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Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 30, 1970

Craig Talks Of Order

County Jail In Big Trouble

The last rites were administered Mon- listened patiently day afternoon to the oldest jail operating in America.

J. Clarence Leary, chairman, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, presided but Clifton M. Craig, commissioner of the State Department of Social Service, did the honors. While no tears were shed, it was one of the saddest hours for members of the county board.

Craig said his personal inspection of the jail is the final step before issuance of a closing order. He and his staff

with county commissioners.

Public Parade

Gone Fishing

Two Teen-Agers

Sent To Prison

Two Pennsylvania teenagers, one on

probation, the other free on bail, were

given active prison sentences Tuesday in

Chowan County District Court. Judge

Elton Aydlett also encouraged them to

change their way of living to escape a

of no operator's license and disobeying

a stop signal. Lawrence Melvin Thomp-

son, 17, was convicted of no operator's

license. They were each given 30-day

Aydlett the pair faces charges of larce-

ny in Perquimans County and auto theft

almost constant smile, Neal and Thomp-

son slouched in their chairs as Patrol-

man Ray Coston testified of the events

The Edenton policeman said he saw a

Thunderbird fitting the description of

a car reported to have left a service sta-

tion in Perquimaans County without pay-

Solicitor Wilton Walker told Judge

Sporting long hair, no shoes and an

Gary Victor Neal, 19, was convicted

life in prison.

sentences.

in Norfolk, Va.

leading to the arrests.

pleas from various board members desire to maintain · "poverty" claims the status quo. fell on deaf ears and aig said numerous counties across 150 state had similar problems, yet he law o enforce the law.

The commission & om Raleigh said he could no longer rate on promises. "I must have a definite commitment from the commissioners," he said, as to what is planned and when it can expected to be accomplished. "Our department has been lenient long enough,"

Burglar Is Sought

By Edenton Police

Police are pushing an investigation

into the burglary and attempted rape

of a local woman early Monday morning.

The victim was Miss Mary Lee Cope-

Chief J. D. Parrish said police rushed

to Miss Copeland's home at 4:34 A. M.,

in response to a call from W. J. Yates.

He and Mrs. Yates had heard screams

the burglar entered the house through a

window on the south side after attempt-

ing to open two others. Miss Copeland

told officers when she first awakened the

kill her," the chief said. However, she

did scream several times, according to

ful, the burglar told Miss Copeland he

was going to take her with him. They

went through the house and onto the

back porch where he was frightened and

scribed the burglar as a Negro between

the ages of 16 and 20 years. The chief

said when apprehended he would be

charged with first degree burglary and

O. L. Wise of Elizabeth City and Doug

Phillips of Williamston, agents for the

Chief Parrish said Miss Copeland de-

After the rape attempt was unsuccess-

"He told her if she screamed he would

burglar was standing by her bed.

The chief said investigation showed

land, 309 West Queen Street.

by Miss Copeland.

witnesses.

attempted rape.

ordinator, is shown at right reviewing work of Willie Holley, left, and Wayne Bond.

General Inspection - Clifton M. Craig, right, commissioner of the

State Department of Social Services, looks at the old keys of Cho-

wan County Jail prior to his personal inspection Monday after-

noon. With him is Jailer Glenn Perry. Craig said such an inspec-

tion is made prior to issuance of a closing order. He had met earlier

to inspecting the jail, Craig expressed

meet the state standards, he said, reading a list of some 25 deficiencies. He admitted some of them were insignificant, although not in accordance with the standards. The most glaring ones being: the lack of continuous supervis-

Chairman Leary explained that Chowan is no different from all small counties with regards to the revenue picture. "We just have so much money to oper-

standing the present facility cannot be brought up to standard without extensive renovation and at a considerable cost. This would appear to leave the county with two alternatives: build a new jail or participate in a regional jail.

ate on," he said. "I hope we can keep it as it is for the present time." Craig said, though, it was his under-

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ed a near record second quarter for the current year. Net earnings for the three months ended June 30, including an extraordinary item due to income tax refund from prior years, totaled \$580.-413. In the corresponding period of 1969 net earnings were \$374,230.

The chief executive officer added: "Although we cannot be strong optimists in face of National Economic Policy, I expect our year will at least line up to the trend of our first half."



A police cruiser was heavily damaged early Tuesday morning when it struck utility pole on North Broad Street. Driver of the 1970 Plymouth was Patrolman Herman Ray Coston, 23, 209 West Gale Street.

