

Typical One-Family Unit of Low-Rent Housing . . . This One at Maxton.

The Public Parade

Public Hearing Talked

A movement is afoot in the community to request Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to have a public hearing on action abandoning the freedom of choice and abolishing the dual school system in 1970.

Such a hearing is in order. It would clear a lot of the haze which surrounds recent action by the board.

Every possible avenue should be explored to insure continued good community relations which have prevailed in recent years.

The sooner such a hearing could be held the better.

Conservative Tide?

Recent elections in the various states indicate the nation is experiencing a conservative move, a movement away from liberal philosophies of high cost and more centralized administration and toward more individual responsibility.

Examples are recent results in Florida and California. Both states are now two-party states, though they currently have Republican governors. In Florida, in the Democratic primary race, a liberal ex-governor barely squeaked to a 2,993-vote win over a conservative, and is the underdog against his more conservative Republican opponent in November.

Other states have produced similar signs of a trend toward conservatism, a desire for a stable and orderly society and protection of the dollar. The trend might reverse itself by November; if it does not, the composition of the next Congress is likely to be more conservative than the present one, itself more conservative than the former.

And it is at times like these when the winds change directions that our own Rep. Walter B. Jones stands taller than ever before.

Character And Comparisons

Charges of "character assassination" are becoming almost commonplace along The Public Parade. First a school principal claims such an attempt by his faculty members. Now, a school board member says "character assassination by inference" has been attempted by a colleague.

Some characters are more easily poked at than others. Primarily those who are caught with the least defense, if any at all, get the full force of the blows. Children surprised with their delicate, innocent and well-meaning hands in the cookie jar are in the same category.

Elsewhere in The Chowan Herald today is a letter from Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. He attempts to set the record straight concerning statements made at a recent meeting, never once admitting that in the past two years he has been paid \$4,968 from federal funds for professional services to students referred to him.

Dr. Downum pens about a colleague who talks "first on one side of an issue and then the other." At the same meeting in question the scribe said with regards to acting on information received in a telephone conversation: "I don't think we can be hasty in our decision until we have it in writing." It was only moments later, however, that he made a motion to totally integrate our schools two years hence.

Scribe Downum also says a particular board member knows he will "always be quoted in The Chowan Herald." We are somewhat flattered to learn that this

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Edenton Presents Workable Plan

A Workable Program for the Town of Edenton has been presented to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for certification. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner discussed the voluminous plan with HUD officials in Atlanta, Ga., Thursday.

The Workable Program is a plan through which cities take a look at the total needs of the community. Through neighborhood analyses the causes of blight are identified and steps toward permanent eradication can be made. A comprehensive community plan, which anticipates the physical environment which will best serve the needs of the community's population, is formed to guide urban growth and renewal.

HUD officials told Gardner Edenton's Workable Program was the most complete of any ever presented to the Atlanta office. "It is like a breath of fresh air to accept a program such as this," one said.

The program was developed by Town Council in cooperation with Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission.

Such a program is required in order to be considered for certain federal grants and loans.

Edenton Housing Authority now has on file with HUD application for 309 low-rent-public housing units. L. F. Amburn, Jr., housing authority temporary secretary, Gardner and Town Councilman J. D. Elliott, discussed the application with HUD officials and were told action on the application is pending. Approval hinges on release of federal funds by Congress.

The Edenton delegation also discussed assistance in costs of water and sewer system improvements and expansions.

A conference was held with Frank Sheetz, Jr., Dick Bradfield and Jerry Costa of the architectural firm of Sheetz and Bradfield. This firm has assisted Edenton Housing Authority on preliminary applications and Town Council on the Workable Program.

If Edenton's application for low-rent public housing is approved, the firm will design units in keeping with the area's existing architecture.

Area Jobs, Wages Increase

Wages paid workers in Chowan County covered by unemployment insurance reached \$2,246,000 during the fourth quarter of 1967, a 21 per cent increase over the same period of 1966.

Employment also showed a 15.3 per cent increase during this period and has continued to go up, according to John Thomas, manager, Edenton office. Em-

ployment Security Commission of North Carolina. Ninety-three units reported in the final quarter of the year, an increase of six over 1966. Covered employment reached a new high of 2,125, an increase of 325.

Thomas said activity in the ESC office here indicates fewer people than ever are actively seeking employment. Seventy-

five people were placed in non-agricultural jobs in May and there were 334 applications in the active file. Of those on file, 205 applications are from women. "The area now has a good supply of unskilled females seeking jobs," Thomas said.

