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Judge Denies Stay In Order; Board Gears For New Term

Federal Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., Tuesday denied a stay in execution of his earlier order to "pair" elementary grades in Edenton-Chowan Schools.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., attorney for the board, said the next step

would be to appeal the order to Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va. He said a hearing on the appeal would have to be set by the higher court and he gave no indication as to when this could be expected.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Educa-

tion has voted to appeal the order if the stay in execution was denied by Judge Larkins.

The text of the order denying the stay was not available in Edenton at press time.

Edenton - Chowan Schools are scheduled to open September 3.

Patrons of Edenton-Chowan Schools were told Thursday night every effort would be made to maintain the highest quality of education possible during the coming year.

Speaking to more than 150 who at-

tended a special meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, Supt. Bill Britt said the public school system is "going to try to give all children the best education possible."

Supt. Britt spent more than an hour

answering questions posed by people in the audience pertaining to integration of the elementary grades next month, if the board is not successful in obtaining a stay in execution of a federal court order.

Concern was shown over personnel in the various cafeterias. The board instructed the superintendent to transfer personnel between White Oak and Chowan cafeterias and Holmes and D. F. Walker so that there would be both white and Negro workers in each.

Also, there was a question about the health hazards posed by no permanent partition between the kitchens and eating area at White Oak and Holmes schools. Supt. Britt was also instructed to take necessary steps to have this corrected.

Another question dealt with the condition of the playground at White Oak. Supt. Britt said it was in bad condition at this time but would be improved prior to the opening of school.

He fielded other questions concerning classrooms, assignment, teachers, and general physical condition of the schools.

He encouraged board members and school patrons to visit the various schools prior to opening day. One in the audience replied: "We don't want to see it (White Oak)."

The board authorized Supt. Britt to make necessary repairs at the schools and to hire teachers during the coming weeks. They accepted the resignation of Mrs. Lucy Meade Harless.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., board attorney, explained steps which were being taken to have the order set aside and a hearing on the suit now in court.

Earnhardt appealed directly to Judge John D. Larkins of Trenton for the stay in execution and had not received word of a decision Tuesday afternoon. He

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The Public Parade

Wrong Man

The scene: Chowan County Court House.

The time: Tuesday morning.

The actor: A defendant in deep trouble with the law.

The question: "Is you a lawyer?"

The response: Silence from a red-faced sheriff, a general lawman who puts them in jail rather than gets them out.

In Good Hands

The selection of two seasoned Democrats with proven leadership ability to head the fall campaign in this district shows the party brass is gearing for a tremendous victory.

Jimmy V. Johnson, state party chairman, is a master strategist and wants to be surrounded with doers, not people just going along for the ride. He cautioned district party chairmen and vice chairmen to give him "workers rather than make honorary appointments."

The First District caucus did just that in the persons of Mrs. Edward G. Bond of Edenton and Henry Oglesby of Grifton. Both are Democrats who take their politics seriously and enjoy an enviable reputation in Eastern North Carolina for accomplishment.

With Snooky Bond and Henry Oglesby at the helm, Democrats in this district, which includes about one-fifth the counties of Tar Heelia, can breathe a little easier. The fall campaign is in good hands.

New Survey Of Townships

Township boundaries, while gradually losing some importance, still have a place in governmental operations along The Public Parade. Yet they are not specifically established.

In the recent election of three members of Chowan County Board of Commissioners, one citizen went to file as a candidate against one incumbent and came away as an opponent of another. He didn't live in the township he thought he did.

While balloting is on an at large basis, Continued on Page 4

Still Is Destroyed

Sheriff Earl Goodwin has reported that a small illicit liquor distillery was destroyed by members of his department Monday just outside of the Town of Edenton.

The 35-gallon copper still and related manufacturing equipment was discovered off Paradise Road.

It consisted of a five gallon doubler, a 55-gallon cooking barrel, a copper condenser and a mash capacity of 200 gallons.

Deputies Troy Toppin and Glenn Perry destroyed the outfit at the site.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is continuing.

