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Supt. Mayo Gets; Going To Craven

Edenton City and Chowan County schools have lost their superintendent and will have to wait until May 16 to find out whether or not they are looking for one or two men as replacements for Supt. Hiram J. Mayo.

It was announced from New Bern



Supt. Hiram J. Mayo

The Public Parade

Spruce Up a Bit

Edenton's history and progress is being told across North Carolina and neighboring Virginia as a dedicated group of women promote the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside.

Every two years these lovely citizens pull out all the stops in promoting this tour which brings thousands of people to meander with us along The Public Parade. While they are boasting their tour they are at the same time gaining publicity for the area which could not be bought at any price.

We mention it here to remind everyone of the forthcoming tour (April 14-16) and to solicit their cooperation in dressing up Edenton in proper regalia for the occasion.

Dr. Richard Hines and the Beautification Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce are conducting a campaign to get the town spruced up for the Pilgrimage. They are contacting individuals asking their help in cleaning up ugly spots so the town will be an asset to this biennial Pilgrimage.

Look around you, you might find something you can paint-up, pick-up or knock down and haul away which will add some luster to the community. Those who have toiled long and hard ask nothing more and deserve nothing less.

The Dangling Bait

An exhaustive study of jails in North Carolina shows a need for attention in many areas and one remedy proposed is the formation of regional centers.

"District jails could be more efficient and economical (in cost per inmate) than jails operated by units of local government which have varying jail needs (and sometimes very small jail populations)," it is stated in a report just released.

The report, prepared by the Legislative Research Commission, goes on to state that the formation of regional jails could be encouraged by the state through technical consultation, co-ordinative planning, and financial participation in both construction of facilities and administration.

This is fancy talk designed to get this state into the jail business. Proposals of a district jail in this area would include attractive figures as to per inmate cost. Such would tend to tempt our county commissioners. They should not even nibble on the bait.

Last week the Chowan County Grand Jury reported the local jail in a good state of repair, considering the age of the structure. And it was suggested that county commissioners appoint a committee to investigate and plan for a new jail here.

It is inevitable that in the not too distant future a county office building must be erected here. This will be the time to seriously discuss the inclusion of a jail in such a building.

Chowan County Jail is the oldest in North Carolina, by all estimates, and

Monday morning that Craven County Board of Education had employed Supt. Mayo to succeed Supt. Robert Pugh, who retires June 30 after serving that system for 30 years.

Supt. Mayo appeared at the Chowan County Board of Education meeting at 8 P. M., Monday and handed his letter of resignation to Chairman O. C. Long. No mention was made of it nor action taken until near the close of the regular board meeting.

The Edenton City School trustees met Tuesday to follow the county group in accepting Supt. Mayo's resignation with regret.

There had been some talk in recent months that larger units were interested in the local educator. However, the announcement from New Bern caught the entire community by surprise.

Supt. Mayo has been associated with local schools for eight years and has been head of the city schools for the past six years. Fifteen months ago, when the city and county administrative units agreed to terms for a merger of the two, Supt. Mayo agreed to take on the added responsibilities of the county schools.

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Invitations Sent By Iredell Group

Special invitations have been issued to 125 descendants of James Iredell to attend the 1967 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside.

The invitations were issued by the James Iredell Association.

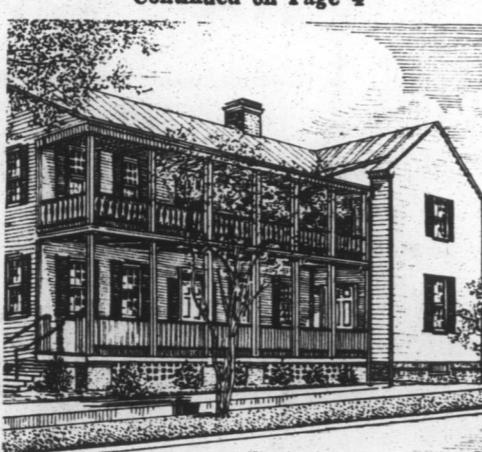
Iredell, a noted North Carolinian, was Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court from 1790 to 1799. His home is an historic shrine here.

