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CITED FOR SERVICE—J. H. Conger, Sr., right, has been cited for 25 years' volunteer service as local weather observer in Edenton. Making the presentation of a letter of commendation and a service pin is Bob Daniels of Raleigh, staff member with the U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau.

Area Vies For New Program

A program that could mean a \$300,000 "Peoples Opportunity Center" for the Albemarle Area is currently being designed for consideration by the federal government. If approved, the center probably would be located at Edenton Municipal Airport, where other Economic Improvement Council programs are already housed.

Roy Lowe, EIC director, said funding of this project for a two-year period would mean a great deal to this 10-county area. This was one of 25 community action agencies across the country invited to compete for money to set up seven such centers.

Gov. Dan K. Moore last week announced that he was sending Paul Guthrie to Washington to help plan the POC program for the Albemarle Area. Guthrie is assistant coordinator of the State Planning Task Force. EIC is the only North Carolina agency competing for federal money for such a center.

EIC directors have released plans which call for the POC to be used by those agencies working with health, edu-

cation, welfare, and vocational training programs.

Lowe said College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State College and Beaufort Technical Institute would work with the center in developing training programs to fill area industry needs. He said hopefully, local industry would provide the machines and tools for training.

The Small Business Administration would also use the facilities to discuss small business operations.

Transportation was pointed out as a definite need in assisting rural people in availing themselves of the services

already available in this area. Buses would be obtained and an auto mechanic's course organized to maintain the vehicles. Routes would be established to make transportation available to the greatest number of citizens.

Lowe said EIC considers the program important because of this area's geographic isolation, lack of public transportation, lack of communications and inability to use the services of public agencies located far from many Albemarle area counties.

Too, the director said, the center would be the place for outside leadership to develop local leadership.



SENATOR SAM IN EDENTON—U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., second from right, made a brief stop in Edenton Friday enroute to Hertford to make a speech. The popular lawmaker is shown with, from left to right: West W. Byrum, Jr., his Chowan County manager; Bobby Smith, a member of his staff, and Thomas H. Shepard, county party chairman. Ervin spoke informally with friends who gathered at the Smith home on Pembroke Circle when it was learned late in the afternoon that he would be able to stop here.

Goal Is In Sight For Cancer Drive

Nearly \$2,000 has been donated to the 1968 Chowan County Cancer Crusade and volunteer workers hope to reach the \$2,500 goal by Saturday.

Alton Elmore, crusade chairman, said following a report meeting Tuesday that \$1,990.61 has been collected thus far. When final reports are made following last-minute solicitations, Elmore hopes to reach the goal.

"We are very pleased with the response to date," he said. "We are planning to complete our campaign by Saturday and we are counting on hearing from those who have not turned in their collections by then. We are confident that we will reach our goal by that time."

A breakdown of collections showed: Sidewalk solicitations, \$118.63; special gifts, \$437.50; town and county business and industry, \$1,046.50; Edenton residents, \$321.33; and county residents, \$66.65. Several of the rural reports have not been received.

J. Rodney Byrum Taken In Death

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for James Rodney Byrum, co-owner of Quinn Furniture Company.

Rev. R. N. Carroll officiated at the 3:30 o'clock service held at Edenton Baptist Church. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Byrum, who was 67, died Thursday night at Chowan Hospital, where he was taken after becoming ill earlier in the evening. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Chowan County, Mr. Byrum resided on Route 2, Edenton. He was a son of the late John and Kate Byrum and was married to the former Helen Lyons, who survives.

In addition to his wife, surviving is a son, Frederick Colby Byrum of Silver Springs, Md.; a foster daughter, Mrs. Lois Hook of Eden; two brothers: Graham and Lynn S. Byrum, both of Edenton; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Byrum was a member of Edenton

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The Public Parade

More Than Rain

"Guess you want to know about the rainfall," asked the elderly gentleman in his usual congenial manner.

Without waiting for our reply he informed us he measured 4.08 inches of rain Saturday and Sunday. As a matter of fact, Gladys had brought about as much rain in a 48-hour period as those along The Public Parade had witnessed in four months.

Now that that was out of the way, Bob Daniels of the U. S. Weather Bureau informed J. H. Conger, Sr., he had come to present him a 25-year service pin.

The surprised weather observer appeared somewhat embarrassed by the recognition as he read the letter of commendation from Rue E. Rush, Meteorologist in Charge, U. S. Weather Bureau, Raleigh.

Rush cited Mr. Conger for his "long and faithful service to the United States".

"It is particularly appropriate that this recognition be given you since both our warning and climatological programs are so dependent on the efforts of interested and dedicated citizens like yourself. The warnings program owes its effectiveness to your type work, and our knowledge of the climate in North Carolina is based largely on the records you and others like you keep."

"Both your service as a severe weather observer and as a contributor to climatological data collections are and will continue to be the real backbone of our operation."

