



NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED—The Chowan Herald this week was printed on a new Fairchild News King web offset press which has been installed in the newspaper plant on South Broad Street. The high-speed press, capable of printing an eight-page section at 10,500 per hour, arrived last Thursday and installation was completed Wednesday. Above left, L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager, inspects an early section of the paper. Howard Wakefield, at right in second picture, supervises Clyde Slade, William

Reeves and Pete Manning as they place a section of the press. Wakefield and Reeves are shown in the next picture as they go through a leveling operation. At far right, J. Edwin Bufflap, editor, and Hector Lupton, advertising manager, are shown with a small hand operated press which was used in the firm's commercial printing shop years ago. Bufflap and Lupton founded the newspaper in 1934. Installation of the Fairchild press is the climax of an expansion program started by The Chowan Herald 10 months ago.

\$1-Million Referendum

Hospital Vote Is Dec. 21

Chowan County citizens go to the polls December 21 to vote on \$1-million hospital bond referendum. It will be the second such balloting in little more than a year.

County commissioners Monday set the date for the referendum. No objection was made to the bond order at a hear-

ing on the matter during the board's regular monthly meeting.

If voters in the county approve the \$1-million proposal, a new, 60-bed hospital will be constructed in Chowan County. Trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., have plans to convert the existing hospital—which has a 35-bed capacity—to an extensive care unit.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, told county commissioners at an earlier meeting that \$1-million will be needed as the county's share of the new hospital's cost. He said other money is anticipated in the form of grants from the federal government, foundations, etc.

Harrell said the patient census at the existing hospital has continued to remain well above the desired point for efficient operation if the facility. "There just aren't enough beds to care for the people of our community who need hospitalization and treatment," he has stated.

The hospital board, anticipating Monday's action by county commissioners, has already laid the groundwork for the referendum. Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce has agreed to promote the referendum.

Also, a site committee was formed with James M. Bond as chairman, and the board has secured an option on 25 acres of the Ward Farm just west of Chowan Medical Center.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners heard a detailed report on the ambulance service being rendered by Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. Mur-

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Fire Report Good

There was no reportable damage from five fire alarms in Edenton last month and there were no calls by the Edenton Fire Department in rural Chowan County.

This was contained in a report made Monday by Fire Chief W. J. Yates to Chowan County commissioners.

One of the alarms was to Westover Heights and occurred October 19—the night the department conducted a public demonstration of fire-fighting and rescue work.

The Public Parade

Of Local Interest

Win, lose or draw, Chowan County has a big stake in the upcoming battle in Congress over textile import quotas.

This is because Chowan has 502 persons working in the county's three textile plants and whose income is approximately \$2,118,110 a year according to the latest report issued by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

The ESC report for 1966, but just issued, shows that gross annual payments to textile workers is 33.0 per cent of the county's yearly payroll of \$6,422,280 for all non-farming workers.

The legislative proposals in both houses of Congress would limit textile imports on wool, man-made and blended fabrics to insure orderly growth of textile markets in the United States.

While it would allow foreign producers to share in the growth of the U. S. textile market, it would not let foreign manufacturers run away with the American market, thereby throwing American textile workers out of a job. The legislation is being supported by the entire North Carolina Congressional delegation.

Helpful Hands

Behind the scenes of every Edenton Little Theater performance, hard work and worry is done by the production staff.

This fall the Little Theater is staging "Harvey", a three-act comedy centering around Elwood P. Dowd who calls a six-foot furry rabbit his closest friend. For the 8 P. M., performances on Thursday and Saturday, November 16 and 18, Director John Becker has selected his crews to gather properties, build sets, and help

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NEW ENTERPRISE—J. R. Baxley, director of research, and Bill Barnacascel, research chemist, are shown with a box of peanuts just received at Pert Labs, Inc., 1108 North Broad Street. The new peanut research and testing facility will have the results of their tests back to the buyer in 24 hours. Special arrangements have been made to provide quick service as well as reliable results.

Peanut Lab New Edenton Industry

Pert Labs, Inc., has opened in temporary quarters on North Broad Street and is already turning out reliable results from peanut tests at a remarkable rate of speed.

J. R. Baxley, director of research, said the staff is kept busy testing peanuts due to opening at the same time the 1967 crop is being harvested.

Under current regulations, each lot of peanuts must be tested. Pert, short for Peanut Research & Testing, has made arrangements with United Parcel Service to pick up the 10-pound samples at the sheller and deliver them to Edenton.

The tests are made and results are back in the hands of the customer in 24 hours.

