



## Summertime Was No Vacation In Schools; Much Work Done

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For some time, local school officials have been seeking better ways to communicate to the citizens of Chowan County facts, figures, important information and other concerns related to the operation of their schools. Through the cooperation of L. F. Amburn, Jr., at The Chowan Herald, this column has been made available to the Edenton-Chowan Schools on a regular basis for this purpose. We are grateful to him for providing this forum to us.

Although students have been away from school for the summer, it does not mean that there has been a lack of activity in them. This summer we have been preparing for the opening of school. Much time has been spent trying to insure the best possible physical environment in each school with the limited financial resources which we have for maintenance. Some of the repairs and alterations made this summer include the painting of classrooms a beige and gold, rather than the usual sea green, at Swain School. We believe the new colors will enhance the attractiveness of each classroom.

In order to maintain our "Grade A" health ratings for our cafeterias, the kitchen floors at Walker and Swain schools have been tiled. Some

### Dick Brockett Joins ARP&DC

Dick Brockett of Elizabeth City has joined Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission as a planner and will specialize in housing and related areas. Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director, said Brockett replaces Bob Sykes, who recently resigned.

"Improved housing will be my main function," Brockett stated, "but I will also work in developing neighborhood facilities and with beautification and environment-improvement programs." His salary will largely be paid by HUD, said housing will take most of his time because "it is below the national average here."

Bureau of Census figures for 1970 show that of 34,560 housing units in the 10-county Albemarle Area more than half (51.5 per cent) were classified as unsound.

### Scouts' Cleanup Drive Is Dramatic Success

The final tabulation of results of the nationwide cleanup drive for "Keep America Beautiful Day" held on April 29, the Boy and Girl Scouts, "demonstrates dramatically what personal commitment can do in the fight to save our environment," according to Roger W. Powers, executive vice president of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. From 470,000 miles of roads, streams and shorelines, 1.3 million acres of parks, and from empty lots and other open lands the youths and their adult co-workers collected more than 1.5 million tons of trash. Some 150,000 tons of glass, paper and metals gathered were turned in subsequently to be recycled.

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new equipment has also been procured for our cafeterias to replace some that no longer was operable.

Minor paint and repair jobs have been undertaken and completed at each school. This has included fixing light transformers, water coolers, repairing and painting of desks, washing, waxing and polishing classroom floors.

At Chowan School four bathrooms have been tiled in

pretty blue, white and pink colors, remodeling of the gym entrance is in progress. In addition, two bathrooms at Walker School have been tiled.

Major repairs have been made to the auditorium roof at White Oak School. A hall ceiling has also been replaced there. Another roof job is to be completed soon at Chowan.

To insure that our schools

are fire safe, the boilers in each school have been inspected and repairs made by the boiler inspector where necessary.

Much of the painting, tiling and minor repairs above has been accomplished by utilizing student labor through the auspices of EIC's NYC program. This program enabled us to obtain maximum maintenance results with the limited resources available to us.

Your school officials recognize that there are many major and minor maintenance needs in the Edenton-Chowan Schools. Be assured that we are aware of them. We are trying to utilize to the maximum resources available to us for this purpose. We will try to inform you of future changes, repairs and alterations made in our schools, as well as our maintenance needs, in future columns.



**ATLANTIC CREDIT HONORED**—Atlantic Credit, a consumer loan business, recently was the recipient of a trophy in recognition as the outstanding branch in the company. Pictured from left to right is Ray Woodcock, Atlantic Credit assistant vice president; Alton Clark, office manager; Mrs. Sam Evans, cashier, and Warren Cramm, assistant manager.

## Atlantic Credit Branch Honored

In a brief ceremony recent-ly at the office of Atlantic Credit of Edenton, the President's Cup Award. This trophy is given annually to the outstanding branch office within the company and is decided by inter-branch competition throughout the year in the various aspects of the consumer loan business.

The presentations were made by Ray Woodcock, assistant vice president of Atlantic Credit Company. The manager of the Edenton branch is Alton Clark, who has had 10 years experience in the consumer loan business. The other local employees are Warren Cramm, assistant manager and Mrs. Sam Evans, cashier.

In addition to the trophy the employees received a bonus check in recognition for their outstanding achievement.

as the winning branch. In making the awards, Woodcock congratulated each employee and thanked them for their loyal and conscientious service to the company and their customers.

Atlantic Credit Company, a subsidiary of Atlantic Discount Corporation, has been operating in Edenton since 1965 and is located at 318 South Broad Street. They make consumer loans up to \$900 in the Edenton area. Atlantic Discount, with their home office in Elizabeth City, operates 19 branches and is the leading independent finance company in Eastern North Carolina.

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