

Big Day Set For Hospital On Sunday

William F. Henderson of Raleigh, executive secretary, N. C. Medical Care Commission, will deliver the dedicatory address and present the license to the new \$2-million Chowan Hospital here Sunday. The services are set for 2 P. M.

First patients are expected to be moved into the new facility on October 17, according to Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator.

Atwood Skinner of Wilson, hospital architect, will present the new 61-bed facility with acceptance by J. Clarence Leary for Chowan County commissioners, and Jesse L. Harrell for Chowan Hospital, Inc. J. Gilliam Wood will introduce Henderson.

Others on the program include Dr. Edward G. Bond, chief of staff, and Revs. E. L. Earnhardt and Virgil Wilson.

Chowan County voted \$1-million in bonds for the new facility with a federal grant being received in the amount of \$600,000. Medical Care Commission provided \$108,000; Duke Endowment, \$150,000; and \$142,000 was secured from all other local sources.

Surratt issued the following statement concerning "Chowan Hospital—Truly a Health Care Facility":

From the time plans were begun for

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Robert Weintraub

Weintraub Picked

Chowan Arts Council re-organized for the new year Monday night and agreed to co-sponsor a young people's production with Edenton Little Theater.

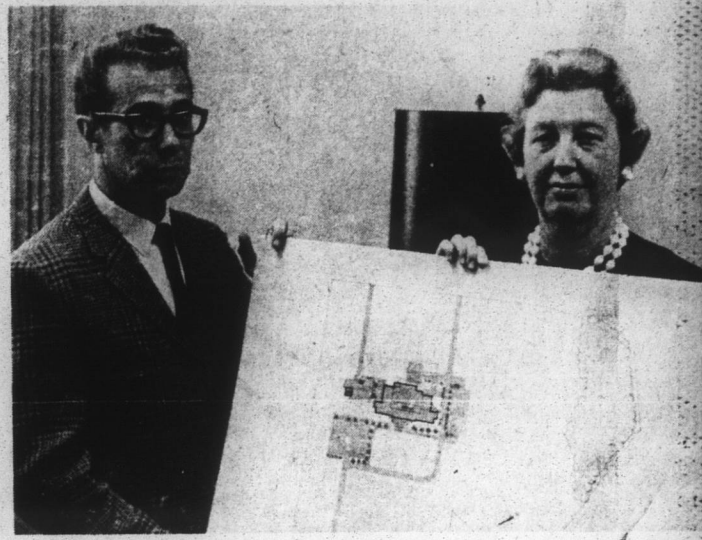
Robert Weintraub was elected president of the arts group at the meeting held at Edenton Chamber of Commerce office. W. M. Sanford headed the group last year.

Readings will be held at 8 P. M. Tuesday at the chamber office for parts in the production to be cast with junior and senior high school students. Students interested in a part in the production are urged to attend the readings.

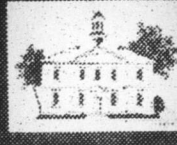
Elected to serve with Weintraub were: Mrs. Mary Partin, vice president—publicity; Miss Gene Tomlinson, recording secretary; Mrs. Fran Ward, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Audrey Walker, treasurer; and Mrs. Nelson Cheers, director to the Albemarle Area Arts Council board.



New Chowan Hospital In Sp... — Donations continued to pour in for equipment to the new Chowan Hospital as plans were finalized for the dedication Sunday. William F. Henderson of Raleigh, shown in center picture, will deliver the dedicatory address. At left, three officers of Edenton Women's Club present Thomas M. Surratt a check for \$1,000 to furnish a room. They are, left to right: Mrs. Ruth Frinks, president; Surratt; Mrs. N. B. Hicks, treasurer; and Mrs. T. M. Clarke, secretary. In the picture at right, Surratt is shown with Mrs. W. P. (Spec) Jones as they hold a plan for the exterior of the hospital after the Hospital Auxiliary donated \$5,000 for equipment. The dedication service is set for 2 P. M., with tours to follow.



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Public Parade

An Explanation

A low-rent public housing project to get 100 families along the Public Parade out of unsafe and unsanitary structures is being delayed by a referee in bankruptcy who has, in the opinion of this writer, failed to show good faith with Edenton Housing Authority.

Thomas M. Moore of Wilson, while repeatedly agreeing to the private sale of a portion of the R. P. Baer & Company, Inc., property on North Oakum Street to the local authority, has not signed an order designating the trustee to execute the deed.

The public auction of the Baer property was held January 30. At that time a bid of \$10,000 was made on the property the authority desires to purchase. However, since it had been appraised for \$20,300 (an appraisal approved by the federal government) the bid was rejected and the trustee made a public announcement that it would be sold at private sale.

