



WAITING—Candidates relax and make final adjustments to caps and gowns before the Day graduation at College of the Albemarle. (COA photo)

Local students graduate at C.O.A.

Predicted thunderstorms failed to materialize Memorial Day afternoon, allowing 131 graduates to receive their degrees and diplomas at an outdoor commencement on the front lawn of College of the Albemarle.

Perquimans County was well-represented by 15 residents. Ten earned associates in applied science degrees for technical studies; four received diplomas for occupational training; and one received an associate in science degree.

Three nursing graduates from Dare County missed the formalities because of heavy traffic, returning from the beach area on U.S. Highway 158, slowed progress to a snail's pace. What normally would have been a one-hour drive, was extended to nearly three-and-one-half hours of stop-and-go travel.

James Timmerman received the college's highest award, the President's Service Cup, from Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., COA president. Each year, the college faculty selects the student it perceives as the one who has contributed most in services at the institution.

Timmerman, a retired U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant commander, served as president

of the Student Senate. He was described by Chesson as a hard-working student, who is always involved in college projects.

"Jim has been an effective leader, who is a true advocate of College of the Albemarle," Chesson said. "He is one of our most enthusiastic supporters, always promoting COA, both at home and across the state."

The Michigan native, who became a part-time student in 1977, and enrolled on a full-time basis following his retirement, received his associate in applied science degree in electronic data processing.

The college has been a family affair for the Timmermans, and one of his classmates, his youngest son, Patrick, graduated magna cum laude with an associate in art degree. His wife, Phyllis, and oldest son, Michael, graduated last year.

The elder Timmerman will continue his studies in the light construction program. During the coming academic year, he will serve as vice president of the State Senate.

James A. Summers, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development secretary, stressed the importance the role of environment has played in the character and history of the state as he addressed the more than 850 people who were present for the ceremony.

Sumner challenged his

audience to maintain the quality of its natural surroundings, which he correlated with the quality of life. "I encourage you to maintain a clean 'image' of what you want the region you live in to be," he said. "We cannot separate our lives from the source of our livelihoods."

Perquimans County graduates include: Gloria Allen, Judith M. Rumble, and Robin E. Trueblood, cosmetology; Michael S. Baker, Edith S. Cooper, Kay C. Morgan (magna cum laude), and R. Elaine Twine (Summa cum laude), business administration technology; Marcus R. Frear, electronics technology; Elizabeth P. Hollowell, medical secretary; Elmer L. Kee (magna cum laude), light construction; Lina P. Morgan and Elizabeth R. Read, associate degree nursing; Faye M. Nixon and Cassandra W. Carver, general office technology; and Douglas W. Perry, special credit.

Chappell receives award

The Tracy Lea Calhoun Award has been presented to Perry Benjamin Chappell, Route 3,



CHAPPELL

Hertford, for outstanding achievement and school bus driver in the Perquimans County School System for the 1983-84 school year.

The award is given by the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association, a 750-member statewide wholesale petroleum trade association. The purpose of the award is to honor an outstanding school bus driver in each county worthy of recognition for outstanding contribution in school safety during the current school year.

Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wray Chappell, has been commended by motorists on his actions for the safety of students. He is the driver of Elementary School Bus No. 28.

The award is named for a 17-year old high school junior who

was killed on her way to an after-school job at an oil company in Raleigh. Her death focused attention on the ever-present and pressing need for greater care and concern in the selection, training and supervision of the school bus driver. Since her death, and as a result of parents, adults, students and legislative concern demonstrated throughout the State, numerous changes have resulted focusing public attention on school bus safety awareness. Governor Hunt has declared the week of May 6-12 as School Bus Driver Recognition Week. Additional and more stringent requirements have been added to qualification and selection of students and adult school bus drivers as well as an increase in the hourly wage for bus drivers.

Mansfield receives scholarship

GREENVILLE—Twenty entering freshmen at East Carolina University have been awarded ECU Alumni Honor Scholarships for the 1984-85 academic year.

The recipients were selected on the basis of high school achievement. Scholastic

Aptitude Test scores and extracurricular activities.

This is the sixth year the awards have been given to outstanding beginning students at ECU. The \$750 scholarships are funded by ECU alumni and are renewable for up to eight semesters, contingent upon the

recipient's maintaining a high academic grade point average.

John Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mansfield, 803 Grubb St. and graduate of Perquimans High School has received this award and will major in chemistry.

Griffin to attend Girls' State



GRIFFIN

Miss Jean Griffin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin of Southern Pines, has been chosen to attend the 45th Annual Tarheel Girl State.

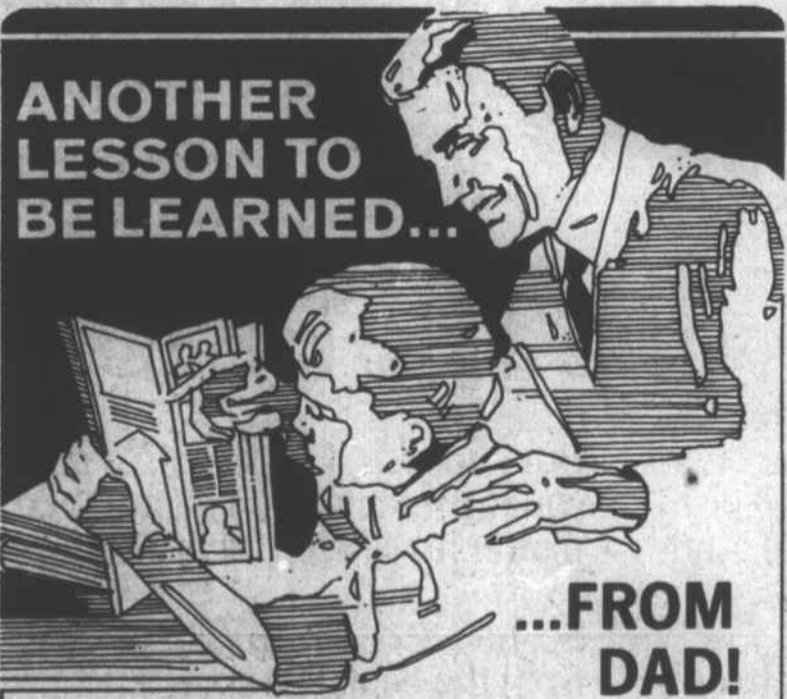
The American Legion Auxiliary Sandhills Unit No. 134 sponsors two outstanding girls from Pine Crest High School to attend Girl's State at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Here they will be introduced to the fundamentals of how

democratic government works.

Miss Griffin is in the Drama Club, French Club, member of the Keyettes, active in the county band, and won the outstanding junior in marching band. She is also very active at Vass Methodist Church with choir, youth MYF, and a member of fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jean Griffin is the granddaughter of Eunice White, Winfall; and Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Griffin, Tyner.



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