

The red overlay on this page today is to remind all who meander along the Public Parade that efforts are being made locally to raise \$3,500 in the annual Cancer Crusade.

The "Sword of Hope" is the symbol of the American Cancer Society which repeatedly points out that cancer is no longer an automatic death sentence. Far from it. It is, in fact, one of the most curable of the major diseases.

Yet the society also points out that more than 100,000 Americans, who might have been cured, will die of cancer this year. If their disease had been diagnosed and treated in time, chances are they would be alive and well.

Why won't they be?

Many — perhaps most — of them have doubtless heard of the need for early diagnosis and treatment. Thanks largely to the cooperation of the nation's press, the society has been able to bring its life-saving message to the attention of a big percentage of the American people. Great numbers of people know that something should — and can — be done about cancer. They have "gotten the message."

The trouble is, too often they don't act on it.

It is not only the annual physical checkup which is involved, of course. Knowledge of the Seven Warning Signals, and the taking of a few elementary precautions can also be life-savers. The wearing of light, protective clothing when exposed to the sun for long periods can actually prevent cancer of the skin.

What is at the heart of the matter is obviously not so much a "communications gap" as an "action gap." The society's messages of sense and safety are reaching millions—but all too many of us aren't really listening.

The American Cancer Society needs your support to do its job: a job it is doing magnificently well—on its part.

But the other half of the job is ours: to act on the knowledge given us. No one else can force us to. Saving our lives begins with us.

**Fighting 'City Hall'**

There is a way to fight "city hall". It is called negotiation and cooperation. Chowan County commissioners proved it last week in retaining the use of our historic jail.

Trustees of Chowan Hospital proved it more than once in the past 24 months in getting a much needed \$2-million facility.

And Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners displayed good judgment as well as good intent last week in meeting "informally" with area members of the General Assembly.

Chowan County doesn't need a new jail. There isn't a great deal which needs to be done with the one we have—called the oldest in continuous use in America.

The State Department of Social Services came along the Public Parade last week sans threats. The county board met them with concrete proposals on which they could negotiate. The two groups did just that, plus cooperating, and for \$15,000 the county can maintain its own jail.

Chowan County did need a new hospital. The first bond issue failed because there were too many unanswered questions, among other things. The second issue was successful because those who participated in the first became a part of the solution rather than the problem.

When the bids were opened they were sky high. Negotiations began with bidders; additional cooperation came from county commissioners and the general

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**County Jail Saved; Hospital Dedicated**



William F. Henderson Jesse L. Harrell  
J. Clarence Leary Thomas M. Surratt Atwood Skinner

**Chowan Opens Medical 'Mousetrap'**

Chowan County can never become a medical center, but it can become a center for medical care. And this sparsely populated county now has the best "mousetrap" in North Carolina for attracting those who can provide this care. William F. Henderson of Raleigh.

executive secretary, N. C. Medical Care Commission, said as much Sunday in his dedicatory address at the new 61-bed, \$2-million Chowan Hospital.

While the doctor per capita ratio is decreasing in most rural areas, facilities such as the new hospital here can reverse this trend in this area, the speaker said. Henderson said the new hospital is the best per square foot he has seen dedicated in North Carolina.

He, and other speakers on the program, praised the work of Thomas M. Surratt, administrator, and Atwood Skinner of Wilson, architect, for bringing about such an outstandingly designed and equipped hospital.

Henderson said specialists coming out of schools are "on the bidding block and go where there is the biggest mousetrap". While rural medical care is at a crossroads, Henderson said "for the moment you are particularly fortunate."

"You have had the good sense not to develop a medical center but a center for medical care," he concluded. This he said, has been brought about by a tranquil situation between county commissioners, hospital trustees, and the medical staff.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, accepted the license from Henderson. Earlier, in accepting the lease from J. Clarence Leary, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, Harrell traced the chain of events which brought about the handsome new facility.

Leary, who accepted the hospital on

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Kermit Layton

**Layton On Board**

Kermit L. Layton has been appointed as a director of Sudan Widows' Fund to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge William J. Bundy of Greenville. The term expires January 22, 1972.

Sam S. Toler, Jr., of Rocky Mount, president, said the appointment carries "a gratifying knowledge of servitude to the order as well as some inconvenience and some sacrifice."

Layton, one of Chowan County's most active Shriners, said it is a real honor to fill the unexpired term of Judge Bundy on such an important arm of Sudan Temple. Judge Bundy was highly regarded in the Temple. The superior court jurist died while on a trip to Norway.

The new director is not only active in the Masons and Shrine, but is president of Chowan County Country Club and an active member of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and other community functions.

**Road Fund Boost**

RALEIGH—Allocations totaling more than \$11.9-million are going to North Carolina cities and towns that qualify under provisions of the Powell Bill.

