

E&W Objects To Gas Franchise Plan; Competition With Town Is Claimed

Objections from the Board of Public Works Tuesday night caused Town Council to delay second and final reading on a measure to grant North Carolina Natural Gas a franchise for Edenton.

Luther C. Parks, mayor pro tem, said members of the Board of Public Works feel the natural gas firm would be in competition with the town. Edenton is an electric city—buys current from VEPCO and retails it to local citizens.

"They object to it because it creates competition," Parks told fellow board members. He added that while natural gas wouldn't offer local citizens "a great deal" the town in the future might consider getting into the gas business.

Parks went on to warn councilmen to look long and hard at the franchise before action is finalized. "We would be allowing a company to come in and be in direct competition with the town," he

added. Councilman Henry Quinn argued the objections are not based on fact but see no great conflict," he said. "I see where it will hurt some business (bottled gas) but not the town added.

The councilman went on to say that industries require natural gas. In answer to a question, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said at least three industries in the past five years have marked Edenton off because natural gas was not available.

"If we cannot stand competition then something is vitally wrong somewhere," Gardner said. "It would make us hustle."

Other councilmen said they had not been approached by anyone objecting to the franchise since the first reading in November.

However, it was voted to postpone

final reading until information can be obtained from other electric cities that have natural gas.

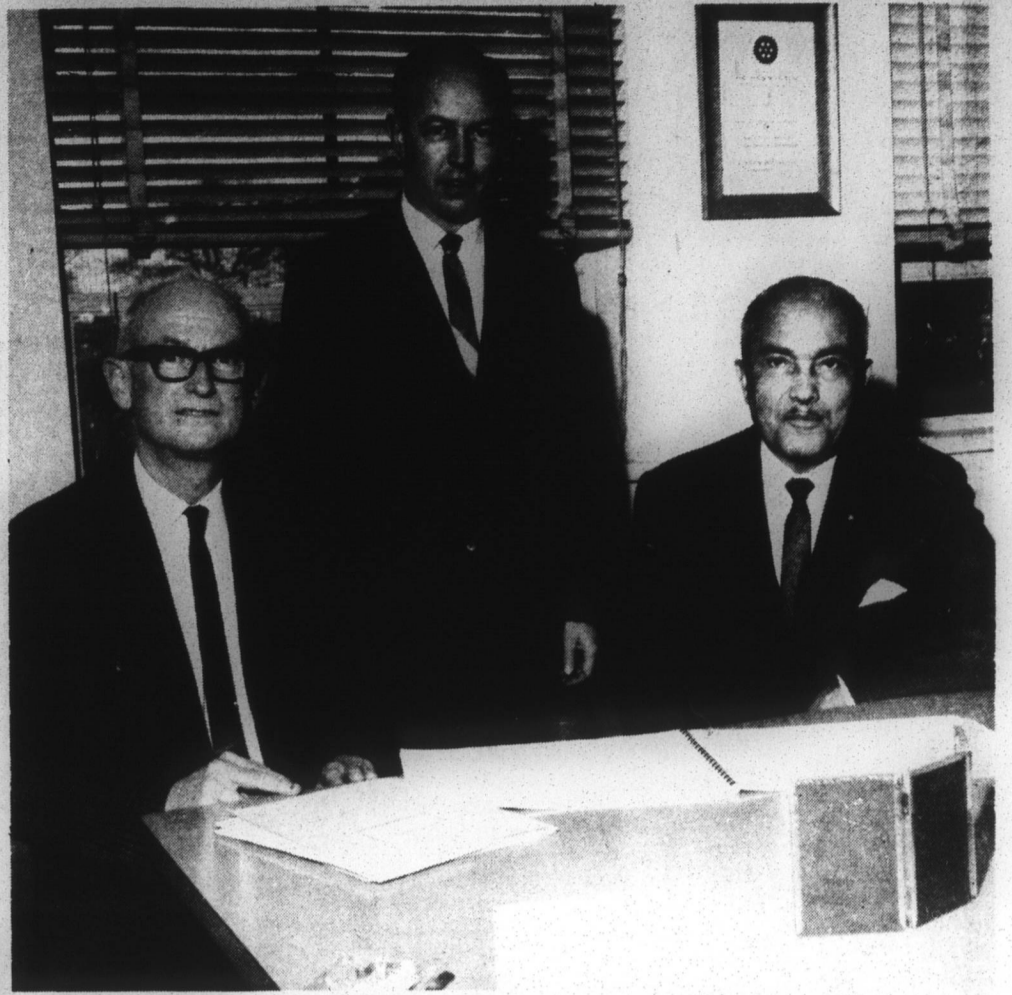
In other action, council approved a petition to allow the sale of beer on Sunday between the hours of 1 P. M., and 11:45 P. M.: This becomes effective immediately.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish recommended approval of the petition. He agreed with councilmen that it would be legalizing what already exists. "We try to stop it but haven't been able to," he said.

