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Bufflap T Retire From Council After 30 Years On Town Board

J. Edwin Bufflap, dean of politicians in Edenton, will step from the political arena in May. He said today he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Town Council in the forthcoming Municipal Election.

Bufflap, editor of The Chowan Herald since it was founded in 1934, is rounding out his 30th year as a member of Edenton's official family. He is in the final months of a four-year term as councilman-at-large. He also serves as mayor pro tem.

In addition to a councilman-at-large, Edenton voters will elect a mayor and councilmen from the First and Second Wards.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has not made a formal statement and no word has been received from Thomas Shepard, First Ward councilman, or Leo Katkaveck, Second Ward incumbent.

Between now and the May election a considerable amount of activity is forecast. There have been rumors for months that several different people would test their political strength in the spring election. However, no one has committed himself publicly at this time.

First elected by a margin of five votes in 1937, Bufflap ran in the biennial elections 13 times. Councilmen were elected on four-year staggered terms in 1963 and at that time he won the four-year seat as councilman-at-large by five votes. He and George Alma Byrum, who retired from the council two years ago, ran unopposed for the two at-large seats with the high man being elected for four years.

In making his retirement statement today, the 74-year-old veteran publisher and town official said he will definitely sit this election out.

"I have served long enough," he said. "Like an

old car, I have just about worn out." He said new blood is needed on the council and there are younger men capable of carrying on the town's business. "I have greatly enjoyed my work for a better Edenton and have had the privilege of working very closely with many of our finest citizens," he continued. "However, the time comes when one must step aside and with younger men available for service, I feel I would be doing the citizens of Edenton an injustice by continuing on the council."

He expressed his appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation he has received from Edentonians down through the years. "The attitude of the people in our town made serving on the council a genuine pleasure," he concluded.



J. EDWIN BUFFLAP

DR. FRANK WILSON, JR. Athletic Injuries To Be Discussed

CHAPEL HILL—The three most common athletic injuries will be discussed in Edenton on Wednesday February 15 by practicing physicians in a 19-county area of Eastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia.

This will be the last in a series of six weekly medical meetings constituting a post-graduate course in medicine. The windup speaker will be Dr. Frank C. Wilson, Jr., an orthopedic surgeon at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine here.

He will speak at 4:30 P. M. on the treatment of sprained ankles, injuries to the major knee ligaments and shoulder separations. He also will describe some methods for lessening the chances of athletic injuries.

In a second talk at 7:30 P. M., Dr. Wilson will be concerned with low back pain. He will explain the diagnosis and treatment of a back injury which may mimic the herniated disk and he will describe in some detail the so-called "disk syndrome."

The meeting will be at the Edenton Restaurant. It is sponsored jointly by the First District Medical Society and the UNC School of Medicine.

Aces Heading For Cage Title

Two games stand between the Edenton Aces and their second straight 2-A Albemarle Conference cage championship.

The Aces are 12-3 in the conference at this point and entertain Perquimans County High School Friday. They then travel to Bertie Tuesday for a game which could ice the championship for the local cagers.

In games last Friday and this Tuesday, the Aces defeated Northampton there, 57-55 in overtime, and went to Gates where they brought home a 60-53 victory.

Coach Jim Kinion was well pleased with the showing of his cagers at Northampton as the two teams battled for undisputed possession of first place.

The regulation game ended with a 49-49 deadlock and the teams went into overtime. The score was tied at 55-55 with only about three seconds to play when Edenton got the ball and Wes Chesson tossed one in from just inside midcourt.

Chesson paced the locals with 23 points. Thomas Willis had 12 and Billy Wallace scored nine.

At Gates, Chesson was again the big gun with 19 points as four of the Aces scored in the double figures. Willis had 18, Wallace 13, and Rusty Bootwright, 10.

The Aceslets are having their troubles as they lost to Williamston, 48-35 last Tuesday night although Sue Powell scored 16 points.

Northampton downed the Aceslets, 52-37 Friday night. Powell got 14 points and Beth Moore had nine in the defeat.

PTA MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet at John A. Holmes High School auditorium February 16 at 8 P. M. Students under the guidance of Mrs. David Holton will present the program on "Teen-Age Code of Ethics".

