



Wins State Award

Veneer Company Cited

Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., was named outstanding employer with less than 200 workers by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. E. L. Hollowell, president, received a handsomely engraved plaque Wednesday from Gov. Dan K. Moore.

In a simple but impressive ceremony in the old House chambers of the State Capitol, Gov. Moore presented awards to individuals and firms which were cited



GETS STATE RECOGNITION — Gov. Dan K. Moore, right, poses with E. L. Hollowell, president of Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., following an awards ceremony in Raleigh last week. The local manufacturing plant was given a state award for employment of the handicapped.

for their work with the handicapped during 1965.

Gov. Moore recognized the outstanding job employers in North Carolina is doing in the field of employment of handicapped persons.

"But this is your day, not mine," the governor stated as he stood before his audience. "Thank you for sharing it with me."

Mrs. Emily Draughn of Surry County was named Outstanding Handicap of the year. The outstanding physician award went to Dr. Walter S. Hunt of Raleigh. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem won the award for employers with more than 200 workers.

Essay winners were also recognized and presented certificates as well as cash awards.

Gov. and Mrs. Moore entertained the award winners at a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion following the ceremony.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., R. E. Check and L. F. Amburn, Jr., attended the awards ceremony along with Mrs. Hollowell and James Darnell, a Chowan Veneer company official.

Chowan County Highway Funds Programmed

Secondary road improvements in Chowan County for 1966-67 will cost \$130,232.23 with a portion of the money coming from the \$300-million road bond fund.

County commissioners Monday programmed \$53,800 of the \$110,850 bond money and \$73,100 in regular secondary road funds.

Meeting with Highway Commissioner Don Matthews of Hamilton and district road officials, the commissioners programmed the following work:

From Bond Money
Greenfield Road — To be widened, shoulders fixed, and paved.

Green Road — To be paved.

(The cost of these two projects will use the \$53,800 now allowed for programming from bond funds. The remaining \$57,050 will remain unallocated and is not expected to be used for two years. The actual cost of work on the two roads is \$105,300 but regular secondary road funds have previously been earmarked for them.)

From Regular Funds

Rider's Road — .3 mile; \$5,100 cost.

Griffin Road — 1.2 mile; \$20,400 cost.

Wingfield Road—2.8 mile; \$47,600 cost.

These three roads are to be graded, ditched and stabilized.

The commissioners did not program the remaining \$3,332.23 in secondary road funds.

D. M. Patrick of Ahoskie, district engineer, told commissioners \$2,000 had been taken from available secondary road money to establish a work order fund. He said this could expedite work on the secondary road program by as much as 90 days.

Chairman W. E. Bond presided at the meeting which was attended by the following commissioners: J. Clarence Leary, Dallas Jethro, Jr., C. H. Hollowell and Carey Evans.

Elections Board Members Named

Chowan County Board of Elections has been appointed by the State Elections Board, it was announced recently in Raleigh.

West W. Byrum, chairman, and E. L. Hollowell are Democrats who were re-named to the board. J. L. Chestnutt, retired Edenton postmaster, is the GOP member chosen to serve. He replaces Robert Smith, who has been unable to serve recently because of his health.

DEAN'S LIST

Linda Basnight, a freshman at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis W. Basnight.



GOOD NEIGHBOR COUNCIL LEADERS — D. S. Coltrane, left is shown outside the Municipal Building here with Rev. Robert Harrell, right, and Dr. Johnnie H. Horton following formation of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council Friday. Mr. Harrell was named council chairman and Dr. Horton serves as vice-chairman of the 15-member group. Coltrane is head of the state counterpart and was here to assist in the organizational work of the council.

County Good Neighbor Council To Hear Report Of Committees

The newly formed Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council meets at 5 P. M., Monday to hear initial reports of four committees working to implement the

council's purposes and objectives.

Rev. Robert S. Harrell, chairman, and Dr. Johnnie H. Horton, vice chairman, named the committees Friday following the first meeting of the 15-member council.

The council was named Friday morning by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and

Chairman W. E. Bond of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Harrell, the chairman, is superintendent of missions for Chowan Baptist Association. Dr. Horton is a local Negro dentist and civic leader.

