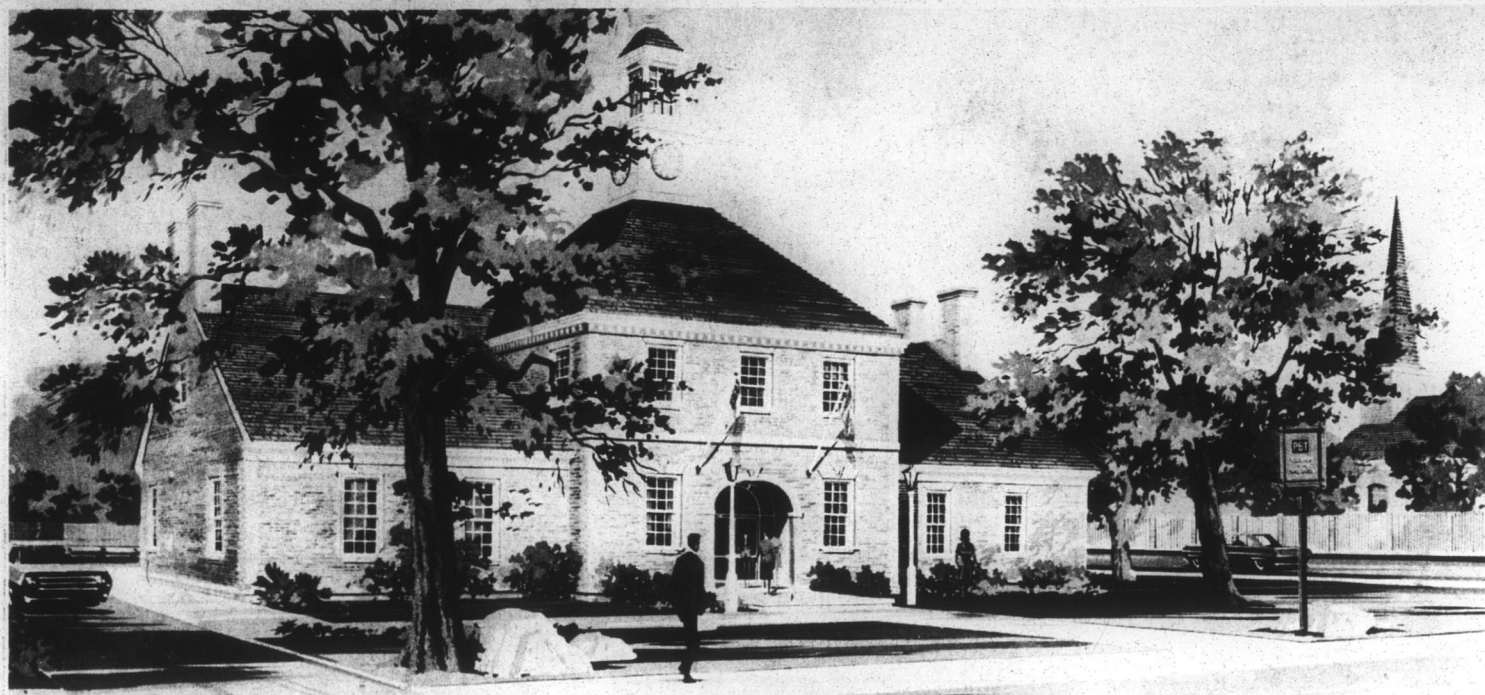




Consolidation Plan Is Junked By School Board



Artist's Conception of New Peoples Bank & Trust Building on South Broad Street

Public Parade

No Funny Matter

There has been a growing trend across the country towards more and more disrespect for law and order. The daily newspapers of general circulation along the Public Parade are filled with such instances.

Only, last week it actually lit in our community. And the thing which is cause for the most concern is the lack of public outcry.

Very few lawbreakers feel a real urge to resist arrest from law enforcement officers. There is, however, a growing number who balk when the strong arm of the law reached out for them.

Law enforcement officers don't get paid enough to take all the abuse to which they are subjected. And when they are physically abused they deserve the support of the community as a whole and not just the courts.

When a peace officer, acting in the line of duty, is disarmed and assaulted by a citizen it is time to stop and take inventory. It is difficult enough to get good, honest men to choose law enforcement as a career. It is going to become even more difficult if the attitude of the general public doesn't change.

The pay oftentimes leaves much to be desired. The working conditions are something else. And in a time when crime of all shapes and sizes is increasing, it is too much to ask a lone policeman to patrol the Town of Edenton. Yet, this is the case many nights.

We can furnish them 40-hour weeks, air-conditioned cars, etc., but this is to no avail if they are subjected to unnecessary hazardous situations.

The happenings of California, Washington, New York, Chicago, etc., can come home to roost along the Public Parade.

The giggles of today might prove to be the heartbreak of tomorrow.

Worthwhile Project

On May 2 citizens of the Town of Edenton will vote on a \$600,000 water and sewer bond project. It is a question of whether we will have a water and sewer system.



OFF AND RUNNING—The track team at John A. Holmes High School hasn't let the absence of adequate practice and most facilities hold them back. They are well on their way to the 15th consecutive 2-A Albemarle Conference crown and have set two records in an invitational meeting. Coach Marion Kirby is shown with four runners he took to Southern Pines Saturday for the Mid-South Relays. They set meet records in 440 and 800 runs. Left to right are: Earl Chesson, Linwood Stallings, Raymond Jernigan and Giel Leary. Story on Page 4

Bank Building Is Planned

George W. Lewis, executive vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company here, has released today the architectural rendition of the new home office building for the Edenton branch.

