

Ralph E. Parrish Parrish Named As Magistrate

Ralph E. Parrish, 203 Blount Street, has been appointed Magistrate in Chowan County under the new court reform plan which becomes effective on December 5.

Parrish, who has been justice of the peace here for six years, received the appointment from Judge Walter W. Cohoon, resident judge in the First Judicial District.

Judge Cohoon announced that his appointments throughout the seven-county district came from lists furnished by the Clerks of Superior Court in the representative counties.

"There were many fine candidates among the list of names furnished me, and many factors had to be taken into consideration regarding the appointments, especially since the Magistrates will have to be available at night for the issuance of warrants and fixing of bonds, etc., when the clerks' offices will be closed," Judge Cohoon said.

"For this reason, in the strictly rural counties without a sizeable town, geography was the deciding factor. In these counties the aim and effort was not to have the Magistrate and the clerk residing in the same general area.

"I feel certain that those appointed can and will do the job expected of them." Parrish, 54, is a native of Chowan County and has been active in the business, social and religious affairs of this community for several years.

He entered business in Edenton in 1937 as Western Auto Supply Co., and closed this business in 1942 due to the shortage of merchandise. He was employed by the Federal Government for

Autorama Event Set Nov. 9-12 As Big Promotion

"Autorama Trade Days" in Edenton, the first of what is expected to become an annual Fall event, will be held November 9-12.

Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said elaborate plans are being made for this promotion which will focus attention on Edenton as a business center in the Albemarle area.

Griffin noted that during the first two days of the Trade Days a portion of Broad Street will become a giant automobile showroom. Dealers in town will have 1967 model cars on display in the street between Eden and King streets.

Valuable prizes to be given away include a Console Color TV set, a Browning Automatic Shotgun, and a table model radio. These prizes are being displayed in the window at Griffin Music-center, South Broad Street.

Griffin said registration for these prizes will begin in participating stores on November 1. People will be allowed to register at any store participating in this promotion, and in the downtown showroom, until the drawing at 9 P. M. on November 10. Only those 16 or older can win one of the grand prizes.

A professional musical team is being engaged to perform in the downtown area from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. on Wednesday and Thursday night.

Many of the participating stores will donate additional prizes to be awarded to the children. These prizes will also be given out Thursday night.

Griffin said the promotion is expected to attract people from a 30-mile radius of Edenton, not only during the first two days of the event but throughout the week.

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CHOWAN MUST GET INTO BUSINESS — On November 8th the vote in Chowan County will have an opportunity to express themselves on the question of selling bonds for the construction of a new hospital.

It is estimated that a new, 60-bed hospital, fully equipped, will cost \$1½-million dollars. While the voters will be asked to approve this amount of money for the hospital, the figure in itself is misleading.

Federal funds as well as grants from various foundations are available to defray much of the construction cost as well as for new equipment. At the present time Medical Care Commission is allowing \$9,900 per bed toward new hospital construction. This alone would mean Chowan County could expect close to \$600,000 in federal funds.

Last year The Duke Endowment appropriated \$2.4-million toward construction, equipment and purchase of 35 hospital projects in North Carolina. Lincoln County received \$172,000, Cleveland County, \$150,000, Carteret County, \$100,000, Watauga County, \$100,000 for new plants.

Medical Care, Duke Endowment and other agencies have already been contacted by officials of Chowan Hospital in regards to grants. Each time the answer to requests was the same. First, the citizens of Chowan County must express their desire for a new hospital and their willingness to finance the facility. Then commitments would be forthcoming.

These funds are in sight, while not committed.

Therefore, the best estimate as to the amount of bonds which will be sold for hospital purposes is \$800,000. It will be the duty of every citizen, if the issue passes, to become watchdogs and make sure only such bonds are sold as are needed.

The cost of hospital construction, like any progressive step, is costly. Direct financial support for medical facilities would be a new venture for taxpayers of this county. Over the past 15 years only tax funds going to the hospital has been for payment of welfare patients. At this, the hospital does not receive in excess of \$10,000 annually and the cost of medical care for these patients is much more.

What the cost of retiring \$800,000 in hospital bonds would be is purely a matter of speculation. It would hinge on the interest rate, increased valuation and other factors.

At the present time the best interest figure is 4¾ per cent. This is the highest any such bonds have sold.

During the past 11 years we have had two revaluations in Chowan County and the average increase in valuation during this period is \$1.4-million. With a booming economy in Eastern North Carolina, more roads, industry, etc., it is not unreasonable to believe that this increase in valuation will not be enjoyed in years to come.

