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**CORN CHAMPION HONORED** — Rodney Jordan, center, North Carolina's champion corn grower for the past two years, was honored Tuesday night at Edenton Restaurant. Shown presenting him with a handsome plaque is A. D. Stewart of N. C. State University. Looking on are Harry Venters, right, Chowan County extension agent; and Robert K. Wichmann of Rocky Mount, district sales manager for Pioneer Corn Company. Jordan, of Tyner, had a yield of 186.63 bushels per acre.

## Planning Board Members Named; Lease Discussed

Five members were appointed Tuesday night to a newly organized Planning Board for the Town of Edenton.

At the same time, town councilmen agreed to renegotiate the lease with United States Lumber Company for certain portions of the old base property.

Named by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., to the planning board were: E. L. Hallowell, first ward; Charles Swanner, second ward; Bill Cozart, third ward; Larry Dowd, fourth ward, and Jack Douglas, at-large member.

Mayor Mitchener also appointed Mrs. Edward Bond and Thurston Stallin's members of the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

While the town has sought to cancel the five-year-old lease with U. S. Lumber Company because of the firm's failure to comply with certain portions of it, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said verbal agreement has been reached on a renegotiation which would be in the best interest of the town.

Gardner told the councilmen the firm had agreed to release prime areas desired for industrial development.

He said if the lease was not re-negotiated the matter might be in the courts for some time. Thereby, hindering any industrial development in the area.

The lumber company has agreed that if they are not operating, or have a tenant operating, on the property by March, 1968, they will turn the property back to the town.

Also to be released is the hanger at the Municipal Airport, which will allow Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission to go ahead with plans to activate the facility.

## TV To Feature Choral Society

The Albemarle Choral Society, to perform March 19 in Edenton with the N. C. Little Symphony, will be featured on WNCN-TV in Greenville March 15.

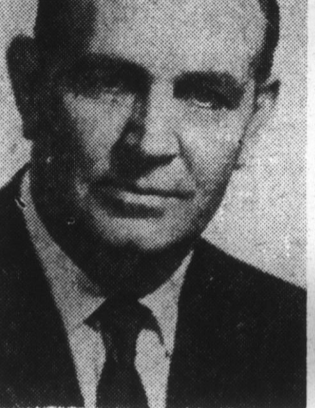
Dr. Clifford Bair of the College of the Albemarle, will direct the choral group for the 8 A. M. to 8:35 A. M. program. Several people from Edenton will be on the program.

## 4 Candidates Announce Plans; Rep. Earnhardt Declines To Run

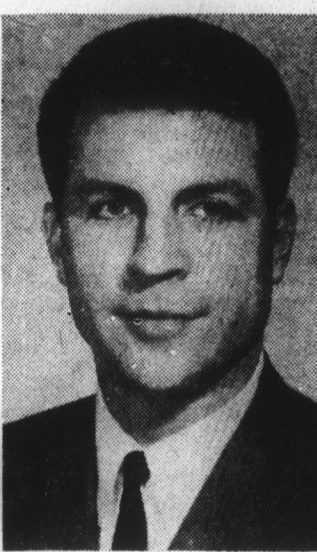
Albemarle area politics began to pick up steam this week with candidates announcing for the State Senate, House of Representatives and district solicitor.

At the same time, incumbent Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan, released a statement saying he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Camden Representative George M. Wood announced today that he will seek election as senator from the



WALTER B. JONES After Full Term



W. J. P. EARNHARDT, JR. Declines House Race



GEORGE M. WOOD Running For Senate

First Senatorial District in the May 28 Democratic primary.

Robert O. Givens of Elizabeth City said earlier he would run for one of the two seats in the House of Representatives from the

new district composed of six Northeast North Carolina counties.

Also an announced candidate is incumbent Rep. Milburn E. Sawyer of Currituck.

Last week Senator J. J. Harrington of Lewiston said he would run for one of the two seats in the First Senatorial District. Senator Emmett Winslow of Perquimans has given on hint of his

## BULLETIN

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District of North Carolina today (Thursday) paid his filing fee to the State Board of Elections. This is for the regular term beginning in January, 1967.

Rep. Jones stated that the filing fee of \$300 had been supplied by supporters in Winterville and the nearby area.

future political plans. In a statement released today, Rep. Earnhardt said: "I wish to announce that I shall not be a candidate for a seat in the 1967 General Assembly.

This decision is based solely on my inability to reconcile the demands of a growing law practice with the enlarged responsibilities that must be assumed by those who undertake to represent the six counties of our Albemarle area.

"I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to those who have expressed an interest in my candidacy."

Wood, 39, is a farmer and grain dealer and represented Camden County in the 1963 and 1965 sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly.