Hospital Candystripers Lauded For Volunteer Service

"They have made a great contribution to our program of improved patient care."

This is the way Tom Surratt, administrator at Chowan Hospital summed up the service of eight candystripers who

have donated an average of three hours daily to work at the medical facility.

Since June 11 the high school students have graced the halls of the hospital, doing numerous chores and adding sunshine to what might have been a dull

experience for many patients.

The summer program comes to an end August 23 and Mrs. Kay Bunch, who has been in charge, has planned a cook-out in honor of the young girls. On hand will be members of the hospital board as well as department heads.

Surratt said he has received many compliments from patients concerning the fine work the Candystripers have done. "They are able to do little extra things for a patient which a regular staff member doesn't have the time to do under normal situations," he explained.

Also, there has been a very good response from the public about what they are doing. Among the many assignments was doing relief sitting with a patient. Surratt said if a family member needed a sitter, a Candystriper could do the job.

He said the girls have been excited about the work. They have had a good introduction to the health service field and Surratt feels some will go on to become nurses.

"They have certainly learned what nursing is all about," he adds.

Because of the success of the summer program, the administrator hopes to keep some of the Candystripers on a limited basis during the winter months.

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H. B. Babb

Babb Is Inspector For Four Counties

H. B. Babb has assumed his duties in this area as inspector with the License and Safety Inspection Division, N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

Babb, a 12-year veteran with the state agency, has moved to Edenton from Hertford where he was connected with the weight station for six years. Prior to that he was in Apex, his home community.

Working out of an office in Edenton Police Department, Babb will be responsible for his division's activities in Chowan, Gates, Tyrrell and Dare counties. He replaces Thad Jernigan who was promoted to another area.

Babb has direct supervision over inspection stations, dealer license's, theft investigations, enforcement of weight and license laws and work in cooperation with the State Highway Patrol.

He said there are 45 inspection stations in the four counties and almost that many dealers.

Babb is married to the former Delores Vance and they have four children. The Babb's are Baptists and reside at 204 West Second Street.

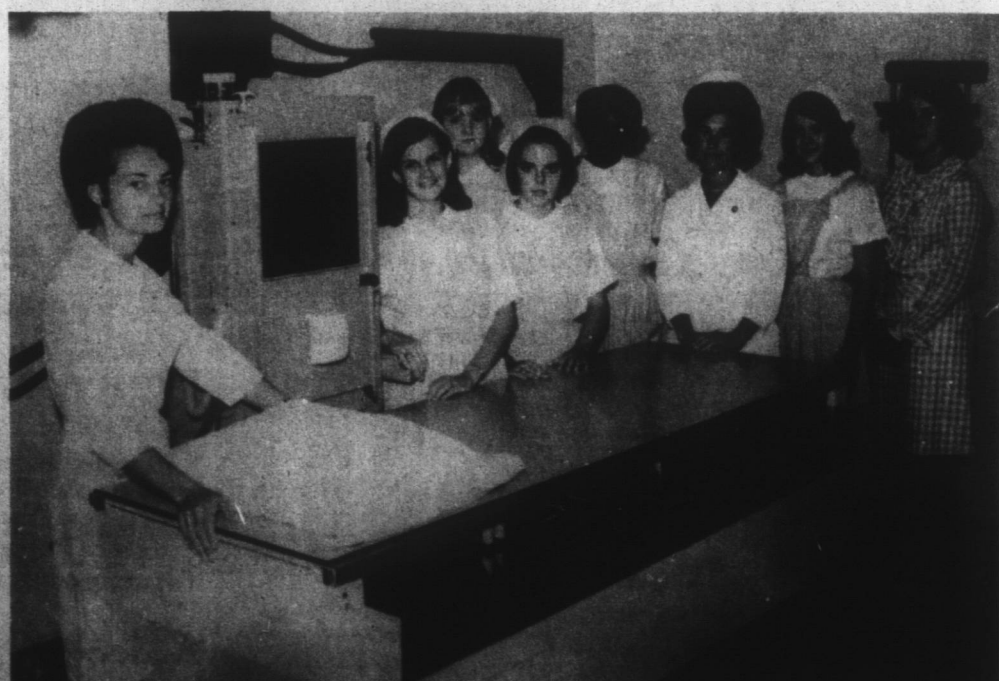
Mathes Charged

An official of the poverty program in Northeastern North Carolina is scheduled to face two criminal charges in Chowan County District Court here August 20.

