

# Chalk Dust

By Mary Rhea Gardner

Pea picker's picking and the chalkdust's flying, schools are swinging and there's no denying Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, I've got those Chalk Dust blues—not in the literal sense, though. This colloquial "ditty" can be paraphrased to fit so many different situations, but the blues referred to here is the fear of leaving something out.

Exciting events involving community, parents, teachers, students, and schools are happening rapidly, the importance of which should be noted. A warm blanket of community effort certainly covered Edenton last weekend during the successful Peanut Festival sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Band Parent Association. However, without the months of cooperative planning and work put into this project by everyone, the feeling of supportive security, not excluding the financial rewards for the band, would not be the same.

The John A. Holmes High School Band will probably perform with an extra spring in their step as they participate in the Elizabeth City State Homecoming parade on Saturday, knowing that their community is behind them all the way. A special thanks to the Band Parent Association, to Peggy Ann Vaughan and Al Everson who co-chaired this tremendous event.

Another community supportive security blanket fell on the shoulder of D.F. Walker School this week as 33 volunteer parents began their duties as aides in the classrooms. Their duties and responsibilities will vary from class to class and from teacher to teacher. Most important is that they're in essence saying "We realize what a tremendous job educating children is and because we're interested, we are willing to try and help."

Before actually going into the classroom, the 33 parent volunteers attended a workshop and were given a handbook of tips for volunteers. Hours of planning by the D.F. Walker P.T.A., meetings with teachers, principal, and parents were but a part of

behind the scene efforts before parents actually went into the classroom this week.

In talking with Peggy Ann Vaughan, P.T.A. president, and Gwen Van Duyn who worked diligently on scheduling, it was learned that these volunteer parents will be donating approximately 60 house per week collectively as supportive personnel.

The following parents are the special people thus far who have committed their time and energy: Mrs. Gail Jernigan, Mrs. Neil Dirom, Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Emmert, Mrs. Barbara Mizelle, Mrs. Anne Vaughan, Mrs. Catherine Slades, Mrs. Jill Johnson, Mrs. Mary Brown Burroughs, Mrs. Jeanette Mitchener, Mrs. Jesse Riddick, Mrs. Harriett Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jones, Mrs. Carolyn Whicker, Mrs. Peggy Voight, Mrs. Edna McLearn, Mrs. Mary Felton, Mrs. Lindsey Horthal, Mrs. Marilyn Clausen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Redding, Mrs. Susan Rountree, Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan, Mrs. Sally Blount, Mrs. Clara Lassiter, Mrs. Gwen Van Duyn, Mrs. Rebecca Lowe, Mrs. Marjorie Timberlake, and Mrs. Doris Rountree.

How to interpret the turnout of parents on Parent-Teacher Conference Day last Friday is a little on the fuzzy side. Approximately one-fifth of the parent population visited their children's teachers for whatever reason. It's good to know that four-fifths of the parents are happy with the status-quo or is it?

While we're dealing with figures here are some interesting numbers. Last year 42 students in the distributive education class at John A. Holmes High School earned a total of \$85,000, working at 18 different businesses in Edenton. The D.E. classes are composed of 11th and 12th grade students who take regular courses, i.e. English, history, science, etc., and a one hour course in distributive education daily, i.e. advertising, business communication, small business administration, etc.

Depending on their class schedule, they are employed

in area businesses on average of four hours each day and on weekends.

Courses that these students take meet college entrance requirements if that is their plan. By taking advantage of D.E., students can advance into managerial levels faster for having had the work experience, or they're getting a good foundation for a two year business school or for four year business administration degree.

In the words of John Dowd, D.E. instructor at Holmes, "You can bet that these kids know what money is. The majority of them are, in a sense, self-supporting." This is a good experience for these high school students and the community, for most of the money which is made in the community is spent in the community. There's lots more to tell about this group which will come later. But keep these facts in mind when they approach you soon during their annual fruit cake sale, which started this week.

