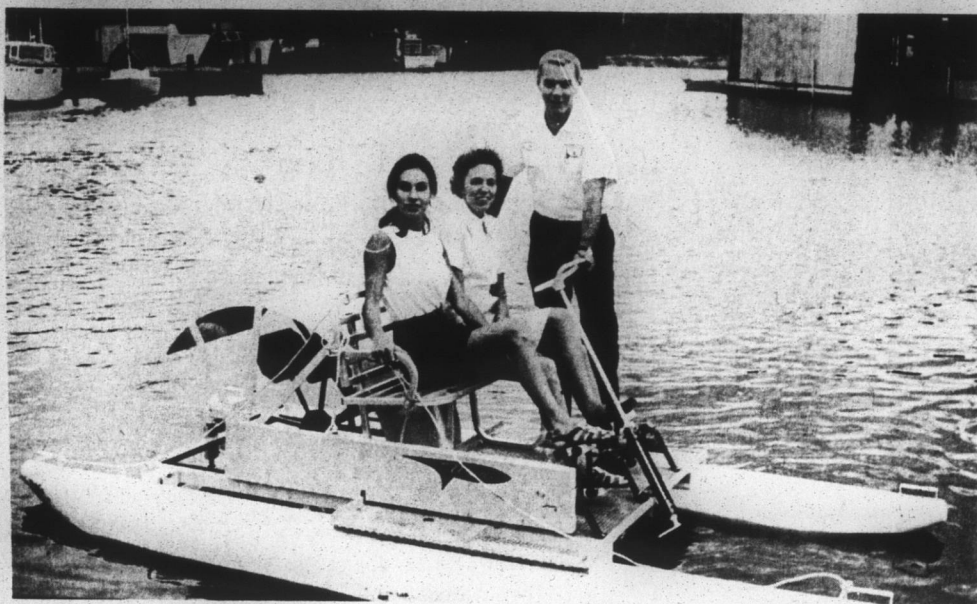


It's Now Time For Spring-O-Rama In Edenton



PREPARE FOR SPRING-O-RAMA—Inside and outside displays, as well as a special sales promotion is now underway in Edenton as 29 merchants are participating in Spring-O-Rama, a four-day event sponsored by the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Ten local industries are displaying their products in First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. Mayor George Alma Byrum, in the picture at right, stands by a century old peanut roaster, displayed by Seabrook Blanching Corporation. C. A. (Chuck) Benson is shown at the end of the table with Graham Hilburn of Wilmington, FNB's 1968 employee of the year. Edenton Marina will display this water bike. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., left, and Mrs. Alton G. Elmore receive instructions in operating the fun machine from Bill Boyce. There will be numerous other interesting displays in the block between Eden and King streets Thursday and Friday.



Cash Prizes, Displays Set This Week

Spring-O-Rama, a four-day sales promotion by Edenton merchants, is now in full swing and will be climaxed Friday night by the awarding of \$500 in cash prizes.

Exhibits, both inside and on the street, are attracting much interest as 29 merchants are participating in the biggest co-operative event ever held here. Outside exhibits are in the block between Eden and King streets.

Entertainment in this area will be furnished from 8 P. M., to 10 P. M., tonight (Thursday) and Friday by Homer Briarhopper and his band. The popular Clyde Moody will be in the group.

The cash prizes, spendable with any of the participating merchants, will be awarded at 9 P. M., Friday. First prize is \$250; second prize, \$150; and third prize, \$100. Anyone 18 years of age or older can register with any merchant participating in Spring-O-Rama.

WCDJ will broadcast from a portable studio in downtown Edenton today and Friday, to add further luster to the promotion.

A highlight of Spring-O-Rama is an exhibit of goods manufactured in Chowan County. The exhibit, the first of its kind held in the county, will feature 10 displays, according to C. A. (Chuck) Benson, manager of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina Edenton office, where the exhibit is being held.

The exhibit will be open to the general public during banking hours and until 9 P. M., today and Friday.

Benson, in announcing the manufacture of goods, said:

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Mitchener's Paid Tribute For Work

By BILL COZART

Some 150 citizens of Edenton and the Albemarle said a simple yet eloquent "thank you - well done" to former Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Thursday night.

The occasion was an Appreciation Night banquet which highlighted John and Nancy Mitchener Day in Edenton. It was a fitting tribute to a man who served for 18 years in public office, the past 10 of them as mayor.

The tangible gifts were simple... a lovely cameo brooch for Mrs. Mitchener, an electric typewriter for the former mayor. The real gift came in the genuine affection and esteem evident among those in attendance.

S. Lee Wilson, assistant executive director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, spoke briefly of the man he once served under in the league. He said Mitchener has "meant a great deal to municipal government in North Carolina." He cited his dedication to it and said programs initiated by Mitchener during his tenure as president of the League have proved beneficial to towns and cities across the State.

Wilson called Mitchener "an outstanding ambassador of good will for the community."

