



GIVES INTERIM REPORT—J. Everette Fauber, Jr., right, Lynchburg, Va., architect currently doing a feasibility study for a new courthouse and jail in Chowan County is pictured with West Byrum prior to a meeting here Tuesday. Byrum is chairman of the county's Site Committee which was given the responsibility for having the study prepared.

Courthouse Report Presented

A feasibility study into a new courthouse and jail for Chowan County may result in consideration being given to a governmental complex located on a spacious site and removed from the central business district.

J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., the architect doing the study, presented an interim report on his work to the Site Committee and county commissioners Tuesday morning. In it he called moving toward a governmental complex the "intelligent approach" to take.

"When considering space requirements one must also keep in mind the need for additional county offices," he told the group at the Municipal Building. "The intelligent approach would be to go to an unabstracted site where you have plenty of space for a master plan for a governmental complex."

West W. Byrum, committee chairman, said that group's function is to bring all available information to the commissioners. "He (Fauber) was commissioned to make a complete study of the courthouse-jail complex and as a committee we are trying to get facts and figures so county

commissioners can make the best decision possible in the best interest of the people of this county," he said.

Earlier, Byrum said the committee has no intent to offer advice or directions to be taken at this time.

Fauber said while no official writing had been completed, a great deal of work has been done on the feasibility study. He said two programs had been studied—one which is ideal regardless of cost and a realistic, logical, practical and worthwhile program for Chowan County.

The architect called the courthouse a "very worthy building and one built for security

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Meetings Announced

Col. H. E. Bass, chairman, Chowan County Republican Party, has announced the dates of precinct meetings and the county convention.

Precinct meetings will be held at 7:30 P.M. on August 24 at the location prescribed by the precinct chairmen.

The county convention will be held at the courthouse at 7:30 P.M. on September 21 with precinct delegates urged to attend.

Routine Cases Are Heard

Two men charged in companion cases were convicted Tuesday in a session of Chowan County District Court. They gave notice of appeal and their bonds were fixed at \$500.

Linton Earl Fleming was convicted of using indecent and profane language and resisting arrest. He was given six months, suspended and placed on probation for three years upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. For resisting arrest he was given 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Thomas Alvin Fleming, charged with obstructing an officer, was given six months, suspended and placed on probation for three

years upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, presided and disposed of the following other cases:

Kelly Springfield White, failure to comply with a former order of the court, *capias* ordered.

Isaac Williams, Jr., improper muffler, *nol* pros.

Oliver Lee Dillard, non-support, dismissed.

Elmer Jennings Taylor, hit and run, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Harvey Wayne Boswell, no operator's license and reckless driving, called and failed to appear.

Walter Raleigh Hawkins, non-support, prayer for judgment continued for five years upon payment of \$225 per month for support of his children.

John F. Ammann, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

James Edwin Bufflap, safety violation, not guilty.

Isiah Brickhouse, drunk driving, *nol* pros; operate to left to center line, called and failed to appear.

Floyd Allen Goodwin, no

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Court Is Cancelled

There will be no sessions of Chowan County Superior Court on September 3 and September 10, according to Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk.

Mrs. Leary said she had been notified of the cancellation of the two days by Judge William Copeland of Murfreesboro. All jurors who have been notified to report for jury duty on these two days should now report on Tuesday of the weeks involved.

Judge Copeland will preside at all four weeks of court scheduled here next month.

Public Parade

Keeping Up Homework

For more than an hour Tuesday morning, Chowan County commissioners huddled with its Site Committee and J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., architect for a feasibility study into a new courthouse and jail. Mr. Fauber called it an opportunity for him to give an interim report on his work as well as to obtain additional input from his client.

West W. Byrum, chairman of the Site Committee, had recommended the meeting and was wise in doing so. To maintain proper communication between the committee and elected commissioners who must ultimately make some gut decisions is certainly in the best interest of everyone meandering along the Public Parade.

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Street Completed

Blades Street has been completed across the Norfolk & Southern Railroad tracks to connect with Coke Avenue. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the street was opened to traffic this week.

Several new homes have been completed recently on the east side of the railroad and the extension of the street will be of great convenience to the people living in this rapidly developing area, it was noted.

Also, the administrator said all programmed street improvements have been completed with the exception of resurfacing of Cabarrus Street. He said work is continuing on improving the drainage in this area and as soon as this is completed the street improvements will be done.

Fatal Accident

A Chowan County man died Saturday afternoon when he was thrown from a Honda and struck a mailbox post. He was identified as Wildred Linton Littlejohn, 28-year-old Negro, Route 2, Edenton.

State Trooper Charlie Thomas investigated the freak accident at 4:50 P.M. on a rural paved road near the Perquimans County line.

The trooper said the victim was traveling alone when he ran off the right side of the road and the cycle went out of control. Damage to the motorcycle was placed at \$25.

