

Evans After Another Term

George Runs For Board Seat

Two persons announced this week their intention to run for seats on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners—one is an incumbent.

C. M. Evans of the Second Township said he would be a candidate. He is now completing a four-year term.

N. J. George, a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, said he would file as a candidate from the First Township. He would run for the seat held by Chairman W. E. Bond who has not made any formal announcement of his plans.

J. Clarence Leary, another incumbent, said Monday he is now inclined not to run but has made no definite decision. He is the at-large candidate from First Township.

Commissioners Al Phillips and David Bateman are currently serving four-year terms.

Three commissioners run every two years with the top two vote-getters being elected for four years and the third man for two years.

In a statement today, George said:

"I am seeking the opportunity and



N. J. George

privilege to serve the people of Chowan County as county commissioner from the First Township.

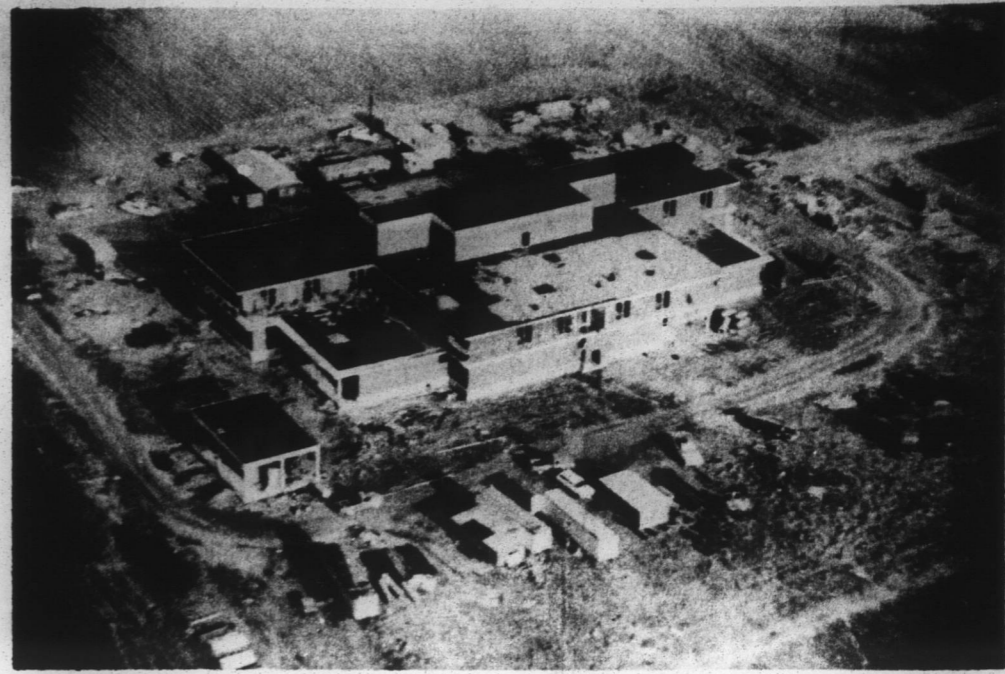
"These are changing times and we must be ready to work even harder to be able to progress. My experience on the board of education and in business should be of utmost help in conducting the business of our county.

"Our county business is big business and planning and cooperation is very important. I will give the time and energy necessary to carry out the duties of county commissioner.

"I seek the confidence and advice of the people of Chowan County to support and elect me to this most important position in our county."

George, who is 50, is a graduate of Waynesburg, (Pa.) College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught school in Chowan County and the Town of Edenton for 12 years. He has been general manager of George Chevrolet for the past 12 years and is active in civic and religious activities.

He is married to the former Mary Esther Belch of Tyner and they have two daughters.



A DIFFERENT VIEW—Here is a view of the new Chowan Hospital only seen by "flyboys" and a nutty photographer. N. J. George recently took The Herald photography expert on a flying trip around Chowan County. This view of the \$2-million hospital project is from the back, looking north. Tom Surratt, hospital administrator, said the contractor advises him the job is running as much as two weeks ahead of schedule.

Former Chief Convicted In Criminal Court Trial

James H. Griffin, former police chief here who later headed the department in Sanford, was convicted in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning of forcible trespass.

Griffin is now on the police force in Kinston.

Griffin was charged with trespassing on property he owned on West Church Street but which had been leased to John H. Smith.

The officer contended the lease had expired at the time he attempted to move

a family into the dwelling but was stopped by legal action of Smith.

Judge W. S. Privott said the case disturbed him greatly. "To think my good old friend Jim Griffin would take the law in his own hands bothers me a great deal," the jurist said.

Griffin was sentenced to 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs. He gave notice of appeal and was released without bond.

Thomas Ray Ward, Route 3, Edenton, entered pleas of guilty to two counts of drunk driving, both offenses happening within a week's time. In the first case he was sentenced to four months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs; in the second, six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Judge Privott found probable cause in cases where Jerry Wallace Wells, Jack Williams, and Judson Curtis Wells were charged with perjury. He ordered them held for action in Superior Court on bonds of \$5,000 each.

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Protest Is Heard On Consolidation Of High Schools

Formal opposition has already developed in the Chowan High School area to county-wide consolidation. A group appeared Monday night at the regular meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, to question the wisdom of such a plan.

County Commissioner David Bateman was spokesman for the group. He said most of the people in the area would like to see the school left right where it is. He said the group feels the rural area is "ours" and the school means a great deal to the people. Take the schools and churches out and there wouldn't be much left, he noted.

