



## The Public Parade

### What's The Rush?

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, just getting off the ground as a merged board, has developed a sudden urge to get the superintendent's office out of John A. Holmes High School.

While we support the theory that the office should never have been put there in the first place and action should be taken to get it removed, we cannot buy either of the two propositions the board will discuss tonight.

On the agenda for the meeting is an item to discuss the advisability of relocating the office to First National Bank Building for \$4,000 per year rent or purchasing property from Mrs. John Bond for \$16,000.

The rent would be paid by the county, while it is suggested that purchase of the Bond property could come from ESEA Title I funds at the rate of \$2,000 per year for eight years with the county paying only the interest.

On the surface, the latter would appear quite attractive. Nevertheless, no one can be assured that ESEA funds will be available two years from now, let alone eight. Congressmen have been looking closer and closer at this particular phase of Aid to Education and the money is appropriated on a year-to-year basis.

Chowan County commissioners have the responsibility of furnishing office space to all county agencies. If what they have to offer isn't suitable for the superintendent's office, then they should take immediate steps to build.

Apparently some in school circles think \$4,000 isn't too much rent to pay. This amount, paid over 20 years, would amortize a loan of about \$50,000. Such a capital expenditure would provide a handsome and comfortable Colonial office building with adequate parking.

The board of education has no mandate to immediately evacuate John A. Holmes High School. Therefore, what's the rush?

This might be just what is needed to get county commissioners to get out of the hotel business and erect a county office building for all agencies. Separate facilities for the schools would further delay such construction.

### Something For All

Mumps are in vogue in Edenton—especially up and down Gale Street. There have been so many "chipmunk" looking chaps in the neighborhood the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has kept parents away from the leather strap for weeks.

The Amburn orphanage hasn't escaped.

First came Luke home from Mrs. John Ross' kindergarten with a knot behind both ears.

He peddled the fat cheeks along to sister Melissa, who is sure to have passed them around generously in Mrs. Lucy Meade Harless' second grade before they were recognized.

Things were about back to normal at the orphanage, that is, for at least a full day. Everyone was running, jumping and causing the usual fuss. Then

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A PRETTY SIGHT—Sailboats are gaining in popularity in the Edenton area and most any afternoon you can look out over Edenton Bay and see a pretty sight such as is pictured here. Added to the local group of sailboats this week was Paragon II, owned by Freddie Byrum, an Edentonian now living in Silver Springs, Md. Mrs. Byrum is pictured here waving to friends in a passing speedboat as the 30-foot Alberg moves out of Pembroke Creek. The Byrums are on a vacation cruise and visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Byrum and Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Downum, Sr. Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., and Lynn Bond recently sailed with Byrum from Galesville, Md., to Hampton, Va., on a weekend jaunt.

## Banker Elected By Wildlife Club

George Lewis, vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company and avid sportsman, has been elected president of a yet-to-be named wildlife club here.

At an organizational meeting at Rocky Hock Community Building Friday night, Dr. Richard Hardin was chosen as vice president, with N. J. George being named secretary-treasurer.

Members of the club are from Chowan and Perquimans counties. Twenty-one people attended the fish fry with two representing Perquimans Wildlife Club.

Dewey Wells, Elizabeth City attorney, and district director of wildlife clubs in North Carolina, spoke briefly to the group, giving suggestions about having a successful club as well as urging them to join in the state program.

Wells said the state organization has a lot to offer local groups who are interested in conservation and safety. He also outlined the legislative program of the group.

Clay B. Foreman, Jr., president of the Perquimans Club, pledged the assistance of his group.

Lewis suggested that the club not meet during the summer months and set September 7 as the date of the next meeting.

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## Bond Heads Committee

Jesse L. Harrell, president of the Board of Trustees at Chowan Hospital, announced today that James M. Bond, Edenton postmaster, has been named chairman of the site committee for a new hospital.

Bond is hospital treasurer and a member of the trustees.

Harrell said the naming of a site committee is in connection with making preparations for the forthcoming bond election, which will be held this fall.

Other members of the committee head-

ed by Bond include: Rev. E. C. Shoaf, Dr. Archie Walker, Tom Asbell, Eric Jones, William E. Cox, J. A. Webb, Jr., Lloyd Briggs and Sherlon Layton. Harrell stated that there would probably be others added to the committee.

W. P. Jones, hospital administrator, said an error was made last week in reporting on the hospital census for May. The hospital averaged more than 25 patients per day, rather than more than 20, as previously reported.

Also, the administrator called to the attention of local citizens the difference in room rates at Chowan Hospital as compared with Norfolk area hospitals. Local rates are from \$12 for four-bed wards to private rooms at \$17, 18, and \$20.

Eight hospitals in the Tidewater area will be adjusted on July 1 and will range from \$39 for a private room with bath to \$24 for an eight-bed ward.

## July 4th Holiday Slated For Many

Activity in Edenton next Tuesday will be limited as business establishments, municipal, county, state and federal agencies close for the July 4 holiday.

