

# State Board Of Education Gets Request For Survey Of Needs, Hiring Of Mayo

The State Board of Education today (Thursday) is expected to approve two items which are considered to help bring about a merger of the two school administrative units in Chowan County.

Before the state board meeting in Raleigh, is a request that City Supt. Hiram J. Mayo be allowed to serve also as superintendent of Chowan County schools. Also, the board is being requested to send a survey team into this county to make recommendations on future school construction.

These two requests were made jointly by the city and county school boards.

Trustees of Edenton City schools have already granted Supt. Mayo permission to take on the added duties and he has been employed by the county board, subject to approval of the state body.

The vacancy in the county superintendent's office came about early in December when Supt. C. C. Walters resigned to accept a similar post in Perquimans County.

Chowan County Board of Education had requested a

merger of the two administrative units and the two boards were working on conditions for this when the superintendent resigned. Within a week the boards had reached agreement and a condition — although not written into the plan — was that a state survey team make a study immediately.

At the county board meeting Monday night it was reported that Dr. Charles Carroll, state superintendent, "seems real pleased with the turn of events in Chowan County."

Supt. Mayo, who attended

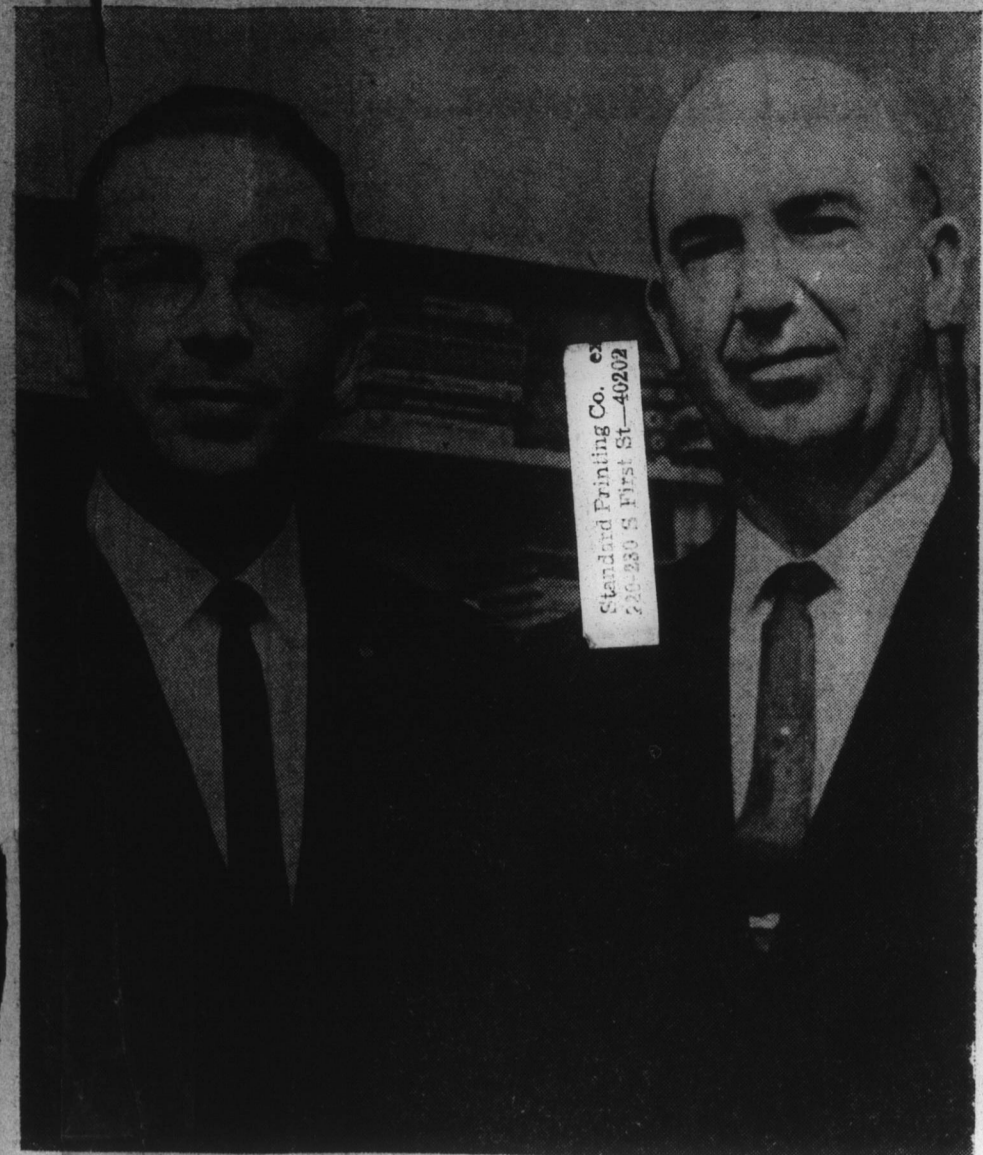
the meeting, said it is the only time to his knowledge in the state where "this much progress has been made in such a short period of time." He told the board he looked forward to working with them in providing a better education for the children of Chowan County.

