



Town Approves Record Budget; Tax Rate Is \$1

Revenues to meet a slightly increased budget for the Town of Edenton will be sufficient to hold the tax rate at \$1 per \$100 valuation for fiscal 1965-66.

That was decided Tuesday night when town councilmen labored for four hours over a \$277,396.04 budget prepared by their finance committee.

Councilman Luther Parks, finance committee chairman, directed the councilmen through the budget, item for item, explaining recommendations by his committee.

When Mayor Pro Tem J. Edwin Bufflap moved that it be approved, the vote was unanimous on a budget which provides additional funds for "upgrading" every department in town.

Councilman C. A. Phillips, veteran finance committee member who worked with Councilmen Parks and J. D. Elliott this year, was high in his praise for the untiring efforts and dedication of Town Administrator W. B. Gardner.

"Gentlemen, we were able to continue to make progress in every department without a tax increase thanks to the closeness with which Mr. Gardner has collected taxes," the councilman said.

He added that while the estimated revenue from property tax for 1965-66 is \$7,500 less than actually collected this year Edenton has a balanced budget.

The councilmen were told by Gardner that 96 per cent of the 1964-65 levy had been collected bringing in \$105,000, a new high in property tax collections for Edenton. He added that next year the department would collect 98 per cent of the levy.

The administrative department was the only branch of the local government where salaries were not adjusted. However, the councilmen did approve funds for employment of a clerical employee in the town office. Gardner said this employee

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Chowan Seeking Food Stamp Plan

Chowan County has made formal application to the State Welfare Board to be included in the Food Stamp plan for fiscal 1965-66.

Chairman W. E. Bond said the commissioners feel this plan would greatly aid as many as 400 families in this county. Such a plan would cost the county between \$1,800 and \$2,000. Sufficient funds to cover the expenditure was placed in the new budget.

The commissioners feel the Food Stamp Plan would be of more value in Chowan than the surplus food program.

Savings And Loan Observing 60th Anniversary

Sixty years ago this week the Edenton Savings and Loan Association was born in the old Edenton armory on West Eden Street.

In checking through the old minute books, it was found that the organization meeting minutes were as follows:

Edenton Savings and Loan Association now has assets of close to four and one-half million dollars. The association has had enormous growth over the past 60 years with the major part in the last 10 years.

There have been few families in Edenton and Chowan County which have not been served by the association either with a savings account or a home loan.

The first loan was made August 28, 1905 to construct a home at 404 North Broad Street.

Over the years the association has had only five presidents, who were: J. T. Twine, 1905 to 1909; R. H. Bachman, 1909 to 1916; L. F. Ziegler, 1916 to 1927; R. H. Bachman, 1927 to 1935; F. W. Hobbs, 1935 to 1956; J. Clarence Leary, who is now president, was elected in 1956, after having served as a director since 1930.

The secretaries have been W. S. Privott, Sr., 1905 to 1911; W. J. Berryman, 1911 to 1912; F. W. Hobbs, 1912

to 1919; M. L. Wright, 1919 to 1920; R. E. Leary, 1920 to 1958; Eugene M. Ward, 1958 to 1959 and the present secretary, James M. Bond, who came to the association in 1960.

The first annual report of the association on December 31, 1905, shows assets amounting to \$6,187.50 and growth for the next 15 years gave the assets \$47,550.28 on December 31, 1920.

The business in those first years was operated either by a lawyer or insurance agent or in connection with another business and dues were collected on the serial plan stock of 12½ cents per share per week or 25 cents per share per week depending on the number of years the plan would be.

In 1920 R. E. Leary, who was an insurance agent, took over as secretary and through his efforts over the next 40 years the association grew two and one-half million in assets to a total of \$2,746,526.88 as of December 31, 1960.

Many citizens will recall that during this 40 years came the depression and it was through the capable efforts of Leary, secretary; F. W. Hobbs, president and directors such as R. P. Badham, R. C. Holland, W. S. Privott, Sr., E. C. White, M. F. Bond, Jr., O. H. Brown, H. H. Preston and F. P. Wood that the association managed to survive and help keep many Edenton people from losing their

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The Public Parade

SMOKELESS DOLLARS—Coastal Historyland is a young association dedicated to the development of attractions in a 34-county area while, at the same time, acquainting travelers with them.

This nonprofit association is concentrating on the region extending eastward from Interstate 95 and US 301 to the Atlantic Ocean beaches. Edenton plays an important role in this region because here rests fascinating historical attractions.

Tourists spend millions of dollars annually in this region. They come, they look, they buy, they eat, and they sleep. Some are so favorably impressed they move to this community; some in retirement, others before.

