



INNOVATIONS IN SCHOOLS—A number of teaching innovations are now being tested in Edenton-Chowan Schools. At Swain School a Comprehensive School Improvement Project is being demonstrated by two teams of teachers. Shown above is Carroll Gould, a team leader, with Mrs. Ruby Bond, Mrs. Edith Walker and Miss Mary L. Copeland as they discuss the program. In the other picture, Miss Gene Tomlinson, right, is shown with teachers in a Large Room Project at White Oak School. They are Mrs. Roberta Banks, left, and Mrs. Maryann Bunch. (See Public Parade).



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Public Parade

Returns To Scene

An unsuspecting local businessman unintentionally turned auto thief Monday. The lady who lost her car in downtown Edenton also recovered it from the apologetic and embarrassed man.

The businessman, who works outside the central business district, drove downtown. When he had finished his chores, he got into a car he thought was his and drove off. The lady coming from a store saw the back of her car going up Broad Street. She hailed a policeman to report the theft.

A few blocks away the motorist saw a pocketbook in the car. It was then he realized it wasn't his car. He rushed back downtown looking for the parking space from which he had gotten the car.

The owner was waiting. She learned a lesson Police Chief J. D. Parrish has been teaching for years—don't leave the keys in your car.

Innovations In Education

While every week should be education week, Edenton-Chowan Schools are joining other educational institutions through the nation in observance of American Education Week.

It is a wonderful opportunity for parents who need an excuse to visit local schools and find out what is happening. First hand information will tend to kill the rumors.

Miss Jean Tomlinson, director of elementary education, is extremely pleased with at least three innovations in the system. A Comprehensive School Improvement Project is underway at Swain School; a Track English Program at Holmes School; and Large Room Team Teaching at White Oak School.

These and many other school programs can be viewed by parents when the schools welcome visitors. White Oak will be open to visitors Thursday and Friday and Chowan anytime this week.

The Swain School project was conceived as an opportunity to improve "the teaching and learning of reading, writing and arithmetic." It has opened doors to experimentation with teacher planning, team teaching, individualized instruction, purposeful use of instructional media, and teacher assessment and evaluation for improvement.

The seven teachers of the sixth grade at Swain have set up two teams for working and planning together. They have set as their objectives to relate music, art, and social studies in such a way that the student's life is enriched, his cultural horizons widened, and human sympathies are quickened.

They say: "We plan to bring our groups together once each week to share students' research work and to share with each other the job of singing together songs of many lands. Through these efforts children can share the timeless feelings of people the world over."

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Focus On Drugs Is Late

North Carolina's top law enforcement officer declared Monday night the crash program being waged against dangerous drugs may be too late. "We might as well start building hospitals," said SBI Director Charles Dunn.

Speaking to a Ruritan Club Ladies' Night crowd at Rocky Hock Community Building, Director Dunn said the misuse of drugs is already a serious problem and one which has the potential of growing.

He said law enforcement agencies alone cannot solve the problem. They must enlist the assistance of the home, schools, churches and community if any success is to be achieved, he said.

Dunn estimated that between 25 per cent and 40 per cent of students on college campuses in North Carolina have experimented with drugs.

No area is immune to the drug problem, he declared. He added that there

had been some reports from this area. "As close as you are to Norfolk I'd bet they (the reports) can be substantiated," he said.

Dunn cast aside his prepared remarks at one point to make a pitch for more recognition of law enforcement officers. "Law enforcement officers are the most discriminated against group in the state," Dunn said. "They have long hours, work for low pay and lack the available training facilities."

The speaker said the mixing of drugs and alcohol is becoming a problem. A person can be highly intoxicated and it will not show up on the breathalyzer.

"The drug problem is not going to go away," he asserted. "What might start out as a trip to paradise may end up in the cemetery."

Dunn said the SBI has increased the size of the staff working on drugs and most field agents are spending a great deal of their time on the problem. Yet, as he said, this is but one problem law enforcement must face. Murders, gangs, and safecracking continue in the state and without the cooperation of the citizens no headway will be experienced against those who commit crimes.

The speaker was introduced by District Court Judge W. S. Privott of Edenton.

Sheriff Troy Toppin was chairman of the program committee for Chowan and Ryland Ruritan Clubs. The Williams Family entertained with religious songs before and after the featured speech.



RURITAN BANQUET—SBI Director Charles Dunn, seated left, is shown with other principals at a joint Ruritan meeting Monday night at Rocky Hock. Seated next to Dunn is Judge W. S. Privott. Standing, left to right, are: Ralph Ward, Sheriff Troy Toppin and Lloyd Wayne Evans.

Veterans Honored

Mayor George Alma Byrum called on citizens to put forth an extra effort to assist veterans returning from Vietnam and asked the question: "Can we ever repay in full the debt to the veterans of this nation?"

Speaking from the steps of Edenton Municipal Building on a cloudless Veterans Day observance here, the mayor used the occasion to encourage people to do his part in aiding veterans find employment. He said they left families and jobs to serve and fight for the country. "This coming year 750,000 will return to civilian life, and most of them will find jobs without our help," he said. "However, last year more than 100,000 veterans experienced some difficulty in finding employment."

The mayor said the Korean War and the Vietnam War did not and cannot

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Pageant Finalist

ELIZABETH CITY—A pretty and talented high school senior from Edenton placed third in the Miss Elizabeth City beauty pageant at S. L. Sheep Auditorium here Monday night.