Mr. Conger told Daniels: "I don't know how good the information is to you

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210 New Voters On Chowan Roll

The names of 210 Chowan County citizens have been added to the voter registration books in recent weeks and Saturday is the last day for a person to register to vote in the November 5 general election.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said 113 people registered in the six precincts Saturday. Registrars will be at their respective polling places this Saturday, from 9 A. M., to 6:30 P. M.

Challenge day will be November 2 from 9 A. M., to 3 P. M. A voter can not register on challenge day.

At the same time, Mrs. Hoskins reminded residents of Yeopim Precinct that the place to register and vote has been established at Edenton Municipal Airport.

The deadline for new residents, eligible to vote only for president and vice president, is 6 P. M., October 30. They must personally contact Mrs. Hoskins at the board of elections office in the county office building.

Civilians desiring to vote absentee must secure their ballots by 5 P. M., Friday, November 1.

Voters are also asked to cooperate with election officials by securing sample ballots prior to going to the polls. The ballots will be published in The Chowan Herald next week. This will enable voters to study and mark the ballot for his own guidance. This will speed up the voting process.

Bank Directors Tour Industrial Plants

The local board of managers of Peoples Bank & Trust Company last Wednesday hosted the regular monthly meeting of the bank's board of directors.

The directors arrived by bus in time for a luncheon at Edenton Restaurant. The general board meeting was held at this time and the two groups went on a tour of local industrial plants.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president of operations in Edenton, had arranged guided tours of Chowan Veneer Company, United Piece Dye Works, George C. Moore Company, Seabrook Blanching Corporation, The Carter's Ink Company and Chris-Craft Corporation.

The directors also stopped to take a look at the bank's lot at the corner of Broad and Church streets where a new building is expected to be erected in the near future.

W. H. Stanley, president, in making his report of operations at the board meeting advised the members that a milestone in the history and progress of the bank was reached on October 11 when the resources exceeded \$100-million.

After the tour the group was entertained and had dinner at Chowan Golf & Country Club before returning to Rocky Mount.

Churches Allowed Sunday Parking

District highway officials have agreed to an alternate parking plan for North Broad Street which allows Sunday parking between Church and Albemarle streets. There is to be no parking between Queen Street and Virginia Road at other times.

D. W. Patrick, division engineer, and Ned Bivens, traffic engineer, met with Town Council Thursday night to defend four-laning the street and removing parking.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., explained at the outset that the action had created a real problem for the churches.

Bivens had anticipated the complaint and already had prepared sketches of approved signs for certain exemptions to the parking ordinance. The first proposal was to allow parking in the area between 9:30 A. M., and 1 P. M. During the discussion it was agreed that all day Sunday parking would be more satisfactory.

Bivens explained that traffic on Broad Street had reached 8,000 cars per day. "When it reached 5,000 parking should have been taken off but it was delayed," the engineer said.

He said the four lanes are needed for the movement of traffic in the area.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, again stated the count "clearly indicates the need for a by-pass." He said this

should be strongly put to the State Highway Commission.

Patrick answered: "I agree with what you say. The council here has gone on record (favoring a by-pass) with the present commission. I suggest this be re-stated to the new commission."

Later he said: "The project will become a reality, but when I wouldn't attempt to say."

Leroy Haskett, who resides on North Broad Street, stated his objections to four-laning the street. He said more speeding has developed and it is hazardous getting in and out of driveways.

"I am in sympathy with the problem," Patrick replied. "Certain penalties go along with progress."

Ed Taylor spoke in favor of the four-laning and against a by-pass.

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Former Minister Returning Sunday

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. N. Carroll, the membership of Edenton Baptist Church welcomes to the pulpit Rev. Thurman W. Allred of Concord on Sunday. He will preach at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour and at the 7:30 o'clock evening worship hour.

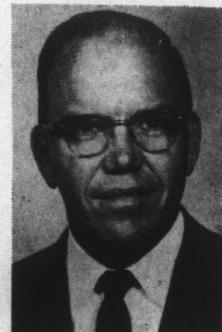
Mr. Allred, a recent pastor of Rocky Hook Baptist Church is well known in this area. While serving the Rocky Hook church he was very active in the Baptist program and particularly in the Chowan Baptist Association where he served in numerous places of leadership and responsibility.

He is now serving the Cabarrus Baptist Association as the associational missionary. There he serves 60 participating churches and one mission. His residence and office are located in Concord.

Many of his friends will welcome him back to the area for this short visit and the morning service will be broadcast over Radio Station WCDJ for the benefit of those unable to attend. The supervised church nursery is available to parents with small children.

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A VISIT TO EDENTON—Directors of Peoples Bank & Trust Company held a meeting in Edenton last Wednesday and toured local industrial plants. At left, George W. Lewis, center, executive vice president of local operations, is shown at the site where a new bank building will be erected soon with W. W. Shaw, left, chairman of the board, and W. H. Stanley, president. Above, Ed Puryear of George C. Moore Company, welcomes Stanley, J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, and Frank Sprull, Jr., of Rocky Mount to his plant.