

## County Asks Board Honor Agreement

Chowan County commissioners Tuesday officially requested Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to honor an August, 1973, agreement concerning the use of tennis courts at Chowan High School.

At the same time the board directed Supt. John Dunn, who by the agreement is in charge of the area, to enforce the agreement which gives the schools priority but has the director of Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department schedule the use of the area at other times.

In making the motion, which passed unanimously, Commissioner N. J. George said: "This is not in any way intended to have the schools lose any money from any source."

Earlier the board of education had asked Supt. Dunn to move to have the agreement voided after Chowan Academy requested use of the courts. It was felt by the board that federal funds would be in jeopardy if the private school is allowed use of the facility on public school property.

Chairman C. A. Phillips and Commissioners George, Alton G. Elmore and J. D. Peele attended the special meeting and all agreed that the board could not do anything but request the school board to recognize the agreement and abide by it.

In 1973, Chairman Phillips noted, "everyone thought it would be a tremendous asset to the recreation program, the schools and the county." The agreement was drawn after the county paid for a lighted recreation area on a portion of the school property.



**COMMISSION MEETS**—Mrs. Frances Inglis, standing, chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, presides at the semi-annual meeting held here last Thursday night. Seated left to right are: Mrs. Lucille Winslow of Hertford, chairman of a fund-raising committee; James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, speaker; and Mrs. Snooky Bond, secretary. (See Public Parade).

## School Board Studies Option

By Flynn Surratt

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education concluded a special meeting Monday night by passing out copies of a letter from the county commissioners denying a request to spend money for preliminary drawings of a new school.

It was apparent that the request had been denied even before the letter was presented as discussion of school system reorganization had centered around renovation of existing facilities.

The emphasis on reorganization is the result of recommendations included in a school survey by the Department of Public Instruction, Division of School Planning. Renovation of existing facilities is one of the options offered by the survey, but is intended as a temporary arrangement.

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**SOILS WORK BEGINS**—George Lewis, left, chairman of the Chowan County Planning Board, gets first hand information from Joe Covington and Philip Tant on the new Chowan-Perquimans Soil Survey. Both Covington and Tant are soil scientists with the Soil Conservation Service.

## Soil Scientist Arrives Here

Phillip L. Tant, soil scientist, reported for duty on the Chowan-Perquimans Soil Survey on October 11. He and his wife, Kathy, are both natives of Zebulon.

He is a graduate of N. C. State University and a member of the Baptist Church.

Tant began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in January, 1973, and prior to his

## Board To Meet

The Chowan County Planning Board will meet Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Fourth Floor conference room of the Chowan County Office Building.

Items on the agenda include reports on the turn on of the water system, the joint Chowan-Perquimans soils survey, other projects in progress, subdivision review and discussion of the draft mobile home park ordinance.

Chairman George Lewis will preside. Members of the planning board and interested members of the public are urged to attend.

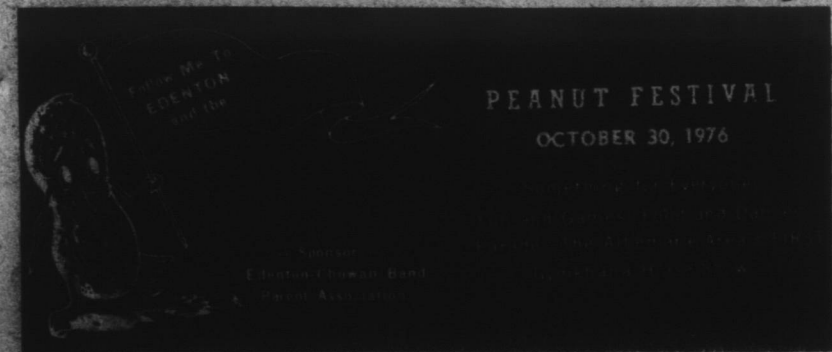
assignment in Edenton, was headquartered in Raleigh, Goldsboro and Clinton.

Under the Chowan-Perquimans survey, Tant and possibly other soil scientists, will map every acre of land in Perquimans and Chowan counties, according to soil texture, structure, drainage and other physical properties. This map along with interpretations can be used to determine the suitability of the soil for almost any use.

