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STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN CHANGED



DISCUSS PLANTERS—Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., right, and Alton Elmore, chairman, Downtown Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, are shown discussing planters placed along Broad Street in a test block of the central business district. Town Council gave the committee permission to try the beautification project and will now consider expanding it to other sections of downtown Edenton. The cost is estimated to be \$11 per planter.

Planters Installed In Block For Test

Planters in a test block of downtown Edenton have been completed and plans are being considered for placing them in other areas.

Wallace Evans of the Downtown Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, reported Thursday that the estimated cost of installing the sidewalk decorations is \$11 per planter. The six in the block from West Eden to West Queen Street cost relatively little since much of the material and labor was donated.

The comments received thus far have been favorable, Evans said.

Alton G. Elmore is chairman of the Downtown Committee which requested permission from Edenton Town Council to install the planters in a test block. Council will now consider extending them to other blocks in downtown Edenton.

C. A. Benson, reporting for the Merchants Committee, said a sales promotion later this summer is being anticipated. It is called Auction Dollar Days promotions with special events planned by participating merchants.

Evans, reporting on the Jaycee-sponsored air show in connection with formal opening of Edenton Municipal Airport, said plans are well underway toward another similar event next year.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., president, appointed a committee to handle details of the annual chamber banquet as well as a new budget.

Jack Douglas is chairman of the annual banquet committee, assisted by Mrs. R. Elton Forehand, Evans and L. F. Amburn, Jr.

The finance committee is composed of Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, James C. Dail, J. H. Conger, Jr., and Bill Bunch.

The board of directors commended those connected with Historic Edenton, Inc., for the manner in which the opening of the new Visitor Center-Museum was carried out.

In addition to Earnhardt, Benson, and Evans, members of the board present included: Ross Inglis, Mrs. Forehand, Conger, Dail, Amburn, Bunch and W. E. Bond.

Registration Open

Registration for the typing class to be held at Chowan High School will be held open until tonight (Thursday). Classes will begin and will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The class will last for 10 weeks.

There must be at least 15 people registered in order for the course to be offered. There is a possibility that a bookkeeping course will be offered if there is sufficient interest.

A registration fee of \$2 will be charged for the courses.

The typing course is for non-credit and will be open to 16 and 17 year old high school students. However, high school students must obtain permission from their principal prior to enrolling.

The Public Parade

Slices Of The Pie

Three members of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education have in the past two years enjoyed a share of more than \$10,000 received through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

As federal programs increase and expand they stand to benefit even more. This is solid ground for a sound discussion on conflict of interest.

Proudly It Waves

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has received word from PFC Robert W. Bass that the North Carolina State Flag has arrived in Vietnam and is being flown with pride.

Young Bass, a Chowan County trooper now serving his country, recently requested Mayor Mitchener to obtain a flag for him when efforts to secure one through the office of Gov. Dan K. Moore failed. It wasn't long after the request was published along The Public Parade that Haughton Ehringhaus, the son of a man who sat in the governor's chair, came forth. Skinner White cleaned it up and it was sent to Bass.

"I have it flying over my office and I fly it with pride," he writes the mayor. "I am so proud to be from the State of North Carolina and I can't hardly wait for my return."

The trooper said he will be returning home in late summer to attend Pitt Technical Institute.

If he uses the same determination in his books that he used in obtaining the North Carolina State Flag he will do alright in his agricultural business career.

Crops Look Good

Prospects for a good crop yield in Chowan County this year are "very good" at this time, according to Charlie Overman, county extension chairman.

"We are looking for another 1965 or 1966," he said in recalling two of the best farming years in this county's history. "In spite of the cold weather we have experienced, crops are very good," he added.

The 440 farms in Chowan County have a total of more than 36,000 acres under cultivation, including pastures. This is more than 31 per cent of the total acreage in the county.

Overman said prospects are excellent that farmers will experience a much better year than in 1967 when farm income in Chowan was down more than \$600,000 from the 1966 figure. Cotton will play an important role in the prediction, he stated.

"Last year at this time at least 1,400 acres of cotton had been plowed up," Overman said. Farmers ended up harvesting only about 400 acres of cotton. The extension chairman estimates that 1,500 acres of cotton is being grown this year.

