

Local Schools To Open Tuesday

Noted And Passed

"Wes Chesson survives in the NFL (Atlanta Falcons) because of his intelligence. Few people run a better pass route." From George Cunningham's Pro Footnotes column in The Atlanta Constitution of Wednesday, August 15.

Chesson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson of Edenton and a former star for the Edenton Aces and Duke Blue Devils.

Coming Closer

Gov. James Holshouser has appointed his 14-member Secondary Roads Council to direct secondary road operations in North Carolina. And in so doing he came one county and 17 miles closer to those meandering along the Public Parade.

Among those named was Kenneth Hudson Roberson of Robersonville. Mr. Roberson, a member of the Holshouser Administration's lame-duck State Highway Commission, will direct secondary road operations in Division 1.

Earlier, the governor had named a Pitt County man to the Board of Transportation. With the naming of Mr. Roberson, the highway listening post moved further north than east but every little bit helps.

The Autumn Breeze

Edenton-Chowan Schools open Tuesday. Except for the absence of a band at John A. Holmes High School and one of the principal buildings at D. F. Walker School there is little difference in the opening of the 1973-74 term than any in the past.

The 2,832 students enrolled in the system have been assigned to their classes and are expected to attend on opening day. They will be greeted, in many instances, with classrooms and other facilities which have been fancied up a bit during their absence.

Students will also be greeted by a faculty which has been back at work for more than a week. Faculty members have been participating in a special program designed to make their teaching more effective and meaningful. This should be the best trained faculty ever to be assembled in local schools.

There is, however, an atmosphere of apprehension along the Public Parade as the opening of schools near. And it is not without foundation.

This community has been the scene of unjustified racial demonstrations which started during the waning days of the last school session. This has caused the hardening of attitudes, the planting of mistrust, wholesale arrests, and many other things which are undesirable. In fact, our system of government is being put to its most severe test.

Unfortunately, those who stand to lose the most are those who are of the age to understand the least. Children have been used and

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Officials of Edenton-Chowan Schools have assigned 2,832 students to classes for the 1973-74 term which opens Tuesday. Supt. Edwin West has released the assignments which are printed in this issue of The Chowan Herald.

Students will report to their respective schools at 8:30 A.M. on opening day for a limited schedule. School will close at 12 noon on Tuesday and no lunches will be served.

The first full day will be on Wednesday. At Walker School, where fire destroyed the building which housed the cafeteria, lunches will be served for the next 20 days of school. Officials are making arrangements to provide regular lunches after this initial period of time.

Dr. West said today that teachers have been extremely

busy for the past week in a special training program preliminary to the opening of school. The program has been described as "really worthwhile" and officials believe such training will strengthen the entire school program.

Workmen were busy at all schools attempting to finish as much of the maintenance work as possible prior to the opening of school. All schools have been the

scene of extensive activity during the summer months as officials moved to do extensive maintenance. It has been reported that more work has been done during this summer than during the past five years.

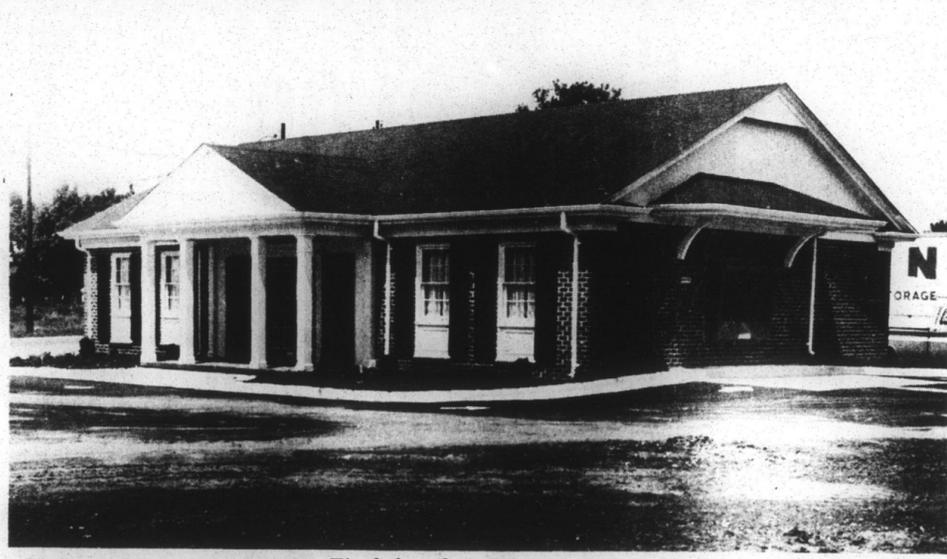
Chowan County commissioners approved an expanded budget to provide funds for a cash program in the area of maintenance. Asst. Supt. Cecil Fry has been in charge of the program which has been

