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## The Public Parade

CARE, CARE, CARE—There's medicare, eldercare, and other types of care being talked these days. Out of the hopper will come legislation providing health services for the over-65 age group.

The Administration likes medicare. The physicians like eldercare. We don't like either.

The hour is, however, late. Before you fall for any of the "care" measures, you should bring the end results right along The Public Parade.

Medicare would be administered through the Social Security Administration at a cost of about \$5 billion. If there is a costlier way of getting something done, the government will discover it before the measure is enacted.

Social Security payments, both by the employe and employer, would continue to rise until by 1971 the tax would be \$291.20 on \$5,600—and not the current \$4.80.

Eldercare would be administered through existing health insurance companies and would do more than medicare in that doctor's fees would be covered. Those able to pay would do so and those without sufficient income to carry the insurance would let the government pick up the tab.

The eldercare plan is the best of the two since it keeps the furthest away from the government.

Plans on paper sometimes go to pot in operation. We predict this would be the case in any "care" plan.

Right now our hospitals are running over. Chowan Hospital, with 35 beds, is being surveyed for an addition. What would happen if everyone over 65 got a cold at the same time and went running to the hospital and told Spec Jones to "treat me damnit."

Too, while Chowan County is in good shape with respect to physicians, our eight are six below the national average of 149 doctors per 100,000 population.

Chowan County, in 1960, had 8.1 per cent of its population 65 or older. These are the

people, regardless of ability to pay, who could demand free hospitalization and treatment under the medicare plan. A county with 46.6 per cent non-white population would have more demand than others.

Congress should guard against having anything else tied to Social Security. The retirement program is now greatly overworked. Those who have been paying the SS tax for many years and have 30 or more to go before they can "enjoy" retirement, should lead a call to arms.

We are still old fashioned enough to believe the Kerr-Mills Law is sufficient.

### A TOUCH OF EDENTON—

The natural beauty of our Barker House was caught by the photographer and his color portrait appears in a new 64-page travel guide now being distributed.

The guide, published by the State of North Carolina, features attractions from seashore to mountains at all seasons. Free copies can be obtained from State Travel office in Raleigh.

Edenton is represented among the 150 color photographs by a shot taken from Water Street across the bay. Like other attractive features of the Tar Heel State, Edenton is within a day's travel or less for more than half the people in the U. S. A.

"Variety Vacationland is far more than a slogan in North Carolina," writes Gov. Dan K. Moore in his introduction to the new travel guide. "It is an accurate description of a state that offers the visitor matchless vacation adventure. There is exciting contrast and warm hospitality along each of the more than 500 miles that range from rugged Cape Hatteras on the coast to the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains in the west."

Gov. Moore points out that a visit to North Carolina will be a rich and memorable experience. He also promises a warm welcome for guests.

We can't speak for the other locals, but Edentonians will live up to the Governor's billing.

## Unique Pilgrimage Planned for 1965 Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage Committee of the Edenton Woman's Club is again appealing to Edenton citizens to check their attics and storage rooms in an effort to uncover various items which could be used in interesting displays for visitors who attend the Pilgrimage of Edenton and Countryside in April.

Approximately 30 merchants have offered their windows for the Pilgrimage, April 9-11, and plans are to fill these windows with interesting items of old Edenton and Countryside.

Through the splendid cooperation of the merchants in allowing their windows to be used, and the many items contributed by local citizens, the use of window displays during the last two tours has created a great deal of interest and added much to the success of the tours.

It is hoped that many of these same articles may be used again and that additional ones can be found.

The committee is appealing for the following: Pictures of old Edenton, including people and places, legal documents, books, sailing charts, money, watches and clocks, children's toys, men's and women's and children's clothing, house furnishings, apothecary jars, surgical equipment, guns, shaving mugs, ship models, telescopes, farm implements, spectacles, pipes, school supplies, and any other items of special interest.

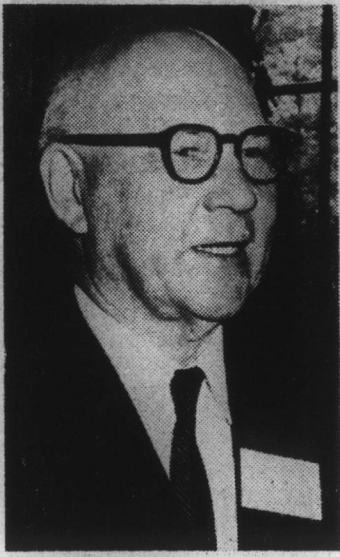
Arrangements will be made to pick up any items which should be tagged with name, approximate date of item, and brief history, if any.