Suppose the county sells \$800,000 in bonds at 4¾ per cent and the valuation continues to increase at the 11-year average. What would it do to the tax rate?

It doesn't take a computer to figure the first year cost would be 27 cents and decrease annually until the 20th year when the cost would be four cents.

If the voters approve the hospital referendum on November 8th it will still be two years before any bonds are sold. The valuation of the county will have increased and the hospital tax could be lower than the projected figure.

These were the figures used and the manner in which Graham White, executive vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, went about arriving at an average tax increase of 15 cents per \$100 valuation while the bonds are being retired.

Those who oppose the hospital bond referendum do not deny that this community needs additional medical facilities. Some go so far to say if the question was for the anticipated figure of \$800,000 rather than \$1½-million they would be a staunch supporter of the issue.

What they are saying is that they do not have faith in the future of Chowan County. They are closing their eyes to the concrete advantages of Chowan County become a medical center for this area as well as Edenton becoming a trading center.

Too, when they talk about giving the county commissioners a blank check for \$1½-million, they are forgetting that members of this board are setting the tax rate for themselves as well as other property owners in Chowan County. All of the commissioners have sizeable real estate holdings and will pay their fair share of taxes to retire the hospital bonds.

What a lot of people in Chowan County don't realize is the enviable financial situation here over the years.

A recent report shows 18 counties in North Carolina with an assessed valuation as much or greater than Chowan County's and which have a higher tax rate. This figure goes from Chowan's \$1.58 to \$2.04 in Scotland where they enjoy a valuation of \$49.3-million.

We have enjoyed a nice hospital, which is now overcrowded and obsolete in many ways, at no cost. It is to the point now in this county where the taxpayers must bear their portion of the burden of better medical facilities and other things if we are to continue to grow and prosper.

The hospital question is a serious one. It should not be taken lightly. If the voters of Chowan County favor it we will continue to move ahead on many fronts. If the vote is negative then the course our county will take is a matter of pure conjecture.

To Promote Tourism

Historic Edenton Group Asked

Edenton's attempt to seek wider support toward attracting tourists may be done through the formation of Historic Edenton, Inc., with all historical commissions and associations working within the framework of this corporation.

Included in recommendations received by a steering committee of Edenton and Chowan County Historical

Commission is the formation of this non-profit corporation as well as the establishment of a tourist center at the Barker House.

A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., restoration specialist, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, was here last week to make his recommendations to the committee.

The committee, chaired by W. E. Bond, chairman, Cho-

wan County Commissioners, received the recommendations and will now meet with Dr. Robert Lee Humber, chairman of the historical commission, to make further plans.

A budget would be prepared for Historic Edenton, Inc., and a request made of the General Assembly for funds toward this budget. In the past, the legislature

has made available money for the Barker, Cupola and Iredell houses on an individual basis.

Historic Edenton, Inc., would have a professional director and a paid staff of hostesses and other personnel. The proposed budget was set at \$45,600 with the General Assembly being asked to appropriate \$40,000 toward this amount.

While the Barker House

would be used temporarily as a visitor center-museum, the group plans to work toward a permanent location on U. S. 17.

Committee members attending the meeting, in addition to Bond, were:

W. B. Gardner, Sam Cox, Mrs. Goldie Niblett, Mrs. Wood Privott, Mrs. James P. Ricks, Jr., Ben Wood, John A. Mitchener, Jr., and Robert W. Moore.



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Formal Opening Held By First National Bank

First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina formally opened its 21st office Friday and paid special tribute to a local man who is credited with rendering valuable service to the bank in locating in Edenton.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the completely renovated bank building on the corner of Broad and Eden streets, W. Carroll Bryan of Jacksonville presented an engraved plaque to Herbert Small.

Bryan, chairman of the

School Boards Meet Thursday

The Chowan County Board of Education and the trustees of Edenton City Schools will hold meetings Thursday night. Whether or not they meet jointly will be determined at an earlier meeting of the county board the same night.

O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of the county board, called a meeting of this body for 7:30 P. M., in the superintendent's office in Hotel Joseph Hewes. The purpose of this meeting is to receive a report from W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., concerning a meeting last week in Raleigh with the attorney general's office.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said it would be determined at this meeting whether or not the county board would meet with the city board. Therefore, the city board will delay their meeting 30 minutes to await the decision of the county officials.

