



**Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet**—J. Clarence Leary, Sr., second from left, was given the Senior Citizens Award at the annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce held September 29 at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Shown with him, left to right, are: Leary, Jr., Leary, Mrs. Martha Leary, Mrs. Leary and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Manning. Al Callaway is shown holding the Governor's Award which he presented to the Town of Edenton at the banquet. Others are: Carlton Jackson, Charles L. McCullers of Dunn, and Mayor George Alma Byrum.

## Leary Receives Special Local Award

A wheelbarrow load of awards were handed out on Wednesday night of last week during the annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. E. N. (Pete) Manning assumed

the presidency in the traditional change-in-command phase of the program.

For openers, the Town of Edenton received the Governor's Award for efforts in economic growth.

Carlton Jackson, retiring president, received a plaque.

J. Clarence Leary, Sr., was honored as recipient of the Senior Citizen Award, only the third such award ever voted by Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Charles L. McCullers of Dunn, former Edentonian, was banquet speaker.

In addition to Manning, new officers who assumed their roles with the organization include: Jack Harris, vice president; A. B. Harless, Jr., secretary; William Easterling, treasurer; and Jackson, ex-officio. Members of the board are: Marvin Barham, J. R. Baxley, James Blount, George A. Byrum, James C. Dail, Jesse L. Harrell, Dr. Allen Hornthal, Robert Hutchinson, J. Clarence Leary, Mack Privott and Marshall Whitt.

Al Callaway, representing the Commerce & Industry Division, State Department of Conservation & Development, presented the Governor's Award.

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## Teacher Chosen

Mrs. Margaret Smithson of Chowan High School has been named Teacher of the Year in Edenton-Chowan Schools. Mrs. Smithson was chosen Thursday from a field of five representatives from schools throughout the system.

The county winner will now enter the district contest.

In addition to her work at Chowan, Mrs. Smithson also works with the College of The Albemarle in the Learning Resources Center at Swain Elementary School.

This is the first time Edenton-Chowan Schools have participated in the National Teacher of the Year award program sponsored by the Council of Chief State Officers and Look magazine.

In addition to the winner, individual school representatives were: Jerry Lawrence, Holmes High; Mrs. Erma Roberts, Walker Junior High; Miss Roberta Banks, Swain Elementary; and Mrs. Carolyn Banks, White Oak Elementary.

Each teacher has received the distinct honor of being chosen by his fellow staff members as one who is exceptionally skillful and dedicated to the task of education, who has the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. In the community, as well as in school, they each play an active and useful role, a spokesman for the school system noted.

The judges—Mayor George Alma Byrum, chairman, Mrs. Fannie Parker, Mrs. Emily Amburn, Mrs. Allen Hornthal, and Mrs. Virginia West, weathered the hurricane on Thursday to select the candidate for Teacher of the Year from Chowan County.

Miss Gene Tomlinson, supervisor, coordinated the program.

## Chowan Produces State FFA Winners; Trip Planned

Five members of the Chowan Chapter, Future Farmers of America, head for Kansas City, Mo., next week, representing the State of North Carolina in two divisions. A former member has received FFA's highest honor—the American Farmer Degree.

E. S. White, advisor, will accompany the group to the national convention, October 13-15.

Some \$785 in cash awards has been applied toward the anticipated expense of \$1,500. Efforts are now being made throughout Chowan County to secure

the remainder of the needed money.

Representing the state will be the Chowan livestock judging team, composed of Jimmy Evans, Don Bass, Glenn Rogerson and Joseph Temple.

Alan Copeland of the Chowan Chapter has been declared the state winner in farm and home electrification.

Paul Copeland, a student at N. C. State University in Raleigh, is recipient of the American Farmer Degree.

White said this has been one of the most productive years ever experienced by the Chowan FFA Chapter. This is



**Kansas City Bound**—Everett White, Chowan High School FFA advisor, is shown here with state winners from the school who will attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., next week. Left to right are: White, Glenn Rogerson, Joseph Temple, Jimmy Evans, Don Bass, and Alan Copeland.

## Public Parade

### Problem Recognized

The number of complaints about the inadequate condition of Chowan County Courthouse is controlled only by the frequency in use of the courtroom. Grand juries and judges have repeatedly called it to the attention of county commissioners.

Monday the problem came home to roost.

County commissioners were in their monthly session. The meeting was interrupted by a chainsaw. Commissioner N. J. George was quick to react to the noise which was far greater than that coming from around the table.

