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**MR. CHAIRMAN** — George Alma Byrum is chairman of the active Tourist Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. He is pictured here on the steps of the historic James Iredell House. The committee is engaged in publishing a history of Chowan County as well as numerous projects designed to increase tourism in Edenton and Chowan County. During the next 12 weeks chairmen of other chamber committees will be presented in The Herald.

## Schools Inspected For Accreditation

A team of educators, headed by Dr. Lewis H. Swindell, Jr., of Wilson, last week evaluated elementary schools in the Edenton City Administrative Unit for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Swindell, dean at Atlantic Christian College, met with the visiting team in the D. F. Walker Elementary Library for a briefing prior to visitations at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School and the Walker Elementary School.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo welcomed the group and booklets describing the two schools were distributed by D. F. Walker and Ernest A. Swain, principals in the unit.

Supt. Mayo said it would be several months before final determination of the schools' accreditation is received. The two high schools in the city unit—D. F. Walker and John A. Holmes—are already accredited by the Southern Association.

The central committee was chaired by Dr. Charles Weaver, superintendent of Elizabeth City Schools. Marvin R. Johnson of Raleigh, design consultant, Division of School Planning, State Department of Public Instruction, was also a member of Dr. Weaver's committee.

The visiting team to tour the Swain school included: Dr. Ruth Nixon of East Carolina College; Homer Lassiter of Raleigh; Mrs. Sue Todd of Windsor; and Miss Ella Cherry Moore of Rocky Mount.

Team members who evaluated the Walker school were: Milton M. Daniels of Wilson, Mrs. Ila K. Bellamy of Rocky Mount, Andrew Williams of Elizabeth City, Dr. Louise Sutton of Elizabeth City, Lonnie J. Lockamy, Jr., of Raleigh, Dr. Frank B. Weaver of Raleigh, and Mrs. Geneva Bowe of Winton.

Supt. Mayo said the appearance here

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## Playmakers Work

Edenton Little Theater has made a happy bow to the popular demand of Chowan theater goers by choosing to present "Never Too Late" as their spring play. Glenn Mabe, Little Theater president and director of the April production, has succeeded in his priority project of scouting out new talent for his domestic comedy.

"Never Too Late" will be presented at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium on April 13-14 to coincide with the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside.

Marsha Crandall, Jo Ann Collins and GeeGee Bumgarner, a feminine trio of talent as well as charm, grace the Edenton stage for the first time. A. B. Harness, Chuck Benson, Logan Elliott and J. D. Elliott are also welcome newcomers whose rare talents for comedy have kept rehearsals more than lively.

With the added talents of Joe Conger, Jr., and West Byrum, veterans of the local scene, "Never Too Late" has shown early promise of providing an evening of rollicking entertainment.

## The Public Parade

### Modernize System

Edenton Town Council has taken a bold step toward further streamlining local municipal government. Some time ago a giant step was taken in this direction through establishment of the Council-Administrator form of government.

Now, the council proposes to abolish the Board of Public Works and take over the duties and responsibilities of this board. This proposal has considerable merit.

A study by the N. C. League of Municipalities points out that when utility services were first furnished by municipalities during the first years of this century, these utility services were at that time not considered as a "normal" local government function. "In addition, their operation was considered as being very specialized, requiring special talents not normally found in locally-elected officials," the study states.

However, this has been proven not to be the case in modern times and only a few cities today have separate utility boards. A great deal has been done by qualified people being named to administrative posts as well as equally qualified people being available for supervisory jobs.

At a time when there is a constant cry for qualified citizens to become interested in local government it appears silly to have 11 elected officials in a town of 4,500. Towns in North Carolina 20 times our size manage to operate with half as many elected officials.

When you have two separate elective boards in a small town you often find them doing dual duty or working at cross purposes. In the name of efficiency, if

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# Change In Charter Is Sought

Edenton Town Council is seeking a change in the Town Charter that would dissolve the Board of Public Works and transfer its duties and authorities to the council.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., made public Tuesday night the action taken at a called council meeting at 7:30 A. M. Wednesday.