Edenton is among the 428 cities and towns who get a slice of proportional cash allotments amounting to \$11,909,265. The local share is \$25,069.71.

According to the report, Edenton has 19.10 miles of non-system streets. Because the 1970 census has not yet been certified, population figures used were based on the 1960 census.

**Board, State Agree To Modifications**

Chowan County commissioners and the State Department of Social Services have agreed on conditions to allow the county to retain its jail. The problems were worked out Friday morning in a meeting.

Included in the program for meeting

**Modular Systems Plant Will Open**

Modular Space Systems, Inc., has signed a lease with the Town of Edenton for property at Edenton Municipal Airport and will begin construction of modular bathrooms on November 1.

This announcement was made this week by W. B. Gardner, town administrator, and Robert W. Moore, executive vice president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

The firm, headquartered in Chesapeake, Va., has already employed 10 people and employment is expected to reach 50 shortly after production begins.

Gardner and Moore said it is anticipated some of the people who lost their jobs when Chris-Craft Corporation closed the boat manufacturing plant here, will be employed by Modular since some of the procedures are similar.

James R. Pocklington, a former plant manager for Chris-Craft and was later with Trojan Yacht, is president of Modular.

E. F. Humphries, president and owner of H&W Plastics, Inc., is vice president of Modular's plastics division and will be working closely with the Edenton plant.

It was pointed out that while the bathroom is usually the smallest room in the house, it requires scheduling of seven different trades (plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry, spackling, tiling and painting) and on-site material distribution. To the homeowner or landlord it is a "maintenance headache".

The modular bath is a complete reinforced plastic bathroom package. A new concept of bathroom construction, planned to the last detail, requires only field

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**Lt. Winborne, 24**

1st Lieut. John Hutchings Winborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchings Winborne, Route 1, Edenton, was killed in Vietnam war action on October 2.

Lieut. Winborne was 24 years old, a 1964 graduate of Chowan High School, a 1968 graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a 1963 Page in the N. C. Legislature, and a AOCS graduate.

He was a member of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother and father and two brothers: Robert H. Winborne of Tyner and Emmitt E. Winborne of the home.

A military graveside service was conducted on Monday at 4 P. M., with Rev. George Cooke officiating and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Wiliford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

state jail standards is the construction of a small addition to the jail. It will serve as a "day room" for inmates as well as a conference room for inmates and their lawyers. Plans also call for Sheriff Troy Toppin's office to be relocated in the addition.

Commissioners estimate it will cost a maximum of \$15,000 to make necessary improvements to meet the standards.

Still unresolved, however, is the question of constant supervision of inmates.

Commissioners agreed to close the second floor of the structure. This requires approval of the State Fire Marshal, who has already been contacted and is expected to inspect the facility within the near future.

An architect and engineer will be employed to design the new addition and make suggestions as to other necessary changes.

During the session with state officials, commissioners agreed not to house either women nor juveniles in the county facility. A cooperation agreement will be worked out with the Town of Edenton, who has lock-up facilities in the Municipal Building and neighboring counties with better jail facilities.

At the outset, W. C. Williams, chief of the Jail and Detention Services Section of the State Department of Social Services, told the commissioners if they did not give some indication of their plans for the jail it would be ordered closed in 30 days.

N. J. George, chairman of the jail committee for the county board, said he was much encouraged by the outcome of the meeting. He said he felt through

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W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.

**Slate Is Named**

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., local attorney and former state legislator, has been elected chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc. Earnhardt succeeds J. Gilliam Wood.

Earnhardt and other officers of the group which operates historic sites here were elected this week at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Elected vice-chairman was Mrs. Goldie Niblett. Mrs. Marsha Crandall is treasurer and chief hostess and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., is secretary.

The directors set into motion restoration of the Cupola House gardens as the primary project for the coming year.

Approximately 7,000 persons toured the Barker House in 1969 and 2,000 paid tours were made.

Mrs. Crandall feels that many people come to Edenton because of the late Inglis Fletcher, historic author.

She is also very pleased with the response of many school tours made by many schools from surrounding counties.

The most outstanding event for the club in 1970 was the Garden Club Tour of colonial arrangements in the various buildings in April.

The big event for 1971 will be the pilgrimage that is conducted every two years.

Every year more people become interested in historic Edenton and the tours and attendance of people increase steadily, according to Mrs. Crandall.



**Nothing Serious** — Edenton Town Council and Chowan County Board of Commissioners last Thursday entertained district representatives to the General Assembly and Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell, with wives as special guests. This series of pictures show, from left to right: Mayor George Alma Byrum, center with Reps.

Bill Culpepper of Elizabeth City, and Rep. Phil Godwin of Gatesville; J. Clarence Leary, county commission chairman with Sen. George Wood of Camden; and Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston; Commissioner Nowell, sporting beard, with W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., and W. B. Gardner, town administrator.