Supporting his claim that general business conditions are good, Thomas said in January the local office took 267 new claims for unemployment insurance. In May only 50 were processed. "Some of this decrease is attributed to seasonable employment, but the figure is much less than our past experience," he added.

In addition to more jobs, the average weekly wage increased from \$75.81 to \$81.30 between the fourth quarter of 1966 and 1967.

ESC statistics show manufacturing wages amounted to \$1,221,000 during the quarter, which is 41 per cent of the total paid workers covered by unemployment insurance. This was a 17 per cent increase over the \$1,006,000 paid in 1966. At the same time, the average weekly wage was up to \$87.61 from \$82.50. Of the 325-worker increase in employment between the two quarters compared, 283 of these were working in manufacturing jobs.

Construction, which showed a 15-worker increase, had a big jump in the average weekly wage. In 1967 it was \$98.85, while during the fourth quarter a year earlier it was \$84.19.

Total employment in the quarter increased 9.1 per cent over the third quarter while in 1966 it was up 7.1 per cent over the previous quarter.

Chris-Craft Corporation is nearing completion of a new boat manufacturing facility on Albemarle Sound, near Edenton Municipal Airport, and is currently employing workers. Too, George C. Moore Company has an addition under construction and employment there is also expected to increase.

Thomas said the employment picture here appears to be mighty good but could be further improved with work for unskilled women.

Town Tax Rate Is Held

The Town of Edenton will operate on a budget of nearly \$1-million in fiscal 1968-69 but the tax rate will remain at \$1 per \$100 valuation. This will bring in less than 11 per cent of the town's revenue.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said Edenton has not experienced any degree of increase in property valuation and the rate is based on a valuation of \$10,500,000, the same as in the current year.

In order to maintain a \$1 tax rate, Town Council will use \$116,723.35 in profits from the municipally-owned utilities.

The budget increased some 9 per cent over the \$868,230.06 for the current fiscal year and includes a 5 per cent cost of living increase for employees in all

departments except the electric and water branch. The Board of Public Works, which has sole authority over salaries in the department, proposed a 10 per cent increase.

However, the Town Council finance committee recommended that the additional 5 per cent salary increase be given on a merit basis.

While salaries are a separate item in other departmental budgets, the operational budget of \$618,616.35 for the Electric & Water Department does not include such an item. Councilman Luther C. Parks said while the council can not control the salaries of employees in the department the figures should be separated from cost of materials and other items in the budget.

"I'd like to know what they are," said Councilman J. D. Elliott.

Also during the discussion, councilmen questioned the policy of paying workers for "standby" time on weekends when other town employees are not so compensated.

Councilman Leo Katkaveck, finance committee chairman, led councilmen through the budget at Monday's meeting. He told Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., that the committee decided no action should be taken at this time on his request to establish a fund leading toward a retirement program for town employees.

New items in the budget include \$2,000 for 10 school crossing guards at key in-

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Dr. O. L. Holley Taken In Death

Dr. O. L. Holley, prominent Negro physician, died last week at the age of 88. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for 58 years.

A native of Chowan County, Dr. Oscar Lindwood Holley was born August 20, 1879, a son of Jordan and Hester Holley. He received his education in local schools, Shaw University and Leonard School of Medicine.

He was active in area religious and civic activities.

Surviving are four sons: O. L. Holley, Jr., and James Alexander Holley, both of Edenton; Dabney Percy Holley of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Herman Welch Holley of Greensboro; and three grandchildren.

He was a member of Providence Baptist Church where funeral services were held at 2 P. M., Sunday with Rev. D. C. Morgan in charge. Rev. J. E. Tillett and Rev. S. N. Griffith assisted in the service and burial was in Vine Oak Cemetery.

Early Next Week

The Chowan Herald will be published a day early next week due to the fact that July 4th falls on Thursday. No mail will be delivered on this day so the newspaper will be distributed Wednesday.

Deadline for news and advertising will be 6 P. M., Monday.

The early publication of The Herald will not only benefit area shoppers and advertisers but enable staff members to enjoy a long weekend with their families.

Tourism Is Being Promoted Here

Tourist traffic continues to increase in the area and officials of Historic Edenton, Inc., are planning a briefing on matters of local interest at the Municipal Building Monday and Tuesday nights. The sessions begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Marcia Crandall, executive hostess, aid public employees as well as owners and employees in local business establishments are being specifically invited to the informal sessions designed to emphasize what is available in Edenton. The general public is also invited.

Mrs. Crandall said the briefings will include a tour of the Visitor Center-Museum, located in the Barker House. In addition to Mrs. Crandall, participating will be Mrs. Sarah Lee Smith and Mrs. Gigi Bumgarner, hostesses.

