

# Alternative School Policy Remains Unchanged

Following lengthy discussions and testimonies pro and con, pertaining to Edenton-Chowan Alternative School students being allowed the graduate with the option of a high school diploma from Chowan High School, John A. Holmes High School, or the Alternative School, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night unanimously approved Dr. J. H. Horton's motion to "let the policy remain the same until further study and discussion."

The present Alternative School graduation policy which was approved by the Board in January 1978 reads:

"Upon completion of 21 units, which is Edenton-Chowan School Board requirement for graduation, and successfully meeting the requirement of the State Competency Test, a student may graduate with his regular high school class, or

with Alternative School graduating class."

The fairness of this policy recently came under attack by Blake Boyce and Mike Underkofler, representing John A. Holmes High's Senior Class and Student Council at the Board's April meeting. Reiterating, repeatedly, the merits of the primary purpose of the Alternative School, Underkofler read a letter received by the Board citing comparative reasons why the Alternative School should be treated separately and this school's students not be allowed to receive a diploma from another school. The letter, which accused the Alternative School of not being in compliance with "rigid standards" set forth by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, will also be sent to the State Department of Public Instruction and to the Southern Association, ac-

cording to the student spokesman.

Pointing out that a Holmes School diploma shows a student has satisfactorily completed a course of study prescribed for graduation "from this school".... Blake Boyce noted that "it is fraud" and against the law for Board Chairman Eugene Jordan, School Superintendent John Dunn and Principal Greg Todd to give a signed diploma from Holmes to a student who did not, in fact, graduate from that school. Attorneys have been approached for proper steps to take to have this changed.

As he encouraged the students to send their letters of concern to the State Department of Public Instruction and the Southern Association, Superintendent Dunn cited Public School Law giving the principal of a school the authority to "grade and classify" students, which is the basis

for students being placed and graduated.

Dr. Dunn described the Alternative School as one of the system's special programs begun to meet the varied needs of students who are referred from Chowan and Holmes high schools, as well as drop-outs. He cited the lack of physical space at either Holmes or Chowan as the reason for the Alternative School's present location at Swain and referred to this school as an "extension of Chowan and Holmes for students recommended from those schools." In turn, the Alternative School principal recommends students back to their "home school", as eligible candidates for graduating.

Mark Livesay, a field consultant from the Department of Human Resources, Division for Community-Based Alternative Programs, defended the operations, curriculum,

guidelines and policies of the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School. Livesay, in describing the program made at this school, noted that Chowan County's program has received much favorable recognition and is becoming a model for similar programs in the South East States.

In her presentation on the Alternative School, Mrs. Clara Boswell, principal, categorically defended the school's position pertaining to policies, curriculum, length of school day, organization, grading system, etc. as similar enough to warrant the same diploma. At the same time she challenged the opposition to "know the concerns of students at the Alternative School."

Mrs. Frances Boyce, Alan Parker, Tommy White and Mrs. Jane Underkofler also spoke in behalf of the concerned Holmes group.

In other business, the Board approved the resignation of Holmes biology teacher, George Kubanda and granted a leave of absence to Loretta Guard. The 1980-81 School Calendar, with the first and last days of school for students being September 2 and June 11, 1981, was adopted and the 1980-81 Vocational plans accepted.

John Guard presented the Reorganization and Consolidation Curriculum and Facility (Grades 7 and 8) committee's recommendations for next year. Previously approved by the Steering Committee, the Board accepted these recommendations. The Cohesiveness Committee's recommendation to let the students involved, with advice from principals and others, be responsible for solving the problems pertaining to tradition, proms, queens, etc. next year was also accepted.

Reports on Summer School plans, textbook adoption, ESEA Title I proposals and end of year school activities were also received by the Board.

## Recreation News

Jr. and Sr. Babe Ruth sponsor a N. C. Heart Association Tennis Tournament. There will be slots for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. For further information call 482-0888.

Midget Soccer: The Midget Soccer season will end this Saturday, May 10 with an All-Star match with the Elizabeth City Boy's Club. The first match will begin at 10:00 A.M. on the Little League Field on Badham Road. Don't miss it!

Men's Softball: The men's league has been divided into three divisions with five teams in each division. They are as follows:

Tennis Tournament: The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department will

I	II	III
George Chev.	Edenton JC's	Diele Auto
Natural Men	Exxon	Hoke
Oakleaf Lodge	Cotton Mill	Spedic
Ryland Rultans	Texaco	Sutton Pool
VBX	Tom	Tyner JC's

Results of Monday night's games--

Oakleaf Lodge - 20	Spedic - 2	6:30
Tom - 16	Hoke - 6	7:00
George Chev. - 13	Tyner - 5	8:00
Ryland Rultans - 19	Exxon - 8	9:00

## Legion Membership Drive

The American Legion, Department of North Carolina Headquarters in Raleigh today announced that Edenton Post No. 40 has conducted a very successful membership drive, resulting in the Post reaching its assigned Membership Goal. E. C. Toppin, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from Department Headquarters reporting that Post No. 40 has exceeded its Legion Membership Incentive Goal for 1980.

Ray G. Smith, State Commander, said "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for The American Legion to maintain its many worthwhile programs not only for veterans, but also for the community, the state, and the nation such as

care for needy children, Baseball, Boys' State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service Projects, Law and Order recognition and all the others. I am proud to congratulate Post No. 40 upon this notable achievement."

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**4 to 7 POUND FRESH HENS**  
49¢ lb.



**Swift Premium TOP ROUND ROAST**  
\$2.09 lb.

**U. S. Government Inspected CENTER CUT 1 Pound PORK CHOPS**  
\$1.29

**U. S. Government Inspected FIRST CUT PORK CHOPS**  
89¢ lb.

**WHOLE PEANUT CITY COUNTRY HAMS**  
\$1.29 lb.

**8 to 12 lbs. TURKEYS**  
lb. 63¢

**VALLEYDALE BLUE RIDGE BRAND BACON**  
lb. 89¢

**2 Liter Bottle Pepsi Cola**  
\$1.09

**16 Ounce KRAFT FRENCH or THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING**  
bottle 79¢

**DEL MONTE SALE 17 Ounce DEL MONTE Can Sweet Peas**  
39¢

**17 Ounce DEL MONTE Can Cut Green Beans**  
39¢

**GWALTNEY 12 oz. pkg. FRANKS**  
99¢

**COURTLAND BRAND FINE WINES DOMESTIC-IMPORTED SAUSAGE**  
lb. 79¢

**NABISCO Ritz Crackers**  
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**29 Ounce DEL MONTE Can Sliced Peaches**  
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String Beans 39¢ lb.  
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