

# Hunt Endorses Career Center

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., this week gave his "full support" to a proposed tri-county career education center in Northeastern North Carolina and appointed a field representative of his office to coordinate the efforts.

The boards of education in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties have been discussing the possibility of a multi-county project which would provide career educational opportunities for students. It would offer an expanded and varied curriculum.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, Monday said he was very pleased to have Gov. Hunt's endorsement of the concept and to have Walter B. Jones, II, as a coordinator. Jones, who resides in Farmville, will coordinate the project between the three county local groups and Gov. Hunt's office.

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## Public Parade

### Type Stuff

"Type lice" and "type stretchers" are things you send newcomers searching for in a newspaper office. If they are careful they won't be successful in finding either.

After all the fun and games are over, careless errors will still appear irregardless of efforts to put out a flawless product. Some of them are simple to explain, other just don't seem to have an answer.

In last week's newspaper the specific case being made in an application to rezone a piece of property was turned around when "now" became "not". The quote should have been: "...that the most beneficial use...has now been changed from farming to shopping center or other commercial use."

That is where the "lice" came in.

In another instance, type was not stretched enough in a story about Mrs. Berrie Williams' seventh and eighth grade group at D. F. Walker School to identify them properly. So, when the person writing the headline read of a "third period" class it turned into a "Third Graders" title.

We regret both errors but if you read the paper closely enough you might find others, for which we apologize in advance. If wrong impressions have been given and feelings hurt, we hope both will be corrected by this admission of guilt.

And that's about as gracious as we can be.

### Noted And Passed

The March issue of Southern Cities, trade journal of the N.C. League of Municipalities, carries an article about the Edenton Historic Trail.

"The Town of Edenton, justly proud of its heritage, can now proclaim national recognition," it begins. Then it points out that the Edenton Historic Trail was designated by the U.S. Department of Interior as the "first historic-urban National Recreation Trail in the Southeast."

The Chowan Herald was pleased to provide the pictures for this article and again delighted to note in passing that we miss out on a lot of things, but free publicity isn't among them.

### Good Lick

Prospects for a tri-county career education center in Northeastern North Carolina received a boost this week in the form of an endorsement from Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. He has given the concept his "full support" and went a step further in designating his eastern field representative as a coordinator between local school boards and state government.

It is not a surprise to anyone who knows Gov. Hunt's interest in education and regionalism that he would be excited over a multi-county project with cost containment built instead of systematically excluded.

And to go a step further, he has instructed his staff to launch a study to determine what outside funding is available. Such a concept, or pilot multi-county project, should be easier to merchandise than one from a single county.

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## Program Tests Student Skills

If you have a student in grade 1, 2, 3, 6, or 9, then your child is one of approximately 500,000 that will take part in an annual testing program beginning April 4. Some school systems plan to start testing earlier. Students in these five grades will be asked to demonstrate their skills in the basic subjects this spring in order to help teachers and other administrators identify and correct student needs in these basic areas.

The testing is a result of 1977 legislation passed by the General Assembly and was designed to enable parents and teachers to find out what children in these grades have learned and what they need to learn in the basic subjects of reading, language arts, and math. Educators hope that this information can be used,

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## New Location

After April 3 those who wish to obtain a driver's license or renew an old one must report to Room 210, Bank of North Carolina Building. This announcement was made by Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator.

Chowan County was recently notified by Norfolk-Carolina Telephone Company that the building on West Water Street could no longer be used. Jethro said it had been determined that the bank location was the best of alternatives.

## Spring Holiday

Monday, the first Spring holiday, will be observed by most people in Edenton and Chowan County.

Easter Monday is one of the general holidays recommended by the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. There will be some exceptions.

Municipal, state and federal offices, with the exception of the U.S. Post Office, will be closed.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said because the Sanitation Department will be closed. Trash will be picked up in East Edenton on Tuesday and Thursday and West Edenton on Thursday.