The other council members are: Mrs. E. N. Elliott, W. H. Bunch, George Alma Byrum, Cecil Fry, W. P. (Spec) Jones, J. Gilliam Wood and McDonald Dixon.

And, Rev. J. E. Tillett, Rev. Fred H. LaGarde, Mrs. C. C. Cox, Fletcher Lassiter, Thomas I. Sharpe and Earl Jones.

Bunch was chosen secretary. Mayor Mitchener announced the joint appointment and asked the council to meet at least once a month.

Chairman Bond said the council is "what we consider a representative group." He urged the members to work "aggressively and cooperatively towards the needs of the entire community."

The Edenton Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Chowan County Branch of the NAACP earlier had given W. B. Gardner, town administrator, a 15-point program toward "a free, demod-

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Drainage Work Is Too Costly

A consulting engineer told Town Councilmen Monday night it is not economically feasible to do extensive storm drainage work in the East Water Street area.

George S. Rawlins, executive vice president, J. N. Pease Associates of Charlotte, presented a report that showed it would cost an estimated \$228,600 to construct a system in the area. This would include only 82 acres of the Town of Edenton.

Rawlins said due to the tremendous cost involved he could not recommend that the work be done. However, he recommended that the town continue an existing plan of repairing and expanding the present system as finances permit.

The engineer also recommended enlargement of catch basins in the area.

The recommendations in the study include periodic inspection and cleaning of the existing drainage system at the lower end of the system.

Town employees have been working to remove sand and similar solids.

In other business at the lengthy council session, W. B. Gardner, administrator, was instructed to contact Herbert Small and advise him that April 1 was the deadline for a decision on a piece of property needed by the town to construct an off-street parking lot.

Councilmen unanimously adopted a non-discriminatory policy in hiring of personnel as recommended by the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council.

Superior Court Session Convenes Here Monday

A mixed term of Chowan County Superior Court will convene here at 10 A. M., Monday, Judge Howard H. Hubbard of Clinton will preside.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City will be prosecuting his first Superior Court docket in Edenton. He was named by Gov. Dan K. Moore in December to succeed Judge Walter Cahoon, who was named to the bench.

Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk of court, said nine members of the continuing grand jury will be drawn to serve with the nine members who are currently serving a 12-month term. Foreman of the grand jury is C. A. Perry.

Criminal cases will be heard during the first part of the week with several cases calendared.

Trial is set in the case where John James Williams, 43-year-old Winfall Negro, is charged with first degree burglary. Williams was arrested after an intensive investigation by Edenton Police following a burglary at the home of Mrs. John Bond, North Greenville Street.

Stephen E. Moreland, 42, is scheduled to be tried on three counts of false pretense and a similar number of counts of obtaining advances on prior work.

Also docketed is a case in which Lenhart Roscoe, 40-year-old Negro, 208 North Oakum Street, is charged with throwing acid on Joe Outlaw.

A number of support and traffic cases are also scheduled to be tried.

House Candidates File

Mrs. Leary Seeks Another Term

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, veteran Chowan County Clerk of Superior Court, announced this week she will seek another four-year term.

At the same time three

candidates—two of the incumbents—announced for the First District of the House of Representatives. Two seats have been allocated to the six counties of Northeastern North Carolina.

Veteran Perquimans Rep. Archie T. Lane said he would seek a fourth term in the House.

Philip P. Godwin of Gates County, is also running for a fourth term.

A newcomer to the political races in the forthcoming Democratic Primary is W. T. (Bill) Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City. Another candidate from Elizabeth City is Robert Givens. Rep. Milburn Sawyer of Currituck County is also running.

Mrs. Leary was elevated to the clerk of court's position in 1960, succeeding Tom H. Shepard, who resigned to enter private business. For 11 years prior to her appointment, Mrs. Leary worked in the office as an assistant clerk.

In her duties as clerk of court she also serves as juvenile judge and has taken an interest in the youth of this area.

