

Letter To The Herald Editor

I feel that the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is being very unfair in their handling of the school bond issue. They, as elected officials, should be charged with letting the people know the facts, and not just those in favor of the bond issue.

As a citizen and taxpayer of Chowan County, I pride myself in trying to know the facts before voting on any issue, and in my search for facts have found many points that have not been brought out. One such point has to do with student population in our county.

In the Edenton-Chowan Survey conducted by the Division of School Planning, N.C. Department of Public Instruction, it clearly states that "John A. Holmes will be able to accommodate grades 9-12 for the entire county by 1979-80."

All the figures I have heard states that there are approximately 900 students in grades 9-12. This was true in 1975-76 but why should we be looking at the past when

it is impossible to have a new school before 1980-81. By this time there will only be approximately 732 students in grades 9-12 with a continuing decline to approximately 604 students by 1983-84. John A. Holmes High School's capacity is 770 students, so it seems to me that there would be ample space by this time.

There are other points that should also be made public, and I, for one, feel that the school board owes this to the people. After all, the school board has access to all the information, both pro and con. How can the people of Chowan County go to the polls and vote intelligently unless they know both sides?

A Concerned Citizen

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The First District Bar Association comprised of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates,

Pasquotank and Perquimans counties, has organized a Speakers Bureau as a public service project.

Various attorneys from this district will speak without charge at any civic club or school within the district on the topic enclosed herein, or on any law related topic suggested by a group.

Parties interested in making use of the Speakers Bureau should contact John S. Morrison, 206 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, telephone 335-5413 at least two weeks in advance and an attempt will be made to have the speaker at the designated time and place. We would appreciate your making an announcement of this service in order that the public will be aware of this undertaking.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,
First Judicial Bar
John S. Morrison

Funds To Aid Employment Opportunities

The N.C. Balance of State Prime Sponsor is applying to Department of Labor for about \$1-million under the Youth Community Conservation and Improvement Projects (YCCIP). Proposals should be planned for nine months beginning January 1, 1979, and ending September 30, 1979.

They should offer employment opportunities for 16-19 year old in community improvement jobs. Projects serving economically disadvantaged high school dropouts will receive priority. Community based organizations will also receive priority in the competitive bid process used in selection.

Application packages can be picked up at ARPDC Offices-217 N. Church Street, Hertford. Proposals will be received until 5 P.M. on September 30.

Local 7-11 Store Battles Against Muscular Dystrophy

Edenton's 7-11 Store on West Queen Street, is among the top ranking in the chain in raising money for Muscular Dystrophy through various events. Bill Tatoraitis, manager, said \$562.50 had been collected through last Thursday.

A car smashing event is now underway. Those who donate at least 25 cents will have the opportunity to take a swing at a car parked next to the store. The event is held from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. every day and from noon to 8 P.M. on Saturdays, so long as the car holds up. "It is doing well so far, Tatoraitis stated. "Much better than the 10-pound sledge hammer which already has had to be repaired."

Tatoraitis says a six-pound hammer has been added for the ladies.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bain of Milwaukie, Oregon announce the birth of a daughter, Jayme Lynn, August 16th. The mother is the former Gail Harrell, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Roy L. Harrell.

The project follows bake sales and ham dinner sales as fund raisers. The 1968 Buick junker was donated

by Joe Jones of Valhalla and Albemarle Ford towed it to the site.

Edenton's 7-11 Store is

second in the district, consisting of 29 stores in North Carolina, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Va.



LAUNCHES CAR SMASH — Bill Norvell, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, prepares to break a bottle of champagne to launch a Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser at 7-11 Store on West Queen Street. Looking on is Bill Tatoraitis, store manager, who is in competition with other managers throughout the chain.

Chalkdust By Mary Rhea Gardner

This chalk board has been silent for two months, but activities within the school system never cease. With teachers and other ten month employees returning to work on August 14, it only seems natural to take CHALK in hand and pick up where we left off last year.

The main intention of this column is, to inform, not necessarily to gratify. However, if both can be accomplished at the same time, a primary goal will have been met.

