

## Band Class Discussed

Should 6th graders in Edenton-Chowan Schools have the opportunity to participate in the band program?

That question was asked at the regular monthly meeting of the school board on May 7 and again during a special meeting Monday night held at D.F. Walker School. The question remains to be answered.

The controversy began when a recommendation to begin the band program in the 7th grade rather than the 6th was made during the May 7 school board meeting. The recommendation was one of seven made by a curriculum committee formed to come up with a program for D.F. Walker School when it merges with Swain School in the fall. The committee was comprised of 8 teachers, 2 parents and Mary Nixon, principal at Swain School.

In reporting to the school board on May 7, Joyce Cole, chairperson of the committee, said the recommendation "wasn't taken lightly" but the committee concluded that 6th grade students weren't mature enough to make a decision to join the band and needed the time set aside for band for other activities. She also said the committee felt band director Otis Strother was doing a great job, but was spreading himself too thin.

School board member John Mitchener III complained that the chief faculty member involved (Strother) was never consulted. He suggested the curriculum committee report be studied by the board before it was accepted.

In a public meeting held Monday night, several parents protested the recommendation that the band program be eliminated in the 6th grade.

Rudolph Dale, who said his son started music in Swain School and is now a music major at East Carolina University, said he was upset over the idea of doing away with the program in the 6th grade. "I think it should start sooner," he said.

John A. Holmes High School faculty member Gil Burroughs said he was "terribly disappointed" that Strother was not consulted and said it made him wonder how much out of his way he should go to develop a good science program when it could be wiped out at any time.

When band director Otis Strother was asked by a school board member about the recommendation he said, "I think if we eliminate one year of the program it will effect the kids. Music is proven to develop skills in students." He also said that while he had little time for lunch, he didn't think he was spread too thin by having a band program in the 6th grade.

The board voted to have the committee restudy the program - this time consulting Strother. Board members C.B. Smith, James Taylor and John Mitchener III voted in favor of the additional study while Billy Nixon and Eugene Jordan voted against it.

## Alice Jones Appointed: School Board Seat Filled

By a four to one vote at a special Monday night meeting, attended by approximately 75 interested citizens at D.F. Walker School, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education appointed Alice Jones to fill a seat on the board that became vacant due to the resignation of Jerald Perry on April 30.

Jones, who is now the board's only female representative, was nominated by Eugene Jordan. Besides Jordan, school board members John Mitchener III, C.B. Smith and Billy Nixon cast their votes for Jones.

Board member James Taylor, however, cast his vote for nominee Johnny Bond, manager of the Chowan Credit Union. Taylor's nomination of Bond was endorsed by the Edenton-Chowan Civic League, an organization that is working to have more black representation on the board.

Because of a contradiction between state and local laws, it is unclear at this time whether Jones will serve through the remaining term of Perry's office - November 1988 - or until the next Primary election in the Spring of 1986.

At the meeting, Chris Bean, attorney for Edenton-Chowan Schools, said, "My opinion is that we're bound by what the state law says." That law says the appointed person should serve until the next election.

Alice Jones, 47, is a native of Chowan County and a commercial note clerk with Peoples Bank. She is married to Carroll W. Jones, Unit Administrator at the local National Guard Armory; they have three children, two who have graduated from school and one who attends junior high.

Active in the community, Jones is a member of the Edenton National Guard Ladies Auxiliary and the Macedonia Baptist Church where she is a G.A. leader and a member of the prayer group. She served as registrar of the West Edenton Voting Precinct for several years and has done substitute teacher work in local schools.

During a public hearing before the nomination, Rev. J.L. Fenner,

president of the Edenton-Chowan Civic League, said that Bond should fill the empty seat because 475 people had signed a petition supporting his nomination. He said the only qualification needed to sit on the board is the ballot box and he felt the "petition is the same if you had gone to the polls."

"Johnny Bond is the choice of the black community," said Fenner. "He could best represent our cause."

After the board nominated Jones to fill the position, schoolboard member James Taylor said "the person you just voted in has no interest in black children whatsoever."

In a telephone interview, Jones responded to Taylor's comment by saying, "I have as much interest in the education of black children as I do the white. I care about children."

## Report Issued

*(Editor's Note: Due to the recent closing of two North Carolina rural hospitals, the Board of Directors of Chowan Hospital has asked that we print the following article.)*

Yes, Chowan Hospital is alive and well. Despite recent publicity about the closings of rural hospitals in Bertie County and Warren County, the hospital in the rural community of Edenton is financially healthy.

An example of the stability of Chowan Hospital is the expansion that was completed two years ago. During 1984, Nuclear Medicine was added to the Radiology Department and this fall a mobile CT scanner will visit the hospital two half-days per week. Plans are currently underway to renovate an area into a birthing room.

Also during the past year, special emphasis has been placed on outpatient and same day surgery, in order that cost to the patient can be more economical.