Miss Ginna Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Jones, 201 Blount Street, placed behind Miss Debbie Stokes of Kitty Hawk and Miss Debbie Bateman, Route 4, Elizabeth City.

Miss Stokes will represent Elizabeth City in the state contest to pick Miss North Carolina of 1970.

Miss Jones sang and played the piano in the talent portion of the contest. She is a popular senior at John A. Holmes High School.



PREPARE FOR PRODUCTION—Six of the 28 members who make up the cast of Edenton's Children's Theater's first production are shown here during rehearsal for "The Emperor's New Clothes." Standing, left to right, are: Sandy Davis, Ginna Jones, Bud Holmes and Miriam Bisette. In front are Jon Baxley and Steve Keete. Mrs. Jane Holmes is directing the play to be given at 8 P. M. November 20 and 2:30 P. M. November 22 at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium.

Development Plan For Public Housing

The development program for Edenton Housing Authority's 100 units of low-rent public housing has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The local authority Tuesday executed an annual contributions contract with the U. S. Government for the project, estimated to cost \$1,810,950. This contract calls for construction to begin by June 1, 1970.

Jack F. Habit, local authority chairman, said the authority anticipates an earlier construction date for 70 regular and 30 elderly units. The architects are now working on final drawings to be submitted to HUD in Atlanta, Ga., for approval.

The local project was approved by the Town of Edenton on December 12, 1967. Housing authority bonds will be sold to finance the project and will be amortized over a 40-year period at no cost to the town.

Four sites have been selected by the

local authority and approved by HUD. Site acquisition is expected to begin as soon as appraisals are reviewed and approved by HUD.

Sheetz and Bradfield of Atlanta are architects and engineers for the project here. They have designed units in keeping with the local architecture. The units are said to be the most traditional design yet in the field of low-rent public housing.

The units will be total electric and be equipped with stoves and refrigerators.

Habit was re-elected chairman of the authority for the next year and George W. Lewis was elected vice chairman. L. F. Amburn, Jr., was re-elected secretary and serves as executive director. C. A. Benson, A. C. Hudson and Rev. E. C. Alexander are other authority members.

Donald Balzer of Roanoke, Va., urban renewal consultant for the Town of Edenton, met with the authority to discuss redevelopment.



SHEETZ AND BRADFIELD/ARCHITECTS INCORPORATED

Artists Rendering of Duplex Unit of Low-Rent Public Housing Designed for Edenton Housing Authority by Sheetz & Bradfield of Atlanta, Ga.

Aces Going Now For Big Crown

The Edenton Aces won the 2-A Albemarle Conference title at Gates last week and meet Camp Lejeune here Friday in the first round of playoffs leading to the Eastern Championship.

Camp Lejeune is winner of the Coastal Plain Conference title.

Game time at Hicks Field is 8 P. M. Northern Nash and Clayton tangle for the right to play the winner of the Edenton-Camp Lejeune contest.

Edenton went through the conference schedule undefeated. They played host to mighty Northeastern of Elizabeth City earlier in the year and suffered their only loss.

The Aces played their most impressive

game of the season at Gates, winning 42-0. It was a game where the Edenton offense and defense combined to turn in an almost flawless game.

Going into the contest, highly rated Gates had lost only to Williamston. But the Aces took the opening kickoff and drove 68 yards for the score. The alert Aces turned three pass interceptions and a blocked punt into TD's.

Coach Marion Kirby went again with Earl Chesson at quarterback and the nifty back played his most impressive game. He scored three times on line plunges. Halfback Mike Lamb accounted for one score on a 26-yard run and Chesson threw a TD pass to Steve Katkaveck. Joe Bunch, a sophomore kicking star, booted six extra points.

The alert defense, headed by co-captain Johnny Barrow, smothered the Rams, never allowing them to get an attack under way. The fierce rushing of the Aces kept the Rams flustered and limited Gates to minus five yards on the ground. Elliott Harrell, Katkaveck, Larry Felton, Sidward Boyce and Jay Swicegood all had good nights.

Study Underway

A consultant's report on prime areas for urban renewal projects in the Town of Edenton is expected to be received within two weeks. And the Town Council will retain responsibility for the program at the present time.

The council's continued involvement in urban renewal at the initial stages was recommended by a committee of councilmen appointed by Mayor George Alma Byrum.

Councilman W. H. Hollowell said after discussing the program with Donald Balzer of Roanoke, Va., urban renewal consultant for the town, it was decided the closer council worked with the program the more successful it would be.

He indicated that at some future date the council might want Edenton Housing Authority to execute an application for the project designated by council.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said he and Town Attorney W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr. were working on a plan to collect back taxes and assessments. He also said the town might have to go to court to get the Hobowsky property cleaned up. "The property is a dis-

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Yule Parade Scheduled December 3

A gala parade will formally open the holiday shopping season here Wednesday, December 3. Parade time will be 4 P. M.

Alton Clark, chairman of the Merchants Committee, announced that Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad will sponsor the 1969 parade through downtown Edenton. Murray Ashley has been named parade chairman.

The committee has recommended that all stores close during the parade.

The committee further recommends that stores begin remaining open nightly until 8:30 o'clock beginning Wednesday, December 17.

Merchants are being asked to observe a two-day Christmas holiday, December 25 and December 26.

Santa Claus will again be the principal figure in the parade and prizes will be given to the top three units. Anyone who desires to enter a unit in the parade or who needs additional information should contact Ashley, 482-3111.