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The Public Parade

FREE EDUCATION—News of the abolition of fees in Chowan County schools will be welcomed by parents who are affected. It will raise questions by parents whose children attend city schools.

While some of the fees run as high as \$13.50, spread over the entire county student population it was found that the cost was little more than \$1 per student.

The county board members found the available \$1,000 to enable them to abolish the fees for this year. It was indicated at their meeting that fees will be studied on a year-to-year basis, but the intent is to keep them cut to a bone, if not abolished completely.

No student should be deprived of a crack at a particular course because of a fee. Sometimes, in this status-conscious world in which we live, a dedicated parent comes forth with money for school fees which could better be spent for something else.

When you get right down to it, fees in our public schools represent double-taxation.

The General Assembly saw fit to make available tax money so elementary book fees could be cut out. This should also be done on the high school level and each board should, while holding fees to a minimum keep their sights on abolishing them.

There are approximately 1,200 county students who won't be affected by this action. They are the ones who live outside Edenton town limits but within the school administrative district.

It is at times like this those parents should be out working for a single administrative unit, where every

taxpayer and student in Chowan County would be treated alike.

TO TELL THE TRUTH—Efforts to determine the identity of a restaurant owner along The Public Parade who allegedly chased a Negro integration leader from his place with a hatchet have proven futile.

United Press International, a highly respected news service, has been unable to shed any light on the matter.

The news service put out a story more than a week ago from Atlanta that Hosa Williams, a lieutenant of Dr. Martin Luther King had reported the incident. The restaurant was not identified, except from being in Edenton.

A check by local police turned up nothing.

We queried UPI in Raleigh. When a week passed and no answer came we contacted them again. We were told UPI in Atlanta had been unable to get the information from Williams.

Being chased around by a hatchet-wielding restaurant owner or anyone else is not a trivial matter. If it happened in Edenton or anywhere else the guilty should be brought to trial.

The trouble in this case is it didn't happen. The wire service, anxious to report disturbances of this nature, took at face value a story which was the figment of Williams' imagination.

This type reporting should not be taken lightly. The story has cast a reflection on Edenton and is an attempt to paint an untrue picture of our people.

It is time for Williams and UPI to substantiate this story or correct it. Yes, it

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Association Is Seeking United Seafood Industry

The forming of a united front for the entire seafood industry of this state was the theme of a meeting of the N. C. Fisheries Association, held here Monday night.

Prominent state leaders were on hand at Edenton Restaurant to urge some 60 fishermen to band together in telling the seafood story in various areas.

State Senator Tom White of Kinston said only one seafood industry is needed in North Carolina. Now there

are some five or six different organizations carrying out specialized programs.

A. P. Godwin, Jr., of Gatesville, president of the N. C. Bar Association, was principal speaker at the monthly meeting. He called Dr. Dave Adams, state commercial fisheries commissioner, "one of the strongest men ever connected with commercial fishing in North Carolina."

During the meeting a committee was appointed to

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FISHERMEN MEET—Approximately 60 members of the N. C. Fisheries Association met here Monday. Pictured above are, left to right, State Senator Tom White of Kinston, Woodrow Price of Raleigh, Elmer Willis of Williston, president; Robert Broughton of Raleigh, Tom Belch of Edenton; and A. P. Godwin, Jr., of Gatesville, president of the N. C. Bar Association.

Community Pays Tribute To Former State Highway Official

Gilliam Wood hadn't sufficient time to wash the mud from his shoes before he lunged back into community service on an even wider scale.

Wood, Chowan County's most illustrious native son, was "flabbergasted" and a "little embarrassed" by the show of affection and words of appreciation spoken at a recent testimonial dinner.

Some 185 homefolk had gathered at Chowan Golf and Country Club to pay tribute to Wood, who served with distinction for four

years on the State Highway Commission.

Wood's former "boss", Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, called it an "occasion rightly deserved". He went on to say Wood measured up to the highest tradition. "The program of progress in the 10-county area had never been matched and will not be in years to come," the former commission chairman said.

Evans went on to cite the bridges in the Northeast which Wood fought for—and

were brought back in and became an integral part of the State Highway Commission." Evans went on.

Others spoke, including Rev. George Holmes who had heard about enough praise. With tongue-in-cheek, "Mr. Holmes said: "Yes, Gilliam did a good job. In fact, he did such a good job with bridges that the Oregon Inlet is filling up."

