

OUTSTANDING FIREMAN—What is considered to be among the first official recognition for volunteer fire service was presented to Frank V. White, Jr., right, chief of Center Hill-Crossroads Department. White was presented a trophy as Fireman of the Year in his department. At left is Charlie Skinner of Perquimans County, president, Albemarle Firemen's Association. Luther C. Parks of Edenton, county fire marshal, is in the center. The awards banquet was held at the rural fire station Monday night.

White Gets Unique Title

Frank B. White, Jr., chief of the Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, is recipient of that department's first Fireman of the Year Award. White was presented a trophy at a banquet held at the fire station Monday night. A plaque which bears White's name and future winners was also presented.

Luther C. Parks, assistant chief of Edenton Fire Department and county fire marshal, made the presentation before a Ladies' Night Banquet of more than 100 people. Parks is also mayor pro tem of the Town of Edenton.

Parks said he is pleased to have had a part in molding the rural volunteer department. He traced the history of the department and commended the men for the fine service they are rendering the people of rural Chowan County. Parks called the award presented to White the Distinguished Service Award in fire service.

The plaque was accepted by Carlton Asbell, assistant chief. White, in accepting the trophy, said he was humbled by the fact that the firemen selected him for the high honor.

Charlie Skinner of Perquimans County, president of the Albemarle Fireman's Association, gave a humorous talk on the subject of "Attitude, Participation and Recognition."

Skinner said the Chowan department is considered one of the most dedicated and best trained volunteer units in North Carolina. He said this is true because the men involved have the right attitude and participate wholeheartedly. He also said to his knowledge this was the

Youth Corps Set

The Neighborhood Youth Corps, a division of Economic Improvement Council, Inc., will have 400 high school students working in the 10-county Albemarle Area this summer. The project has been funded for \$180,900.

John T. Biggers, NYC project director, said 350 of the enrollees will be new in the program. About 50 of those working in the in-school phase of the program will work 26 hours weekly at \$1.45 per hour for 10 weeks.

Fifty-six of the enrollees will be working in Chowan County.

NYC currently has 150 students in an in-school program. They work eight hours per week. The in-school project was funded for \$165,000.

Biggers said the program is for students who plan to return to school in September. A former county school superintendent, Biggers said he feels NYC has kept a number of students in school by providing part-time employment during the school year as well as during the summer months.

Biggers now has two counselors but will hire four additional counselors for the summer program. He said counseling is an important phase of the program.

The director said enrollees who need assistance with their studies to encourage them to continue in school until high school graduation may spend up to 10 hours of each week's compensated time in educational programs. He said a majority of the students will be working in the schools, not all, however, on

first such recognition program in the state for a volunteer unit.

The speaker stressed the importance of fire service to a community. He said volunteers must be well trained and must have knowledge of many different things in order to efficiently and effectively function.

Sheriff Troy Toppin and Melvin Byrum headed the banquet committee. Toppin introduced the members of Chowan County commissioners. One by one, Chairman J. Clarence Leary, C. A. Phillips, David Bateman, C. M. Evans, and N. J. George paid tribute to the department for their contribution to the county.

Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., and Carlton Goodwin, newly nominated to Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, were also recognized.

