



DURING AND AFTER WALKER SCHOOL FIRE—The two scenes here show the original building of D. F. Walker School during a fire which destroyed the structure Friday night and after the smoke had settled. An Edenton fireman's head is silhouetted in a window at far left in the picture taken by SBI Agent Bill Godley as the fire rapidly raced through the building. In the above picture, Principal James A. Kinion and an unidentified man are pictured among the remains. Investigation of the fire continues.

Fire Won't Halt Schools

Investigation into the cause of a fire Friday night which destroyed the original building at D. F. Walker School is continuing. Meanwhile, officials of Edenton-Chowan Schools are making adjustments in class locations and

temporary arrangements to feed students at Walker School. Dr. Eddie West, superintendent, has announced that schools will open August 28 as previously scheduled. Police Chief J. D. Parrish said

investigators have ruled out most natural causes as to the cause of the fire which was contained by Edenton Fire Department to the one building. The building housed 10 classrooms, a library, cafeteria and kitchen. Damage has been estimated as high as \$400,000.

Investigators also report that all indications show possible forcible entry into the building and two origins of the fire within the building. "We have not ruled out arson and an active investigation is continuing," the police chief noted.

About 4 A.M. Saturday morning, another fire was discovered at a Seabrook Blanching Corp. warehouse on West Church Street. "Investigation has eliminated all possibilities except intentional burning," a spokesman said.

The warehouse fire was burning along a loading dock and went beneath a door. "If it had not been discovered in quick order it would have made the school fire look like a backyard cookout," it was noted.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks said his entire department responded to the school fire about 11:45 P.M. Friday. The school is located only two blocks from the station. A unit from Center Hill-Crossroads was called in to standby at the station.

"When we arrived at the scene it (the fire) was already shooting through the roof," Chief Parks said. "At that time you could have floated the building down the Chowan River and never put it out."

While electricians had been in the building Friday afternoon, **Continued on Page 4**

Sale Of Bonds

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Chowan County during June were \$15,447. January-June sales totaled \$72,321 which represents 50.6 per cent of the county's goal of \$143,000.

This report was made by R. Graham White, county volunteer chairman. He also reported that June sales in North Carolina totaled \$8-million, highest for June since 1945, and 24.5 per cent above the same month in 1972. **Continued on Page 4**

Flanagan Takes College Post

Dwight J. Flanagan, a former star performer at John A. Holmes



DWIGHT J. FLANAGAN

High School and East Carolina University, has accepted a coaching position at Sanford University in Birmingham, Ala. He will be an offensive receiver coach.

Wayne Grubb is head football coach at Sanford.

Flanagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Flanagan, Country Club Drive, served last year as assistant football and head track coach at New Hanover School in Wilmington.

He played his high school football for the Edenton Aces, coached then by Jerry McGee. At East Carolina University he played under Clarence Stasovich and Mike McGee.

In 1971, Flanagan served as backfield coach for the ECU freshman team.

He is expected to assume his duties at Sanford immediately.

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Public Parade

4-h'er Takes Honor

Noted And Passed

Chowan County commissioners gathered beneath the bar in the courthouse Monday morning for their regular monthly meeting. There was something different about the surroundings but there was no mention made of what it was.

About midway through the four-hour session, Commissioner N. J. George got up and attempted to turn down one of two window air conditioning units, which had recently been installed in the courtroom.

This prompted Chairman C. A. Phillips to say: "Let the record show that someone got cold in Chowan County Courthouse in August."

Then, the absence of the street noise was also welcomed.

Modern Slogan

After recent disclosures of the vast amount federal funds being spent on President Nixon's residences, a slogan could go: "\$10-million for security and communications but not an inch of tape."

No Double Standards

Judge Wilton Walker of Currituck is running a tight ship in Chowan County District Court and in a recent session most dramatically illustrated his distaste for double standards.

The story goes that the amiable jurist had a dental appointment early on the Thursday morning. The dentist was late and Judge Walker was a few minutes after 9:30 o'clock arriving for court.

