

George Elected Chairman



N. J. George

N. J. George was elected chairman of Chowan County commissioners Monday in a move that ousted veteran C.A. Phillips. The vote was by secret ballot and no tally was announced.

The move came just 30 days after the board split 3-2 on a proposal to seek a county manager. George spearheaded that move and Phillips opposed it, along with Commissioner J.D. Peele. George was supported at that time by Commissioners Alton G. Elmore and Lester T. Copeland.

Elmore nominated George for the chairmanship after explaining that he had felt for some time that every member of the board should have an opportunity to be chair-

man. He praised the leadership of Phillips over the past six years, saying he knew of no man who could have done a better job during the period.

Phillips was nominated for reelection by Peele. Saying it was not his "policy to vote in such matters", Phillips finally cast a vote after being urged to do so by his colleagues.

The former chairman congratulated his successor upon notification of the results of the vote by Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of deeds and clerk to the board.

Phillips was not the only one to be dumped at the annual reorganization of the county

Continued on Page 4



SHOPPING CENTER OPENS—The new Edenton Village Shopping Center will see grand openings by two firms, Harris Super Market and Big Value Discount Drug Center, this afternoon. Ground was broken for the first phase of construction of the shopping center in February. Another business, Pizza Hut, is scheduled to be in operation by late March, reported Warren Twiddy, president of Edenton Village Shopping Center.

New Businesses Set Grand Openings

Two Eastern North Carolina businesses Harris Super Market and Big Value Discount Drug Center, both home-based in Greenville, will hold grand openings this Thursday at 2 P.M. in the new Edenton Village Shopping Center, marking completion of the first of a two-phase plan of development on U.S. 17 Business north of Edenton.

Special activities are planned by

both businesses in conjunction with the grand opening. Related information on both can be found in the Pre-Christmas Sale supplement of The Chowan Herald.

C. E. Harris, executive vice president of Harris Super Markets, Inc., reported that their newest facility consists of approximately 20,000 square feet of shopping space.

Store manager Charles Styron,

co-manager Lewis Bailey and assistant manager Stanley Pratt will be on hand to assist the customers with all of their shopping needs. Produce manager Johnny Lewis will provide a diverse and complete supply of fresh fruits and vegetables while Larry Joyner can assist in meat selections from a variety of meats, able to be cut to customer specification.

A special feature of Harris Super Market will be the Bakery Department manned by Mrs. Mary Pickop and Mrs. Eleanor Casper. Decorated cakes for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays or any special occasion will be available along with a variety of cakes, pies, breads, pastries, and doughnuts, to be baked daily.

Continued on Page 4



Volume XLIII—No. 49. Edenton, North Carolina, Thursday, December 8, 1977. Single Copies 15 Cents.



New Businesses

We want to congratulate the developers of Edenton Village Shopping Center on North Broad Street and welcome two new businesses to the community. Harris Super Market and Big Value Discount Drugs open today and are the first two tenants in the center.

The shopping center has been on the drawing board for quite some time and the developers have encountered numerous delays. With today's opening of two spacious stores a dream becomes a reality.

The event comes at the beginning of the current holiday shopping season and to promote the event 17 businesses are participating in a promotion along the Public Parade. A 12-page supplement in today's newspaper tells their story of holiday specials which you will certainly want to consider before making a trek elsewhere to shop.

While places of business are being built in various sections of town, Edenton can still be considered one big shopping center, with a variety of stores and hundreds of free parking spaces. As the area's reputation expands additional stores will be attracted, broadening even further our base for offering something for everyone.

New Era For Chowan

C.A. Phillips was replaced Monday as chairman of Chowan County commissioners by N.J. George, a frequent foe who openly expressed the feeling that Mr. Phillips operated a closed shop.

He was wrong in this respect. Mr. George now has the task of proving to those who supported him for chairman that they were right. We hope he succeeds.

There has been a time when the new chairman failed to see the wisdom, not to mention the economy, in cooperating with the Town of Edenton. In recent years he has become a bosom buddy of Mayor Roy L. Harrell and maybe a closer working relationship with the municipality will result.

