

Crops Damaged

A hail storm moved through portions of Chowan and Perquimans counties Tuesday night, causing considerable damage.

R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman, said cabbage and corn were hard hit. He reported that most of the cabbage was ready to market but was beat up real bad.

Thompson said the storm moved through the area along the county line in Northeastern Chowan and Northwestern Perquimans.

An earlier weather-crop story follows:

If there is an abundance of anything in Chowan County at this time it is water-rain water which has brought about a critical farming situation while not chasing the early algae bloom.

While a majority of the farmers can be expected to experience reduced yields in peanuts, corn and soybeans, the real blow is to the marginal farmer, according to R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman.

The excessive amount of water has caused drowning, root rot, etc., the lack of weed control will take its toll, Thompson pointed out.

J. H. Conger, Sr., veteran weather observer, told The Chowan Herald at noon Tuesday that 6.99 inches of rain had been recorded in Edenton the first 28 days of May. Conger measures the rain at 6 P.M. daily and the

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Something Old



Something New



The landscape along the Public Parade is changing, especially in a couple of blocks near downtown Edenton. The new Chowan County Courthouse-Dentention Facility now has definite form. Soon the historic Edenton United Methodist Church will be mere memories as it is razed to expand parking facilities at the U. S. Post Office.

There is some similarity to the two. While both have grown out of change, it was not merely for the sake of change. Regardless of what some have held to, the staples had to change.

As far as the church is concerned, at any given date in recent years the insurance carrier or the fire department could have labeled the facility at 104 North Broad Street unsafe for continued occupancy. In a town with lesser understanding this would have happened long ago.

Last Sunday the Methodists moved into Phase I of a relocation program which includes offices, fellowship hall and classrooms. It represents an investment of nearly \$400,000 on a spacious site donated by Mrs. E. L. Ward. More than \$400,000 will be needed to construct a new sanctuary.

Money from the sale of the downtown property will provide 10 per cent of what is needed to complete Phase II.

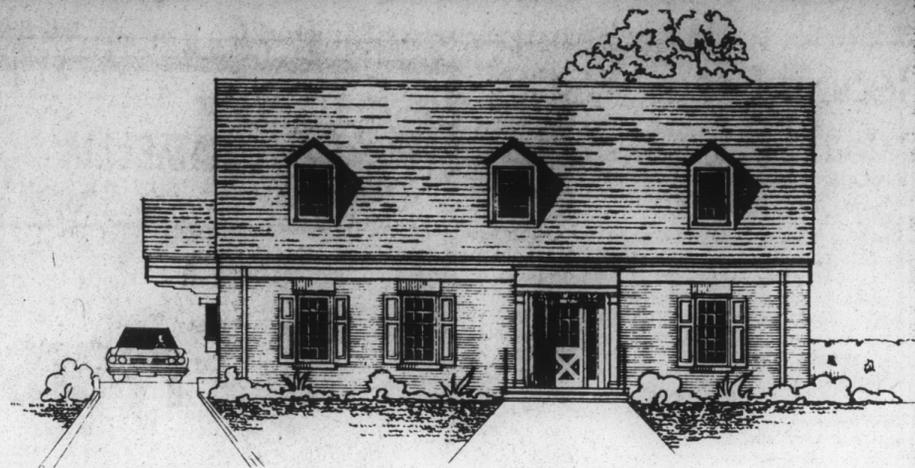
This is the fourth move, and probably the last one, for Methodists here since 1808. The sequence was traced by Mrs. Julia Bond at the closing service on Broad Street and it is reprinted elsewhere in today's newspaper.

As chairman of the Building Committee we have a special pride in the new facility. We hope the people of the community will avail themselves of the opportunity to see what is on the inside at 301 Virginia Road at an open house Sunday from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

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STATE OFFICIAL TOURS RIVER — Dr. T. C. Bialock, left, director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, headed a delegation of his staff members who Wednesday morning toured the Chowan River which is again experiencing an algae bloom. Shown with him here is C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners. (See Public Parade).



NEW BRANCH — Shown above is an artist rendering of the new Tarheel Bank & Trust Company branch which is now under construction at the intersection of North Broad Street and Coke Avenue. It will be the bank's first branch in Edenton.

Tarheel Bank Construction On Schedule

Construction is proceeding as scheduled on the new 3,000-square-foot office for Tarheel Bank and Trust Company located at the corner of North Broad Street and Coke Avenue. According to Shields-Wyatt-Associates of Rocky Mount, architects for the project, a completion date in early September is anticipated.

The building will provide office space for two officers and a large lobby with space for six tellers. In addition there will be a reinforced concrete vault with vault lobby as well as bookkeeping, storage areas, and safe deposit boxes.

The interior space will feature a brick floor in the lobby and traditional type wood molding throughout. Carpet will be used in other areas with matching wall covering and draperies.

The building will face the intersection of North Broad Street and Coke Avenue, on the site formerly occupied by Dr. L. A. Dees, veterinarian. There will be a drive-up window located on the left side of the building and a night depository located at the rear.

There will be one access to the site from Coke Avenue and three from the Harris Supermarket parking lot. The site will contain parking for 23 cars. Brick walks lead from the parking area to both front and rear entrances. Easy access for entrance into the bank has been provided for the handicapped.

General Contractor for the project is R. C. M. Inc., of Cary. The heating and air conditioning is being provided by Total Comfort of Edenton; electrical by Milan Stillely of Edenton; and plumbing by Lamar Inc., of Greenville.

According to Robert E. Lee, chief executive officer of Tarheel Bank & Trust Co., the Edenton office will provide full service banking.

