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**Up In Smoke**—Fire broke out about noon Sunday at the old Edenton Peanut Company on East Church Street and firemen used their skill to contain the fire to one warehouse building. Chief Luther C. Parks walks up the railroad track back of the warehouse in the picture at left after getting a good look at the situation. Melvin Lane, with hose, and David Parks pour water on the metal structure. When a pumper operator switched hydrants, young Parks stands and calls for more water, as shown above.

## Warehouse Destroyed By Fire Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed an empty warehouse of an old peanut firm on East Church Street at noon Sunday but skilled firemen managed to save surrounding buildings.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks said the old Edenton Peanut Company property, now owned by W. D. Holmes Estate, was valued at \$25,000. The metal structure had wood framing.

Firemen fought the blaze in near 100-degree temperature, with one volunteer being overcome by heat and several others becoming nearly ill as they performed their duties. Bill Stallings was treated at Chowan Hospital and released after becoming sick at the scene.

The destroyed building is surrounded by three other warehouses, two of which were in use. One was filled with peanuts which were not damaged.

Chief Parks said one side of the building was falling in

when fire trucks arrived after responding to a call at 12:05 P. M. Firemen, unable to save the structure, concentrated on the surrounding buildings.

"The men did a terrific job," Chief Parks said. "Although this is vacation time all volunteers responded to the call except three."

Firemen spread 2,450 feet of hose to combat the fire.

With all three units of the local department on the scene, Center Hill-Crossroads sent a truck to stand-by at the headquarters. At 12:50 P. M., a call was answered to the mobile home of Arthur Chappell on Jackson Street. Curtains had caught fire but Chappell had put out the blaze with a home extinguisher before firemen arrived.

Scores of people returning home from church went to the scene but Chief Parks said spectators were cooperative and helpful.

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## Public Parade Thrills At The Expense Of Others

Surfing, from the sidelines, has all indications of being a thrilling, challenging and rewarding sport. It is becoming a menace on the Outer Banks of North Carolina of equal magnitude to the hippies in Tidewater Virginia.

The waves which attract families to the Outer Banks also attract surfers. The screams of joy from youngsters and adults alike are not dangerous. The surfboards are.

Several times in the past two weeks people enjoying the beach at Edenton Colony at Kill Devil Hills have had encounters with the surfers. It appears that even the best intentions and kindest pleas for a sense of safety and fairness fall on deaf ears.

Like a souped up automobile, the surfboard has a way to disarming those of good breeding, those who have been taught to respect the rights of others, those who have been taught fair-play, those who have been taught kindness, common courtesy, etc.

A member of one of Elizabeth City's No. 1 families took the attitude of a wild animal when a lady tried to reason with him last week. "Please go somewhere else to surf," he was asked. "Look at all the children."

"You go somewhere else," she was told. "The waves are nice here . . . Call the shore patrol. They won't do anything."

The shore patrol, the property owners,  
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## Chowan's Jobless Percentage High

Unemployment in Chowan County is on the rise with estimates for July being placed at 8 per cent, according to Neil Thaggard of the local Employment Security Commission office. In June unemployment here was placed at 4.5 per cent.

Thaggard explained the increase at a time when unemployment is usually at one of the lowest points in the year as being due to unfavorable weather conditions and slashing of manufacturing jobs.

The manager said 1,094 weeks of unemployment by covered employees were claimed in July. This compared to 269 in the same month last year.

Chris-Craft Corporation has ceased operations, he noted putting some 200 or more people out of work. Also, wet weather has drastically hampered logging operations.

For the first six months of this year, weeks claimed for unemployment were 5,530, compared with 2,187 in the first half of 1969.

Thaggard said in 1969 the average number of people in Chowan County unemployed was 310 or 2.7 per cent of the work force. "Now we have more than that filing claims for unemployment insurance alone," he said.

One veteran ESC employee estimated that at present unemployment in Chowan County is higher than at any time in the past decade.

## Board Fights To Keep Chowan Jail

Chowan County commissioners are keeping alive hopes of maintaining their own jail. At the same time the regional jail as a solution to their plight comes nearer into focus.

The mail arrived last week as expected. The message from Clifton M. Craig, commissioner, State Department of Social Services, was also as expected. He demanded "positive steps" in the "very near future" toward "providing an acceptable facility for the confinement of Chowan County prisoners" or he will order the jail closed.

Chairman J. Clarence Leary appointed Commissioner N. J. George chairman of a committee to further discuss "basic deficiencies" of the jail with state officials. C. M. Evans and C. A. Phillips

are serving with George.

