

Board Of Education Gives Approval To Guidelines For Promotion

The Edenton - Chowan Board of Education recently adopted a Student Evaluation Policy dealing with the grade retention and promotion of students in the system. The policy, which establishes a minimum set of standards for the retention of students, is to be used as an operational guideline for teachers and principals.

The culmination of two years work and research, the policy reflects the educational knowledge and experience of teachers, administrators and central office staff members who served on the formulation committee. It also reflects the Board of Education's Philosophy of Education.

In addressing the new policy, school Supt. John Dunn noted that all students

Lt. Gov. Green Guest Speaker At Meeting

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green called for the reduction of the size of state government through "normal attrition of our non-critical work force," at the annual meeting of the N. C. State Government Employees Association Saturday afternoon in Asheville.

"The millions we will save there can be used to fund fringe benefits and future salary increases for our hard-working career employees. State government has just simply gotten too large, and we cannot adequately provide for the employees we have now," Green said to the 13,000-member group.

The Lt. Gov. reiterated his historically strong support for state employees, and repeated that "rewarding our hard-working, productive career state employees is a top priority of mine."

Green said that neither he nor the legislators had all the answers, and called on the nearly 180,000 people employed by the state to help state officials solve the salary and fringe benefit funding problems.

"Who knows better than you how to cut waste, boost sagging worker morale, and reduce inefficiency? Who knows better than you how to fairly compensate our best workers?" he asked.

Lt. Gov. Green also made the same comments Friday night at the N. C. State Employees Association Annual Convention Banquet in Winston-Salem.

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do not develop at the same rate, nor are students equal in their ability to comprehend, retain or think.

"This inequality in development and ability," he added, "presents a challenge to the professional staff in grading, classifying and placing students in groups or grades that will best benefit the child."

"When it becomes evident that a student's critical factors, such as rate of cognitive, social, physical or emotional development, are not keeping pace with the student's chronological age, teachers and principals should consider the alternative of retention," Dunn said.

According to N. C. School Law, a school principal has the ultimate responsibility for grading and classifying students and, to this end, has the authority to override the policy if felt in the best interest of the student.

The system's new Student Evaluation Policy has different promotion-retention processes for students in three basic grade level categories as follows: K-8; 9-12; and exceptional children.

Promotion or detention of the K-8 student is based on a point system, with the minimum number of points for promotion being 12 out of a possible 29. Points for achievement are established at each grade level in eight criteria areas: Mastery of the basal reading text; reading percentile on standardized tests; in math mastery level; math percentile on standardized test; classroom performance as indicated by averaged grades; child's academic maturity, social maturity and physical maturity. The points from each area are totaled and the basic decision to pass or

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probation, a \$250 fine and cost of court, ordered to pay \$5.79 to benefit Louise Nowell, and told to reimburse the state of N.C. for the court appointed attorney's fee.

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Linda Kay Sutton, charged with attempted arson, had a probable cause hearing. Probable cause was found and she was bound over to Superior Court.

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Promotion in grades 9-12 is based upon the total number of units earned as of the opening day of school in the fall. A student must have passed five subject units to

be promoted from grade 9 to 10, must have successfully completed ten units (one of which is English) to be promoted to the 11th grade, and must have passed fifteen units successfully (one

English course included) to be considered a 12th grader. The placement of students in or out of an exceptional children's program is considered by a School Based Committee, through

review of the student's progress, each Spring. This committee also makes recommendation for promotion or retention. Several complex factors are taken into consideration.

Some of these include the student's effort, whether or not a grade has already been repeated, maturity, relationships with classmates, achievement based on capability, age,

etc. Parents are requested to come in for conferences, usually by the end of the first semester, when it is recognized that a student is having academic difficulty.