The investigation showed that Patrol-

Pig Co-Op Gets Manager Development, said Martin County has Albemarle Cooperative Association, now joined the Albemarle Area counties Inc., while founded by an anti-poverty in the cooperative. "While the general organization, hopes to upgrade and exgoal is to upgrade low income farmers pand the feeder pig industry in the 10-

Promote Feeder Pig Cooperative — Roy L. Harrell, left of N. C.

Rural Fund for Development, looks at a slide taken by Gene Sutton,

rural services specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

showing progress being made by a farmer on his feeder pig pro-

gram. A cooperative has been formed to aid farmers and Sutton

has been employed to manage the program for the next year.

particular group," Harrell points out. Roy L. Harrell, organization-education And, he sees the cooperative of being specialist with N. C. Rural Fund for more than for the hog industry. He said feeder pigs were chosen because there

county area.

Gene Sutton, former extension agent in Iowa, has been sent by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to manage the local co-op. The project was funded in 1968 but

this cooperative is not restricted to a

appeared to be a greater need and more

potential in this area.

did not become operative until February, 1969. Harrell already has success stories in the file. He said they are the result of agencies pooling their efforts-Chowan County Extension people, Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, Economic Improvement Council and the Rural Fund for Development.

There are now 112 members in the open membership cooperative.

Sutton, Harrell, Parker and others are now working to develop quality production. This is being done by holding training sessions and securing good breeding stock.

Sutton said the place of the cooperative is to establish and coordinate a program in feeder pigs. He continuously points out the program is designed to supplement services already available. such as extension specialists. "We utilize their information and experience and pass it on to farmers," he said.

"Our program is totally coordinated

Learning Lab Seeking More Participation By Adults

Wanted! More adult students. Apply: Learning Lab, Swain School or call 482-4745.

While the Learning Lab, operated by College of the Albemarle of Elizabeth City, has been a busy place this summer, it is not operating at full potential due to the absence of adult participation, according to Mrs. Betty Bissette, coordina-

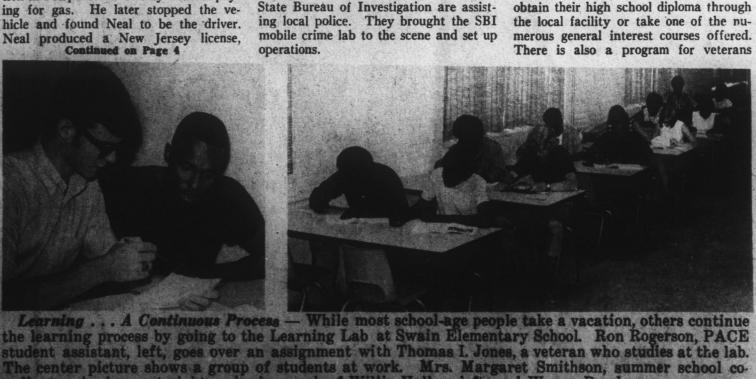
Mrs. Bissette, substituting for Mrs. Anne Britt this summer, said adults can obtain their high school diploma through the local facility or take one of the numerous general interest courses offered.

Math and reading improvement courses have been offered summer school students. Those who spend a minimum of 60 hours at the lab and show one year's improvement are given credit for the

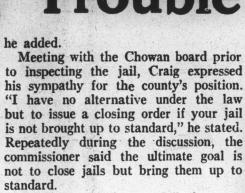
There are 78 students who responded to the recommendation of teachers in Edenton-Chowan Schools to study at the lab to make up courses failed during the regular school term. "They have made outstanding accomplishments," Mrs. Bissette said. Mrs. Margaret Smithson is employed by the schools as summer school coordinator.

The la bis open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 A. M., to 4 P. M. and 6:30 P. M., to 9:30 P. M.; Thursday, 8:30 A. M., to 4 P. M.; and Friday, 8:30 A. M., to 3:30 P. M.









The Chowan County Jail does not ion; and separation of juvenile females.



The United Piece Dye Works report-

The company operates a plant in Chowan County.

"Except for the diversification in our plants, enabling us to meet the changing needs of our market, such results could not have been achieved," said Albert V. Moorell in explaining the results.



man Coston went to sleep while on routine patrol at 4 A. M., went to the left side of the street and struck the pole. The mishap occurred near the intersection of Broad and Third streets.