

HUD Grant Funds Housing Project

A Community Development Block Grant of \$445,000 has been received by the Town of Edenton. The grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development was announced by Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

The grant will be used for housing rehabilitation programs, acquisition and clearance, and public works.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said a Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development will be appointed at next week's meeting of Town Council. Also, the town is now advertising for a CD director.

The application was developed by Williams & Works of Sanford and Gardner said now that the grant has been awarded the town hopes to move into the development phase without delay. "We hope to set a track record which will attract future grants for rehabilitation of low income areas," he said.

The proposed activities will correct all deficiencies on the

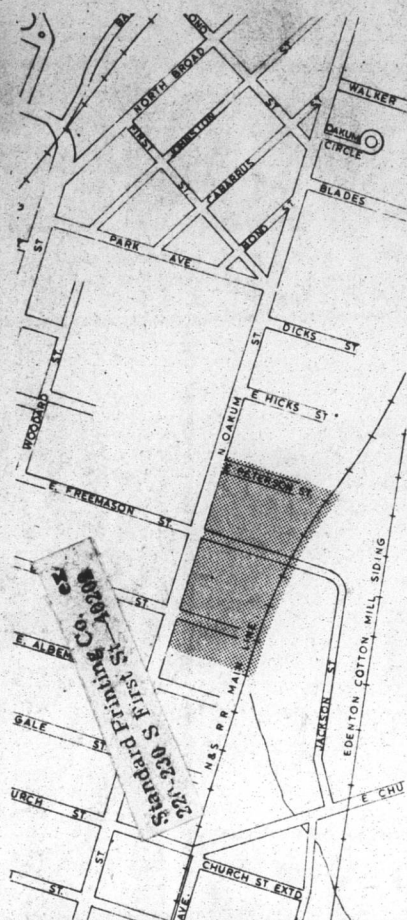
eastern side of North Oakum Street from East Peterson Street to a point approximately halfway between East Carteret and East Albemarle streets.

All housing units with the area will be raised to a level equal to or

surpassing the Minimum Housing Code adopted by the town. Houses which are considered unfeasible to be rehabilitated will be demolished with adequate reimbursement to the owners and occupants.

Public facilities within the project area will be upgraded. These include street, water, sewer, and drainage facilities.

The application points out that implementation of the program will directly benefit 67 persons.



PROJECT SITE — The shaded area illustrates the site for a Community Development project to be carried out by the Town of Edenton. A 100 per cent grant from HUD has been received to finance the work.

Federal Funds Received For ESAA Project

By Flynn Surratt

\$160,000 for the ESAA Basic Project will be allocated, Pierce said.

Ken Stalls director of vocational education, reported that while the schools will receive an allotment of 118 man months, as was the case last year, funds for vocational education are being allotted according to a new formula reflecting shifting trends in student population across the state. In effect, it will cost the local schools about \$2,000.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, told the board that those funds will still be available from instructional supplies.

Local matching funds for vocational education this year

total \$62,585.

In a report to the board, Mary Nixon, director of PEGASUS-PACE, stated the program is a "continuous progress program" consisting of a battery of diagnostic tests to gauge each student's mastery of reading skills as he moves through school.

Evaluations of a student's reading skills are available to teachers so that individual needs may be addressed. The program is being administered to students K-3 at D.F. Walker School, grades 3-6 at Swain Elementary, and grades 7 and 8 at Chowan High School.

Assoc. Supt. Cecil Fry reported that extensive roof repairs in most of the local schools will have to be dealt with in the near future and that while the present maintenance crew can handle spot repairs, complete overhauls will not be possible.

He also noted that electrical load centers in the schools are now operating at peak capacity and that requests for additional receptacles are coming in daily. Fry said it is coming down to either restricting the number of receptacles or installing new load centers.

He commented that the capacity condition has been brought about by increased use of audio-visual equipment.

Corn Moratorium

First District Rep. Walter B. Jones has expressed great concern over an outbreak of aflatoxin across much of Eastern North Carolina appearing in the corn crop.

This outbreak has resulted in virtually a moratorium being imposed on the purchase of corn by grain dealers until such time as the Food and Drug Administration sets specific standards as to a reasonable and safe tolerance which will protect the health and welfare of our citizens and also the beef, swine, and poultry industry.