In May a hearing on the private sale was held by the referee in Elizabeth City with no creditor appearing to object. The referee said something had come to light in the case which would take "eight or 10" days to clear up. When nothing happened the authority's attorney contacted Edgar Moore of Rocky Mount, the trustee. He advised the attorney to send the money and deed to him and he would get the order signed, sign the deed, cash the check and send it to Edenton.

Edenton Housing Authority drew a check for \$20,300 and mailed it to the trustee on June 10. After repeated telephone conversations, the deed was returned on July 17, dated July 7 and the check was deposited on July 8. There was a blank space on the deed—the date of the referee's order. So, those handling the bankruptcy had the authority's money and the authority had a worthless deed. (Had the money been invested it would now have earned nearly \$350 in interest).

The referee held another hearing in Wilson on September 4. He informed local officials the hang-up was a deed of

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New Bookkeeping Is Sought

Chowan County commissioners Monday tripled their contribution to Edenton Chamber of Commerce and then heard a board member call "archaic" a bookkeeping system which does not allow commissioners ready information as to the availability of funds for unbudgeted requests.

The chamber, which over the past 12 or more years has received \$500 from the county as well as the Town of Edenton, requested an increase of \$2,000. All commissioners were in agreement that the county's contribution to the Chamber had not kept pace with the services rendered.

N. J. George suggested the request be granted. However, Mrs. Pansy Elliott, county accountant said she was not sure funds would be available in the "tightest" budget the county had in many years.

"The county needs some better book-

keeping practices," George noted. "This county is too solvent to have such problems," he stated later. He made it clear he was not being critical of the county accountant because "she is doing just what the commissioners tell her to."

"We have got to get on a businesslike

basis so we know what we are doing," he said.

C. A. Phillips then presented a request from the District Mental Health Board for \$2,000 in additional funds. The county is giving \$3,000 to this program.

Sanford Leaving

W. M. (Bill) Sanford, general manager of the local Chris-Craft plant, announced Monday his resignation from Chris-Craft Corporation. He will become director of engineering at Hatteras Yachts, Division of North American Rockwell. He will be located in High Point.

Sanford is the third Chris-Craft Corporation official to join Hatteras—including Harry Call, president.

Sanford, who has been with Chris-Craft 19 years, stated that his own disappointment with some of the policies of Chris-Craft led to his seeking employment elsewhere.

He also asserted that his leaving should not affect the future plans for the local Chris-Craft plant.

The firm announced recently that the Edenton plant, which last year employed more than 200 people was being temporarily closed. It was noted, however, that in the future the local plant could become the most important in the entire Chris-Craft organization.

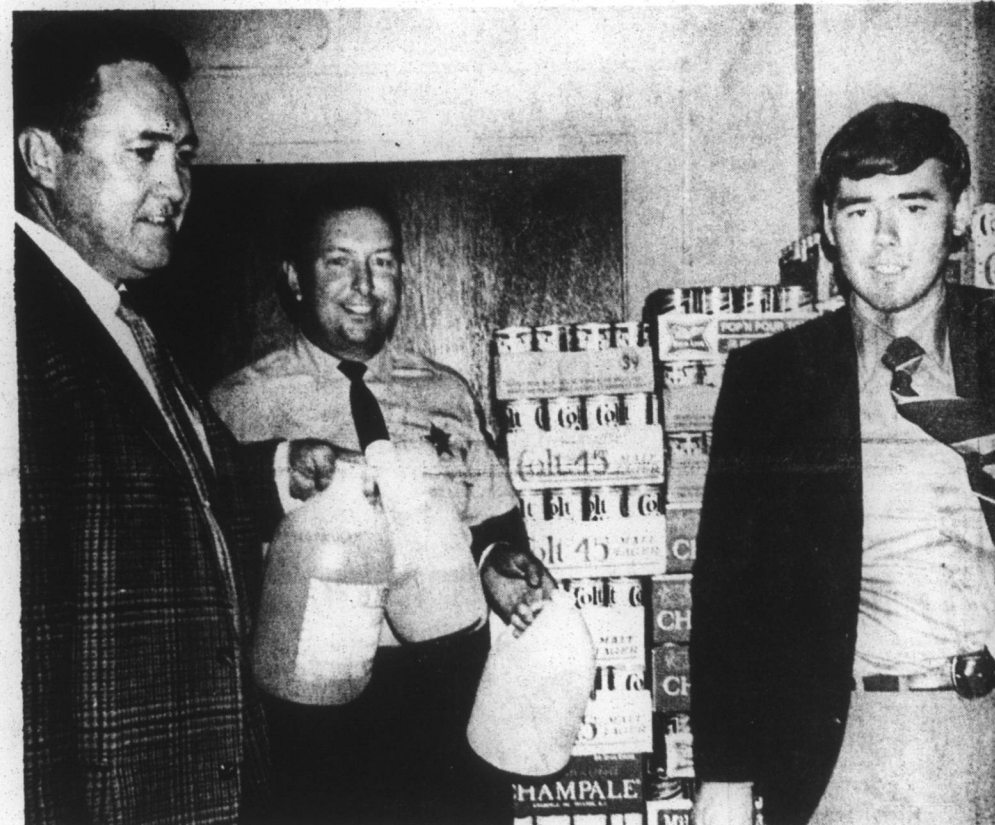
The company purchased more than 50 acres on Albemarle Sound and constructed what is believed to be the most modern plant in existence for the manufacturing of fiberglass pleasure craft. The firm operated here approximately two years.