The map can help homebuyers or developers determine soil-related hazards or limitations that affect homesites. It can help land use planners determine the suitability of areas for housing or on site sewage disposal systems. It can help a farmer estimate the potential crop production of his land. It can be used to determine the suitability and limitations of soils for pipelines, buildings, landfills, recreations areas and many other uses.

It is estimated that about six

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# Membership Drive Set

Historic Edenton, Inc., is now ending its 10th year as the executive arm of the Edenton Historical Commission. To mark the close of its first decade, a membership drive for "Friends of Historic Edenton" is being conducted in Chowan County and Edenton, beginning October 25. This date is significant as the date of the famous Edenton Tea Party on October 25, 1774.

Miss Ava Garrett, sites manager for Historic Edenton, reveals that in the 10 year period more than 75,000 visitors have been shown the five buildings making up Historic Edenton. In the past six months visitors came

from 27 states and four foreign countries.

The Barker House Visitor Center-Museum is open every day except Sunday and Monday from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. It is open on Sunday from 3 to 5 P.M., but closes on Mondays and holidays.

The buildings comprising the tour of Historic Edenton are the Cupola House, built about 1725, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (begun in 1736), the Chowan County Courthouse (1767), The Iredell House (about 1776) and the Barker House (about 1782).

Although only five buildings are open to the public, this area has more than 100 places of historical

or architectural importance in Chowan County and Edenton. Three buildings have been declared National Historic Landmarks; five others are on the National Register of Historic Places; and five others have been nominated for that list.

Many of the buildings are privately owned and are shared by their owners during the Biennial Pilgrimage sponsored by the Woman's Club. This organization has contributed more than \$96,000 to Historic Edenton for various purposes.

The Cupola House Association, the James Iredell Association, and many other groups have also been generous in their support. The State of North Carolina, Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have given substantial amounts toward the preservation of this rich historical heritage.

Mrs. Ross Inglis, chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, and W. T. Culpepper, III, chairman, Historic Edenton, are joining in the present campaign to interest the citizens of Chowan County and Edenton in becoming actively engaged in the work being done by Historic Edenton and the commission.

"You do not have to be a history buff to know that preservation is good business," Culpepper says. "Business has a direct profit interest in maintaining a strong cultural community background. Real estate values increase, restaurants, motels, drug stores and all other businesses thrive

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## Public Parade

'Friends' Needed

A fund-raiser to seek "Friends of Historic Edenton" will be launched Monday, the same day of the month more than two centuries ago when the courageous women along the Public Parade held the now famous Tea Party.

Again, it appears that the women are taking the lead in things hereabouts. Mrs. Lucille Winslow of neighboring Perquimans County is spearheading the membership campaign. Mrs. Frances Inglis is chairman of the sponsoring Edenton Historical Commission. This is a new endeavor for the commission which, in the past, hasn't really come to grips or gained the mood needed to get the Edenton ball in its rightful position in the field of historic attractions.

Edenton has enjoyed publicity which the area could never have bought. In fact, Edenton has had more publicity than it deserves, considering the lack of effort put into promotion.

There are many who support us more than we support ourselves. We cannot expect this to continue and therefore, the people of Edenton and Chowan County must become "Friends of Edenton" before the membership drive goes state-wide. How you can do it is told in a story elsewhere in today's newspaper.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Edenton Historical Commission last Thursday night, James A. Gray of Winston-Salem told of how proud his is of Edenton. Mr. Gray is one of the foremost

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## Rally Scheduled

WASHINGTON, D. C.—First District Rep. Walter B. Jones announced today the scheduling of a First Congressional District Democratic Rally to be held in the Red Men's Hall in Washington, at 7 P.M. on October 27.

Tickets in Chowan County can be obtained from Wallace Evans at Parker-Evans Hardware.

Rep. Jones said, "I am hopeful that all good Democrats from across the First District will be present. U. S. Sen. Robert Morgan will be the principal speaker and there will be music, food and fellowship for all who attend. It is my hope that all Democrats will be in attendance thus displaying Party unity for an all-out Democratic Victory on November 2."



**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**—Sheriff Troy Toppin was the recipient of the "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" award, given annually by the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion at their annual appreciation banquet. Sharing the proud moment was his son and Post Commander, E. C. Toppin.