"Maybe that is what the judge is talking about," he noted. "Where's the sheriff? We've got to get this stopped." Touche!

### Wholesome And True

Students at Chowan High School have joined in a patron movement of long standing to secure decent, safe and sanitary facilities at their gymnasium. And in another corner of the October issue of "Chowanian", pleas are made for construction of tennis courts.

The gymnasium problem, caused by the lack of an entrance lobby, is not new. If memory serves this writer correctly, the work has been authorized by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education not once, but twice. But let's let Belinda Byrum and Bill Bunch do their own thing:

"They talked about a lobby, Seemed a great idea, But now we are all wondering, If they will get it up this year.

We would like to be proud of our school,

And impress many folks, When they all go out for halftime, There will be no where to drink their Cokes.

Maybe the blocks are out there, To make us all see, That they are doing something, But they are not fooling me.

At its present state the construction

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## School Board Vote

# Action Questioned

Chowan County commissioners Monday publicly questioned the "fairness" of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education in denial of a request from Chowan Academy for use of the athletic field at Chowan High School. The academy is expected to ask the school board to re-

consider its previous action. Supt. Bill Britt was called before commissioners to "bring them up to date" on the request. He told the commissioners the school board asked for a legal opinion regarding federal regulations and that "probably would have figured in their decision."

"To deny the private school use of it (the athletic field for football games) is pretty far out," stated Commissioner N. J. George, who had requested that Supt. Britt appear. "I'm disappointed."

Commissioner George went on to say the county ought to deny funds to the school board if all taxpayers don't have access to county property. "Our facilities have always been available to everyone when the activity didn't interfere with school."

Later he requested the school board to reconsider the previous action. Then

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## Hurricane Ginger Is Hard On Crops

Northeastern North Carolina is continuing to feel the effects of Hurricane Ginger and damage to crops due to high winds and excessive rainfall is expected to be high. While the bulk of the damage was done Thursday through Saturday, additional rain fell Wednesday morning.

Pete Thompson said it would be some time before an accurate estimate of the crop damage could be determined.

Property damage was held to a minimum, although gusts of wind in excess of 50 mph were reported. There was a considerable amount of damage to trees in the area.

J. H. Conger, Sr., veteran weather observer, said 4.5 inches of rain was recorded Thursday with 3.25 inches measured Friday. More than eight inches was reported in some areas.

Edenton-Chowan Schools did not operate Thursday because of the threat of the hurricane. Schools will operate on an abbreviated schedule Saturday to make up for the day lost.

The Edenton-Gates football game was postponed Friday night and again Saturday night. When the teams were unable to play Monday night the game was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a date mutually agreed by the two schools.

Town of Edenton employees, both in the E&W and street departments, were kept busy answering trouble calls as well as attempting to keep drainage

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## Road Funds Paid

RALEIGH — Checks totaling over \$12.5-million were sent to 428 North Carolina cities and towns last week under provisions of the Powell Bill, which allocates gasoline tax funds to municipalities each year.

The Town of Edenton received \$26,622.83 from the allocation.

Distribution of the money is on the basis of two increments — population and mileage. Therefore, Edenton with a population of 4,956 received \$14,221.23 for this section and with certified non-state system miles of 20.25, received \$12,401.60 in this section.

Outside Elizabeth City, where \$71,244.46, the Town of Edenton received more Powell Bill funds than any other town in Northeastern North Carolina.

This payment is for the fiscal year 1970-71, and will double next year since an act of the legislature raised the Powell Bill source from one-half cent per gallon of the gas tax to a full cent.

While the current formula is on a 50-50 basis of population and mileage, next year it will be weighted 75 per cent on population and 25 per cent on mileage.

This year's largest check, as usual, went to Charlotte, the state's largest city, which received \$1,155,408 in Powell Bill funds.

## Nixon Promoted

Carlton R. Nixon, law enforcement officer with N. C. Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries, has been promoted to District One Supervisor. The district covers fourteen counties in Northeastern North Carolina.

Nixon has been with the division since March, 1961.

The promotion was announced recently by Dr. Thomas L. Linton of Raleigh, commissioner of the state agency.

Nixon, who lives on Route 3, Edenton, is married to the former Ruth Evans and they have two children: Mrs. Charlotte Baker of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Billy Nixon of Tyner.

## GOP Meeting Set

Chowan County Republicans will hold their annual county convention Saturday. The convention will be held at 2:30 P. M., at the county courthouse. H. E. Bass, chairman, will preside.



Elm Tree Pruned



Oil Tank Surfaces