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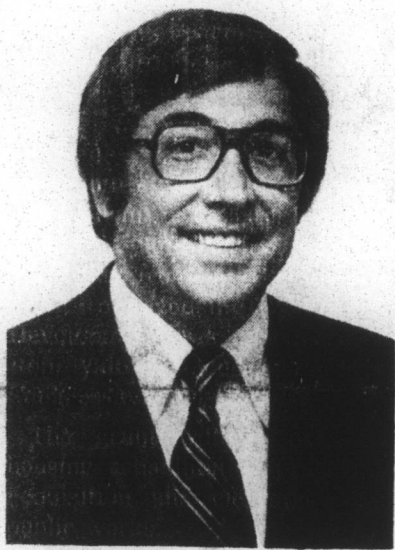
Dr. Hornthal Affirms Candidacy

Dr. Allen L. Hornthal, 201 East King Street, announces that he will be a candidate for mayor of the Town of Edenton in the November municipal election. Dr. Hornthal now serves on the town council from the Second Ward.

Two weeks ago it was reported that Dr. Hornthal was considering becoming a candidate. At that time he said he was receiving favorable comments about his possible candidacy from voters in every section of town, but official word was not expected until after the filing opened.

However, this week the local dentist released the following statement:

"I have decided to seek the



Dr. Allen L. Hornthal

Filing Dates Are Revealed

Filing dates for candidates in the November 8 municipal election are between noon on September 16 and noon on October 7. There has, however, already been considerable interest shown in the election with three announced candidates.

Dr. Allen L. Hornthal announced this week that he will be a candidate for mayor. Mayor Roy L. Harrell has made no formal statement about seeking another two-year term but close associates have expressed the opinion that he will be a candidate.

Incumbent Errol Flynn of the Third Ward has told The Chowan Herald that he would be a candidate for re-election. He made no further statement.

Last week a race for that seat on the council developed when James

P. Ricks, Jr., a former member of the defunct utilities board, tossed his hat into the ring from Third Ward.

James C. (Pete) Dail, mayor pro tem and councilman-at-large, has made no announcement but has indicated in private conversation that he will seek re-election. So has Councilman Harry Spruill of the Fourth Ward.

A. B. Harless, Jr., town treasurer, is the other incumbent expected to be on the ballot.

The mayor and treasurer posts are for two years while terms of councilmen are for four years.

Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections for the Chowan County Board of Elections, said the books are now open for registration. Books for the

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office of mayor of the Town of Edenton in the November 8 municipal election. I had planned on waiting until the official filing date to make a formal announcement, but due to many gratifying offers of encouragement and support, I now see no reason to wait.

"The most important issue facing Edenton today is progress. I am concerned that we lack a unity of purpose and need effective, positive leadership to get us moving forward again. We need to look to the future and begin making plans now as to where we would like to be in five, 10 and even 20 years. Toward that end, we need to encourage balanced economic development that will broaden our tax base. We need to completely review our existing Zoning Ordinance and maps with an eye toward achieving planned, orderly growth.

"I am gravely concerned about the problem of unemployment in Edenton. Must we sit and watch our greatest asset — our young people — continue, year after year, be drained from our community because we cannot offer them adequate employment?"

"I make no political promises to any individual or groups. My only promise is one to all the people of Edenton to try to work together with them to reach for a better future through responsible and progressive local government."

Dr. Hornthal, who has resided here for 10 years, has been active in numerous community programs. His major interests have been with young people through the Recreation Department, the schools and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

AEMC Sets Annual Meet

HERTFORD — The annual meeting of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held at Perquimans County High School Auditorium here on October 8. It will begin at 2 P.M.

The corporation serves subscribers in Camden, Chowan Pasquotank and Perquimans counties.

Sidney White, Jr., Route 2, Edenton, and Milton Jordan, Route 1, Edenton, represented District 2 (Chowan County) on the nominating committee which was scheduled to meet Tuesday at the office of the cooperative here.

Named to the Credentials and Election Committee from the district were: T.B.H. Wood, Route 2, Edenton; and King George Byrum of Tyner.



WELCOMED BY GOVERNOR — Sheriff Troy Toppin, left, and Mrs. Toppin, right, are shown as they were greeted by Gov. and Mrs. Jim Hunt to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh last Saturday afternoon. They were among people from Chowan County accepting an invitation to a picnic for supporters during Gov. Hunt's campaign.

Interest Mounting

Citizens along the Public Parade, especially the voters, should welcome indications that this is going to be an interesting Fall with regards to political activity.

Even before the filing date — September 16 — a race has developed for one council posts and a formidable candidate for mayor has announced. There are "discussions" about other possible candidates and contests.

