

## Chance To See

School patrons along the Public Parade have a chance to see how Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and its staff brought about reorganization. It is in the form of open house tonight (Thursday) from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

Reorganization, and-or consolidation, has been the topic of conversation here for many years. Although a bond issue for new construction was soundly defeated, the school board remained committed to reorganization to give all the students in the system equal opportunity for the best education available.

It has been a lot of work for a lot of people. What isn't that is worth anything at all?

Before the shouts of the last day of school died down, work began on making the necessary moves within the space available. This has now been accomplished.

Because of the importance of a smooth opening, local schools will open at full steam on September 2. In the meanwhile, it was decided that it would be worthwhile to have an open house to give parents and children a chance to see what has been accomplished physically and what is planned on paper. Tonight's your chance to see.

Teachers have sacrificed to be on the scene for the open house. More than a handful of patrons should attend. After all, it's all for the good of the students.

## Goodbye, Harry

Harry Spruill gave up the ghost a couple of weeks ago, and with his hasty resignation as Fourth Ward councilman the Town of Edenton moved a step closer to a puppet government.

Mr. Spruill's almost asked for resignation by Mayor Roy L. Harrell removes from Town Council a dedicated and faithful public servant. It will also cause good people along the Public Parade to think twice, probably a third time before offering themselves for public office.

Again, the Spruill residency matter is a clear case of Mayor Harrell's use of the Town Charter when it is to his advantage. For example, he didn't bother to question the most blatant example of dual office holding when Steve Hampton, his brother-in-law, served on the Town Council while also serving as chairman of Edenton Housing Authority.

But Mr. Spruill often clashed with Mayor Harrell on matters of procedure and principle. In other words, he was a bump in the path of a power machine the like of which has not been witnessed before in this area.

Mr. Spruill did take up temporary residence outside the Fourth Ward. But if it was a matter of where he would be eligible to vote, the best example known concerning this is Secretary of State Thad Eure. The secretary has resided in Raleigh for decades, but returns to Gates County to vote at every election.

Harry Spruill got fed up with the mess and quit. This was in

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**ACTIVITY AT SHOPPING CENTER**—Work is now underway on a 77-square-foot addition to Edenton Village Shopping Center on North Broad Street. Also, new tenants are being signed for the first two units at the center, now owned by Figure Eight Development Corp., of Wilmington. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

## Shopping Center Expansion Is Planned

Work is underway at Edenton Village Shopping Center on North Broad Street for a department store, a shoe store and space for small shops, according to Edwin L. Goodwin of Figure Eight Development Company in Wilmington.

Goodwin said TG&Y will occupy a 40,000-square-foot structure and space is being left for 10,000 square feet of expansion. Shoe Show will have 3,200 square feet in

the center.

Goodwin announced that Revco Drugs will occupy the 7,920 foot space to be vacated by Big Value Drugs. Negotiations are still underway with a major super market, he added.

The developer said space for small shops and offices will push the second phase of development to 77,000 square feet. He did not state when construction is expected to be complete.

Figure Eight Development Company purchased the center

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## Schools Slate Open House

Using the descriptive term "Parent Orientation", Supt. John Dunn expressed the hope that many parents and interested citizens are planning to attend the Open House to be held in each school tonight (Thursday). From 5 P.M. through 8 P.M. on this evening, all school personnel—teachers, principals and staff members will be at their teaching stations to welcome parents and students.

"Having open houses, or parent orientation prior to students return on September 2," Dr. Dunn explained, "resulted from a certain degree of knowledge on human nature." He said that with consolidation of schools on the junior and senior high levels and with general reorganization throughout the system, it was the administration's feeling that parents should welcome the opportunity to see new situations before, rather than after, students start school.

The open houses in each school will be informal and not follow a given schedule. The teachers' work day was changed on this day to accommodate working parents and those who might not be able to attend during the regular day.

As they float through the schools, parents will have the chance to meet their children's teachers and learn from others

about new programs which will be started in some schools. Principals and staff members who are not classroom teachers will be available as guides also, to answer questions which parents might have.

John Guard, Chowan Junior High principal is especially excited about the new enrichment program being started for seventh and eighth grade students this year. He feels that parents and students will be equally excited about this and other changes made at Chowan in preparation for consolidation. He, too, hopes that parents will turn out in droves to become better informed.