Commissioners Handle Requests

Chowan County Commissioners Monday were besieged with requests for funds not budgeted for fiscal 1966-67. And before the board adjourned they had satisfied most of those who had appeared.

The board agreed to participate with the Edenton Woman's Club and Town of Edenton in the forthcoming biennial Pilgrimage. They voted \$250 to assist in the program since the focal point of the tour will be Chowan County Court House, which is now in its 200th year.

Mrs. R. J. Boyce, tour chairman, and Mrs. Chester Stevens, club president, presented preliminary plans for the April festivities.

Later, Mrs. L. Polk Williams, Jr., representing Chowan Arts Council, asked the commissioners to again participate in bringing the N. C. Little Symphony to Edenton for a free concert. The commissioners agreed to contribute \$150 if county children were allowed to attend.

It was learned later that children from county schools as well as city schools will be transported to the concert at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School on March 3. One thousand students from various schools will attend.

The commissioners balked at a request by O. C. Long, Jr., chairman, Chowan County Board of Education, that the board be allowed to pass up a \$5,000 payment on a loan from the commissioners. He explained that the board had experienced a considerable amount of legal expense during court actions.

After much discussion, the gist of which was that the school board should have consulted with commissioners prior to getting involved with such debts, the school group was advised that \$3,000 would be allowed for legal expense.

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Hill To Teach Local Art Class

Adults and high school students interested in painting are encouraged to attend the first session of a 15-week art class which begins today (Thursday) in the Art Studio over Edenton Savings & Loan.

Registration for the course, as well as the first class, will begin at 6:30 P. M. The class sessions are two hours in length.

Ben F. Hill, who is in charge of the Fine Arts Studio, College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, will be instructor for the course.

There will be one session each week and the cost of instruction is \$20. Oil paints, brushes and other necessary supplies are available in Edenton.

Those attending the first class are asked to bring a sketch pad, charcoal or oil painting supplies if they have them as well as still life objects or a picture they would like to copy.

The art class is another cultural program sponsored by Chowan Arts Council.

The Public Parade

INSTITUTE FOR AREA—D. S. Coltrane and Robert Harrell came down from the ivory tower this week to discuss race relations with area folk.

During his briefing at Edenton Restaurant, Coltrane pointed out that communities have a great challenge in providing educational opportunities for unskilled workers. He pointed specifically to opportunities available at technical schools and institutes.

From time to time The College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City offers adult education courses in Edenton. That, while providing a needed service, does not do a lot for our economy.

Edenton would be a highly desirable place for an institute which functions within the framework of the North Carolina system of Community Colleges.

Such an institute would have a nice payroll with relative little expense to the county. The county would have to provide the buildings and maintenance. The buildings are available at the old Marine base and they would be ideal for conversion to classrooms.

Institutes not only offer adults additional educational opportunities but have a full-time curriculum of study for students desiring to earn the Associate in Applied Science Degree for two years of study.

Money is available on the state level for establishment of these institutes which offer a wide variety of courses. It is up to the community to provide the initiative to get the project off the ground.

Leadership, where are you?

REPEAT PERFORMANCE—If you missed the talent show and womanless wedding here a couple weeks ago you will have another chance to see some of Edenton's finest perform.

The show, and what a

show it was, proved highly successful the first time around. The talent, in both phases of the production, caught the eye of those interested in putting some money in the Red Cross chest.

The Heart Fund is more than \$700 richer because of the show and at 7:30 P. M. Saturday out at Chowan High School it is hoped that a like amount can be raised for the Red Cross.

Those in the cast of the womanless wedding will have to get all performed up again, which is about the most distasteful aspect of the show. This is a real sacrifice and all you are asked is to purchase a ticket for \$1 and come watch the monkeys work.

The Red Cross will appreciate it.

THE COUNTY FAIR—The county fair is usually good for a lively conservation at least once each year. In some areas, the carnival phase of the annual fair has overshadowed the exhibits.

There are those in the fair business who, like in most any other, become greedy. They place less and less emphasis on agricultural, educational and other exhibits and turn to the midway, from which comes most of the change.