Phillips said the letter from Craig did not touch on the point he considers most overbearing—continuous supervision. "Even with a new jail he would have the problem of 24-hour supervision for male and female prisoners," he noted. He said he felt the General Assembly would be sympathetic but it does not convene until next year.

George stated: "I don't think we need a better jail. If they want a better jail let them build one." Later he said: "These folks are right on our backs with that blueprint from Raleigh . . . if they weren't building the regional jail in Elizabeth City we could still do business with them."

Chairman Leary said local officials are going to have to pay a lot of attention to Craig's letter.

Phillips pointed out that the present financial structure of the county could not support a new jail, catered meals and constant supervision. "We just can't afford it," he said.

George added that the county should try to correct deficiencies. "We need to comply and keep what we have."

Craig's letter stated, in part: "In my opinion, the present structure cannot be brought to an acceptable standard without major renovation and possible addition which could only be done at a great expense to the county."

"As I stated during our meeting (July 27) there are three alternate approaches to the solution of your problem. First,  
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## Intruder Sought

A second incident of a Negro man entering the bedroom of a white woman in the dead of night has been reported to Edenton police.

Chief J. D. Parrish said the latest case was reported at 2:10 A. M., Thursday. Mrs. Myrtle Boyce Enfield, 203 East Church Street, reported she was sleeping with her eight-year-old son when she awoke to find a Negro man in her bedroom.

Mrs. Enfield said she screamed and the subject fled out a window.

Chief Parrish said she gave a similar description to that given last week by another woman who was assaulted by a burglar. "The movements of the subject are such in each case that I believe it to be the same person," the chief said.

Two State Bureau of Investigation agents are assisting local police in attempts to solve the two crimes.

Also, police records show a complaint from 101 East Gale Street where a woman reported seeing a prowler. She said a Negro was peeping in the window late at night.



Frank Habit

## Habit Gets Post

Frank Habit of Edenton and J. Fred Riley of Elizabeth City have been designated chairmen of major committees of Albemarle District, Boy Scouts of America, it was announced today by Dewey W. Wells, district chairman.

Habit will head the Finance Committee and Riley will serve as chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee.

The Albemarle District embraces all  
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## In The Morgue?

By BILL COZART

Miss Kitty couldn't wait and so Chowan County's new 61-bed hospital, which won't be ready for occupancy until October, has recorded its first births—almost identical twins.

Time for deliverance came for a stray cat and the feline crept into the morgue (of all places) and gave birth to a pair of little kittens.

Electrical construction workers at the hospital made the discovery and have removed mother and babies—all of whom are reported doing fine—to their trailer shack outside for a proper diet and place to stay.

Hospital Administrator Thomas Surratt has duly recorded the births and marked the bill paid in full . . . on the house!

Papa Cat is unknown and so there'll be no clears!



**Candidate In Chowan**—R. Frank Everett of Robersonville, Republican candidate for U. S. Congress, last week paid his first official visit to Chowan County. He is shown at left with Col. H. E. Bass, county GOP chairman and Everett's local manager. He poses at right with three young ladies who went with him on his rounds. They are, left to right, Debbie DeBlois and Cindy and Joan Ricks. Everett says he has active organizations in all 10 counties in the First District.

## Political Switch Called Unnecessary

A former "concerned" Democrat from Martin County is tying his hopes for election to the U. S. Congress on the very people he abandoned two years ago.

R. Frank Everett of Robersonville is quick to point out that Democrats don't have to switch to the Republican Party

to vote for him in November. Therefore, he will not conduct an Operation Switch-Over as he did in 1968.

On his first official visit to Edenton to confer with campaign workers, the GOP candidate who opposes Rep. Walter B. Jones for the First District seat, announced that Merrill Evans, Jr., a Democrat and local attorney, has been appointed to handle title search and other legal matters for Farmers Home Administration for Chowan and Gates counties.

Everett said he had worked with Col. H. E. Bass, county GOP chairman and his local campaign manager, to get the appointment. He said loans had piled up over the past months because of the lack of services of an attorney to do the work.

In a brief interview, the candidate made it clear he is not asking citizens to change their party affiliation to vote for him. "I will depend on concerned Democrats of both faces and I will be successful," he said.

He said many Democrats are concerned about the complete take-over of the recent state convention by representatives of the national party. "When I switched I made a statement that it was important to stay away from the national party but that it was in control in North Carolina," he said. "The recent take-over bears this out."  
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