



## Welch Exchange New Suit Filed In Chowan School Case

### Cutover Stated Sunday Morning

ELIZABETH CITY — The largest and most complex cutover to date will be executed Sunday when the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company puts its third new exchange, at Welch in Chowan County, into active service.

The cutover will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. It is expected to be complete three days later, on Wednesday, according to S. O. Alexander, inside plant manager.

Welch is the largest of three new exchanges built by the company to carry out its proposed toll-free calling for subscribers in a 3,900 square-mile area of this section of North Carolina. A total of 750 telephones will be served by the Welch exchange compared with 400 in the new exchange at Weeksville in Pasquotank County and 500 in Camden County at Shiloh.

Alexander said the Welch exchange will be comprised of a portion of the customers previously served by the three exchanges at Hertford, Edenton and Sunbury. Those subscribers in Sunbury and Hertford scheduled to be transferred to the new exchange will be taken care of Sunday, he said. A few who are now served by Edenton will also be cutover on Sunday. The remaining Edenton customers will continue to have Edenton service until they are cutover to Welch early next week.

The company's commercial manager, W. C. Meekins, Jr., said supplementary directories for the Welch exchange have been mailed by the printer and are now at the post office awaiting early delivery.

He said special dialing instructions were mailed to subscribers in the Welch, Edenton, Hertford and Sunbury areas with the regular monthly bills. Meekins recommended that these be

### All Conference Gridders Named

Five members of the 1966 grid squad at John A. Holmes High School have been named to the 2-A Albemarle All Conference team.

Two backs, two linemen and an end won the votes of league coaches to the team. Ahsokie, undefeated and conference champs, also placed five men on the team.

Wesley Chesson and Tony Twiddy were named outstanding backs while Mike Overton and Bill Wallace were chosen among the best linemen in the conference. Brian Twiddy was one of four ends chosen for the team.

All of the Edenton players are seniors except Wallace who is a junior.

The Edenton Aces closed out the 1966 season with a 7-2-1 record.

### Herald To Print Early Next Week

As in prior years, The Chowan Herald will publish early the week of Thanksgiving in order to give employees here a holiday to spend with members of their families.

Therefore, the deadline for news and advertising material will be Monday instead of Tuesday.

### Farm Specialist Will Speak Here

Dr. J. W. Pou of Greenville, one of North Carolina's most recognized authorities in the field of agriculture, will be principal speaker at a meeting here Tuesday, November 22.

Dr. Pou will address the annual meeting of Northeastern Area Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors to be held at 6 P. M., in Edenton National Guard Armory.

The northeastern district is composed of Chowan, Camden, Perquimans, Currituck and Pasquotank counties.

District Chairman Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County said the public is invited to attend the 11th annual district meeting and hear Dr. Pou. Tickets for the banquet can be secured from county supervisors or in Edenton at Peoples Bank & Trust Company or Leary Bros. Storage Company.

The dinner will be served by Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department.

Dr. Pou is vice president of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in Greenville. Immediately prior to accepting this position, he was director, Agricultural Extension Service, The University of Arizona.

A native of Iredell County, Dr. Pou was reared on a farm and was active in 4-H Club and FFA projects.

He was an assistant county agent in Iredell County. After serving in the U. S. Army he became a professor at the University of Maryland. He later was a department head at N. C. State before going to Arizona.

### Perry Is Named Fund Director

RALEIGH — Bristoe Perry, Route 3, Edenton, has been named a director of the N. C. 4-H Development Fund, Inc., for a four-year term.

A. C. Edwards of Hookerton has been re-elected president of the fund for the coming year. Edwards was named to a second term in the post at a business session of the organization held during All-Foundations Day at N. C. State University recently.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Russell Vick of Nashville, vice president; R. W. Shoffner of Raleigh, secretary; and John D. Wright of Raleigh, treasurer.

In addition to Perry, directors include: Burt Flowers of Wilmington; Wade Hendricks of Statesville; Robert W. Scott of Haw River; Mrs. Larry Pate of New Bern; Mrs. Raymond Westcott of Manteo; Mrs. Ned Nixon of Hertford; Mrs. Julian Porter of Severn; Mrs. Willard Westbrook of Albemarle; J. F. Wilson of Albemarle; and Ray Thomas of Climax.

### Committee Agrees On Holiday Hours

It is being recommended to merchants in Edenton that local business establishments remain closed on December 26 and January 2 in observance of Christmas and New Years since the holidays fall this year on Sunday.