"I feel that my legislative experience during the past two regular sessions and three special sessions of the General Assembly along with my background in agriculture and business qualify me to represent the wide diversity of interests and enterprises of our people effectively throughout this district," Wood said.

As vice president of F. P. Wood & Son, Wood operates grain elevators in Camden and Elizabeth City and runs an extensive farming operation.

As a freshman representative in 1963 Wood was successful with state wide legislation increasing the requirements for chauffeur's licenses on smaller trucks from 20,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds.

In 1965 Wood led the successful fight to retain the identity of North Carolina State University and was also a leader in the unsuccessful attempt to increase the House seat membership for small counties during the recent court ordered reapportionment session.

During the 1965 assembly

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## Little Theater Meeting Is Set

Edenton Little Theater will have a membership meeting March 22, according to West W. Byrum, president.

Byrum said the meeting will be held at 8 P. M., in the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

During the meeting the members will review plans for future productions, hear a financial report and elect new officers.

## Superior Court Jurors Chosen

Chowan County Superior Court will convene here at 10 A. M., on March 28, according to Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk of court.

Mrs. Leary said Judge Howard H. Hubbard of Clinton will preside over the term during which both civil and criminal matters will be heard.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the docket. This is the first time Solicitor Small has been in Superior Court here since being appointed to his post.

Chowan County commissioners Monday drew the names of 45 local citizens for possible jury duty. Nine of the men will be drawn for a 12-month term on the grand jury.

Those chosen for jury duty were:

**First Township**  
James Edward Palmer, Hoskins Goodwin, Thomas Leary, Charlie Norman Sutton, David K. Goodwin, Livingston J. White, Jr., Henry F. Layden, Brice Everett Ashley, Thomas Shelton Harris, and M. T. Barrington.

Also, Lester J. Jackson, Harry C. Morgan, Henry Bradley Hoff, J. W. Crabtree, Willie Percy White, Murriel G. Byrum, Reginald Granby, Gilbert H. Johnson and James Bond.

**Second Township**  
Lloyd Evans, K. J. Cope-land, A. L. Boyce, Clarence Holley and Rodney Bunch.

**Third Township**  
James Baker and Ivan T. Bunch.

**Fourth Township**  
Stanton T. Harrell, George C. Wood and Andrew Littlejohn.

## Sculpture Class Scheduled Here

Beginning sculpture classes will start here March 17 with a meeting in the Art Studio over Edenton Savings & Loan Association at 8 P. M.

Miss Mitiam Taylor, elementary school art supervisor will be instructor for the course being sponsored by Chowan Art Council.

Miss Taylor is a graduate of East Carolina College, Greenville, and had a double art major. Her major studio area was sculpture.

## The Public Parade

**KICKING HIGH** — Business is good in Edenton. There must be a reason!

Figures just released by the State of North Carolina place 1965 gross retail sales in Chowan County at \$15,191,282. This is an increase of not quite \$3 million over 1964.

A report last week showed payrolls in this county have increased 33.2 per cent since 1959 to a high of \$4,728,000.

And to add to the good news, Charlie Overman, extension chairman, figures 1965 gross agricultural income at \$7,386,584. This is an increase of more than \$2 million in four years.

These are cold hard figures. On every front they indicate a healthy business, industrial, agricultural climate abounds in Edenton and Chowan County.

And not to be overlooked is the fact that this is the best place in the world to live.

While things have never been better hereabouts, city

## Stamp Program Gains Support

Families in Chowan County participating in the food stamp program received \$7,714 in bonus coupons during the month of February.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director, said 189 families paid \$5,108 and received total stamps valued at \$12,822. She said the department has certified 207 families for food stamps.

The local welfare department handled 527 cases during the month, including the food stamp certifications. There were 258 cases receiving financial assistance and 62 service cases.

Mrs. McMullan reported 120 receiving old age assistance. They shared \$5,750 for an average grant of \$16.37, or a total payment of \$3,896.

Aid to the permanently and totally disabled was paid to 52 people. They shared \$23,597, or an average of \$49.94.

The 10 aid to the blind cases totaled \$347 or \$34.70 each.

General assistance was given three at a cost of \$23.71.

Twelve persons were hospitalized in Chowan County at a cost of \$1,010.93. The county paid \$570 with the remainder coming from joint funds.

Two persons were hospitalized outside the county at a cost of \$12.60.

The department certified 54 for medicine with joint funds paying \$904.

Two out-patient services were authorized with the county paying \$4 and \$11.77 coming from joint funds.

and county officials are at work to see that the little boom continues in the right direction.

On Tuesday night town councilmen took steps to renegotiate a lease with U. S. Lumber Company. This will allow prime industrial sites to revert to the town.

The original plans of U. S. Lumber Company didn't jell. They are, however, very much interested in Edenton and hope to interest a big firm in locating on the property they retain.