Chowan County Fair boosters have not fallen into this trap. They encourage more and more exhibits of various varieties. Instead of selling their soul to the carnival barker they have turned to a premium book as a means of boosting their income for charities.

Efforts by the local association paid off recently when the Chowan premium book took fifth place in state-wide competition. It is remarkable that this could be accomplished the second year such a book was printed. It points to the interest those promoting the local

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School Plan To Be Drawn

O. C. Long, Jr., chairman, Chowan County Board of Education, and Supt. Hiram J. Mayo Monday night were instructed to draft a plan for further integration of county schools.

The board is under court order to file such a plan for 1967-68 with Judge John Larkin in Eastern District Federal Court prior to March 1.

The members agreed that any plan submitted to the court would be subject to the merger of the Chowan and Edenton administrative units in a forthcoming vote of the people.

It was also agreed that while the board favored the freedom of choice plan for assigning students, no choice period would be fixed at this time. This will be discussed with members of Edenton City Board of Education at a meeting to be scheduled in the near future.

Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., said any plan for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 should be discussed with members of the city board

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Road Closed In Hertford

RALEIGH—A portion of U. S. 17 and highway 37 and the old Perquimans River bridge at Hertford will be closed for one month beginning Monday, February 6, officials of the State Highway Commission have announced.

Commissioner Don Matthews of Hamilton and District Engineer E. R. West of Elizabeth City said U. S. 17 business traffic moving between Elizabeth City and Hertford and highway 37 traffic moving between Winfall and Hertford will be detoured via U. S. 17 business, SR 1300, U. S. 17 bypass and SR 1336. This means traffic will come into Hertford via the new bridge.



BOOST PILGRIMAGE — Mrs. Chester Stevens, left, president of Edenton Woman's Club, and Mrs. R. J. Boyce, chairman of the 1967 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, are shown above. Pilgrimage plans are currently being made and a special celebration will be held focusing attention on the 200th anniversary of Chowan County Court House.

Pilgrimage Date Is Set

The 1967 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, biennial tour sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club, will be held the weekend of April 14, 15 and 16, it was announced today by Mrs. R. J. Boyce, Pilgrimage chairman.

The Pilgrimage offers a rare opportunity for the public to visit during the tour, a number of pre-Revolutionary homes open at no other time, the chairman said. Included in this year's tour is Sycamore, the oldest house in North Carolina, built in 1660 on a bluff overlooking Albemarle Sound.

In connection with this year's Pilgrimage in Colonial Edenton there will be celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Chowan County Courthouse considered the finest Georgian courthouse in the South built in 1767 and in continuous use since that date.

Among other historic homes and public buildings open for the 1967 Pilgrimage will be the Charlton House built in the 1760's by Jasper Charlton active in

Revolutionary politics and neighbor of Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Charlton's wife was also a "signer", being the first one to sign the famed Edenton Tea Party resolutions of the 51 ladies who gathered in Edenton in 1774.

Hostesses dressed in colorful colonial garb will receive visitors also at such historic homes as the Barker House, the Littlejohn House, West Custom House, the Paxton House and stately Pembroke Hall.

Especially arranged for the Pilgrimage visitors will be displays of local antiques and artifacts of the period, as well as from elsewhere in this historic area; a Little Theater performance; an arts and crafts show, a waterfront tour via Coast Guard cutter and special events scheduled throughout the weekend.

Block tickets will be \$5 with individual admittances \$1. Pilgrimage information may be obtained by writing Mrs. R. J. Boyce, 205 West Church Street, Edenton, N. C. 27932.

Group Hears Coltrane Farm Bureau Meets Tuesday

D. S. Coltrane, chairman of the N. C. Good Neighbor Council, said here Tuesday night progress is being made with regards to creating a climate of good race relations in Tar Heels but more emphasis must be placed on training the unskilled to make them acceptable for industrial employment.

Speaking at an informal regional meeting of area Good Neighbor Council members, educators, businessmen

and municipal leaders, Coltrane said more and more industries are becoming Equal Opportunity Employers. In order for the non-white population to take advantage of the new job opportunities, they must be trained to enter the more skilled and technical labor market of today.

Coltrane urged local councils to work out affirmative action programs. He said in the agricultural area of the state more attention is being focused on new industry. This means new jobs but a person accustomed to farm tools must have special training before becoming a machine operator.

