



NEW TEACHER — Mrs. Martha Hayes, a new 4th grade teacher at Swain School, has been busy preparing for the arrival of her students on Monday. She, along with the rest of the teachers in the system began the 1984-1985 school year on Monday August 13.

Summer Vacation Ends For 2,400 Students

by Ron Anderson

At 8:20 a.m. Monday morning summer vacation will officially end for the 2,400 students in the Edenton-Chowan School System. On that day the 1984-85 school year begins.

This year will see a greater number of professional staff in the local schools. Last year 148 certified staff members were employed by the system; this year four teachers have been added bringing the number to 152.

Teachers will be taking home father paychecks as a result of the 14.8 percent salary increase for all state certified personnel approved by the June session of the General Assembly.

First year teachers with an "A" certificate will receive \$15,680 for 10 months employment compared to the approximately \$13,000 new teachers earned during 83-84.

The average yearly cost for educating a child in a North Carolina public school is \$2,212.

Studies show that a student beginning school this year in the Edenton-Chowan School System will most likely graduate. Last year 99 percent of the students who began in the system finished high school as compared to the 54 percent in 1970.

Edenton-Chowan Schools will be emphasizing the "B" in the ABC improvement plan adopted by the school board three years ago. "B" stands for buildings.

Superintendent Dr. John Dunn said, "the B means the improvement of our physical facilities."

"We know our physical environment has a lot to do with the quality of education," said Dunn "and we want to improve our environment."

Education, if it is to be it is up to you and me! is the new slogan for the year, a slogan Dunn describes as "twelve word sermon to say that the condition of our physical facilities is the responsibility of all of us."

Another method of improving the schools' physical environment is a behavioral attitude concept named Adopt A Spot. Individuals, groups, and clubs will be asked to find a spot they wish to maintain it. Dunn believes that by instilling a feeling of ownership in those responsible for the spots, the physical environment of the schools will be greatly improved.

But Dunn emphasized that the other goals of the ABC plan - Courtesy is contagious and Higher Standards - will not be forgotten. "The three goals work together," he said. "We're going to continue to

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Leary Trial Starts Monday

Chowan County Superior Court will be in session beginning Monday, August 27; Honorable Herbert Small presiding over the criminal calendar.

Scheduled is the trial of Clyde Alexander Leary, 20, Edenton, who is charged in connection with the January 31, 1979 murder of Yeopim Township store owner Les Jones.

Leary is charged with murder, armed robbery, and accessory after the fact to murder and armed robbery. The case was continued from both the January 30 and March 26 sessions of Superior Court because of difficulties with an essential witness for the state.



Gary G. Hardison

Appointment Announced

The Board of Directors of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Eastern North Carolina recently announced the appointment of Gary G. Hardison to the position of Assistant Vice President in charge of the Northeastern North Carolina Lending Operation.

Hardison will serve as branch manager of Home Federal's new Edenton office beginning later this year. Until then, he will remain at the bank's Plymouth office with Carlyle Hall, branch manager.

A Washington County native, Hardison graduated from East Carolina University. Prior to his appointment with Home Federal, he was employed with Plymouth Savings and Loan Association as Vice President in charge of mortgage lending.

Hardison has served as a volunteer with the Washington County United Way and the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. He is a member of the Zion Chapel Church of Christ in Roper.

Home Federal Savings received its original charter as the Home Building and Loan Association in April 1906.

After settling in its present home office in downtown Greenville in

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Fugitive Arrested After Chase

A Virginia fugitive bolted from local law enforcement officials in downtown Edenton Thursday afternoon.

Criminal charges have followed the footchase of Willard Mack Blankenship, 27, near the Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

Wanted on three counts of drug possession in Montgomery County Virginia, Blankenship now faces a breaking and entering charge and suspicion of larceny in Chowan County.

Chowan Sheriff Troy Toppin transported Blankenship to Perquimans County Thursday on request of Perquimans Sheriff Julian Broughton; he was wanted for questioning in a breaking and entering case there.

Upon returning from Perquimans County, Toppin parked his car at the sheriff's department and Blankenship fled from the car through the parking lot toward Court Street.

Deputy Linda Terry pursued Blankenship on foot to Court Street where she discovered the fugitive banging on the side door of a house.

Mrs. Gilbert Garrett, who lives at 207 Court Street, said her daughter, Dianne, was going to open the door to assist the young man screaming for help when she saw Deputy Terry round the corner with her pistol pointed toward Blankenship.

Terry took Blankenship into custody and returned him to the jail for questioning.

When Sheriff Toppin and Edenton policeman McCoy Parker went to search the North Broad Street trailer park Blankenship had been visiting, they discovered a 22-pistol and a marijuana pipe among his possessions.

Law enforcement officials, including SBI agent Dwight Ransome, are continuing to investigate

a series of breakins which occurred at Cape Colony Thursday morning; Blankenship is a suspect in those

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Byrum Farm Conservation

by Ron Anderson

Colbert W. Byrum Sr. was recognized for his conservation efforts Tuesday, August 14 when he was presented a plaque from the Albemarle Conservation District Service for having reached a milestone of installing 100,000 ft. of underground farm drain tile.

Byrum, who farms 450 acres of land one mile north Ryland, began installing the tile in 1953 on land he cleared himself.

The installation has improved the drainage on the land and Byrum is now able to farm over areas where open drainage ditches would have been had he not installed the tile. Also, wet spots in his fields have been eliminated and more uniform crops have resulted since the installation.

