Chalk Dust: New Policy Backs Free Education Idea

T.S. Elliott, noted author, once quipped, "If we spoke as we write, we should find no one to listen, and if we wrote as we speak, we should find no one to read." Hopes are that this is not entirely true; for CHALK, lacking in both eloquence and journalist abilities, is guilty of combining a little of both in getting a DUSTY

message across. How one looks at a situation usually determines whether or not it's considered as good news or bad news. Many have been wondering when the three days of school, missed because of snow, would be made up. School Board members decided at their meeting Monday night to have the days made up during the Easter vacation time. Instead of getting four days as originally planned, schools will only be closed on Easter Monday, a legal holiday. Considering past criticism over school getting out so late in the summer, this decision was reached. Barring no other unforeseen obstacles, June 2 will still be the last day for students and

Evangelist Sets Sunday Service

Evangelist James C. Gant of Pinehurst will conduct a service at John R. Page Masonic Lodge on Oakum Street this Sunday at 5 P.M. He can also be heard

Sunday morning at 10:15 over WCDJ.

When You Stay at

The Luxurious, New

the earliest dismissal in many a moon. Schools are getting a little closer to the idea of a "free public education." In other action, the Board also voted to purchase High School Diplomas for graduating seniors, beginning with this Some interesting figures

have recently been made available to school systems, comparing the State's average expenditure per student and percentages of funding sources with counties. Chowan County is \$201.00 above the State's average of \$1209.65 per student with its \$1410.35 figure. 58.6 per cent of our funds are supplied by the State, with the state average from the same source being 66.4 per cent. The state average for federal funds is 13 per cent, while Chowan County's is 25 per cent. On the state average, local governments contribute 20.4 per cent of per pupil expenditures. Local government contributions from Chowan County is 16.4 per cent Federal funds are often refined to as "soft monies." because generally, there's no guarantee of refunding each year. However, it would appear in Chowan County's case that federal funds go a long way in taking up a slack and putting our students out front in per pupil expenditures as compared with state averages.

Nothing makes you feel quite as good as someone

else seeking your advice on how to do something. Aside from being flattering, it provides an opportunity for one to take a good look at what is actually being done. Such was the case recently when fourteen staff members, including the superintendent, reading supervisors, principals and

teachers from the Clinton City Schools, visited in grades 1-6 at White Oak and Chowan High School. These educators came to observe Chowan County teachers are managing the system of teaching the continuum of reading skills on 16 different reading levels possible within a



PLANNING COMMITTEE—Shown above is the planning committee for a Lenten Preaching Mission beginning Monday at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist. From the left they are Mrs. Emily Nixon, Mrs. Ruby Jernigan, Mrs. Tamar Clarke, Ven. Webster L. Simons, Jr., and Mrs. Jeanette Roulac. Services will be held nightly at 7:30

Special Services Planned

A Lenten Preaching Mission will be held next week at the Episcopal Church of Saint John the Evangelist on East Church Street. Nightly, Monday through Friday beginning at 7:30. Archdeacon Webster L. Simons, Jr. will conduct services. His subjects will

Monday - "Who is God?" Tuesday - "How do we know Jesus Christ is Divine?"

Wednesday - "The two stories of the Bible"

Thursday - "How does a

Christian live?" Friday - "What is our

future?' Mr. Simons has been a resident of Edenton since 1976 working with a team of ordained and lay ministers serving sixteen Episcopal congregations around Edenton and the church of St. John the Evangelist.

Music will be provided by the choirs of St. John's, Providence Baptist Church, Gale Street Baptist Church, Kadesh A.M.E. Zion, and Edenton Community Male

All are invited to attend.

ngle classroom situation. Through a series of divided into three bands diagnostic tests taken by students to determine what under three different directors. Another feather basic reading skills they need to master and on what in "our" cap in that Otis Strother, band director, has been invited to lead one of level, the PEGASUS the bands. Given music they reading program being used have never seen before, these three bands will in grades 1-6 and in remedial reading labs throughout the county practice all day and present a concert by 4:30 P.M. the leaves nothing to the imagination or assumption same afternoon. It takes quite a bit of musical ability, of the classroom teacher as knowledge, and discipline for students to perform with to a student's reading needs. Clinton City Schools adopted others they've never played the Pegasus program two years ago, as did Chowan with and under the direction

County. However, they have

basic can you get.

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promotion of creativity in

students is an important

aspect of education. While

the school system doesn't

have it all, we can be proud

of what we've got and we're

willing to share at any time.

month, there is a

sophisticated display of

charcoal drawings, silk

screen prints, wood con-

structions, and wood block

prints representing the John

A. Holmes High School art

department. Mrs. Jane

Jewell, art instructor at

Holmes, is doing a great job

of instructing and

developing the talents of students in her charge.

