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dedication of men like Stan Hege, who represents Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, on the Operation Overcharge Executive Committee, and like Joe Parker, the president.

But more importantly, there has to be close harmony between the Tomorrow commission and the Caucus of elected officials. If Mr. Parker can be comfortable wearing two hats then so be it. If not, then he needs to reassess the situation.

Gov. Hunt doesn't have time for "non-news" conferences. Northeastern North Carolina can ill afford formal groupings where bad blood exists at the outset. In other words, we don't need to plan for problems which don't exist, but we must work to solve the problems which are already on the surface.

### Diversification

There continues to be a great deal of conversation along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina about new industries and new jobs. This type dialogue is healthy, but there doesn't appear to be anything of substance on the immediate horizon.

This ain't necessarily bad! Smithfield will be a long time recovering from the shock of the recent announcement that the Magnavox Company would close the Johnston County plant. More than 1,200 workers are involved. In order to stay competitive, the firm has had to mechanize. This was accomplished in Greeneville, Tenn., not Smithfield, N. C.

"It's devastating," an officer worker said recently. "It's like you're expecting someone to die, yet when it happens, it's still a shock."

There is a healthy industrial development philosophy along the Public Parade. It promotes diversified smoke stacks. For this reason, the hurt is not really so great during a period of economic uncertainty. The local economy has felt the effects of Fiberform closing. Also, the layoffs have hurt. But we have nothing to dread like 1,200 people being out of a job in one industry.

The unemployment figures pretty much tell the story. The August unemployment rate in Chowan County was 4.8 per cent. The state average was 5.7 per cent while the national average was 7.2 per cent.

The state low, as can be expected in August was in Dare County (2.2 per cent). Washington County unemployment was 5.8 per cent that month, almost one full point above Chowan.

Other Albemarle Area totals were: Camden, 7.1 per cent; Currituck, 4.1 per cent; Gates, 4.8 per cent; Hyde, 4.9 per cent; Pasquotank, 7.2 per cent; Perquimans, 5.6 per cent; and Tyrrell, 8.7 per cent.

Another hedge against complete disaster during a period of overall bad economic times is the fact that the industrial and farm income along the Public Parade is so close to equal. We have a lot of gentlemen farmers and a lot of farming gentlemen. Both can be pleased with this year's harvest and bright prospects for the future.

Diversification in industry and farming along the Public Parade



**MOVES TO NEW LOCATION** — Ben Riddick Jewelers has moved to the old Cato's store in downtown Edenton. Pictured from left to right is: Ben Riddick, Doris Riddick, Elwanda Outlaw, and Frank Halsey. The Riddicks said, "We hated to leave the little store, but we needed more room. We couldn't do justice to our customers with all our merchandise jammed up."

didn't just happen. It took a lot of doings, a lot of planning, a lot of trial and error. The people of this area can rejoice in the fruits of the labor. It wouldn't have taken much to have had it go the other way.

### Sad Commentary

Well, we went out to see Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., Tuesday morning — the day before he closed his Albemarle Family Health Services. He was no longer seeing patients but they came or called; many of them during the short period it took us to have a blood test and brief consultation.

Folks, it is a sad commentary for the Public Parade and Northeastern North Carolina!

The decision earlier this month to close down his organization at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Highway 37, didn't come without a great deal of agony for Dr. Lucas.

Some of it was self-imposed, but a great deal of it was via cruel rumors, halftruths, dirty tricks, and you name it.

Dr. Clement Lucas gambled in a high stakes game. He lost. Not only is he feeling the effects of the ruins of what was a noble, far sighted, and needed medical concept, the community is in jeopardy.

Dr. Lucas' concept was a radical departure from the way things are done along the Public Parade and in his area of Tar Heelia. Early on the concept caught the eye, and yes, the imagination, of Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., a local dentist. Together that put their professional reputation, and their money, on the line. They have now run out of line.