The recent activity shows a new and healthy interest in local government. Those who spend most of their time bitching about what is happening now have the opportunity to get into the mainstream by coming forth with their \$5 filing fee.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell hasn't showed his hand with regards to seeking re-election, but his strong support of a referendum to return the town to the "ward voting" system is an indication that he has decided to place his political future on the line.

Dr. Allen L. Hornthal, a councilman for the past two years, is one of the strongest critics of Mayor Harrell on the "ward voting" issue and others. As a candidate for the town's top elective post he will focus attention on the question which should get those opposed to Mayor Harrell's narrow vision to the polls.

In addition to the Mayor's post and that of Third Ward councilman, the Fourth Ward seat (held by Harry Spruill) is up for election as is that of James C. (Pete) Dail, councilman-at-large, and treasurer, held by A.B. Harless, Jr.

The other issues to be voted upon — bond referendums and constitutional amendments — could prove fatal to a race by Mayor Harrell, since they would tend to bring out a larger vote.

Interest is mounting in government, from the Municipal Building to the White House. The casualties will be counted on November 8.

Water, Water, Water!

It is a long stretch from the drawing board to the dedication. However, it has been weathered along the Public Parade and today (Thursday) some 1,900 users and many doubters can show their appreciation and apologies, respectively, for a county-wide water system.

This writer's only regret is that prior obligations put us in another part of the state at the time the dedication occurs at 10 A.M. But, have no fear, "county-wide" will be there in spirit if not in body.

Chowan County Planning Board, with the support of the Agricultural Extension Service, fostered the idea of a county-wide water system along the Public Parade — the second of its kind in Tar Heelia. Then the laughter started.

"There will never be the first foot of pipe laid," a critic said. "It will bankrupt the county for they will never get enough users," was another comment. And when the

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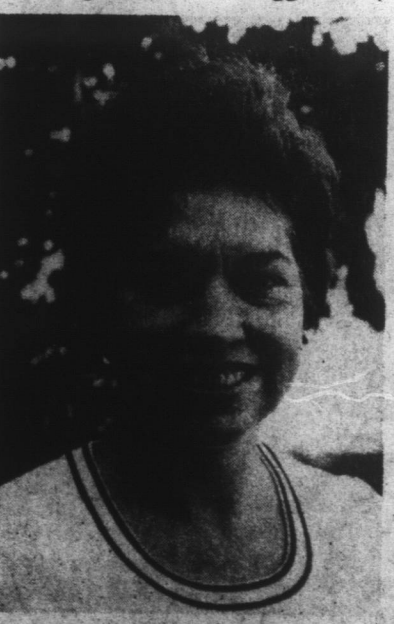
Mrs. White Earns National Award

Mrs. Ila McIlwean White of Hertford, area home economics extension agent, will receive recognition at the annual meeting of the National Association of Extension Home Economists. She will be the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award which will be presented in special ceremonies on September 22 in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. White is recognized for her work with para-professionals in the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program in 10 Albemarle Area counties, including Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington. The purpose of the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program is to raise the health status of families through nutrition education and use of resources.

Mrs. White's role is to work with

para-professionals in each of the counties. She has developed a training program which includes lesson plans, visual suggestions,



Mrs. Ila M. White

workshops, and other learning activities to enable the para-professionals to do a better job.

The teaching philosophy of Mrs. White is "I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I understand." Families and youth reached by the para-professionals show changes in eating habits, better shopping skills and better use of resources.

Prior to Mrs. White's position as area home economics extension agent for six years, she worked in Perquimans County as home economics extension agent for 12 years and was home economics teacher in Perquimans County High School for one year.

Mrs. White, who has been a member of the National Association of Extension Home Economists for 19 years, is also a member of several other professional associations including American Home

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Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers Association in this area, W. Lawrence Robertson has been named County Key Banker for Chowan County.

NCBA President John A. Forlines, Jr., has announced that Robertson will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months. He is city executive officer of Bank of North Carolina, NA in Edenton.

Forlines, who is chairman and president of the Bank of Granite, Granite Falls, called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the association such as the Short Course in Modern Farming at N.C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the FFA Land Judging Meet



PICNIC AT MANSION — Among people from the area in Raleigh last Saturday for a picnic with Gov. and Mrs. Jim Hunt was this group from Edenton. Left to right are: Mrs. Novella Wilson, Wilbur Pierce, Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hudson, Mrs. Tama Clark and Mrs. Ruth Frinks. (Photos courtesy The Perquimans Weekly).