The hostesses, available for guided tours, are based at the Visitor Center-Museum. All tourists should visit here first prior to beginning their tour of the area.

Mrs. Crandall pointed out that those in local businesses who are unable to attend the scheduled briefings can visit the Visitor-Center Museum any day,

Tuesday through Sunday.

The Visitor Center-Museum was dedicated three weeks ago and hostesses have been conducting guided tours since that time. "We have been dumbfounded by the number of visitors from many areas of North Carolina and other states," Mrs. Crandall said. "The visitors are amazed at what is available here."

Many touring the area have commented that Edenton is better than Williamsburg because it is not a reconstruction but has been preserved down through the years.

Class Set Tonight

The personal, non-credit, typing course offered by the Continuing Education Division of College Of The Albemarle in cooperation with the Chowan County Schools will begin tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at Chowan High School.

Mrs. Marvis Hendrix will be the instructor. This is a 40-hour course, lasting 10 weeks, and will met on Monday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9. The fee for the course is \$2.

Also this course is open to high school students above 16 years of age. The high school students must obtain permission from their principal prior to taking the course. Those who have not previously registered may do so at the first regular scheduled class meeting night.

Tourney Planned

Edenton Jaycees will sponsor a Junior Golf Tournament at Chowan Golf & Country Club Monday and Tuesday.

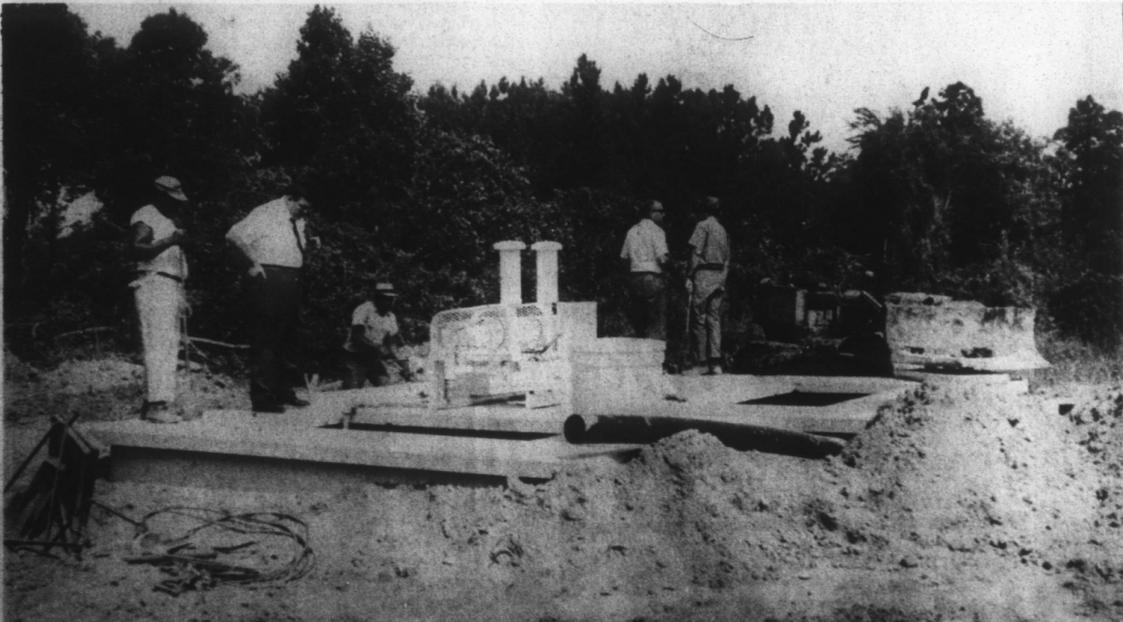
The tournament is open to any teenage boy under 18 who contacts James Reel, club pro, by Sunday. Play in the event will be staged Monday and Tuesday at 4 P. M.

Pot Saves Soldier

CAMP RODRIGUEZ, Vietnam — A paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division's 3rd Bde. kept his head during a 20-minute mortar attack about 15 miles west of Hue recently, but only thanks to his steel pot.

Sp4 David A. Daniels, Edenton, a gunner on a 106mm recoilless rifle for

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SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSTALLED—The sewage disposal system for Chris-Craft Corporation's new boat manufacturing facility on Albemarle Sound was installed last week. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, is shown second from left, inspecting the plant as workmen put finishing touches on the system. Chowan County commissioners agreed to install the plant as well as provide water to the new installation. Executive officers of Chris-Craft have been moved into the spacious new building and preparations are being made to begin construction of fiberglass boats in the immediate future. A training program has been underway for several months.