

Waterfront Property Purchase Agreed

The Town of Edenton has taken another giant step toward total development of the waterfront with announcement of agreement to purchase the J.H. Conger & Son, Inc., property next to Colonial Park.

At its regular meeting Tuesday night, Town Council appropriated

\$140,000 for the purchase of the property. There had been an indication that the town would condemn the property following negotiations over the price.

J.H. Conger, Jr., told council at an earlier meeting that if a piece of property back of Northside Shopping Center was rezoned so he could relocate his bulk tanks from the waterfront he would like to see the town own the property between Water Street and the bay.

W.B. Gardner, town administrator, told council one possible use of the Conger office building would be for relocation of Edenton Police Department. He said such a move would open up additional space in the Municipal Building for administrative functions.

In another development regarding the waterfront, Gardner announced approval by Coastal Plains Regional Commission of a \$64,000 grant toward development of Queen Anne's Park.

Council agreed to retain Howard Capps & Associates of Elizabeth City to develop a final design with a committee of local citizens to be appointed to comment on the design.

The contract for demolition of the hanger at Edenton Municipal Airport went to Waff Brothers for \$18,500, the second low bid. The low bid of \$18,495 was submitted by Twiddy Insurance & Real Estate but Warren Twiddy, a principal in the company is a member of Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission. The town

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Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival In Pictures



Prize Winning Float



Documenting Band Winners



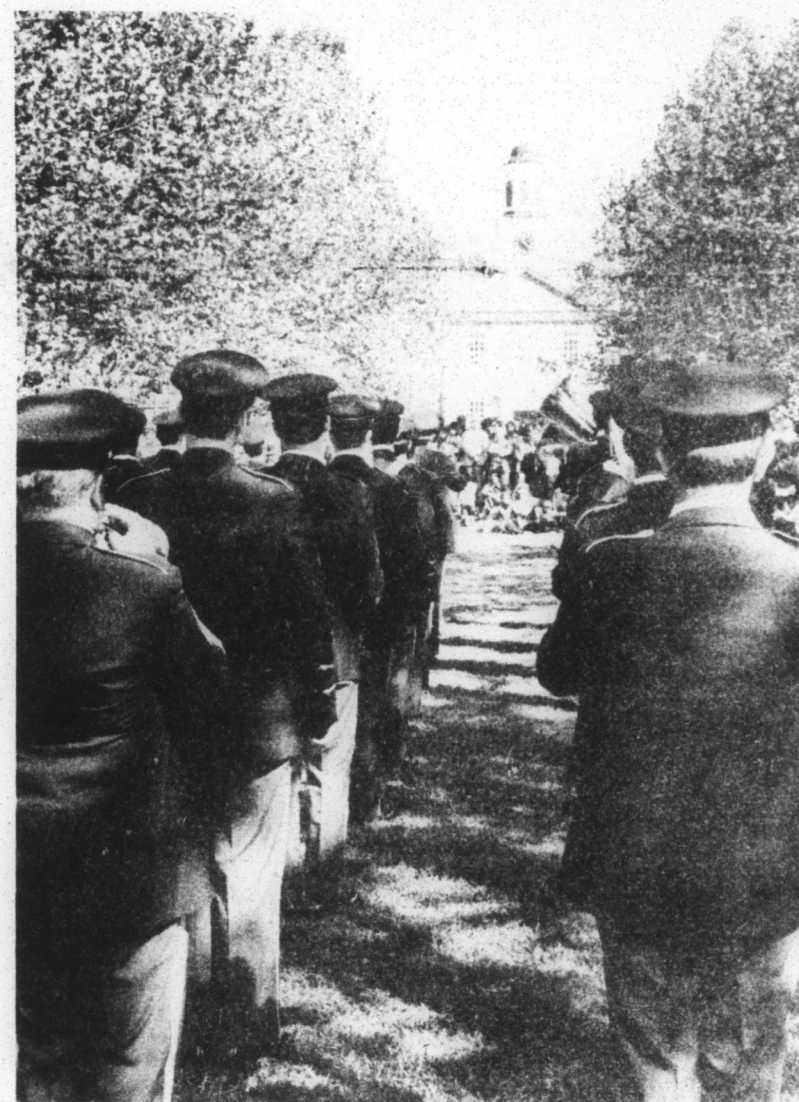
Special 'Mr. Peanut'



The Marching Aces



One In Every Crowd



Army Band Performs Third Festival Big Success

By L.F. Amburn, Jr.

By any yardstick the Third Annual Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival has to be labeled the most successful of any citizen participation project here in recent annals. Under the direction of Mrs. Linda Keel, an organization was developed that left no room for error.

Due to exceptional planning not the first hitch or bottleneck was experienced. If it was, it was so expertly glossed over not to be recognizable to either participants or thousands of citizens who enjoyed the show.

Even the weatherman cooperated. Saturday morning and Sunday a cool front moved through the area, the ever-present sunshine kept the people coming and enjoying what they had come to see.