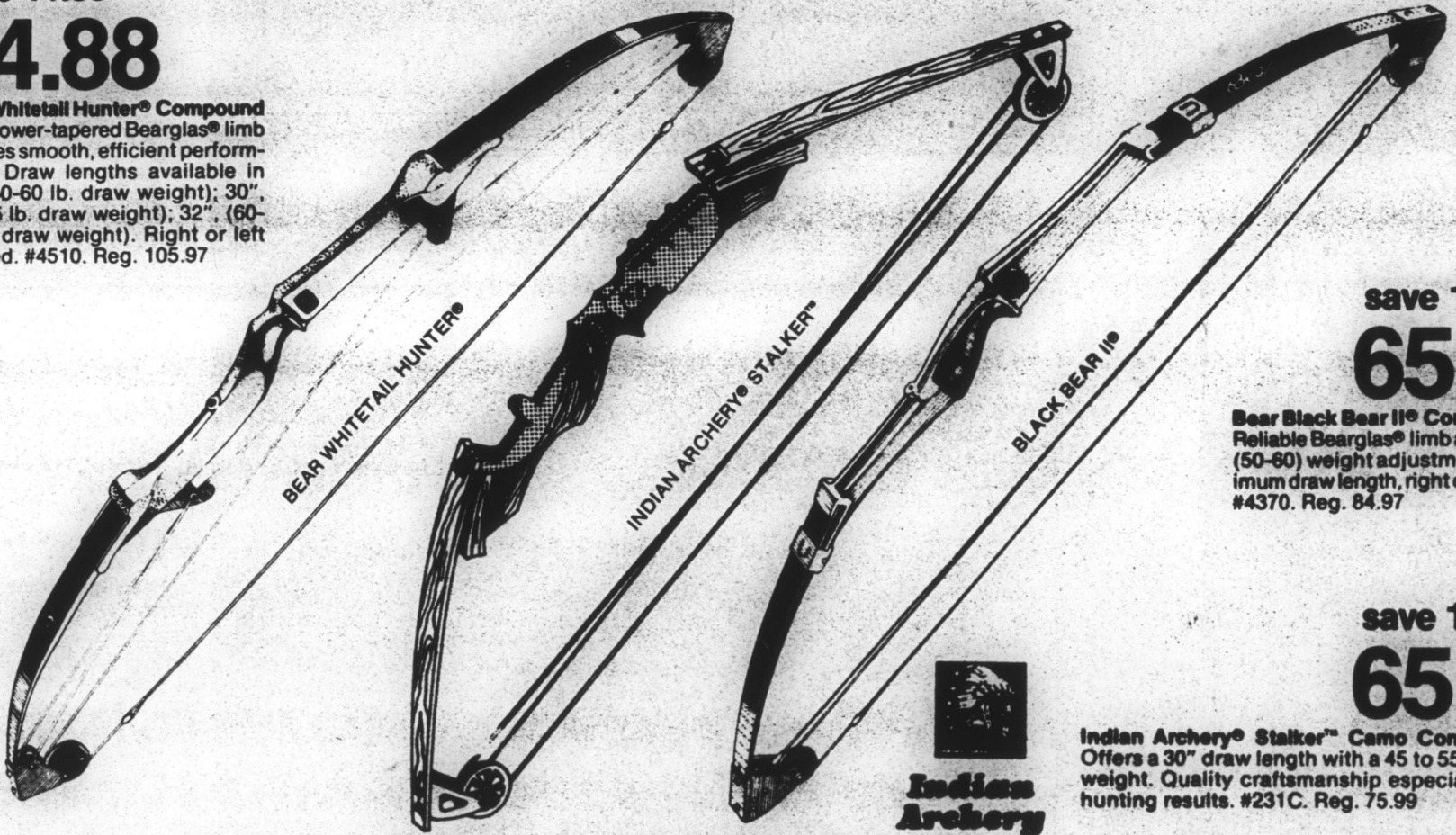
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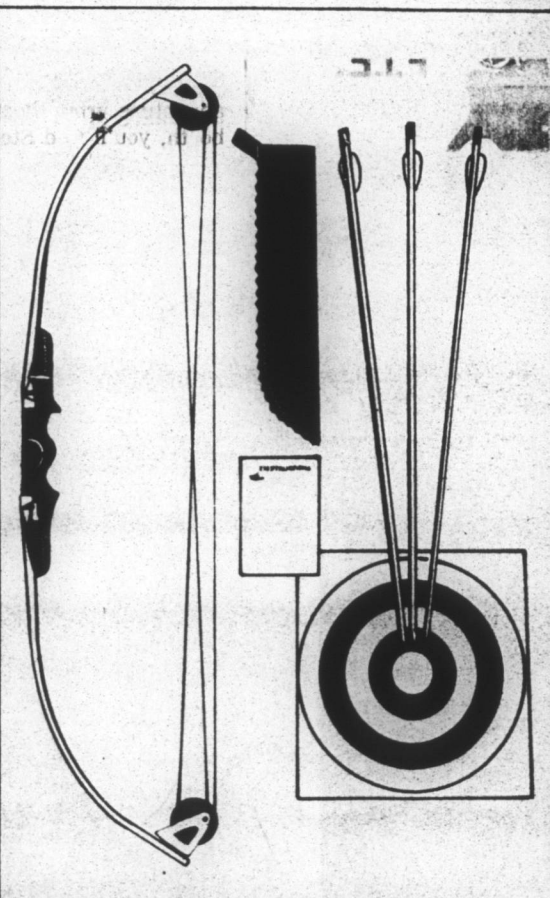
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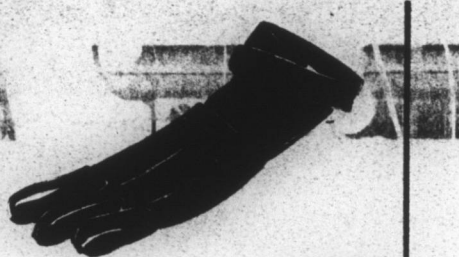
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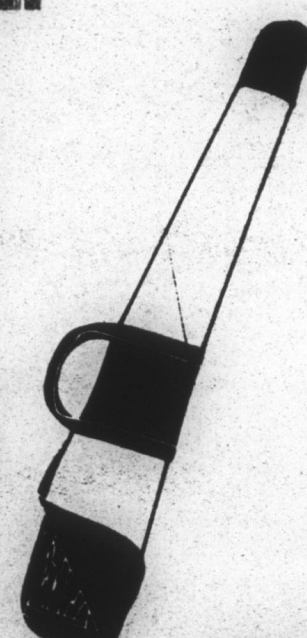