White Oak School doesn't

have the benefit of an art

teacher per-se', but it is no

less proud of students' work,

which is now on display in

the passageway of the "B"

and "C" Units of the

Recently the popular

A. Holmes has been in great

demand publicly. They have

Club, and within the past

week at People's Bank &

Trust Co. and the Lion's

Club. All who hear and

witness this group agree

that there's a bond between

these students and their

teacher, Shelby Strother,

singing. Respect for each

other and pride in what

seeing this group in action,

last week to be a judge at the

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hospital complex.

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felt that it was not working Students and school as it should. After visiting in organizations seek opclassrooms all day, they portunities to recognize were able to see how our their own and others on teachers have blended the several occasions during the year. Tonight, March 9, Pegasus program of teaching reading skills into D.F. Walker Jr. High will have its annual Athletic the entire reading program, Banquet to honor their not as an isolated or pigeonhole subject. The cheerleaders, girls' and boys' basketball teams, and basic promise behind Pegasus is that because their football team. This year Walker's boys reading skills not mastered basketball team and their by students are identified football team, for the second through testing, teachers know exactly what needs to consecutive year, are the be taught and mastered Coastal Jr.-High Chambefore the child is allowed to pions. Coaches Woodley and move on. Those that already Bass have done a tremenknow a given skill are dous job with these students ideally motivated and and their major concern challenged by the teacher to right now could be where to master the next skill in the put all of the trophies. continuum. How back to

of a stranger.

FHA Club Members at Holmes High School will honor their parents at the annual FHA Banquet Friday night. In keeping with the overall theme being "You Light Up My Life," a puppet show and skit centered around parent-child relationships will be the entertainment. Mrs. Edna Reeves, FHA advisor, and her students have worked hard to ensure that this will be a pleasant and enjoyable evening for parents and

Congratulations are in order for Walter Byrum, Bruce Blanchard, Bryant Byrum, Tracy Miller, Amy Asbell, Harry Ganey and Tony Spivey, students at Chowan High School who as a team placed first over five other school teams in the FFA tool contest at Bertie last week.

students.

Students from Chowan & Holmes High once again showed that their hearts are pumping in the right direction as they joined other Chowan County "Concert Choir" from John citizens in donating blood during the Tidewater Blood performed at the Rotary Mobile visit to Edenton Chowan's Monogram Club sponsored about 30 student donors, and Holmes DECA students helped with registration as well as giving blood.

Money can't buy everything, but it sure does

We have spoken and



COUNTY CRUSADE CHAIRMAN-Chairing the Cank Crusade for Chowan County is Mrs. Yates Parrish sho above during the American Cancer Society's mid-wint conference in Raleigh with Dr. Marlin Perkins, Nation Cancer Crusade co-chairman and host of the TV ser. "Mutual of Omahas Wild Kingdom".

Mrs. Parrish Takes Post Crusade Chairman Name

Edenton was named Crusade Chairman for the Chowan County unit of the **American Cancer Society by** Virginia Byrum, president of the unit. Mrs. Parrish, it was stated, accepted the position because of her deep concern for the immediate need to control cancer and the necessity to help win the war against cancer through the annual Education-Funds Crusade.

More than 350 American Cancer Society volunteers attended the Society's annual mid-winter conference in Raleigh. Dr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Yates Parrish of Marlin Perkins, Nation Cancer Crusade chairmen, spoke at tl conference. Dr. Perkir hosts TV's award-winnig "Mutual of Omaha's Wi Kingdom".

"The theme of th **American Cancer Society** We Want to Wipe Or Cancer in Your Lifetime" said Mrs. Parrish, "and dedicate my service to the end. Every dollar given t support the America Cancer Society helps in th vital education program for the public an professionals, patient an community service, an research.

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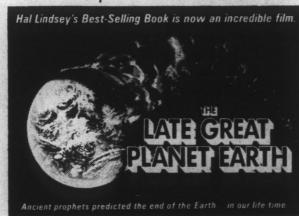
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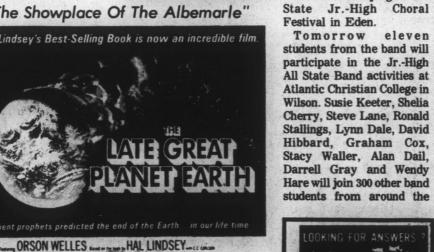
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that goes deeper than just help!! Recognizing this, grades 5-8 at Chowan High are beginning a two week magazine sales drive. they're doing rises above the highest note hit. After Proceeds from this drive will be used to purchase it's easy to understand why additional instructional materials, library books, Mrs. Strother was invited physical education supplies and to defray travel expenses of school sponsored field trips. Student efforts to supplement their educational needs are to be lauded. Just think, while you're stretching that dollar to purchase a magazine from these students, you can also broaden your mind and encourage good reading at

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