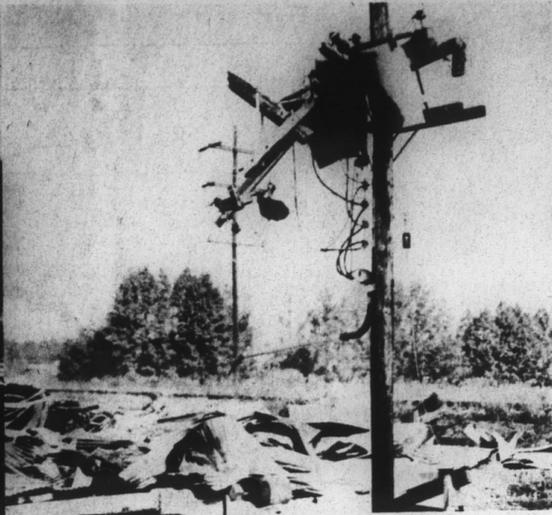




COSTLY FIRE—Richard P. Baer & Company, 1200 North Oakum Street, was hit by a costly fire early Tuesday morning, with damages being estimated at nearly \$150,000. Shown here are the remains of the planing department, where the fire was believed to



have started. In the other picture, more of the damage is shown around a high tension power line which fed the plant. The plant is expected to be rebuilt.

Costly Fire Sweeps Mill; To Rebuild

One of the most destructive fires in local annals swept through a portion of Richard P. Baer & Company's plant here early Tuesday morning. Estimates of the damage run as high as \$150,000.

Fire broke out in the planing mill at about 1:45 A. M., and was later discovered by a night watchman. Unable to get to a telephone, the watchman tied down the mill's whistle and went for assistance.

Neighbors were awakened by the whistle, saw the flames and turned in the alarm.

Twenty-four regular and volunteer firemen, under command of Chief W. J. Yates responded. All three local pumpers were put into service as firemen fought to contain the blaze and keep it from spreading to other portions of the lumber mill. It took them six hours to bring it under control.

A southeasterly wind aided firemen in containing the blaze.

Chief Yates said in addition to the planing mill and two sheds, two of the six-bay dry kilns were damaged.

Robert L. King, plant manager, said approximately 125,000 feet of cut lumber and 90,000 cut furniture squares were also destroyed.

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Mayor Mitchener Reviews Progress

By BILL COZART

San Francisco Giant pitching star Gaylord Perry and Mayor John A. Mitchener shared the spotlight as Edenton Jaycees staged a Mayor's Night here Thursday night.

Mitchener reviewed progress in Edenton over the past 10 years and indicated a long-held \$1 tax rate cannot be maintained if the town is to meet the growth needs of the future.

Perry spoke briefly of "goals and dreams" and touched on one dream in particular . . . his no-hitter that beat Bob Gibson and the St. Louis Cardinals on September 17.

"The clouds opened up . . . it's an experience you can't explain," the soft-spoken Martin County native declared. "I know now how everyone feels who's had a dream come true."

Perry said he pitched a one-hitter about a week before his perfect feat and figured "that's about as close as I'll ever get . . . but you still keep that dream." He said the crowd was with him the final two innings "and that helps." In the ninth, he had to go face two of the best of the Cardinals . . . Lou Brock and Curt Flood. He got the former on a grounder and closed out the game by sneaking

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The Public Parade

Tuesday's The Day

This time next week politicians from the court house to the White House will be picking up the pieces. Some will be lolling in the sweet waters of victory. Others will be asking: "What happened?"

Pollsters will continue figuring their percentages. Sidewalk observers will continue their discussions pro and con. The world will continue to turn.

Things will be better along The Public Parade with the election of Bob Scott as governor and the re-election of Walter B. Jones to Congress. The Gardner twins will have learned an expensive lesson. People hereabouts want men who can go it alone and not rely on the coattails of someone else.

In this column recently we endorsed the Scott-Jones team for the two top offices. The things which have transpired since then have only tended to strengthen our belief that they possess the qualities needed in Raleigh and Washington.

Strange as it may seem, there will be those within this reading who will disagree. This is a fundamental right which we respect. With this right goes the responsibility to vote.

If you vote your convictions on Tuesday you will then have gained another right—the right to criticize what transpires after all the ballots have been counted.

Go to the polls early Tuesday and put 'em in the box.

The Helping Hand

There are numerous service groups—both volunteer and municipal—which render valuable service to citizens of the community. All too often, John Q. Public is content to let the other fellow do it and actually take for granted what is being done.

Drive out past the handsome new fire station on North Broad Street and peep in at the shiny fire trucks. The Town of Edenton has a big investment in facilities. Figure it on a per call basis and the cost will startle you. Nevertheless, when a tragic fire strikes money is no object.

A recent public demonstration proved the paid and volunteer firemen are trained to save lives and property. And with all the training and elaborate equipment, they hope and pray it won't be needed.

There are other groups—the police, utility employees, etc.—who are rendering service on par with the previously mentioned department.

But the group about which the least fuss is made is the all-important Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. They have pinched pennies for years and now that their emergency services have spilled

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General Election Balloting Tuesday

A record number of Chowan County citizens are eligible to vote in Tuesday's general election.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said there were 403 new registrations prior to the closing of the books on October 26. She said 196 registered in the closing days.

There are now about 4,200 registered voters in Chowan's six precincts.

Of those who registered, 357 were white and 46 were Negro. The group included 333 Democrats and 49 Republicans.

