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TOP BOOTH AT FAIR — W. A. Perry, president, Chowan County Fair Association here inspects the Grand Champion booth at the 6th annual event which is now underway. The booth was erected by the Advance Home Demonstration Club. A variety of exhibits await those who visit the fairgrounds, located on U. S. 17, west of Edenton.

First National To Open Friday

First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina will formally open its Edenton office at 216 South Broad Street at 10:30 A. M. Friday with the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

C. A. (Chuck) Benson, vice president in charge of the Edenton office, said bank officials from the home office in Jacksonville, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., W. B. Gardner, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce; W. E. Bond, chairman, Chowan County Board of Commissioners; bank directors and others will be on hand for the formal opening.

In mid-July when First National was granted approval to operate in Edenton, Mitchell F. Allen, president of the rapidly growing financial institution, said a long-term lease had been obtained on the former Citizens Bank Building and it would be completely renovated. Work began immediately on the ground floor of the building and workmen have been burning the midnight oil for two weeks getting the structure ready for Friday's opening.

Benson promises everyone visiting the bank the "red carpet" treatment, pointing out that the bank is carpeted in red floor covering. He said people in the area would have to come in and look at what has been accomplished in the bank in order to appreciate the beauty of the modernized offices.

The vice president said the acceptance of First National by the public has been real good and the progress of the local office has made under adverse conditions due to the remodeling is remarkable.

He expressed his appreciation for the patience of the
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Mrs. Evans In New Job At Welfare Department

Mrs. Letitia B. Evans has joined the staff of Chowan County Welfare Department as a child welfare worker.

Mrs. Evans began her new duties in this county on Tuesday, according to Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director.

The new employee will handle cases involving families with children with special problems, Mrs. McMullan said. Therefore, Mrs. Evans will have a special case load and render a new service to the county through the department.

Her salary will be paid by the federal government through the State Department of Public Welfare.

Mrs. McMullan said this worker has been needed in Chowan County for a number of years but it has been difficult to recruit such a person. The welfare director said the new employee will be working in cooperation with the Health Department in an attempt to head off the increased rate of illegitimate births in the county.

Mrs. Evans, wife of Merrill G. Evans, a partner in the law firm of Earnhardt & Evans, is a native of Elizabeth City.

The Public Parade

SOMETHING MISSING—Recently when W. B. Gardner assumed the reins of Edenton Chamber of Commerce he became challenge-happy. He freely challenged various committees to numerous goals, all of which would result in a more balanced organization.

Somewhat interesting was the challenge to the people of Edenton and Chowan County "to take more pride in their personal property and to help make our town look even more attractive than it already does."

"We will have a committee to work in this area and I solicit your help in this matter in presenting it to the people of our area."

How commendable! There is something missing from the statement on this subject by Mr. Gardner, who is also our town administrator. It centers around what role the Town of Edenton is to play in making our area more attractive.

He doesn't mention the unsightly garbage cans which dot the residential areas of our town. With more effort than money, these could be removed with garbage collection at the rear of the homes.

The back-door plan could mean that garbage would be picked up only twice a week. But who generates so much garbage that this would be a burden on the homeowner? Too, it appears that a solution has been found for the playground on North Broad Street in front of John A. Holmes High School. The best way to keep Negroes, and whites as well, from playing here is to let it grow up in weeds.

Weeks have passed since this area, right on a main thoroughfare of Edenton, has been mowed. Would it be out of order to suggest that Mr. Gardner remind those

responsible that the town has an ordinance which requires property owners to keep their vacant lots clean? As Edenton grows with industry, tourist and as a trade center for the area, it is more important than ever before that a closer look be given our appearance.

Property owners have a responsibility to do their part and accept Mr. Gardner's challenge. And so do our town fathers.

HONORING MR. WILLIFORD—"Hope is in the air concerning cancer. 1,400,000 Americans now alive have been cured!"

This is part of the message contained in an American Cancer Society leaflet being distributed during the Cancer Crusade in Chowan County.

While hope is in the air concerning cancer, those along The Public Parade are grieved that this disease has been removed from our community a fine Christian gentleman.

The untimely death of T. B. Williford graphically reminds us of the need for additional research and eventual conquest over cancer.

Mr. Williford, a native of Bertie County, was one of Chowan's most distinguished citizens. He didn't make many headlines but in his quiet and sincere way he daily performed acts of good will and kindness toward his fellow man.

Like thousands of other persons, Mr. Williford developed cancer. It was detected too late to cure. Although he knew his days were numbered this man continued his unselfish service to his fellow man.

Those fortunate enough to know Mr. Williford personally were not surprised at his attitude in the face of a battle he could not win.

