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## The Public Parade

**'ALBEMARLE METRO'**—The rapidly expanding Albemarle Area stands on the threshold of greatness.

Until recently our area was considered only a portion of Eastern North Carolina which cast a heavy Democratic majority and kept the Grand Old Party rolling. While the Piedmont was enjoying tremendous industrialization our leaders watched and waited.

Other sections of the state had the population. This area had the land. Now the order of importance is beginning to show.

There is no more land. But this is a "peoples" world and we are just feeling the impact of the population explosion which has caused great concern to many.

In order to get an increase in population we must first offer something for our own folks who graduate from high school and do not seek advanced education. Then we must have far-reaching job opportunities to attract others to the finest area of our state.

Before dangling the bait at a new industry that would hire our people and bring in others, we must demonstrate our willingness to help ourselves.

Such a step is being taken by the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company. They call it the "Albemarle Metro". It would allow toll-free calling between subscribers in six counties with only a slightly monthly increase in rates.

Ballots have now been sent to the approximately 12,000 subscribers and they must be returned by April 30 if they are to count in this voting. The result of this balloting will tell the world that we are progressive as well as historic.

Officials of the State Utilities Commission say the proposed Albemarle Metro is something new. In fact, this plan is unique in telephonic communications throughout the United States.

Several months ago the Edenton Chamber of Commerce launched a movement to get toll-free service between Edenton, Hertford and Sunbury. Lem Blades answered their request with a statement that it would be at least 90 days before a preliminary report could be made.

Some thought the telephone company was stalling. However, just about 90 days from the time the request was issued, it was announced that the company had gone way past Hertford, yes, even to the coast. They had done the Chamber one better.

If you vote "yes" the telephone company will make capital expenditures of \$2,152,908 before switching to Albemarle Metro in October, 1966. This will bring to near \$7 million the amount this company has spent on improved service since 1961.

The Albemarle Area is on the march. We are being recognized as a place where it is good to live, work and do business. Our people give their employers an honest day's work for an honest wage. And when they put down the

plow they take up the pole and relax as hard as they work.

Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company has faith in this area. They call it "Albemarle Metro". We call it progress.

We encourage you to vote "yes" prior to April 30. You will then have a hand in this progress and can point with greater pride to the development of our area.

**PARK GETS ATTENTION**—One of our favorite afternoon newspapers reports from Raleigh that funds are being sought to make Pettigrew State Park near Creswell more than just a mark on the map.

This action is long past due. It is reported that Rep. Carl Bailey of Washington County is seeking an appropriation to allow the Department of Archives and History to finish the restoration job begun several years ago on the old Somerset Place on the north side of Lake Phelps. This is a portion of the old Collins Plantation, dating from pre-Revolution times.

The same report says the north side of the beautiful lake has a muddy coast line and is not suitable for good beach facilities. But such is not the case with the south shore, also owned by the state.

Therefore, Rep. Bailey wants \$8,500 so the Department of Conservation and Development can make a first class state park at the site.

The development of a nice state park at Lake Phelps would be a definite asset to the entire eastern part of Tar Heelia. This land was a gift to the state. It is long past time for its development.

**EASTER SUNDAY**—Easter was a time of changing moods at our place.

Happy, sad, happy, enjoyable and sore. These words, in that order, sum it up pretty well.

First, the Easter bunny stopped by Leon Halsey's enroute to the Amburns. When our quartet arose on the magnificent Sunday morn they were greeted by an equal number of baby ducks. For \$2.40 old Mr. Bunny had done better than Santa Claus with 50 times as much credit.

The children balked at Sunday School because of their new playmates. We insisted and sent them packing. Shortly after they left, Lowie, something resembling a dog, began mothering the ducks. Before anyone could put a halt to the doggone fun all four ducks were dead.

We had a funeral for four ducks before the children returned and immediately sounded an S.O.S. for substitutes. Leon responded with four chicks.

The bunny brought the children the ducks, of course, but he brought the commander-in-chief of our war department her mother-in-law. The senior Mrs. Amburn arrived about 11 A. M., and the ducks were soon forgotten. Things were getting to us near normal.

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S. MARVIN BURTON

## American Legion Meeting Planned

S. Marvin Burton of Raleigh, past state commander of the American Legion, will be in Edenton on April 30 to address a meeting of the Legion's First District. The meeting will begin at 8 P. M. at the American Legion home on U. S. 17 South.

J. L. Chestnutt, district commander, said Burton's talk will highlight a program which is packed with important business.

At the district meeting a new slate of officers will be elected and delegates will be named to the national convention.

