

County Students To Witness Reenactment Of Famous Murder Trial

When witnesses stand before the "judge" in Chowan County April 8 at 9:30 A.M. and swear to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," ninth graders from John A. Holmes and Chowan High schools will be looking on. This will be but one of many activities in which Chowan County students will participate during the Bicentennial Arts Festival in Edenton, April 8-11. The participants in the

trial of Ves Winger will be actors recreating the famous 1922 trial in which Winger was accused of killing his wife. The lesson to be learned by the ninth graders is how our system of justice works.

Sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction, the Carolina Theater Company of Winston-Salem is recreating the trial for Ninth Grade students across the state. To add to the authenticity of the

drama, the productions are being staged in county courthouses.

The play, "The Death of Winger", is based on the death of a Wilkes County woman in 1893. Ves Winger, her husband, told

authorities the woman died when she fell from a hay loft. Twenty-nine years later, a neighbor came forward to confess that Winger had admitted to him that he had killed his wife with a pickaxe.

Winger was convicted by a jury and sentenced to life in prison. But the ninth graders will serve as the jury and make their own decision about Winger's guilt or innocence based on the evidence presented.

"Ninth graders were selected to witness the reenactment because they have recently completed both North Carolina and World History courses," according to James R. Hall, director of the Department

of Public Instruction's Division of Cultural Arts. "One of the most valuable lessons the students can learn from history," he added, "is how our courts have worked through the years."

Language Arts

Boost Careers

At Chowan High School grades seven through 10 are taking a look at careers in ecology, acting, and the ministry. Studying careers through language arts has been part of their school curriculum this year.

Classes are involved with activities in acting, such as learning to pantomime and how to articulate while speaking. Mrs. Rascoe's ninth and 10th grade classes are looking forward to a theatrical make-up demonstration from Mrs. Sandra Boyce, drama teacher at Holmes High School.

Did you know that today Americans, with only 7 per cent of the world's population, consume almost 50 per cent of the earth's industrial raw materials? Long's eighth Grade class is learning such facts. They have discovered new terms such as landfill, compost heap, ocean dumping, and recycling. Now they know why it is important to practice good ecology.

Members of the seventh and ninth grades were surprised to learn that it is helpful that a minister be a good bookkeeper, repairman, administrator, counselor, and musician. Mrs. Copeland's seventh des were surprised to learn that it is helpful that a minister be a good bookkeeper, repairman, administrator, counselor, and musician. Mrs. Copeland's seventh Grade has been researching religious affiliations of our community as well as the different faiths of the world. Mrs. Rascoe's ninth Grade enjoyed a tour of Ballards Bridge Baptist Church given by Rev. George Cooke, pastor.

Each student will research, write, discuss, report and by the experience of learning will be better informed of the demands and rewards of, maybe, a future career.

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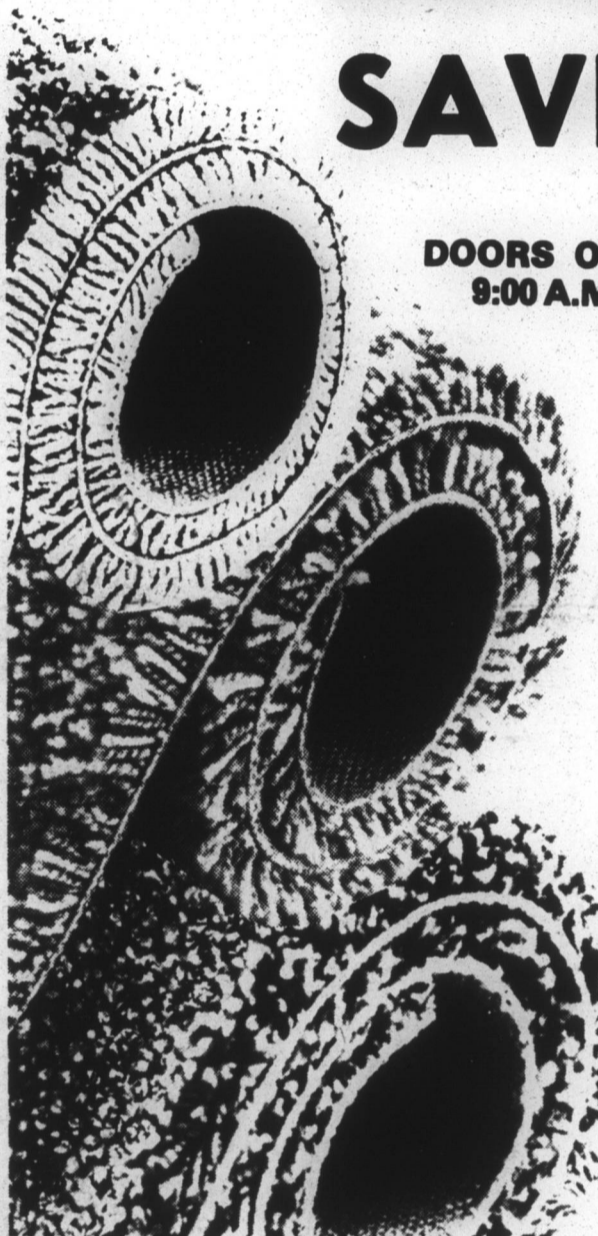
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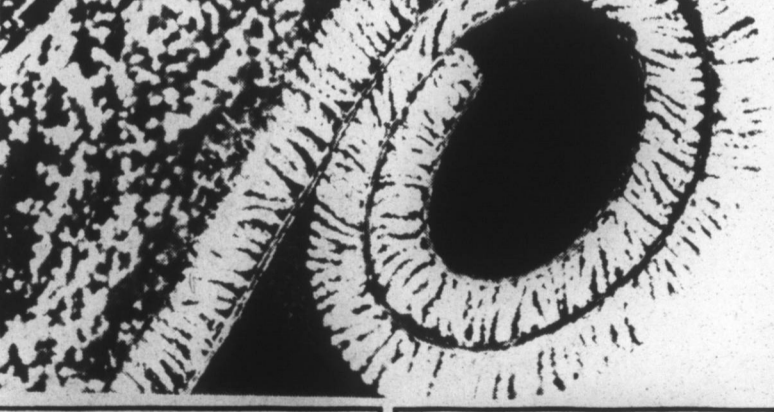
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