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## Bateman Is Farm-City Week Chairman

David T. Bateman has been named Chowan County Farm-City Week chairman for the 1980 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced by Gus Tulloss of Rocky Mount, state Farm-City Week Chairman. R. M. Thompson, county extension chairman, is serving as advisor to the committee.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 21-27, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better

understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1980 is "Farm and City, Partners in Progress, Key to the Future."

Bateman, who resides at Route 1, Tyner, is a former County Commissioner from Third Township. He is currently serving as president of the N. C. Peanut Grower's Association.

Also, he is chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Extension Advisory Council and a member of the N. C. State University School of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Council.

In appointing county Farm-City Week Chairmen, Tulloss stated that North Carolina is fortunate to have a fine relationship between urban and rural citizens. "Farm-City Week can help to maintain and strengthen this relationship," he said. Tulloss is president and treasurer of Tulloss Tractor Company of Rocky Mount. Active in civic and community affairs, he has held leadership roles in a number of organizations and in 1977 was named one of five outstanding young men in North Carolina.

Serving with Tulloss as state Farm-City Week Vice President is Mrs. Lucy Wilson of Durham, a nurse and homemaker.

This will be the 26th annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Farm-City Week is under the direction of the National Farm-City Council, Inc. The non-profit

## Barbara Ward Board Nominee

Mrs. Barbara Ward became the second woman to be nominated for the vacancy on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday night, during a meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee at the old courthouse. Mrs. Ward polled 48 out of 57 votes.

The 20-year resident of Chowan County is married to D. T. Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Ward and their three daughters reside in Ryland. Mrs. Ward is a pre-vocational instructor at Chowan Junior High School.

Also placed in nomination were Greg Berryman, who polled nine votes, and Richard Winslow, who polled none.

Originally chosen to replace the late Lester T. Copeland as Third Township commissioner was Mrs.

Anne H. Bunch. Mrs. Bunch later declined the nomination for personal reasons. The term of office expires December 1.



Mrs. Barbara Ward

## Physician Opens New Practice

Dr. Leibert E. DeVine is now practicing family medicine on West Queen St., here. Formerly associated with Albemarle Family Health Services, he decided to embark on a solo practice and began receiving patients at his newly renovated facility about two weeks ago.

The Ohio native graduated from the Ohio State University School of Medicine in 1975 and practiced medicine in Daytona Beach, Fla. before moving to North Carolina. In 1978, he was certified with the American Academy of Family Practice.

Dr. DeVine took a circuitous route into medicine, beginning with forestry and moving into botany before finding his true calling. A short-lived interest in commercial art proved too "dry" for his interests, though art as well as hunting, fishing and trapping are among his leisure time activities.

Deciding he wanted to practice in North Carolina, Dr. DeVine visited Edenton, initially, and used it as the standard by which he judged other localities. He went with his first choice because he "liked the people and the town" and it reminded him of his hometown in Ohio only "without the hills."

The opening of his new office was preceded by several weeks of hard work in which he employed his talents as a carpenter, plumber and electrician under the supervision of his wife, Cyndy, who now serves as nurse and receptionist. Katie Brown also assists as a receptionist. Regular office hours at 8 A.M. until 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, except Wednesday afternoon.

The DeVines and their two sons, Jarret, 7, and Kirk, 5, reside on Pembroke Circle.