Another advantage of the tile has been the improved appearance of Byrum's crops. "I don't know of anything that looks better to a farmer than a neat crop," said Byrum.

Byrum received his plaque during a lunch held at Hertford's Missing Mill Park. The lunch was one stop on a conservation tour sponsored by Albemarle Conservation District Supervisors and the Albemarle Conservation and Development Council.

Each year the two organizations tour conservation activities and events in two area counties. This year's tour included stops at historic sites in Perquimans County and stops at the Jimbo's Jumbos plant, Johnson Bridge, and Hayes

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Cupola House Annual Gala

The Cupola House Association hosts its annual Summer's Evening Gala this Saturday, August 25, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. W.B. Rosevear has again offered the grounds of Pembroke Hall, West King Street, for an evening featuring entertainment and a buffet supper.

An open bar will be provided by Tarheel Bank, Peoples Bank and Trust Company and North Carolina National Bank.

Tickets, \$30 for a couple—\$15 for an individual, may be purchased at The Lords Proprietors' Inn or at the gala.

Proceeds go toward special projects to enhance the Cupola House.

High priority projects this year are to refurbish and redecorate the pantry and to restore paintings of Thomas and Penelope Barker, which hang in the Cupola House dining room.



PEMBROKE HALL — The lawn of this West King Street house will be the scene of the Cupola House Association annual Summer's Evening Gala Saturday.

Probable Cause Found In Wood Incest Case

Chowan County District Court was in session August 21, the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presiding over the criminal calendar.

Probable cause was found in the case of Bobby Dean Wood who has been charged with incest.

Joseph Clayton Harrell was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a \$150 fine and cost of court. He is to perform 48 hours of community service, attend ADET school and surrender his drivers license.

Larry (NMN) Reed was found guilty of driving 69 in a 55mph zone. He was fined \$40 and cost of court.

Jeffrey Wayne Williams was found guilty of driving without a drivers license and DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$75 and cost of court. He must attend ADET school and pay an extra \$25 fine for the driving without an operators license charge.

George Wayne Sawyer was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to

30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$75 and cost of court.

Charles DeLeon Fambrough, Jr. was found guilty of driving 60 in a 45mph zone. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Calvin F. Foreman was called but failed to show on a charge of driving without a license.

Edward Chatman was called but failed to show on a charge of disobeying a stop sign.

Mike Reid and Richard Lightfoot, Jr. were both found guilty of larceny. They were sentenced to 6 months suspended for 2 years on the condition they pay a fine of \$175 and cost of court. They are each to remain off the premises of Maxway for 2 years.

Bobby Gerald Stanley was found guilty of having no liability insurance. He was fined \$50 and cost of court; he appealed.

Titus Hosea Wynn was found guilty of stealing some cash. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

Dalton Wrighton was found guilty of four counts of Employment

Security Law violations. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 3 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$200 and pay court costs in

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Evans Appointed

RALEIGH—Representative Charles D. Evans of Dare County was appointed to the North Carolina Juvenile Law Study Commission recently by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey.

The 15-member commission makes continuing studies of the law as it relates to juveniles, as well as services available to them and their families. The commission makes recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Evans, a Manteo attorney, is chairman of the House Committee on Banks and Thrift Institutions. He represents the First House District made up of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties and portions of Gates and Washington counties.

Public Parade

Not All That Bad

Rep. James G. Martin, the Republican candidate for governor, was almost headed in the wrong direction down the Public Parade when he told a Kannapolis audience that North Carolina doesn't have any standards which its utilities commissioners are required to meet.

As of last year, he said, 35 states had standards for utilities commissioners while North Carolina had none. That would be bad if true, but it simply isn't true. It may come as a surprise to Rep. Martin that four of the five standards he said he would establish are already in effect and the fifth, which is the least essential, is often covered verbally.

Rep. Martin, who has spent the last dozen years in Congress, apparently is not familiar with North Carolina procedures for putting a person on the state utilities commission. As is often the case at the federal level, potential commission members are nominated by the executive, but must be confirmed by the legislative branch.

With that in mind, let's take up Rep. Martin's proposed standards and see how they would be handled under present arrangements:

He would have commission nominees "fully disclose their finances." That's exactly what the joint committee named to consider these nominations already does. Each candidate is required to file with the committee a complete statement not only of his holdings but of his wife and other members of his family.

Rep. Martin would require members "to divest themselves of holdings in utilities regulated by the commission." Under the current system, a nominee had better already have divested himself of such holdings before he appears before the committee or he would not be allowed to come to bat, much less get on first base.

A third standard proposed by Rep. Martin would require commission candidates to "have education or work experience that qualifies them for service." This could be interpreted to cover a lot of ground, but it is not much different from general qualifications which the joint select committee now takes into account. There are not many functional illiterates who make it to the commission.

A fourth standard proposed by the GOP gubernatorial candidate would require each nominee to have been a resident of the state for at least five years. So long as politics plays a role in filling good-paying state jobs, we do not feel there is much grounds for worry that nonresident newcomers will crowd out long term taxpayers.

The fifth proposed standard

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FARM DRAIN TILE — Lloyd Bunch, (left) Chairman of the Albemarle Conservation District, presented Colbert W. Byrum, Sr. a plaque for having installed 100,000 ft. of underground farm drain tile.