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Principal Charles B. Whitley Retires

By ROB BYRUM

Charles B. Whitley, after 21 and a half years of involvement in the Albemarle City Schools, has announced his retirement. Mr. Whitley will no longer be the principal of Albemarle Senior High School after February 28, 1985.

Mr. Whitley attended the Albemarle Schools for twelve years and graduated from Albemarle High School in 1951. He was an active athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He received a partial baseball scholarship from the University of N. C. in Chapel Hill for his efforts.

Mr. Whitley continued his athletics at Chapel Hill, participating in baseball, junior varsity basketball, and soccer. During his senior year, however, he passed up sports to work as a student teacher and coach at Lumberton. In 1955 Mr. Whitley received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then returned to Albemarle to teach the eighth grade at Central Elementary School.

In December of 1955, Mr. Whitley married Miss Barbara Lowder, the varsity girls basketball coach at Albemarle. The two had been friends through high school and dated in college. Fate brought them both back to Albemarle and to each other.

1957 brought the draft, and Mr. Whitley joined the U. S. Coast Guard. There he served as an instructor at Cape May, New Jersey, until he returned to U. N. C. to attend graduate school. After working for his Masters Degree, Mr. Whitley returned to Albemarle to be the principal of East Albemarle School.

Following the birth of their first child, Toni, the Whitleys moved to Durham. Their two sons, Stan and Jeff, were born there. During his stay in Durham, Mr.



Whitley held principal jobs at Edgemont Elementary School, George Watts Elementary School, Rogers-Herr Junior High, and Durham Senior High School. To Whitley the job at Durham High was "... a real experience. There were 1800 students ... 92 teachers."

The next year Mr. Whitley took the principal job at Union Pines Elementary

School in Carthage. Their stay was short, however, and in 1972 the Whitleys found themselves in Brevard. Mr. Whitley says he has many fond memories of his days there as principal of Roseman Elementary School and Brevard Middle School, and of his time spent as assistant superintendent of Transylvania County Schools.

In 1978 Mr. Whitley returned to Albe-

marle and took over as the A.S.H.S. principal. He had always wanted to someday return home and to see his children go to school here. He admits, "It was one of my goals to see my children graduate from Albemarle Senior High School ... It is really a good school."

The Whitleys' oldest child, Toni, is married and lives in Brevard. Their older son, Stan, lives at home. Jeff, a freshman at the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, is considering a career in banking.

Mr. Whitley is unsure of his plans for the future, but he does plan to get a job so he can support Jeff at Chapel Hill. Mr. Whitley is interested in some type of college admissions field. The Whitleys would move to the beach or wherever his new job leads him.

Mr. Whitley has had many interesting experiences at Albemarle, the most interesting taking place in the new stadium. He enjoyed building the facilities and watching the teams play here instead of the old Junior High football field. Mr. Whitley also enjoyed bringing in Coach Bright and watching the program at Albemarle steadily improve under his leadership. "I was pleased that we were 0-10 my first year at Albemarle and that we're 7-3 now. It makes it a lot easier to run the school." He states that it will be school functions such as athletic events, band concerts, and choral concerts that he will miss the most. "This was the part of school I really enjoyed, not the discipline and behavior problems."

Mr. Whitley says that he will really miss Senior High, but he wants to get out and do something besides teach school before he is "too old and too tired." He leaves us with these last words: "I'll always be a Bulldog, and I'll always wear my Bulldog tie-tac."

New Opportunities Available For Job Hunters And College Students

By HANK McSWAIN

On February 11, Ernie Phipps, a representative of DeVry, a Bell & Howell company, gave a presentation to the Senior English classes about electronics technology and job markets.

Advances in electronics technology are occurring almost daily according to Rona Frankfort, Public Relations Manager of the DeVry Institute of Technology. These advances are resulting in systems and products that were hardly imagined a decade ago. Thousands of job opportunities have evolved with this new technology.

"Thousands of new technical jobs exist thanks to new electronic products," states Philip A. Clement, President of DeVry, Inc., one of the largest postsecondary technical education institutes in North America. The DeVry Institute offers degrees in Electronics Technology and Computer Information Systems. Mr. Clement also feels that "new applications for electronics in manufacturing, medicine, scientific research, telecommunications, aerospace and in a wide range of con-

sumer products will generate new employment opportunities for many years to come."

Based on figures by the United States government, it is estimated that by the year 1990 electronics and electrical technicians will occupy 107,000 new jobs. The Institute for the Future predicts that information-based technologies will be the main driving force of economic growth during the next decade. Examples of these information technologies include computers, factory automation systems and communications systems for the home and office.

The DeVry Institute stresses that a solid educational grounding in electronics is the key to a rewarding career in building, maintaining, repairing, or designing sophisticated electronic components. Mr. Clement feels that those who study electronics today will acquire skills that will remain useful well into the 21st century.

In the years ahead, electronics technicians also will apply their skills to the emerging field of telecommunications.

Our knowledge of technologies such as fiber optics, cellular radio, and satellites will be expanded. Industrial robots will also play an increasingly important role in industries and are expected to number 330,000 worldwide by the year 1990. However, these industrial robots will remain operational only through the efforts of trained specialists. Computer technology, which now includes highly sophisticated applications such as computer-aided design and manufacture and speech synthesis, must also be supported by a trained corps of technicians.

Although Mr. Phipps focused his presentation on the field of electronics, he also gave the seniors some advice in deciding on a career. He stressed the importance of seniors exploring the career that interests them and finding out how many jobs are open for that occupation. Mr. Phipps seemed to be worried that some of this year's seniors will graduate from college with skills that will not be in demand because of the lack of job openings in that occupation. It is evident from Mr. Phipps' presentation that there will be an increas-

ing number of job opportunities in the field of electronics and technology.