Graduation Set

Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., of Elizabeth City, will deliver the commencement address tonight at Chowan Academy. The graduation exercises begin at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Chesson, president of the College of The Albemarle, is also chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission. During his tenure as COA president he has expanded the extension program as well as guided a capital improvements program which includes moving the campus from Riverside to a new site on U. S. 17.

The speaker will be introduced by H. Cullen Dunstan, headmaster. Diplomas will be awarded by Murray Joe Tynch, Jr., chairman of the board of directors.

Virginia Anne Evans will deliver the valedictory address

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Commissioners Approve Tight Fiscal Budget

Chowan County commissioners have in hand a budget which has been described as "so lean in certain areas that it is actually frightening." But it calls for a 12-cent per \$100 valuation increase which keeps the rate at \$1 overall.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at 8 P.M. on June 18.

In order to maintain a 97-cent tax rate, outside the fire district, the Finance Committee had to face "hard and difficult" decisions.

The budget calls for a total expenditure of \$3,295,555. County Manager Eddie Dick said in a budget message revealed Monday night that this appears to be down from last year because certain federal and state programs are no longer included.

The Finance Committee recommendation is based on a valuation of \$136-million, up a mere \$500,000 from the current

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Manager Praised

County Manager Eddie Dick explained the 1979-80 fiscal budget for the Finance Committee Monday night and then bowed out, moving on to take a similar position in Craven County.

Dick, who has been here but one year as Chowan's first manager, was praised by county commissioners for the work he has done.

He recommended that Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax supervisor-collector, be named interim manager. This was unanimously approved by the board.

Commissioners have advertised for the past month for a replacement for Dick. It was noted that some 72 applications have been received. The deadline for applications is Friday.

The board went into executive session immediately following the budget meeting. It was believed that they had narrowed the selection of a new manager to six people and would arrange interviews accordingly.



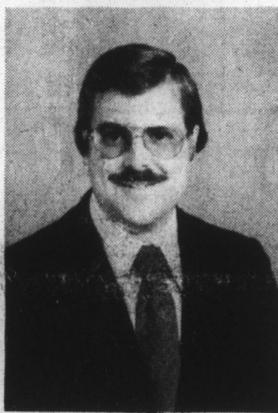
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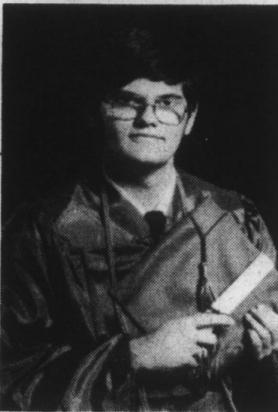
Rev. James Fenner



Dr. Bruce McGraw



Dannie Ward



George Ward

Commencement

The familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" will soon herald the successful completion of a twelve year education program for 205 Chowan County public school students.

Culminating the graduation exercises, the classes of 1979 at Chowan High School and John A. Holmes High School will receive their diplomas in separate events on June 6 and June 7, respectively.

Baccalaureate Service on Sunday will begin the formal ceremonies for both bodies of students.

Dr. Bruce McGraw, John A. Holmes High School principal, and Rev. James Fenner, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, will be principal speakers for the 152 Holmes graduates at 7:30 P.M. in the Edenton Baptist Church.

Prior to baccalaureate, the Holmes Class of '79 will don their mortarboards and gown as special honored guests during morning worship services at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Gary Mickey, youth education director at Berea Baptist Church, will be principal speaker at Chowan High School's Bac-

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School Board Meeting Slated Monday Night

Conservation of gasoline, discussion of after hours use of school grounds and the 1979-80 school budget are agenda items to be considered by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education at their next meeting. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 P.M., Monday in the Third Floor conference room of the County Office Building.

Resulting from the state's efforts to conserve gas and in view of possible fuel shortages, Edenton-Chowan Schools have been instructed to operate on 80 per cent of the amount of fuel budgeted this past year.

"Operating on 20 per cent less fuel will present severe problems for us next year," Dr. Dunn stated, "but there are several avenues which the Board will be asked to consider as a way of complying. Some of the possibilities are by shortening and revising routes, limiting the use of activity buses for field trips or employing student drivers who

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Activity Day

The EFNEP District Activity Day will be Saturday at John A. Holmes High School. Boys and girls will be participating in several events during the day. Many will be giving demonstrations on foods - in one of the four food groups - meats, fruits and vegetables, milk and breads and cereals.

Some will enter their favorite food in the "Favorite Food Show". Many others will enter the dairy poster contest.

Over 200 boys and girls with volunteers, program aides, and Extension agents will be attending this event.

Several officials from the area will be present for the awards program at 11:30 o'clock. Alton Elmore, a Chowan County commissioner, will welcome the group on behalf of the commissioners.

Little Theatre

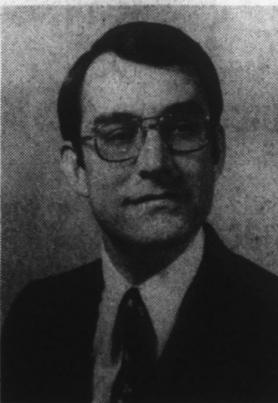
The general membership meeting of Edenton Little Theater will be held Tuesday at 8 P.M. at the Municipal Building, according to Dr. Bruce McGraw, president.

Year-end business will be discussed, a slate of officers presented and nominations taken for the election of new officers.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



Rob Boyce



Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr.



Virginia Anne Evans



Mark Louis Noneman