"Stands of cotton are fairly good, he reports.

Also, there is generally a good stand

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Marine Colonel Earns Navy Cross

The nation's second highest award for bravery has been presented Marine Lt. Col. Richard E. Romine, husband of the former Edna Boswell of Edenton.

Presentation of the coveted Navy Cross was made June 9 at South Weymouth Naval Air Station in Quincy, Mass., where he is executive officer of the Marine Detachment.

The officer was cited for heroism last June in Vietnam. He is a veteran of World War II and Korea and was presented the award, authorized by President Lyndon Johnson, by Brig. Gen. Robert P. Keller, commanding general, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing—Air Reserve Training Command.

Lt. Col. Romine's citation told how his transport helicopter was shot down by enemy fire while trying to evacuate surrounded Marines. He then fought through enemy lines to the trapped Marines and for 22 hours directed air strikes against the enemy.

"Lt. Col. Romine's dynamic leadership, indomitable fighting spirit, and relentless

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Freedom Of Choice Out; New Construction Slated

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has abandoned the freedom of choice student assignment plan and taken definite steps to abolish the dual school system by 1970. The vote at Tuesday night's meeting was 6-1 with one member abstaining.

Involved in the first move to assign students against their will are approximately 120 Negroes. They will be assigned to Chowan High School, John A. Holmes High School and Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

In an additional step to regain compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the board promised the Department of Health, Education and Welfare the complete elimination of the dual school structure would be completed by the school year 1970-71. This is because construction is involved to house students affected.

The Regional Office of Civil Rights in Charlottesville, Va., notified local schools on May 13 that in order to gain compliance "a terminal desegregation plan which will provide for the desegregation of all students and staff in grades nine-12 for the 1968-69 school session and the complete elimination of the dual school structure not later than the beginning of the 1969-70 school session, would be adequate to accomplish the purposes of Title VI."

Last month the board held firm to freedom of choice but said if it was ruled unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court, a new plan would be presented. N. J. George said the board's freedom of choice plan is still a good one and that it has not been ruled unconstitutional.

However, Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, ruled that since it apparently had not worked to the satisfaction of HEW and therefore is considered unconstitutional.

Supt. Bill Britt recommended, and his recommendation was accepted, that 32 ninth graders from White Oak be assigned to Chowan High School; 30 10th graders from Walker be assigned to Holmes; and 60 students, approximately two classes from Walker in the primary grades, be assigned to Swain.

The possible school year assignment for students for 1970-71, under the proposal is:

Holmes High, Grades 10-12, 650 students.

Walker School, Grades one-three, 680 students; Grades seven-nine, 725 students.

Chowan School, Grades one-six, 420 students.

Swain School, Grades four-six, 700 students.

In order to make room available for this, plans are now being drawn for a new cafeteria at Walker School, a library, three vocational shops and four classrooms at Holmes School. Two additional classrooms will be picked up when the library at Holmes is relocated.

When the compliance discussion began, George asked that it not be considered since nothing has been received in

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Special Program

On June 25, several churches in Edenton are sponsoring the presentation of an Art Festival put on by the United Campus Ministry at East Carolina University. The host church is the First Presbyterian Church.

The proceeding will begin at 4 P. M., with an art show. This will be followed at 5 P. M., by the presentation of a children's drama. At 8 P. M., the main drama presentation will begin. This year the chancel play chosen is a special adaptation of Mark Twain's *Diary of Adam and Eve*.

