

# Local Firm Fights Pollution

A new air cleaning device has been added to the Teepee burner of the Albemarle mill in Edenton. The unit, which had been given state approval, is part of the Fisher Nut Company's program of modernizing and expanding the Edenton operation.

"This is evidence of Fisher's desire to grow in this area and to do so while supporting the aims of the people of Edenton as well," said Thurston Stallings, general manager of the Albemarle mill.

The Albemarle mill was purchased from the Continental Baking Corporation in August, 1969, just prior to the harvesting of the 1969 peanut crop. Since that time, Fisher's objectives of improving and expanding the output of

the mill have been the basis of much study and planning. A number of new machines have already been added, considerable building renovation has been completed and long range projections for increasing storage and milling capabilities have been made.

The Fisher Nut Company, a division of Beatrice Foods, is headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.

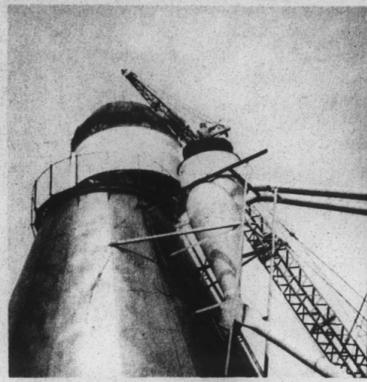
According to Stallings, "They tell me that they find our mild warm weather quite a pleasure — especially during the long cold Minnesota winter. But they also tell me that they really appreciate the warmth and friendliness shown by the people of Edenton."

The air pollution control equipment was assembled by Albemarle. Employees

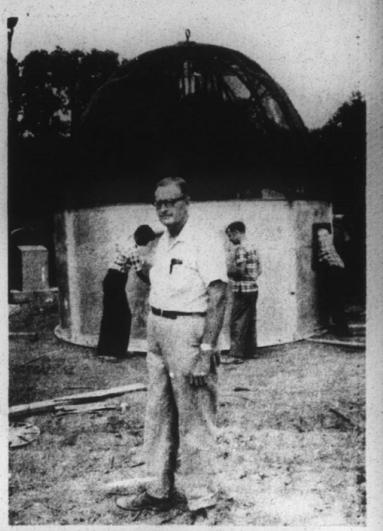
When placed into operation this Fall, pollutants normally emitted into the atmosphere will be reduced to a level well below state and federal standards, Stallings pointed out.

The equipment consists of a carefully designed forced draft system installed in the floor of the incinerator, and an adjustable damper in the stack section at the top. Thermo-couples in the top area measure the amount of heat inside the incinerator and electronic controls regulate the amount of draft to the fire in order to maintain an exhaust temperature of almost exactly 800 degrees. When this condition is maintained, according to Stallings, the smoke and fly-ash which normally escape through the

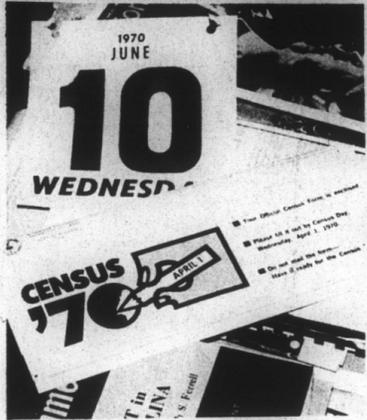
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**FIGHTING AIR POLLUTION** — Thurston Stallings, general manager of Fisher Nut Company's Albemarle mill here, is shown at right while workmen assemble an air cleaning device added to the Teepee burner at the mill on Badham Road. The picture above shows the device being hoisted onto top of the burner across from the mill.



## Public Parade



### Mess, Without Bread

The "two party" system is at work in Eastern North Carolina. Democrat Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville is getting action. The other side isn't even answering its mail.

It was announced Tuesday that Rep. Jones had obtained a 10-day delay in the deadline to file complaints concerning the recent population census. On the same day, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner wrote GOP hopeful R. Frank Everett asking why the town hadn't been contacted as promised, once a formal complaint was filed.

If the recent census is an example of what is needed in Eastern North Carolina, we're afraid we cannot afford it. It is like the man with a champagne taste on a beer budget.

Nevertheless, Edenton has apparently become a focal point in the First Congressional District as to the inaccuracy of the head count. One entire subdivision, Eden Heights, has some 40-odd forms, like the one shown here, which have not been picked up.

