

Plan For Addition To Schools Passes

Only formal action remains for the consolidation of grades 10-12 at John A. Holmes High School for next year.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night put their final stamp of approval to construction plans and Supt. Bill Britt said the additions at Holmes school would provide space only for the top three grades.

Board Member N. J. George argued that the action was not educationally

sound. During the discussion, George said it is possible in these grades but "we can't educate

He said the board must select a program for the future and meet the needs.

Dr. J. H. Horton mentioned that Holmes be designated a senior high school for next year, however, students in the county in grades 10-12. It died for lack of a second.

George said in his opinion if the board follows the existing construction plan and plan to consolidate the grades the senior high school could not remain accredited. Supt. Britt said the accreditation would not be affected.

Dr. A. F. Downum pointed out it would take a long range plan to make Holmes a senior high and Walker a junior high. Supt. Britt agreed it will take a lot of planning and scheduling but that it can be accomplished.

George called upon the administration to draw up a plan and show the board it can be done. Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, said Supt. Britt had already developed such a plan for Holmes high.

The board adopted the construction plans and instructed the superintendent to show how the junior high should be organized. Eugene Jordan asked to study the situation at Chowan High School to see if the senior high students could not remain there.

While Supt. Britt said no plans have yet been formulated for consolidation of the high schools next year, George argued the building plans are designed for a senior high at Holmes.

The board is under court order to report to Judge John Larkins in January, 1969, plans for the high school next year.

George said this has already been done informally and it is time the board informed the people what is going to be done. This was denied by Supt. Britt and Dr. Bond.

Councilmen Delay Action On Seat

Town Councilmen Tuesday night disagreed on when to consider appointing a councilman from the First Ward. Thomas H. Shepard's resignation became effective December 1.

A motion by Henry Quinn that the action be taken at Tuesday's special session failed, 3-2. Leo Katkaveck voted with Quinn on the motion while Councilmen Luther C. Parks, J. D. Elliott and David G. White opposed it.

Quinn and Katkaveck contended that since the vacancy existed it should be promptly filled.

Parks stated that he would like to see it come up at a regular meeting. (The next regular meeting will be Tuesday night).

Elliott said he wanted it to come up

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The Public Parade

In The Spotlight

By the time most of those who meander along The Public Parade read this, Historic Edenton, Inc., will have garnered two top awards during Culture Week in Charlotte.

W. B. Gardner, Historic Edenton, Inc., chairman, made a report on local progress Thursday morning and one award was presented Thursday night. Another, said to be one of the finest in this category in the U. S., was to be presented to Edenton at a luncheon Friday.

Historic Edenton will be well represented at the events in Charlotte and we'll give you a full report next week.

Don't Abuse Good Thing

Patrons of the local U. S. Post Office have a good thing going for them if they don't abuse it. We are speaking of parking privileges on the post office property.

Edenton is one of the rare towns where such parking is allowed. And if things don't improve; if patrons don't show more consideration for each other; if directions are not obeyed, it all might come to an abrupt halt.

Postmaster James M. Bond has gone the extra mile in providing parking facilities at the post office. Naturally there was a bad situation, made worse by removal of parking entirely from Broad Street except on Sunday.

The postmaster directed that the lot be entered from Broad Street with the exit on Church Street. For many this is an inconvenience if the route calls for going back north of Broad. However, it is a great deal better than having to walk several blocks to pick up the mail.

Postal employees no longer can park on the lot, allowing more room for post office patrons. But as we said, patrons are pushing a good thing and before long, if more cooperation and consideration isn't forthcoming, motorists might find a log chain across the entrance.

Good Parade, But . . .

There is very little criticism that can be aimed at those who toiled long and hard to bring Tuesday's Christmas parade to Edenton for the enjoyment of thousands of people.

Edenton Jaycettes are to be commended for planning and directing such a fine parade. It had a little bit of something for almost everybody and it is this type of diversification which keeps the folks coming back.

