



## Public Parade

### In The Wings

Students who are to attend Edenton-Chowan Schools have already been advised to report August 28 for registration. Next week they will be advised as to where to go.

The schools will release in The Chowan Herald next week the class assignments in the schools. It will be late Wednesday before the newspaper will be printed and no sneak preview will be permitted.

You already know when school will open and next week you will learn where to go. Hasn't it been a short summer?

### Right Again!

Those who spread gloom and doom along the Public Parade this week received a second and third set-back over the local option sales tax. Those most vocal in their objection to "just another tax" tried to make three points:

1—The tax, if not approved statewide, would cause retail sales to decline.

2—A county could never expect to receive more than it collected.

3—Local elected officials couldn't be trusted to use the revenue to reduce property taxes.

Well, the last was the first to be proven wrong. Chowan County commissioners reduced property taxes 30 cents per \$100 valuation; Edenton Town Council reduced property taxes 10 cents per \$100 valuation.

Now comes the N. C. Department of Revenue with the cold, hard facts, backed up with cash. The county and town received from first quarter collections, nearly \$1,300 more than was collected here. And the retail sales continue to increase.

Those who meander along the Public Parade can be comfortable in a community where it is good to live, work and play. And especially where politicians carry through with promises.

### For Better Service

Law enforcement officers along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina are to be commended for their willingness to spend off-duty time in training. Three of them recently completed a 30-hour course in narcotics investigation.

Sheriff Troy Toppin and Capt. Harvey Williams and Sgt. Melvin Griffin of Edenton Police Department received certificates from the College of the Albemarle following the sessions. Twenty-two other officers in the area made up the class taught by SBI Agent F. E. Epps, Sr., of Raleigh.

Agent Epps is vice chairman of the Governor's Committee on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Through the Albemarle Law and Order Association, in cooperation with the community college and state and federal agencies, local law enforcement officers are becoming better trained to cope with problems of the time. After receiving such training they are more effective and more efficient.

The end result is that taxpayers on all levels are going to get more for their money. And you can't hardly find anyone these days who will knock that.

### Here Comes The Judge

Lawmakers at all levels through the years have found the most practical way to deal with those who abuse privileges is to deprive them of the privileges others enjoy. This is the practice used to deter crime.

While there is considerable discussion as to the success of the system, it is nevertheless the best anyone has yet come up with.

To handle those who drink and drive, the courts relieve them of their driving privilege. The mere thought of being grounded should cause motorists to think twice before putting in jeopardy their life or the lives of others.

District Court Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City has taken the same course in dealing with the surfers on the Outer Banks. Surfers who abuse their privilege and are brought before Judge Horner will be grounded—they will be relieved of their boards.

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At Edenhouse Point, Corinthia enters the Chowan River with a tow of five barges. Her next stop will be Winton.

## Tug Chugs Right Along In Chowan

The whistle on the river, a signal of general interest to the river landing communities in days gone by, is all but gone now. The Albemarle Sound with its river networks and its big tributary, the Chowan, gave access by way of the Meherrin, the Blackwater, and to a lesser degree, the Nottoway to colonies and

traders moving Northward toward Virginia.

Customs houses, King's Landings, dotted the banks of these rivers. Some of these locations like Murfreesboro, still prosper. Others like South Quay, have become only quaint place names that are little more than history.

## Wirtanen Named To Hatchery Job

Lawrence J. Wirtanen has been named manager of Edenton National Fish Hatchery, and Nathan A. Powell, veteran hatcheryman, has been moved to Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery in La.

The announcement was made by Regional Director C. Edward Carlson of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's Southeast Region.

Wirtanen has been biologist in charge of developing striped bass feeding techniques at the local hatchery.

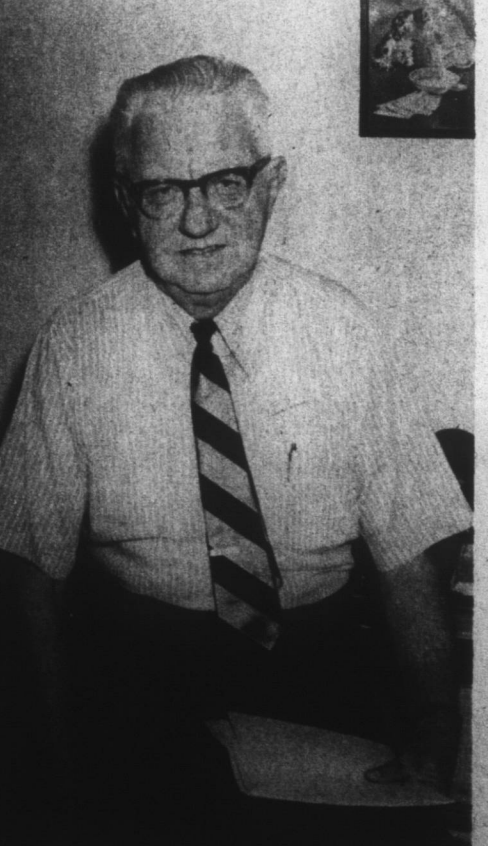
As administrator of the Natchitoches hatchery, Powell will be responsible for the complete operation of the facility. Last year the hatchery raised 6,508 pounds or 4,434,000 largemouth bass, bluegill, redear, and channel catfish for stocking in waters of Louisiana and the southern portion of Arkansas. Powell has managed the Edenton hatchery since 1965.