Coastal Historyland patrons are doing a fine job in promoting our area. Are we doing our share to give the tourists they route our way their money's worth? And are we getting our share of the tourist dollar?

Neither of these questions can honestly be answered in the affirmative.

While we have a great potential, we haven't cultivated it to our greatest advantage. Sure, the Woman's Club has a tour of homes and historic places every two years. This brings in a number of people and if you don't think they leave a few dollars here and there, just ask around.

It has been calculated by a well-known economist that two dozen tourists a day are worth as much as an industry with a \$150,000 annual payroll.

While we actively solicit new industry and know of its contribution to our economy, we are asleep at the switch with regards to tourism.

What are they doing in other places within Coastal Historyland? We were told last week when "Operation Latch-String" brought ap-

proximately 30 people from the Wilmington area in this community.

The tour was for winners of a program sponsored by the travel industries serving the five-county area of New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Pender and Duplin.

Some years ago those active in the travel industry realized the need for a better informed citizenry for dealing with the traveling public. W. K. Dorsey of the Cape Fear Technical Institute started a program which has grown to the extent that 16,000 people were enrolled this year.

Through the program people in the travel industry attempted to find out who could learn the most about attractions in the Wilmington area. The program reached such proportions that television, radio and newspapers were used to carry out the two-week course.

Participants came from banks, service stations, motels, restaurants, fishing piers and several other similar travel industries.

Because of this type program when you ask someone in the Wilmington area what there is to do you don't get a blank expression.

No, we don't have a USS North Carolina; a Tryon Palace; The Lost Colony, etc. We have more than all this put together if we would just cultivate it.

The Hall of Fame shrine will do much to put us in competition for the tourist dollar. Some of the ground-work for this could be done with a well informed lady in colonial dress at a tourist information center at the Chamber of Commerce, Barker House or other suitable location.

We won't be "selling our heritage"; just sharing it with others less fortunate than we are. Then the

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99 Negro Students Pose Big Problem For County

City Abrogates Pact To Allow For Assignment

With just two months remaining before the opening of Chowan County schools, 99 Negro high school students find they have no school to attend.

And the Chowan County Board of Education, for the first time in history, is faced with the possibility of having to establish a second high school in their administrative district.

This is the result of action taken by Edenton City Board of Education in order to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In order to get their plan approved, Supt. Hiram Mayo stated it had to be amended to forbid students from outside the Edenton school boundaries to be transported to local schools.

While both white and Negro students from the Chowan district now attend Edenton schools, only Negro students are being transported to D. F. Walker High School.

It has been the policy of the Chowan board to release all graduating eighth graders at White Oak Elementary School to the Edenton board. Therefore, the county has never before been faced with the job of educating Negro high school students.

Recently all students in Edenton and Chowan County were given a "freedom of choice" of the school they desired to attend next year. Those who had been attending Edenton schools—63 in the top three grades—asked to be reassigned to D. F. Walker High School. Thirty-one of the 32 students completing the eighth grade at White Oak also asked to be transferred to the Walker school.

The one student requesting transfer to Chowan High School has already been assigned to the previously all-white school. However, the 31 rising ninth graders cannot attend Edenton schools unless they move within the boundaries

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HOME FROM LEGISLATURE—Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt Jr., of Chowan, pauses at the door of his Edenton office after completing his first term in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Rep. Earnhardt Stops To Review Legislature

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., has hailed the 1965 General Assembly as a "working legislature that passed a lot of laws that have been needed and in preparation for many years."

Rep. Earnhardt, Chowan's freshman member of the legislature, also praised the able leadership of Lt. Bob Scott, House Speaker Pat Taylor and Sen. Robert Morgan.

"We were able to appropriate the largest amount of money that has ever been appropriated by a General Assembly and yet not raise taxes," the Edenton attorney said. However, he did express disappointment over the legislature not giving the people some tax relief.

He defended his support of the exemption bill and said it is very likely there won't be any money in 1967 as the governor will have a new program.

The representative was high in praise of the program and leadership of Gov. Dan K. Moore. He said only once during the entire session did Gov. Moore ask him to support a particular measure—that being the highway inspection law.

"This legislature just didn't have any pressure to carry out the governor's program," he said. "Joe Branch—the governor's legislative trouble-shooter—never asked me how I was going to vote, only how I stood on an issue. He did a very effective job."

Police Enforce Traffic Pattern

Police Chief James H. Griffin advised motorists this week that they will not be allowed to make a "U" turn at the intersection of South Broad and Water Streets on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Chief Griffin said the system was tested last week and resulted in the even flow of traffic throughout the downtown area.