Mayor Mitchener, with all councilmen except Luther C. Parks present, discussed the merits of dissolving the Board of Public Works and voted unanimously to do so.

At the meeting it was pointed out that only a very few of the electric towns in the state have separate boards. Minutes from the meeting stated that (it) "was felt by the members of the council that many problems have been created by

the existence of two elective boards in Edenton. It has been proven throughout the state that having one board to handle the town's affairs had been most advantageous."

Mayor Mitchener said it is the firm belief of the members of the council that dissolving the Board of Public Works is a forward step for the town and one that will result in better services for the citizens and will further result in financial savings for the community.

The six-point motion below was made by Thomas H. Shepard and seconded by Leo Katkaveck:

(1) That our representatives in the N. C. General Assembly be requested to enact changes in the Charter of the Town of Edenton that would dissolve the Board of Public Works and the trans-

ferring of its duties and authorities to the Town Council of the Town of Edenton.

(2) That the remaining two members of the Board of Public Works should serve in advisory capacity to the Town Council for the remainder of their term which expires in May of 1969.

(3) That the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Public Works be undertaken by the Board of Councilmen of the Town of Edenton and that the Electric & Water Department affairs be handled in the same manner as any other Town department.

(4) That the Superintendent of the Electric & Water Department be responsible to and report directly to the Administrator of the Town of Edenton who

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## Budget Approved For School Term

Chowan County Board of Education Monday night adopted a 1967-68 budget of \$79,187.66. Salary increases for teachers, other pay increases to comply with the federal minimum wage, and improvement to school grounds account for most of the \$8,928.15 increase over the current fiscal year's budget.

County schools this year receive \$70,259.51 from county tax funds. In 1965-66 they received \$60,428.51, or \$9,831 less. Therefore, the budget being sent to Chowan County commissioners doesn't reflect as great an increase as last year.

A summary of the new budget shows a total for current expense of \$63,887.66. This shows an increase of \$5,550 over the current budget as the board moved to implement a policy of paying teachers a supplement of \$270 per year. Teachers in the county unit now get a \$150 annual supplement.

The capital outlay figure is \$10,300, or \$999.49 more than 1966-67. This includes paving at Chowan High School.

The debt service fund is \$5,000, to repay the county for a loan made several years ago.

In the budget, school board members included \$1,000 as a supplement for a superintendent. N. J. George said this

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## Peele To Preside

The March Term of Chowan County Superior Court will begin on Tuesday, March 28, due to Easter Monday being a legal holiday.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, said the court house will be closed on Monday, therefore, the court session will begin the following day. All grand and petit jurors will report on Tuesday along with defendants and witnesses.

Judge Elbert S. Peele, Jr., of Williamston, will preside.



Cedric M. Boyd  
Garden Club Meeting

## Boyd Will Speak

Ways of producing a successful beautification program for a municipality will be discussed here Monday night by Cedric M. Boyd, director of Public Works in New Bern.

Boyd will speak about New Bern's successful campaign at an open meeting of the Garden of Eden Club to be held at 7:30 P. M., in the Municipal Building.

Mrs. F. A. Jordan, garden club president, said interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting along with the Beautification Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, headed by Dr. Richard N. Hines.

Boyd is well known throughout the area for his efforts in the field of beautification. Because of his success in New Bern, that city has been nominated for the Holiday Magazine Beautification Award.

New Bern, under Boyd's direction, started seven years ago with a budget of \$300 for beautification. This year the budget contains \$22,000 for this purpose.

Boyd has been with New Bern's department of Public Works for 13 years.

## Shepard Running In May Election

Edenton's First Ward got a candidate in the May Municipal Election today with announcement by incumbent Councilman Thomas H. Shepard that he will run for a four-year term.

Shepard, who resides at 98 Pembroke Circle, has been a member of the Town Council since December, 1966. At that time he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of J. D. Elliott, who moved from the ward.