Mrs. Leary this year was named winner of the BPW Woman of the Year award and had previously won the Clubwoman of the Year honor given by the same club. In 1961-62 she was a district director of the organization.

She is secretary of the Edenton Historic Commission and has been active in civic and religious circles for many years.

In 1965 she was signally honored by being included among those who were listed in Who's Who of American Women. She is married to Leon Leary and they have one daughter.

Rep. Lane is well-known in the Albemarle district, having contributed extensively in civic and area improvements through his association with soil conservation service, rural electrification, and area development. In addition to serving three terms in the House of Representatives, Rep. Lane served 14 years as county commissioner, eight years of which he was chairman.

Rep. Lane in making his announcement feels that his many years of service in local and state government and area improvements, qualifies him to represent this district.

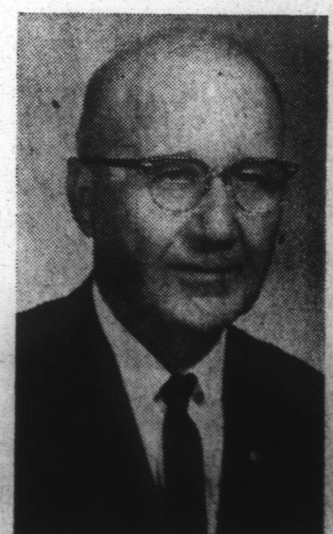
Rep. Godwin served in the 1961, 1963 and 1965 regular sessions and served in the special session of 1963 and two special sessions of 1965. During his service in the Legislature, he was chairman of the Committee on Corporations in 1963 and

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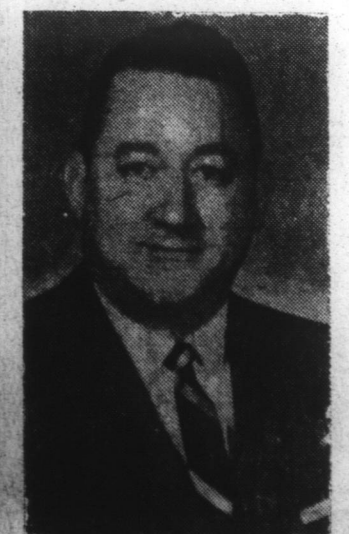
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MRS. LENA LEARY



ARCHIE T. LANE



PHILIP GODWIN

The Public Parade

REMINDER — The following note comes from Bill Crowell, able director of public relations for the Department of Motor Vehicles:

"Please remind your readers that the inspection deadline for vehicles with license plates ending in three comes on March 31. Thanks."

Think nothing of it, Bill.

LOOK AT RECORD — Over the past week a lot has been said, as well as written, about race relations in Edenton and Chowan County. Misinformation, distributed through various channels, has caused much concern among those genuinely interested in the future of our area.

It will be our purpose here to set the record straight for those who tarry along The Public Parade. "Persuaded" was the unfortunate word chosen to describe establishment of a county-wide good neighbor council. D. S. Coltrane, race relations troubleshooter for Gov. Dan K. Moore, met with city and county leaders last Wednesday at the request of W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

Local officials learned Monday that civil rights leaders hereabouts had documented 15 grievances. They immediately sought a conference with these leaders—mainly due to the timing involved.

A meeting was held between Gardner, Rev. Fred H. LaGarde and Norman Brinkley Tuesday afternoon. During this meeting a formal request was made for a county-wide council.

The proper person to assist in establishing this council is Coltrane. He was contacted and agreed to meet in Edenton Wednesday afternoon. He brought with him Irving Tranan of Community Relations Services, U. S. Department of Commerce.

This group frankly discussed the local situation and voluntarily took steps to establish the new council. Recommendations for individuals to serve on this council came from the town council, county commissioners and Negro groups. It was from these lists that Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and W. E. Bond, county commissioners' chairman, selected the 15-member committee. It is composed of eight whites and seven Negroes.

The Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council was called into session at 10 A. M. Friday. They heard Coltrane describe their duties.

This new council, less than an hour old, went to work. They adopted a strong eight-point list of purposes and objectives.