Also, George Winborne Blanchard of Chowan High School will give his speech on the Constitution. This speech won him First District and division honors in the Legion's oratorical contest.

Chestnutt has encouraged all American Legion posts in the district to have a good delegation to the meeting.

Burton, a native of South Carolina, joined the American Legion in 1946, after serving overseas with the Army during World War II. In 1950 he was appointed to the National Veterans' Preference Committee, a position he now holds.

## B. G. Willis Dies Wednesday A. M.

B. G. Willis, 83, died Wednesday morning at 4:35 o'clock in Chowan Hospital following an illness of three months.

A native of Carteret County, he was a son of the late Thomas G. Willis and Sara Carolina Davis Willis. He lived at Merry Hill for the past 63 years.

He was a retired employee of Railway Express Company and for many years operated boats from Merry Hill to Edenton as well as throughout Eastern Carolina and Virginia waters.

Mr. Willis was a member of Edenton Methodist Church, where he served for many years as trustee and at present was a member of the official board at the church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Pruden Willis; a son, Bert C. Willis of Edenton; a brother, Dr. H. C. Willis of Wilson; a sister, Mrs. Bettie Willis of Morehead City and five grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Edenton Methodist Church, but the time was not set at the time The Herald went to press Wednesday.

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## Earnhardt's Bill On Administrator Given Approval

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan County had his first legislation to pass the House of Representatives last Friday when a bill to amend the Town of Edenton charter was approved.

This bill deals with the town administrator.

It adds to the town charter a provision for appointment by the councilmen of a town administrator. The administrator is to serve at the pleasure of the board as chief town administrative officer and to assist the mayor as chief executive officer.

The bill states that the administrator may be combined with any other town office; shall perform or supervise and coordinate all town administrative affairs (except those of the water and light department), as directed by the mayor and councilmen; shall attend all meetings; and shall keep the commissioner of finance, mayor and councilmen advised of town finances.

It is further stated that the superintendents of all town departments, except the water and light department, are to be administratively responsible to the administrator and subject to his fiscal controls. The administrator is to be responsible to the mayor and councilmen.

W. B. Gardner now serves in this capacity.

## New Drive-In Planned Here

CHIPS is coming to Edenton. The national drive-in system which features charco-broiled hamburgers today made this announcement.

Announcement of the completion of negotiations was made jointly by Mrs. Vivian C. Habit and by President Jack Bailey of CHIPS Franchise System, Inc., the parent company establishing CHIPS throughout the Eastern United States.

Plans call for the distinctive CHIPS drive-in to be erected at North Broad Street. Construction will begin shortly and operation of the business will start in about three months.

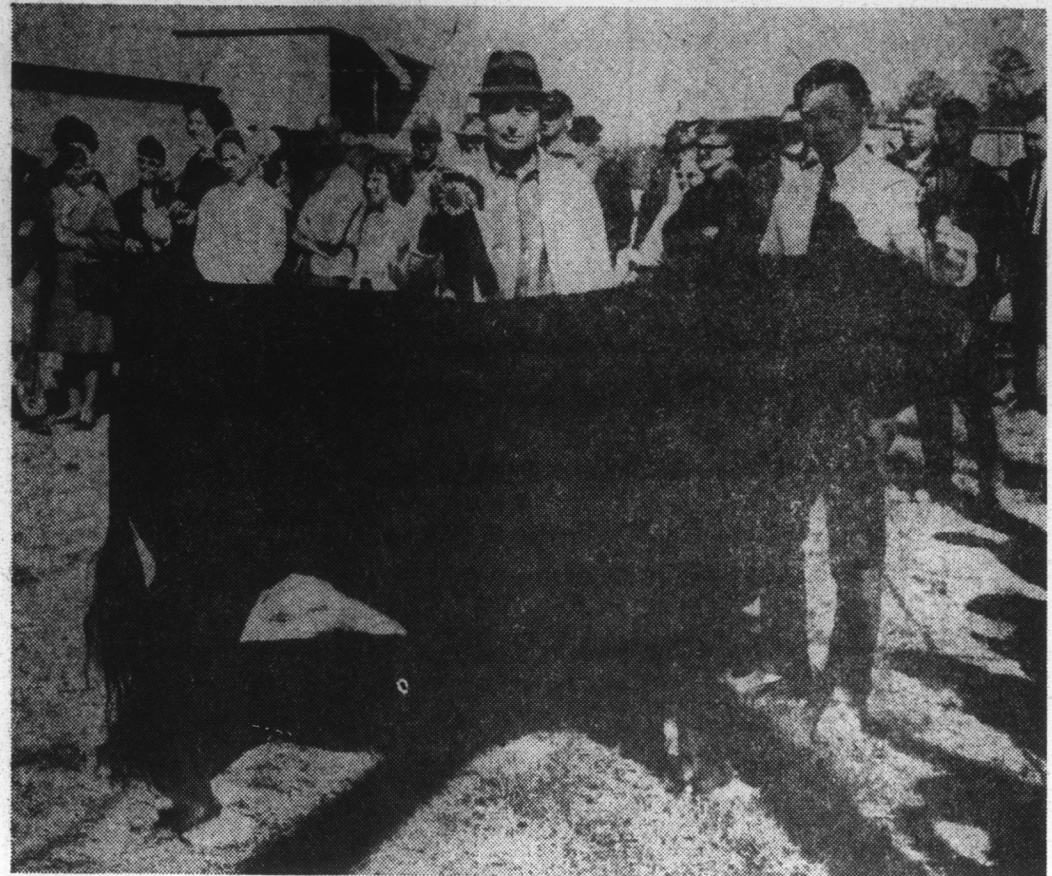
Bailey said, "We are extremely happy to locate a CHIPS restaurant in this growing community and we are looking forward to serving the fine people of Edenton."