In making announcement of his plans to seek election, Shepard said he has enjoyed the past few months on the council and pledges his best efforts to keep Edenton moving in a progressive, sound manner.

Shepard's announcement rounded out a full slate of candidates in the forthcoming election. Incumbent Leo Katkaveck is running in Second Ward and Elliott is seeking the Councilman-at-Large seat.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., is seeking his fourth term and is being opposed by Roy L. Harrell. This is the only race which has developed thus far.

Shepard is a native of Chowan County, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shepard. He attended local schools and graduated from East Carolina College.

He was Clerk of Superior Court prior to becoming vice president of Home Feed & Fertilizer Company.

Shepard is active in all phases of community activity. He is chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee; heads the trustees of Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library; is a member of Chowan County Welfare Board; and Senior Warden at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He is married to the former Rebecca Walker of Burlington and they have three children.



Thomas H. Shepard

## Group Will Meet

Civic club representatives from organizations from throughout Chowan County will gather at Edenton Chamber of Commerce tonight (Thursday) to set the stage for a civic club council.

Robert W. Moore, executive director of the chamber, said the meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock.

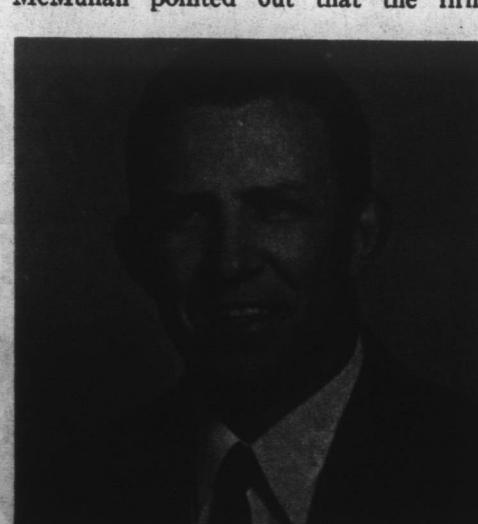
Chamber directors recently instructed Moore to call together representatives of the various organizations in the county to function as a group to coordinate activities of various clubs.

## Wood, Phillips Added To Mill Board

C. A. Phillips and T. B. H. Wood have been named to the board of directors of Edenton Cotton Mills. Announcement of action by the board at its annual meeting was made by P. S. McMullan, president and treasurer.

Phillips is a vice president of the local textile manufacturing firm and Wood is vice president in charge of sales at Darf Corporation, a manufacturer of farm implements at Greenfield.

In his annual report to the directors, McMullan pointed out that the firm



C. A. Phillips



T. B. H. Wood

poured more than \$134-million into the local economy last year. He pointed out that the company did business with 48 firms and contributed to 15 worthy causes and organizations.

McMullan also reported that the mill's operation was enlarged by 22 per cent during the year and within a matter of weeks will have a totally air conditioned manufacturing plant.

Production last year topped all previous highs in the history of our mill," McMullan reported.

Judge Elbert S. Peele, Jr., of Williamston, will preside.

Phillips and Wood join R. Graham White, J. Gilliam Wood, John Graham, Frank Elliott, Thomas Wood, J. H. Conger, Sr., and McMullan on the firm's board. In addition to McMullan and Phillips, officers are: John Graham, vice president, and R. F. Elliott, secretary and assistant treasurer.

Al Phillips came to Edenton in 1950 as superintendent at the mill. He was elevated to vice president in February, 1960.

A native of Cary, Phillips is a graduate of N. C. State University. He is a former Town Councilman in Edenton and past president of Edenton Lions Club. He is married and the father of three children. The Phillips' are Baptists.

They reside at Montpelier Acres on the Albemarle Sound.

Benbury Wood is owner of Wood Hall Farm on Highway 32, east of Edenton. He is a grandson of Frank Wood, one of the two organizers of the cotton mill.

Wood, married and the father of two children, is president of the Cupola House Association and is a member of the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce as well as a director of Historic Edenton, Inc.

The Woods are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.