N. J. George, one of the prime movers in the merger discussions, said the county could get more educational facilities for "our children working in harmony than any other way." He added that it is up to the 11 mem-

bers of the two boards to sell this merger to the more than 4,000 voters in Chowan County.

Dr. A. F. Downum said he favored paying Supt. Mayo the same county supplement which had been going to Supt. Walters. After some discussion it was decided to pay the new superintendent the \$63.29 per month for the remainder of the year.

O. C. Long, Jr., was re-elected chairman of the county board during the re-organization of the body. Downum was named vice chairman.



**SCHOOL OFFICIALS** — Supt. C. C. Walters, right, will leave his school post in Chowan County Monday to become head of the Perquimans County school system. With him here is City Supt. Hiram J. Mayo who has been employed to take on the added duties of head of the Chowan County system.

## The Public Parade

**PROJECT TAKES NAP**—While our Hall of Fame project is taking a nap other attractions in Tar Heelia are kicking up their heels. The latest to come into full bloom is the Salem Drama group in Winston-Salem.

Old Salem is becoming a real tourist attraction, second only to Williamsburg and Tryon Palace in this locality. But, the only thing it, or the others have, that is not available in Edenton is a sugar daddy.

Like in Williamsburg, those supporting Old Salem have restored, restored and restored. This is due to hindsight. In Edenton the historic homes and other sites have been preserved by people who have a real romance with their possessions and the history back of them.

Old Salem just wasn't anything until some Twin Citizens realized the potential and shook the money trees inhabited by members of the Hanes, Reynolds, Babcock and other clans.

While Old Salem, with its artificial authenticity, gives the tourist something, the supporters will soon offer an outdoor drama. It will portray the founding of Salem in 1765. Edenton already had gray hair when that babe was born.

But back to the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the American Revolution. This was a brain child of Jim Robinson, former Chamber of Commerce official. It moved right along, even up through the feasibility survey stage, only to strike a snag when the site chosen was under lease to a firm that had contributed nothing but confusion and grief to the Town of Edenton.

The Hall of Fame directors can do nothing until a site is in hand. Then they can get the funds campaign into gear.

Edenton officials have taken steps to reclaim the property needed for this project and other worthwhile undertakings. They have found themselves under court order to hold off, pending a hearing which didn't come out because court adjourned before the case came up.

While behind the scenes maneuvering is going on here valuable time is being lost and other areas are moving ahead. Their projects will be better known, therefore, will draw some of the people who normally would be coming our way.

The Hall of Fame project, while sidetracked by the property situation, is still very much alive. It is not a pipe dream and will become reality, if the wheels soon can begin to turn again. It is a good idea—even if the man in Winston-Salem said he wouldn't support it because no outsiders had helped Old Salem. The truth is, Old Salem didn't need outside financial assistance and neither would the Hall of Fame if Chowan County had a corner on the money market.

We would like to see some immediate action on the Hall

of Fame. Jim Robinson is back in Edenton and is a natural for the project's director. He knows more about the project than anyone else and can set the plow in the right row.

Enough valuable time has been lost. The project will suffer greatly if delayed much longer.

**HERRING RUNNING**—The pickled herring will be a feature attraction Saturday morning at Edenton Methodist Church. The monthly breakfast is a week behind schedule in January due to New Year's day.

George Lewis promises a real breakfast for \$1. So, local herring enthusiasts are asked to run by the church between 7 A. M. and 9 A. M. The Methodist Men will be glad you did.

**NOT JUST MODERN**—"Modern" seems to be the word of the age. There is modern this, modern that. Attempts on every front to modernize man to fit into the picture.

Over at Rocky Mount, W. V. Shaw didn't let his Peoples Bank & Trust Company get completely modern. They like to call their new, four-story structure "contemporary-modern."

Whatever label you care to place on it will probably fit. Because, it is just about the nicest conglomeration of brick, sculptured pre-cast aggregate concrete panels, porcelain enamel fascia, granite facing on columns and pool, aluminum, glass and gold carpet we have seen.

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## March Of Dimes Drive Underway

An all-out campaign against the national tragedy of birth defects opens this week in Edenton and Chowan County, according to Sherwood Harrell, chairman of the 1966 March of Dimes campaign.

Harrell reports that the event is again being sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees and a goal of \$2,500 has been set.

Harrell says a number of committees have been set up to work on numerous projects throughout the month. The committees will be calling on a lot of people to assist in making this successful campaign. Harrell says that he hopes the people in Chowan County realize the importance of this drive and continue to support it as they have in the past.

