

## Chowan Students Review Books, Tell Of Favorites In Library

(Editor's Note: As a part of National Library Week celebration at Chowan High School, Mrs. Rufus Smithson, librarian, put the students to work reviewing books and writing about their favorite books. Their report follows.)

During National Library Week 49 new books are being made available to the students at Chowan High School. Prior to this week a

group of students from grades five through 12 was selected to review these new books. Listed below are some new book titles along with the students' comments:

Common Sense of Tom Paine by Richard O'Connor: "This book tells the story of a man who spoke loudly, not meekly, when he had a belief. Throughout the book I could feel the power Tom Paine held in his pen."  
—Willie Leary, 12th Grade.

Archimedes Takes a Bath I, G. Edmonds: "Revolt and revolution is not only the reason that the United States is free today, but also the freedom of many other countries. History lovers will be interested in the way this book describes the impact that revolutions had on history in general."  
—Joan Jordan, 8th Grade

Brumby Dust by Reginald Ottley: "I like this book. It looks like it has stories of the Wild West. I think the horses on the cover roamed the western plains and were caught by the cowboys to be tamed."  
—Randy Copeland, 5th Grade

Hot Rod Outlaws by Robert Sidney Bowen: "I like this book because it tells about a boy who fixed a 1955 Chevy into a hot rod."  
—Ronnie Bunch, 6th Grade

"This is my type book."  
—Randy Chappell, 8th Grade

Jade by Sally Watson: "This is a great book for girls who are tomboys."  
—Belva Ashley, 7th Grade

Glenda by Janice May Udry: "This is an amusing story about Glenda, the little girl who wanted to be the best in everything. Marcia gave Glenda a hard time, so Glenda fought back with her evil magic."  
—William Overton, 9th Grade

Revolts and Revelations by

Jerry Peele, Library Week Committee Chairman.

MY FAVORITE BOOK Boys and girls in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades at Chowan High School like to read good books. With this in mind, the Chowan High School Library Club Committee for National Library Week gave these students an opportunity to share their reading experiences during National Library Week. All students in school were invited to submit entries for a "My Favorite Book" contest.

Three Senior Library Club members, Rhonda Bunch, Wanda Ward and Dorothy White, were selected to choose the five best entries. It was announced that the five students submitting the winning entries would receive one dollar each.

These are the entries considered by the committee to be the five best, along with three that they decided should have honorable mention.

My favorite book is Misty by Marguerite Henry. The book informed me that horses can swim in water that is over their heads. I never knew this before. There were so many things I learned about horses. Each time I see a horse now, I realize what he and his trainer would have to go through before the horse could become a riding horse.

—Sherry Harrell, 5th Grade

I like Sea Star by Marguerite Henry of all the books I have read. I liked it because it told about a boy and girl that raised a wild pony into a tame one.

It meant more to me because they were going to sell the pony and give the money to their Cousin Clarence so he could go to school and learn to be a minister. It made me happy to read a book that told about people helping each other.

—Sue Mosley, 5th Grade

My Daughter, Nicola, is the name of my favorite book. I like this book because you never want to put it down, you always want to read what is going to happen next. Another reason I like this book is that it is full of adventure, excitement, happiness and sadness. To me this book says two things that a person can do: if you really want to do something and put your mind to it, you can

do anything, and you don't have to prove anything for someone to really love you.

—Debra Boswell, 7th Grade

Of all the books I've read my favorite one was Benjamin Franklin. It was so interesting to read how a boy who was very poor grew up to be a very smart and wise man. Although he only went to school a few years, Mr. Franklin became an American leader. I do not wish to become an American leader because I don't like politics, and to me it's a chance of getting your head blown off.

—Carroll Perry, 5th Grade

Patricia Crosses Town is my favorite choice of books because the same thing has happened to me. It has the same feelings that I do about white schools. This main statement reminds me of the first day of school, "They were all white." When Pat first saw them, right then she wanted to go back to the old school. There were many days when I wanted to go back to the other school. They will see how hard it was on us. Pat tells how hard it was on her.