He asked motorists to cooperate with the Police Department by turning either right or left off Broad Street onto Water Street.

Atlantic Credit Will Open Here

Alton R. Clark will manage the Atlantic Credit Company consumer loan office opening in Edenton around July 1. They will be located at 318 South Broad Street next to the bus station.

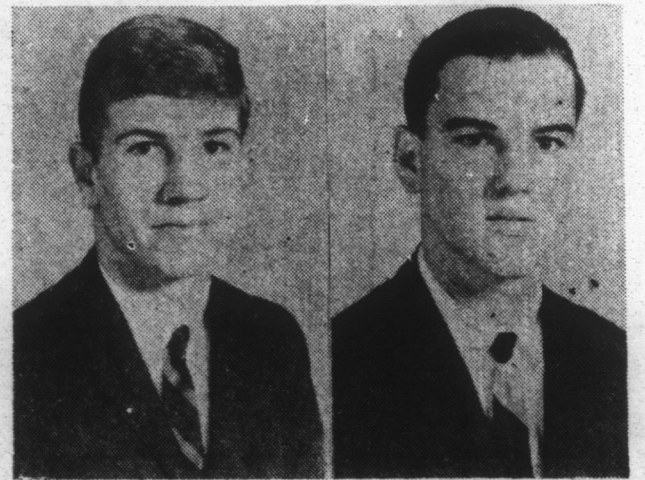
Clark, a native of Pitt County, has had several years experience in the consumer finance field. He will take over his duties as manager of the local Atlantic Credit office during the latter part of June. His wife, the former Gail Garris of Falkland and presently employed as head bookkeeper at the State Bank and Trust Company in Greenville, will move to Edenton in the early fall.

Atlantic Credit Company of Edenton, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Atlantic Discount Corporation, will make personal loans to individuals up to \$600. The office will operate under the North Carolina Consumer Finance Act of 1961 and will be supervised by the State Banking Department.

Atlantic Discount Corporation, the parent company, has been in operation in Eastern North Carolina since 1925 and is one of the leading independent automobile finance companies in the state. With its home office in Elizabeth City, Atlantic Discount has 15 branches and subsidiaries operating in this area.

Five Area Students At Boys' State

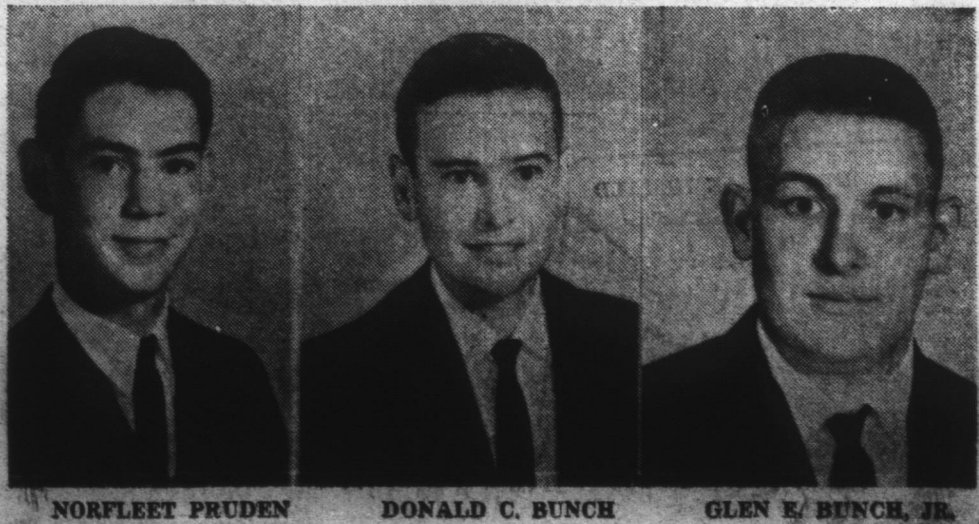
Five area students are in high school students on the campus of Wake Forest College were: Charles Swanner, Jr., 217 East Queen Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swanner, Sr.; Norfleet Pruden, 103 East Water Street, son of Mrs. Helen Pruden; James D. Elliott, Jr., 109 West Queen Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott; Glen Eugene Bunch, Jr., Rt. 1, Edenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Bunch; and Donald Carroll Bunch of Tyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jennings Bunch.



JAMES D. ELLIOTT, JR. CHARLES SWANNER, JR.

Roy E. Leary is chairman of the Boys' State committee of Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, sponsors of the local students.

The American Legion sponsors this program aimed at teaching high school students the workings of government. During their week at Wake Forest they will be divided into two political parties—Federalists and Nationalists. They will elect their own governor and other officials.



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