Benefit Planned

Edenton Jaycees set out this week to sell 3,000 tickets for a multi-location fish fry October 24 to benefit Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. Fish will be served from 11 A. M., to 6 P. M., at Earl Smith's Store in Rocky Hock and the Boy Scout Hut on North Broad Street.

Wayne Connors, chairman of this benefit, said the value of the rescue squad to Edenton and Chowan County is well known and the Jaycees are putting forth every effort to make this event a real success.

The chairman said by having cookers at two locations in the county he felt more people would participate and fewer would be inconvenienced by having to drive a long distance to participate in



With Loot — Chowan County ABC Officer Joseph Byrum, center, and two state ABC officers are shown with part of the big cache of illegal beer, wine and booze captured in a raid in the area.

Officers Make Big Haul In County

By Patricia M. Arnold

Approximately \$1,000 worth of beer, whiskey, wine and non-tax-paid whiskey was confiscated Friday night at 15 various places in Edenton and Chowan County as a three-month undercover campaign came to a head.

Close to 25 law enforcement officers

aided County ABC Officer Joseph A. Byrum in issuing warrants and bringing the intoxicating beverage to the Sheriff's office at the County Office Building where it is stored until the court orders what should be done with it.

Warrants were served on 16 persons and each placed under \$200 bond until their hearing on October 20.

Charged with selling beer without a permit, possession of whiskey for sale and the sale of whiskey were John E. and Willie V. Roberts of Robin's Motel, Edenton; William (Jake) Stallings, Route 3, Edenton; Joe Hoggard of Tyner; Arthur Gordon of Tyner; and Sarah Cooper of Route 1, Edenton.

Eugenia Harris, Route 3, Edenton; Al (Fats) Elliott of Tyner; Emma Cheson, Charlie Scott Morring, Emma Brown, Celia Rawls, Maggie Stanley, all of Route 1, Edenton; Annie Holley of Edenton, Lillian Smith of Tyner and William Douglas of Edenton.

Assisting Byrum in the arrest and confiscating of beverage were State ABC Officers James L. Wagner, Supervisor; L. R. Bridges, Ellis Paul, Don Davis, M. W. Coats and Henry Ford; Sheriff Troy Toppin, Deputy Sheriff Glenn Perry and Capt. W. H. Williams and many Edenton policemen.

Wagner commended the local law enforcement for the planning and carrying out of the undercover campaign that led to the mass arrests. He commented that he was well pleased with the results and he felt that it was a complete success.

ABC Officer Byrum expressed his great appreciation to all for the help given him during the campaign.

Wood On Board

The Federal Land Bank Association of Ahoskie announces that Thomas Benbury Houghton Wood has been elected director of the association, according to L. Gary Taylor, manager of the Elizabeth City Branch Office.

Wood succeeds George T. Underwood of Murfreesboro who resigned from the board after 25 years of service.

Wood is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wood and is a native and lifelong resident of Chowan County.

He attended Porter Military Academy and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At the present time he is

the vice president of DART Corporation.

Wood is also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, president of the Cupola House Association, member of the Chowan Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, a director for the Edenton Cotton Mill, and past president of Historic Edenton, Inc.



Membership Banquet — Edenton Chamber of Commerce's annual membership banquet was held last Wednesday night at Chowan Golf & Country Club with J. S. Kovic of Raleigh, center, as guest speaker. Carlton Jackson, right, is the new president and E. F. Puryear is immediate past president. Volunteers, under the direction of Marvin Barham and E. N. (Pete) Manning, are now attempting to secure funds for a record budget of \$12,500.