

Local Recreation Plans Are Made By Committee

The local summer recreation program will be administered by Edenton City Schools and will be operated on a "totally integrated" basis, it was announced this week.

Jim Kinion, coach at John A. Holmes High School, has been named director of the 12-week program. It is financed by the Town of Edenton.

Kinion explained the proposed program at a meeting Monday of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council. He will have three full-time assistants — Robert Shields, Tom Bass and Earl Jones — and Miss Sally Lytch will be employed part time.

The gymnasium at John A. Holmes High School will be the focal point of all activities. Playground areas on Oakum Street and at Holmes High will be utilized.

Under the proposal, the program will begin June 6 and end August 26.

H. G. Quinn, town councilman, heads the newly formed recreation committee of the Town Council with Kinion and Shields as members.

Integration of the recreation program as one of the 15 points requested by local civil rights leaders and presented to the Good Neighbor Council.

Rev. Robert Harrell, council chairman, said he was extremely pleased with committee reports given at Monday's meeting.

In addition to the recreation plan, Mr. Harrell lauded the work of the job opportunities committee, headed by George Alma Byrum. Byrum reported 23 local merchants and business establishments have agreed to a non-discriminatory employment and advancement policy.

Byrum stated he has not experienced any hostility among Edenton merchants when approaching them about the employment policy. "The merchants who have signed statements have done so without any pressure being brought to bear," he said.

Mr. Harrell said local merchants should be commended for the manner in which they are cooperating with the council.

Town employees have already started cleaning Vine Oak Cemetery on North Granville Street and the town is expected to take it over as soon as minor details are worked out.

Easter Monday Holiday Slated

Easter Monday will be observed in Edenton as a holiday with most business establishments closed. Peoples Bank & Trust Company's main office and Consumer Credit Branch will be closed Monday.

Postmaster James Bond said the post office will be open and rural and home deliveries will be made as usual.

All county and town offices will be closed. Edenton County schools will be closed Friday and Monday, while Edenton City schools will be closed only on Monday.

Johnson, Culpepper Are Running

Six Albemarle area men are seeking the two seats allotted in the new House of Representatives district formed by reapportionment.

The latest two men to enter the race are W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City,



M. J. JOHNSON

New County Policy On Utilities Called Aid To Industrialization

A section of Edenton City Schools will be operated on a "totally integrated" basis, it was announced this week.

The request for such a policy was made by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the chamber's industrial committee, said such a policy is needed to aid in the continued industrialization of the county.

Wood said most of the industries interested in locating in this area have given consideration to sites outside the town limits. However, he said they would require water and sewer.

Wood said many plans could be worked out for financing these services but the town has agreed to maintain and operate the lines once they are installed.

"Industries are a substantial source of revenue for the county and this is one endeavor which won't cost the county a penny," Wood said. He added a cooperative policy would make Chowan County more attractive to industry.

He explained that an extension policy would not commit the county to any specific program and each case would be submitted and acted upon on its own merits.

He also pointed out that 50 percent federal grants are available for such construction.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and chamber vice president, and Robert Moore, chamber executive, were also at the meeting.

The commissioners were unanimous in their approval of the policy. However, they did indicate it would be limited to extending utilities to industrial sites.

The commissioners reappointed Graham White, J. G. Perry and B. F. Bateman to three-year terms on the Chowan Hospital board.

Chairman W. E. Bond said developers of Arrowhead Beach have met with district health officials and have worked out a solution to the septic tank problem in the resort area.

The board is still working on plans for a county planning commission.

