



The Public Parade

Not On Skids

Next week W. P. (Spec) Jones will clean out his desk at Chowan Hospital and move down on Water Street to his private business, Spedic Vending Service, Inc.

This will be a sort of victory for those who have been critical of the business-like manner in which he has operated the community hospital. Their shouts of joy are already being heard.

The same people who opposed the hospital bond issue because they didn't like the administrator or felt he had been unfair in a tax situation while he was supervisor of that county department, are already saying he was "pressured" to resign both positions.

When Jones stepped down as tax supervisor he said the work at Chowan Hospital was so time consuming he couldn't do both jobs justice. He resigned last month from the hospital position because his personal business needs his attention.

We have stated before that administering the affairs of a hospital like the one here should be a fulltime job. While Jones was doing a commendable job in both positions, it is natural for each to create ill will that carries over to the other.

As tax supervisor he treated everyone on equal terms. How else can it be done correctly and fairly?

At the hospital he did the same thing. He knew only one way to operate the hospital and that was in a business-like way. Because of this the hospital operates in the black. If it didn't, the board of trustees would have to find a sugar daddy to pick up the balance.

Recently the board unanimously entered into the minutes a resolution of appreciation to Jones for his untiring efforts on behalf of the hospital. It was also stated that the board regrets that the administrator picked this time to decide to devote his time to his vending business.

Spec Jones isn't the type man to be "pressured" into or out of anything. He learned early in life if you don't slide the pushers will tire eventually.

This leader has put more into the community than he will ever derive from it. He deserves bouquets rather than brickbats.

Stepping Out

There will be a touch of Chowan down in Mississippi Saturday night when the University of Southern Mississippi meets Southeastern Louisiana.

Sanfra Ange will be marching with the highly regarded Dixie Darlings of USM. This is quite a feat for the freshman, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ange.

There were 90 contestants for the marching unit and competition was unusually keen as the 40 were picked. Sanfra nailed down one of the coveted positions.

Congratulations, Sanfra. We know you will represent us in the finest tradition.

The Fourth Estate

There have been some recent developments in journalistic circles in the area which are worthy of note.

First, the Albemarle Progress began publishing on Tuesdays two weeks ago and is presenting a fresh, new approach to newspapering in the Perquimans area.

Then our favorite afternoon newspaper over in Elizabeth City cut a real shine by dropping the Saturday edition and going Sunday. Their first issue was a beaut, full color and all.

The Herald over in Ahoskie did a commendable job in breaking the official story on location of a \$32-million industry on the Chowan River in Hertford County. The newspaper, carrying the

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Arts Council To Hear Supt. Britt

Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools will discuss the arts and humanities program in local schools September 28 when he addresses the fall meeting of Chowan Arts Council.

Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., chairman, said the meeting will begin at 8 P. M. at John A. Holmes High School auditorium.

In addition to Supt. Britt's talk, reports will be given and plans made for other programs which will be presented in the community during the year.

All parents of students in local schools are urged to attend this meeting to hear about the schools' arts program as en-

Chowan Fair Opens Here Next Week

The Chowan County Fairgrounds on U. S. 17 South are being readied for the annual agricultural fair which opens Monday afternoon for a week's run.

W. A. Perry, president, Chowan County Fair Association, said the exhibit hall

will be the center of activity now as entries as well as commercial exhibits are put into place.

Perry said a special effort has been put forth this year to make the fair one of the best in history. He said mem-

bers of the sponsored Edward G. Bond Post, American have gone all out to give visitors to the fair something to see and enjoy.

All exhibits are to be installed by 6 P. M., Monday.

Woodrow Slade is again fair manager and has a good crew of American Legion members lined up to see that everything runs smoothly.

There is a talent show planned, free acts nightly as well as a wide variety of rides and shows on the midway.

The William A. Griffith Shows promise plenty of entertainment for the entire family.

Sure to draw special attention is the Winston-Salem Police Crime Prevention Display sponsored by the Exchange Club of Greater Winston-Salem, which will be at the fair.

In February, 1965, during Crime Prevention Week, the Winston-Salem department placed a display in a moving-van type trailer and carried it to 10 senior high schools within Forsyth County.

The display produced such an "impact" on the students that it was decided to make it a permanent exhibit. Since that time it has been shown throughout the state and has gained national recognition.

Center Hill Home Demonstration Club will again operate a concession stand on the fairgrounds. The women will turn their kitchens into a bake shop, as they have done for 15 years and feature excellent food for visitors. Proceeds go to the Center Hill Community Center.

As the countdown neared for opening the fairgrounds, Perry and Slade say they have tried to anticipate the things necessary to make the fair a success.

However, one thing over which they have no control will play a major role in the event. That is the weather. But they are hoping for the best.

