



**EDENTON TOWN COUNCIL**—Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., center, and members of the Town Council are shown in front of the Municipal Building following the recent dedication. Left to right are: C. A. Phillips, J. D. Elliott, Luther C. Parks, Mayor Mitchener, R. Elton Forehand, George Alma Byrum and J. Edwin Buffal.



**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**—Members of Edenton's Board of Public Works pose at the Municipal Building at the foot of South Broad Street. They are, left to right, James P. Ricks, Jr., W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., Jesse L. Harrell, Chairman, Joe H. Conger, Jr., and Thomas C. Byrum.

## Weather, Everything Tops

# Tour Is Successful

Edenton, because of her historic background, is on display every day of the year. Nonetheless, the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside brings visitors from near and far to see the beautiful gardens, well preserved homes and public buildings.

## Bonner Praises Work in Chowan

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner has lauded the contribution made by citizens of Edenton and Chowan County in the "furtherance of the American ideal."

In a speech prepared for delivery at the dedication of Edenton's new municipal building last Thursday, Rep. Bonner said we are living in the midst of fast-moving exciting times. But he said it is well to reflect on the past to see how we arrived at such an important time in history.

He traced the founding of Edenton back through the exploring of the rich bottom lands of the Chowan River by John Pory in 1622.

He listed some of the places of "great historical interest and national value" in Edenton and also cited some of the famous Americans who have resided in "the smallest county in the state."

The veteran congressman said of these great Americans:

"We may justly feel that they still live among us and play their parts in our continued development—our progress and our prosperity. They—I am sure—are pleased and proud of the efforts you are making here to preserve the heritage which they have passed on to you."

The speech was read by Henry Oglesby, administrative assistant for Rep. Bonner. (The congressman remained in Washington to vote on the controversial Medicare bill which was on the floor of the House of Representatives on Thursday.

While the 1965 tour did not attract the numbers of some past events, it was hailed as a very successful pilgrimage.

Officials of Edenton Woman's Club were well pleased with the results of this tour—the eighth they have sponsored. Mrs. Alton Elmore chaired the event and many visitors to the city were high in their praise of the preparation which had been made for their visit.

"The homes are nice to see, but I must admit I was just as thrilled by the ease in which this tour is carried out," one guest said.

The 1965 pilgrimage unofficially opened Thursday afternoon with the dedication of Edenton's new Municipal Building. Threatening weather kept the crowd small but those who attended the short dedication were impressed with what they saw and heard.

At 10 A. M. Friday the tour got underway with approximately 100 guides, properly attired in colonial costumes, on hand to assist the visitors. They were aided by members of various civic organizations who threw their full support behind the Woman's Club.

Tour officials had a special word of appreciation for the homeowners who opened their residences to allow hundreds from Edenton and out-of-town to pass through. "Without the enthusiastic support of the homeowners this pilgrimage wouldn't be possible," they said.

Also, the window displays throughout the downtown area drew much attention.

Another sidelight of this year's event was the production, "Devil's Disciple," presented Friday and Saturday nights by Edenton Little Theater. Some who attended the production expressed amazement that a town the size of Edenton could produce such a play.

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## The Public Parade

### A NEW GENERATION

One of Edenton's finest leaders is generally relinquishing his many public duties and passing them to another generation.

We refer to Philip S. McMullan, a most distinguished citizen who has set a fine example of unselfish public service for all to envy.

This week it is reported that he has resigned as chairman of the Edenton City Board of Education. He served his town well on this important board for 20 years, two of them as chairman.

Earlier, Mr. McMullan officially got out of politics by stepping down as chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections. His length of service on this board numbered more than 30 years.

In each of the above instances, Mr. McMullan relinquished important duties and the reins were taken by young men with proven ability and a willingness to perform unselfish public service.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, a soft spoken leader and highly respected physician, was named chairman of the school board. Although he was named to the board only last September, his wise counsel and sound judgment was appreciated and recognized by those who had worked with him.

To the board, the Town Council named a man who has often neglected his own business when he was called on to do a job for Edenton. Bruce Jones, a past president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and among that group's most active members, will be

an asset to the school group.

West Byrum, Mr. McMullan's fellow Democrat on the elections board, moved up to chairman of the group. He assumed the office in the face of a municipal election and has handled the chores like a veteran.

The State Board of Elections, acting upon local recommendations, chose E. L. Hollowell for the vacant seat on the elections board. Like the others, he has proven himself in business, church and civic activities and will be an asset to the board.

So, as the community bids farewell to Mr. McMullan's active participation in the day-to-day activities of these two important groups, he and Edenton can find solace in the fact that young men have been groomed for leadership.

The torch has been passed—from one unselfish and capable citizen to men of like qualities.

**ON RUNNING**—The few who attended Tuesday night's Town Council meeting—including a candidate for mayor—could not help but be impressed with steps taken to make Edenton a better place in which to work, do business and live.