lauded by Dr. West.

Area officials also ask that motorists be extremely cautious during the months ahead as scores of school buses make their rounds. Edenton-Chowan Schools have a commendable safety record and officials hope motorists will cooperate to maintain this record by driving safely and being aware of the frequent stops made by the buses.



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BNC TO OPEN NEW BRANCH—Final plans for Friday's open house and Monday's grand opening of the second Edenton branch for Bank of North Carolina, N.A., shown above, are being discussed below by, left to right: Mrs. Gail Bunch, head teller at the new branch; Jack Harris, vice president and manager of BNC here; W. P. (Spec) Jones, member of the local board; and Warner Perry, who will be in charge of the new branch.

Election Set November 6

The 1973 municipal election will be held November 6 with the voters selecting a major, three councilmen and a treasurer. Also, voters will decide on a \$300-million state school bond issue as well as a clean water bond issue.

Major George Alma Byrum, Councilmen James C. Dail, David G. White and Clyde Hollowell and Treasurer James M. Bond got six months added to their respective terms this year as the municipal elections were switched by state law from May to November.

Dail is councilman-at-large, White resides in the Second Ward and Hollowell resides in Fourth Ward. Although voting is for all candidates on the ballot, they must run for seats in wards in which they reside.

Although the filing for these offices is less than a month away—noon September 14—there has been little talk and even less speculation as to who is planning to seek re-election and which newcomers might be preparing to seek office.

In November the Board of

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New Branch Open House Set

Elaborate plans for a Friday night open house and a Monday grand opening have been announced for the new Northside Shopping Center branch of Bank of North Carolina, N.A.

Several thousand coupons, each worth \$2 toward deposits, will be distributed as part of the event.

Free scenic checks, for new customers who prefer them instead of coupon credits, also will be part of the event.

An additional feature will be registration for a "second vacation for two" weekend at Nags Head during the peak of the fishing season.

Jack Harris, vice president and manager of BNC in Edenton,

Inquiry Pushed

The investigation into the cause of a fire which on August 3 destroyed the original building at D. F. Walker School on Oakum Street is still being pushed by local and state law enforcement authorities. However, no arrests have yet been made.

Last week Gov. James Holshouser announced that the state had added \$2,500 to the \$4,000 reward posted locally for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons connected with fires during the racial demonstrations in Edenton during the summer. The \$6,500 reward has not attracted the information officers need to obtain indictments.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said Tuesday the investigation is quite active but gave no indication of any possible arrests.

disclosed the promotion of Warner Perry to head the new Northside branch.

He also announced the appointment of Mrs. Gail Bunch as head teller for the new facility, and said other supporting staff members will be announced shortly.

Both the Friday night and Monday observances will be open to the general public.

The "pre-showing" will last from 8 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Friday when visitors will be greeted by staff people and members of the bank's board of directors.

Formal ribbon-cutting ceremonies are scheduled for 10 A.M. Monday thus marking the official opening of the branch for general banking business. The ceremony will be followed by an all-day "house warming" with refreshments and other festivities.

Any resident of Chowan County will be eligible to receive and make use of the unique \$2 coupons, Harris announced. In opening the new account (checking or savings) for \$50 or more, the

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FAMILY SIZE — INCOME SCALE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

This is the income scale used by Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals in the 1973-74 school year.

