



Chalk Dust

By Mary Rhea Gardner

When the cats are away, the mice don't play - they're home tending to the cheese!

What I'm getting at is that from time to time teachers, principals, and other school personnel need to take time out from busy schedules to attend meetings, conferences, or conventions. Such events are generally, highly organized and well planned to broaden their educational knowledge, bring them up to date on latest educational trends, afford opportunities to visit validated school programs which are working, and bring together shared ideas and suggestions from all sections of the state, area, or nation. Before they go, their work has to be caught up and/or left in the hands of competent cohorts to see that things continue to run smoothly. It's a compliment to the Edenton-Chowan system, and to those substitutes, assistants, secretaries, or whoever left behind, to know that reliable and competent school personnel are able to hold the reins, allowing others to take advantage of educational opportunities which will ultimately affect students.

The Central Office has recently been and, on a staggered basis, will continue to be without some of

its male leadership. They're all been or are going to Texas. Don Lassiter, Director of Instruction, John Schroeder, Cultural Arts Director, and Bruce McGraw, Holmes High Principal have been attending the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) National Convention in Houston since March 18. They'll arrive home today, just in time to pass on their brief cases to Superintendent John Dunn and associate Superintendent Cecil Fry. Dunn and Fry, along with several school board members, county commissioners and town representatives will also be going to Houston, March 25-30, to the School Boards National Convention. I understand that they're taking along a real live press agent, so those who meander along the public parade can grab full benefits of national educational trends later. This trip is being made possible through the Alliance for progress, a consortium arrangement among six school units, and six boards of county commissioner sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The NSBA Convention will be designed with board members and superin-

tendents in mind. Over the four day period, they will have the opportunity to learn from more than 400 guest speakers who will address themselves to the day-to-day concerns of school districts. The convention will also provide a wealth of information through exhibits, roundtable discussions and architectural displays.

You might say that Houston, Texas will have had its fair share of Edenton come March 30.

Like any public service institution in governing body which is set up for the people and by the people, the State Legislature tries to make people aware of what is going on that will have major influences on their lives. To this end, they establish Special Days for different groups in an effort to reach as many segments of the population as possible. March 24 has been set aside by the legislature as PTA Day. If I can get the colored chalk dust from under my fingernails, I will accompany Sara Tynch, PTA president at White Oak School to Raleigh for this occasion. While there we plan to do a little lobbying for educational issues which are up this year that might be beneficial in the county's school system. Then, to cover up the chalk that wouldn't wash off we'll do our little white gloves and attend a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion. All in all, it should prove to be an interesting day.

Have you ever thought about the power of your words or actions? Those unsaid or undone often speak louder than those spoken. Indifference is hard to tolerate. An unknown author said it well in this poem:

A careless word may kindle strife
A cruel word may wreck a life
A little word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.
A gracious word may smooth the way,
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

One thing I've noticed in the schools is the way that teachers, for the most part, strive to exercise patience and love by doing all that they can to build a student's self-confidence, feeling of self-concept. In fact, system-wide, then are guidance counselors in each school who work with students and teachers daily along these lines. Just a couple of small, but potentially powerful examples, can be seen in student recognition at Walker School, Mrs. Kinion, ESAA guidance counselor has established what is known as the "PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL" in the Jr. High and primary grades.

Homework assignment

As publicity chairman for the Student Council Convention held in Edenton this past week-end, I had the pleasure of being included in everything that went on. Sometimes a camera is better than a key to insights.

On the surface everything seemed to go along without a hitch-even though one teacher ended up in a ditch. But it's all the little hitches that you have so much fun talking about when it's all

over and you're rewarded just knowing, from experience, that it was the best planned, best organized and most well received SGA Convention yet! This was more than just a meeting convention; it was another HAPPENING. Credits go to all five local student councils, their advisors, and the whole community for working together to bring it off. You would have to have been there to know that I mean by saying that once again love and respect of fellowman was the blanket covering this convention.