At a meeting of the Merchants Committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Monday it was also voted to recommend that local stores remain open to 9 P. M. the week prior to Christmas—beginning December 19.

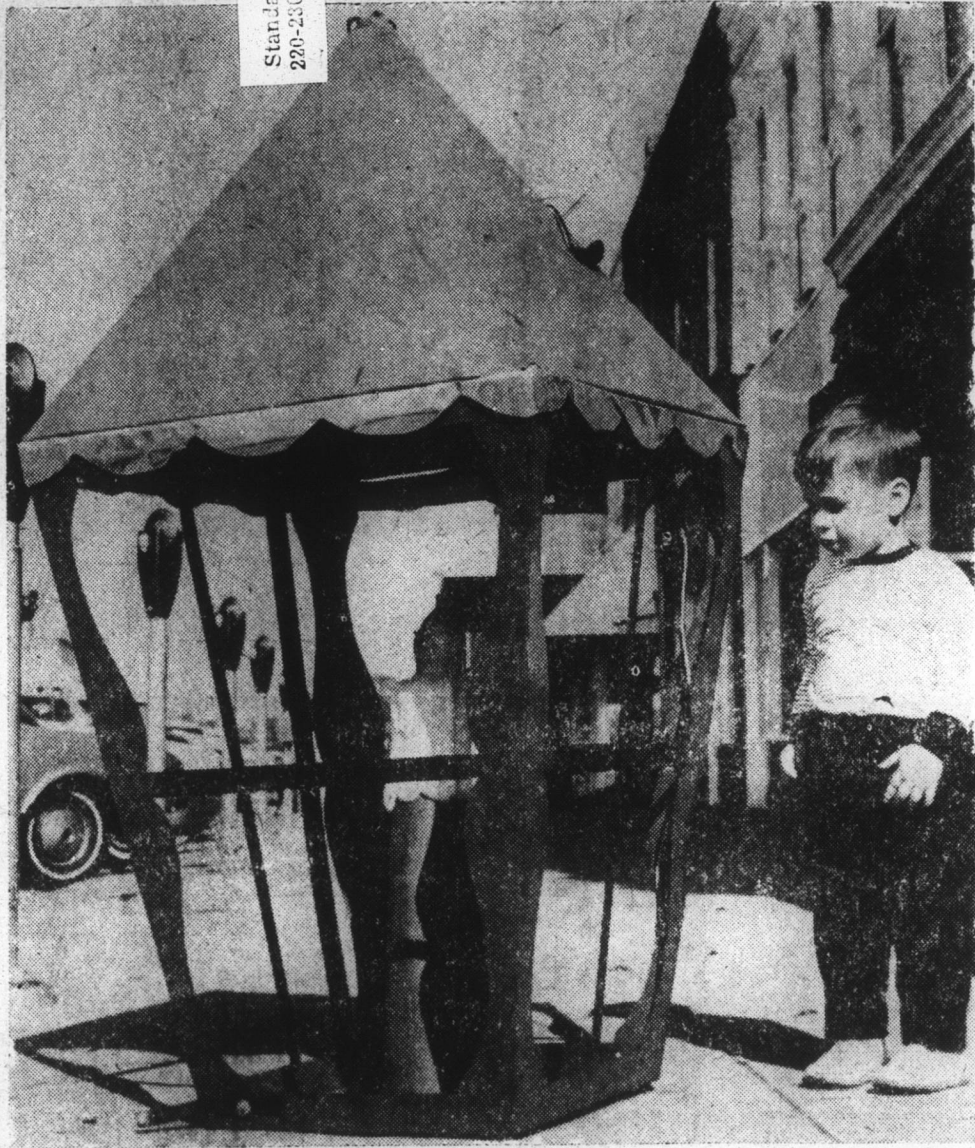
Claude Griffin, committee chairman, said local merchants will again cooperate

with Edenton BPW Club in the annual Christmas Parade, to be held at 4 P. M., December 1.

Bob Weintraub was named chairman of a subcommittee to solicit funds to support the parade.

Griffin said officials of the BPW Club have reported that plans for the gala parade are well underway and it is expected that the 1966 version will be bigger and more attractive than ever before.

The committee was also given a final report on Automobile Trade Days, held in Edenton November 9-12.



CAN SANTA BE FAR BEHIND? — Kenneth Tynch was caught by the photographer as he paused on Broad Street to inspect a giant lantern which is part of the Christmas decorations being erected in the downtown area. Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tynch, Hobbs Acres, was really looking for Santa Claus who has already made an appearance at one local store. He will officially be welcomed to Edenton as the main attraction of a gala Yule parade on December 1. But for most, when the decorations start appearing the question is: "Can Santa be far behind?" In this case the answer is "Yes".