George Chevrolet Company was low bidder on two new police cars. His bid was \$2,170. The town will trade the 1967 models.

The cooperation agreement between the town and Edenton Housing Authority was approved as well as passage of minimum electric, plumbing, building and housing codes.

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PRCUD ADMINISTRATORS—Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools, standing, is shown with principals of two schools in the system bearing their name which have been admitted accreditation by the highly regarded Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. At left is Ernest A. Swain with D. F. Walker at right. Their elementary schools are among the few in Eastern North Carolina to be accredited by the Southern Association. Announcement of the certification was made recently during a meeting in Dallas, Texas.

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SEARCH FOR ARTIFACTS—The Artifacts Committee of Historic Edenton, Inc., has begun a search for items to put in the visitor center museum which will open next year in the Barker House. A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., representing the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, is shown with the committee during a recent meeting. Left to right are: Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, Mrs. Wood Privott, Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Fred Drane, Miss Elizabeth Moore and Mrs. Goldie Niblett. Mrs. Drane is chairman.

Artifacts Are Sought For Museum

The Artifacts Committee of Historic Edenton, Inc., met last week to formulate plans for securing items for a Visitors Center at the Barker House.

This committee was appointed recently by W. B. Gardner, president of the group working to promote Edenton as a tourist center.

Plans call for an audio visual program and museum exhibits to be placed in the Barker House which will serve as a visitors center museum for Historic

Fatality Recorded

Highway 32 at Cross Roads is becoming one of Chowan County's most dangerous stretches. Two people have died in highway mishaps in this area in less than a month.

The second fatal accident in the area occurred Saturday night. The victim was Lee Douglas Wilson, Jr., 29, of Suffolk, Va., driver of a vehicle that went out of control and struck a utility pole.

A passenger in the vehicle, William Wood, also of Suffolk, Va., is a patient at Chowan Hospital. He is said to be in satisfactory condition.

On Thanksgiving Day, a young Marine died following a two-car mishap in the same general area.

State Trooper R. H. Allen, investigating officer, said indications were that the Wilson vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed when it went out of control at about 11:20 P. M. The car skidded 400 feet before striking a telephone pole.



RUDOLPH GETS ATTENTION—For the past three Christmases, one of the most unique and attractive holiday displays has been the door at the office of Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr., South Broad Street. They have been the handiwork of Miss Jean Peele, dental assistant, who uses her artistry to promote the dental profession. This year,

The Public Parade

End Of String

One week from today, Chowan County voters will go to the polls to say whether or not the county should get into the hospital business.

If the hospital bond issue and supporting maintenance tax are approved, the county will have authority to sell up to \$1-million in bonds. With a federal grant and other available funds, a new 60-bed hospital would be built and the existing facility turned into a convalescent home.

This writer vigorously supported the \$1½-million referendum little more than a year ago. That campaign had many flaws, some real and others manufactured, which somehow gave voters a feeling of mistrust. They said as much with their ballots and the issue was soundly defeated.

The unfavorable vote did not erase the critical need for additional and better medical facilities for Chowan County. These factors are still with us.

The hospital census continues high and the convalescent home waiting list gets longer and longer. These conditions can only worsen and be erased only through construction of new facilities.

To our way of thinking, the real kicker in the current proposal is this: Chowan Hospital can have 60 beds and modern facilities and 75 additional convalescent beds for the approximate cost of adding to what is already inadequate. This, when the program is completed, would provide a total of 150 hospital and convalescent beds. Such facilities would meet our needs for some time.

Over the past years the citizens of Chowan County have enjoyed hospital

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Edenton, Inc.

The committee emphasized the importance of citizens of Edenton and Chowan County offering either as gifts or loans any old objects that could be used in museum cases to tell the story of Edenton from its earliest days until the present time.