**SUPPORT FUNDS DRIVE**—The Edenton Historical Commission next week launches a funds drive to be known as "Friends of Historic Edenton." Ava Garrett, site manager for Historic Edenton; Mrs. Ross Inglis, chairman of the commission; and W. T. Culpepper, III, chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc., are pictured with the famous teapot.

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## Toppin Named Officer Of Year

By Patricia A. McCleney  
Chowan County Sheriff, Troy Toppin was presented the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award last Thursday evening. A capacity crowd cheered Sheriff Toppin upon his receiving the award.

The occasion was the annual Law Enforcement Officers of Chowan County Appreciation Banquet. The banquet was sponsored by the Edward G. Bond, Post 40, American Legion, where the banquet was held.

Two other presentations were made. Mayor Roy Harrell presented Cpl. W. E. Spruill, Jr., a member of the Edenton Police Department, a plaque in "recognition of outstanding service rendered during the robbery at Peoples Bank." Spruill was injured in the line of duty.

Mayor Harrell recognized and thanked all the officers who helped the local department with "our" problem.

Mrs. Margie Allen, widow of Robert Allen, a former N. C. State Trooper, was presented a framed copy of a poem written by Deputy Pam Byrum in dedication and memorial of Trooper Allen; and a plaque commending his work while a state trooper. Sheriff

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## Absentee Ballot Criteria Set

With the deadline for securing absentee ballots for the November 2 election less than a week away 67 people applied with the Chowan County Board of Elections.

Mrs. Byron P. Kehayes, chairman, said applications have been taken from 38 civilians and 29 military personnel. The deadline to apply is 6 P.M. Wednesday.

A registered voter can apply at the elections office on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building between 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The office is open other hours on other days and if it is occupied the application can be made.

Also, a voter can contact Mrs.

## Rev. Leake Dies

Rev. Harold Clifford Leake, Route 1, Tyner, died suddenly Tuesday morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

The popular minister was 65. He was also a self-employed contractor. He had pastored Happy Home Penecostal Holiness Church in rural Chowan County for the past 16 years. He held pastorates at other churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. Leake was also chaplain of the Ryland Ruritan Club.

Funeral services will be held at 10 A.M. today (Thursday) at the Happy Home Church with Rev. L. C. Synan, superintendent of East Virginia Penecostal Holiness District, and Rev. George Cooke officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 5 P.M. at Mountain View Cemetery in Ridgeway, Va.

A native of Rockingham County, Mr. Leake was the son of the late Jesse L. and Lena Thompson Leake. He was married to Mrs. Verta Durham Leake, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Linda Hartley of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Harolyn Lancaster of Greenville; and Mrs. Judy Martin of Stoneville; two brothers: Edgar and Ralph Leake, both of Stoneville; three sisters: Miss Viola Leake and Mrs. Fred Lawrence, both of Stoneville; and Mrs. William Cox of Ridgeway, Va.; three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kehayes at 482-8112 or Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, executive secretary, 482-4577.

If anyone were to become ill after the deadline then that person may have a near relative sign an application for him and ballots can be mailed to the person at his home or in the hospital. The person will need a statement from a physician in order to apply for this type ballot.

A parent or other near relative may apply for another person in his family and absentee ballots will be mailed to that person. A near relative is a parent, spouse, brother or sister, grandparents, grandchild or child.

The elections board has placed sample ballots showing the voting machine set up in many windows of stores in the downtown area. In the general election a voter is allowed to vote either a straight or split ticket.

## Aces Down Washington

Homecoming saw the Edenton Aces trounce the Washington Pam Pack 48-6, stretching their undefeated record to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the 3-A conference. This Friday night the Aces will visit Williamston, who was dealt their first defeat by Ahoskie, 20-0.

The Edenton offense accumulated a total of 311 yards with Charles Watford scoring three times in the first half and quarterback Ray Tew connecting on two touchdown passes. Halfback Gerald Moring rounded out first half action with a 66-yard punt return for another TD.

Fullback Allen Bunch scored the Aces only second half tally from the one. Washington's only touchdown also came in the fourth quarter from five yards out. Both teams were scoreless in the third period.

Henry Drew led the reserves with 79 yards rushing.

Defensively Mike Brown, Tony Pierce, and John Felton were standouts as was junior cornerback Steve Underkoffler now incapacitated with a broken leg. Bunch intercepted a Washington pass in the closing minutes of the contest, and the Aces ended the game on the Pam Pack one yardline.