They received the cooperation of many groups, obviously, since there were 60

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Graham Named

Chowan County commissioners Monday took another step toward getting into the hospital business. John W. Graham was re-appointed county attorney and was immediately named to assist the board in working with Chowan Hospital, Inc., in building the new 61-bed county facility.

C. A. Phillips and David Bateman took their seats as new board members at the meeting. They replace Dallas Jethro, Jr., and C. J. Hollowell. W. E. Bond, chairman, was the third member elected in the November general election.

J. Clarence Leary and C. M. Evans have two more years to serve on their present terms.

During the re-organization of the board, Bond was re-elected chairman; Leary, vice chairman; and Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, clerk to the board. Mrs. Bunch was also sworn in for a new four-year term as register of deeds.

Bond told the board there were a great many preliminary steps which must be taken prior to offering for sale \$1-million on bonds, authorized last year by local voters. He then recommended that Graham be appointed to represent the county in preparing for the construction.

Commissioners already have adopted a resolution placing the responsibility

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ECU STRING ENSEMBLE—These five string players from East Carolina University will participate in the Christmas music programs of Albemarle Choral Society next week. They will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" and two Moravian hymns in Elizabeth City Sunday and will repeat the performance at Edenton Baptist Church Monday. Each performance begins at 8 P. M. The group includes two faculty members and three students from the ECU School of Music. From left are: Rodney Schmidt, faculty violist; Carole Hampton, a junior violin major from Raleigh; Charlene Byron, a junior violin major from Greensboro; Paul Topper, faculty violinist, and Scott Walker, a senior cello major from Hickory.

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Holiday Parade Draws Big Crowd

Thousands thronged into downtown Edenton late Tuesday afternoon to witness a gala parade which heralded the Christmas shopping season.

It took more than an hour for the 60 parade units to pass through the crowded streets. Of course, Santa Claus was a big attraction but this year shared the spotlight with Miss Connie of Norfolk TV fame.

Many estimated the crowd to be the biggest ever to witness a parade here with Broad Street crowded from Hicks Field all the way to Water Street.

Chowan Academy entered the championship float in competition sponsored by Edenton Jaycettes and Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Second prize went to the Enterprise Community with Edenton Methodist Church MYF placing third.

It was perfect parade weather. The nip in the air on the December afternoon was not severe but sufficient to keep the parade units flowing down the street.

Units from nearby Washington, Perquimans, and Pasquotank County joined with those from Edenton and Chowan County in putting on a Yule parade of top quality for local viewers.

The street decorations had been completed by the Electric & Water Department and the lights were turned on to signal the beginning of the parade.

Mrs. Larry Williams was chairman of the event, the second directed by the Jaycettes.

Dry Weather Didn't Hurt Peanut Yield Is Surprise

The average per young yield of peanuts in Chowan County this year stands at a near record 2,713 pounds per acre with 85 per cent of the marketing cards in.

H. O. West, ASCS office manager, said this is a remarkable yield considering the extremely dry summer. "Generally speaking in Chowan County the dry weather helped the peanut crop," he added.

In 1967 the average yield was 2,087 pounds per acre. The highest yield in the county was in 1965 when the average was 2,730 pounds.

West points out the lowest yield since 1956 occurred in 1959 when it dipped to 1,703 pounds per acre.

OYF Banquet Set

Marvin Ashley, chairman of the Edenton Jaycees' Outstanding Young Farmer program, revealed today that Vepco is co-sponsoring the OYF for 1968-69. The program is scheduled for December 12 at 7:30 P. M., in the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Vepco is joined by Carolina Power & Light Co., and Duke Power Co., in aiding N. C. Jaycees in co-sponsoring the program.

Each year the Jaycees' OYF program honors young farmers in the area between 21 and 35, who have made the most farm progress, greatest contribution to conservation and given unselfishly to the betterment of the community.

C. W. Overman, extension chairman, reported to Chowan County commissioners Monday that the yield is much better than anyone in the county had anticipated.

Mayor's Support For Post Growing

A campaign to get Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., appointed Highway Commissioner from the First District sprang into the open this week with endorsements coming from various groups.