Chowan Hospital Endowment Grant

Chowan Hospital here has been granted \$30,000 from The Duke Endowment for new construction. During 1966 the hospital received \$27,510 toward its operation costs for charity care from The Endowment.

The announcement of Duke Endowment appropriations and allocations to Chowan Hospital were contained in the 42nd annual report of The Endowment which was released Monday.

Operation funds are granted on the basis of \$1 a day for each free day of bed care.

Chowan County also has shared in assistance provided for building and maintaining rural Methodist churches and for retired ministers and dependent families of deceased ministers who served in the North Carolina or Western North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Church.

Allocations and appropriations in the year from The Endowment amounted to \$15,566,691, bringing to \$250,040,836 the 42-year total.

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Chamber Preparing For New Year

Six new directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce are being elected in balloting this week by chamber members as machinery for the beginning of a new year begins to function.

Also, W. B. Gardner, president, said this week that Alton G. Elmore, a past president, has agreed to serve as chairman of the annual banquet. The banquet will be held early next month at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Details for this meeting will be announced shortly.

A nominating committee produced a slate of 12 local men for the board. Six will be elected in balloting which began Tuesday.

Nominated were: Wallace Evans, John Ricks, Wes Chesson, Henry Quinn, Bill Bunch, Kermit Layton, Tom Hopkins, Jack Douglas, James Darnell, Chuck Benson, Burley Niblett and Britton Byrum.

At the monthly board meeting Thursday, Gardner thanked the directors for their support during the year.

"We have enjoyed a good year in the chamber and I attribute it to the work done by members of the board and com-

mittee chairmen," he said.

It was announced that Edenton Jaycettes have agreed to sponsor the Christmas Parade this year. The BPW has handled this in the past but decided to give it up.

John A. Mitchener, Jr., reminded directors of the quarterly meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association to be held at Nags Head September 28.

James C. Dail, treasurer, reported that memberships brought in \$14,245 this year, a record amount. Gardner said George Lewis, membership chairman, did a commendable job in conducting the campaign.

In addition to Gardner, Dail and Mitchener, directors present included:

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Group Will Meet

Edenton Historic Commission will have its fall meeting Friday at 12:30 P. M. at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville is chairman.

Graham White Named Chairman Of Planning Board

E. L. Hollowell, first chairman of Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission, has resigned, effective October 1.

At a meeting Tuesday night, board members unanimously elected R. Graham

White to replace Hollowell. White has served as vice chairman.

The board also recommended Tom Hopkins for a seat on the board to fill the vacancy created by Hollowell's resignation.

Other board members are Bill Cozart, Charles Swanner and Larry Dowd.

Swanner was re-elected secretary.

Hollowell praised the work White has done and said he has proven by his past actions that he has the interest of all the community at heart. "He will make an excellent chairman," Hollowell said.

In a letter to Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Hollowell cited business interests as being his reason for resigning at this time. He said these interests "might lead to an embarrassing conflict between the Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission, myself, and my business associates."

Hollowell said his resignation in no way inhibits his "interest in the progress and refinement of the Town of Edenton."

He has served on the board for 16 months, all the time as chairman.