It was not for personal gain or recognition that several years ago, Mr. Williford became one of the founders of the Loan Closet of the Chowan County unit of the American Cancer Society. At the annual meetings of this unit he proudly reported on the good this project had done and was continuing to do in the county. Also, he encouraged people to contribute to the Memorial Fund of the society as a living gift in remembrance of a loved one or friend.

Scores of volunteers in Chowan County are currently soliciting funds for the
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Library Plans For Open House

The public is invited to attend open house Sunday afternoon at the new Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on West Water Street.

The informal event is being sponsored by the board of trustees at the library as well as the Friends of the Library. The open house will be observed between the hours of 3 P. M. and 5 P. M.

Thomas H. Shepard, board chairman, said he hopes this event will afford many citizens of the Town of Edenton to visit this handsome new facility.

"This library is for the entire community and we hope more and more people will patronize the library," Shepard said.

Bruton Asked For Opinion On Resolution

Attorney General Wade Bruton is being asked to offer an opinion on the legality of a resolution adopted by Edenton Graded Schools in 1931, which deals with the question of assignment of Negro high school students in Chowan County.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., attorney for the Chowan County Board of Education, is in Raleigh today (Thursday) discussing this resolution with members of Bruton's staff.

The resolution, signed by Thomas Cheers, chairman, and John A. Holmes, secretary, states that if the county builds and equips a 12 or 14 classroom high school "in or near Edenton," the city board will operate it and "permit all the colored high school children of Chowan County and all of the colored elementary school children who shall be designated by the State or the Chowan County Board of Education to attend this school..."

As a result of this action, what is now D. F. Walker High School was started. All county Negro students, upon completion of the eighth grade at White Oak Elementary School, were automatically transferred to the Walker school.

However, this year the city school board in order to remain in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, refused the Negro ninth graders.

Last Spring, the schools sent Freedom of Choice blanks to the parents of these students and all chose to attend the Walker school. Since they were turned back to the county and enrolled in Chowan High School, the only high school in the county, one parent has requested transfer back to the city unit.

The city board has said the students would not be accepted.
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Ryland Ruritans Back Hospital

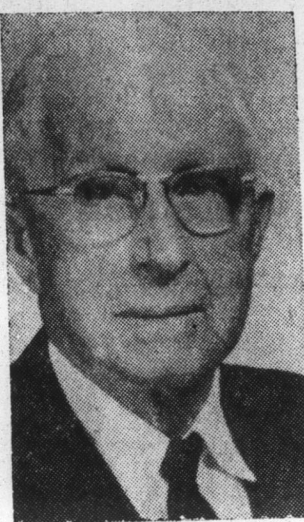
Another rural community organization has passed a resolution in favor of the \$1½-million hospital bond referendum.

Following an open discussion of the November 8 vote Monday night, the Ryland Club went on record favoring the construction of a new 60-bed hospital in Chowan County.

The issue was explained by representatives from the hospital board, medical staff and county commissioners.

During the meeting, presided over by President Eugene Jordan, safety awards were presented to teen-age drivers by Lester Copeland. The club gives recognition for one, two and three years of safe driving.

The home demonstration club met jointly with the Ruritan Club for this special program.



T. B. WILLIFORD
Mr. Williford Taken In Death

Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon for T. B. Williford, owner and operator of the Williford Funeral Home. He was 70.

The services were held at Edenton Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf, Rev. R. N. Carroll, and Rev. George B. Holmes officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Williford had been in declining health for several months and died at Chowan Hospital on Thursday following a short period of serious illness.

Thomas Bradley Williford was a native of Bertie County but had made his home in Edenton for the past 41 years. He was originally associated with Quinn Furniture Company and was funeral director with Quinn Funeral Home.
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Rep. Jones Warns Voters Of Opponent's Campaign Based On 'Emotionalism'

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District brought his campaign for re-election to his "second home" Monday night as Chowan County Democrats held a rally at National Guard Armory.

The popular congressman told his audience the current

campaign has taken an unusual twist with his opponent running an emotional campaign and throwing logic out the window.

Rep. Jones said while the Republican candidate is running against President Johnson the president does not appear on the November 8

ballot.

Speaking of those who would cast a protest vote against the Johnson administration, the congressman said: "Let them not be deceived. The president is not running." He went on to ask people of this district not to be misled by false promises and half truths. "No state in the union has enjoyed such leadership over the last 75 years than North Carolina through Democratic administrations," he said in pointing out some of the accomplishments of this state.

Rep. Jones, who has served in municipal and state government prior to being elected to Congress, said the credit of North Carolina ranks higher than any state in the United States. "Ours is one of the few states operating on a balanced budget," he explained.