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Commissioners

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missioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried that pick-up taxes in the amount of \$217.62 be charged to tax collector.

Upon motion of Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and unanimously carried that the tax collector be relieved of tax receipt No. 134 in the amount of \$38.67 to Ed Ward and also E & C Produce Co.

Upon motion of Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner George, and unanimously carried the Board of Commissioners will meet as a Tax Board of Equalization and Review on Monday, April 4, 1977, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in the County Tax Supervisors office.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to dispense with the approval of bills at the monthly meeting as previously done.

The following reports were accepted and ordered filed: Tax Collector; Social Services, Agricultural Extension Services; Sheriff Troy Toppin; Finance Director; Veterans Service Officer; Animal Control Officer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Anne K. Spruill
Clerk to the Board



John L. Stickley

Lions Schedule Banquet Monday

The Edenton Lions Club will celebrate its 40th Anniversary Monday night at 7 o'clock with a banquet at the American Legion Building, reported Hiram Weeks, president.

Keynote speaker will be John L. Stickley, chairman of the board of John L. Stickley & Company, Inc., a nationally known sales agency, and resident of Charlotte.

Stickley is a member of Charlotte Central Lions Club, has been a member of the organization for over 25 years having served in various high ranking posts including Chief Executive and President of the International Association of Lions. He has traveled over a million miles world-wide, becoming associated with such eminent people as the late former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He has been decorated by several foreign governments.

A life-long, active Baptist, Stickley is married to the former Jennie Williamson McMichael. They have three children and seven great grandchildren.

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By far the most costly surplus the taxpayer has to pay for in this country is the surplus of government.

Journal, Atlanta.

CF Industries Officials Met With Governor

RALEIGH — Local legislators and CF Industries officials met with Gov. James Hunt Tuesday in an effort to improve the natural gas situation at the nitrogen plant at Tunis.

Rep. Roberts H. Jernigan reported Sunday night that he, Senator J. J. (Monk) Harrington and the president and vice president of CF at Chicago have a conference with the governor about the extremely high price of natural gas, which the plant must have to operate.

"I had a conference with the governor Friday afternoon and he is deeply interested and concerned about the situation. There will also be a representative from the Utilities Commission present at the meeting," Jernigan said.

CF at Tunis has had a lot of environmental problems and "I was against them when they were wrong but this time, they are right and I will work to help them," Jernigan stated.

The representative pointed out that the fertilizer complex has "pretty well licked their environmental problems at great expense to them. We need their products badly and I am for them as long as they don't hurt the river."

Officials of the company announced a week ago that the increasing cost of natural gas may force the closing of the industry or removal to another state where rates are cheaper.

Death Claims Harrell Infant

Jason Douglas Harrell, 11 days, son of Larry and Aundra Harrell died Monday morning in Childrens Hospital of Kings Daughters in Norfolk Va.

Other survivors include one sister, Sherie Harrell; and one brother, Michael Harrell both of the home. Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dutchie Spear of Hertford; and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Harrell of Edenton.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at 2 P.M. in Beaver Hill Cemetery by ure.

Swindell-Bass Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Metalwood Opens Office

Metalwood, Inc., a Greenville based firm specializing in commercial exterior design and residential installation of vinyl siding and related products for exterior home improvement, has opened an office in Edenton located at 301 W. Queen Street. Faye Hampton is local representative.

David Taylor, company president, stated that Metalwood has two divisions. One handles residential vinyl siding as well as storm doors and windows, awnings and carports constructed from maintenance free and energy saving materials. Commercially they handle all types of glasswork, specializing in storefront redesign.

Taylor stated that two of

their vinyl siding mechanics have moved from Greenville to Edenton.

Metalwood is a member of the National Association of Home Builders, a quality control organization, and the Edenton Chamber of Commerce. They have been doing vinyl siding work in this area since December 1976.

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