Earnhardt, attorney for the county board of education, met Thursday with Ralph Moody of Attorney General Wade Bruton's staff, and Dr. Everett Miller, assistant state superintendent of schools. He would not discuss the outcome of that meeting prior to making his report to the county board.

The discussion is over an agreement between the two boards, signed in 1931, concerning high schooling of Negroes in the county.

It was learned from a reliable source that Rep. Walter B. Jones is again attempting to get the Office of Education in Washington to allow 26 Negro students turned back by the city to have another freedom of

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board of the Jacksonville based bank, said without the untiring efforts of Small he doubted if the bank's formal opening in Edenton would have been realized. He said it is because of people like Small, teaming with the young financial institution, that the bank has grown so strong.

Small, owner of the building leased by the bank, recalled in his remarks that it had been 36 years since Edenton and Chowan County had banking competition. He expressed his confidence in First National and its ability to serve the people of this area.

"I will ask each of you in this county, individually, to support this bank," Small stated.

When the clock struck 10:30 A. M., on the sunny mid-October day, C. A. (Chuck) Benson, vice president in charge of the Edenton office, opened the ceremonies. A crowd of more than 100 had gathered on the sidewalk in front of the building.

Benson introduced Mitchell F. Allen, bank president, who has become a familiar figure in Edenton over the past months.

Allen called the day "truly a Thanksgiving Day for all at First National." Everything was "beautiful," "wonderful," "magnificent," "splendid" and "joyous" to Allen as he spoke to the crowd.

He promised that First National would become a good citizen of this business community and make available its full resources and talents to the growth of the area.

Later in a prepared release, Allen noted that in 14 years the bank has grown from "only a barrel and two nail kegs plus some very fine people" to assets of \$50-million.

"This \$50-million was earned the hard way rather than through mergers or other special situations," he said. "Less than \$3-million was created through mergers, while the other \$47-million has been earned in the competitive market by the individual efforts of our employees, officers, and directors."

He also emphasized that the bank expects its second \$50-million milestone to be reached more quickly than the first.

"A milestone is not a destination. We look at it as

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BABY CONTEST WINNER — Little Patricia Flanagan, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (Pat) Flanagan, Albania Acres, won first place in a Baby Contest sponsored earlier this month by Edenton Woman's Club. Patricia poses here with her crown and trophy presented Thursday afternoon at a party for the more than 40 participants at the Barker House.

Aces Hit Road Seeking Another Long Win Streak

Crippled and unbeaten, but tied, in the 2-A Albemarle Conference, the Edenton Aces journey to Hertford Friday night to meet the Perquimans Indians.

The Aces, who won five straight conference tilts before journeying out of the league to take an 8-0 defeat at the hands of Elizabeth City, had to settle for a scoreless tie last week against Bertie County.

Coach Marion Kirby is still switching players around like checkers in an attempt to put together an offensive threat. Without the services of Quarterback Wes Chesson, the Aces have shown little offensive brilliance.

Chesson missed the first game with Pasquotank Central and the Aces were lucky to come out with a 6-0 victory. He was injured in Elizabeth City and it is doubtful whether or not he will see action the remainder of the month.

Last week Kirby relied on Frankie Katkaveck, who called a good game at quarterback but had trouble putting good plays back to back.

Katkaveck had Bill Wallace at fullback and Wallace ran the ball well. However, switching Wallace to the

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Gardner Picks Chairmen

Chairmen of 12 of 13 standing committees of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce have been appointed by President W. B. Gardner and many of the groups have already started functioning.

At the monthly board of directors meeting Thursday, Gardner announced the chairmen of the committees and assigned a director to meet with each group. He said it would be the responsibility of the directors to keep the board informed on committee functions.

The committees and chairmen include:

Merchants, Claude Griffin; Tourist, George Alma Byrum; Industrial, W. P. (Spec) Jones; Downtown, Henry Quinn; Membership, George Lewis; Governmental Affairs, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.; Highway, J. Gilliam Wood; Housing, West W. Byrum, Jr.; Agriculture, Leonard Small; Recreation, J. Scott Harrell; New Quarter, Jack Habit and Caswell Edmundson, and Education, N. J. George.

A chairman of the Beautification Committee has not

The board was told that
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QUESTION: If we build a new sixty bed hospital, would this assure us additional doctors and nurses in Chowan County?

ANSWER: This will not guarantee additional doctors and nurses, but we certainly will not get any additional doctors and nurses if we do not have adequate facilities. Doctors settle in communities where there are modern up-to-date hospital facilities. The proof of this is the counties in North Carolina that have hospitals as opposed to those who do not have hospitals.