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Public Parade

Paychecks, Not Bread Lines

Hunger, malnutrition, undernourished, and similar words fill the public print and other media these days as the dogooders attempt to touch the conscious of America. But isn't there a better way?

Those who meander along the Public Parade seem to have answered this question in the affirmative. Instead of doing a lot of talking and writing, there has been a lot of action. New and expanded industry has been secured to take up the slack of mechanization on the farm. Fewer and fewer of our population stand around with their hand out.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently reported that during March, 228,165 "needy" persons in North Carolina got food aid. Here in North-eastern North Carolina most counties either participated in the food stamp or food distribution program.

It was reported that in Chowan, 684 persons participated in the food stamp program. In neighboring Perquimans, 1,255 participated in the food distribution program.

Chowan cannot be especially proud of the fact that there are still many people (but less than one-half of 1 percent) who must look to public programs for their daily bread. However, the hurt is somewhat lessened by comparisons. Perquimans with less population had nearly twice as many in the bread lines. Unemployment in Chowan is less than 1 per cent, according to latest Employment Security Commission figures. This is a record low for all Northeastern North Carolina counties.

These are significant figures to sift out at a time when industry is being saluted. For without new plants becoming a part of the local industrial family and existing plants enjoying growing pains, we could very well be in the undignified position of some of our neighbors.

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Room Rates At Hospital Increased

An adjustment of room rates at Chowan Hospital was announced today by Thomas M. Surratt, administrator.

Surratt said the new rates were effective Monday.

The new rates represent a 20 per cent increase. The last increase was in February, 1968.

The rate for a private room now is \$29-31; semi-private, \$24-25; ward, \$21. Surratt pointed out that the new rates are less than those charged at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City and in line with rates at Bertie Hospital, Washington County Hospital and Roanoke-Chowan Hospital. All these institutions increased rates in January.

The administrator said the increase was brought about due to boosts in



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Jaycee's Sponsor Air Show Sunday

Edenton Jaycees are preparing for thousands of people who are expected to converge on the Municipal Airport here Sunday afternoon for the second annual air show.

Robert Dail, chairman, said last year's crowd of 15,000 is expected to be surpassed Sunday. "We are getting ready to host many more this year," Dail said.

The events get underway at 2 P. M.

A featured attraction will be an appearance by Bevo Howard, one of the world's top aerobatic pilots. Howard will be flying his famous red and white Buecker Jungmeister, a 1936 German-built bi-plane previously owned by two other internationally-known precision pilots.

Howard packs approximately 35 intricate maneuvers into a thrilling exhibition lasting 155 minutes.

The show will open with short remarks by dignitaries then will come a fly-over by U. S. Coast Guard. This will include a H-52 helicopter, HU-1A Albatross and a C-130 cargo plane.

Ray Meads of Weeksville will give an exhibition and an air race demonstration will follow.

The U. S. Navy flyover will feature skyhawk jets. George Walters will give an exhibition and F. E. Cockes of Virginia Gyro Aircraft Sales will give a demonstration.

Skydivers will also give an exhibition and the program will conclude with a P-38 model exhibition.

Airplane and helicopter rides will also be available.

Farmers Welcome Rain

The showers Monday afternoon and Tuesday may have been worth \$1-million to Chowan County farmers.

This was the word this week from Charlie Overman, agricultural extension chairman.

Overman said prior to the welcomed

showers, local crops were getting well on toward the critical stage. "This could amount to a \$1-million rain," he added.

Peanuts and soybeans were not coming up as they should, Overman asserted. "These showers will pop them right up," he said.

Also aided by the rain is Chowan's vegetable crop.

Overman said most corn and peanuts have been planted but there still remains a considerable number of acres of soybeans to go into the ground. He had only one report of a farmer plowing up his peanuts and replanting.

"There are naturally some rotten peanuts," he continued, "but there is still sufficient seed to have a good stand."

Overman said the showers were "perfectly timed" and the "soaking" type rain was just "tremendous".

Registration

Parents of pre-school children (children that will be six years of age or before October 16) are requested to register their child at Walker and White Oak Schools on Tuesday, May 27, from 10 until 12.

Parents are requested to bring the child's immunization record and birth certificate with them to the school. It is not necessary to have the child present.



THE SOUNDS AND THE CASH—"The Sounds Unlimited," local high school musical group, played for a Chowan Hospital benefit dance Saturday at National Guard armory and more than \$375 was realized for the hospital building fund. The Health Careers Club of John A. Holmes High School sponsored the event and the music was furnished free. Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, holds high the check presented Tuesday. Rosemary Holmes, left, and Linda Harrell, right, were co-chairmen of the event. Band members shown, left to right, are: Gary Swanner, Buddy Boyce, David Copeland, Frank Cox, John Sutton and Ken Worrell. Absent were Al Asbell and Martin Parker.