Housing Authority

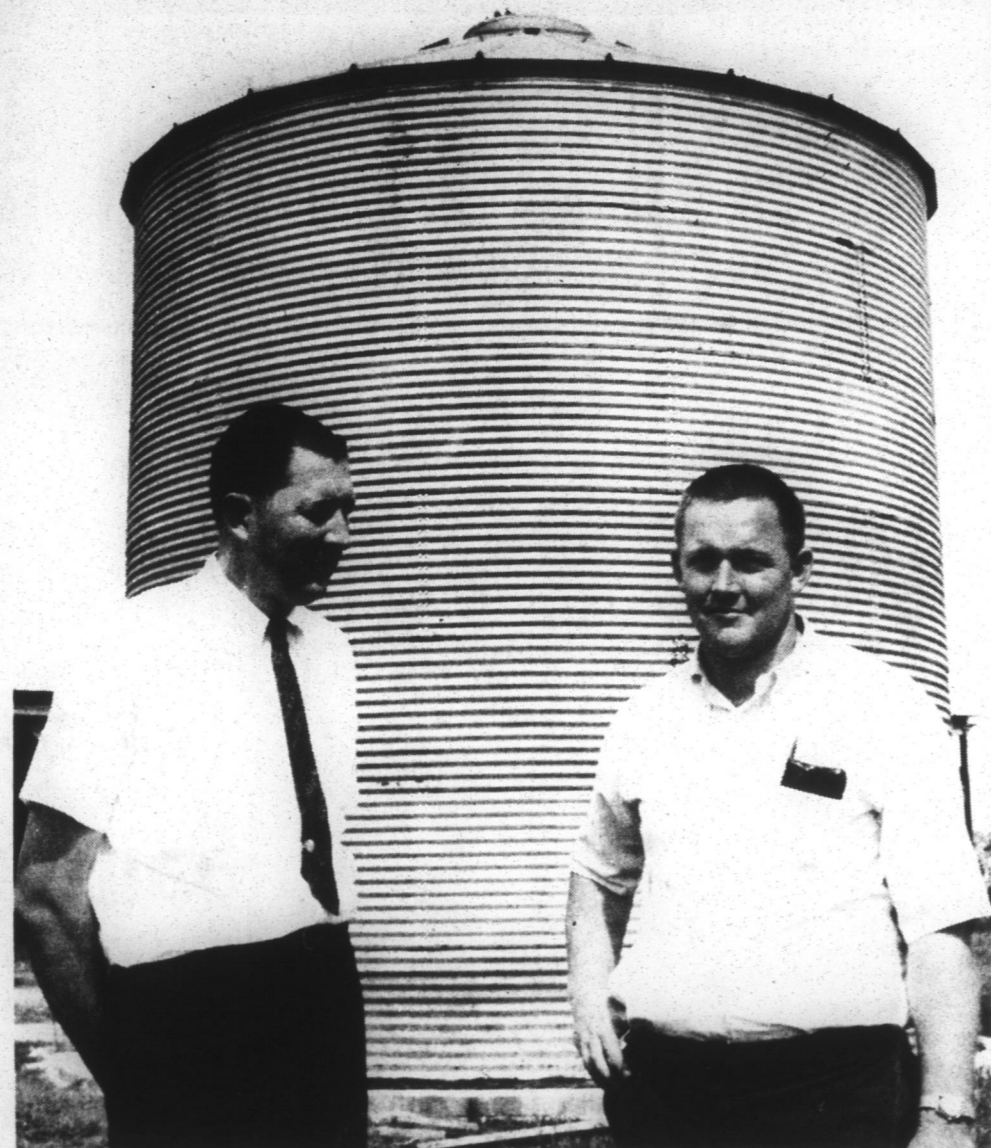
Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., today announced members of the new five-man Edenton Housing Authority.

Jack Habit, realtor and insurance executive, was named chairman.

Other members include: Glenn Mabe, A. C. Hudson, George Lewis and L. F. Amburn, Jr.

Edenton Town Council recently authorized the establishment of a housing authority to investigate erection of low-rent housing in town.

No date has been set for an organizational meeting of the authority.



BINS FOR SALE—H. O. West, left, Chowan County ASCS office manager, and Bobby Heath, head of the ASCS office in Perquimans County, are shown here in front of a government surplus grain bin which has been erected on the Thomas Proctor farm between Edenton and Hertford. West has ordered 10 similar bins which will be sold Friday morning at 11 o'clock on the lot next to Westover Service Station on U. S. 17 south. Eleven bins have been sold in Perquimans and Heath has nine more available.

10 Surplus Storage Bins Available

Chowan County farmers will have an opportunity Friday to bid on 10 government surplus grain bins which have been received from the Midwest for sale by the ASCS.

H. O. West, Chowan office manager, said the sale will begin at 11 A. M., on the lot next to Westover Service Center on U. S. 17 south. They can be inspected prior to the sale.

West said the minimum price will be \$462.

The manager said equipment for erecting the bins will be available for loan from his office.

Loans to eligible producers will be available for purchase of these bins, which have a capacity of 3,250 bushels each. Anyone interested in a loan is asked to contact the ASCS office prior to the public auction.

One of the surplus bins has been erected on the Thomas Proctor farm on Route 2, Hertford. It was one of 11 sold by the Perquimans ASCS. Bobby Heath, Perquimans office manager, says everyone who has put one of the surplus

bins into use has been well pleased with it.

Heath also has nine more bins which are for sale.

West said the bins to be sold Friday were shipped here from White County, Indiana, and they are approximately 10 years old. The bins come from areas where grain surpluses have been reduced so much that storage facilities have become empty. Feed grain and wheat programs have been in effect since 1961.

It was reported that 1,100 bins have been ordered for North Carolina which when erected will increase storage facilities by more than 4-million bushels.

Fire Sweeps Home

Mrs. A. R. Chappell, Jackson Street, escaped serious burns last Thursday when gasoline exploded in her house trailer.

Firemen were called to the scene at 2:32 P. M. Mrs. Chappell said she was using gasoline in an automatic washer and it exploded, setting the trailer on fire.



CHANGE OF COMMAND—R. Graham White, right, Tuesday night was elected chairman of Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission after E. L. Hollowell stepped down. Hollowell here hands the new chairman some of the rolls of maps which are used in planning for Edenton's future.