The census folks, including Everett, claim towns are to blame for not sending in correct maps. Gardner takes exception to this. He said not once, but twice, he sent the new town maps to Jefferson, Ind., following the May 1, 1969 annexation.

In a recent speech to Edenton Rotarians, Everett spent more time giving this writer the devil than outlining his program to cure the ills of the East. He made a promise, also. If the town would file an official complaint he would guarantee a re-count, in spite of the bias press along the Public Parade.

Gardner filed the complaint. Since then silence has prevailed. Mayor

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## ASC Checks Distributed To Farmers

Government payments in the feed grain, cotton and wheat programs in the amount of \$207,120 went out to farmers from the ASC office this week.

H. O. West, office manager, said the feed grain and wheat payments sent amounted to \$139,570 with the cotton payments being \$67,550. The largest single payment for feed grain was \$6,751 while the farmer receiving the largest cotton payment received \$5,524.

Payments in these programs are expected to be considerably less than in 1969 because fewer farmers are signing up for participation. "Because of the excellent cooperation between farmers and their local ASC office, 75 per cent of the participating producers in Chowan received payments on July 1," according to A. C. Griffin, county chairman.

Total payments in these programs for 1969 amounted to \$363,964.

Farmers who have contributed to stabilizing markets for food and fiber and to the conservation of soil and water resources by taking part in these programs received their program payments earlier this year than ever before, according to Griffin.

The first batch of payments were made beginning July 1. Additional payments will continue to be made as rapidly as farmers certify compliance with program requirements and as fast as individual farm records can be processed and checks returned to ASC county offices for distribution to farmers.

Most payments should be completed by mid-August, if farmers who signed up will complete the necessary certification indicating that they have complied with all of the program provisions.

Farm program payments help maintain a balance between supply and demand, Griffin explained. He pointed out that both farmers and consumers benefit from this balance.



**CHANGE IN COMMAND**—Fire Chief W. J. Yates, center, was honored by the Town of Edenton Tuesday night at a banquet held at the fire station on North Broad Street. Mayor George Alma Byrum is at right, with the new chief, Luther C. Parks, at left. Parks assumed his duties with the department Wednesday. Former mayors, volunteer firemen, and other city leaders attended the banquet.

## Saturday Is Fourth Of July, But...

Saturday is the Fourth of July. Nevertheless, a majority of local business concerns will delay celebration of the national holiday until Monday.

The schedule of holiday closings is about as varied as the type business contacted. However, it is the recommendation of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce that firms remain open Saturday and close Monday.

Federal offices, with the exception of the Post Office, will be closed Friday. The Post Office will be closed Saturday

with no mail delivery. Regular delivery will resume Monday.

Town, county and state offices will be closed Monday. They normally are closed on Saturday. However, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the Street Department will operate on regular schedule Saturday and be closed Monday. Then, the trash and garbage trucks will pick-up all over Edenton on Tuesday.

Those merchants who are deviating from the suggested closing of the Merchants Committee are making such announcements in their ads this week.

All institutions in Edenton will be closed Monday.

But if things start popping all around you this holiday, play it smart, keep your cool and don't get mixed up in one of the 730 traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club estimates will take 16 lives on North Carolina streets and highways during the holiday weekend.

"The Fourth of July can bring out the patriotic best in some people," stated Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president. "But it can also bring out the driving worst in many drivers. Remember that freedom means freedom from accidents, too, and not freedom to do and drive as you please, if it endangers others."

Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Department and the State Highway Patrol joined the motor club in urging people to keep their "cool" over the holiday period — whenever it begins.

## Fermor W. Hobbs Taken In Death

Graveside services were held Monday morning in Beaver Hill Cemetery for Fermor Worthington Hobbs, West Queen Street. Mr. Hobbs, who was 87, died Saturday morning at Chowan Convalescent Home.

Rev. Fred B. Drane conducted the services.

Mr. Hobbs' death followed an extended illness.

A retired farmer, he was born in Chowan County on January 10, 1883, son of the late John Calvin and Sadie Smith Hobbs. His marriage was to Mrs. Ema Byrum Hobbs, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Fermor W. Hobbs, Jr., of Rocky Mount; two daughters: Mrs. Sadie Hoskins of Edenton; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes of Gatesville; one sister: Mrs. Wallace Wood of Woodville; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hobbs was a charter member of Edenton Rotary Club. He was also a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

He served as Chowan County Clerk of Superior Court from 1910 to 1922, was connected with Hobbs & Ward Chevrolet and was secretary-treasurer and president of the board of directors of Edenton Savings & Loan Association for many years.