—Sheila Holley, 6th Grade

Honorable Mention Mark Twain's The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is my favorite book. I like it because it's about a boy about my age. He has good times and bad times like I do. He gets into too much trouble, but is clever enough to get out each time.

—Bradley Ward, 5th Grade

E. B. White's Stuart Little is my favorite book. I liked the book because the author made a mouse that acted like a normal person. The mouse wore clothes, met girls, was shipwrecked, owned a bird, and did all these things like a real boy would do.

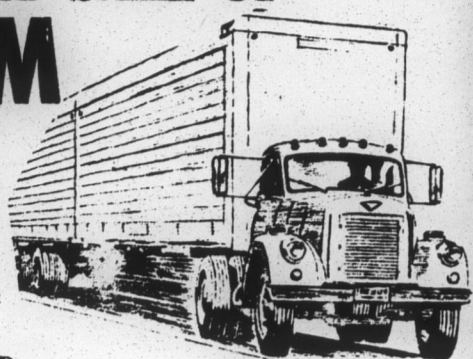
—Susan Bass, 5th Grade

My Side of the Mountain is my favorite book. The reason for my liking this book is that the boy in the story is doing the things I've always wanted to do. This is an exciting book. It is full of excitement and thrills of the outdoors.

—Clay Madry, 6th Grade

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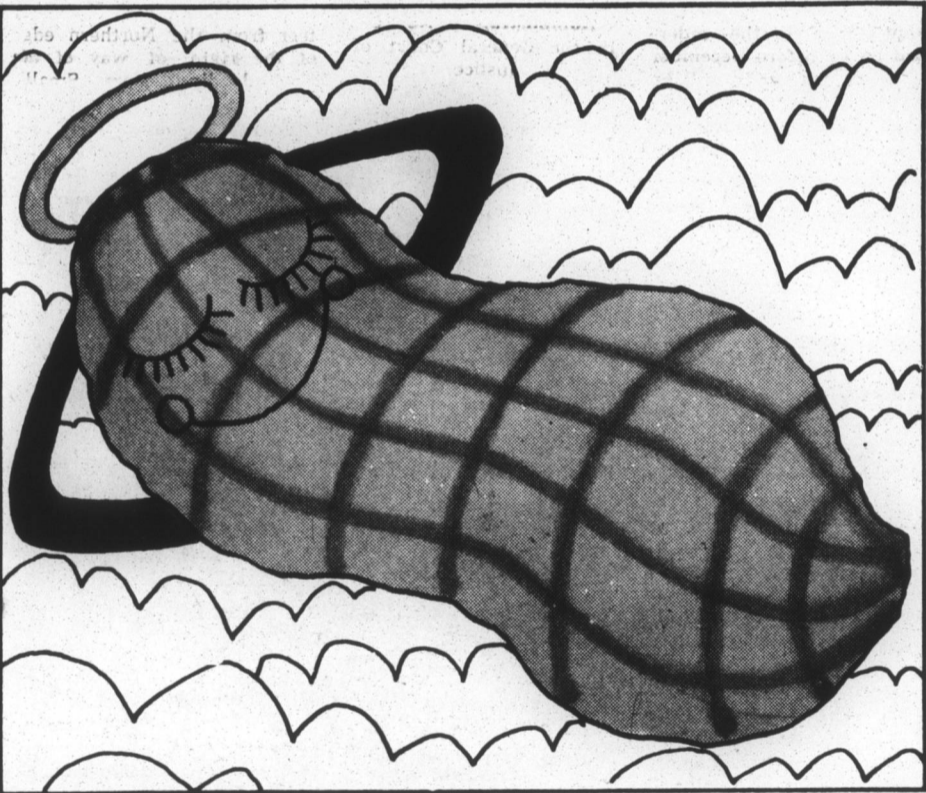
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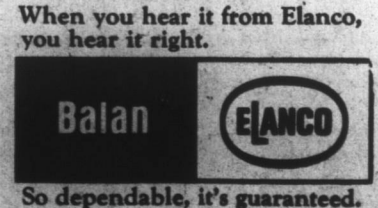
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