

# Edenton-Chowan Schools Release Policy On Free Lunches

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prepared for school opening. "The school year just beginning in North Carolina should be the most productive year in the state's 205 year history of public education," Dr. Phillips said, as over 2,000 schools in North Carolina's 145 local school systems prepare to open the end of August.

Edenton-Chowan Schools open Monday.

"Educators across the state are better equipped to manage the complex operation of schools, and teachers are better prepared to individualize learning activities not only for gifted and talented students but for handicapped students as well. Students also have a seriousness of purpose about getting on with their education and academic achievement," said Phillips.

"The implementation of the Annual Testing and Competency Test Programs will enable educators to feel the pulse of student achievement and progress as never before and help those students who are not progressing satisfactorily with remedial instruction," noted Phillips. Approximately \$4.5-million will be allocated to local units for remedial instruction.

Phillips said that 78,827 five-year-olds will attend state supported kindergarten this year compared to only 15,000 in 1973. "Special attention will also be given to students in grades 1, 2, and 3 in the area of reading," added Phillips. Begun in 1975, the Primary Reading Program will aid some 140,426 students this year in learning to read. The goal of the program is to teach every child in these three grades to read to his or her greatest potential.

"Communities will become more and more involved in using schools for a variety of activities," said Phillips. Approximately 71 school units were funded through the Community Schools Act passed by the 1977 General Assembly to encourage greater community involvement in schools by all citizens and encourage their use of the school facility.

"Schools are also improving what is inside the school — the curriculum and special programs for all types of students." According to Phillips there are 58 school systems in the state that have been accredited by the State Board of Education since 1972. In order to receive accreditation from the state, a school system must show an on-going plan for achieving the educational goals set for their particular school system. "Local school personnel works with staff from the state education agency in developing this plan. Schools are no longer accredited individually and more emphasis is placed on developing and improving curriculum and instruction," said Phillips.

"Teachers and students will find that their classes are smaller especially in the Jr. High schools across the state," noted Phillips. The 1978 General Assembly appropriated funds to reduce class size in overcrowded Jr. High schools by allotting more teachers to the school systems needing assistance.

"This year marks many new beginnings in different areas of public education and it is my wish that all North Carolinians take advantage of the strides being made by our public schools and its students," said Phillips.

Edenton-Chowan Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the national school lunch, school breakfast, and special milk programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Free Meals & Free Milk
1	0 - 4,190
2	0 - 5,500
3	0 - 6,810
4	0 - 8,110
5	0 - 9,310
6	0 - 10,510
7	0 - 11,600
8	0 - 12,690
9	0 - 13,680
10	0 - 14,660
11	0 - 15,640
12	0 - 16,610

Each additional family member, 970

Family Size	Reduced Price Meals
4,191 -	6,530
5,501 -	8,580
6,811 -	10,630
8,111 -	12,680
9,311 -	14,530
10,511 -	16,400
11,601 -	18,100
12,691 -	19,790
13,681 -	21,330
14,661 -	22,870
15,641 -	24,390
16,611 -	25,910

Each additional family member, 1,520

Income scale is in dollars.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk. (An extra one-half pint of free milk is available to those who are

eligible for free meals).

In addition, families not meeting these 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. Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Ap-

plications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and criminal statutes.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes

to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school. Under the provision of the policy the principal at the school will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis.

If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to James A. Kinion, P.O. Box 206, Edenton N.C. 27932, telephone 482-4436 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. If a family member becomes

unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color or national origin. Each school and the office of the (Central Office) has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

## Probable Cause Found In Hit And Run Fatality

Probable cause was found in Chowan County District Court Tuesday in cases where William Henry Gorden, 46, Route 1, Tyner, is charged with hit and run and manslaughter. Gorden is being held in Tri-County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

The Negro man has been unable to make bond since his arrest by Sheriff Troy Toppin following the 10:35 P.M. incident August 5 which took the life of Earl Booker Privott, 48, Route 3, Edenton.

State Trooper M.J. McArthur won conviction of drunk driving, second offense, and speeding. Judge John T. Chaffin sentenced the defendant to 120 days, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. Gorden was also convicted of reckless driving after drinking. He was given 120 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

State Trooper P.J. Mitchell

headed the investigation which led to the felony charges.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Overton prosecuted the docket and the following other action was taken:

Steinar Jarl Kulseng Hansen, drunk driving and transporting liquor with the seal broken, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Carroll Bond, failure to comply with support judgement, ordered to make prompt payment.

Eddie Neil Parks, Jr., reckless driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Raleigh Percy Warren, no liability insurance, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs; larceny, six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Thomas Craig Amick, drunk driving, failure to stop for blue light and siren, reckless driving,

disobeying a stop sign, failure to report an accident and hit and run, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$400 fine and costs and placed on probation for three years.

Vondell Norman, exceeding safe speed, called and failed.

Don Michael Moring, unsafe move, \$10 fine and costs.

Guy Edward Carey, improper turn, called and failed.

Kathy Jean Swain, unsafe move, not guilty.

Cage Wynn Hyman, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Teresa Louise Craddock, failure to yield right of way, \$10 fine and costs.

Rowland Mark Holley, drunk driving, dismissed; unsafe move, \$25 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Julius Edward Jernigan, reckless driving, 60 days,

suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Zack White Mabine, assault on a female, 30 days.

Dutchie N. Spear, Jr., trespass, 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Worlie Chesson, assault on a female, nine months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Grady Evans, assault, seven months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Raymond Carroll Belch, improper equipment and unsafe move, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

James Augustine Williams, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Cora Ford Epps, simple assault, not guilty.

A.D. Brown, speeding, failed.

Claude Toby Williams, speeding, \$35 fine and costs.