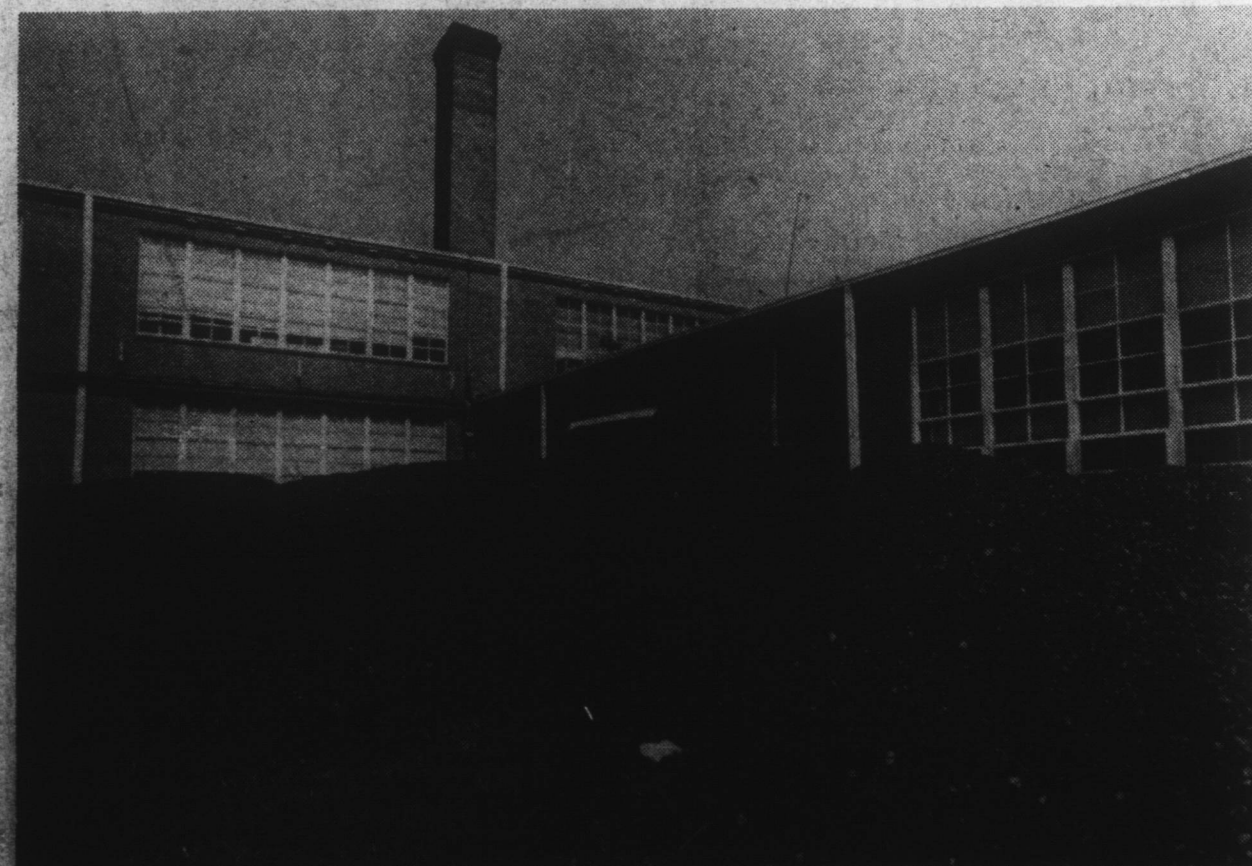
## Task Force Meeting Called

While a great deal of attention is focused on the Chowan River, expressions of concern are building for water quality throughout North Carolina, according to Capt. Alfred Howard, chairman, Chowan Regional Task Force.

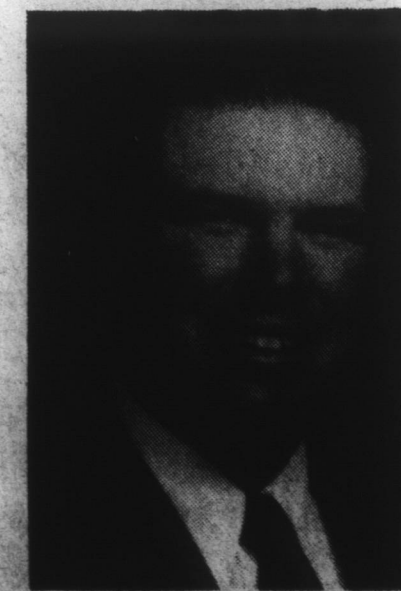
Capt. Howard has called a Task Force meeting for 1:30 P.M. September 10 in Edenton Municipal Building to discuss the subject of water quality throughout the state. He has asked representatives of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, N. C. Fishermen's Association, Sierra Club and Conservation Council of North Carolina to be present.

At the same time, Capt. Howard said the Task Force supports the

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**THINKING AHEAD**—Administrators of Edenton-Chowan Schools have been thinking ahead to the coming winter as coal is being stockpiled at the school sites. Coal is now selling for \$65 per ton, much less than the cost of fuel oil. The local school system is believed to be the only one in North Carolina where all furnaces are coal-fired. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)



David T. Bateman