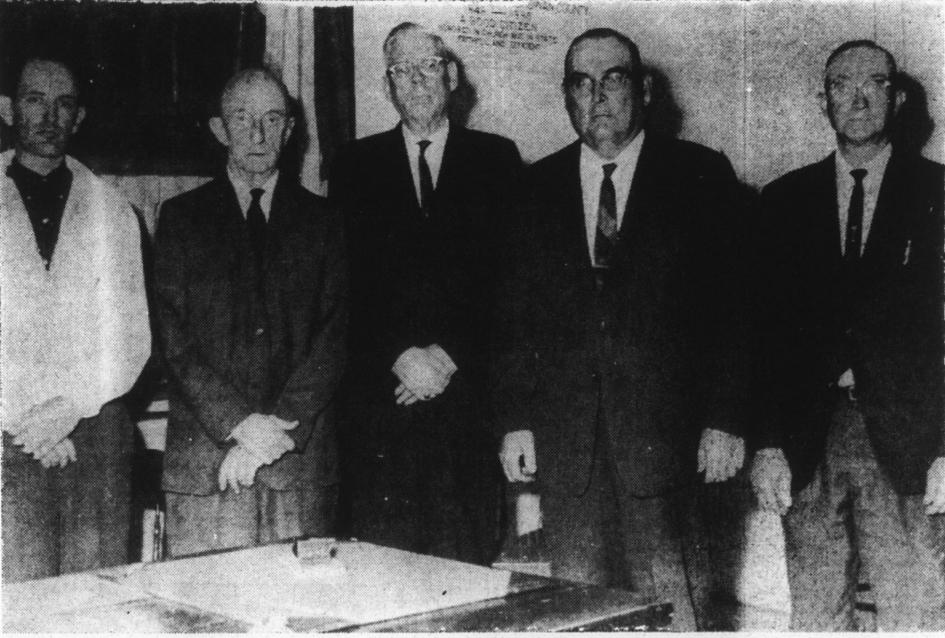
Approval was given Immanuel Baptist Church to hold an Easter sunrise service on the Court House Green.

No action was taken on a request to integrate the county tax books.

Chairman Bond said W. P. Jones, tax supervisor, said such action would complicate the procedure in his office as well as cost the county more than \$1,000.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin was

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CHOWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — All five members of the board of county commissioners in Chowan County are seeking re-election in the May 28 Democratic Primary. Pictured at their meeting Monday are: Dallas Jethro, Jr., Fourth Township; Chairman W. E. Bond, First Township; Vice Chairman J. Clarence Leary, First Township; C. J. Hollowell, Third Township; and C. M. Evans, Second Township. The commissioners are the only candidates to file this week with West W. Byrum of the board of elections. Filing deadline is noon April 15.

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National Bank Requested Here

Application has been made to the Comptroller of Currency in Washington, D. C., to organize a national bank in Edenton.

J. Meredith Jones, 108 North Granville Street, is agent for the persons making application.

Signators of the application to organize a national bank, with headquarters on South Broad Street, are: Frank E. Elliott, Ralph E. Parrish and Jones, all of Edenton; J. J. Harrington of Lewiston; Lindsay C. Winslow of Hertford, and also Leo O. Wynns of Colerain.

The application requests the following titles: Albemarle National Bank, National Bank of the Albemarle or Tri-County National Bank.

It is requested that the bank be authorized to issue 100,000 shares of capital stock for a total consideration upon organization of \$1,200,000.

March Total \$11,790

Food Stamp Program Is Helpful Here

Chowan County Welfare Department authorized the purchase of food stamps valued at \$11,790 during the month of March.

In a report to Chowan County commissioners, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, director, said

180 cases were certified for food stamps. Those receiving the stamps paid \$4,834 and were given bonus stamps in the amount of \$6,956.

Total cases receiving financial assistance, other than in

the food stamp program, amounted to 242 and they shared in \$14,115.98.

The department had 67 service cases for a total case load during the month of 500.

There were 120 people receiving "old age" assistance. They shared in a grant of \$5,927 for an average check of \$49.39.

The 50 receiving aid to dependent children received average grants of \$15.78.

There were 52 receiving aid to the permanently and totally disabled and they shared in \$2,628, for average grants of \$50.53.

Eight received aid to blind payments of \$274, for average grants of \$34.25. One general assistance case amounted to \$19.25.

Five persons were hospitalized in the county at a total cost of \$887.14. The county's share of this was \$88 with the remainder coming from joint funds.

Joint funds paid for two out-patient services at a total cost of \$37.12.