Anyone who has an item for display is requested to telephone Hattie Byrum, 482-4068; Imogene Byrum, 482-3722; Angie Wright, 482-3545; or Shelia Leary, 482-3893.

## Woman's Club Hat Sale February 19

Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor a hat sale Friday, February 19. The sale will be held at the Barker House and will be in progress from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

A large selection of spring hats will be on sale with the profits going toward projects sponsored by the club. It is hoped many people will attend the sale.



## Peanut Growers To Hear Griffin

The fourth annual Peanut Club Banquet, sponsored by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, will be held tomorrow night, February 19, at the Edenton Restaurant, according to West Leary, Chairman of the Chamber's Agriculture Committee.

"The Peanut Club Banquet," Leary said, "was originally programmed as a project of the Chamber's Agriculture Committee to assist in up-grading the average peanut yield in Chowan County. Farmers who have consistently studied the best growing practices for peanuts have steadily increased their average nut yield from around 1,800 pounds per acre to 2,600 pounds per acre or better, during the past four years."

The qualifying figure for the Chamber-sponsored Peanut Club was originally at 3,000 pounds net on any one acre on the farm. The next year, qualifiers were required to grow a minimum of 3,000 pounds on the entire farm allotment. That year (1962), thirty-six Chowan farmers qualified and received certificates of merit at the Peanut Club Banquet. Last year, 67 farmers qualified.

This year, the qualification standard was raised from 3,000 pounds per acre to 3,500 pounds per acre, and twenty-eight growers qualified and are expected to turn out for Friday night's get-together at the Edenton Restaurant.

Leonard Small, banquet committee chairman, has planned to serve a steak dinner with all the trimmings. The main speaker will be Lloyd Griffin, executive vice president of the N. C. Citizens Association.

A. B. Harless, Jr., will introduce.

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## New Road Bond Issue Includes Funds For Area

A proposed \$300 million road bond issue now before the General Assembly would mean more than \$322,600 to Edenton and Chowan County, according to Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.

Rep. Earnhardt said the \$147,900 which would come to Chowan County is "not impressive" but would mean the paving of some currently unpaved roads.

At the same time he reported that \$174,800 would come to the Town of Edenton from \$75 million set aside for municipalities. This money could be spent for maintenance as well as new work.

Too, the First Division, with headquarters in Ahoskie, would receive \$13,205,200 for primary road construction.

Rep. Earnhardt was among those legislators who signed the road bond bill, a major plank in Gov. Dan K. Moore's platform.

Highway Commissioner J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton said he felt this issue is adequate for the present. However, he said the State Highway Commission needs more sustaining revenue which could only be realized from an increase in taxes.

"Gov. Moore has promised no tax increases so the bond issue is the second-best thing," Wood said.

He pointed out that a bond issue gives a big shot in the arm for four or five years then something else must be done. Another fault of bonds is the interest which must be paid. "Interest just doesn't build any roads," Wood added.

The commissioner said the highway group had been working on surveys leading up to the bond issue for more than two years.

## Bids Are Sought For Post Office

The Post Office Department is seeking competitive bids for an improved building to house its postal operations at Merry Hill, Postmaster General John A. Gronouski announced.

Lewis C. White is postmaster at Merry Hill.

Under the department's construction program, a contract will be awarded to the bidder who designates a building suitable to the department's needs and agrees to improve it (or provide a new building) according to departmental specifications and then rent it to the department for a basic period of five years, with three five-year renewal options.

The department's capital investment will be limited substantially to postal equipment. The building will remain under private ownership with the owner paying local real estate taxes.

New jobs will be created during the modernization, he said, and the improved postal facilities will be valuable to community leaders in proving to business that Merry Hill is a good place in which to invest, thus helping to create permanent new job opportunities.

Bidding documents may be obtained from Lloyd C. Loomis, real estate officer, Box 4786, Atlanta, Ga. 30302. The real estate officer will supply bidding forms, specifications, rent provisions and other information. Bids must be submitted to Loomis by March 15.