These tests are being run on all type peanuts in the Southeastern area. Baxley said the lab will do work for

buyers throughout the country. Buyers are having the peanuts tested at the source rather than after shipment to their warehouses.

As soon as the seasonal testing push is over, Pert Labs personnel will get into research.

Plans call for construction of a modern laboratory in 1968 that will be among the tops in the country. The firm is developing a staff capable of doing any job requested by anyone in the peanut industry.

Bill Barnacascel is research chemist and there are four technicians and a secretary now on the staff.

Aces Win Crown

Edenton Aces are champions in the 2-A Albemarle Conference and with Friday's game at Gates County the only remaining contest in regular season play, they are preparing for post season play-offs.

The Aces, for the third straight week, displayed tremendous defense as they defeated Plymouth, 7-0 in a thriller at Plymouth.

After an open date, the Aces defeated Bertie in the closing seconds of the game on a Matt Neipraschk field goal. They then upset a strong Ahsokie team 7-0 on a final play TD sprint by John Sutton.

At Plymouth, the Aces scored midway in the second period when Quarterback Frankie Katkaveck passed nine yards

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Surratt Gets Hospital Job

Thomas M. Surratt of Salisbury has been employed as administrator at Chowan Hospital.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, said Surratt will assume his duties in Edenton on December 4. He said the new administrator has been connected with hospital operations for 16 years and comes to Chowan Hospital highly recommended.

Surratt, 38, is assistant director of Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. The Rowan institution is a 230-bed facility.

Also, Harrell announced that Dennis E. Klima of Durham has been sent to serve as acting administrator until Surratt arrives. Klima is on loan from Duke Endowment. James R. Stith, also of Durham, has assisted at the hospital for the past month since the resignation of W. P. (Spec) Jones from the administrator's position.

Surratt is a native of Salisbury, attended local schools and graduated from Salisbury Commercial College in 1950 after majoring in accounting.

Prior to returning to Salisbury in 1958 to become associated with Rowan Memorial, Surratt was associated with institutions in Pinebluff, Siler City and

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Holiday Saturday

Veterans' Day will be observed by many Saturday while others will wait until Monday.

Chowan County offices in the court house are normally closed on Saturdays so employees will observe Veterans' Day on Monday. The court house will be open as usual Tuesday.

Saturday closings are being planned at Edenton Municipal Building, the U. S. Post Office and all financial institutions.

The main office and consumer branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company will be closed Saturday as will First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, the Bank of Hobbsville, and Edenton Savings & Loan Association.

Group Is Booked

The well-known Ciompi String Quartet of Duke University will join the Albemarle Choral Society in its annual Christmas Concert on December 3.

These artists, who have toured extensively in the United States and Europe, will give a lecture-recital the following day in Edenton-Chowan Schools as another event in its Fine Arts Series.



BIG DISTILLERY RAIDED, DESTROYED—Federal, state and local officers early Saturday morning raided a giant illicit liquor distillery near the home of S. J. Bunch, arrested one man and destroyed the outfit worth nearly \$10,000. Dasie Bass, 52, of Durham, in photo at top right, was arrested at the site and sits on a bag of coal waiting for the still to be destroyed. At left, an undercover agent holds up a piece of side meat which was part of provisions found at the still when it was raided. In the center picture are shown some of the 1,200 one-half gallon glass jars destroyed. The two pictures above show the 1,000-gallon capacity distillery and some of the 50 mash boxes which contained 8,500 gallons of beer ready to be made into liquor.

Agents Destroy Distillery In Chowan

A big, expensive illicit liquor distillery was destroyed in northern Chowan County Saturday before the first batch of booze could be run. One arrest was made in the early morning raid about 14 miles from Edenton on Cannon's Ferry Road.

Dasie Bass, 53-year-old Durham Negro, was arrested at the site. Two other still hands eluded officers who surprised them as they cooked breakfast prior to firing up the boiler.

Federal officers said investigation is continuing.

The distillery, located near the home of S. J. Bunch, was destroyed.

P. A. Lundell of Elizabeth City, ATTU agent in charge, said the outfit

consisted of two 500-gallon stills and two 50-gallon doublers. There was a six foot low pressure steam boiler and 50 barrels containing 8,500 gallons of fermenting mash. One quart of illicit liquor was seized.

The distillery had a capacity of 350 gallons of high proof liquor.

Water for the operation was secured from a ditch 240 feet from the site and two gasoline engines were used for pumping. At the site were 100 cases of one-half gallon jars and 50 bags of pressed coal.

Lundell said the tax loss to the state and federal governments from such an operation would amount to nearly \$3,500

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