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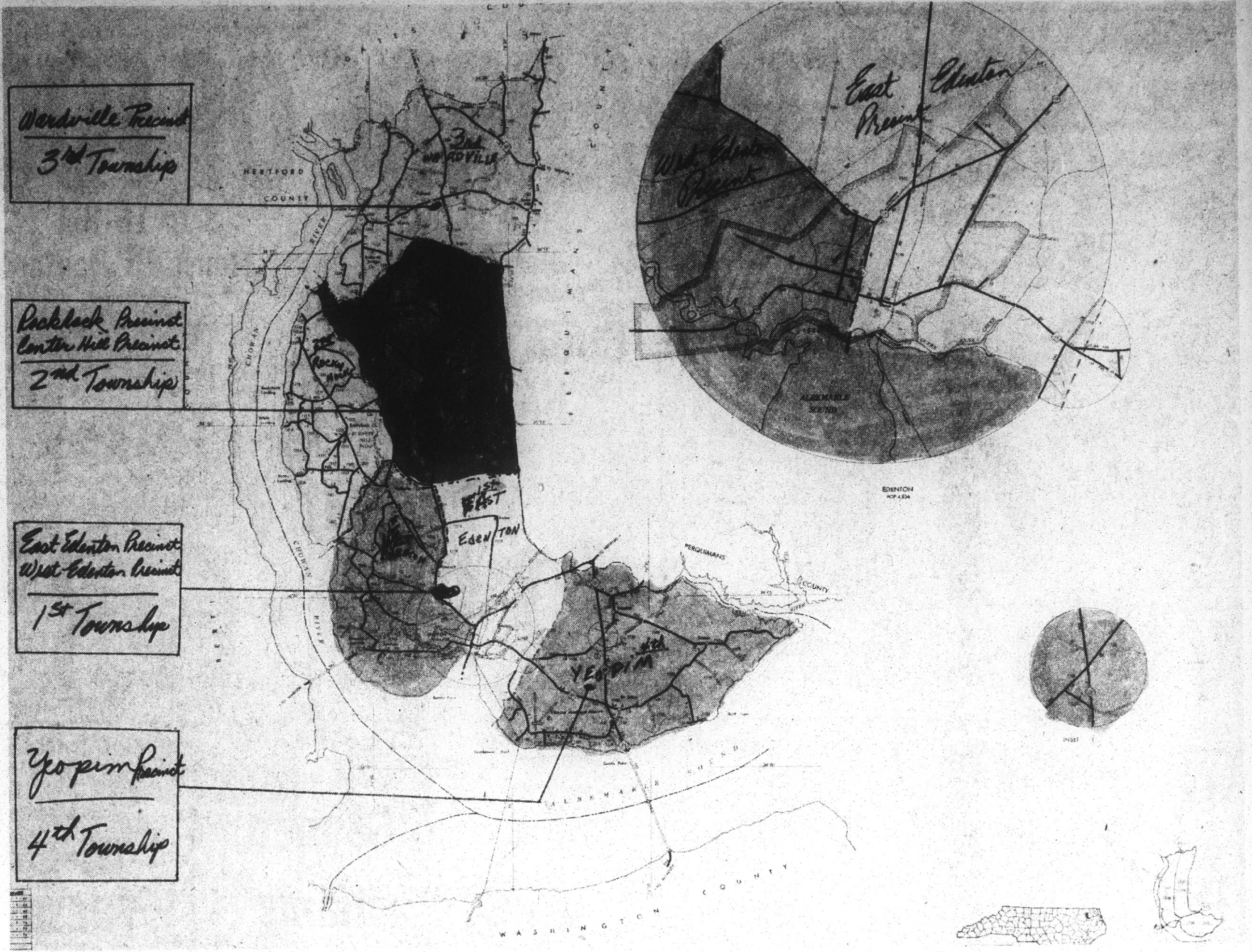
## Kindergarten Registration Set

Children who will be five years of age, on or before October 16, are eligible to enroll in a kindergarten program for the 1978-79 school year.

Registration at White Oak School will be on April 11th, from 8:30 A.M. until 1 P.M. in the library. Parents of kindergarten age students in the D.F. Walker School area may register their child on April 14 from 8:30 A.M. 1 P.M. in the primary library.

It is requested that parents bring a duplicate copy of the child's birth certificate, which may be kept by school, at the time of registration. Copies of birth certificates for children born in Chowan County may be obtained from the Register of Deeds Office in the Chowan County Court House at no charge.

Prior to kindergarten registration, parents should obtain a copy of the child's immunization (shot) record from the Health Department or from his physician,



**POLITICAL BOUNDARIES** — N.J. George, chairman, Chowan County commissioners has furnished The Chowan Herald with a multi-colored map showing township boundaries. These include the Town of Edenton. Because the lens on a process camera used in reproducing the map is sensitive to certain colors it is difficult to distinguish between some of the areas. However,

the general outline should be beneficial to those who reside in various sections of the county and town. The Chowan County Board of Elections reports that the registration deadline is 5 P.M. April 3 and those voters who have moved from one precinct to another since the last election must so designate.