## Edenton Joins Fight Over Proposed Power Legislation



**LEAD ANTI-POVERTY FIGHT**—An active committee is now functioning in Chowan County, in cooperation with the Albemarle Area Development Association, to prepare proposals for funds under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Charlie Overman, right, newly elected chairman of the group, goes over plans with Dr. David Wright, vice chairman, and Miss Pauline Calloway, secretary.

## Overman New Chairman Of Anti-Poverty Group

Pressing school business has caused the resignation of Supt. Hiram Mayo as chairman of the anti-poverty committee now functioning in Chowan County.

The committee, composed of 18 area leaders, immediately elected Charlie Overman, county agent, to head the group. Dr. David Wright was elected vice chairman, while Miss Pauline Calloway was elected secretary.

At the close of a meeting last week, Supt. Mayo, head of Edenton Schools, said the Civil Rights law and the drafting of expenditure of school bond funds

## Corn Contest Won By Rodney Jordan

A 13-year-old Chowan County 4-H'er has been named North Carolina Champion Corn Grower for 1964.

Word has been received here of the award going to Rodney Jordan, a student at Chowan High School. W. L. Haltiwanger, extension agronomy specialist at State College, Raleigh, announced that Jordan's official yield of 177.5 bushels of corn on one acre won the top honors. Farmers of all ages were competing in the contest.

Young Jordan has been a member of Center Hill 4-H Club for three years and corn has been one of his projects each year. He will receive a \$50 Savings Bond and a plaque, sponsored by James Southland of Pioneer Corn Company, Laurinburg.

### TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Peoples Bank & Trust Company will be closed Monday, February 22, to observe George Washington's birthday. The main branch as well as the consumer's branch will not be open for business on this day but will resume the regular hours on Tuesday.

## Rep. Earnhardt Asked To Assist 73 Municipalities

A compromise on proposed power legislation by public and private companies has drawn fire from Edenton and 72 other municipalities who own and operate electric facilities.

The biennial dispute over power, which Gov. Dan K. Moore had hopes of avoiding, may erupt into a bigger battle than ever.

Edenton Town Council and Board of Public Works met Monday with Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., to discuss and protest the proposed bill. Although the bill has not been introduced, certain sections of it as they relate to expansion of municipal facilities are considered objectionable by local officials.

Rep. Earnhardt was asked to aid the municipalities in their battle for equal consideration by any legislation.

Dick Hines, head of the local electric and water department, said if this legislation passes it will ultimately mean municipalities will be put out of business, therefore, local taxes will have to be increased to offset revenues now being derived from efficient operations of power facilities.

He said communications between the municipal group, through the League of Municipalities, have broken down and the private and public firms are in no mood to negotiate.

The proposed law would keep municipalities from expanding, according to Hines. "This means stagnation and strangulation for the 73 municipalities, as future

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## Miley Is Chosen As Lay Speaker

J. J. Miley, chairman of the official board at Edenton Methodist Church, has been designated a Lay Speaker by Bishop Paul M. Garber.

The local businessman joined others from throughout the Elizabeth City District of the North Carolina Conference who were consecrated as Lay Speakers at the 12th annual District Lay Rally Monday night in Elizabeth City.

Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf led a delegation of seven from Edenton Methodist Church to the rally.

## Volunteers Will Canvass Sunday For Heart Fund

Edenton's 1965 Heart Sunday volunteer army will be on the march this weekend and continue through Sunday to give every resident a personal opportunity to fight the nation's number one health enemy—disease of the heart and blood vessels.

Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., and Mrs. Joseph Thorud, co-chairmen of Heart Sunday, said today some volunteer will visit homes in every section of the community to accept contributions to the Heart Fund, and as educational ambassadors, to distribute pamphlets containing heart-saving facts.

"In addition to distributing this important information on new advances in the fight against the heart diseases," said Mrs. Conger, "the Heart volunteer will present an envelope to receive contributions. Just remember that heart disease is a family problem. It affects young children, teenagers, young adults, middle-aged breadwinners and senior citizens."

"The Heart Fund" added Edmondson, "fights them all". Goal of the local Heart Fund campaign is \$1,500 and it is considered likely that a large portion of that amount will be subscribed in conjunction with the residential canvass.