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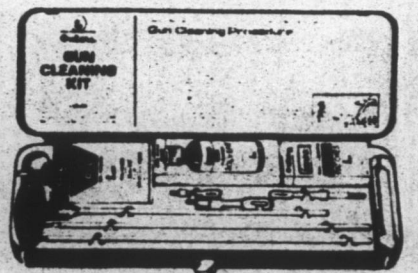
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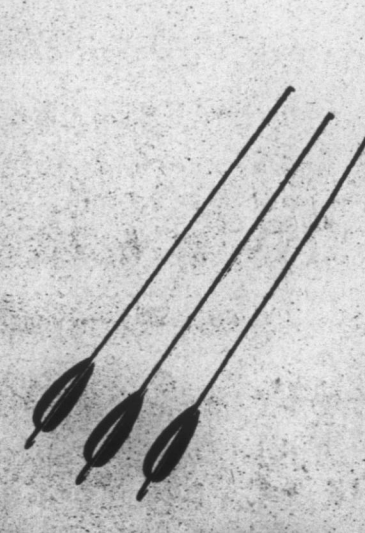
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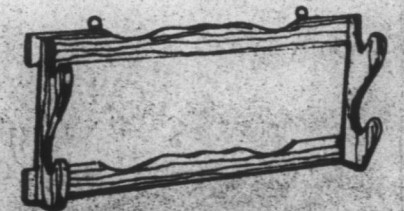
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