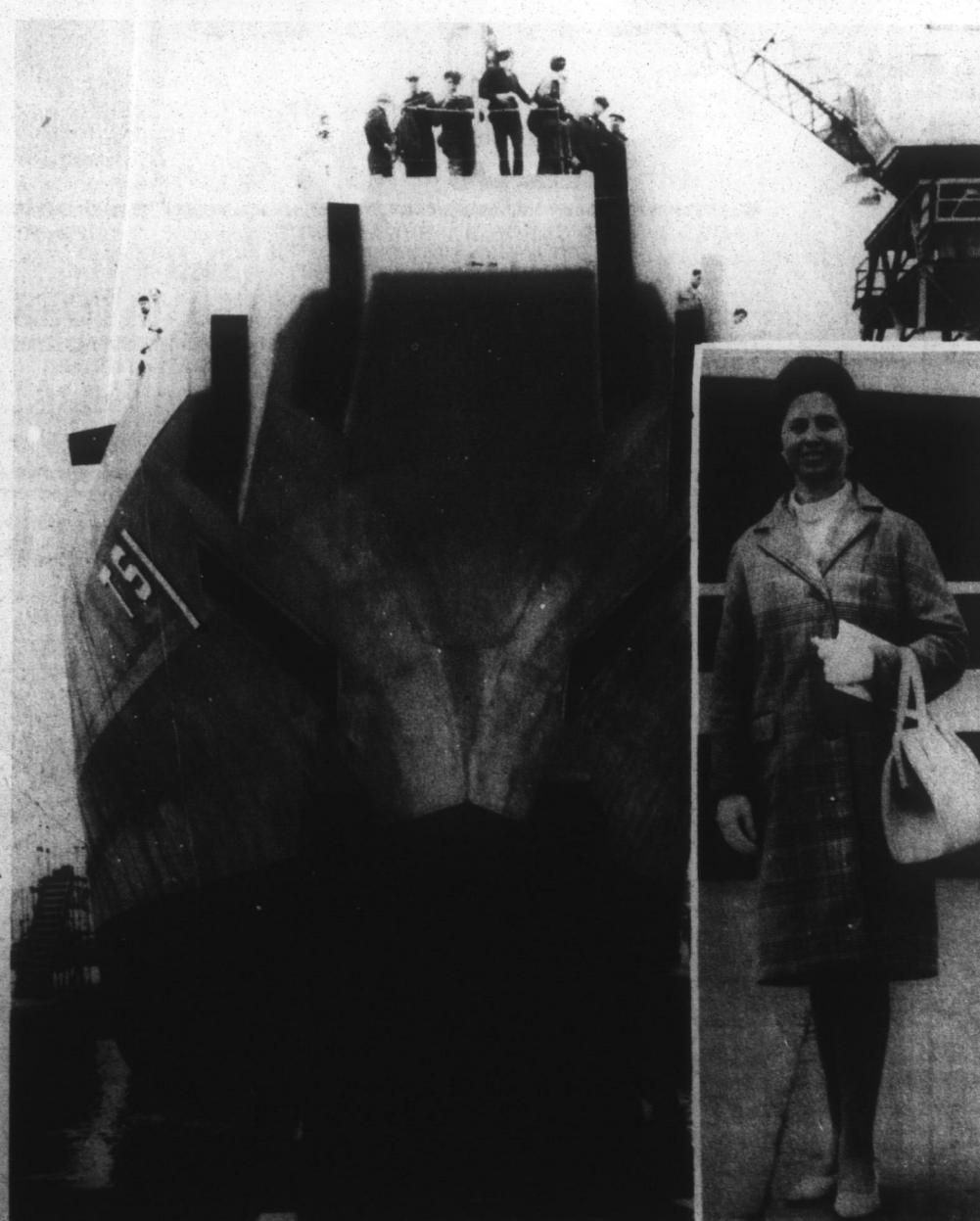
Following the main presentation, refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall of the church. The festival is open to the public, and everyone is invited to come and join in the fellowship, discussion and worship.

Exchange Slated

Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange, Inc., opens July 1 with the first sale starting at 1 P. M., according to Lloyd C. Bunch, chairman.

A work day is set for June 28 at 2 P. M.

Sales will be held daily with Evan Griffin as auctioneer.



TUG BEARS NAME "EDENTON"—Mrs. David O. Wright, insert, represented the Town of Edenton last month at the launching of the USS Edenton at Lowesofft, England. A portion of the big tug, the first of a new class adopted by the U. S. Navy, is also shown. The ship, which has an overall length of 282 feet, is designed for major salvage and towing operations in any part of the world. It has a range of 10,000 miles and is powered by four 1,500 b.h.p. engines. Mrs. William Ellis, wife of the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, was sponsor for the launching ceremony.