



FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION—A fire which early Wednesday morning damaged an out building at the historic Iredell House on East Church Street is under investigation. The above picture shows damage done to the exterior of the frame building and authorities are working on the theory that it was intentionally set.

Public Parade

Here Comes The Judge

Chowan County Superior Court opens a four-week stand along the Public Parade next Tuesday. It is the first time to the knowledge of court buffs that such a calendar has been tackled here.

Judge William Copeland of Murfreesboro, who has ties with this community, will preside. Judge Copeland is an able jurist and is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the State Supreme Court in next year's election.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket. He has probably never been quite as familiar with a lengthy docket before. He has personally prosecuted those arrested in racial demonstrations during the past weeks of trial in District Court, whose cases are now on appeal.

With able men on both sides of the bar and responsible citizens in the jury box, the wheels of justice can be expected to turn in a fair and impartial manner. And the entire citizenry should be content to leave due process to run its course.

Green And Clean

Transco, a giant in the gas industry, has been discussing for some months a plan to construct a \$300-million plant near the Chowan River in Hertford County. The impact such an industry would have on the economy along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina challenges the imagination.

It is apparent from statements made last week by a state water and air control board member that Transco has convinced Tar Heel officials that they are "environmentally sound." In this case, about all that is holding up formal announcement of the plant is Gov. Jim Holshouser's schedule and Transco's ability to negotiate a contract for crude oil with Algeria.

If a firm is economically sound and environmentally pure then in our opinion they are both green and clean and deserve to be welcomed with open arms. Transco appears to pass both tests and the area should look forward to having them as corporate neighbors.

Soda Pop Popular

Residents along the Public Parade are going in for bubbly beverages—the non-alcoholic kind—in a big way. They are also spending a lot of money in that direction.

According to the latest figures, consumption of these soft drinks is breaking all records in the regional area.

It is estimated from the reports that local people are downing the fizzy beverages at the annual rate of 478 eight-ounce bottles and cans per person.

Which is a lot of pop. It is about 13 more than in 1970, when the average in the area was 465.

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Holiday Slated For Monday; Warning Issued

Monday, Labor Day, will be a general holiday in Edenton and Chowan County.

Schools will be closed as well municipal, county, state and federal offices. The Edenton Post Office will be closed and there will be no rural delivery.

Financial institutions, including Peoples Bank & Trust, Bank of North Carolina, and Edenton Savings & Loan, will be closed Monday.

Labor Day — since before the turn of the century the official day for the American worker to relax — is the last day to relax his safety precautions, warns the Insurance Information Institute.

As the working man takes off for the beach, ballpark or backyard barbecue, overcrowded roads increase the chance of an auto accident and unattended homes increase opportunities for burglars.

Last Labor Day weekend, 602 persons died as a result of auto accidents — 21 in North Carolina, according to the National Safety Council. So far this year, more than 873 persons have died in North Carolina traffic accidents.

One and a half million residences were burglarized last year, the Institute reports, many on the Labor Day weekend when workers and their families were "out-of-town". Ironically, the occupants assisted the burglar in about 20 per cent of the cases — simple by leaving a door unlocked.

Traffic accident statistics for the first five months of 1973 indicate that there will be more auto deaths and injuries this year than ever before.

Grant Received

Eight Albemarle Area school systems have received a grant of \$41,588 under Title I-Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, according to Dr. Craig Phillips, state school superintendent. The Edenton-Chowan system's portion is \$6,256.

The Part C grants have been allocated in addition to each school unit's 1973-74 ESEA Title I allotment and total \$1,288,311 for the state.

Another Fire Reportedly Set

One of Edenton's historic sites was damaged by fire Wednesday morning, but the blaze was quickly brought under control and extinguished by the Edenton Fire Department.

The kitchen-museum section of the Iredell House was discovered ablaze by Sgt. Wayne Mizelle of the Edenton Police Department at 2:53 A.M. when he noticed an orange glow as he was patrolling Church Street. He notified the fire department immediately.

Investigation of the incident is being conducted by the Edenton Police and Chowan Sheriff's departments and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Davis Waters, Historic Edenton site manager, was called to the scene. He stated that damages were restricted to the left and right of the doorway facing the gardens. A section of the floor near the doorway was burned out and a small antique high-chair was destroyed. As well there was smoke damage to parts of the walls.

Assault Case Aired After Contempt Served

A 16-year-old Negro girl who was given an active jail sentence for contempt in Chowan County District Court on July 17 entered a plea of guilty to assault in the same court Tuesday.

Janet Louise Perry was sentenced to six months, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, who found her in contempt earlier, heard the case.

Probable cause was found by Judge Walker in the case where James Drew was charged with breaking and entering a dwelling.

He ordered Drew held for trial in Chowan County Superior Court and fixed bond at \$1,000.

Drew was convicted of assault on a female and trespass. He was given identical sentences of six months, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. He noted appeal and bond was fixed at \$500 in each case.