There were many, many winners but none like the John A. Holmes High School Band. They are winners because funds derived from the annual event, sponsored by Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association, go for the use of the band. They were also winners via the concert Sunday afternoon in Colonial Park on Edenton Bay.

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Public Parade

Stealing Thunder

The Third Annual Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival is now history. Its success, however, will remain as a challenge for events in the future.

Our editorial comment is somewhat abbreviated because of the thunder stolen by the author of "Chalkdust", an on again, off again column along the Public Parade.

We had already knocked out a piece about how impressed we were with the spirit of cooperation demonstrated by the Student Government Associations at our two high schools — John A. Holmes and Chowan. Shortly past the noon deadline Tuesday, Mary Rhea Gardner breezed in with her contributions from the Third Floor of the County Office Building.

The "Chalkdust" column focused at one point on, as she put it: "Have you ever felt something so strongly that you wonder if it really happened or if you imagined it?"

It was easier to pull ours than to edit hers, so we commend her column to you.

Anyway, we used editorial license in the news article concerning the Peanut Festival, something we don't allow columnists or anyone else to do.

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Transportation Service Gains Interest

Commissioners from Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden counties Tuesday night expressed more than passing interest in a proposal for inter-agency inter-county transportation system for older citizens and the handicapped.

With a lead from Chowan County, it was generally agreed that approval would be forthcoming following acceptance by the county Departments of Social Services.

The proposal calls for \$24,890 in local funds, but Howard Campbell, health director, said it is possible that this money — equal to four drivers — could be found within

existing monies so the system could get into operation without further county funding.

The key to the program is a \$53,000 foundation grant. Campbell said he anticipates approval

of the grant request if the county governments demonstrate interest.

While he did not identify the foundation involved, the director said two district projects have already been funded through this source. "They know about us and they like the way we cooperate," he said.

In presenting the proposal, Campbell said it would not solve the problem of transportation in our region. "But it will be putting it in an agency where we can have a unified system," he added.

At the same time, he continued, it would go a long way toward meeting the out-of-county needs. Priority would be given to medical needs and not to a taxi service. However, it could be expanded in the future.

Chairman N.J. George of Chowan asked about other agencies with transportation monies. Campbell said the system would cooperate with all agencies and not be a duplication.

"What have we got to lose if it doesn't work?" asked Alton G. Elmore, also of Chowan. Campbell said he is confident the system can be made to work.

C.A. Phillips, a third Chowan commissioner, said the health director has undertaken a number of projects and "Howard has a good evaluation and a pretty good measure at grant programs."

Lester Simpson of Perquimans County said his board is ready to adopt the plan. Buck Leary and Raleigh Carver of Camden and Pasquotank respectively, expressed no opposition to the plan.



Mrs. Frances M. Ward

Agent Awarded

Mrs. Frances M. Ward, home economics extension agent, will receive the NAEHE Distinguished Service Award at the National Association of Extension Home Economists meeting in Omaha, Neb., on October 19.

Mrs. Ward has worked in Chowan County extension since 1962, beginning as an assistant home economics agent and was promoted to associate and then home economics extension agent in 1967.

Mrs. Ward is a member of the American Home Economics Association, N.C. Council of Women's Organization, Epsilon Sigma Phi, N.C. Family Life

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Change In Visit

A change in the office day for a representative of the N.C. Department of Revenue to be in Edenton will be made November 1. The collector will be at 201 Bank of North Carolina Building on Tuesdays rather than Wednesdays.

Those who wish to transact business with the department locally should do so during regular office hours on Tuesdays after November 1.

Grant To Fund Math Labs

Edenton-Chowan Schools have received a \$135,865 federal grant which will be used to establish remedial math labs in public schools throughout the county.

The Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) grant was announced last week from Washington, D.C., by Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

In announcing the grant locally Dr. John Dunn, superintendent,

said the math labs would be established as soon as qualified personnel can be employed. He said the system did not have these labs last school term, but was fortunate to have received funds for this ESAA Basic Project two years ago. Student test scores bore out the fact that the remedial centers were successful in helping students improve in the

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Hardly a week goes by that we don't receive a packet of material about observance of this or that "week". We have photographed Mayor Roy L. Harrell sitting down so much signing proclamations that some might wonder if he can stand.

This is National Newspaper Week but we did a good deed by not calling on Mayor Harrell or Chairman N.J. George of Chowan County commissioners to lay kind words on us.

In our 14 years along the Public Parade we have tried — and even our most severe critic must admit, have been moderately successful — to be objective in our news columns while not fearful of taking a stand editorially. Sometimes, maybe oftentimes, neither has been easy.

We may be terrible but you must recognize that we're all you've got!

Eric Allen, Jr., editor of the Medford (Or.) Mail Tribune, does a good job of telling our story in the following Guest Editorial:

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REVIEW PROJECT — Wilbur Pierce, director of ESAA programs, Supt. John Dunn and Pete Manning, chairman of the ESAA District Advisory Committee, go over plans for remediation math centers as specified in the newly funded ESAA Basic grant project.