Immediately after Sheriff Troy Toppin opened the session, Judge Walker announced that he was fining himself \$10 for being late. "And he in fact paid the fine," said Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk.

Judge Walker's stock is rising faster than meat prices.

Inflating The Numbers

Phase 4, the inflation-control system which seems to have inflation built into it, is now replacing Phase 3, with Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz predicting meat shortages and higher food costs.

This is enough to inspire an imaginary press conference somewhere down the road which would go something as follows:

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen of the press. As you probably have guessed, this conference was called to announce the beginning of Phase 87 in the President's program for economic recovery. So, I'll get right into the questions.

Q: Mr. Secretary, we know things are changing fast, but don't

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Marta Rogerson won the opportunity during N. C. 4-H Club Congress of representing the state in the Horticultural Marketing demonstration at the National Junior Horticultural Association Annual meeting to be held in Okla. in November.

Marta competed in the state Horticultural Marketing demonstration contest and placed second. The boy who placed first has already attended a National Junior Horticultural Association meeting and was ineligible to return as N. C. 4-H representative in the contest this year. Marta demonstrated "How to Market watermelons Properly." She told about the several factors involved in selecting a ripe watermelon. She stressed the importance of not selling diseased watermelons and demonstrated handling and loading melons.

William Overton and Joan Jordan were presented \$500 4-H Development Fund Scholarships at the banquet during Club Congress.

During the week Marion Dail took part in the State Dress Revue. Gene Jordan competed in the State Livestock Conservation and Production demonstration contest; Beverly Twine competed in the Dairy Food contest; Faye Twine in Egg Cookery contest; and William Overton in Landscaping contest.

Mary Helen, as district officer, attended two State Council meetings.

Other 4-H'ers attending were Bill Mansfield, Robin Langley, Jean Parrish, Jane Parrish, Jo

Ann Perry, Kim Hare, Bradley Ward, Steve Jordan, Eric Evans, Carroll Perry, Julia Britton, Pat Perry, Lou Ann Bunch, Bill Jordan, Bob Jordan, Al Ward, Arlene Monds, Lin Gibbs and Jill Copeland.

Chowan County had the second largest delegation at the state meeting of the 100 North Carolina counties. There were 27 4-H members and four adults. Davidson County had the largest delegation with 29 4-H'ers in attendance.

Sale Is Planned

The annual sale of the Community Birthday Calendar will take place August 27 through September 7. Members of Edenton Woman's Club, BPW Club, Jaycees and Jayettes will conduct a door-to-door canvas these two weeks.

"The calendar is a convenient reminder of your community activities and is a means of supporting the Historic Edenton Visitor Center-Museum at the Barker House," a spokesman said.

Anyone missed during the drive may contact any of the following: Mrs. Byron Kehayes, 482-8112; Mrs. Jake Boyce, 221-4192; Mrs. Rudolph Dale, 482-3222; Mrs. M. L. Spruill, 482-4727; or Jerry Phelps, 221-4686.

Solutions To Problems Sought

Although there is no direct link between recent fires and racial demonstrations in Edenton,

efforts have been stepped up to ease the tensions which exist in the community.

Committees of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council, headed by Dr. J. H. Horton, have been assisting in getting policy information from various agencies, boards and commissions to a committee which presented a list of demands early in June.

Mayor George Alma Byrum said many meetings have been held to have possible problem areas thoroughly discussed in efforts to find solutions. "There has been no effort to block any communications to answer these demands," he said.

"Strong effort has been made and will continue to be made to get at the root of the problems of this community and to seek acceptable solutions," he added.

Attempts Wednesday morning to contact Dr. Horton about any progress being made by the Good Neighbor Council failed. There was no answer at his office or his home.

Town Council met Monday afternoon to change local picketing and parade ordinances. It was noted that by law the town cannot prohibit such activity but it can be regulated by ordinance.



WINNER—Shown in the above picture is Marta Rogerson and Murray Goodwin. Marta placed second in State Horticultural Marketing Demonstration Contest and won the opportunity of representing North Carolina in national contest to be held during November in Oklahoma City. Goodwin was Marta's coach.