Cultural Arts are very much alive in the schools. On October 28, the Carolina Repertory Theater will present "The Me Nobody Knows" for Chowan and Holmes 9-12 students. This award winning musical is composed of collections of poems, ideas, thoughts and feelings written by youth and set to a musical score. The play attempts to explain through dialogue and song the fears, hopes, frustrations and dreams of the young.

School students also write their own skits, most often on curriculum related subject matter. Tomorrow Mrs. Banks fourth grade students at White Oak will present a skit to the third grades and other fourth grade on "People in Highland Regions." They have just recently completed a unit of study on this topic and were so excited about what they learned that they wanted to share with others. This will truly be a language arts experience for these teachers.

Halloween is coming up and different school groups are taking advantage of it as an opportunity to raise money at school for their organization. The spirit was much in evidence at Chowan High School last Monday night, as the "Chowanian" newspaper staff sponsored a carnival to finance the paper which all enjoy.

Tomorrow the Student Council at Ernest A. Swain school will sponsor a similar carnival to support this groups activities. This should be fun for all, backed by a lot of preparation by all, and good way to scare away the tensions of the first two months of school.

Covered in CHALK DUST one might win first prize for the perfect spook!



A tortoise has lived as long as 116 years.

## Volleyball Team ICS Trojans Take Win Still Undefeated

Friday, October 21, the Immanuel volley ball team breezed to its fourth win against no loss as the Lady Trojans swept past Grace Christian School 2-0 in a 3 game series.

Using only 5 players at a time ICS romped the foe 15-2 in the first game and 15-4 in the second.

In winning this game the Lady Trojans strengthened their hold on first place in the district conference. The team plays host to a very tough Wilson team this week in what may prove to be the conference showdown.

There nine major species of Pine Trees found in North Carolina, the most common being Loblolly.

## Immanuel Christian School added game number five to its winning streak in football Friday, with a 68-32 victory over an impressive team from Grace Christian School of Rocky Mount.

ICS shot ahead to a 14-0 advantage before GCS got on the board. The Big Blue then went on to a 34-6 halftime lead. One standout play in the half was a 48 yard touchdown run by Barry Leary, having picked off a GCS pass.

The second half brought on a completely different looking Grace team which came on strong to score four touchdowns and one two point conversion against the Trojan defense. These points mattered little though in the outcome of the game

for a tremendous Trojan offensive show racked up 34 more points before the game was over.

The Trojans compiled a total of 535 yards in the game. Of those yards 469 are accounted for in the rushing department. The scoring attack was led by David Rollins with 3 six pointers and a pair of two point conversions. Next in the scoring column was Barry Leary with 3 touchdowns.

The Trojans now boast a 5-0 record and are in first place in the district conference.

There are 15 major species of Oak trees common in North Carolina and at least 11 lesser species of Oak.

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Hospital. The college's board of trustees must now decide how to use or dispose of the old hospital building and nurses' residence on Riverside Avenue. The gymnasium will probably continue to be used for physical education and intramural activities until a gym can be constructed on the new campus.

As currently planned, a third classroom-laboratory building for science and fine arts programs will be needed, and will be followed by the new gym. Chesson pointed out that the trustees will begin to develop firm plans for the Riverside Avenue property in the near future.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
Perhaps you said a silent prayer, or sat quietly in a chair:  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that any friend could say:  
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The Family of W. Earl Jones Sr.

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# Don't Lose Your RIGHT TO VOTE

### (Concerning the Ward Voting Issue!)

1. If you vote "YES" you will lose the right to vote for three Councilmen.
2. The three Councilmen that you are not able to vote for will still vote on issues that vitally concern you.
3. Appointments to all Boards will be made by Councilmen that you DO NOT have a voice in electing.
4. The present system is the most democratic process (one man, one vote) that is known.
5. The return to ward voting would create tremendous expense in changing ward lines as to population with absolutely no regard as to race.
6. We urge you to vote "NO" on this issue and preserve the rights that we have so long fought for: THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

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**REFERENDUM**  
Shall the Town Charter of Edenton be amended so that the resident councilman from each of the four wards will be elected only by the voters in his ward?

YES NO

# VOTE NO NOVEMBER 8