CHIPS Drive-ins with their striking architectural design, good food and instant service are rapidly becoming landmarks throughout this section.

The CHIPS Franchise System was organized in 1962 with headquarters in Rocky Mount. The fast growing system now has units in 54 cities in 14 states throughout the Eastern United States, either open or under construction.

**POCAHONTAS MEETING**—Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Virginia Williams, Pocahontas, urges all members to attend.

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**COPELAND'S PRIZE STEER**—Durwood Copeland of Ryland holds his 1,150 Angus steer which was named grand champion in the 11th annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Tom Shepard, representing Home Feed and Fertilizer Company, holds the ribbon the prime steer won. Shepard's firm paid 33½ cents per pound for the animal.

## Juniors Put On Show

## \$5,621 Distributed At Sale

4-H Club and FFA members are \$5,621.66 richer as a result of the 11th annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Harry Venters, agricultural extension agent, reports total sales for swine were \$1,316.67, plus \$45 in premiums. This is a total of \$1,361.67 the club members will receive for the hogs they exhibited.

Total steer sales were \$4,044.91 plus \$260 in premium money, for a total of \$4,304.81 to be shared for 13 steers exhibited. This year's show and sale was one of the best yet. This was the consensus of opinion expressed by members of the Chowan and Ryland Ruritan Clubs, sponsors of the event.

Venters pointed out that it was the first year that all 13 steers exhibited were born and raised in Chowan County.

Durwood Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Copeland of Ryland showed the grand champion steer, a 1,150 pound Angus, grading prime. It was purchased by Home Feed & Fertilizer Company for 33½ cents per pound.

The reserve champion steer was shown by Fahey Byrum, Jr., Route 1, Edenton. This 1,030 pound Hereford steer, grading choice was purchased by Leary Brothers Storage Company for 32½ cents per pound.

Don Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Evans, Route 1, Edenton, exhibited the third place steer and Joan Hare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hare, Route 1, Edenton, the fourth place steer. Both of these steers also graded choice.

Other 4-H and FFA members with steers included Chris Venters, Kim Venters, Thomas Asbell, Paul White, Jimmy Evans, Joe Carroll Byrum, Keith Boyce, C. Y. Parrish and Faye Parrish.

The grand champion individual hog, weighing 215 pounds, was exhibited by Paul Copeland and his brother Allan, showed the reserve champion, Paul and Allan are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Copeland of Ryland. M. D. Baker Hog Market purchased these animals for 36 and 33 cents per pound.

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## Tragedy Hits Merry Hill Community; Two Drown

By MRS. J. W. WINBORNE

**MERRY HILL**—Tragedy struck the Merry Hill Community last week when two fishermen drowned in the Chowan River.

Bill D. Coward, 26, and Carl Douglas Davenport, 17, were the victims. Both men were helpers of Ronald Outlaw, owner of a fishing operation.

The mishap occurred in the rough waters of the Chowan off Willow Branch and Hermitage Fishery. The men were thrown from their loaded boat about 8 A. M.

Outlaw, 29, swam to crossed stakes and hung on until he was rescued about noon. The victims were found at 3 P. M.

Outlaw was admitted to Bertie Memorial Hospital at Windsor where he was treated for shock and exposure.