The structure will be built on the corner of West Church and South Broad Street. It will also have access from West Queen Street. There will be exit only on Broad Street.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., local board member and building committee chairman for the bank, says plans for the building have been approved and are nearing completion. Serving with Earnhardt on the building committee are W. B. Gardner and R. Graham White. It is anticipated that construction will get underway by early summer and the building should be completed by the spring of 1971.

J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the local board of managers, said "we feel

this 18th Century Georgian style building will be compatible with the Edenton tradition and highly functional for our Edenton headquarters. Our bank takes pride in the opportunity to serve the Chowan area and to have a part in preserving its historic image."

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Voter Books Open

Chowan County voter registration books will be open for all new registrants the next two Saturdays, according to Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections.

Registration thus far has been very slow. Mrs. Hoskins said only about 15 have registered. The registrars are at the polling places from 9 A. M., to 6:30 P. M., on Saturday, April 11 and 18.

Mrs. Hoskins said anyone who will be 21 years of age by November 3, date of the general election, may register and vote in the May 2 primary.

A person must have been a resident of the state for one year and in the precinct in which he is registering for 30 days prior to the ensuing election to qualify to vote.

There are no contests in the primary for Republicans. However, there are several races for Democrats and interest is beginning to develop for the several candidates.

Mrs. Hoskins warned voters to make sure they are registered properly in order that they may participate in the forthcoming election.

Ninth Grade Goes Back To Holmes

Yielding to pressure from students and school patrons, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night approved a plan of organization for 1970-71 which affects only the ninth grade in the Edenton area.

Supt. Bill Britt recommended that no changes be made toward consolidation of the top three grades at Chowan High School with John A. Holmes High School and that White Oak Elementary School remain open.

The board was quick to approve his recommendation as well as a second plan to move the ninth grade from Walker School to Holmes next year. Supt. Britt said this would involve about 200 students. It was estimated little more than 200 would have been involved in the consolidation.

Supt. Britt told the board it is still his opinion that the concept of one high school for Chowan County is still good. "A comprehensive high school would be best for the students," he asserted.

"Administratively and educationally I don't think we could back away from this," he continued. "It has been proven."

"However, we also feel that other things that enter into it doesn't make it (consolidation) feasible at this time. There have been great changes in the past few years. The teachers and students have worked with us.

"It is, therefore, my recommenda-

tion that we allow the organizational structure to remain basically the same for the next school year.

"It will give all schools an opportunity to improve on what we are doing where we are doing it."

While there was no time placed on the organization in the motion, it was noted that decisions on the organization must be made each year.

Earlier, Supt. Britt traced the organizational changes for the past three years. First, the administrative units merged. Then, upon federal court order, grades one through six were totally integrated. This year, by the same type order, grades seven through 12 were totally integrated.

O. C. Long, Jr., made the motion to keep the structure at Chowan and White Oak the same. It passed without opposition.

Supt. Britt said moving the ninth grade back to Holmes School would split the school population and incur a future consolidation.

N. J. George moved that it be approved, saying:

"I think the use of faculty and the school program for next year is a good one."

Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., while saying he wasn't opposed to the plan, did question its feasibility. He said it would be best to keep the organization stable at

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Court Scheduling Eyed As Answer

Chowan County commissioners will appeal to the administrator of the General Court of Justice in North Carolina for assistance in scheduling terms of court so the courthouse here will not be overcrowded to the extent that it is rendered inadequate.

The courthouse, though, is but one space problem which faced commissioners Monday at their regular meeting.

Mrs. Ruth B. Conger, acting director, Department of Social Services, said the Raleigh office remains critical of facilities in Chowan County and continues to threaten to cut off funds if something isn't done.

Commissioner C. A. Phillips replied that he sees no good that can come from cutting off funds for needy.

The commissioners have been working on a plan to move this department for some time.

There were also requests for other space by local and state agencies.

Chairman J. Clarence Leary said he met last week with Judge Howard H. Hubbard of Clinton. He said Judge Hubbard was understanding but said some plans should be made toward building a new courthouse here. Leary said he told the jurist the county is not now in a position to build such a structure.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—Mayor George Alma Byrum is shown on a recent visit to Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library discussing a title with Mrs. Sandra Phillips, librarian. Many activities are planned next week for National Library Week.

Activities Are Set For Library Week

It's official! April 12-18 is National Library Week and will be celebrated here with activities centered around the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Chairman J. Clarence Leary of Chowan County commissioners and Mayor George Alma Byrum have issued formal proclamations designating the special observance.

In their decrees they point to efforts by public libraries to encourage increased patronage of library services and that the services and facilities of the

local library are of inestimable value to all citizens and that this special week should be recognized and supported.

Chairman Leary and Mayor Byrum urge all citizens, particularly the current infrequent and non-users, to visit the library and become informed of the

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Hospital Is Aided

The highlight of the Jaycette meeting held April 2, at the Edenton Restaurant was the presentation of a \$1000 check by Club President Jean Ashley, to Tom Surratt, administrator of Chowan Hospital, towards the new hospital.

This fund began several years ago when the club had hopes of beginning a Girl's Hut in Edenton. After many projects and discussions with civic leaders, the club realized that this project was indeed too large for an individual club to undertake. A committee was formed to investigate the needs of the community, and after much discussion, it was decided that the best way to help Edenton and the surrounding community with funds available was our new Chowan Hospital.

The Jaycette's contribution will be used in furnishing the "crib room" or pediatrics room, an all-new feature, in the new hospital. This room will be used only by pre-school children. The Jaycettes are hoping to continue this project on a yearly basis by having one money-making project each year with profits designated to supplying books, toys and other furnishings needed.



MONEY FOR CRIB ROOM—Edenton Jaycettes have presented Chowan Hospital a check for \$1,000 to go towards furnishing the crib room in the new facility. Mrs. Joan Ashley, club president, here presents the check to Tom Surratt, hospital administrator.