During the Pilgrimage, April 14-16, Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will honor the Iredell clan at a breakfast in the Iredell House at 9 A. M., April 16.

Lloyd E. Griffin will keynote the breakfast with a brief talk depicting the life of Iredell.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilborn and A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., will represent the State Department of Archives and History at

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James Iredell House

Referendum May 2 On Abolishing Board; Three File

The question of abolishing Edenton's Board of Public Works will be settled by the voters in the May 2 Municipal Election.

A bill now working its way through the North Carolina General Assembly would also provide for reorganization of the Town Council. The bill is essentially the same as the one proposed last month by the council but an amendment was approved to call a referendum.

Under the reorganization plan, the council would have three standing committees. They would be: Finance and Revenue, Utilities, and Public Works. There would be two councilmen assigned to each of the three committees. Members of these committees would oversee town operations in these areas and approve all accounts and claims against departments and functions within its scope.

First District Rep. Philip P. Godwin and William Culpepper introduced the bill in the House Friday. It was sent to a committee which gave a favorable vote Tuesday morning. Passage in the

House was expected sometime Wednesday.

The Board of Public Works opposed action by the council to abolish the board that has operated the utilities here for more than 58 years. They requested that the matter be held in abeyance for two years and allow the voters to express themselves at the 1969 Municipal

Election.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., said members of the council agree to the amendment calling for a referendum. He said they requested the vote at the next election rather than a delay of two years.

In the meantime, Chairman Jesse L. Harrell of the Board of Public Works,



JESSE L. HARRELL



J. H. CONGER, JR.



THOMAS C. BYRUM, JR.

Special Vote On Merger Set May 16

Chowan County voters will go to the polls May 16 to approve or disapprove a merger of the school administrative units in Edenton and the county.

County commissioners Monday set the date for the election and authorized the Chowan County Board of Elections to proceed with plans for the May 16 referendum.

This referendum, approved jointly by the Edenton City and Chowan County boards of education, was authorized by the N. C. General Assembly last month.

At the same time the voters express themselves on the merger, they will be asked to authorize a supplemental school tax of not more than 15 cents per \$100 valuation. Such a tax has been on the books for the city unit but has never been levied. It would be up to the county commissioners to levy the tax upon request from the school board.

The ballot, as approved by commissioners, would provide for a vote of "Yes" or "No" on but one question—merger and the school tax authorization.

If the voters approve this merger, the two existing boards would immediately become the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and would be composed of current members of the two boards. In 1971 all school boards members would be elected and there would be seven seats on the board.

There will be no special registration for the school merger referendum and all qualified voters in the county will be allowed to vote on the issue.



MR. CHAIRMAN — N. J. George, local businessman and former teacher in the public schools here, is chairman of the Education Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. George and members of his committee are working closely with officials of the College of the Albemarle in an effort to locate a permanent local branch of the community college. Other avenues are being explored by the committee to improve the educational standards in the community.

and members T. C. Byrum, Jr., and J. H. Conger, have filed with the Chowan County Board of Elections for re-election on May 2.

The filing deadline is 12 noon Saturday and the candidates are not expected to be opposed. If the voters approve abolishing the board, however, it is to be done immediately. Only the two board members whose terms expire in 1969 will become "advisors to the town governing board on utility matters . . .," as stated in the bill.

Harrell, who became a member of the utilities board in 1959, was named chairman in December, 1963.

Byrum, who was appointed to the board in 1955 was chairman of the board for two years.

Conger was appointed to the board in March, 1960, and has served since that time.

E. L. Hollowell, elections board chairman, said the only other person to file within the past week, who had not previously announced as a candidate was James M. Bond, incumbent town treasurer.