Although the month-long 1965 Heart Fund drive will reach a high point on Heart Sunday, February 21, other activities are being carried on and another Ballcon Day will be conducted this Saturday, February 20, under the direction of Rudolph Dale. Clubs and organizations are being covered by Mrs. Edward Bond; the Motor Canvass is under the leadership of Pete Dail; James Bond is handling special gifts; and John Woodard and Logan Elliott are in charge of business days and merchants. Harry Venters is chairman of the rural community.

## County Recorder's Court Hears Second Rape Count

For the second time in as many weeks charges of rape have been aired in Chowan Recorder's Court. Both cases involved Negroes.

James Jackson, Jr., a 22-year-old father of two children, was bound over to Superior Court after Judge W. S. Privott found probable cause Tuesday. He set Jackson's bond at \$750.

Dora Gillia, a 19-year-old mother of three illegitimate children, charged that Jackson raped her on February 11.

In other cases called by Solicitor Thomas Cheers, the following action was taken:

George Privott, failing to comply with orders of the court,

judgment modified to \$6 per week in payments for support of his wife and children.

Charlie James Strong, speeding, called and failed.

Steerie West, drunk and disorderly and assault, prosecuting witness Della Davenport refused to testify and was taxed court costs.

William P. Hale, speeding, \$15 and costs.

Herman Stallings, breaking and entering, larceny and assault, state accepted a plea of guilty to forcible trespass and damage to real property, four months, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs and \$15 to replace damaged property.

Frank Roberts, bloodmobile chairman, reminded Chowan County citizens of the fact that

## Chowan Donors Sought During Bloodmobile Visit

Today is "B" Day in Edenton.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Edenton armory from 11 A. M. until 5 P. M., enabling many who've not been able to visit the bloodmobile during previous visits to do so today.

Your donation of a pint of blood is important to you, your family and friends, and it's a painless affair that takes very little time, said Roberts. Compensations include a free and valuable medical checkup, plus a free meal. Most important, though, is knowing you've done something important to help your family, friends and neighbors, he added.

The folks at the bloodmobile will be looking for you, and will welcome you, so be at the armory today, anytime from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., Roberts concluded.

a vast supply of emergency blood was used between the last visit and the current one, so a great supply is needed to keep the Chowan County supply of emergency blood on hand.

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## Leary Given Jaycee Farmer Award

Jack Leary, 33, of the Rocky Hock community, is the Outstanding Young Farmer in Chowan County for 1964. The OYF project is sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees.

Leary was recognized for the award during a banquet Thursday night at Edenton Restaurant. Charlie Overman, county agent, presented the award to Leary.

The OYF winner operates Leary Plant Farm and other farming operations with his father, T. Stillman Leary, and a brother, Tom Leary.

He was in 4-H Club work for seven years and took four years of vocational agriculture at Chowan High School. He entered

the service and was stationed in England, where he met his wife, Shelia. Returning to Chowan County, Leary went back to farming with his family.

Leary is a past chairman of the community development program at Rocky Hock, is a community 4-H leader, is active in Rocky Hock Baptist Church and has assisted in community athletic programs.

William Garmon, district 4-H leader, addressed the Jaycee meeting and cited some of the progress being made in agriculture. The speaker said in Chowan County a lot of people are working in agri-business.

On the national level, 40 per

cent of the total population is engaged in agriculture and the U. S. has a farm income of over \$1 billion annually.

"Many of us do not appreciate the abundance of food in our country," the speaker said.

"Two-thirds of the world's population prays in vain for food."

He said changes in agriculture and farming methods has released a large number of people to other industries. This is because farming has become more efficient. Garmon said in 1940 one farmer produced for himself and 10 others while today the same farmer can produce for himself and 38 others. In Russia the ratio is one to four and India, one to one.

"We can all be proud of the real fine job we have done in agriculture," he added.

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER**—Jack Leary, right, won the Edenton Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer award for 1964. He is shown here with principals at the recent banquet, including five other young farmers nominated for the award. Left to right are Bill Garmon, district 4-H leader; Charlie Overman, county agent; and Leary. Back row, left to right are: Sammy Byrum, Callie Leary, Sherwood Harrell, Harold Lloyd Bunch and Thurman Ashley.