The hospital's planning committee is currently reviewing short and long-range goals to determine the future needs and direction the

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## Association Honors Mrs. Keeter

RALEIGH — Evelyn Keeter, Edenton, was honored by the American Heart Association, North Carolina Affiliate at its 36th Annual Meeting, Delegate Assembly and Scientific Sessions, May 17-18.

For her outstanding and continued dedication to the Chowan County Heart Association, Keeter received the silver service recognition medallion. She has been active with the Chowan unit

for two decades, having served as treasurer for 18 years.

Una Loy Clark, wife of the world's first permanent artificial heart recipient, Barney Clark, presented the award. Mrs. Clark, along with scientists, researchers, and medical and non-medical volunteers from throughout the state attended the meeting whose theme was "New Life through Heart."



RECOGNITION—Mrs. Una Loy Clark, (right) wife of the first permanent artificial heart recipient, presents the Silver Service Recognition Medallion to Evelyn Keeter, Edenton, for her outstanding service to the American Heart Association. Mrs. Clark, who is National Campaign Chairperson for the American Heart Association, was in North Carolina recently to address the volunteers attending the 36th Annual Meeting, Delegate Assembly and Scientific Sessions of the North Carolina Affiliate.

## Darf Owner Taken In Death

George Collins Wood, Jr., Route 2, Edenton, died Saturday, May 25 in Chowan Hospital. He was 65.

A native of the Greenfield section of Chowan County, Wood was the president and owner of Darf Corporation.

He served in Europe as a U.S. Army Captain during World War II. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by a brother, T.B.H. Wood, Edenton, and several nieces and nephews.

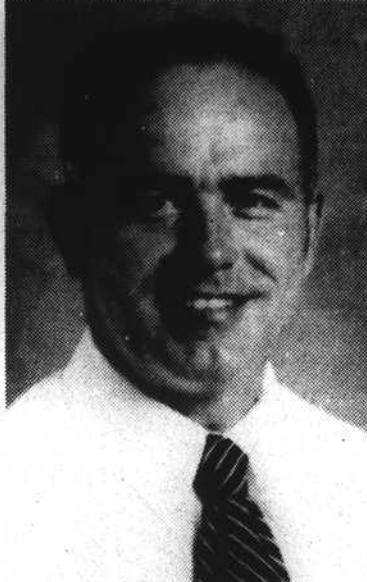
Funeral services were held Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. John Gibson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Chowan Hospital and directed to the "Cat Scan" Fund.

Funeral conducted by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.



Rev. W.L. Wainwright



Gil Burroughs

## J.A. Holmes Baccalaureate

The Baccalaureate Program of John A. Holmes High School will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2 at the Edenton Baptist Church.

Speakers for the evening will be Rev. W.L. Wainwright, Pastor, Hawkins Chapel and Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Churches, and Gil Burroughs, Teacher of the Year, Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Rev. Wainwright, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, attended high school at Manassas High School in Memphis and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Memphis State University.

He continued his studies in business management at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, and received a diploma for Data Entry/Computer Programming from Harbarger Business College, Raleigh.

His seminary studies were at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, and Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. He has served A.M.E. Zion Churches in Benson, Kittrell and Henderson, N.C.

Born in Bethel, North Carolina, Gil Burroughs attended public schools in Norfolk, Virginia, graduating from Granby High

School in 1954. He graduated from Wake Forest University with honors in 1957 with a bachelor of science degree in physics.

From 1957 to 1960 Burroughs was employed by the Army Ballistics Missile Agency in Huntsville, Alabama working on the Jupiter and Saturn missile projects that launched the first U.S. satellite. From 1960 to 1968 he headed a research team at the Night Vision Laboratories in suburban Washington, D.C. conducting studies on photoelectric emission for night viewing devices.

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## Office Moved

The Edenton Drivers License Office is moving from its location on the second floor of the NCNB building to a new building located at 812 North Broad Street next to the Trailways Bus Station.

"We're moving to the new location because its more convenient for the public," said licensing examiner James Everette.

Hours at the new office will continue to be Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Countywide 4-H Talent Show

By Murray Goodwin  
Susan Pelletier of Pembroke 4-H Club won first place in the annual Chowan County 4-H Talent Show held Friday at Rocky Hock Community Center. Susan did a jazz dance and wore a beautiful pink costume. She commented after the program, "This must be my lucky year since I won the dress revue too."

Placing second was Vevlyn Parks of Gliden 4-H Club. She played the piano. Vevlyn was also a top winner last year.

Susan and Vevlyn will represent Chowan County at 4-H District Activity Day to be held in Martin County High School on June 26.

Winning third place were three high school students from Oak Grove 4-H Club. They did a military routine and were dressed in their pretty blue and white uniforms. They snapped through their routine in a fine fashion. These girls were Tammy Bunch, Glenda Byrum and Crystal Monds.

