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LOCAL PLAYMAKERS—Three of the cast members of Edenton Little Theater's presentation of "Blithe Spirit" are shown here during a break in rehearsals. Left to right are: Mrs. Bruce F. Jones, Miss Mary Irving and Mrs. Harry Lassiter. The play will be presented November 21 and 22 in Holmes High School Auditorium.

Production Slated By Little Theater

John A. Holmes High School Auditorium will "come alive" November 21 and 22 with a presentation of Noel Coward's play, "Blithe Spirit".

Edenton Little Theatre will present the play each evening at 8 o'clock.

Members of the cast are currently in serious rehearsals for the two-night run of this popular play. While this is comedy fare, the play was written by Coward during World War II to try to alleviate somewhat the misery suffered by a blitz-bombed England.

He succeeded so well that not only was it an immediate hit, but has proven over the years to be the most successful of Coward's many plays.

Ross Ingalls is directing "Blithe Spirit" and Joe Conger, Jr., is the producer.

Members of the cast include: John Becker, Frank Palumbo, Mrs. Bruce F. Jones, Mrs. Harry Lassiter, Miss Mary Irving, Mrs. Frank Holmes and Mrs. Archie Walker.

Tickets to the performances are currently on sale.

Court Term Set

A mixed term of Chowan County Superior Court will convene here November 25. Judge George R. Ragsdale of Raleigh will preside.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, said Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City is currently preparing the criminal docket.

Most of the term is expected to be taken up with the trial of criminal cases with seven civil cases appearing on the docket for Wednesday.

Judge Ragsdale recently was appointed to the Superior Court bench by Gov. Dan K. Moore. He earlier served as legal aide to the North Carolina chief executive.

Garrett Nominated For Scholarship

Matthew S. Garrett, a senior at Chowan High School, has been chosen Chowan County nominee for a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The announcement was made today by W. H. Hollowell, chairman of the county screening committee.

David Copeland of J.A.H.S. was chosen as an alternate.

The Morehead Scholarship is considered to be among the most prized in the country.

The nominee, son of Rev. and Mrs. Meredith G. Garrett is president of the Senior Class and served in the same capacity as a junior. He is also president of the Beta Club, a member of the Student Council, Monogram Club, Future Teachers of America and was a marshal. He was a delegate to Boys' State.

The Morehead Scholar is selected on the potential of being a superior citizen for the undergraduate student body of the university. He should add to the



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The Public Parade

Playing Santa

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., displayed the first signs of an official Christmas spirit Tuesday night. He wants the Town Council to give the entire Town of Edenton a Christmas present.

He appointed a study committee to look into means of accomplishing backdoor collection of garbage. For some unknown reason this writer was asked to serve on this committee. We don't know how he came to recognize our interest in this matter.

It is hopeful that this committee report will bring Santa Mitchener more joy than those of recent vintage.

Answer To Your Name!

When the roll is called in Raleigh during the next four years where will North-eastern North Carolina be?

It is a question all the citizens should be turning over in their minds as we prepare for a new era in state government. There is no question but what this area has been shortchanged in the past.

Gov.-Elect Bob Scott assured audience after audience during the campaign that he would not be a sectional governor. He would not be a "sectional" governor. One section of the state as the other with the idea being for total development. He said he will work equally as hard for ship during his race. He side-stepped the temptation to say one thing in the East and another in the West. Now we must all help to see that he carries through after January 3.

One major item is roads. If our people can't get to market; if an easier, more convenient way is not designed to get tourists, etc., in; if traffic count remains as the chief criteria; if sound reasoning is chucked, then we might as well be annexed by Tidewater Virginia.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., of

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distinction of the university while a student and show promise of doing so as an alumnus.

The grants are \$2,000 for each college year. Financial need is not to be considered in making nominations. The award is conferred solely for outstanding merit.

In addition to Hollowell, local committee members include John W. Graham and Dr. Edward G. Bond.

Tests Result In Grouping Of Students

Primary grade students in Edenton-Chowan Schools have been grouped to allow teachers to narrow the gap in the learning process.

Supt. Bill Britt reported on the grouping Monday night during the monthly meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. He said it began after tests had been administered early in the school year.

The plan has been "very beneficial thus far" and is being expanded as time permits, he stated. The superintendent said parents have accepted the new program and are pleased with what has been done thus far. "We will still be working with teachers daily to improve the situation," he added.

Supt. Britt said the idea behind grouping is to place the student where he can learn better and the teacher where she can teach better. He said the students have adjusted to this change.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, said the board must make plans now for compliance with the Federal Court order relating to high school desegregation in 1969-70.

N. J. George, a board member, inquired as to the position of the building program. Dr. Bond agreed that all future plans hinged on this program.

Supt. Britt said the architect says the buildings can be completed by September, 1969. This was questioned by sev-

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Neil E. Thagard

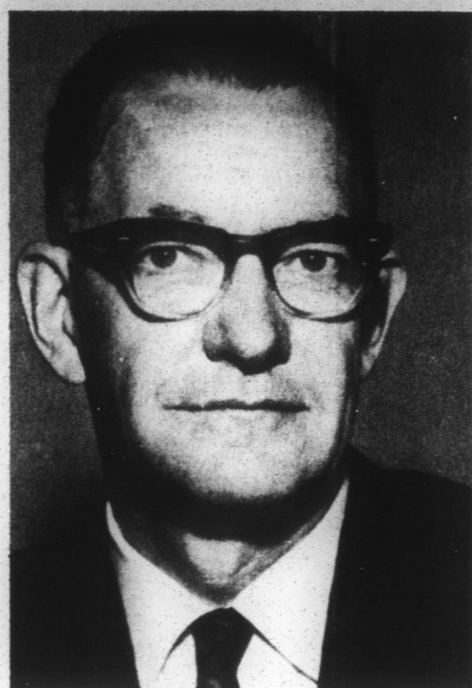
Thagard In Post

Neil E. Thagard of Fayetteville this week assumed his duties as manager of the Edenton office of Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. He replaces John Thomas who has been promoted to a new position in Charlotte.