### Lewis Is Named As 'Key Banker'

A leading Edenton banker has been re-named "County Key Banker" for Chowan County.

NCBA President Emsley A. Laney of Wilmington has announced that George W. Lewis will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months, a position he has held for the past four years.

Lewis, assistant vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, will coordinate the farm activities of the N. C. Bankers' Association in this area.

For over 20 years the NCBA has received national recognition for its notable program of service to agriculture in North Carolina. Noting that the NCBA continues to place increased emphasis on this service, President Laney thanked the 100 county key bankers for their contribution to this record.



GEORGE W. LEWIS

### The Public Parade

NEED REMAINS — The voters of Chowan County last Tuesday put to rest, at least temporarily, the construction of a new hospital here. While 1,107 voted against the county selling bonds to build a medical facility, we cannot believe they have closed their eyes to the need.

As in all such referendums, there were many unanswered questions to the hospital bond issue. Among these were the site, design, amount of bonds to be sold, and taxes.

The location of a new hospital could be pinpointed without much difficulty. So could the design of the structure. Neither of these would appreciably affect the vote.

In the local situation the hospital board was reasonably assured of federal money as well as grants from foundations. Nevertheless, the voters were asked to approve the full amount of the estimated cost of the facility.

The mere fact that the county commissioners asked for a "blank check", as one critic of the referendum put it, cost the issue many votes. The same critic said he would favor selling up to \$800,000 in bonds to provide a 60-bed hospital in Chowan County.

John Q. Citizen of Chowan County, although aware of the need as well as the value of adequate medical facilities, left too much to be done by those closely connected with the present hospital. The burden of selling this issue was carried by the board of directors, medical staff and county commissioners. This caused many to become suspicious.

A Citizens Committee for a New Hospital would have functioned best in this undertaking and it is not too early for such an organization to begin planning.

This area is fortunate to have a relatively young group of highly trained and respected physicians. More doctors are needed now and as the community grows the need will increase. We cannot expect to keep what we have, let alone attract others in the medical profession, if we do not upgrade our hospital.

Chowan Hospital, while serving a great need over the past 15 years, is now crowded and inadequate in other respects. The only way a new, bigger and better

equipped hospital can be realized is through the sale of bonds. The voters will again, and we hope soon, be asked to support such a referendum. The support must come from the grassroots and not from a handful of people who are already working tirelessly in the public service.

A movement to secure a new hospital, in keeping with human needs, will require new blood, new energy. It will require the efforts of the many not just the few.

## Students Seek Injunction; Other Action Non-Suited

Chowan County Board of Education has taken a non-suit in litigation with the Edenton City Board of Education over assignment of 26 Negro ninth grade students. This action resulted from a conference last Wednesday

### Traffic Violators Tried In Long Court Session

Traffic violations, including two cases of drunk driving, were heard Tuesday in a lengthy session of Chowan County Recorder's Court.

### Chamber Plans For New Office

Directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce have voted to re-locate the chamber office to 116 East King Street early in 1967.

The suite of offices across from Hotel Joseph Hewes is being vacated by Judge W. S. Privott, who has been elected to the district bench.

J. H. Conger, Jr., chairman of a new quarters committee, told the directors Thursday that the offices will be renovated at a cost of more than \$2,000. Jesse L. Harrell and Ross Ingalls were members of the committee along with Conger.

W. B. Gardner, chamber president, said the organization should not discontinue to seek the proper location for a permanent home. However, he said the King Street location would be adequate for a few years.

He immediately appointed James Dail and Dr. Polk Williams to a committee to select furnishings for the new office.

The chamber headquarters in the hotel for a number of years.

Upon recommendation of the Tourist Committee, directors went on record favoring the establishment of Historic Edenton, Inc., by the Edenton-Chowan Historical Association.

Gardner reported that the Industrial Committee is now working with a "good prospect" and while there is a lot of work to be done, he is encouraged by the preliminaries.

Other committee reports were given at the meeting. Those in attendance were: Gardner, Robert W. Moore, executive vice president; W.

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night when members of the two boards responded to a request by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr. Mayor Mitchener had called the meeting to seek a solution to the dispute rather than have it aired in U. S. District Court.

At the same meeting the boards agreed to ask Rep. Walter B. Jones to get an appointment in Washington with Office of Education authorities for further discussion of the local problem. That appointment was arranged Tuesday and will be held November 25.