"Cute" might be the word to use in describing Kim Moye and Kendra Bunch as they tap danced their way to fourth place. These girls are members of Hertford Road 4-H Club and their outfits were blue.

Edenton Rotary Club gave the prizes to the four top winners. Susan and Vevlyn received a check for \$10 and will receive a rosette ribbon later. Third and fourth place prizes were for five dollars.

Judges for the contest were: Jack Parker, Area Swine Specialist; Mrs. Gladys White, former Extension Worker; and Mrs. Emily Lawrence, teacher in the Perquimans County School System.

Seven clubs were represented in the talent show. Pembroke had 15 stage appearances, Hertford

Road 13, and Ryland 7. Approximately 110 people attended the 4-H Entertainment Program.

Pembroke also won the most blue ribbons - four; Hertford Road had three and Yeopim, two. Other clubs with participants were Gliden, Oak Grove, and Mexico Road. There were a total of 18 numbers in the talent show.

Other blue ribbon winners were: Melissa Pelletier and Elizabeth Brown of Pembroke 4-H Club; Clifford Vanterpool, Benjamin Burum, Lamont Burum, Malik Vanterpool, of Mexico Rd. 4-H; Lynn Jordan, Keisha Jackson, Regina Moye, Katina Roberts, Denise Moye of Hertford Road 4-H; Rhonda Sawyer, Erin Pfundt, Gina Swanner, Tracey

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## COA Summer Quarter Begins

Tonight (May 30) at John A. Holmes High School the College of the Albemarle opens its summer quarter. Applicants who have not registered for the curriculum courses may do so by reporting to Room 106 at John A. Holmes beginning at 7 p.m. Tuition is \$4.25 per credit hour for resident students. New applicants can complete a general application at the time of registration.

The following courses are available in Edenton this summer: Beginning Tennis - T/Th, 5:30; Word Processing - Thurs., 7:00; Acting I - Tues., 7:00; Economics II - T/Th, 5:40; Accounting II - T/Th, 7:00; and Psychology I - Thurs., 7:00.

For additional information on the above college-credit courses, contact Mary Partin at 482-8426 on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

## Longed-For Mandates

We were amused the other day when President Reagan described the 50-49 Senate vote adopting a budget resolution freezing certain cost-of-living increases as a "mandate" to go to work on Social Security.

That's slicing a "mandate" just about as thin as it can be sliced; and it says more about the sincerity of the President's campaign commitment not to touch Social Security than it does about the force of the mandate.

We have been receiving Social Security benefits since we reached the age 72 and we make no bones about it. We had paid into Social Security every year since its beginning back in 1937. What's more, we had always paid on the top base, which meant our benefits would be comparably less than those who paid on a smaller base.

When we went into business, we became president and principal stockholder in a small, closely-held corporation. As such, we not only paid the employee's portion of Social Security taxes, but the employer's as well. In other words, if we had not had to contribute to Social Security as an officer of the corporation, we could have paid the savings to ourselves as dividends or a bonus.

And, during all those years, we took the government at its word. We never felt Social Security would be enough to support us in our old age; so we invested our savings to the end that we might have an independent income when we retired. Now, because of the fact that we didn't blow it as we earned it and do have an income, we have to pay income taxes at something like a 40 per cent rate on half of our Social Security benefits — which was an indirect way of cutting Social Security.

So, we are pretty sensitive when it comes to tampering with Social Security. We do not object to freezing increases in benefits if other spending increases are frozen in defense, in civil service pensions, in business subsidies and, yes, in congressional and other federal pay scales. Taxes paid into the Social Security trust fund were never intended to be used to retire the General Fund deficit. Social Security should be held to spending its own money; and when it reaches the point where it can't afford cost-of-living increases, then, by all means, they should not be paid.

We dislike the drift toward converting the Social Security program into a "need"-based system under which recipients of benefits would have to show they were actually in need. That would be nothing but another welfare system; and the decision to tax half the benefits received by persons with other income was but the first step in that direction. Had that been the understanding back in 1937, Social Security would never have gotten off the ground.

We were not among the millions of elderly who took President Reagan at his word when he pledged not to touch Social Security. In the first place, the pledge was contrary to his well-known economic philosophy. We weren't fooled. But many were. If not fooled, simply beguiled by an actor who knew he was speaking lines he did not believe.

We did not believe him years ago when he said he could reduce taxes and increase spending and balance the budget within two years. But we do believe him when he says the Senate has given him a mandate with a 50-49 vote because it provided him with a sorely-needed excuse. The next "mandate", no doubt, will enable him to sign a "tax reform" bill which will increase revenues "over his dead body"

## Learning Lab

The Edenton Learning Lab will continue to be open this summer every Tuesday and Thursday nights (except July 4) from 7-10 p.m. at John A. Holmes High School in room 124.

The Learning Lab is part of the Continuing Education Program of the College of the Albemarle and is designed to assist students in obtaining a GED or a high school diploma.