Mayor John A. Mitchener, master of ceremonies, and W. E. Bond, chairman of the county commissioners, made short speeches praising the

work Wood has done and is doing for the community.

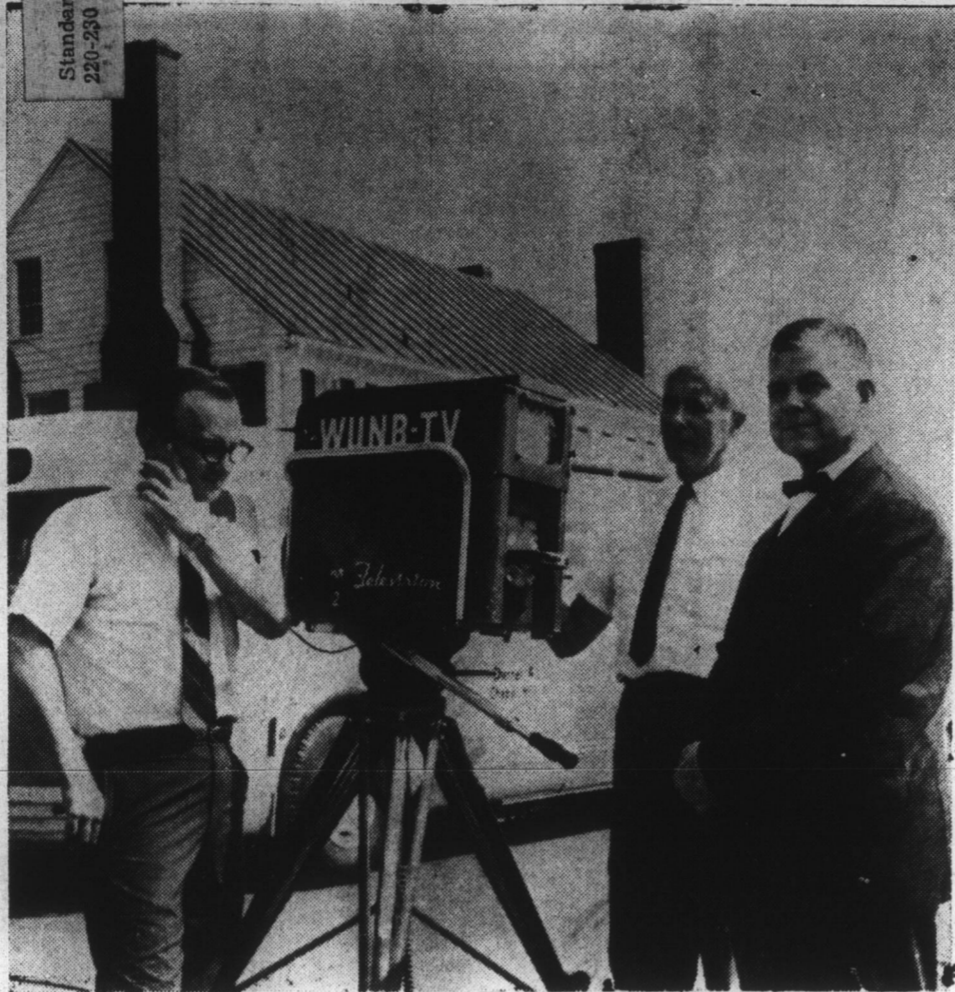
But it was Wood's farm superintendent, Earl White who brought down the house. White said his boss "gave so much time to his fellow man when he should be tending to his own business."

Mayor Mitchener presented Wood a Distinguished Citizens Award on behalf of former Gov. Terry Sanford, who could not be present. Sprays of red roses were presented to Wood's mother and wife.

Then, with every blond hair standing erect, Wood rose to speak for himself. "When I look at Lassie, I choke up," he started. Then he thanked the community for the fine cooperation given him as well as the good treatment his family has received over the years.

"I'm out of the highway business now and ready to go back to work for Edenton and Chowan County," he asserted.

Mrs. Wood didn't flinch but the community leaders breathed a sigh of relief.



PREPARE FOR PROGRAM—Officials of educational television in North Carolina pause during activities here to talk with Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., about a program on Edenton. At left is Hyman Field of Raleigh, who worked on the local program. Center is John Young of Chapel Hill, director of WUNC-TV, the parent station of Columbia's WUNB-TV.