## CF Industries

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Also in attendance were John R. McClain, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Service State Forecast Office, and Bob Daniels, Substation Supervisor for North Carolina and Virginia. Both are located in Raleigh. Terry Ritter, Meteorologist in Charge of the Weather Service Office at Norfolk, Virginia, has marine warning supervisory responsibility for Edenton and was a part of the presentation.

## Conger

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The chamber, in a letter to White, charged that the problem is now so great that it cannot be handled by a state agency. "We do not desire to see the Chowan River and the Albemarle Sound become dead, useless bodies of water as has the James River in Virginia," the chamber wrote.

The correspondence was generated last week and at press time there had been no response from White.

## Truck Driver, Waitress Face Felony Drug Charges

A Negro truck driver from Florida and a local waitress face multiple felony drug charges growing out of an investigation last week by Edenton Police Department. The charges followed the theft of a prescription pad from the office of a local physician and attempts — two of which were successful — to get illegal prescriptions filled.

Johnny Bowling, 30, of Miami, Fla., was arrested Thursday while Cheryl Lee Gentry, Route 1, Edenton, was arrested Friday, according to Chief J.D. Parrish. They were scheduled for first appearance Tuesday in Chowan County District Court.

Bowling was being held in lieu of \$10,500 bond while Miss Gentry was released under \$1,000 bond.

Cpl. Gregory Bonner and Patrolman S.F. Small, IV, responded to a call from Mitchener's Pharmacy where John A. Mitchener, III, had become suspicious of a prescription

allegedly written by Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr. It was discovered that control drugs on similar prescriptions had been obtained at Hollowell-Blount Rexall and Big Value Drugs.

Patrolman Small had a conversation with Bowling outside Mitchener's Pharmacy and later arrested him at P&Q Supermarket.

A third person allegedly involved in the case resides out of state and has not been charged.

It was believed that Bowling got the prescriptions from the third person who was a friend of Miss Gentry. She admitted taking the pad of blank forms from the office of Dr. Lucas during a routine visit some weeks ago.

Chief Parrish commended the officers on the quality of the investigation and it being cleared by arrests so quickly. "The boys did a real fine job," the chief said of Bonner and Small.

## Expenditures Vary Statewide

RALEIGH — Local per pupil expenditures vary up to \$467 across North Carolina, according to an analysis by the Research Department of the N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE).

The largest local per pupil expenditure is \$522.04 in the Chapel Hill-Carboro Schools and the smallest is \$54.41 in Craven County Schools, the study of raw data from the State Board of Education shows.

"This is certainly not equal educational opportunity," said Lloyd Isaacs, executive secretary of NCAE. "All children ought to have the same opportunity for the best possible education no matter where they live."

In 1976-77 the Edenton-Chowan Schools received \$231.78 per pupil from local sources, which is 16.4 of the total school budget.

On a state-wide basis, the average per pupil expenditure is divided into 66.4 per cent state funds, 13.2 per cent federal and 20.4 per cent local. However, actual expenditures by the 145 school systems can vary widely.

The Chapel Hill local expenditure is 37.4 per cent of its total per pupil expenditures.

Craven County's local per pupil expenditure is 4.5 per cent of its total.

## CSA Approves Grant To EIC For Services

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has announced approval by the Community Services Administration of a grant in the amount of \$129,323 to the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., headquartered in Edenton.

The effective date of the grant was June 1 and is to run for four months. The grant will provide funds for services such as housing, transportation, manpower (jobs and job development), senior citizens, emergency energy conservation, consumer education, core services, youth development and the administration and management of the Community Action Agency which serves 10 Northeastern North Carolina counties.

Senator Robert

MORGAN

Report to the People



Special interests groups in Washington play what some call the "rating game" in which they look at a legislator's voting record and give him a "report card." If he votes their way, his vote is called "right" and if he disagrees with them, his vote is listed as "wrong."

That's all well and good, but who judges what is right and what is wrong?

An example of the way some of these lobby groups operate occurred recently when the National Council of Senior Citizens issued its report card, which rated votes "right" or "wrong" on votes supposedly affecting older Americans.

Now this group has no connection with the Association of Retired Persons or any of the other large groups which have been formed to look out for the interests of older persons. Rather, it was founded by an executive of a labor union.

The rating given North Carolina members of Congress was generally low, and it appeared that most of them were voting against the wishes of older people. But a look at the votes included in the lobby group's list might leave some people doubting.

Item: If you opposed giving food stamps to people whose incomes are well above the poverty level, you voted wrong by the lobby's standards. I voted to limit food stamps to those near the poverty level, because food stamps were never intended to go to people making \$15,000 a year.

Item: If you voted against making utility companies sell energy at reduced rates to those over 62 years of age, the council says you were wrong. I opposed this because it would have subsidized electric bills for thousands of people with high incomes and for many people who aren't even retired. And this would have been done at the direct expense of all of the poor people who happen not to be 62 years old yet.

Item: A vote to raise the amount of income that retired persons drawing Social Security benefits can earn was listed as a wrong vote by the lobby group. It is hard to believe that the majority of people drawing Social Security would feel that a bill to let them earn more to supplement their benefits is a "wrong" vote.

Item: A vote to oppose keeping Social Security taxes at an artificially low level for individuals was listed as "wrong" by the lobby. But the reason Social Security was headed for insolvency was because Congress has been unwilling to set taxes high enough to pay the benefits. Fiscal irresponsibility would not have been of much service to the elderly.

These are just some of the issues where most of the members of the North Carolina delegation differed with the lobbyists.

But on the issues listed above, where in each instance I disagreed with the lobby, I felt I was taking the right and responsible course.

So, the next time you see where some special interest group in Washington has given "grades" to members of Congress, it might be well to take it with a grain of salt; and before accepting it as gospel, find out what the issues were and what the votes were all about.

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