

Schools Open Here Sept. 2

School bells will beckon some 3,100 students back to their classrooms in Edenton - Chowan Schools on September 2.

On opening day the students will register, obtain books and receive assignments. The first full day of school will be September 3.

Supt. Britt answered some questions of interest concerning the forthcoming term during the meeting Monday night of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. They included:

1—Students will be assigned to homerooms alphabetically, boys and girls, Negro and white. Grouping will be on the basis of achievement tests. Results of last year's testing is considered valid.

2—There will be no change in the transportation system.

3—The cafeteria fee will remain 25

cents and 30 cents. The price of extra milk will increase one cent per one-half pint.

4—Most schools are in a good state of repair and ready for opening. Little difficulty will be encountered at John A. Holmes School due to delay in construction of the additional shops and classrooms.

The board approved a special vocational program at the junior high level. The system has been given a grant to hire two teachers to work with 30 boys in grades seven through nine.

Supt. Britt said boys who have low ability, who need training, and who are potential dropouts. They will spend half the time in class and the other half in introduction to vocations.

The superintendent said the schools will be able to hold the same lunch prices

because the system qualifies for higher reimbursement. "We are in good financial shape in the cafeteria," he added.

He reported that teachers are now attending workshops at Holmes and Walker schools.

The board, at the suggestion of Supt. Britt and school principals, adopted a policy that a child could not be punished by striking except in the presence of the principal or his designated representative. It was made clear that the board is not opposed to corporal punishment or desires to do anything other than protect the teacher.

Winston Bonner, veteran janitor at Swain School was retired.

The Walker Agency was again given the contract for student insurance. The price increase is 25 cents.

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Wreck Is Fatal To Bass

Ronald Earl Bass, 35, Route 3, Edenton, was fatally injured early Wednesday when the pickup truck he was driving wrecked on Highway 32, just north of Edenton. Time of the accident was placed at 12:30 A. M.

State Trooper Y. Z. Newberry, who investigated, said in his opinion the victim could have survived the wreck had he been wearing a seat belt.

Mr. Bass was maintenance supervisor for Edenton-Chowan Schools. The 1969 Ford pickup in which he died was owned by the schools. Damage to the truck

was placed at \$1,200.

Trooper Newberry explained the mishap this way:

The truck was traveling north on Highway 32, apparently at a high rate of speed, ran off on right shoulder of the road, traveled 126 feet on shoulder and in ditch, struck two mailboxes; traveled 114 feet, struck two more mailboxes; traveled 114 feet again and struck a fifth mailbox; traveled 48 feet, jumped a large drainage ditch and then went another 75 feet and came to rest at the edge of the woods.

"The best I can determine he was not wearing a seat belt which I think would have prevented the extensive head injuries which resulted in his death," Trooper Newberry said.

Mr. Bass was rushed to Chowan Hospital by Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Bass was a native of Chowan County, born June 27, 1934, son of Rossie Seldon and Virgie Jones Bass. He was married to Mrs. Barbara Bazemore Bass.

In addition to his parents and wife, surviving are six daughters: Ronda Ann, Angela Faye, Kathy Lynn, Robbin Anita, Barbara Carol and Donna Kay Bass, all of the home.

He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time and the body remained at Williford Funeral Home.

Council Will Meet

A special session of Town Council will be held Tuesday to review insurance bids. The meeting begins at 8 P. M. and Urban Renewal is expected to be discussed also.

Steps Taken To Curb Air Pollution

PLYMOUTH — Although the North Carolina air pollution control regulations have not yet been issued, Weyerhaeuser Company is proceeding with



Thomas M. Surratt

District Position Given To Surratt

GREENVILLE—Thomas M. Surratt of Edenton has been named president of District Six, N. C. Hospital Association. Surratt is administrator of Chowan Hospital.

The new officers were elected last Thursday during a meeting here.

Jack W. Richardson of Greenville, assistant administrator of Pitt County Hospital, was named secretary-treasurer. A vice president will be elected at a later date.

District Six is composed of 21 counties in Eastern North Carolina with 22 hospitals represented.

Surratt became administrator of Chowan Hospital in December, 1967, and a new 61-bed facility is now under construction.

It Has Been Wet

"Sure has been wet," is a greeting you can get most anywhere in the Albemarle Area. But just how wet?

J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer, said 6.53 inches of rain was measured here during the first 15 days of August.

"That is almost as much as recorded during the entire month of July," he stated.

(Editor's Note: And when it hasn't been raining it has been hot as mischief).

Public Parade

Look Next Week

Those who meander along the Public Parade with children of school age will have a special interest in The Chowan Herald next week.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night instructed Supt. Bill Britt to give principals the authority to assign students for the 1969-70 school term.

Supt. Britt said today the assignments are currently being made and lists compiled. Once the lists are finalized the assignments, by homerooms, will be published in The Chowan Herald.

This will take place next week, August 28, unless some hitch develops. And chances are there won't be so be on the lookout for the regular edition of your newspaper which will have hundreds of names of student assignments.

Beating The Averages

The McCall clan arrived from San Diego, Calif., Sunday night for a biennial visit with the Hector Luptons on West Gale Street. It took them less than two days to oust The Herald's fishing duo when it came to averages.

John and Sharon (Lupton) McCall have four spirited sons, ranging in age from three to nine. Granddaddy Lupton arranged a fishing trip Tuesday morning back of Ralph Parrish's home on Edenton Bay. He gave them specific instructions to bring back enough fish for supper.

