



SECTIONAL TRACK WINNERS — The two pictures here show six reasons why Edenton Aces won the Northeast Sectional Track Meet in Greenville last Thursday. The Aces earlier won the 2-A Albemarle Conference crown for the 11th straight year. In the picture at left, Steve Davenport, who placed fourth in the mile run is shown with Wes Chesson, winner of the 440-yard run, and Bill Griffin, who smashed existing records in the discus and shot put events who led the Aces to a 20 point score. The winning combination in the mile relay was composed of Dwight Flanagan, Darrell Parker, Billy Wallace and Wes Chesson. The Aces will have entries in the mile relay, shot put, discus, and 440-yard run at the state track meet Friday at N. C. State University at Raleigh. The championship local team is coached by Marion Kirby.

Compete In Raleigh Aces Enter State Finals

The Edenton Aces, with conference and sectional track crowns under their belts, Friday go after state honors in four events. Coach Marion Kirby said the Aces are expected to be in top condition for the state event in Raleigh. They will be represented in the 440-yard dash, mile run, discus and shot put. Bill Griffin, who has been breaking his own records all season in the shot put and discus, set sectional marks

Thursday in Greenville. His accomplishments in these two events helped boost the Aces over 26 other schools — some many times bigger than Edenton — in the Northeast Sectional Track meet. The Aces scored an even 20 points to lead the field. Wilson finished second in team standings with 17½ points. Griffin tossed the discus 152 feet, three inches. He then roared back to throw the shot put 56 feet, seven inches. Wes Chesson was another individual winner for the Aces. He was a winner in the 440 and will represent the section in this event. The mile relay team also came out on top with a 3:32.2 time. The team is composed of Dwight Flanagan, Darrell Parker, Billy Wallace and Chesson. Coach Kirby said he was also pleased with the running of Steve Davenport that placed him fourth in the mile run. Only the top three finishers will compete in the state meet, however.

The Public Parade

SHARPEN PENCIL — It is budget making time along The Public Parade. If some pencils are not sharpened taxpayers will have to dig deeper next year.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner told Edenton's Town Council Tuesday night they could not continue progressive projects desired with a \$1 tax rate. Gardner works with Councilmen Luther Parks and J. D. Elliott in preparing the budget for council approval and while all requests are not yet in he apparently sees the handwriting on the wall.

Over on East King Street, Chowan County's historic court house is the scene of other budget making sessions. There Mrs. J. D. Elliott, county accountant, is working with Chairman W. E. Bond and J. Clarence Leary in getting the county budget in shape.

County commissioners have expressed themselves as being opposed to a tax increase this year. The county rate is \$1.50, plus eight cents fire protection tax for some areas. While everyone has felt the pinch of higher prices, we contend now is the time to draw up the belt a notch rather than plaster a tax increase on our citizens. The tax rate in Edenton is low, compared with services received. For this we thank our foresighted officials who years ago got into the electric power business. While local rates compare favorably with VEPCO, the town makes a profit off the distribution of electricity. Every citizen should be grateful, for without this facility, the tax rate would automatically increase by more than 30 per cent.

Chowan County also has a so-called sugar daddy. It is situated on North Broad Street and is called by many names. However, the sign in the window reads: ABC. Each year profits from the sale of liquor bail the county out. It is from this source that the county gets funds to participate in such projects as the new Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, Little Symphony appearance, and many other worthwhile undertakings for which tax funds cannot be used.

Edenton and Chowan County are both beginning to move. A tax increase by either might prove to be just the action that triggered a tail-spin. Town and county officials could wisely spend a few bucks and get themselves a new pencil sharpener.

ACTION ON SR 1105 — Thank you, H. A. Justice, division traffic engineer, State Highway Commission, for the action you folks are finally taking on SR 1105. An investigation by the state on this dangerous road between U. S. 17 and highway 33 has revealed that the speed limit should be 45 miles per hour. Since speed limit signs have never been on this road, motorists eat

their own limit. The Justice investigation, prompted by our recent open letter to a state safety official, also revealed the need for a curve symbol warning sign near the junction of SR 1105 and U. S. 17. This sign will be installed while the State Highway Commission is taking action on the speed zone ordinance. File SR 1105, closed!

AIDING GROUND PEA — For those who thought our peanut butter and onion sandwich was something for the book, we call their attention to The Herald Kitchen on page 3. Our Mildred Huskins has come up with peanut butter French toast. While our chef doesn't do as much creating cooking as sister Mildred, we are going to request a sample of this one. We are a real sucker for French toast. We predict it will be even better with Chowan County peanut butter, a la Jimbo's Jumbos. Yes, sister Mildred has come a long way since we left home. She has gone from surprise muffins to peanut butter French toast. After suffering the consequences of a wise crack made upon finding bananas in the muffins, we will never comment on her new use for peanut butter.

TAR HEELS AND WOLF-PACK — Boosters of two of the hottest college rivals in the country will be learning about prospects for the coming year today (Thursday) as coaches meander along The Continued on Page Two

ADMIRE AWARD — E. E. Cheek, left, manager of Edenton Employment Security Commission office, points to a plaque presented to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in North Carolina for the local activities in assisting veterans. Also pictured is Ewart Ray, who this week assumed his duties as veterans service representative in the office. He replaces George Bisette who is now in Jacksonville. The plaque was for the year 1965.