WUNB-TV Is Planning Chowan Hospital Program On This Area Re-Accredited

North Carolina's educational television network is expected to be beaming signals along the east coast by mid-September. Among the first programs will be a documentary on historical and progressive Edenton and Chowan County.

Educational television is coming to this area through WUNB-TV. The new transmitter is now under construction at Columbia. It will be on Channel 2.

Production crews from WUNC-TV in Chapel Hill, the parent company, and assistants from sister stations at Raleigh and Greensboro, converged on Edenton Tuesday to begin preparations for the program.

The hour-long program was video-taped Wednesday and will be shown when the Columbia transmitter is completed and activated. However, John Young, WUNC-TV director at Chapel Hill, points out the program will also be carried on Channel 4 as well.

Young has some very definite

feelings about educational television. One is that it should not become sectional. Therefore, so long as time permits, programs will be transmitted simultaneously on the two channels and any future channels.

Young points out that educational TV does not appeal to all people and no one program gets a big audience. "Our audience is made up of more or less specialized groups," Young said.

But Young says with pride: "The sum of all we do will bring about a unity in this state and an understanding we have not had before."

He feels that too long we in North Carolina have had too much sectionalism. He thinks the people in the west are interested in what is going on in the east and vice versa. Therefore, special educational TV programs are designed to unify the state's people.

Hyman Field was among the busiest people in Edenton Tuesday afternoon as he brought together loose ends prior to Wednesday's rehearsals and actual "take" (Continued on Page Six)

New Post Office At Merry Hill

MERRY HILL—The new Merry Hill Post Office opened for business August 2, according to L. C. White, postmaster.

White, who also owns the building, said a formal dedication will be held some time this fall. The building is located on a lot next to White's store, where the post office was located prior to the completion of the new structure.

There are now two mail deliveries per day and Postmaster White said items mailed at 5 P. M. are supposed to reach their destination almost anywhere in the United States the next day.

Also, the postmaster said Merry Hill ZIP Code is 27957.

The new post office features new boxes for people in the community.

Chowan Hospital has earned accreditation for a three year period.

This is the second time the local institution has gained this status following inspections of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

W. P. Jones, administrator, and other hospital officials are gratified over the news received from the commission following a survey conducted June 8 by Dr. Edith P. Brown, a field representative.

Dr. John D. Poterfield, assistant director of the commission, stated: "The commission wishes to commend you for maintaining standards deserving of accreditation for your constant effort to improve your quality of patient care."

Jones said: "We are very proud of this accomplishment as Chowan Hospital is one of the very few small hospitals in North Carolina that have accomplished this. It is due to the efforts of the fine people who make up the hospital staff and the competent members of the qualified medical staff who are responsible for the calibre of medical care given. Physicians granted the privilege of practicing on an accredited hospital staff meet the highest professional, legal and ethical qualifications."

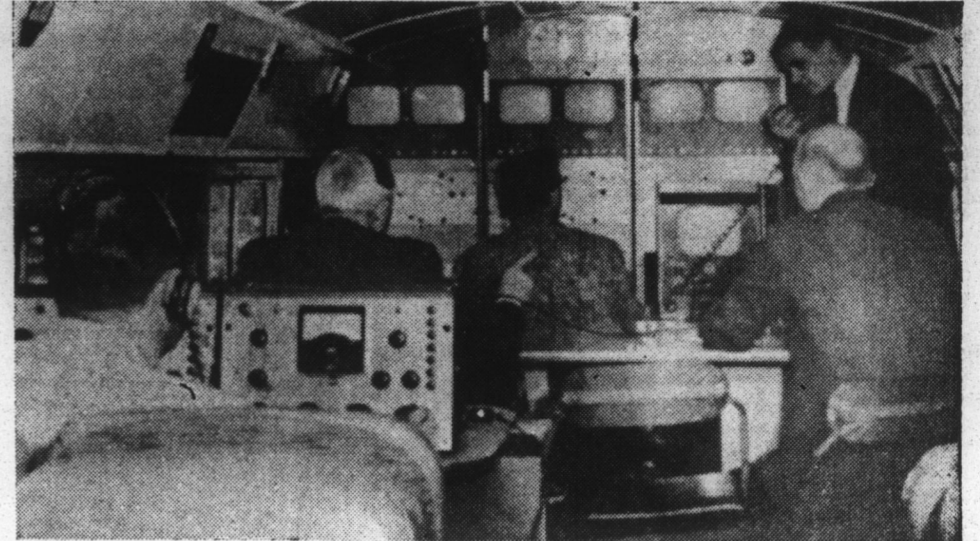
He added that this is the standard of patient care required by the commission which is sponsored by The (Continued on Page Six)

Six Majorettes Attending Camp

Six majorettes from John A. Holmes High School are this week attending the second annual Tar Heel Twirling Camp at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg.