The commercial fisherman said the three went out about 6:30 A. M. to fish the nets, which he had bought from Mrs. W. R. Lawrence. They had about 8,000 herring in the boat and started for shore, because the boat was full.

Short, choppy waves made the boat rock. When one strong wave hit the boat, Outlaw threw life preservers to Coward and Davenport, leaving none for himself. But, he said, it seemed they could not get the life preservers on.

A second wave hit the boat and it overturned. Outlaw warned his companions not to get caught under the boat. He went down twice trying to get his hip boots off. He could see no one anywhere when he came up the second time. He did see a piece of Coward's preserver, then part of the engine cover float by.

The surviving member of the crew made it to the crossed stakes some distance away and called for help.

The cries of assistance were

## Conference Track Meet Planned Here

Edenton will play host on April 28 to the Albemarle Conference Track Meet, Coach Jerry McGee announced this week.

Members of the track team at John A. Holmes High School will be out to cop their sixth consecutive conference title. McGee said the first events will begin at 1 P. M., and the finals will be staged at approximately 5 P. M.

The public is invited to attend this meet at Hicks Field. Track teams from Bertie, Perquimans, Ahoskie, Gates, Plymouth, Scotland Neck and Northampton will be competing with Edenton for the conference crown.

## Deadline Nearing For New Voters To Get On Books

Registrars in Edenton's four wards are in the process of registering citizens to vote in the May 4 Municipal election. This is not a new registration, and involves only those who have not registered, or who have moved from one ward to another since the last election.

West Byrum, chairman of the Chowan Board of Elections, said today there had been no heavy registration since the books opened Friday morning.

"It is running about on par with other registrations," Byrum said.

However, he urged those citizens not registered or who have moved to make sure they are registered prior to 5 P. M., Friday. Registrars are at the various polling places each day from 9 A. M., until 5 P. M.

Byrum pointed out that no one can register on Saturday, April 24, as that has been designated as challenge day.

Those living in the following wards can register at the place designated:

First Ward: Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, registrar, new Municipal Building.

Second Ward: Mrs. Ruth Stokely, registrar, Chowan County Courthouse.

Third Ward: Mrs. Corinne Thorud, registrar, Electric and Water Plant on West Freemason Street.

Fourth Ward: Mrs. J. E. Cozens, registrar, National Guard Armory.

Byrum reported that the time the books opened last Friday there were more than 1,600 registered voters in the Town of Edenton.

Since contests have developed in most offices to be voted on it is anticipated that a big vote will be cast in this election.

## Library Friends Seeking Members

The membership list of Friends of the Library of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library continues to grow, according to an announcement made by Miss Kathryn Brown, membership chairman, but many more who are interested, she said, have failed to join to date.

Anyone who is interested in promoting the library, Miss Brown stated, is eligible to join. Dues are only \$1 for the year, and student membership only 50 cents.

Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., president of the Friends of the Library, spelled out some of the primary objectives of the Friends: (1) To create public support for an expanding library program. (2) To encourage gifts, endowments and memorials for the library. (3) To provide direct financial assistance by purchasing for the library special and unusual items which would be of great benefit but cannot be purchased from the budget. (4) To work for library legislation or appropriations. (5) To intensify community awareness and use of the library. (6) To sponsor programs to add to the cultural life of the community.

Mrs. Conger also announced a special program for the public which will be held on May 2 at 3:30 P. M. in the Penelope Barker House. David Stick of Kitty Hawk, bookstore owner and author of "Graveyards of the Atlantic," will speak. There will also be an exhibition of rare books.

Additional members added to Friends of the Library are: Mrs. John Bond, Miss Kathryn Brown, Mrs. West Byrum, Sr., Mrs. Mary J. Coffield, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., J. H. Conger, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Curran, Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Mrs. A. M. Day, Dr. A. F. Downum, Mrs. A. F. Downum, Mrs. George Hoskins, Mrs. H. C. Jackson, Jr., Dr. H. C. Jackson, Mrs. George Mack, George Mack, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Sr., Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., Mrs. Betsy Tysor, Mrs. J. W. White, Mrs. John G. Wood, Sr., Mrs. John Woolard and John Woolard.

## Jaycee Officers Installed Tonight

New officers for the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce will be installed tonight (Thursday). The installation banquet will be held at the American Legion building, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The principal speaker and installing officer will be Charles Hussey of Wilson, regional national director of the Jaycees.