Robert Hunter Mathes, 32-year-old Negro, 143 East Gale Street, Monday was booked at Edenton Police Department on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and discharging firearms inside the Town of Edenton. He was cited to appear in court at 10 A. M., next Tuesday.

Mathes is deputy director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps in the 10-county area served by Economic Improvement Council, which is headquartered in Elizabeth City. Mathes, assistant to John Biggers, works out of NYC offices on Base Road.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said the charges grew out of an incident Thursday night. Mathes allegedly was driving on East Gale Street and fired a .22



CANDYSTRIPERS GET INSTRUCTION—The operation of the X-ray machine at Chowan Hospital is but one phase of instruction given eight Candystripers who have contributed many hours of volunteer service since June 11. Mrs. Errol Flynn, technician, is shown at left with five of the Candystripers and other instructors. Left to right: Linda Har... Peggy...



DEATH SCENE—Shown here is the location on Ryland Road, 19 miles north of Edenton, where William John Place of Winfall was killed Thursday evening in a one-car wreck. Portions of the wreckage can be seen at left of the insert with the demolished vehicle at center right. The insert shows the demolished vehicle in which Place died. It was the first highway fatality in rural Chowan County this year.

Motorist Dies In Wreck

William John Place, 21, of Winfall, died instantly Thursday evening when his speeding car went out of control east of Ryland.

State Trooper R. H. Allen said it was the first highway fatality recorded on rural Chowan County roads in 1968.

The 1967 Pontiac Place was driving was completely demolished when it skidded 183 feet down a ditch bank, struck a stump and then two trees prior to

landing upside down in the ditch. The victim was partially thrown from the overturning vehicle and was pinned beneath.

Coroner Marvin Barham said the cause of death was "undetermined".

Trooper Allen said there were no eyewitnesses to the fatal wreck but several residents in the area, three miles off Highway 32, heard the crash.

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad responded to the call at 6:50 P. M., and removed the body.

Mr. Place was a native of Whittier, Calif., and had lived in Winfall three months. He served in the Navy from 1962 to 1967 and was employed as a carpenter with Charles Haskett, Elizabeth City building contractor.

He was a member of Faith Temple Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

The victim was a son of Milford G. and Vivian Place of Rockford, Ill.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Trueblood Place; one sister, Miss Kari Beth Place of Rockford, Ill.; and two brothers: Jim Place of Rockford, Ill., and John Place, with the U. S. Army stationed in Vietnam.

Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Work Under Fire

Edenton Town Council has requested from Edenton-Chowan Schools a report on the summer recreation program and hinted that if improvement is not assured some other action will be taken next year.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said there has been considerable criticism of the program this year at John A. Holmes High School. "Much of it is certainly justified," he added.

Councilman Henry Quinn said he has been very much aware of the manner in which the program has been operated. He expressed disappointment in it, as did Councilman Luther Parks.

Parks said the council could police the program with town money. Then he added: "We should start thinking about taking it over and expanding it. The schols have run a good thing into the ground."

Councilman J. D. Elliott added that the program looked excellent on paper. Now, though, he said, the council deserves a report on how it has operated. He also asked for a report on the amount of time the instructors spent on the scene.

"Since the town hasn't had full control of it (the recreation program) it has deteriorated each year," Gardner concluded.

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Reports Are Set

Chowan County representatives to Boys' State and Girls' State this summer will report on their experiences Tuesday night during a joint meeting of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, and the Auxiliary.

The meeting will begin at 8 P. M., in the Legion Hut on U. S. 17.

All legion and auxiliary members are invited to attend. Also, the