Dye Works' Reports Hail Activity At Edenton Plant

Harold Welburn, president, The United Piece Dye Works, recently reported a 25 per cent increase in total income for the first quarter of 1969, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

The efficiency and production of the firm's plant in Chowan County has contributed greatly to this increase, it was noted.

"Plants are continuing to operate near capacity levels," Welburn stated in a quarterly report to stockholders. And a new plant in Olmstead, Pa., should be in limited operation in early summer.

In an interim report, issued May 1, Welburn said the demand for the firm's services in all areas, in both the knit and woven divisions, was greater in the early part of the year than anticipated.

"In order to cope with these demands a new finishing range has been installed in the Edenton plant and is now operating on a three-shift basis," he added.

Also, much development is being carried out in the Edenton plant on new fabrics.

The Edenton plant was featured in the firm's annual report. A five-page color insert illustrating some of the steps in the dyeing and finishing of knit goods

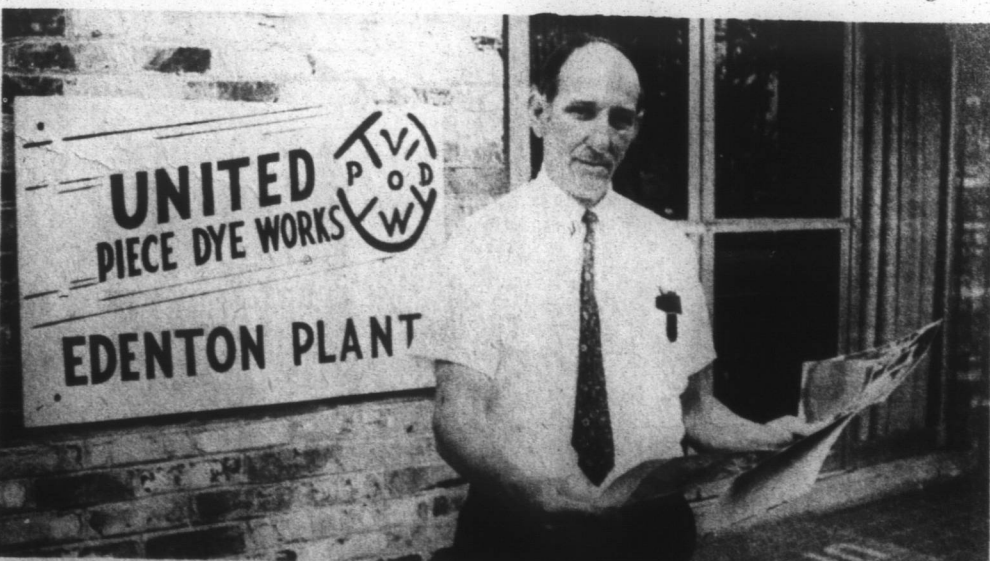
was included in the report.

It was noted also that knit goods production capacity of the Edenton plant was doubled early in 1968, allowing the firm to give excellent service and delivery during peak seasons.

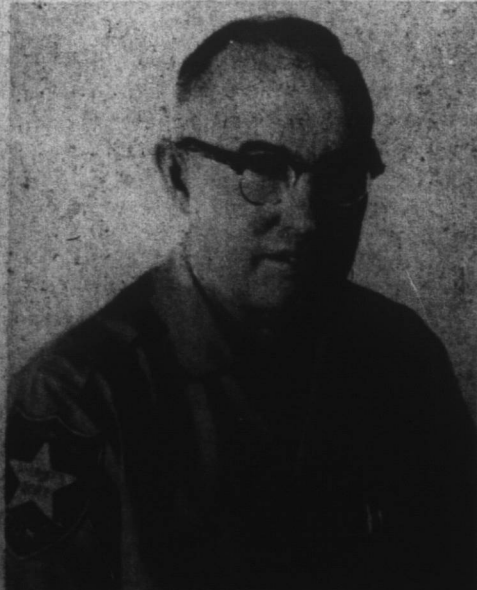
The United Piece Dye Works began operation here in November, 1965. The plant is now engaged in commission dyeing and finishing of polyester knits.

Employment averages approximately 300 people from the Albemarle area.

The Edenton plant has expanded from the processing of approximately 3,000 pieces per week to a capable output of 8,000 pieces per week. With diversification, the plans hopes to continue to expand and contribute to the economic growth of the greater Chowan area, according to Joe Gaino, plant manager.



Joe Gaino, UPDW's Edenton Plant Manager



Troy Toppin

New Commander

Deputy Sheriff Troy Toppin has been elected commander of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion. He succeeds J. L. Chestnutt.

Deputy Toppin has been active in the American Legion for a number of years.

He and other new officers will be installed June 5 at the Legion Hut on U. S. 17 South.

In addition to the commander, new officers are:

W. A. Perry, vice commander; E. L. Hollowell, second vice commander; William D. Stallings, adjutant; R. E. Leary, finance officer; J. L. Chestnutt, chaplain; Joseph Byrum, sergeant-at-arms; W. J. Yates, historian; and L. C. Briggs, service officer.