## Albemarle Craftsmen Showing At Elizabeth City Fair

Corn shucks were used in making dolls and chair bottoms, pine cones were fashioned into wall plaques and table arrangements, dolls were carved from cypress knees, and beautiful articles were shaped on the potter's wheel.

Some 40 artists and craftsmen from the Albemarle counties were demonstrating various crafts at the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair being held in the National Guard armory in Elizabeth City April 21-22.

The craftsmen are working in their booths each day from 1 to 9 P. M. The annual event is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club women in the Albemarle counties and the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

From these crafts, many livelihoods have grown and developed into small industries and thus have increased the economic standards of the families as well as the area.

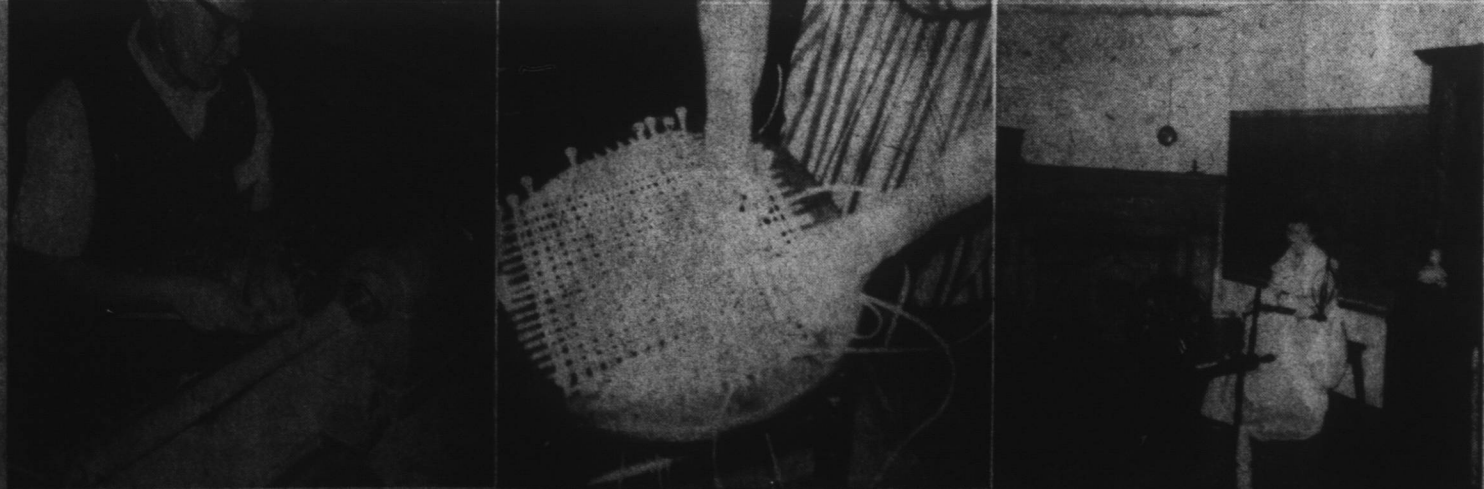
There are crafts articles to

intrigue both young and old. Crafts being demonstrated at the fair this year include chair caning, Mrs. T. J. Wood, Mrs. Graham Byrum and Miss Harriet Leary, Edenton; corn shuck dolls, Mrs. M. A. Perry, Corapeake; corn shuck chair bottoms, Mrs. Fred Castelleo, Edenton; Route 3; authentic Edenton reproductions, M. W. Kemp, Edenton; hand-made furniture, Worth Britt, Elizabeth City and Rev. Fred Drane, Edenton; hearth brooms, Mrs. Earl Jor-

dan, Tyner and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Meads, Elizabeth City; chasing and embossing aluminum, Mrs. Thomas Stevenson and Mrs. Elwood Stevenson, Elizabeth City, Route 4.

Copper tooling, Mrs. J. H. Cahoon, Virginia Beach, Va.; Christmas stockings, Mrs. Gid Staples, Shiloh; crewel embroidery, Mrs. Andrew Bailey, Elizabeth City; crocheted afghans, Mrs. Archie White, Belvidere; drawn work, Mrs. Lillian Clay-

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WITH HUMAN HANDS—The three women above illustrate the work which goes into the annual Craftsman's Fair now being held in Elizabeth City. The fair, at the National Guard Armory, will be open until 9 P. M., today (Thursday).



**GRAND CHAMPION HOG**—M. D. Baker, owner of M. D. Baker Hog Market, here looks at the grand champion individual hog at the junior livestock show with the exhibitor Paul Copeland explaining the fine points of the hog. Baker paid 36 cents per pound for the 215 pound animal.