The city board agreed to keep the 26 students at D. F. Walker High School pending further developments.

It was reported in the press Tuesday that action has been filed in U. S. District Court in Elizabeth City against the Chowan County board on behalf of four of the students involved.

The action seeks an injunction to keep the board from "authorizing or continuing the practice of discriminating against the Negro citizens of Chowan County because of race or color."

At press time O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of the county board, had not received official notice of the suit. Plaintiffs were reported to include Norman Felton, minor who is bringing suit through her mother, Alethia Felton; Ervin Lassiter, father, William Lassiter; Stewart Copeland, mother, Devolure Copeland; and Robert Sharp, guardian, Henry Copeland.

At a called meeting of the Chowan board Monday night, Supt. Hiram J. Mayo was reinstated. Supt. Mayo, veteran administrator of Edenton City Schools, earlier this year assumed the position of superintendent of the Chowan schools. He was asked to resign November 4 due to the litigation between the boards.

N. J. George, a board member, said the court action has been resolved and Supt. Mayo should be reinstated. He said this move would be in the best interest of the schools and the children attending them. Dr. A. F. Downum seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Two vacancies at White Oak Consolidated School were filled. Mrs. Marion G. Cranmer, 100 Twiddy Avenue.

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### Death Claims Mrs. Leary, 91

Mrs. Deborah Byrum Leary died Thursday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. O. C. Long, Jr., Route 1, Edenton. She was 91.

Mrs. Leary had been ill for six weeks. A native and lifelong resident of Chowan County, Mrs. Leary was a daughter of the late Joseph and Ellen Evans Byrum and the widow of R. W. Leary.

Surviving are three sons: J. Clarence, R. West and Stillman Leary, all of Edenton; four daughters: Mrs. Long and Mrs. Rodney Harrell, both of Edenton; and Mrs. Carey Hollowell and Mrs. Cameron Boyce, both of Tyner; one brother, T. Cam Byrum of Edenton; three sisters: Mrs. Henry Goodwin of Edenton; Mrs. Roy Furry of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Riddick Chappell of Hertford; 21 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Leary was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where funeral services were held Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Meredith Garrett, assisted by Rev. Billy Leary and Rev. Robert Harrell.

Burial was in the family cemetery near the home. Pallbearers were: Jackie Boyce, Robbie Boyce, Edgar Earl Hollowell, Scott Harrell, Tommy Leary, Jack Leary, J. Clarence Leary, Jr., and Leonard Small.

### PLAY AT GREENVILLE

The undefeated freshman football team at East Carolina College will meet Chowan College at 7:30 P. M. Friday in Greenville. Scheduled to see action are two former Edenton grid stars, Dwight Flanagan and Charles Swanner.

### Chesson Is Nominated By Morehead Committee

Wesley M. Chesson, III, 118 West Queen Street, has been nominated for district competition in the Morehead Scholarship awards program.

Chesson, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, was chosen to represent Chowan County, according to W. Herbert Hollowell, county Morehead chairman.

Two former area students are now studying at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill as Morehead Scholars. Keith Rollins, a graduate of Chowan High

School, is a sophomore at UNC, and Norfleet Pruden, who was a member of the Class of 1966 at John A. Holmes High School, is in the freshman class.

The Morehead grants are considered to be the most sought after by college freshmen. Too, the Morehead committee has recently established fellowships in law and medicine as well as in the Graduate School. Awards made to freshmen are valued at \$5,800 per year. The Morehead Awards, as well as the graduate and professional fellowships are made entirely on the basis of merit without any consideration of need.

Since 1951, 559 Morehead Scholars have entered the University of North Carolina at a cost of nearly \$3-million.

Chesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., is president of the Student Council. He holds membership in the National Honor Society and the Monogram Club. He has lettered in football, basketball and baseball as well as track. He is considered to be one of the best athletes ever to study at John A. Holmes High School.

WESLEY CHESSON, III

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### MUCHO GRANDMAS

"I'm my own grandpa" the songwriter wrote several years ago.

A five year old out on Route 3, Edenton, to put him to shame with a little ditty about having seven living grandmas.

Allen Dean Perry celebrated his birthday Tuesday and among those wishing him many happy returns were seven grandmothers. Yes, seven.

The grandmothers Allen claims are: Mrs. Luther Knight of Corapeake, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Sr., of Tyner, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., of Hobbsville, Mrs. Will Hoffer of Sunbury, Mrs. Walter Miller of Edenton, Mrs. W. G. White of