

Schools Have 7 Vacancies In Teacher Ranks

Edenton-Chowan Schools, just three weeks away from opening for the 1967-68 term, have seven teacher vacancies. At this late date, Supt. Bill Britt admits he will be unable to fill some of the slots.

Schools open August 30. Supt. Britt told the board of education Tuesday night vacancies exist at John A. Holmes High School, Chowan High School and in both the high school and primary grades at D. F. Walker. Also, a supervisor's position, open for the past two years, is still not filled.

At Holmes High, a mechanical drawing instructor and English teacher is needed.

Out at Chowan High, an English

teacher is needed.

The four vacancies at the W School include a vocational teacher, high school, and teachers for the seventh and eighth grades.

During the discussion about the vacancies, N. J. George, board member, asked why so many Edenton teachers are teaching out of town.

Supt. Britt, who assumed his duties here July 1, said he had not had an opportunity to study this. However, he said in some areas principals are reluctant to hire teachers from right at home.

The superintendent said he would definitely study this for next year.

It was noted that several of the open

positions were believed filled but prospective teachers returned their contracts unsigned. They had accepted positions in other states at a greater salary.

Relocation of the superintendent's office was again discussed at length. Supt. Britt said he had been unable to get satisfactory information on a temporary structure. The bid he received was for a three-year lease-purchase which would cost a total of \$16,500.

Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, asked what was objectionable about the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, said he personally felt it would take a lot of money to fix it up to make it suitable.

First floor space is also highly desired, he said.

Mrs. Leary reminded board members that county commissioners had asked to be consulted before any money was spent on an office.

Supt. Britt said the cost of renovations would be great to make space in the building. Even then, he said, it would still not be a desirable location for the schools office.

Mrs. Leary added that the school board should make it the responsibility of the commissioners to find suitable space. "We have to go to them for the money," she concluded.

In other matters, the board voted to

put out workmen's compensation insurance on bids; move to a fleet policy on all moving vehicles and put this out on bids; voted to establish the position of maintenance supervisor; approved the transfer of Promise Elliott, Route 1, Edenton, from D. F. Walker to Chowan High School; and voted to work with Pilot Insurance Company on student insurance for the year.

Also, Supt. Britt said the new ESEA proposal called for a \$185,828 program, including a secretary to take some of the load off the director and bookkeeper.

He also reported the unit has received a \$20,000 grant from ESEA for a program in art and the humanities.

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The Public Parade

Dusting The Skeleton

For a number of years local school officials have vowed that the athletic program here is "self-sustaining". An investigation of student insurance rates discloses it has been subsidized not only by tax money but by individual students.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Tuesday night moved to correct a portion of this inequity.

There appears to be two companies interested in the student insurance in this area. Pilot Insurance Company has a \$1.75 per student premium and adds \$22.50 for each football player covered.

At the same time, the Walker Agency charges \$2.50 per student and this includes the athletes.

Prior to the merger of the Edenton and Chowan administrative units, Edenton had the Walker policy and Chowan had the Pilot. The reasons are obvious. Chowan had no football program. Edenton had two—John A. Holmes and D. F. Walker.

But it was here that the logic ended. Without the knowledge of behind the scene manipulating, students attending Edenton schools and signing up for the Walker policy paid \$2 premium, or 25 cents more than those living in the county. The other 50 cents per student was paid from tax funds in order to get the football players covered at no additional charge.

This has been happening, with the city school budget including money to subsidize the football program and coming from Chowan County taxpayers, although school officials have declared the program has been "self-sustaining".

Chowan County Commissioner Dallas Jethro, Jr., attended Tuesday's meeting and objected to students being charged a premium higher than necessary in order to get the players covered at no additional cost. He also said commissioners had been misled about the program.

Supt. Bill Britt, when asked about

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Commissioners Act

Registration Plan Passed

Chowan County commissioners Monday approved a three-point proposal of the Board of Elections to modernize and up-date voter registration.

The plan included a new county-wide registration, a switch to loose-leaf registration books, and the combining of voter books in the Town of Edenton and Chowan County.

Damage By Fire Low During Year

Damage due to fire in Edenton and the portion of Chowan County covered by the local fire department was \$37,425 during fiscal 1966-67. Involved was property valued at nearly \$2-million.

Based on these figures, Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports per capita loss in Edenton, based on 5,000 population, as being \$5.07. In the county, based on 2,500 population, the per capita loss was \$5.22.

Damage to building and contents in Edenton, where 65 alarms were answered, was estimated at \$25,375. The department answered 50 alarms in the county and damage was estimated at \$12,050.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner was high in his praise of the work done by the Edenton Fire Department. Pointing to the per capita loss figures, he called them an excellent record.

