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Smyrna Student Wins Three Scholarships

Joseph Morris Willis, June graduate of Smyrna high school, has won three scholarships so far to start him at Chowan Junior college, Murfreesboro, this fall.

"Things looked pretty black" after graduation, he says, but have brightened considerably.

He was notified several weeks ago that he would receive a \$350 assistance grant from the state department of public instruction. The scholarship, for which he applied in March, is based on academic qualifications and extra-curricular activities, and is awarded for four years.

Mr. Willis also received word this summer of a \$200 athletic grant-in-aid from Chowan, to play basketball. A consideration in that grant, too, is the student's academic background. Joe was an honor student at Smyrna, and a first-string member of the school's basketball and baseball teams.

This week, he was notified by the Morehead City Elks Lodge No. 1710 of a \$600 scholarship from the Elks National Scholarship Foundation, a "most valuable student" award. His name was submitted in February through the Morehead City club.

The Smyrna school principal and county guidance counselor selected Mr. Willis for the application on his academic qualifications and on need. He is one of eight students in North Carolina to receive the Elks scholarship, which is given for one year.

He has also applied for the \$250 scholarship to be awarded by Carteret merchants, sponsored

ed by THE NEW-TIMES. Announcement of the winner will be made on Sept. 1.

Mr. Willis says he is interested in math and physical education and hopes to transfer to NC State college, Raleigh, after completing two years at Chowan. He is not certain as yet which of the two fields he will major in.