

## Mayor Mitchener Candidate For Re-election On May 2nd

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hibits further piping of its untreated effluent into public waters, the leniency we have been granted is now approaching a near term deadline.

"In order to attract new industry today, a municipality cannot afford to be handicapped by lack of a modern sewage treatment plant. I feel confident that for this one reason alone, even if there were no state law requiring this sewage facility, that the next bond election will reflect the approval of the voters for this project."

Mayor Mitchener, who was unanimously appointed by the Town Council in June, 1959, to fill the vacancy created by the sudden passing of Mayor Harold Holton, lists other areas of civic improvement initiated since he took office, including an application for a municipal airport in March, 1960, on a portion of the former Marine Air Base, amended in July of last year to include further valuable facilities on the base and finally granted to the Town in February, 1961. The grant had an appraisal value of more than \$135,000.

More direct benefits, according to Mayor Mitchener, will flow from this airport facility in the years ahead. First and foremost is the ability of a Town possessing such nearby and well constructed runways is the ability to attract industry whose executives list air transportation high on their agenda of requirements. The airport facility granted to the Town of Edenton is classified by the Federal Aviation Agency as a "trunk system" airport. This rating is considerably higher than a local or feeder system airport and this is due to the fact that it has the required length and width to obtain such classification. Undoubtedly, without having this facility available, Governor Sanford would not be able to attend the coming Pilgrimage, as well as many others who have indicated they are planning to utilize the municipal airport during the three days of the Pilgrimage.

The Town of Edenton has authority from the government agency handling the former Marine Air Base property to negotiate sales directly with industrial prospects. Through this authority, the Town was enabled to obtain passage of a bill through the 1961 State Legislature with the County Representative, Albert Byrum, lending invaluable assistance so that the Town of Edenton could negotiate directly with prospective purchasers of all surplus government property within the county. "I believe the people would be better served," the Mayor pointed out, "if they would retain in office an official who is familiar with the many technicalities involved in dealing with both the personalities and red tape involved in dealing with government agencies for the best interest of the residents of Edenton."

In connection with dealing with government agencies, the Town was able to obtain 32

acres on the former Marine Air Base for a land fill area. This will enable the Town to remove the blemish of a garbage disposal section within the Town limits. Also obtained from the same government agency during my term of office was an additional 23 acres on the former Marine Air Base property for use as a site for a sewage treatment plant, in both cases at no cost of the Town.

"Edenton is and has long been noted as a 'clean city' both in reference to its streets and approaches, now being further landscaped with trees and shrubbery, and in its parks and safe playgrounds. The efficiency of the Street Department was clearly demonstrated during hurricane Donna last fall when fallen trees, limbs, downed wires and other obstructions were removed in a matter of a few hours for the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Police Department as noted by the League of Municipalities is efficient, relative to the strength of their personnel, as any town in North Carolina. The record reflecting reduction in the number of criminal cases is readily available and should be apparent to all."

"Under my administration as Mayor, the Edenton Fire Department has a sustained record of excellence both in performance and continual training and have by their performance held residential and industrial fire insurance rates to the minimum allowed for the amount of fire fighting equipment manned by this department."

"The progress and improvement of our community is due in large part to the harmony now existing among the members of both the Town Council and the Electric and Water Department, which I have been told by a member of this group is the best it has been during the past 23 years. These accomplishments would never have been possible without the cooperation of the citizens of the Town of Edenton. For this support I shall ever be humbly grateful."

Mayor Mitchener served as secretary-treasurer of the Edenton Development Corporation which arranged for the present site of the Seabrook Blanching Corporation plant in the industrial park. He also was serving on the Industrial Development Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce at this time, and is presently a director of the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor is a trustee of Chowan Hospital. He is a Mason, past president of the Northeastern Drug Society, is first vice president of the Lions Club and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

The Mayor's family consists of three sons, John III, 20, who is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, School of Pharmacy; Joe, 17, a junior in John A. Holmes High School and the youngest, Bill, 12, a seventh grade student in junior high. The Edenton Mayor's affable wife, the former Mary Nancy



**RIFLES PASS IN REVIEW**—The Lexington, S.C., "Rifles" march after 100 years. Men of the group, which marched in the president's inaugural parade, grew beards for 11 town's Civil War centennial celebration.

Pike, is also a registered pharmacist and frequently assists her husband in the prescription department at Mitchener's Pharmacy.

### Goal In Sight For Heart Fund

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ty's solidarity behind the program of research, education and community service supported by the Heart Fund."

In addition to applauding the public's support of the drive, Mr. Bond extended the association's thanks to the local newspapers and broadcasting station for their cooperation, and to the laymen, physicians and related professions who volunteered their time and effort to help conduct the drive.