Headed by Sanfra Ange, chief majorette, those at the camp are Jo Ann Covington, Carrol Barnhill, Ann Parrish, Nellie Furlough and Shirley Alexander.

Special emphasis is placed on work for school majorettes and groups for football season.



BUSY NERVE CENTER—Shown above is an interior view of WUNC-TV's 100-foot highway bus, which serves as mobile television control room. The local one-hour program was put on video tape for telecast in mid-September.

Edenton Is Seeking Halt To Consolidation Efforts By County School Board

Officials of Edenton City Schools have requested the Chowan County Board of Education to stop working toward a merger of the two administrative units.

O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of the county board, told his fellow members Monday night city officials contend the county action is "causing a hardship on them" and working for no benefit to the county.

Long said he and Supt. C. C. Walters met earlier in the day with Dr. Edward

Bond, chairman of the city board, and Supt. Hiram Mayo.

Long said the city officials asked the county "to withdraw their efforts" with regards to forming a single administrative unit in the county.

After considerable discussion, N. J. George asked his fellow board members if they still believed one administrative unit would best serve the interests of the county and provide a better school system.

Long said he agreed to work with the board toward establishing a single unit as a part of compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

He said Commissioner Francis Keppel of the Office of Education has said this merger is not a condition to compliance. He added that ever since he became a school board member residents in the county had inquired periodically as to when some action was going to be taken on consolidation of the schools.

George argued that the consolidation of the schools is not the question. He said this is an administrative problem which must be handled later.

Eugene Jordan said he still favored a "single administrative unit but reserved the right to act on consolidation of the schools when that time came.

Frank Williams said he will work for a single unit as will Dr. A. F. Downum. Dr. Downum said he can't understand why the city board is fighting the merger when it will provide better education for all the children of the county.

George told the board that politics and personalities should be kept out of this endeavor.

"I see no reason, absolutely, why we should have two school boards in this county," George said. Later he added: "We have one high school for the Negro students and why not one for the white students?"

When discussion of forming a high school at White Oak—the fourth in the two administrative units — Supt. C. C. Walters said he didn't think the state would look with favor on the proposal since there would be less than 100 students in the top four grades.

George moved that an appointment be made with the State Department of Public Instruction to "get their thinking" on the matters now being discussed. Supt. Walters was instructed to make the appointment.

School Fees Abolished

Students attending Chowan County schools this year will not be charged any fees.

Action to abolish all fees in all county schools was taken Monday night by the Chowan County Board of Education.

Thus, the county unit moved closer to free public education for all the students in the county. The fees which

were abolished for this school term ranged from a high of \$13.50 charged for commercial classes to a low of \$1 for science classes.

Supt. C. C. Walters hailed the board's action as "commendable" and "a step in the right direction". However, he said there would still be a \$5 book fee for high school students. This fee is imposed by the state.

At the insistence of N. J. George, the board has been discussing fees at almost every meeting during the past few months. George has contended that fees are not fair and in some instances deprive students of taking certain courses.

Supt. Walters told the board that it would cost the county approximately \$1,000 to cut out all fees at Chowan High School and White Oak Elementary School.

The board members voted unanimously to abolish the fees when they were told funds were available to provide the services without making the charge.

Book fees in the elementary grades were abolished by the state for the coming year.

During their session, the board members approved the selection of Ervin Mansfield and Mrs. Nancy Gerald as new teachers at Chowan High School.

Dr. A. F. Downum asked Supt. Walters about the al-

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HONORED FOR SERVICE—J. Gilliam Wood, center is shown at an appreciation banquet held recently in his honor. Left to right are: Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Mrs. Wood, Wood, his mother, Mrs. John Wood, and W. E. Bond, chairman of the county commissioners.