Mrs. Amburn announces the following committees appointed to cover the drive throughout the town and county:

Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce, chairman for Ryland, Center Hill, Cross Roads and Ballard's Bridge; Mrs. C. A. Phillips, Cape Colony; Mrs. Joe Webb and Mrs. Benbury Wood, Yeopim; Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., Macedonia; Mrs. O. C. Long, Jr., Rocky Hock; Mrs. Thomas Francis, Mexico Road; Mrs. Leslie Morgan, Queen Street extended and Windsor Highway; Mrs. Bruce Jones, Mrs. A. F. Downum, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Britton Byrum, Mrs. Meredith Jones, Mrs. W. P. Jones, Mrs. Nelson Crandall, Mrs. Kathleen Skiles, Mrs. J. P. Bass, Mrs. R. W. Rawls, Mrs. J. H. Griffin, Mrs. F. A. Jordan, Jr., and Mrs. M. J. Parham will canvass throughout the town.

Phelps To Face Count For Sale Of Marijuana

John Isaac Phelps, 41-year-old Negro, Route 2, Edenton, has been charged with selling 153 grams of marijuana on March 29.

Phelps entered a plea of not guilty to the county in Chowan County Recorder's Court Tuesday and waived preliminary hearing.

Judge W. S. Privott set his bond at \$2,000.

Phelps was in court several months ago on a liquor law violation after officers discovered illicit liquor in his

house while searching for marijuana.

Phelps lived near a marijuana patch in the Yeopim section of the county and was a state's witness against Banjo Matthews of Elizabeth City who was charged with growing the weed.

He is scheduled for trial in the September term of Chowan County Superior Court on the new count.

Judge Privott found probable cause following a hearing for T. W. Compton, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and auto larceny.

Compton and two other AWOL sailors were charged with stealing a car driven by Philip Gibbs on the night of March 2 and driving it to Tennessee after stabbing Gibbs five times.

Bond for Compton was set at \$1,000.

The other two defendants requested attorneys and are being held in jail in lieu of \$2,000 bond each pending a hearing next Tuesday.

Other cases heard Tuesday, with Solicitor Thomas

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Little Theater Plans Tryouts

Tryouts for Edenton Little Theater's next production will be held April 13 and 15, according to Miss Catherine Aman, who will direct the play.

The tryouts will be held in the John A. Holmes High School auditorium.

"Never Too Late" has been selected for presentation early in May by the local amateur group. J. H. Conger, Jr., will produce the play.

Chief Opposes Fire Districts

Twelve area fire alarms were answered during March by Edenton Fire Department, six of the calls coming from rural Chowan County and the remainder coming from within the Edenton town limits.

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reported damages were held to \$100.

In discussing the establishment of fire districts in Chowan County with commissioners Monday, Chief Yates said the existing system was working so well he would oppose it at this time.

He said, however, the town should get more compensation from the county for answering calls outside the corporate limits.

Chief Yates said during the first eight months of this fiscal year \$4,285.21 had been spent by the department.

The county allows the city \$4,000 annually for fire protection in the rural area.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the commissioners agreed to pay an additional \$1,000 this year and give further study to the matter.

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CHOWAN COUNTY'S HISTORIC JAIL

NOT LUXURIOUS — BUT ADEQUATE — One reading our less favored morning daily Wednesday would get the impression being detained at Chowan County Jail isn't like checking into a luxury hotel. And he would be absolutely correct.

However, it isn't as bad as Leslie D. Smith, North Carolina jail inspector, would lead you to believe.

Mr. Smith, who has held his current position for six months, has just completed his first official swing across the Tar Heel state. He has reported to 25 sets of county commissioners that their jails should be condemned and new ones built.

Chowan County Jail is included in the list Mr. Smith reported to the press.

The report states the inspector took into account the physical appearance and facilities at the jails as well as the manner in which the jails are run by the jailers.

On his visit to Chowan County, Mr. Smith complimented Jailer Glenn Perry on the cleanliness of the local facility as well as the food served.

He blacklisted the jail because of its age and the fact that it didn't have hot water or shower facilities.

Yes, Mr. Smith was right about the jail being old. The exact date it was built is a topic for debate. However, it is generally understood that it was erected prior to the court house, which came into being in 1767. An earlier court house was built in 1719 and many believe the jail is of the same vintage.

The inspector was also correct about the absence of hot water and showers.