Miss Elizabeth Moore is preparing the Historical outline for museum script with the help of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wilburn, Staff Historian, Historic Sites Division of the State Department of Archives and History.

Mrs. Joye E. Jordan's Museum of History staff under the direct supervision of John Ellington will design and install the exhibits for Historic Edenton.

At the meeting, A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., Restoration Specialist with the Department

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Hospital Administrator Cites Need For New Facilities

Editor's Note: The author of this article last week became administrator at Chowan Hospital. He moved here from Salisbury where he was assistant administrator of the 250-bed Rowan Memorial Hospital. The Surratts have purchased a home in Morgan Park. In this article he takes a look into the future. It is timely and written with authority.

By THOMAS M. SURRATT

Today's health care needs in the community hospital are vast. The future will require comprehensive planning and greater organization by the health team to just be able to keep up. It has been said by many knowledgeable persons in the health field that today you must run

very fast to stay ahead—to walk or stand still puts you behind.

In my first week as Administrator of Chowan Hospital I have found that everyone in the community I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with has been running very fast to achieve a realistic goal—a new and enlarged hospital to better serve the health needs of all. The need for this new facility I believe is obvious and absolutely essential if we, the citizens of Chowan, are to continue our motto and banner—"Historic and Progressive Edenton." Although it is expected for the persons associated with the hospital—the Board

Swain, Walker Schools Accredited

Ernest A. Swain Elementary School and the Elementary Department of D. F. Walker High School have been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools said all schools in Edenton are now accredited. The high school at D. F. Walker and John A. Holmes High School have been accredited for some

Quotas Approved

Chowan County farmers have voted in favor of cotton marketing quotas.

They gave overwhelming approval to continuation of the cotton marketing quota program in a recent countywide election. Out of 455 eligible voters, 181 cast their vote. This represents 40 per cent of eligible voters.

The county, according to J. C. West, Chowan ASCS office manager, was held to determine whether marketing quotas will be continued for the 1968 crop of upland cotton.

If the nation's voters approve, price supports will be available to growers who comply with their farm allotments at levels set by the Secretary of Agriculture. If the majority of the nation's cotton growers turn down the marketing quota for next year, the allotment program would remain in effect, but price supports would drop to 50 per cent of parity.

Also, West reports that Tuesday the county ASCS committee established pre-measurement rates as follows: \$3 plus 80 cents per acre on all allotments or bases, with a \$7.50 minimum per farm.

West said interested persons should contact the ASCS office immediately and make application for pre-measurement.

time. Also, Supt. Britt pointed out that very few elementary schools in Eastern North Carolina are accredited by the Southern Association.

The superintendent commended the principals, Ernest A. Swain and D. F. Walker as well as their respective faculties for this accomplishment. He pointed out that it was gained under the direction of former Supt. Hiram J. Mayo.

"These folks have all done a splendid job," Supt. Britt says. "The studies and changes required to gain accreditation are long and hard but realization of this goal proves the type interest and support these people have for our schools."

The accreditation was announced recently at a meeting in Dallas, Tex.

In order to attain accreditation, schools must conduct several exhaustive studies. School and community data must be compiled, a philosophy and purpose outlined as well as self-study in programs, personnel, facilities, community-school interaction, and coordination as well as a program for meeting standards.

All of these studies are done by faculty members and in some cases years are spent in gaining accreditation.

Deadline Nearing

Nominations are now being received for the Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Edenton, honored annually by Edenton Jaycees.

James C. Dail, committee chairman, said the deadline for submitting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award is December 27.

Men between the ages of 21 and 35 are eligible for nomination.

Blanks can be secured at Edenton Savings & Loan Association, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Hollowell's and Mitchener's drug stores, and First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. Any citizen can submit a nomination.

Extra Hours Set

The U. S. Post Office here is preparing for the Christmas mailing rush.

Postmaster James M. Bond said the local post office will be open all day Saturday. The windows will open at 8:30 A. M., and close at 5 P. M. They usually close at noon on Saturday.

Postmaster Bond said the extra hours will be maintained for the convenience of those desiring to mail parcels.



Rudolph gets his front tooth brushed by a helpful angel, both of whom are floating on cloud nine. This picture series shows the artist sketching out her original design, painting, resting and posing with the final product. At extreme right, Dr. Hines stands back to appreciate the design and ponder the type of border to use.