Angus, Bill, Stewart and Teddy all fished hard. As a result John reports a "four for four" catch. And that is good in anyone's league.

We've had reports from Buff and Kate when the "madam" if at all, caught them all.

Healthy and Normal

Business continues to be good along the Public Parade and throughout most of the Albemarle Area. Gross retail sales are increasing in Chowan County

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Wilmington Jurist Will Preside Over September Court Term In Chowan

Judge Rudolph Mintz of "Wilmington" will preside over a September term of Chowan County Superior Court which begins here September 8.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, said she has received permission from the General Court of Justice for the term to be specifically for trial of criminal cases. In the past it has been a mixed term with civil as well as criminal cases set for trial.

Mrs. Leary said because of the heavy case load in the term it will permanently be a criminal term.

Eighty-one cases are on the docket sent to Solicitor Herbert Small for calendaring. Solicitor Small will not prosecute the docket due to a conflict in

schedules and District Court Solicitor Wilton Walker will appear here.

The 18-member grand jury which served at the last court term will return, Mrs. Leary said. Ralph E. Parrish is foreman.

Jury members include: W. D. Harris, James B. Stillman, Henry Downing, A. C. Hudson, M. H. Wiggins, J. Wallace Goodwin, Sr., Albert J. Martin, Emily Marie Nixon, William K. Davis, Joseph L. Henninger, Bernice J. Holley, Ruth Armstead, J. L. Hassell, Madeline R. Efrid, Roman Jethro, Joyce B. Hollowell and Marlene M. Austin.

Sheriff Troy Toppin has been notified to send petty jury notices to the following:

John F. Rountree of Tyner; James Edward Brickhouse, Route 3, Edenton; V. D. Hare of Tyner; W. B. Gardner, 116 West Church Street; Mrs. Mary Arrington Bunch, 203 East King Street; Gracie Evans, 214 West Albemarle Street; Noah Bateman, 210 Hicks Street, and Mrs. G. W. Cutrell, 509 Office Street.

Also, Kirby A. Wright, 800 East King Street; Mrs. W. S. Bass, Route 3, Edenton; A. C. Boyce, Route 2, Edenton; Earl McCoy Valentine, 123 West Freemason Street; Mabel E. Harris, 204 West Gale Street; Walter H. Heath, 103 South Oakum Street; Odessia S. Beasley, 408 North Granville Street; Milton Elliott of Tyner; and Kenneth J. Wor-

rell, 4 Stratford Road.

And, Nell Snowden, Route 3, Edenton; William Gray Ferebee, Coke Avenue; Edward W. Taylor, 200 West Second Street; Anderson Long, Route 3, Edenton; S. L. Bass, Route 3, Edenton; Hubert Granby of Edenton; Mrs. Walter Adams, 213 West Church Street; Mrs. Rella Spivey Jordan of Ryland; and C. E. Asbell of Tyner.

Also, Mrs. Beulah Boyce Turner, Route 1, Edenton; J. W. Morris and J. R. Byrum of Tyner; Walter O. Lambeth, Route 2, Edenton; Wilma Jean Peele, 900 North Broad Street; Mrs. John A. Mitchener, Jr., 203 North Granville Street; Cora Collins, 206 East Al-

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ANTI WHEELBARROW—Wheelbarrows have about been outlawed on the construction site of the new Chowan Hospital on Virginia Road. That appears to be the case, anyway, during pouring the first floor of the spacious building. The picture at top shows two Coastal Concrete ready-mix trucks dumping concrete into a hopper. The truck generates hydraulically controlled pressure which forces the mixture through a six-inch line. Two men, in the bottom picture, man the hose and "spray" the concrete at the rate of up to 45 cubic yards an hour. Because of this modern method a spokesman said the first floor would be completed next week. Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, watches the operation in the picture at top.

Students To Meet On Career Theme

The annual College and Career Night program will be held from 7-9 P. M., at the John A. Holmes High School September 8.

Both Chowan High and Holmes High juniors and seniors will attend the meeting to be held in the high school gymnasium. Parents of juniors and seniors are invited.

Approximately 60 representatives of North Carolina colleges, trade schools, nursing schools and the Armed Forces will participate in the program.

The purpose of this program is to enable the students to learn more about the institutions through interviews with authorized representatives. College and Career interview check list schedules of pertinent information will be given to the students to assist them in their interviews for this program.

A new feature has been added to the program this year. A Health Careers Mobile Unit, sponsored by Norfolk General Hospital, will be located beside the gym from 9 A. M., to 9 P. M. Any student interested in health careers may visit the mobile during study periods and lunch. Science classes will also have an opportunity to visit the unit to relate subject area to future occupations.

The College and Career Night program is planned and supervised by Mrs. Lane Kinion, Guidance Counselor at Holmes High.

Privott On Bench

Two drunk driving cases were tried Tuesday during the regular session of Chowan County District Court. Judge W. S. Privott presided.

William Herman Roberts and Woodrow Wilson Pugh were both convicted of the offense. They were given identical sentences of four months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and not drive for 12 months.

Roberts gave notice of appeal.

Randy Locklear, charged with drunk driving and reckless driving, failed to answer the call of Solicitor Wilton Walker. Judge Privott ordered a capias for Locklear and set bond in the two cases at \$550.

Phillip Ellis Jernigan entered a plea of guilty to speeding and disobeying a stop sign. In the first count he was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs while in the second he was given 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

In other cases heard, Judge Privott took the following action:

William Morris Long, speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

James Gregory, assault on a female, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs. He was placed on probation for two years.

Thomas Truett Tanner, speeding,

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