Regardless of who does the negotiating with a prospect, jobs produced are the attractive end result. Then the cycle of better business, etc. begins.

Edenton merchants are playing an increasing role in higher gross sales. They are well aware that modern transportation puts bigger towns and a wider choice of merchandise closer to Edentonians. Therefore, they are providing, right here at home, better selections from which shoppers can choose.

Parking is a problem in most every town. This situation is being given priority by the town council and additional off-street lots are being designed. Everyone is working toward a common goal: Make Edenton a pleasant place to shop.

There are many many other reasons why business is good in Edenton, but we think you get the point.

Now where is that fellow who just a few months ago come forth with a little gem about Edenton being dead?

**DEGREE OF DANGER**—Anti-race fans go to great lengths to point out the danger of such events as the Indianapolis 500.

Obviously they never were confronted with a bicycle on the sidewalk along Broad Street.

**HIGHER CENSORSHIP**—University of North Carolina partisans, who fear the board of trustees may adopt visiting speaker regulations "which constitute censorship," forget perhaps the most important aspect.

That is that there is such a thing as censorship by the people which, while infrequent, can be more direct, more damaging than anything the board of trustees is likely to do.

In fact, that was what motivated Gov. Dan Moore to take a direct hand in preventing communist speakers on the campus until the board of trustees had adopted visiting speaker regulations.

Governor Moore and many others, who have the real welfare of the University of North Carolina at heart, are apprehensive lest the administration permit a few beatniks, such as are attracted to every campus, to cast the university in an unfavorable

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## Varied Program Set For Mar. 19

The North Carolina Little Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will present a concert in Edenton on Saturday, March 19, at 8:15 P. M., in the Elementary School auditorium.

Appearing with the orchestra in a performance of selections from the Mozart Requiem will be the Albemarle Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Clifford Bair.

The Little Symphony's appearance here is under the sponsorship of Chowan Arts Council and admission to the concert is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

A varied and interesting program is in store for Saturday night's audience. The first portion of the evening's concert will include Mozart's Overture to the opera The Marriage of Figaro, Haydn's "Symphony in D Major" (No. 31, the "Horn Signal"), "Liebesleid" by Kreisler, and Lanner's "Schonbrunner Waltz".

Following intermission the Albemarle Choral Society will join the Little Sym-

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**PUT JUDGE IN RACE** — Chowan Recorder's Court Judge William S. Privott, second from left, and Mrs. Privott, are shown here with a group of supporters who contributed to paying his filing fee for a district judgeship race. Making the presentation is J. Gilliam Wood. Pictured left to right are: W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Judge Privott, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Mrs. Privott, Thomas Cheers, Jr., Wood, Warren Twiddy, George Twiddy and Merrill Evans. Judge Privott is seeking one of two district bench seats in the First Judicial District.

## Chowan Commissioners To Appoint New Planning Board

Chowan County commissioners will name a planning board March 21 to work on a sub-division ordinance aimed at guaranteeing orderly development in the county.

Chairman W. E. Bond told commissioners Monday he has received sample ordinances from various counties in the state and acting county attorney W. S. Privott is studying them.

"I think with a good planning board working with the county attorney we can get a workable ordinance without costly outside assistance," Chairman Bond said.

Commissioners were asked

to give some thought to possible board members and be ready to name them at a special meeting March 21.

Benbury Wood and Curtis Forehand were recommended for appointment to the Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission.

The action was taken after a letter was read from Dr. Richard Hardin, commission chairman, stating progress was being made on activation of the facility. He recommended two additional members from the county and two from the Town of Edenton.

In his letter, Dr. Hardin

said progress was being made on getting lights on a runway and the selection of a fixed base operator. He said his group does not anticipate the need for funds from the city or county in the near future.

The commission was organized with Dr. Hardin, W. P. Jones and James Gardner as members.

Robert Moore, local chamber of commerce executive, appeared and asked the commissioners to give some thought to extending utilities to future industrial sites. He said many of the industrial prospects now active in the

area want the facilities but want to locate in the county rather than in Edenton.

No action was taken on the request.

The commissioners will meet March 21 with district highway officials to determine secondary road priorities. The board approved petitions Monday to add the Morgan Park roads to the state highway system and a request for surfacing of Coke Avenue, near Old Hertford Road.

Golden Frinks, local representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, asked the board to

speak out against a forthcoming meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Chowan County. He said this community has enjoyed good race relations for some time and he would hate to see anything happen to change the course of local progress.

Chairman Bond said he did not approve of the Klan and does not favor them holding a meeting here or anywhere.

In discussing the matter with Sheriff Earl Goodwin, the board was told no trouble is anticipated.

A report from Fire Chief W. J. Yates showed three

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