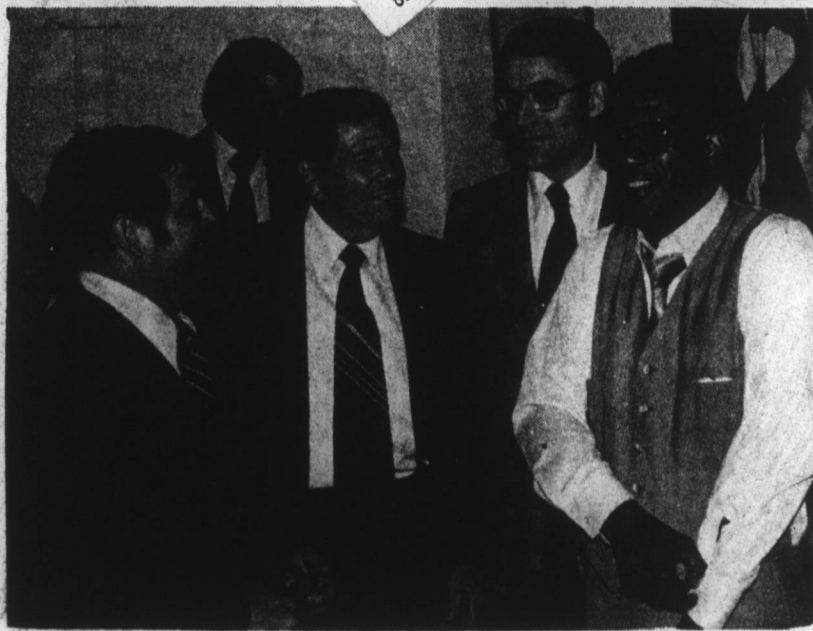
Mr. George can be a good chairman. He has the knowledge and ability to do so. His temperament and diplomacy will have to be finer tuned if he is to do the job he is capable of doing.

At the outset, we not only wish him well, but offer our full cooperation in seeing that the county keeps on a steady course of progress.

Mr. Phillips led the county through its most progressive years. He deserves more than casual credit for the Chowan-Perquimans Sanitary Landfill, the county-wide water system and the courthouse-jail project, to mention the biggies.

And his aggressive leadership in these areas may have led to his downfall. At one time Mr. George,

Continued on Page 4



LEADERS MEET—More than 150 people crowded into Chowan County courthouse last Thursday night for dialogue with Howard N. Lee, right, Secretary of National Resources & Community Development. Shown above are, from left, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, Thomas Gray, chairman, Dare County commissioners and chairman of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council; and Dr. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City, chairman, Coastal Resources Commission.

Sec. Lee Defends CAMA

"Is there anything that the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is doing to alleviate the fears of citizens? Is the state going to pay if it takes the rights of citizens away?"

Those were two questions asked at a recent meeting between coastal local government officials and Howard N. Lee, Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Lee responded that "The Coastal Area Management Act was giving citizens protection against property loss, rather than limiting property rights." He said, "If Carolina Beach had been

advised of the correct ways of developing its beach they would not need help now with erosion control."

Lee added, "The issue is how to provide citizens with their own sense of destiny but with the protections needed. All most of us ask is that we know what is happening around our lives so that we can make the best choices. Under the Coastal Area Management Act at least the possibility is there that

Continued On Page 4

Boll Weevil Plan

Plans for implementing a trial boll weevil eradication effort in Northeastern North Carolina will be outlined at a news conference today (Thursday), at 8:30 A.M. The conference will be held at the McKimmon Extension Education Center, Gorman Street, Raleigh.

Representing the primary groups participating in the eradication program will be James A. Graham, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture; J.E. Legates, Dean of the School of Life Sciences, N.C. State University; Francis J. Mulhern, administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Marshall Grant, Tar Heel cotton grower.

If the three-year trial proves successful in North Carolina, the eradication program could be extended throughout the entire cotton belt. The ultimate result could be the elimination of a pest that has plagued the nation's cotton growers for about 50 years to the tune of \$125 to \$224-million in losses annually.

Following the news conference will be the first meeting of a technical coordinator group whose responsibility will be to manage the program's operation.



AWARD WINNER — Miss Elizabeth Vann Moore of Edenton proudly accepts the Ruth Coltrane Cannon Award from Thomas A. Gray. Gray is president of the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina. The award was presented last Thursday night in Raleigh.