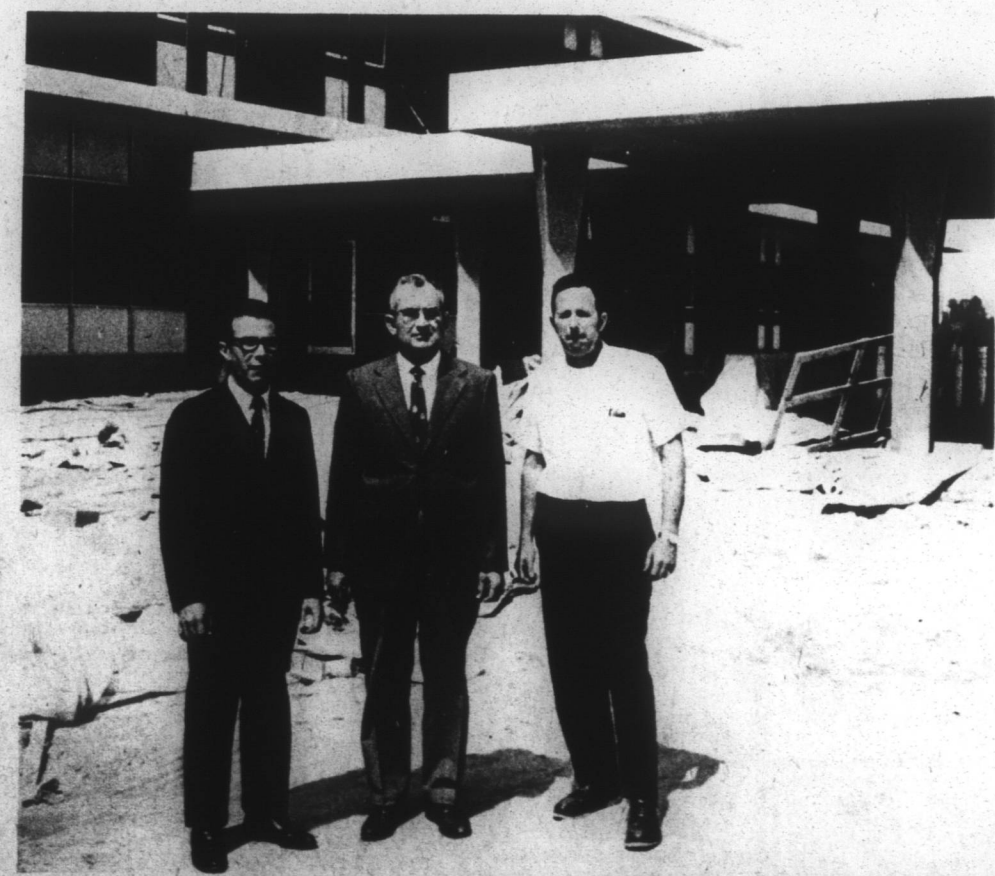
The turkey dinner was served by members of Bandon Chapel at Arrowhead.

Contest Winners

Winners have been chosen in the 1970 Tar Heel Junior Historian contest entered by junior high school students throughout the state, according to an announcement by the State Departments of Archives and History and Public Instruction.

Students from Albemarle, Burlington, Edenton, Fayetteville, Henderson, Landis, Raleigh, and Siler City were awarded top honors on projects entered in five categories. History teachers within the schools served as advisers.

Group Arts category first place winners were the Chief Rockahock Historical Association of Chowan Academy in Edenton for their project Herring Fishing. Mrs. Virginia H. Wood is adviser.



RESULTS OF A "COMMUNITY THAT CARED"—Tom Surratt, administrator of Chowan Hospital, is directing National Hospital Week with the theme: "Your Hospital Cares." Surratt said the theme was being expanded here to include a "Community That Cared Enough to Build a New Hospital." Shown in front of the new hospital, which has been under construction for 12 months, are: Jesse L. Harrell, center, board chairman, and G. J. Jones, general superintendent for T. A. Loving & Company. The hospital is to be ready for use by October 1.

Public Parade

Say What?

What did the members of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce say to the Finance Committee of the Town of Edenton?

"Buy two available pieces of waterfront property for beautification or condemn it."

This was the substance of a letter sent to Town Council Tuesday. The Finance Committee will study the request when making up the 1970-71 budget.

The Merchants Committee is correct. This group was almost hung from the Confederate Monument when it recommended purchase of the Hobowsky property on West King Street for an off-street parking lot. The council found the means of doing this and the improvements speak for themselves.

The fact that Mayor George Alma Byrum owns an interest in one of the tracts should not prohibit action. If federal matching funds are still available for such projects then much of the sting could be removed.

If in the future a private developer desired either or both of these tracts for something to enhance the beauty and the economy of the area then the town could dispose of them at that time.

Right now the recommendation of the Merchants Committee should be given more serious consideration than given by a study committee Mayor Byrum appointed some months ago.

Government Medicine? ... Or Dedication?

This is National Hospital Week. Those who meander along the Public Parade are very much aware, or should be, of the program here for improved and expanded medical care and services.