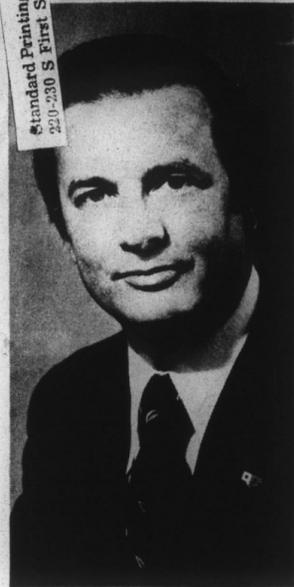
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Theodore Roosevelt Holley, wearing a mask, costs.

Edward Lee Casper, reckless

Hunt To Speak To AADA



LT. GOV. JIM HUNT

Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will be keynote speaker September 11 at a meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association and two other regional organizations scheduled at Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head. The dinner meeting begins at 7 P.M.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president, said the banquet will be preceded at 5:30 P.M. by meetings of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and the Association of Counties & Towns in Region "R".

W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, is chairman of the ARPDC board and will preside at that meeting. C. A. Phillips, also of Edenton and chairman of Chowan County commissioners, is the acting chairman of the association of county and municipal officials.

Phil Quidley of Manteo, an AADA vice president, is in charge of arrangements for the annual

September meeting at Nags Head.

Amburn said the area is extremely fortunate to have Lt. Gov. Hunt as speaker for this meeting and said a good attendance is anticipated. He requested that people desiring to attend contact their respective County Extension chairman so Quidley can be informed.

Lt. Gov. Hunt, a past president of AADA's counterpart in the Coastal Plains, will be introduced by J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, a former State Highway Commissioner and Hunt's regional campaign coordinator.

The state official, a native of Wilson, is expected to deliver a major address on the importance of regionalism in the delivery of services and with funds provided by state government and other sources. An advocate of a statewide land-use policy to promote economic development

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NEW AREA PLANT DISCUSSED—Pete Whitley of Murfreesboro, center, was guest speaker at Edenton Rotary Club last Thursday. He is shown with W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., club president, left, and W. P. (Spec) Jones, program chairman. Whitley discussed the new Transco plant which is expected to be located at Tunis in Hertford County.

School Open; All Is Quiet

Edenton-Chowan Schools opened Tuesday morning without incident. Dr. Eddie West, superintendent, reports that opening day was "real calm, real smooth."

The superintendent reported at mid-morning Wednesday, the first full day of school, that 2,717 students were in attendance. He had announced last week that a total of 2,832 students had been assigned to classes.

However, Dr. West said attendance typically goes up after Labor Day.

The opening attendance figures indicate that a threatened boycott of the public schools did not materialize.

Dr. West reported that the atmosphere is much different from the closing days of the 1972-73 term when students boycotted the schools and incidents occurred at the schools. The incidents caused school officials to cancel graduation at John A. Holmes High School.

Demonstrations have continued throughout the summer, but there have not been parades or pickets in the past three weeks. In fact, there have been no organized protesting since Edenton Town Council strengthened local ordinances dealing with parades and pickets.

Tax Is Collected

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during July amounted to \$14,923.56.

Statewide the amount collected was \$7.6-million.

Net distribution proceeds for the past quarter amounted to \$44,121.84 in Chowan County. Distributed on the ad valorem basis, the county received \$33,323.34 while the Town of Edenton received \$10,798.50.

Transco Is Ready To Meet Standard

A \$300-million industry that will have "a great economic impact on the Albemarle Area and be no detriment to Chowan River" is expected to locate near Farmers Chemical at Tunis in Hertford County.

Pete Whitley of Murfreesboro, a member of the State Board of Water and Air Resources, said here Thursday that he has been told unofficially that Transco's proposed plant is "environmentally sound". He also said the giant gas company has assured state officials that they can meet any standard put on the Chowan River.

Whitley described in much detail a plant in Houston, Tex., visited by state officials, saying

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CEREMONY OPENS BRANCH—Ribbon-cutting ceremonies Monday morning officially opened the Northside Branch of Bank of North Carolina. Mrs. Warner Perry, wife of the branch manager, was assisted by, from left: Mr. Perry; Mayor George Alma Byrum; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Commissioners; and Norwood Blanchard representing BNC's central office in Jacksonville.



FISH FRY PLANNED—Chowan Shrine Club is planning another benefit fish fry for September 22, with proceeds—hopefully amounting to \$1,500—going to crippled children hospitals and burn centers. Ross Inglis, right, president of Edenton Construction Company, is shown purchasing tickets from Carlton Jackson, left, chairman of the event with Bill Whichard, local club president, looking on.

Seafood Topic

North Carolina seafood processors and representatives of Japan Airlines will meet today (Thursday) in Morehead City to discuss opportunities for exporting North Carolina fishery products to Japan.

The meeting is sponsored by the Seafood Marketing Section of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

According to Alva Ward, seafood industries consultant, a "strong and growing world demand for fishery products and a recent favorable realignment of international currencies combine to create attractive expert opportunities" for North Carolina seafood products.