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Edward E. Brown, Jr.

## Brown Elected

RALEIGH—Edward E. Brown, Jr., manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, Hertford, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

He was elected to the post at the 1978 Annual Meeting of the association in Raleigh last week. The organization represents all 28 of the state's EMCs.

As manager of the EMC, Brown has been a director of the state-wide EMC board since 1974. He

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## Criteria Revised For UPDW Project

WILMINGTON — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is circulating a revised permit application for a water intake line and pump station on the Chowan River near Edenton for United Piece Dye Works. The corps requires federal authorization for this project.

The new plans specify an 830-foot-long pier that is to extend about 30 feet into the 1,000-foot-wide main channel of the river. There is to be an overhead clearance of 10 feet mean sea level (msl) under the pier and the facility is to be lighted in accordance with Coast Guard

requirements. The previous plans called for an 870-foot-long pier with a vertical clearance of 5.6 feet under the pier. The increase in vertical clearances is intended to allow access under the pier for commercial and recreational fishermen, especially in inclement weather.

Both plans include a 17-foot-long, 12-foot-wide pump station platform adjacent to the pier. Two 750-gallon-per-minute pumps are to be located on the platform with intakes placed 6.5 feet below the low water level. They are to be surrounded by a debris screen that will extend to 10 feet below the water. A 16-inch diameter pipe on the pier is to transport raw water from the pump platform to an existing pump station on the river bank.

The reinforced concrete pier is to be six feet wide and be supported by wooden pilings.

The review period for the revised permit application continues until April 10 and comments should be directed to J.P. Zippin, U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, N.C. 28402.

## Worker Coverage Extended

Recent amendments to the General Statutes of North Carolina require some employers of domestic and agricultural workers to pay Unemployment Insurance tax for the first time.

And payments are due soon, reports Mrs. Bond, manager of the local Employment Security Commission Job Service Office.

Complying with federal

statutes, the General Assembly last year extended Unemployment Insurance coverage to an additional 262,000 workers in North Carolina, including some domestic and farm workers.

Any employer of domestic workers in private homes, college clubs or college fraternities or sororities who paid \$1,000 or more in wages in any calendar quarter last year are required to pay Unemployment Insurance taxes to the Employment Security Commission.

Farmers who paid wages of \$20,000 or more for agricultural labor during a calendar quarter last year or employed 10 or more workers for 20 weeks, are required to pay UI taxes. Employers who pay these wages during 1978 will also be liable for taxes.

The tax is 2.7 per cent of the first \$6,000 paid in wages to each worker. Taxes are paid on wages commencing January 1, 1978. There's also a seven-tenths-of-one-per cent (.7 per cent) tax on wages due the federal government through the Internal Revenue Service.

"Since this is new coverage, we're afraid that many employers

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## Series Continues

Holy Week services continue today (Thursday) and Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal with area ministers joining in the Union Pre-Easter observance.

Today at 12-noon, the speaker will be Dr. James Fenner of Providence Baptist Church.

The concluding service, at the same time Friday, will be under the direction of Rev. Richard Blankenhorn of Edenton United Methodist Church.

In addition to meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ, each church will present special music. The services last for 30 minutes and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Also, a Maundy Thursday communion service will be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of March 23 at the Methodist Church. Furthermore, an Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:30 A.M. Sunday on the Courthouse Green. Special music will be presented by Edenton Baptist Church.

The youth of the Methodist Church will serve a breakfast at the church immediately following the sunrise service. Breakfast will be served until 9 A.M. and donations will be accepted.

"The Gospel of The Resurrection" is the topic chosen by Mr. Blankenhorn for the 11 A.M. service at the Methodist Church. His text is Phillipians 3: 7-11.

## Local Orator Edged Out

Gail Felton of Chowan High School lost out Monday in Charlotte in state competition of the American Legion Oratorical contest. She represented the First Division.

She placed first in competition at Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, on March 7. Second place winner was Sambo Dixon of Chowan Academy. They received \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Commander George Stokes reports that Gail won the division contest on March 14 at East

Carolina University in Greenville. She was then ruled out at the tough state contest in Charlotte.

She will receive the American Legion High School Oratorical Medal as a division winner.

Commander Stokes said that besides providing excellent experience for thousands of students to participate in the contests, the program affords a vast audience of the American public to better understand the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.