New Faculty Members Assume Academy Posts

Chowan Academy opens its fall term September 10 and there are four new faculty members joining the staff, according to Mrs. Frances Hollowell, headmistress.

The academy, located at Rocky Hock, offers grades Kindergarten through 11.

Mrs. Ann Harrell Perry is a new first grade teacher, Mrs. Carolyn E. Ward will be teaching the



REMOVE DEBRIS FROM FIRE—Workmen for Waff Brothers, Inc., of Edenton, clean up the debris left by a fire August 3 which destroyed a portion of D. F. Walker School on North Oakum

Street. The building contained the cafeteria and temporary arrangements are being made to feed the 800 students scheduled to begin classes Walker on August 28.

Teachers Report For Fall Term

School bells rang Wednesday for some 135 faculty members of Edenton-Chowan Schools. They began work early in preparation for the opening of the new term, set for August 28.

Supt. Eddie West said there are 12 new faculty members in the system this year. The faculty will be participating in staff development activities each day that are peculiar to their situation.

The first official day of school will find operations on a limited schedule with the first full day being August 29.

The superintendent said a food specialist from the State Department of Public Instruction is to be in Edenton later this week to discuss further the problem of feeding some 800 students at D. F. Walker School. The building housing the cafeteria was destroyed by fire on August 3.

Dr. West said the system has been granted permission to provide box lunches for the first 20 days of school as an emergency measure. He said these lunches would qualify for federal reimbursement for some 450

students who will receive free lunches.

He said the food program is an area of real concern with the rising costs and the absence this year of federal reimbursement for milk. It was announced earlier that the price of lunches had been increased to 50 cents.

The superintendent was extremely pleased to report on the renovation program which has been in progress this summer at all schools. He said the majority of the summer work is on schedule with much to be completed prior to the opening of school.

Lightning Strikes Two Homes

Two homes in the new Riverton section on US 17 were struck by lightning during a severe thunderstorm early Tuesday morning. Only slight fires resulted but property damage at one home was extensive.

Edenton Fire Department responded to a call at 1:01 A.M. to the home of Thomas J. Basnight. Fire Chief Luther C. Parks said the lightning appeared to have

Asst. Supt. Cecil Fry has directed the program and will oversee a continuous program planned during the school year. It has been noted that more maintenance was done during the summer alone than during the past five years.

Waff Brothers of Edenton has the contract to clear the site of the burned building. The contract calls for this work to be done prior to the opening of school and Supt. West said sufficient progress has already been made to insure meeting the contract deadline.

come in through the TV antenna and "rather extensive damage" resulted. No one was injured.

At 1:25 A.M., while at the scene, firemen were notified that the Terry Nixon home, across the street, had also been struck. The lightning knocked out the electrical circuit and burned the top of a table.

Firemen responded at 1:10 A.M. Sunday to a tobacco barn fire on the Charlie Small farm in the Macedonia section. The barn was damaged beyond repair. There was no tobacco in the barn at the time.

An investigation into the fire is being continued and a spokesman said while the cause has not yet been determined the fire appeared to have been set.

Discuss Rates

Edenton's Board of Public Works has called for a meeting with Southeastern Consulting Engineers to discuss the new schedule of electrical rates which the firm compiled following a study earlier in the year.

Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, said the board is aware of the exorbitant bills that were figured on the new rate schedule for the past month. He assured the electric customers that the new schedule is being reviewed and asked for their patience during this period of exhaustive study.

It was explained that the high bills is caused to some degree by the new method of having summer and winter rates. The net result of this rate structure being that the biggest percentage of the electric rate increase is paid in the four summer months.

Also, the board is considering spreading out the increase over a 12-month period to relieve any undue hardship caused by the extremely high summer bills.

During this study the board will study the effect of the rates on the entire operation of the municipal system.

Prayer Service Is Held

Ministers from throughout Edenton and Chowan County attended a prayer services Wednesday morning at the Municipal Building as part of a week of prayer proclaimed by Mayor George Alma Byrum.

Mayor Byrum designated the special week after meeting Friday with ministers and Dr. J. H. Horton, chairman of the Good Neighbor Council. At the meeting "many avenues were explored in helping to resolve the differences now existing...in helping relieve tensions, and in bringing about Christian understanding between the children of God."

Also in the resolution issued following the meeting it was stated that it was the "unanimous opinion of those present that prayerful thought and actions by all people would be extremely beneficial to the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County, black and white, young and old, rich and poor."



NEW FACULTY MEMBERS—Jack Evans, right, an official of Chowan Academy, is shown with four new faculty members who joined the staff at the Rocky Hock school. Left to right are: Mrs. Carolyn Ward, Mrs. Alice Pittman, Mrs. Ann Perry and Tom Gregory.

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