

**PROPOSED ROUTE OF EDENTON BY-PASS** — The above map shows the proposed route of the U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton, as designed by State Highway Commission. The route begins at the east end of the Chowan River Bridge, follows existing U. S. 17 for a short distance and then be on new location north of Edenton. It will be between the end of SR 1234 and SR 1200, cross Highway 32 north of the new Chowan Hospital, then cross Paradise Road just north of Edenton and tie back into U. S. 17 approximately 3,000 feet west of the Chowan-Perquimans county line. A mosaic showing the proposed corridor is available for public viewing at Edenton Municipal Building and a map showing the vicinity of the project is posted at Chowan County Courthouse. A public hearing on the proposed location will be held at 2 P. M., February 23 in the courthouse. The proposal is for a 6.6-mile route with an estimate cost of \$3.8-million.

Public Parade

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Setting Record Straight

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While the rumor mill has been grinding, Edenton Housing Authority has been moving ahead with plans to construct 100 units of low-rent public housing.

The confusion has come from delaying action by Chowan County commissioners to apply for a low-rent program in the rural area.

The two have become confused. The Edenton Housing Authority has agreed to handle the rural project if the commissioners so desire, but nothing definite has been done. The lack of action by the commissioners in no way affects the local development program which has been funded for nearly \$1.9 million.

We feel the rural area would benefit from such a program. It has been said the county could get an allocation for 86 units right away. Up until now the commissioners have not been convinced of the advantages of such a program, one of few which cost them absolutely nothing.

With a majority of the board coming up for election this spring, public housing could very well become a campaign issue.

But to set one record straight at a time—the county's failure to act does not in any way affect the Edenton project.

**Plan Old, Recognition New**

The boys from the Commerce and Industry Division, State Department of Conservation and Development were wise in selecting Chowan County as site for a 15-county meeting to explain a "new" approach to getting industry.

Their "new" local development-team concept has been working along the Public Parade for more than 10 years. So if by chance or design, they chose the right location to explain it to about 50 representatives from 14 other North-eastern counties.

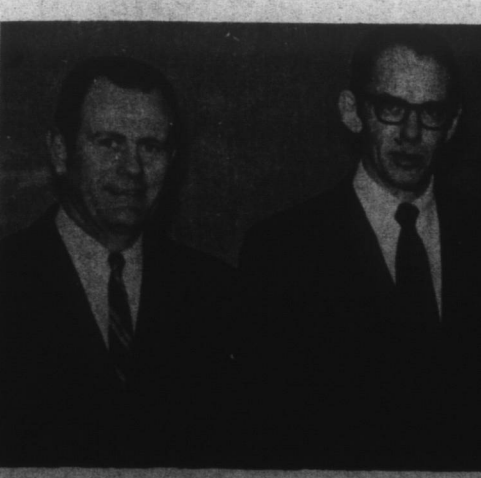
This was the 12th and last area meeting to explain the plan of getting more laymen involved in attracting new industry, thereby creating more industrial payroll.

Tom Broughton, Jim Glenn and others from C&D had worked out a very informative meeting. The Edenton delegation sat back and acted like they were learning something.

Then Mayor George Alma Byrum tooted the horn of the local Industrial Committee. He said when the base closed the Edenton Chamber of Commerce opened up. An active Industrial Committee was formed, being composed of laymen from all walks of life. They were men who could speak with some authority when questioned by an industrial prospect.

He pointed out that most of the members of the committee served since its inception with some new ones added from time to time.

It was when he talked about the suc-



**SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**—Jim Glenn, right, deputy director, State Department of Conservation and Development, and Tom Broughton, second from left, assistant director, Commerce & Industry Division, are shown with local officials, during a 15-county meeting at Chowan Golf & Country Club Friday afternoon. Left to right are: J. Gilliam Wood, chairman, Industrial Committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce; Broughton; Mayor George Alma Byrum; Robert W. Moore, chamber executive vice president; Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, and Glenn. (See Public Parade).



**John A. Mitchener, Jr.**

## Mitchener Named To State Council

**RALEIGH**—John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton, has been appointed by Gov. Bob Scott to the N. C. Marine Science Council.

Also on the council from this area is Mayor William R. Flowers of Plymouth, a banker. Mitchener will serve for six years and Flowers' term is for two years.

The council was reorganized and established within the Department of Administration by a joint resolution of the 1969 General Assembly and is charged with the responsibility of fostering education and training in ocean science technology in the state, of maintaining a liaison with corresponding authorities of nearby coastal states, and of encouraging the use and study of the ocean, estuarine, and coastal waters by citizens and industries of the state.

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## Bank Promotions

Peoples Bank & Trust Company, with headquarters in Rocky Mount, last week announced several promotions—two in the Edenton operation.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president, will assume the additional duties of cashier.

Woody R. Copeland has been made assistant cashier.