Williford Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

## Story Hour Nears

Something special for the kiddies is coming to Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

There will be a weekly summer story hour for children pre-school through the third grade. It will be held from 10:30 A. M., to 11:30 A. M., on Wednesdays in the library located on Water Street.

Mrs. Sandra Phillips, librarian, announces the sessions will be held beginning July 8 and ending August 26.

## Road Terms Given Two By Cahoon

Two lengthy prison sentences were imposed by Judge Walter Cahoon during the last three days of the special criminal term of Chowan County Superior Court. The court did not adjourn until late Friday afternoon, with jury cases right to the end.

Raleigh Lawson, Jr., 34-year-old Negro, Route 2, Edenton, was sentenced to five years for auto larceny.

A jury convicted Oliver Lee Gilliam, 19-year-old Negro, 122 East Gale Street, of attempted crime against nature. Gilliam was sentenced to eight years.

In other cases called by Solicitor Herbert Small, the following action was taken:

Ulias Leon Robinson, drunk driving, jury verdict of not guilty.

Elwurt Richard Whitcomb, speeding, appeal denied.

Robert Murry Peoples, improper brakes, nol pross; drunk driving, second offense, six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Nereus Lilley Lassiter, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

David Vance Jackson, drunk driving, four months, suspended upon payment

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## Gunman Is Sought

Police here have few clues as to the identity of an armed bandit who held up Habit's Motel Thursday night. The owner, Mrs. John F. Habit, said \$138 was taken.

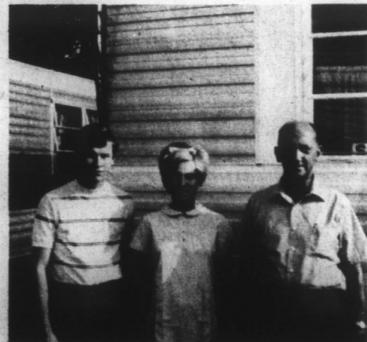
Chief J. D. Parrish said a young Negro with a ski mask covering his face entered the motel office on North Broad Street about 9:45 P. M., instructed Mrs. Habit and her elderly sister into an adjoining room.

Mrs. Habit was told if she came out in less than three minutes she would be killed. She said he also told her "not to be afraid".

Chief Parrish said the gunman was apparently familiar with the motel arrangement and when he left the office headed toward John A. Holmes High School, across the street.

## Parrish Wins Top Red Carpet Prize

Marvin E. Parrish, Route 3, Edenton, has won first prize of \$175 in gift certificates from participating merchants in the current Red Carpet Days promotion in Edenton.



**QUICK SALE**—Arthur Chappell, right, manager of Twiddy Mobile Home Sales, is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts in front of a unit they purchased as a direct result of the Red Carpet Days promotion now underway in Edenton.

Parrish was one of four winners drawn Tuesday afternoon by Police Chief J. D. Parrish. He had registered at Bill Herman BP. Total weekly prizes are \$515 in merchandise certificates.

Parrish and the following can claim their prize by calling The Chowan Herald:

Second Prize—\$120 in certificates; Lucile Sharpe, Route 2, Edenton, who registered at Northside Auto Sales.

Third Prize—\$115 in certificates; Dorothy Riddick, Route 2, Edenton, who registered at Byrum's Gift Shop.

Fourth Prize—\$105 in certificates; W. W. Porter, 908 North Broad Street, who registered at Edenton Launderette and Carwash.

Merchants have cleaned their registration boxes and a new contest is already underway. Winners in the six-week promotion will be announced each week in The Herald.

There are 47 participating merchants in this special summer sales event and specials are advertised on the Red Carpet pages elsewhere in this newspaper.



**AUTHORITY PURCHASES SITE** — The first of four sites for 100 units of low-rent public housing was purchased last week by Edenton Housing Authority. The site, on East Freemason and East Carteret streets, was purchased from Mrs. Wood Privett, shown here discussing the sale with Jack H. Hill, authority chairman, standing, and Merrill Evans, Jr., attorney for the authority. A second site is expected to be purchased next week and condemnation petitions have been filed in connection with the other two sites. Plans and specifications for the project are complete and only site acquisition is delaying the project.