He said there are things in Washington which concern him, the same way they do the people in the First District and throughout the United States. He cited his voting record as proving that he is serving the wishes of the people of this area and promised to continue to vote the way he feels these people want him to.

Rep. Jones again called for the resignation of Harold Howe, II, U. S. Commissioner of Education. "He has served his usefulness to this government," he said.

He promised to continue at every opportunity to vote against centralization of government.

The congressman said the Democratic Party is on trial in the November 8 election but he is confident thinking people will not be overcome by emotionalism.

In conclusion he predicted the "First Democratic Congressional District will still be in the fold and still waving the flag high" following next month's election.

Later, Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, George M. Wood, Rep. Phil Godwin and W. T. Culpepper, Jr., added remarks concerning the role of the Democratic Party has played in the better life for all North Carolinians.

They each assured Democrats of Chowan County that they would work in Raleigh for the best interests of all the people and disregard county lines.

Thomas H. Shepard, chairman of the sponsoring Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, welcomed the group to the rally and cited the "positive record of leadership and good government" of Democratic administrations.

The invocation was given by Rev. Meredith Garrett, pastor of Rocky Hook Baptist Church and Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., introduced guests.
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Rep. Jones was introduced by Judge W. S. Privott of Chowan County Recorder's Court.

A barbecued chicken dinner was served by the Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Mitchener To Lead Session

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., first vice president, N. C. League of Municipalities, will preside at the delegates luncheon during the League's convention October 20-22 at Durham.

The luncheon will be held in Durham's Civic Center at 12:15 P. M., on Friday, October 21.

Mayor Mitchener, who is slated to become president of the League, will introduce the luncheon speaker, Don Hummel of Washington, assistant secretary, Renewal & Housing Assistance, HUD.

Mayor J. Garner Bagnal of Statesville, NCLM president, will preside at the opening general session at 8 P. M., October 20, at which time Lt. Gov. Robert W. Scott will be keynoted.

Merchants Plan Big Autorama Sale

The Merchants Committee of Edenton's Chamber of Commerce will hold Autorama Trade Days here November 9 and 10 with a downtown auto show and special shopping event.

Edenton Town Council Tuesday night gave the committee permission to block South Broad Street in the

block from Eden to King Streets to allow space for the auto show and other special events.

Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee, said the Autorama Trade Days could become an annual affair, bringing thousands of people to Edenton. "This event could mean a great

deal to our town through joint cooperation with the auto dealers and merchants," Griffin said.

Councilmen voiced their approval of the idea and voted unanimously on a motion to allow one block of South Broad Street to be blocked for the event.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., earlier read a letter of commendation from Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City to Edenton Police Department.

Mayor Mitchener had Chief James H. Griffin assemble the members of the force to hear the letter read.

In the letter, Solicitor Small cited the manner in which members of the department investigated the Bond burglary case, clearing it with an arrest several weeks later. He called this a "thorough and technical investigation" reflecting highly on the department's ability.

The solicitor praised the town officials for encouraging policemen to take technical training courses and the policemen for individuality keeping up with latest developments in their profession.

Mayor Mitchener said he was proud to receive such a
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Between now and November 8, The Chowan Herald will donate space like that below for questions concerning the Hospital Bond Referendum in this county. Listed below are two questions which have often been asked and the answers.

QUESTION: Will the Federal Government pay any part of the cost of a \$1.5-million hospital in Chowan County?

ANSWER: Those interested in better medical facilities in Chowan County certainly hope so and think so. The Federal Government is now paying \$9,900 per bed which would be \$594,000 for the 60-bed hospital.

QUESTION: Do you expect to get any donations from the various foundations?

ANSWER: It is impossible to know how much the Federal Government or the foundations will commit themselves until the people of Chowan County have voted for the hospital. Then all sources of funds will be investigated and only such bonds that are needed to pay the remainder of the cost of the hospital will be sold.

(If you have a question concerning the hospital, send it along to "Hospital", The Chowan Herald, P. O. Box 207, Edenton, N. C. 27932).

Hospital Quiz Box



DEMOCRATS GATHER — Rep. Walter B. Jones, third from left, is surrounded by Edenton and Chowan County officials as well as fellow Democratic candidates who seek election on November 8. Left to right are: Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, Rep. Jones, Rep.-elect W. T. Culpepper, Jr., Thomas H. Shepard, chairman, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee; Rep. Phil Godwin, and Sen.-elect George M. Wood. Approximately 275 people attended a Chowan County Democratic rally Monday night at the Edenton National Guard Armory.