Mrs. Hoskins said Saturday is challenge day and registrars will be at their respective polls between the hours of 9 A. M., and 3 P. M.

The polls open Tuesday at 6:30 A. M. and close at 6:30 P. M. Because of the lengthy ballot returns are expected to come in slowly.

Mrs. Hoskins again reminded voters in Yeopim Precinct that voting for this election will be in the tower building at Edenton Municipal Airport.

For the convenience of the voters, The Chowan Herald this week devotes a full page to publishing the sample ballots in this election. Mrs. Hoskins encourages voters to secure these ballots and make their decision about who they wish to vote for prior to going to the polls.

Thomas Promoted

John Thomas, manager, Edenton office, Employment Security Commission, of North Carolina, has been promoted to a position in Charlotte.

Thomas Friday will head a newly organized program of ESC—Concentrated Employment Program—in Charlotte. He has headed the Edenton office, serving Tyrrell, Gates, Perquimans and Chowan counties, since April 1.



C. A. Benson

Benson To Post

C. A. Benson, 108 Mosley Street, has been named to Edenton Housing Authority. He replaces L. F. Amburn, Jr., who recently resigned as a commissioner to become executive director of the authority.

Benson's appointment was announced today by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr. The new authority member is local executive with First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Jack Habit is chairman and other authority commissioners are: George Lewis, Merrill Evans, Jr., and A. C. Hudson. It was announced recently that the Department of Housing and Urban Development had approved a preliminary loan of \$40,000 for the authority and allocated 100 low-rent public housing units to Edenton.

J. W. Adams, project planner, and Robert Hutton, land specialist, both of HUD's Atlanta Regional Office, were in Edenton last week viewing possible sites for the project. Their formal approval of sites is expected soon.

Edenton Christmas Parade Planned

Edenton Jaycettes have begun making plans for another gala Christmas Parade, to be held in downtown Edenton at 4 P. M., on December 3.

Featured in the parade this year, along with Santa Claus, will be "Romper Room's", Miss Connie, in real life, Mrs. Bert Hindmarsh, mother of two small

children.

In addition to this TV personality, the Jaycettes, co-sponsors with Edenton Chamber of Commerce, hope to have many other treats in store for the children during this year's Yule parade. Any club or individual desiring to enter a float or participate in the parade should contact Mrs. Larry Williams, parade chairman.

Miss Connie, as the pre-school children know her so well, is a graduate of Norview High School in Norfolk, Va., and studied elementary education at William and Mary. In 1957, she was "Miss Norfolk", and runner-up in the "Miss Virginia" contest.

Monday through Friday of each week, Miss Connie can be seen on Channel 13 at 8:30 A. M., during "Romper Room". For this show, she is a TV performer-instructor for six children. Over the three years she has been doing the show she has had a daily TV audience of about 15,000 students.

Scott Holds Lead

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott continued his strong showing in the Edenton Jaycee political poll as Tuesday's general election neared.

At the same time Vice President Hubert Humphrey gained ground in the telephone poll and tied Gov. George C. Wallace at 25 per cent each. Republi-

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Sen. George M. Wood

Event Scheduled

Lloyd C. Bunch reports tickets are now available for the Northeastern Area Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors meeting to be held in Edenton on November 19, at 6:30 P. M.

State Sen. George M. Wood of the First Senatorial District will deliver the main address. The 19-county event will be held at the Edenton Jaycee Building.

Bunch says tickets are available from him, H. F. Byrum, Joe Webb, Jr., George Lewis and the Soil Conservation Service Work Unit office located in the basement of the Post Office. Tickets must be purchased by November 12.

"We want everyone interested in the future of our country to attend, farmers, business people, county, town and community leaders," he said.



DIRECTORS' LEAGUE HERO—W. P. (Spec) Jones of Edenton, center, recently took top honors in First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina's Directors' Golden Baseball award series. Here last week to honor Jones and the Edenton directors were Mitchell F. Allen, Jr., left, bank president, and Ben McDonald, marketing director for the system. The sales promotion idea won a national award of merit for McDonald.

Jones, Bank Board Contest Winners

Grand slam home runs plus top fielding of potential business won the individual scoring honors for W. P. (Spec) Jones, member, Edenton board of directors, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, in the system's Directors' Golden Baseball award series.

Jones' high scoring added to the enthusiastic personal and outstanding sales ability of all Edenton directors copped the FNB Directors' League championship for the Edenton board.

As leading individual scorer Jones won an all-expense-paid trip for two to the World Series in Detroit, which, regretfully he and his wife were unable to take. He was, however, presented a check in the full amount of the expenses. M. F. Allen, Jr., system president,

made the awards at a dinner honoring the Edenton board members and their wives held last Thursday at Edenton Restaurant.

Allen told those in attendance the Golden Baseball event, held over a two month period, brought on more active participation than any other promotion the bank had enjoyed. He said the effective job done by the Edenton directors as well as local boards throughout the system is the reason First National continues to grow.

The president said FNB is moving ahead in many directions. He said everyone in top management is excited about the holding company which is being formed. He said it will improve service and improve the bank's profits.



OFFICERS RE-ELECTED—The annual meeting of the Cupola House Association was held Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Building. Various reports were given and officers re-elected for another year. T. B. H. Wood will continue to serve as president; Miss Lena Jones, right, secretary, and Mrs. Mary B. Tucker, vice president. Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, treasurer, was not present. Mrs. Tucker announced that the annual campaign for funds would begin shortly. In the past, out-of-town receipts have been generous, she reported.