A new 61-bed hospital is under construction. The first patients are expected to be admitted to the facility in October. The existing 35-bed hospital will be turned into an extended care unit and when all is completed, plans call for a complex with at least 115 beds for patients in all degrees of illness.

But what's happening on the outside. There is talk everywhere about the high cost of medical care. And the gliberals are saying the only answer is more federal involvement.

That isn't what a strong voice in the medical profession believes. We'll let Wes Lefler of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill News Bureau tell the rest:

A former president of the American College of Surgeons said here last weekend, "Before we decide that government medicine and huge sums of money is the answer to our health care problems, we should take a look at England.

"Only two general hospitals have been built in England since World War II.

"Over two million people in England are on the waiting list for operations.

"About three million people there are voluntarily paying for private health insurance (like Blue Cross-Blue Shield) in addition to their government health insurance. They are paying double."

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Stalls, Patten Resign Two Leaving Posts

Two popular staff members of Edenton-Chowan Schools have resigned to enter private business.

Kenneth L. Stalls, principal at Chowan High School, and Stuart Patten, band director and assistant principal at John A. Holmes High School, have formed a corporation and will operate a franchised employment placement agency in

Southeastern North Carolina. They will be headquartered in Wilmington from where they will operate in six counties.

Patten & Stalls, Inc., have purchased the franchise rights in the six-county area for National Personnel Service, Inc. National is a nationwide employment placement service and operates now in four other Tar Heel cities.

The newly formed corporation holds the National franchise in New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Wayne, Onslow and Brunswick counties.

Both Stalls and Patten will move to Wilmington in June and open their headquarters office August 1. Branch offices will be opened soon thereafter in Jacksonville and Goldsboro. The firm will have a staff of from seven to 10 people.

Stalls and Patten both hold bachelor's and master's degrees from East Carolina University and have done graduate work toward their doctorates. They stated

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Kenneth L. Stalls

Stuart N. Patten

Meeting Is Slated

The annual membership meeting of Chowan Golf and Country Club will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the ballroom at the club. All members are urged to be present.

President Kermit Layton said officers will be elected for the coming year and reports will be given by the directors and committee chairmen.

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HEADING FOR BOYS' STATE—Three students from Edenton-Chowan Schools will attend Boys' State in Winston-Salem, June 21-27. William Bindeman, left, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Bindeman of Edenton, and David Cooke, center, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Cooke of Tyner, are sponsored by Edward G. Bend Post, American Legion. Henry Hinton, right, a student at Chowan High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinton, is being sponsored by the Ruritan Club. Boys' State is a popular program of the American Legion.

Chowan Firms Are Cited For Safety

Four business establishments in Chowan County have been awarded the "Certificate of Safety Achievement" by the N. C. Department of Labor in recognition of their outstanding work in preventing industrial accidents during the year 1969.

The awards were presented in behalf of State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane by Harry M. Tillett of Elizabeth City, the Department of Labor's Industrial Safety Inspector for this area. The four local safety award winners are:

The United Piece Dye Works - second consecutive year award; Chris-Craft Corporation - first year award; The Carter's Ink Company - second consecutive year award; and Ricks Laundry and Cleaners - fifth consecutive year award.

Inspector Tillett pointed out that under the Labor Department's safety awards program, a plant may qualify for an award in one of these three ways: (1) Operate for a year without a disabling injury; (2) Achieve a 40 per cent reduction in accident frequency rate, compared with the previous year; (3) Operate for a year with an accident rate 50 per cent or more below the statewide average for the industry.

"It is a pleasure to recognize the excellent work in accident prevention which was done during 1969 by the

many fine employers and employees of these four Edenton firms," said Tillett. "Your North Carolina Department of Labor is proud of your outstanding achievement in safety, and we look forward to a continuation of this excellent work in the years ahead.

"These safety awards are testimony to your awareness of the need for safety in your plant working operations, and to your willingness to do something about your work practices and working environments in the interest of preventing accidents from happening."



CITED FOR SAFETY—W. M. Sanford, general manager of Chris-Craft Corporation's Edenton plant, is shown at left receiving a Certificate of Safety Achievement Award from Harry M. Tillett of Elizabeth City, representing the N. C. Department of Labor. Three other Chowan County firms received certificates.