Chowan County commissioners passed a resolution recommending Mayor Mitchener to Gov.-Elect Bob Scott.

Edenton Town Council followed suit Tuesday night during a special meeting and Tyrrell County Commissioners Monday became the first group outside the county to endorse Mitchener for the post.

Earlier the board of directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution for transmittal to Scott. Other county and municipal bodies, as well as individuals and groups are expected to follow suit.

Mitchener let it be known earlier this year that he would like to serve the district in this capacity. At a press banquet during which he announced that he did not intend to seek re-election as Mayor of Edenton, he said he thought the post should come back across the Chowan River.

He even went a step further. He said if Scott was elected he would like to serve on his highway commission.

Mitchener was an active supporter of Scott's in the primary and general election.

He is chairman of the Albemarle Area Development Association's Planning Committee which recently completed a study which has enjoyed good acceptance from throughout the area. The study and plan is now being used as a guide by many other areas throughout South-eastern U. S.

Mayor Mitchener is also past president of the N. C. League of Municipalities.

Gay Is Keynoter

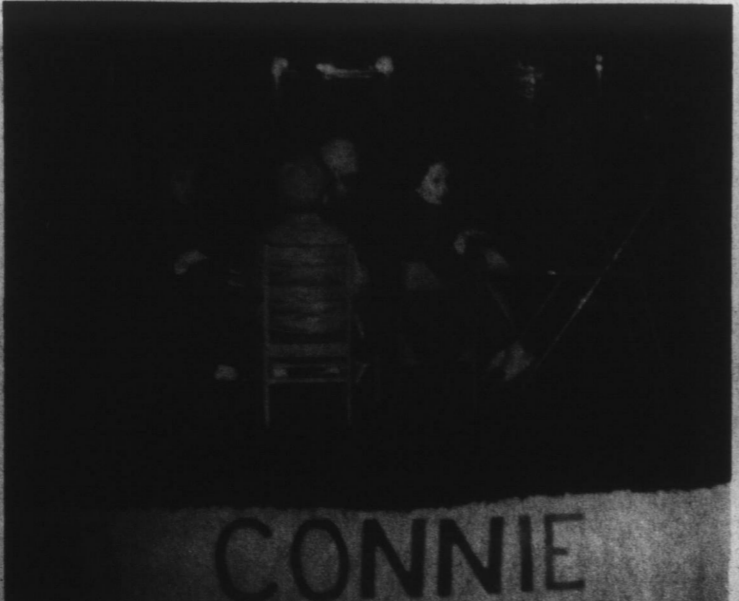
The annual meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association will be held at National Guard Armory tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock.

Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford, president, announced that new officers will be elected and winners of community development will be named from the 10-county area.

Robert S. Gay of Virginia Electric & Power Co., Richmond, Va., will be guest speaker for the eighth annual AADA event.

Richard L. Bryant, Jr., community development chairman for AADA, said Gay will speak on "Progress Through Cooperation".

Gay joined Vepco in 1951 after graduating from VPI with a degree in agricultural engineering. He attended school at Seaboard although he was born in Southside, Va.



SCENES FROM A PARADE—The four pictures here were taken during the gala Christmas Parade through downtown Edenton Tuesday afternoon. Sixty units made up the annual parade which drew thousands of people to town. Chowan Shrine Club, one of the area's newest organizations, had two units in the parade. At top left, Kermit Layton, Willie Bunch and Toss White are shown. Chowan Academy entered the first place float, shown top right. It was an elaborate thing, built under direction of Mrs. June Davis. "Miss Connie" of Norfolk-TV fame was a feature attraction this year. Above left she is shown riding on a float with some happy children. One of the many pretty girls in the parade was Miss Chowan High School, Susan Hinton, shown above right in her official car. The front seat passengers are unidentified. Of course, Santa Claus brought up the rear of the parade and was the most popular guy around. As luck would have it, The Herald's camera went on the blink just as he arrived.