Boy Scouts will sell peanuts downtown Saturday morning for the March of Dimes beginning around 9 o'clock, according to Paul Twiddy. Twiddy urges everyone to purchase some peanuts and support the drive.

Harrell reports that he is delighted to have the cooperation of the Scouts for this important cause. The peanut sale will be one of the first events for the 1966 drive this month.

The crutch sale, life line, Mothers' March and other special events will be held later in the month, according to Harrell.

Harrell reports that birth defects afflict 250,000 babies born in the United States each year—700 a day—one every other minute. Harrell says this is why he is working

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## James M. Bond Begins Duties At Post Office

At 1 P. M. Thursday James M. Bond became acting postmaster in Edenton.

Bond replaces Postmaster J. L. Chestnut who retired after several years as head of the U. S. Post Office here.

The acting postmaster was appointed by Senator Sam J. Ervin following a recommendation from the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee. He took the oath administered by Charles Hubbard of Raleigh, postal inspector.

Bond, for the past five years, was executive vice president of Edenton Savings and Loan Association.

At the same time W. P. Goodwin, veteran postal employee, was promoted to assistant postmaster. He replaces Oscar Duncan, who also retired.

Too, the post office here got a permanent employee and two substitutes. Larry Knox was made permanent while John Pavlich and George Alvin Bunch joined the staff as substitutes.

The local post office now has 18 employees.

## License Tag Sales Brisk

FT-9501 was the first 1966 auto license plate sold in Chowan County.

Mrs. Goldie Niblett, local agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles, said the first plate was purchased by Albert J. Martin of Elon College just after she opened for business Monday morning.

Mrs. Niblett said sales had been brisk the first of the week and she encourages local owners of vehicles to purchase their plates early to avoid the last minute rush.

At the same time, Mrs. Niblett said vehicle owners could speed up the process of obtaining 1966 plates by making sure insurance information has been entered on the back of the registration card. Information concerning liability insurance is required before a plate can be issued.

Residents of the Town of Edenton are required to purchase a town license plate. These plates are on sale at the Municipal Building, just across from Edenton Office Supply. The cost is \$1.00.

## Damage Heavy In Accident

Two persons were slightly injured Friday and property damage was estimated at \$3,000 following an accident at Bridge-Turn Esso.

Edenton Police Department records show William Edward Spruill, Jr., was driving a 1958 Ford truck that struck a 1965 Dodge half-ton vehicle that was parked on the station's grease rack. The Ford truck's brakes failed.

H. P. Dail, Route 2, Tyner, was in the pickup truck and was slightly injured as was eight-year-old Richard Dail.

Damage to the Dodge truck was set at \$1,000 while the estimated damage to the station was placed at \$2,000.



**JAMES C. DAIL Firm Promotes James C. Dail**

James C. Dail has been promoted to secretary-treasurer and managing officer of Edenton Savings & Loan Association.

Dail was elevated to the post following the resignation of James M. Bond as executive vice president to become acting postmaster here.

The new managing officer has been with the association for the past four years. He was serving as assistant secretary at the time Bond resigned. Lois B. White will continue as assistant treasurer.

J. Clarence Leary is president of the association and A. G. Byrum is vice president. R. E. Leary is board chairman.

Dail, 31, has been active in all phases of this community for several years. He was named winner of the Distinguished Service Award presented by Edenton Jaycees in 1964. He is a past president of the organization and was nominated by his fellow club members as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.

He is married and the father of three children. The Dails are Baptists.

## Auxiliary Gives Items To Hospital After Meeting

Chowan Hospital will receive several pieces of new equipment as a gift from the Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Robert Boyce, president, said the auxiliary will purchase bedside lamps at a cost of about \$280 for use in the hospital, a whirlpool bath costing about \$200 for the convalescent home and a manicure set.

These items were taken from a list of recommended needs presented the group by W. P. (Spec) Jones, hospital administrator.

During the meeting Monday at the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, plans were made for the annual membership drive, with Mrs. C. T. Dixon, Jr., as chairman. The drive is held annually during the month of January.

Mrs. Joe Thorud outlined finance plans for the year and Mrs. Thomas Ward announced that flowers will be placed in the hospital at all times during the year.

A call was issued from Mrs. George Alma Byrum for volunteers to meet twice monthly at the convalescent home to do hospital sewing. Small pillows and plastic bibs will also be made under the supervision of Mrs. L. A. Patterson and Mrs. Thomas Chears.