W. H. Stanley, president, announced the action taken at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors held January 21.

## New Survey Set Monday; Hearing Off

A public hearing set February 2 to discuss high school consolidation and the closing of White Oak Elementary School has been postponed to allow a state survey team to up-date a four-year-old study.

Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools said the survey team, headed by Dr. J. L. Pierce, director, Division of School Planning with the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, will be in the county February 2. In addition to Dr. Pierce, the team will include an architect, two engineers and an educational consultant.

The survey will deal with the educational program, population, transportation, financing and school plans in Edenton-Chowan Schools. The initial survey, also headed by Dr. Pierce, was made in February, 1966.

"Since that time a lot has taken place," Supt. Britt stated. "In light of

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**Sheriff Toppin files with Mrs. Sadie Hoskins**

## Sheriff Files First; Walker Pays Fee

Sheriff Troy Toppin threw his hat into the ring Thursday in his bid for election to a four-year term. Thus, the first race for a county office developed.

Sheriff Toppin was the first county official to file with Mrs. Sadie H. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections.

Carroll A. Boyce announced last week that he would be a candidate in the forthcoming May Primary election but had not filed as late as noon Wednesday.

Mrs. Hoskins said D. F. Walker, retired Negro principal of the school which bears his name, had filed for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Seven members from the four townships will be nominated in May.

Sheriff Toppin, who was appointed by county commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Earl Goodwin upon his death issued the following statement:

"I have filed and am seeking the election of Sheriff of Chowan County.

"I appreciate the confidence the county commissioners have in me by appointing me to fill the unexpired term of the late Sheriff Earl Goodwin. Now I am seeking the confidence of the people of Chowan County to support and elect me to the position of sheriff.

"I have 14 years of experience in law enforcement. I was appointed Chowan County ABC officer in 1956. I attended several schools for ABC officers.

"The late Sheriff Goodwin appointed me as his deputy nine years ago and the appointment was approved by county commissioners. It was under the leadership of Sheriff Goodwin that I attribute much of my knowledge of law enforcement.

"Through his efforts I have attended several schools at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve under a man such as Sheriff Goodwin.

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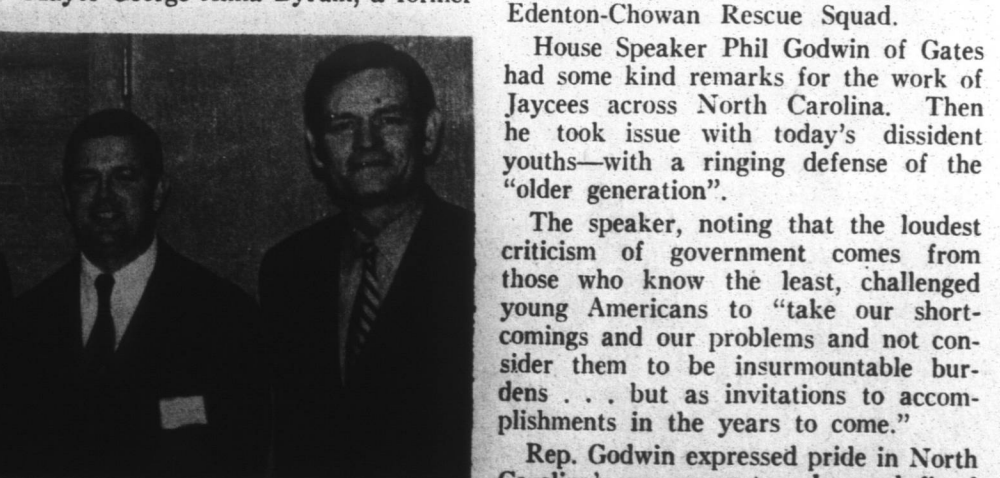


**AT DSA BANQUET**—House Speaker Phil Godwin, right, and Mayor George Alma Byrum, second from right, are shown with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weintraub shortly after Weintraub was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 1969. Weintraub is assistant manager of Belk Tyler here and was presented the DSA at a banquet held last Thursday at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

## Bob Weintraub Wins Annual DSA

Bob Weintraub, assistant manager of Belk Tyler here, is winner of the 1969 Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at a Ladies' Night Banquet last Thursday in Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

Mayor George Alma Byrum, a former



House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates had some kind remarks for the work of Jaycees across North Carolina. Then he took issue with today's dissident youths—with a ringing defense of the "older generation".

## Absenteeism High

Illness, attributed to the unusually cold weather, has caused a high rate of absenteeism in Edenton-Chowan Schools this week.

Supt. Bill Britt reported Tuesday afternoon that the problem seemed somewhat improved over Monday when a record number of students failed to show up for class because of illness. He said principals reported a total of 370 students absent.

Tuesday's tally was 245 with all schools showing some improvement.

Supt. Britt said records in his office indicated no time in the past had such a large percentage of students missed school.