Thagard was supervisor of the claims unit in ESC's Fayetteville office. He has been with the agency for the past seven years. Prior to that he was a bottling company official.

The new manager has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club and Masons, and is a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star. He is a member of the board of governors of both the State Employees Association and International Association for Personnel in Employment Security.

A native of Cumberland County, he is married to the former Kathlene Leonard of Bonlee. The Thagards are Baptists and have three sons.



ROTARY SPEAKER—Frank B. Turner, state property officer, will speak today (Thursday) at the luncheon meeting of Edenton Rotary Club. The meeting, according to McDonald Dixon, president, begins at 1 o'clock. Turner, a native of Concord, has been in his present position since 1957 and has been employed by the state in various capacities for 30 years.

ECU Group Plans Concerts In Area

Through the efforts of Mrs. Nelson Cheers, chairman of the executive committee of the Albemarle Choral Society, a plan has developed to acquire the services of a group of instrumentalists from East Carolina University headed by Professor Paul Topper of the university's school of music to participate in the Society's Christmas Concerts.

The concerts, which will be under the direction of Dr. Clifford Bair of the College of the Albemarle faculty, will be presented Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 4:00 in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, and will be presented the following night, December 9th in the Edenton Baptist Church at 8 o'clock.

The concerts are being presented under the auspices of the COA Lyceum Committee, Professor John Simmons, chairman.

The concert will feature the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah and two concerted Christmas anthems by early American composers associated with the Salem, N. C. congregation.

Dividends Paid

The Federal Land Bank Association of Ahoskie has paid more than \$18,919.60 in dividends to its members, according to A. L. Wiggins, manager of the association.

Wiggins said that dividend checks were mailed Tuesday to farmer-members of the association. The Ahoskie Land Bank Association is entirely owned by the farmers it serves.

The association is one of 46 farmer-owned Land Bank Associations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida which make and service long-term farm loans for The Federal Land

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Four Aces On Conference Squad

The Edenton Aces put the lid on the 1968 grid season Friday night by completely outclassing Gates County, 46-9, and compiled a 7-3 season. This was good enough for third place with Williamston and Pasquotank Central knotted for top honors.

Coach Marion Kirby's "question mark" team turned in an impressive season and found four regulars placed on the All Conference team.

Alfred Coston, a back who thrilled

New Zoning Plan Review Is Scheduled

Edenton Town Council and Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission will meet in joint session November 26 to review the new zoning ordinance being proposed locally.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said at the council meeting Tuesday night the ordinance is ready for review and a public hearing held. Councilmen then set the joint meeting date in order to accomplish this.

Rev. George B. Holmes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church brought to the council's attention matters hampering pedestrian safety and voiced his concern over disorder during Halloween. He had written letters to Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., concerning these matters.

Brief discussion was held before Mayor Mitchener asked Mr. Holmes to meet privately with councilmen at a later date.

Councilman Henry G. Quinn stated he felt there were adequate ordinances on the books now to cover all matters brought to council's attention by Mr. Holmes. He said they should be properly enforced.

The resignation of Councilman Thomas H. Shepard was read by Mayor Mitchener. He said it would be accepted with deepest regret.

Mayor Mitchener said while he knew Shepard was resigning to accept a better position of service to the community, he hated to see him leave the council. "His contributions to the council and the community have been quite numerous," the mayor said.

Shepard's resignation will become effective December 1. He will then become a local magistrate, having been appointed by Superior Court Judge Walter Cannon.

Kermit Layton, representing the

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Judging Finished

The Center Hill Community has been chosen to represent Chowan County in Community Development judging in the 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association's contest.

The community, along with Ryans Grove, received a blue ribbon following judging last week.

Judges selected St. John's and Albemarle Street Extension for red ribbons.

Center Hill was selected as the best over-all community and was judged Tuesday in the area contest. The area winners will be announced at an Area Awards Banquet to be held at a later date.

Judges for the county contest were: Miss Ila Foltz, home agent in Martin County; R. M. Thompson, extension chairman in Perquimans County; and Horace Reed, EIC worker from Perquimans County.



UNITED PIECE DYE EXECUTIVES—The executive committee of United Piece Dye Works and plant officials from four installations met last Thursday in Edenton. At left, members of the executive committee are shown. Left to right, they are: Henry Hellman, vice president-sales; Harold Welborn, president; Al Morrell, executive vice president, and Charles Blount, Jr., chairman of the board. Others who attended the luncheon at Chowan Golf & Country Club are shown at right. They are, left to right: Arno Niemasch of Edenton, head of research and development; Gene Woodbury, chief engineer; Bill Whittier, York, Pa., plant manager; Joe Gains, Edenton plant manager; Emil Cochet, Charleston, S. C., plant manager, and Cal Getgood, Bluefield, Va., plant manager.

Gates scored with a safety in the first period and a 35-yard pass play in the second stanza.

Coach Kirby used his substitutes freely in the second half but Gates was unable to move while the Aces were posting 26 points on the scoreboard.