Wirtanen's first position with the bureau was fishery biologist at Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery, Va. In 1967 he transferred to the Wytheville No. 2 National Fish Hatchery, Max Meadows, Va. While in this position he received  
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## Veterans Officer Ready With Service

John Lee Spruill, Chowan County Veterans Service Officer, has compiled a report for fiscal 1969-70 which shows increased activity in this department and reports VA payments of over \$90,000 per month here to veterans, dependent widows and children.

Spruill is in his office on the second



John Lee Spruill

floor of the county office building from 9 A. M., to 12 noon, Monday through Thursday and is available at other times by appointment.

Last year he received 101 letters; wrote 245 letters; had 427 field trips and conducted 951 interviews. He traveled 1,076 miles in answering inquiries about education (25); compensation and pension (894); GI loans (nine); and hospitalization (24).

The veterans service officer has been with the N. C. Department of Veterans Affairs for 10 years. He is a retired Army master sergeant and retired in 1968 after more than 31 years with Chowan County ABC Board.

## 90 Kindergarten Slots Are Open In School Program

Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools, has announced kindergarten programs to be held at the D. F. Walker and White Oak Consolidated Schools for the 1970-71 term. The program will be limited to 90 children who will be five years old on or before October 16.

The kindergarten program is funded under Title I, ESEA.

The children will be selected based upon the following policy statements which relate to Federal and State laws, guidelines, and criteria.

(1) Projects for eligible children five years of age may be funded under Title I. Eligible children include those from low-income families, those who are edu-

# County, Town Get \$76,000 From Tax

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton are \$76,732.79 richer with this week's distribution of the first quarter receipts from the one per cent local option sales and intangible tax collections. While there was more than a \$5,000 drop in the share of intangible tax, the area received \$1,215.03 more from the sales tax than was actually collected.

The county's share of collecting the sales tax was \$344.67. This is less than 1 per cent of the total paid the N. C. Department of Revenue of handling the local option tax for 25 counties.

During the quarter, April-June—\$32,638.93 was collected in this county. Chowan County received \$25,870.96 and the Town of Edenton, \$7,982.99. The county's total was more than was collected because of the method of distribution which involves ad valorem tax levies and population.

It had been estimated that the county and town would receive \$135,000 from the sales tax in fiscal 1970-71.

Despite approval by only 25 per cent

of the 100 counties, the original estimates of collections appears to be standing up, according to the report from the N. C. Department of Revenue.

State officials blamed the stock market slump and some legislative tax relief to big corporations for the more than \$1-million drop in intangibles property tax this year. The Chowan County share of this pie amounted to \$35,114.55, some \$4,000 less than last year; and Edenton's share, \$7,764.28, or some \$1,000 less.

The intangibles tax is a form of property tax levied on money on deposit in banks, money on hand, accounts receivable in excess of accounts payable, bonds and notes, shares of stock, beneficial interest in foreign trusts, money on deposit with insurance companies, penalties and interests.

Also, this week Commissioner I. L. Clayton of the State Department of Revenue reported July collections of the local 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County to be \$11,628.38.

## Extension Position For Mrs. Edwards

RALEIGH — Mrs. Elsie B. Edwards of Elizabeth City, has been named creative crafts specialist for the Albemarle area to succeed Miss Edna Bishop, who retired July 31.

Mrs. Edwards will take over her new duties August 17, according to Dr. Eloise Cofer, assistant director, N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Miss Bishop, North Carolina's first area home economics extension agent, provided the leadership needed to help create an interest in home industries among the agents and leaders in the Albemarle area, Dr. Cofer said.

She held annual district crafts workshops and instilled in participants a respect for creativity and quality in their work.

As another important step, she helped organize the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, an event where area craftsmen could  
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Rep. Walter B. Jones

## Rep. Jones Plans Visit To Chowan

Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville will be in the First District during the Congressional recess for Labor Day, making several appearances in the Edenton area August 27.

Rep. Jones, who is seeking his third full two-year term in Congress, will be at a dutch breakfast at Edenton Restaurant at 8 A. M., Thursday. He will then be available at the Municipal Building from 10 A. M., to 11 A. M., to meet with anyone who wishes to discuss matters with him.

The congressman will be speaker at 1 P. M., at the regular luncheon meeting of Edenton Rotary Club.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and Warren Twiddy, co-managers for Rep. Jones in prior elections, announced plans for the visit. They also requested those who plan to attend the breakfast to contact them for reservations.

Rep. Jones was elected to the 89th Congress in a special election of February 5, 1966, to fill the unexpired term of the late Herbert C. Bonner. He has been re-elected twice since.



Mrs. Elsie B. Edwards

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tionally deprived and those who are handicapped who live within an eligible attendance area. Kindergarten projects funded under Title I must be limited to those children who are educationally deprived and limited to a number which will allow project participants reasonable promise of substantial progress.

(2) Opportunities for eligible children to participate in project Head Start should be fully explored with the local community action agency. Where Head Start funds are not available or insufficient, the needs of eligible children may be met by the use of Title I funds.

(3) Title I funds may not be used

to establish a kindergarten program for all five year old children in a school district or a school system. Normally, those children not considered "educationally deprived" are not eligible for participation in a Title I project.

Additional information and application blanks are available in the schools or the Title I, ESEA office, 482-4437, Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, director.

Parents interested in a pay kindergarten program should fill out an application blank, also. This will provide information regarding the need and interest of parents in having a pay kindergarten program.