Supt. Bill Britt explained the purpose of the survey team from the Department of Public Instruction and said he felt the board would do what is in the best interest of the student.

N. J. George, a board member, said many feel some students are being short-changed now. However, he urged the group to wait and see what comes up.

Dr. A. F. Downum asked the school patrons and board members not to be too hasty in making a decision on the schools' future.

Bateman expressed the opinion that often times experts don't know what is best for the community. "Expert or not, we feel we should speak our opinion and try to enforce it, and not let the experts tell us everything to do," he stated.

Chairman Edward G. Bond said everybody needs to understand the advantages of high school on consolidation, and limitation of one not consolidated. He said the board is trying to improve the educational program and if change is indicated, then the reasons should be known by everyone.

In other action the board approved the release of seven county students to Perquimans County for trainable programs.

A committee was appointed to discuss the condition of activity buses in the area.

Chowan Peanut Average Tops 1968

Chowan County farmers in 1969 probably produced the most number of peanuts per pound per acre in North Carolina, according to Pete Thompson, county extension chairman.

Thompson told Chowan County commissioners Monday the average yield would exceed 2,600 pounds and he felt this would be tops in the state. Many had felt 1969 would not be a good peanut year in the county because of the

weather. H. O. West, ASCS office manager here, reported today the official yield at 2,637 pounds per acre. He said farmers harvested 16,006,750 pounds from 6,070.2 acres.

The 1968 yield was 2,609 pounds per acre.

ASCs Community "B" had the highest average yield of 2,812 pounds; Community "A", 2,618 pounds; and Community "C", 2,459 pounds.

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Public Parade

A Few More Oopses

Senator Sam J. Ervin's experience these days in the United States senate reminds us of the song "High Hopes," made popular a few years ago by Frank Sinatra, in which there was a refrain, "Oops, there goes another" something or other.

But there is a difference. In the song, the performers could work wonders everybody thought impossible because they had "High Hopes." Thus, the ant and the rubber tree. Nobody thought the ant could move the tree, but the ant didn't know it. So, there went another rubber tree.

Well, Senator Ervin has high hopes, too, and he keeps trying to preserve something of individual freedom and privacy in a complex society. But every time they vote, oops, there goes not another rubber tree, but another liberty.

A recent Tuesday was a case in point. Senator Ervin had dug in his heels against the so-called "no knock" search warrant they were trying to legalize for narcotics agents. He warned the legislation, if approved, would permit these agents to enter private homes "like thieves in the night, without notice and without warning." This he contended would be unconstitutional.

But Senator Thomas Dodd, who knows something about thieves in the day who filched his files of some very embarrassing documents, told Senator Sam the constitution "was not made to protect such people," meaning dope pushers and users. And, oops, there went another group of people.

Senator Ervin met with the same fate when he tried to point up the danger of the administration's "protective custody" proposal, under which habitual criminals and other persons considered dangerous to society could be locked up to prevent them from committing some

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WHAT A MESS!—Bert Hughes, Jaycee chairman of the local March of Dimes, braved the frigid weather Friday and Saturday but got a great deal of pleasure of taking quarters from people who wanted to "Bash For Cash" on two cars at the corner of Broad and King Streets. It was part of the county-wide funds drive and Hughes reported a tidy sum in the kitty and more than a few dents in the autos furnished by Towe Motor Company of Hertford and Smith's Auto Center here. Shown with the chairman are Bill Bass and Robert Dail.

Board Assures Aid For Rescue Unit

Representatives of Edenton - Chowan Rescue Squad met with praise, sympathy, understanding and the apparent assurance of action when they appeared Monday before Chowan County commissioners.

The commissioners also reaffirmed their support of a U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton. Commissioner J. Clarence Leary said he could not foresee much opposition to the prime route selected by State Highway Commission.

At the request of Edenton Mayor George Alma Byrum the commissioners went on record in opposition to the State Planning Division's removal of Hyde and Washington counties from this area and adding Bertie and Hertford counties.

Capt. Bob Roberson, spokesman for the rescue squad said without newer

equipment the unit could not continue to provide ambulance service for the county. He said the existing equipment is old and there have been numerous break-downs while on trips.

He also said the squad was in need of quarters to house the equipment. He said a new ambulance would cost approximately \$12,500.

Capt. Roberson noted that since the squad agreed to work with the county by providing full-time ambulance service, 652 calls have been answered and more than 35,000 miles driven. He said the expense of the squad had been \$21,000 with the county paying only \$7,000. The remainder has been secured through donations and solicitations.

He noted that only \$2,800 had been received from people served by the

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Chesson On Team

Earl Chesson, a star for the Eastern 2-A champs Edenton Aces, has been selected to play in the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro in August. Chesson is a quarterback.

Chesson is one of 30 players chosen to represent the East on the squad to be coached by Gerald Whisenunt of Goldsboro.

Chesson's older brother, Wes, and Mike Overton played on the '67 team.

He gained over 1,700 yards total offense in 1969; scored 13 TD's and passed for six more TD's. He was both All-Conference and All-East.

Chesson has signed a grant-in-aid to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



AID FOR HOSPITAL—Teen-agers in Edenton, recognizing the need to assist the new Chowan Hospital, conducted a candle sale during the holidays and raised a goodly sum of money. Turning the check from Edenton Teen-Age Club over to Tom Surratt, hospital administrator, is Steve Baxley, with Martin Parker looking on. Surratt said the hospital appreciates the interest in the youngsters in this project.