What he did not take into consideration, however, are statistics on jail population in this county.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin, who by law is charged with the responsibility of operating the jail, reports the average daily census as being two inmates. January's average daily occupancy was two; February, one, and March, three. This is generally true throughout the year.

Because of the low occupancy, it is impractical and economically absurd to have a jail kitchen. Therefore, inmates at Chowan County Jail eat right from Jailer Perry's table, so to speak. When he has ham, so do the inmates. When he eats soup, so do they.

Prisoners are fed two meals per day. Chow time is 8 A. M., and 4 P. M., and the menu, while not a gourmet's delight, is substantial.

Upon entering the jail, prisoners are issued a clean sheet and a blanket. They have ample soap and a big wash basin. If a person stays several days he is given clean linen when needed.

The local jail is of brick, cement and steel construction and is heated with an oil circulator. On the lower level are two cell blocks, each to accommodate eight inmates. The upper floor is not used.

The building is treated monthly for insects and Sheriff Goodwin said he hasn't seen one in the jail in a long, long time.

Jailer Perry is paid \$2 per day per inmate for his services, including the food.

Regardless of what Mr. Smith recommends, no man could be elected to public office in Chowan County on a platform to construct a

Letter Of Intent Is Authorized

Chowan County Board of Education will submit a letter to the U. S. Commissioner of Education outlining the policies and intent of the board to comply with the

Elvill Rights Act of 1964. Supt. Hiram J. Mayo was instructed to write the letter following discussion on signing a federal compliance form at the regular board meeting Monday night.

There isn't a need in this county for such a facility and the Grand Jury reports over the past several years reflect the condition of the jail as well as how it is being operated. Their only recommendation since November, 1963, was for the outside to be painted. This has been done.

Down in Hoke County, where a new jail is to be constructed, the citizens just voted to float \$100,000 in bonds to pay the bill. They have a population of 16,360, about a third more than Chowan.

We have no reason to believe a new jail here would cost any less. It would be a waste of money.

Chowan County is made up of good, honest, law-abiding people. That accounts for our small jail population.

Mr. Smith's contention, as far as Chowan County is concerned, is just another example of sliderule bureaucracy. His formula won't work here.

While every jail should be safe and clean, with the inmates getting decent food, they need not be too attractive. No, those who want to live in comfort should be made to pay the fare of luxury establishments.

ON MOVING—Well, we've accomplished two things in the last week which were a long time coming. We now believe things will be back to normal because these hurdles have been cleared.

First, we were beginning to think it would be next to impossible to locate the right permanent home along The Public Parade. The day one realtor informed us "the perfect place" to adequately accommodate our family could not be found, we closed the deal on 104 West Gale Street.

Secondly, our seven-year-old had become quite disturbed that she was the only student at Edenton Elementary School who hadn't lost a tooth. Just before making an appointment with a child psychiatrist, our daughter came a lower tooth. A fairy then appeared with a dime and this was solved.

We found moving is moving whether it be 275 miles or just around the corner. It is a little easier on the pocketbook but has the same affect on the back and nerves.

This time, however, we had Pete Manning, Donnie Thomas, Clyde Slade and William Reeves from The Herald crew to assist. About 10:30 P. M. Friday they vetoed a suggestion to form a moving company.

Now that we have bought a home and Melissa has lost a tooth maybe we can get back to our prime purpose in Edenton—getting out the sort of newspaper this community deserves.

DUAL PURPOSE — The ladies out at Rocky Hock have earned a reputation as being among the best cooks in the county. They leave the barbecuing of chickens to the menfolk and spend their time in the bake shop.

These women put so much fire under their pastries they are credited with contributing greatly to starting the blaze which last year consumed the mortgage on the community building.

But they haven't stopped. They are now preparing cakes, pies, cookies and candy for a sale here Saturday. The ladies will display their handiwork in front of Belk-Tyler's beginning at 9:30 A. M.

For those who have something special in mind for Easter holiday goodies, they can place an order by calling Mrs. Sherlon Layton, 482-4037, or Mrs. Marvin Smith, 482-3026.

This community project has a dual purpose. It helps Rocky Hock and keeps your chef from getting up to her elbows in dough when she could be at the hairdresser getting ready for that special Easter hat.