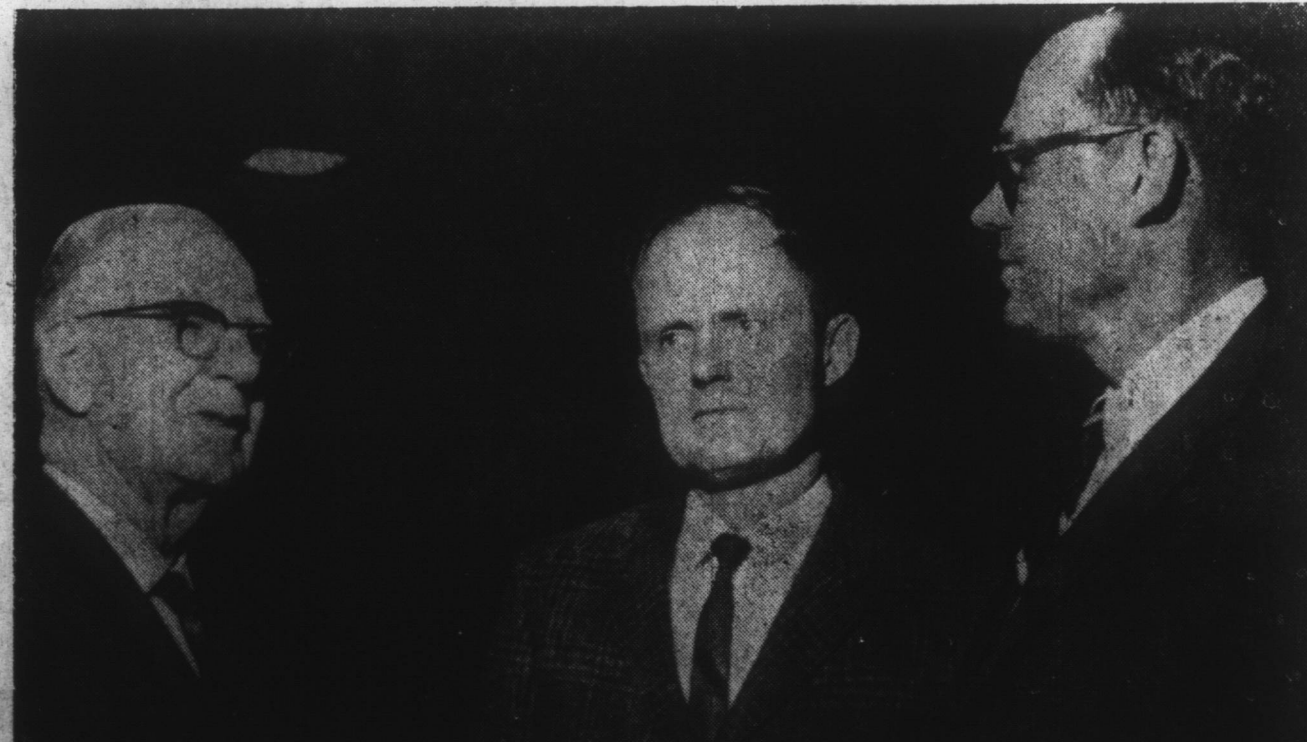
Coltrane said industrial and technical schools could be of valuable service in offering courses to teach such skills. It was pointed out by one person in attendance that in Elizabeth City, plans are underway for a course in attitudes. This is designed to condition people in their minds to work with machines.

Robert Harrell, formerly of Edenton who is now Coltrane's assistant, reported on areas of progress.

Harrell said a lot has been done in the area of better communications and understanding among the races. He said church, civic, business, industrial, municipal and other groups are meeting on a regular basis to discuss better race relations.

He said progress is also being made in the area of school desegregation. Harrell

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AT REGIONAL MEETING — Dr. Edward G. Bond, cen'er, chairman of Edenton City School Board, is pictured with D. S. Coltrane, left, chairman of the N. C. Good Neighbor Council and his assistant, Robert Harrell, formerly of Edenton. About 30 people Tuesday night attended one of eight regional council meetings at Edenton Restaurant.