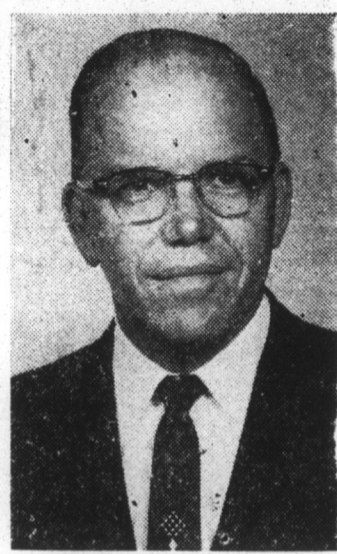
Mrs. Boyce presided at the meeting and Mrs. Tom Shepard, treasurer, gave a report on auxiliary finances. Mrs. Lynn Bond was welcomed as a new member.

## Post Is Taken

Miss Miriam Frances Taylor of Como has been employed as an elementary school art teacher with Edenton City Schools.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said Miss Taylor will replace Garth Ferguson, who resigned December 17.

Miss Taylor is a graduate of East Carolina College and this is her first teaching duties. She will teach art in Edenton Elementary School and the elementary grades at D. F. Walker School.



**REV. T. W. ALLRED Allred Accepts Cabarrus Post**

Rev. Thurman W. Allred leaves Rocky Hock Baptist Church on January 31 to become associational missionary for the Cabarrus Baptist Association. The Allreds will live in Concord.

Mr. Allred, who has been pastor at Rocky Hock for more than six years, will be doing promotional work and supply preaching in his new job. There are 62 churches in the association and they have a combined membership of more than 15,000.

The popular local minister said the new job will be a new field of Christian ministry for him and offered him a great challenge. He said his years in Chowan County had been most enjoyable and the people in the community had been so kind it made leaving quite difficult.

He became interested in associational work while serving for four years as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Mr. Allred came to Rocky Hock, one of North Carolina's largest rural Baptist churches, in November, 1959, from New London. Prior to that pastorate he was in Franklin County.

The minister was in business for 17 years and rose to the position of junior

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## Officials Urge Careful Study Of Medicare Plan

The much discussed Medicare plan is causing some confusion among our senior citizens.

Because of this, local hospital officials and medical association leaders have moved to clear the air.

Although an increase in employee and employer contributions to Social Security went into effect on January 1, the Medicare plan does not begin until July 1.

In a statement issued this week, W. P. (Spec) Jones, Chowan Hospital administrator, Dr. L. P. Williams, Jr., president of the Chowan Medical Society; and Dr. Richard Hardin, hospital chief of staff, urged everyone to keep their present health-care coverage until July 1.

The officials also point out that Medicare benefits will come in two parts—one which is automatic and the other which requires individual financial participation.

Part A of the Medicare program — basic hospital benefits — is automatic and requires no premium payment by the individual. This part provides inpatient and outpatient hospital services as well as post-hospital extended care and home health services.

However, Part B is a voluntary program of medical benefits covering such items as physician's services, home health services, as well as many other areas of care and services. The individual is required to pay \$3 per month to the government for protection under Part B.

There are many other provisions in the Medicare plan which local officials said would be discussed later.

"We will pass all available information on to the public as soon as we receive it," Jones stated.

## Aces Unbeaten In Conference

The Edenton Aces gained undisputed possession of first place in the 2-A Albemarle cage race Tuesday night with a 66-41 win over Williamston.

Coach Jim Kinion sends his cage squad back onto the hardwood Friday night at John A. Holmes High School gymnasium here against Scotland Neck. This will be an important contest for the Aces who are undefeated in conference play.

Junior Wes Chesson led Edenton in the Tuesday night victory as he garnered 22 points. He was followed in the scoring column by co-captain Dwight Flanagan who had 14.

## Masons Install Officers Tonight

Officers for the year 1966 will be installed, at a stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

This will be an open installation ceremony, to which relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served in the dining room.

Carroll Boyce, retiring master of the lodge, urges a large attendance.



**AUXILIARY SEEKS MEMBERS** — Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., right, makes a contribution to the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary as Mrs. C. T. Dixon, Jr., membership chairman, gets the annual January drive underway. The auxiliary this week approved the purchase of items needed at the hospital and convalescent home.

**MERRILL J. EVANS, JR.**

Evans, a native of Ahoskie, has been practicing law in Elizabeth City since August, 1964.

Prior to moving to Elizabeth City, Evans was a credit officer with Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in Winston-Salem.

Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill J. Evans, Sr., of Ahoskie, attended Ahoskie schools and is a graduate of Oak Ridge Military Institute. He received his AB degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson in 1959.

The attorney later entered Wake Forest Law School, graduating in 1962. At that time he went with Wachovia.

Evans was active in Young Democratic Clubs in Winston-Salem and Pasquotank County. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi, professional legal fraternity, the N. C. Bar Association and American Trial Lawyers Association. He has been admitted to practice law in federal court.

A Baptist, Evans is married to the former Letitia Blount of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Evans is a child welfare worker in Camden County.