State Honors Miss Moore

RALEIGH — Miss Elizabeth Vann Moore of Edenton was awarded the state's most prestigious preservation award, The Ruth Coltrane Cannon Cup, here December 1.

The distinguished award was presented by Thomas A. Gray, president, of the Historic Preservation Society in the Archives & History Building here, before a host of Miss Moore's family, friends, supporters and members of the society. Afterwards she was the guest of the society at a formal dinner at the Governor's Mansion, dining on Gov. Jim Hunt's right.

It was said in part of Miss Moore that her "superb research augmented by her sound judgment, personal integrity, unflinching enthusiasm have been a strong force in Edenton's preservation success story."

"Among the broader community of researchers she is recognized as the fountainhead of truth about Edenton," it was noted.

"Elizabeth Moore has worked for nearly three decades to discover, to share and to preserve the history of Edenton. Those who know her, and those who know the historic town of Edenton, will know that seldom has a finer town been more blessed."

The full text of her citation can be found on page 6B.

The Ruth Coltrane Cannon Award is presented annually by the society to the individual, organization, or project who has made outstanding and significant achievements in the field of historic preservation, restoration, research and/or individual leadership in the state of North Carolina.

Originating in 1948, the award was named for Mrs. Ruth Coltrane Cannon, president 1945-1956, in honor and recognition of her outstanding contributions to preservation in North Carolina. The master cup, donated by Mrs. Cannon in honor of her husband, Charles A. Cannon, is on permanent display in the Museum of History, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh.

Only one Cannon Award is presented annually. The award consists of an engraved silver cup and a written citation of the recipient's accomplishments.

Meeting OK'ed

Perquimans County school board officials have unanimously agreed to meet with the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to discuss the possibility of a three county vocational-specialty school. Response from similar officials in Gates County is expected. Both boards met on Monday night.

Pat Harrell, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools informed the Edenton-Chowan group in a letter that his board was in favor of discussing the concept.

School board members with the endorsement of the Chowan County Sheriff's Department will seek to have the Department of Transportation change Highway 32 in front of Chowan High School to a no passing zone with flashing

Continued on Page 4

Attempt Block

Physicians and pharmacists in Edenton are mounting a campaign to keep the recently formed Northeastern Rural Health Development Association from obtaining federal funds to open three clinics. A copy of letter to the Project Review Committee of Eastern N.C. Health Systems Agency was distributed Monday to members of Chowan County commissioners.

The Project Review Committee met in Greenville on December 1. An article about that meeting is found on Page 4C.

Those opposed to the association's plan contend it "offers duplication of, as well as unneeded services — both medical and pharmaceutical." Also, they charge that the project "was created, we believe, from the 'applicant and providers' from the top down, reinforced with considerable political clout."

The proposal, furthermore, is called "divisive".

Six physicians and four pharmacists signed the letter, with copies going to federal and state agencies as well as to Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, and the county commissioners.

NRHDA, with T.B.H. Wood as president, was formed under the guidance of Dr. Clement Lucas, a local physician who recently resigned from Chowan Medical Center, and Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr., a local dentist.

Drs. Lucas and Hines are planning a medical complex at the intersection of U.S. 17 and High-

Continued on Page 4

Construction Costs Trimmed

The construction costs of the new Chowan County courthouse and detention facility now stands at \$1,583,451.91 after county commissioners trimmed some \$33,000 in a session Monday with the architect and low bidders.

The target date for construction is January 9, 1978.

One of the major cuts was in seating in the public area of the courtroom which also added some 20 seats. The courtroom seating has been a bone of contention in the legal circles.

J. Everett Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., architect, said the county is "mighty fortunate to get some savings without any real sacrifice to the job." Later he said the changes would not cheapen the

building in any way.

Barnhill Contracting of Tarboro has the general contract; Bullock Plumbing and Heating of Raleigh the plumbing and Electricon, Inc., of Kinston, the electrical and mechanical.

Commissioners repeatedly stated during the meeting that while they were attempting to cut wherever possible, they were not ready to sacrifice quality.

Chairman N.J. George told Fauber, "You get it like you want it and the commissioners will like it."

It was indicated that C.A. Phillips, immediate past chairman who has worked closely with Fauber on the design, will continue to represent the board during the construction phase.