Although much has been and will continue to be written, spoken and rumored about the upcoming \$3.5-million School Bond Election, there are certain basic facts and information that everyone should be familiar with and thoroughly understand before going to the polls to vote on Sept. 19. For the next several weeks this column will try to reach as many people as possible in hopes to enlighten.

It seems that there is some confusion as to what will actually be voted on during the special school bond election. Consolidation, or the putting together of all of the county's high school students in one school and the junior high school students under one roof is not the issue at hand. The decision to consolidate students or to put grade levels in one school or another rests solely with the board of education and the school administration, not the voting public.

The need to reorganize the attendance patterns of students at both ends of the county for educational advantages was recognized as far back as 1964, at which time the Chowan County and the Edenton-City School Boards merged to become one. Since that time the various boards have worked steadily toward that goal, with the present board committing itself a year ago the fulfillment of consolidating students. That students will be consolidated is an

established fact.

What the voting public will be called upon to do at the polls is to help the school board decide which method of consolidation will be used. How this will be achieved to the best educational advantage of Chowan County's present students and the future of education in Chowan County for years to come is the issue which will be voted upon on Sept. 19.

On Sept. 19, voters will have to decide if they are willing to see \$3.5-million spent to build a new high school and athletic complex in which to educate all students in grades 9-12. This proposed new school would be located approximately 6 miles north of Edenton, near Valhalla on what is commonly referred to as the David Ober property.

The school board's decision and conclusion that a new school would provide the most effective education for students and be the most economical way in the long run to consolidate has not been influenced by politics, chance of personal gain or the chance of establishing a monument to any special group. Sincerity and concern for students has continued to be the motivating factor.

The outcome of the election will determine where all the children of Chowan County go to school. If the bond referendum passes, 9-12 students will attend the new school; 7-8 students (countywide) will attend John A. Holmes High School; K-6 students in the county's southern end will attend D.F. Walker School and K-6 students in the county's northern end will attend Chowan High School. The new school and attendance patterns would be begun by the fall of 1980.

Today's space will not allow expanding or the advantages of this preferred method of consolidation. This will be discussed in other articles. However, it will have to suffice at present to

know that the school board has sought the advice of educational experts and economists and the feelings of parents before concluding that this method would offer the most educationally, economically and socially.

If the \$3.5-million bond election is voted down, reorganization will take place next year (1979-80) in the following manner:

All students in grades 9-12 will attend John A. Holmes School; all 7th and 8th graders will attend Chowan High School; students in K-6 (southern end) will attend D.F. Walker and K-6 students (northern end) will attend White Oak School. There is enough (\$500,000) unused State Bond money to build additional classrooms at Holmes to accomplish this move.

Although this will be "make-do" spending, will not alleviate cafeteria and classroom overcrowding; will restrict course offerings in the high school and restrict physical education, pre-vocational and cultural offerings to junior high students, and create the need for cross bussing, it has been determined that even this will be a better educational and more economical plan than presently exists.

As you can see, consolidation can and will take place - that is not the question. How important the provision of that which has been determined the best way to provide the best education in Chowan County is the question.

More information giving educational pros and cons will be presented in future articles.

The ten days since 152 teachers reported to work have been chalk-on-black with preparations for students, making plans for the year, attending teachers' meetings and staff development workshops, greeting old and new friends at a luncheon and learning about new programs. An important block of time has been spent in hearing explanations of test results from Statewide Annual Testing Programs given to students in grades one, two, three, six and nine last spring.

On August 23 and 24 conferences have been scheduled for parents to have these test results interpreted by their child's last year teacher. A big thanks goes out to over fifty parent volunteers, organized under the system's new Community Education program, who spent hours personally contacting parents of a thousand students to schedule these parent conferences. Every parent should make a special effort to keep these appointments which will reveal a great deal about their child.

The comparative silence down the institutional halls will disappear as the echoing ghosts of students' voices become a reality on Aug. 28 and DUST will collect in added dimensions.

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