"This shows that we have a well trained department, staffed by men of the highest caliber," the administrator said.

Chief Yates, in his annual report to Town Council and Chowan Commissioners, said men in the department were out 130½ hours answering the 115 alarms in Edenton and Chowan County.

Vehicles traveled 124 miles in Edenton and out-of-town trips amounted to 386 miles.

The department conducted 26 fire

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E. L. Hollowell, chairman of the elections board, said the new registration, the first here in more than 20 years, could take place prior to the May, 1969, Primary election. This would save the county the cost of having a special registration.

Because of the timing of the new election machinery change, Hollowell said the cost would not be nearly as great as it was first anticipated. He said the loose-leaf binders would cost the county less than \$750 and the only additional cost would be one day of pay for registrars in the six precincts. The registration forms will be furnished by the state, he added.

Commissioner Chairman W. E. Bond said he could see no better time than now to begin planning for the switch to the new system. The state requires the loose-leaf system by January, 1970.

Hollowell told the board members space in existing books would not be sufficient to wait beyond the May election to change.

Also, he said the State Board of Elections has requested each county to provide office space for the county elections board. "I ask you to keep this in mind as space becomes available," he said.

Murray Ashley, Civil Defense director, told the board unless a secretary spends at least four hours a day in his office the state will not provide matching funds. Without a secretary, no state funds will be available.

Mrs. Pansy Elliott, county accountant who doubles as CD secretary, asked that she be relieved of the CD duties. She said it would be impossible to main-

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Evans Car Stolen

Police Monday afternoon sounded a state-wide alarm for a car which was reported missing from the Municipal Parking Lot back of Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Wallace B. Evans reported that his 1966 Ford 4-door Custom 500 was missing. The vehicle, bearing NC license FY 228, was stolen sometime between 1 P. M., and 5:30 P. M.

Town Council Junks Project On East Church Street

The controversial widening of East Church Street has been deleted from a State Highway Department project by Edenton Town Council.

At the same time, the council, meeting Tuesday night, voted to continue with the Triangle project.

State Highway Commission engineers said for the sake of getting an attractive bid, both jobs, estimated at \$150,000, were tied together for letting. Therefore, if one or the other was deleted they would have to be readvertised.

Council in the past three weeks has



Dr. William W. Bindeman, left, and Dr. Roland Vaughan

New Surgeon To Locate Here Soon

Dr. William W. Bindeman this week announced that he will establish a practice of general surgery in Edenton.

Dr. Bindeman, who is currently a staff surgeon at U. S. Soldier's Hospital in Washington, has made application to retire from the Armed Forces. He holds the rank of lieutenant colonel and has completed more than 20 years of service.

The surgeon will be associated with Chowan Medical Center.

Dr. Bindeman's announcement ends a search for a replacement for Dr. L. P. Williams, Jr., on Chowan Hospital staff. Dr. Williams moved to Elizabeth City

July 1. Since that time surgeons in the area have been providing the hospital with their services.

A native of Clover, S. C., Dr. Bindeman graduated from Gastonia (N. C.) High School and went on to do his undergraduate work at Wheaton College in Illinois. He graduated there in 1944.

In 1947 he received his MD degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. Later he interned and received his surgery residency at the Lutheran Hospital of Maryland, also in Baltimore.

He was commissioned in the U. S. Army in 1949.

Dr. Bindeman is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgery. He is a member of various medical societies.

He is married to the former Fay Kempton of Pensacola, Fla., and they have two sons, William W., Jr., 14, and Bruce, 11. The Bindemans are Presbyterians.

Lawns Are Judged

The R. B. Hollowell home, Albania Acres, has won Edenton's Jaycees second 1967 Lawn-of-the-Month contest.

Jerry Holmes, chairman of the project, said Hollowell will receive a garden hose from Byrum Hardware, a plant from Leary Plant Farm and \$5 in cash from the Jaycees.

Honorable mention went to: W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., North Granville Street, and Kenneth Worrell, 4 Stratford Road.



HARVEST TIME IN CHOWAN—A recent afternoon drive through rural Chowan County found traffic at the popular Earl Smith's Store in Rocky Hock restricted to his delivery truck. Why? The pictures below tell the story as local farmers are busy harvesting and marketing their crops. At left it's a family affair in the field as ripe cantaloupes are sought from a big field. Lines formed at Chowan Cooperative Exchange at Valhalla as thousands of cantaloupes and watermelons are marketed. Meanwhile, a tobacco sled waited in the field for use the next morning. All hands are busy as harvest time in Chowan is in full swing.