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Council, Chamber Favor US 17 By-Pass Of Town

North Carolina State Highway Commission is being asked to proceed with plans to construct a U. S. 17 by-pass around Edenton. Edenton's Town Council Tuesday night unanimously

passed a resolution asking that immediate action be taken on the by-pass. "Action should have been taken years ago," the councilman said.

The councilman said a by-pass is healthy to a town, citing growth along the Windsor by-pass as an example. Councilman David White, who serves as street commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried by a unanimous vote. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., instructed W. B. Gardner, town administrator, to draft letters to Joe Hunt, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Matthews, stating the council's action and requesting immediate action.

At the meeting councilmen further discussed establishing priority on other road projects. The Town of Edenton's share of the \$300 million state road bond fund is \$174,000. Edenton Construction Company was given the contract to build the new fire station at the corner of North Broad Street and Park Avenue. The cost of the station will be \$85,000. Work is expected to begin right away, and the anticipated completion date is December.

Gardner said the town's new fire truck will be delivered next week.

Ray Assumes ESC Position

Ewart G. Ray of Raleigh has become veterans employment representative with the Edenton Employment Security Commission office.

R. E. Cheek, manager of the local office, said Ray assumed his duties with the commission Monday. Ray replaces George Bisette who has transferred to Jacksonville.

Creek said Ray's primary duties will be in the field of service to veterans. He will also do work in areas of employer relations and job development.

Ray, a native of Wake County, served in the U. S. Navy for 22 years and retired in June, 1960, with the rank of chief warrant officer.

Since his retirement, Ray has sold real estate in Norfolk, Va., and later worked with boys at the Richmond Home for Boys.

He is married to the former Elaine Freymond and they have a married daughter.

The Rays are living at 114 West King Street and will attend Edenton Methodist Church.

Mills To Head Legion Post

W. E. (Monk) Mills will be installed Tuesday night as commander of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion. He succeeds E. L. Hollowell who is completing his second term.

Speaker for the installation banquet will be Nash McGee of Raleigh, department adjutant who will also install the new officers. McGee is completing his 16th year in the department post and retires on June 1.

The banquet will begin at 7 P. M., at the legion hut with the turkey dinner being served by members of the auxiliary.

Hollowell said legionnaires and their family are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Other officers to be installed at the dinner meeting which begins at 7 P. M., in the legion hut include: Troy Toppin, first vice commander; Gill Johnson, second vice commander; C. A. Boyce, adjutant; R. E. Leary, finance officer; J. L. Chestnut, chaplain, and S. A. White, sergeant at arms.

BOARD MEETING — Trustees of Edenton City Schools will meet at 7:30 P. M., tonight (Thursday) in the office of Supt. Hiram J. Mayo at John A. Holmes High School.



RONNY BERRYMAN
Valetorian



BRENDA BUNCH
Salutatorian

Berryman, Bunch Earn Chowan High Honors

The graduation of the largest Senior Class in the history of Chowan High School will be Thursday, June 2, in the school auditorium at 8 P. M.

Dr. Albert Edwards, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, will bring the graduation address.

Ronny Berryman, valetorian and Brenda Bunch, salutatorian, will also appear on the program.

Class Night will begin the graduation exercises May 27 in the school cafeteria at 8 P. M. Seniors, their guests and parents, marshals and faculty members will be present. The theme will be "Stairway to the Stars" and the cafeteria will be decorated accordingly.

Brenda Bunch will give the welcome. Historian Marcella Ward will present the class history; Giftorian Sandra Nixon will distribute gifts; the prophecy will be presented by Margaret Tynch; the class poem, "Stairway to the Stars," will be read by Linda Forehand; the last will and testament will be read by Mary Priovott, and the farewell will be given by Ronny Berryman.

The class song, "Look for a Star," will be sung by the entire class.

Rev. David Harris of the Center Hill Baptist Church, Tynor, will give the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 29, in the school auditorium at 8 P. M.

The 1966 graduating class is composed of 46 members.

Library Opens New Facilities

The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, in its new quarters on Water Street, is now open to the public.

The handsome new structure was opened to the public Wednesday morning.

All patrons, old and new, are invited to visit the library at its new site.

Wood Alarmed Over Widening Of 'Gray Line'

An alarm was sounded here Monday night over the widening of the "gray line" of thinking in our society.

Edenton Lions were told people in North Carolina and throughout America must be taught to be responsible citizens.

George Wood of Camden, a candidate for the State Senate, said people must be taught "they are responsible for their own welfare and morally responsible for their own conduct."

"This teaching must start in the home," the speaker said.

Referring to the "gray line," Wood said there is certainly a place between black and white, yes and no, but he is alarmed over the broadening of this line. "We have got to narrow up the gray line," he said if we are to continue to be a world power.

He pointed out, too, that state government is getting to be big business with the biennial state budget this year equal to the federal budget of little more than two decades ago.

Wood said citizens have government no stronger than the people elected to represent them. "We have got to have people who will stand up and speak against things that are wrong," he added.

The speaker said we have reached a crossroads in our time. He said that the right road is up hill, and a real battle, while on the left is the down hill road or easy path to travel.

He went on to say it is important to put initiative back in business and people must be elected to public office

who believe in the American system. The candidate urged his audience to help get out the vote in the forthcoming Democratic Primary and give careful consideration in selecting people to hold office. "It is more important than ever that you consider your responsibility . . . (and) put the man in office who can do the best job," he said.

The speaker was introduced by Dan Reeves.

Dr. Richard Hardin, president, presided at the meeting.