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Edenton and Chowan County are not unique. Sure, we have our problems. At the same time, we have local people of both races capable of meeting them headon. The new good neighbor council is composed of just this type individual.

If this council is to make

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Baseball Squad Will Play Today

It's to the diamond at Hicks Field today (Thursday) for the Edenton Aces as they go after their third conference championship in as many sports in the 1965-66 term.

Game time is 3:30 P. M. and the foe is Pasquotank Central.

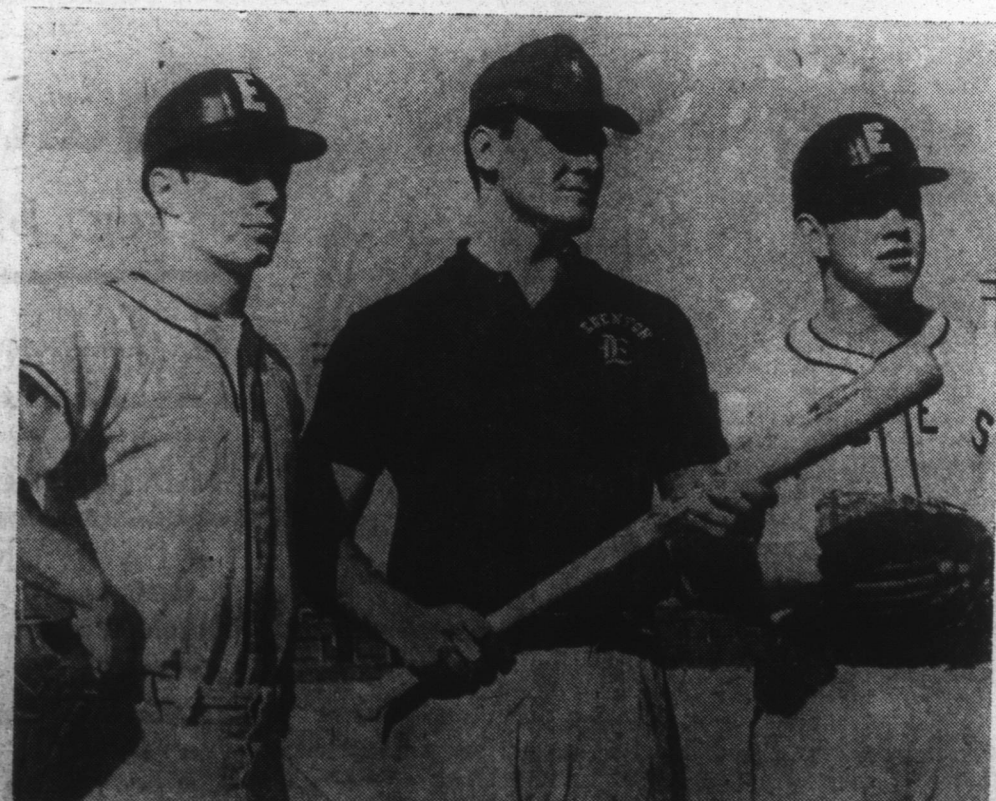
Coach David T. Bumgarner, who just joined the staff at John A. Holmes High School, has been well pleased with the material and believes the Aces will be a real contender.

Coach Jerry M. Gee's team won the conference grid championship last fall and Coach James Kinion guided his cage team to within one point of a district title. Therefore, the Aces are out to bring home the big trophy in baseball.

Bob Bass, a pitcher and shortstop, has been named captain of the team. Dwight Flanagan, a dandy outfielder, was chosen co-captain. This is the third sport this season in which Flanagan has been given a position of leadership.

Coach Bumgarner has three pitchers in his starting lineup and at press time had not given the nod to the man to take the mound today. Mike Overton, a junior who pitches and plays second base, will be a starter as will Thomas Willis, another junior who shares du-

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BASEBALL HOPEFULS — Coach David T. Bumgarner here instructs two of the hopefuls on the 1966 Aces' baseball team as the squad prepares for the first game today (Thursday). At left is Dwight Flanagan, co-captain, while Mike Overton, another outstanding diamond star is at right.