In particular, thanks is extended to the following who gave of their time to make this Heart Fund drive possible:

Publicity chairman, Mrs. Richard Hardin; treasurer, Miss Shirley Baker; Heart Sunday captains—East Edenton, Mrs. Nell Wood; West Edenton, Mrs. Nell Jones; Cross Roads, Mrs. Norman Hollowell; Tyner, Mrs. B. P. Monds; Rocky Hook, Mrs. Sheila Leary; Cotton Mill, the Rev. E. C. Alexander; Tag Day, Miss Ida Campen; Balloon Day, Boy Scouts; business solicitations, Johnny Goodwin and Bill Gardner; road block, Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### GIVEN HOLIDAY

Edenton's Street Department will observe Easter Monday, April 3, as a holiday. For that reason no trash or garbage will be collected during the day. The regular schedule will be in effect Tuesday morning.

## The National Outlook

### The Shorter Work Week

By RALPH ROBEY

President Kennedy is the first chief executive of this nation who has ever said definitely that he is opposed to a "reduction of the work week." This is a statement of substantial importance.

As far back as the depression of the thirties, labor leaders were urging a shorter work week as a means of helping employment, and just a few years ago the same idea was placed high on the list of demands of some of the larger unions. Even now we have the proposal being discussed in top quarters of the labor movement, with indications that this will be asked for in coming negotiations.

Mr. Kennedy's comment came at a regular press conference. He was asked: "Mr. President, labor unions want a shorter work week to cope with automation and unemployment... are you for it and if so, would you prefer a shorter work day or a four-day week?"

The President's reply was: "I am opposed to a shorter work week. I am hopeful that we can have employment high five days a week, and forty hours, which is traditional in this country, and which is necessary if we are going to continue economic growth, and maintain our commitments at home and abroad."

Several comments need to be made in appraising this answer. First, there's nothing "traditional" about forty hours a week. Many persons can still remember when the standard work week was much above forty

hours, and in some lines of employment that still is true. On the other hand we have some industries which have reduced the work week to well below forty hours and this is a part of their labor contract. Forty hours a week is merely a point where, in certain instances, overtime must begin.

Second, forty hours a week is less than many persons prefer to work. This is shown by the extent of so-called moon-lighting which means having a second job. Granted, in many instances the reason for the second job is the desirability, or necessity, of making more income, but that is not the sole reason, and shortening the work week without a corresponding reduction of pay, which labor will not consider, increases the cost of production which means either higher prices or lower profits, and in both instances hurts employment.

Third, the proper way to solve the unemployment problem is to create more jobs and not spread the work. This will involve, as we have said so many times, more capital investment to increase the efficiency of production, the development of new and better products, more reasonable taxes on both individuals and businesses, more regulation of labor union leaders, lowering of prices as a result of increased productivity, and still harder selling on the part of business managers.

Fourth, with this statement by the President, business management should have the courage to be more firm in resisting un-

justified demands by labor union leaders. This does not mean that no wage increases should be given, but it does mean that management should remember that whenever there is room for increasing wages there also alternatively is room for reducing prices, and a reduction of prices may be much better than higher wages for everyone concerned.

Finally, the President by this statement placed himself in opposition to labor union thinking more clearly than by anything else he has either done or said. His Secretary of Labor is in agreement with him, but many of the top labor union leaders will be greatly annoyed by Mr. Kennedy taking this position. It took real courage for the President to speak out so clearly on this subject, and all of us should be thankful that he did.

### 20 YEARS AGO

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postcards and send them to the dead letter office. Many such postcards were coming into the Edenton Post Office having to do with purchasing an eyron and the like and some carrying threats if certain Biblical passages are not read.

Chowan County Commissioners were again faced with a large group of property owners who complained about increased valuations.

Wholesale moving was going on in the Center Hill Community to make room for a road.

Game Warden J. G. Perry announced that hook and line fishing would be abandoned in inland waters from April 1 to May 10.

Seventy-eight Red Men and their wives attended an annual banquet of Chowan Tribe which was held at the community Building at Cross Roads.

C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton High School Band, announced that the band had accepted invitations to play in the

Tulip Festival and at a Scout Jamboree to be held in Washington, N. C.

As the result of legislation put through the General Assembly by Representative J. G. Campen and Senator Herbert Leary, the salary of County Treasurer George C. Hoskins was increased from \$50 to \$60 a month and the term of office extended from two to four years.

Announcement was made that upon completion of the newly beautified and paneled coffee shop at Hotel Joseph Hewes, the name of the hotel would be called the King's Arm Tavern, making the third time a change in name would have been made since its original start as the East Gate Tavern.

### Governor Sanford Pilgrimage Guest

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noon he is expected to return to Raleigh.

Members of the Woman's Club are very appreciative for the efforts on the part of Mr. Byrum for securing the Governor to participate in the formal opening of this year's outstanding event, especially after it was almost a foregone conclusion that

he would be unable to attend.

On Friday five members of the Edenton Woman's Club, attired in colonial dresses, visited Governor Sanford in his office in Raleigh, when he was invited and urged to be Edenton's guest. In the group were Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. R. J. Boyce, Mrs. Ed Bond, Mrs. J. M. Thorud and Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Jr.

### CLOSED MONDAY

M. M. James, local automobile license examiner, announces that his office at the police station will be closed all day Monday, April 3, due to the observance of Easter Monday.

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—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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