Family	Free	Income Reduced Price
1	0 - 2,740	2,741 - 3,280
2	0 - 3,600	3,601 - 4,320
3	0 - 4,460	4,461 - 5,360
4	0 - 5,310	5,311 - 6,380
5	0 - 6,100	6,101 - 7,320
6	0 - 6,890	6,891 - 8,260
7	0 - 7,600	7,601 - 9,120
8	0 - 8,310	8,311 - 9,980
9	0 - 8,960	8,961 - 10,750
10	0 - 9,600	9,601 - 11,520
11	0 - 10,240	10,241 - 12,290
12	0 - 10,880	10,881 - 13,060

Each Additional Family Member 640 770

Reduced Price Meals Slated

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education today announced a free and reduced price meal policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Local School officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for use in determining eligibility:

Children from families whose income is at or below those shown are eligible for meals free or at reduced prices. In addition, families not meeting this criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has such children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, they should contact the school.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color or national origin.

Under the provision of the policy the Director of SFS will review applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official he may make a request either orally or in writing to Cecil W. Fry assistant superintendent whose address is P.O. Box 206, Edenton, N. C. 27932 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the Assistant Superintendent where it may be reviewed by an interested party.

Due to a recent fire at D. F. Walker School which destroyed the cafeteria, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has announced that a bag lunch will be served to the students at this school. This bag lunch will meet all the requirements of a Type A lunch as specified by the National School Lunch Program and will provide at least one-third of a child's daily food requirements.

Because of the lack of space and equipment, no breakfast will be available at this school for the school year 1973-74.

Few Answers To Power Rate

Approximately 40 citizens turned out for the Town Council meeting Tuesday night to air complaints and seek information concerning the increase in electrical bills during the past month. Although members of the Board of Public Works were invited by Councilman Roy Harrell to attend the meeting, none were present.

Mayor George A. Byrum stated that the Town Council has no power to regulate the rates established by the E & W Board, and could only recommend that the board look into the rate schedule as it presently stands.

As for explaining the reason for the rate increase and ballooning bill amounts, that question remained largely unanswered. Although there were assumed reasons stated by the councilmen, all agreed that the only suitable explanation rests with the E & W Board who also will not be able to readily answer the question until a rate study is completed and returned. That is expected to be about two weeks or more

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Board To Meet

Fred Mangum of N. C. State University in Raleigh will attend the August meeting of Chowan County Planning Board as an observer, according to George W. Lewis, chairman. The meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Tuesday in the Community Room of Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Lewis said the board will also receive additional information on progress being made toward a county-wide water system, a report on the environmental clinic held last week at Nags Head and the hearings on a Coastal Management Bill being held this week.

County Gives The Sheriff Extra Area Powers

Chowan County commissioners have given law enforcement the power to enforce motor vehicle laws throughout the county, even in sub-divisions where the street or highway is open to use by the general public.

At the August 6 meeting of the board, the problems of enforcement in sub-divisions was raised by Sheriff Troy Toppin and at least two commissioners who

have had complaints from residents in the Chowan Beach area. At the request of the commissioners, a resolution was adopted and passed which stated the board's position on enforcement of the law.

The policy statement noted that "all laws relating to the ownership, operation and use of motor vehicles, and the licensing of operators of motor

vehicles...be enforced on all streets and highways in Chowan County, whether said streets or highways have been incorporated into the N. C. State Highway system or whether they have not, so long as any street or highway is open to use by the general public."

Sheriff Toppin said this policy resolution will give the State Highway Patrol authority to assist him



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM STUDIED—Junked automobiles, like the one above, mar the beauty of the landscape in the Albemarle Area and an environmental health program is being studied to get the eyesores removed. Albemarle Area Development Association has asked the regional commission and Albemarle Human Resources System to develop a program along this line. Economic Improvement Council is being asked to provide Mainstream personnel to work on the project which would involve the 10-counties in Region "R".