents, supervisors and principals. One assistant superintendent is allocated for units with a student enrollment from 5,000 to 11,999; two for 12,000 to 21,999; and one additional one for each 10,000 youngsters after that. In 1979-80, for the first time, one-half an assistant position will be allocated for units with an enrollment between 4,500 and 5,000. One principal is allocated to each school with an enrollment over 100 pupils. Their salaries are determined by the size of the school and years of experience.

The state teacher salary scheduled is based solely on the type of certificate the individual has and number of years of experience. Annual salaries for teachers range from \$10,380.00 to \$15,830.00 per year.

The state salary isn't the only income of many school employees. Most of the units pay local supplements to superintendents. More than half of the units pay principals a supplement and around 60 per cent pay teachers a local supplement. Except for state money which the local board receives for specific purposes, the board can exercise its own discretion in deciding what subject area teachers are needed in

who shall be hired.

Assignment of students to schools is also the responsibility of the local board within the confines of desegregation plans approved by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Recent state legislation limited the number of students to be assigned to certain teachers. Primary teachers cannot be assigned to teach more than 26 students, a teacher in grades 4-8 not more than 33 and a teacher of grades 9-12 a maximum of 35 students per class. The 1979 Legislature approved a plan which will reduce the number of students per teacher by one in grades 4-6 and set a maximum of 150 contacts per day for junior high school teachers.

**AUXILIARY TO MEET**  
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 P.M. in the home of Mrs. J. L. Chestnut. All members are urged to attend.

### Correction

The person identified as Victoria O'Neal in the College of the Albemarle Phi Theta Kappa photograph in last week's newspaper was incorrectly identified and should have been Debbie Comer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Comer of Edenton. The College of the Albemarle and the Chowan Herald regret the error.

### Prison Reform Needed

By Paul D. Brandes  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Paul D. Brandes, a professor of speech communications at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has directed volunteer groups in state and federal prisons since 1968. He has been awarded three federal grants to do research on prison communication and has written a study guide on communications for prison officials and offenders. He also has written a guide for volunteers.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, inmates at the New Mexico State Penitentiary rioted and successfully took control of the prison. In the ensuing bedlam, numerous prisoners were killed by their fellow inmates. Horrendous reports of brutality and mutilation emerged from inside the prison walls.

As it turned out, prisoners who informed on other inmates were among those killed. Prison officials' files

were rifled during the riot and the names of informers became known. The identity of some informers already was known or suspected by the rebellious inmates.

With the prison under their control, the rioters rampaged through the corridors exacting brutal revenge against their enemies, including informers. Some were decapitated. Others were tortured before their deaths.

The events at New Mexico State Penitentiary point to the complicated communication patterns involving prison informers or "snitches." Research on the channels of communication between prison officials, informers and other inmates obviously is difficult because no one wants to talk about them. The following observations are based upon 11 years of working as a volunteer and as a researcher in 12 prisons, both state and federal. Continued On Page 9-A

### Death Claims Mr. Bowen

Funeral services were held at 4 P.M. Monday for Thomas Jessie Bowen, 75, Route 1, Merry Hill.

The services were held in Riverside Baptist Church with Rev. Don Clinton officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Bertie County, Mr. Bowen was a retired farmer.

He was married to Mrs. Hallie Mizelle Bowen, who survives. Also surviving is a son, Leon Ray Bowen of Fort Plains, N.Y.; two daughters: Mrs. Annabelle Castello of Powellsville; and Mrs. Peggy Walker of Rutledge, Ga.; a brother, Ed Bowen of Merry Hill; two sisters: Mrs. Mae Lawrence of Windsor; and Mrs. Odell Dunlow of Merry Hill; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Bobby and Wayne Belch, U. S. Hassell, Carlton Hughes, Max Adams and Emmett Daniels.

### Jewelry Jottings

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**DEFENDANTS**  
TO: John Willie Williams, Addie Simpson, Ella Louise Coston, Lovey L. Coston and any other person, or persons, known or unknown, including children, heirs, representatives or assigns of James E. Coston and wife, Anna Jones Coston, who may claim an interest in the lands involved in this proceeding, the above named defendants:

**TAKE NOTICE** that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled tax lien foreclosure proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: for a judgment for the amount of a tax lien purchased from Chowan County Tax Department for taxes assessed and levied against that certain tract in Fourth Township, Chowan County, North Carolina and to have said land sold to satisfy the judgment. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 18th day of March, 1980, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This 4th day of February, 1980, at Edenton, North Carolina, I, **Chapman Bean**, Attorney for Plaintiffs, 431 S. Broad St., Edenton, N.C. Feb. 7, 14, 21, chg.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
This is to notify the public that on and after this date, February 21, 1980, I, Mrs. Barbara S. Travers, III, will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone other than myself. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, pd.

**COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**  
Having qualified as Collector of the estate of Delores Barbara Nixon, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 1980, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 13th day of February, 1980, Michael Joseph Delaney Collector of The Estate of Delores Barbara Nixon Deceased. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, pd.

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