Chowan County Court House will be closed along with Edenton Municipal Building.

Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said most commercial establishments will be closed Tuesday. This is one of the regular holidays recommended by Griffin's committee.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, reminded citizens that there will be no garbage collection Tuesday. However, the street department will pick up garbage all over town on Monday and Wednesday.

All offices of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, Bank of Hobbsville and Edenton Savings & Loan Association will observe the holiday.

Postmaster James M. Bond said the U. S. Post Office will be closed and there will be no deliveries Tuesday.

About the only activity will center around Edenton Police and Fire Departments and Chowan Hospital.

## Truck Drivers Escape Injury In Wreck; Damage High

A truck driver was convicted of reckless driving in District Court Tuesday as a result of a two-truck collision on U. S. 17 near Pembroke Creek.

Property damage to the trucks and cargo was estimated by police at \$5,300 but both drivers escaped injury.

Marshall W. Mansfield, 35, 16 Stratford Road, was given a suspended sentence and fined \$35 and ordered to pay court costs by Judge W. S. Privott.

Mansfield was driver of a tractor-trailer rig owned by Carolina-Norfolk Freight Lines which was involved in a collision with a truck driven by Luther



TRUCK DRIVERS ESCAPE INJURY—Two trucks collided Saturday afternoon on U. S. 17, just east of Pembroke Creek bridge but both drivers escaped injury, although damage to the vehicles and cargo was estimated at \$5,300. The moving van, in foreground, ran off the road in an attempt to miss the tractor-trailer rig, in the background, but the vehicles hit on the left side of the road. Inspecting the damage is State Trooper R. H. Allen.

C. Wilbrum of Washington, D. C. Damage to the tractor-trailer was set at \$300 while damage to the other truck and cargo was estimated to be \$5,000. It was owned by Acme Moving & Storage Corp.

The mishap occurred at 3:22 P. M., when Mansfield came off the Pembroke Creek bridge, passed a car and met Wilbrum's vehicle.

Testimony by Wilbrum and Police Sgt. C. H. Williams was that Wilbrum pulled his truck to the shoulder of the road to avoid a head-on collision. Mansfield's truck skidded on the pavement and the left rear wheels struck the left

front of the other vehicle. The highway was partially blocked for more than four hours.

Another mishap was investigated by local police at 2:50 P. M. Thursday on North Broad Street, near Park Avenue.

The report showed that Terry W. Ward, 16, of Creswell was driving a 1965 Mercury on Broad Street and attempted to make a left turn into a service station. Ward's vehicle was in collision with a 1962 Rambler, driven by Henry E. Ford, 45, of Hillsboro, Fla.

Damage to the two vehicles was placed at \$500 and Ward was given a traffic citation.

## Supt. Britt Will Assume School Position In County

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will meet at 8 P. M., tonight (Thursday) with newly employed Supt. Franklin L. Britt and outgoing Supt. Hiram J. Mayo both in attendance.

Supt. Britt assumes his duties July 1 and Supt. Mayo leaves Friday to take over as head of schools in Craven

County.

Tonight's meeting is being held in place of the regular July meeting which would have been held normally on Monday night. The meeting date was changed because of the July 4th holiday.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, will preside.

Among items on the agenda is establishment of a definite date each month for a meeting. The former Chowan County board, by law, met the first Monday of each month while the city board met the third Thursday.

Also, board members will again discuss relocation of the superintendent's office from John A. Holmes High School. It is proposed that the county either rent office space in First National Bank building or purchase the Bond property on North Broad Street for renovation into offices.

While Chowan County commissioners provide office space for other county agencies, the board has not formally been requested by the school board to do so.

The board will discuss employment of an architect for future school construction and will hear a report from an insurance committee, headed by Bruce Jones.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., attorney, will discuss the Federal Court suit now before Judge John Larkins in Elizabeth City.

Resignations and employment of faculty members are also on the agenda.

At the first meeting of the newly established Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, held June 5, Supt. Britt was employed to replace Supt. Mayo. He is currently assistant superintendent of the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank schools.

Supt. Mayo has been associated with local schools for eight years and has been superintendent for six. During the past 18 months he also directed activities of Chowan County Schools prior to the merger of the two administrative units.

## Boards Will Meet

Chowan County commissioners will have a joint meeting with Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday for the purpose of appointing a member to Chowan ABC Board.

The term of R. F. Elliott, chairman of the ABC group, is expiring. Other members of the board are J. W. Davis and Hector Lupton. They serve staggered terms.

The commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting at 9 A. M., in Chowan County Court House.



WILDLIFE CLUB OFFICERS—Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City, standing center, is shown with new officers of a wildlife club which is being organized in Chowan and Perquimans counties. George Lewis, right, was elected president, Dr. Richard Hardin, left, vice president, and N. J. George, center, secretary-treasurer. Wells is district director of the wildlife clubs of North Carolina. A fish fry was held at the organizational meeting Friday night at Rocky Hock Community Building.