QUESTION: What will be done with the present hospital?

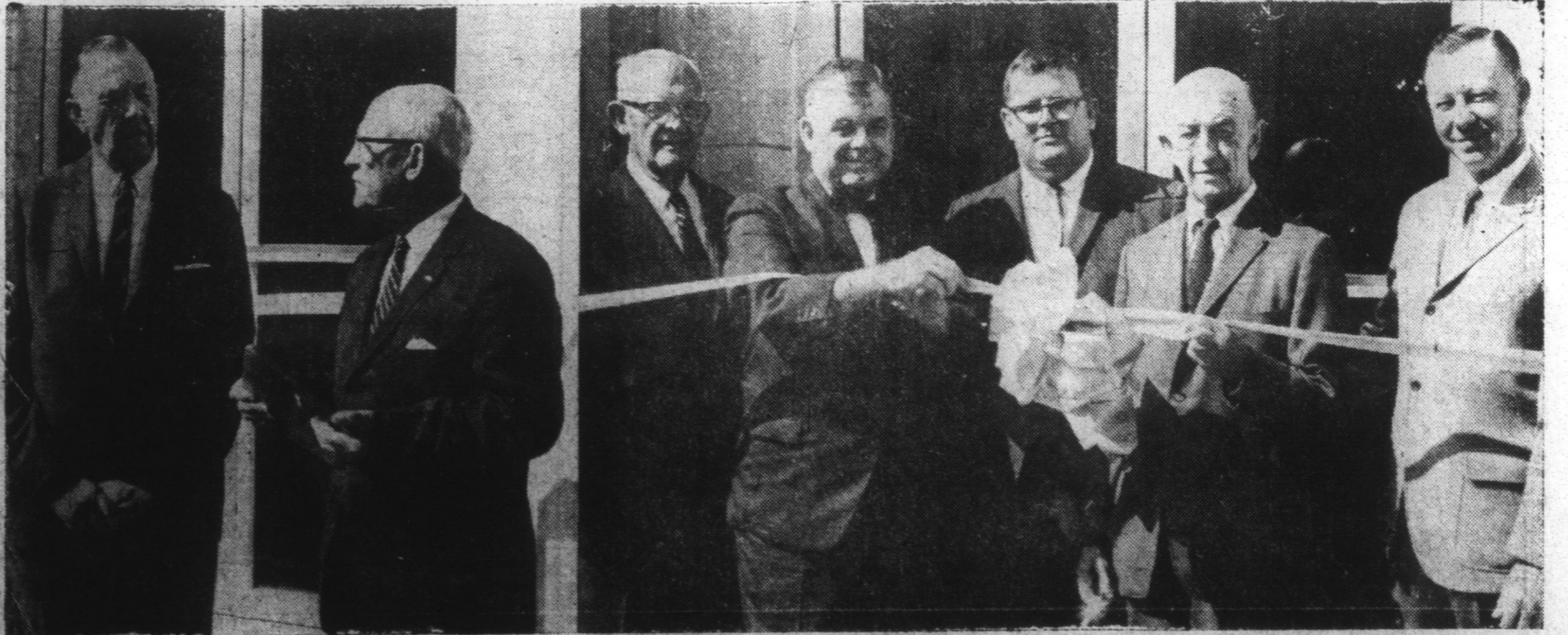
ANSWER: Upon the completion of the new hospital the existing facility will be converted into a nursing home, which can be used for patients of any age who are convalescing and need less intensive care and will be less expensive than the hospital.

QUESTION: Where will the new hospital be located?

ANSWER: The site for the new hospital has not been selected and will not be until after the Bond Election. Every prospective site will be given serious consideration.

(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



FIRST NATIONAL OPENS NEW QUARTERS — Traditional ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Friday at First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina's new home on the corner of Broad and Eden Streets, in downtown Edenton. Pictured at left is W. Carroll Bryan of Jacksonville, chairman of the board of the bank, as he presented a special award to Herbert Small, owner of the building in which the bank is headquartered here. Small was cited for his assistance in locating the bank in Edenton.

Cutting the ribbon are Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., a bank director, and W. E. Bond, chairman of the Chowan County commissioners. Left to right are: Bryan, Mayor Mitchener; W. B. Gardner, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce; Bond; and Mitchell F. Allen, president of the Jacksonville based bank. The establishment of an office in Edenton is the 21st office for the young financial institution. Open House will be observed for three more weeks.