Here, in a nutshell, is what the council did at a two-hour session:

1—Went on record as being in favor of giving ample land at the old base for the Hall of Fame. (This land could be

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## Most Edentonians To Be Off Monday

Easter Monday will be observed generally as a holiday by people in Chowan County and the majority of Edenton businesses will be closed.

Caswell Edmondson, chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said most local merchants make it a practice to close on Easter Monday.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company will be closed.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the Municipal Building will be closed Monday. However, garbage collection on the east side will be made as scheduled.

W. E. Bond, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, said Easter Monday is a legal holiday for county employees. The courthouse and county offices in the Hotel Joseph Hewes will be closed.

Shepard-Pruden and the Brown-Carver public libraries will also be closed for the day.

William A. Hollar, manager of the local Employment Security Commission office, said the office will be closed Monday. Individuals scheduled to report on that date should next report on Monday, April 26, Hollar said.

The local driver license office will also be closed. J. E. White, local examiner, said the office will be open Tuesday as usual.

Edenton's police and fire department, Chowan Hospital and The Chowan Herald will be open as usual.



JAMES M. ROBINSON

## Society Selects James Robinson

Plans for a more active North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution, were outlined here this week by James M. Robinson, newly elected president.

Robinson, former executive vice president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, was elected society president at a convention held in Raleigh.

Visiting in Edenton early this week he said emphasis would be placed on membership and projects during the coming year. He added that he hopes to get the SAR actively behind the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution, a project he founded in Edenton.

"When the Hall of Fame gets going I think you will see the SAR forming a solid front behind it," Robinson said. He hinted that he would, as an official of the Hall of Fame and SAR, attempt to get national SAR support for the national shrine here.

Robinson said he wants the SAR to be an organization which is for something and not just against things. "We need to accentuate the positive," he said.

The Tar Heel Society has approximately 325 members and the national organization is composed of 19,000 members.

Robinson will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 24-28 to attend the national convention.

### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Carroll Boyce, master of the lodge, invites all Masons to attend.



DR. EDWARD G. BOND

# Hall Of Fame Given Boost By Possible Site Donation; Town Seeking Legislation

## 14 File For City Election; Registration Begins Friday

Fourteen candidates seek office in Edenton's Municipal Election on May 4, according to West Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

The deadline to file was noon Saturday and all offices up for

## Dr. Edward Bond Gets School Post

Dr. Edward G. Bond, local physician, has been named chairman of the Edenton City Board of Education, succeeding Philip S. McMullan who resigned.

Edenton's Town Council met in special session at noon Friday and named Bruce Jones, area business and civic leader, to the board.

For McMullan, long a community stalwart, it was the second board chairmanship for him to relinquish in the past few weeks. Just recently he stepped down as chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections after serving more than 30 years.

McMullan had rounded out two decades on the school board and his service on this body ranks second to J. H. Conger, Sr., who resigned two years ago after serving for 30 years. At the resignation of Conger the board elected McMullan chairman.

The immediate past chairman expressed enjoyment in working with 18 different local citizens on the board at one time or another during the past 20 years. When asked about the local school system, he stated that the schools of Edenton speak for

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## Council Favors Base Property Now Under Lease

Edenton's Town Council voted unanimously to favor donation of a "suitable amount" of the base property as the site of a proposed Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution.

The council, which will have at least two new members at the May 11 meeting, put their approval of this project into the records. R. Elton Forehand, one of the councilmen not seeking re-election, made the motion after Town Administrator W. B. Gardner informed the council use of the requested land is limited by the FAA.

West Byrum, chairman of the Hall of Fame site committee, said the base property is the most desirable site for such a national shrine. He said location of the Hall of Fame there would not only give them a site on the water but its existence would increase use of the airport and be a protection to surrounding property owners.

"This project could mean a whole lot to Edenton and the entire area," Byrum said. He added that in his opinion the project could not go forward if land had to be purchased for the site.

Bruce Jones, another committee member, told the councilmen the base property requested by the Hall of Fame has a tremendous value and would enhance the chances of getting outside cooperation.

"We are asking for property not being utilized and which would benefit the entire community greatly," W. P. (Spec) Jones said.

The property is now under lease to United States Lumber Company but that lease is in the process of being re-negotiated.

Action taken by the council is not binding on the incoming council. However, the current board desired to express their approval of the request and suggest

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## Special Program Planned By AA's

Chowan County AA Group will host a Northeastern Inter-group meeting Sunday, April 25, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish House. The meeting will begin at 3 P. M.

Millie C. of Norfolk, Va., who has 18 years of sobriety in the AA movement, will be the featured speaker for the program. The Chowan County group is now in the third successful year of Monday night meetings.

The public is invited to attend the weekly meetings as well as the special program on April 25.



PHILIP S. McMULLAN



BRUCE F. JONES



**VIEWS DEMONSTRATION**—Among those who stopped at the Barker House during the recent Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside was Mrs. Fred B. Bunch, Jr., left, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Paul Ober, center, and Mrs. Martha Nixon demonstrate the art of making fish net. This was one of several craft demonstrations held during the biennial tour.