At the crest, a number of medical specialties were represented as the doctors recruited strongly. Dr. Lucas in particular guaranteed salaries of physicians who were interested in moving into the area; physicians who were impressed with the community, the concept and wanted to play a role at the foundation. All but two of them have moved on—Dr. Lee DeVine and Dr. James F. O'Leary are now engaged in private practice here.

The Lucas-Hines concept was ambitious, to say the least. In fact, it was unrealistic considering the hurdles they had to clear. They were not undaunted by flags of caution, which would have turned back men of lesser dedication to the improvement of health care in a region such as the Albemarle.

While there is room for question of judgment, there is no place for question of motive.

The physicians came with eyes wide open. They were aware that a key to the concept was satellite clinics drawing support from a base facility. A satellite was first opened in Columbia, since Tyrrell County was among the most medically underserved area of the entire state. Bertie County was another area labeled medically underserved, so a clinic was opened in Colerain. Another was planned for another section of Perquimans county.

With "docs" seeing patients, many of whom had been going elsewhere for treatment, Chowan Hospital lit up like a Fourth of July rocket. The patient census improved gradually at first, then quite rapidly. The red ink of the past became black. And the hospital officials began talking of expanding.

A questionable action in the Lucas-Hines saga was developed by, of all people, Chowan Hospital's chieftains. They filed application for a federally guaranteed loan almost simultaneously with the for-profit Lucas-Hines corporation. It does not require much intelligence, and no prior experience with the bureaucracy, to figure out which proposal was first to receive the ax. The smokescreen fielded by the hospital's board was effective and later Farmers Home Administration was deemed not a viable source for funding a hospital expansion.

The irony of the situation is that the "docs" are now gone, save two, and the hospital is back on thin ice financially; yet going full speed ahead to finance 10 additional beds and expand ancillary departments. Methodology used to break the State Health Care Plan and obtain the Certificate of Need for additional beds was heavy with data based on projections of the success of Albemarle Family Health Services.

The hospital has improved services. Two fine emergency room physicians—Dr. Paul Laughlin and Mark Walsh, are in place. More recently, Dr. Marvin Baker became the hospital's first fulltime staff radiologist. Qualified physicians in these key specialties bring credit to the medical community.

The emergency room coverage is attractive to physicians who don't like the duty. Dr. Baker has commendable credentials in his specialty. They are necessary ingredients for a regional health care facility — which Chowan Hospital must become in order to survive.

Chowan Hospital, as a viable community asset, is in jeopardy. It takes more than bricks and mortar and specialized ancillary instruments. It takes physicians — like those who got away.

If what has happened in the medical community along the Public Parade and Northeastern North Carolina is the result of having the wrong hand in the pot, it will go down in history as one of the most selfish, negative, short-sighted happenings of modern times. This may be a catastrophe for Drs. Lucas and Hines, but the real loss will be for the citizenry not to have access to the greater health care delivery system.

At this juncture, however, the most immediate danger could be an additional hospital debt with fewer than desired physicians to generate the patients who pay the freight.

## Cool Response

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In response, Mrs. Sellers said: "If each township elected its own commissioner there would be more responsiveness from the people and more responsiveness from the commissioners."

"Personally, I don't feel you can be as effective as a county commissioner trying to represent one section of the county," Phillips said later.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore then joined the discussion. "You can't tell me that a man on the upper end of the county would want to vote for one commissioner (rather) than all five," he said.

Mrs. Barbara Ward, commissioner who resides in Third Township, said: "I'll never vote to change my township. I can't see how it benefits me."

The opinion from the Attorney General's office was sought September 26 by County Manager Cliff Copeland. The opinion corresponded with an earlier finding by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

## Aces Roll Over Vikings, 27-6

The Edenton Aces defeated the Plymouth Vikings 27-6 to win their Homecoming game last Friday night. This win improved the Aces conference record to 3-1, while giving their overall record a boost to 4-2. They will visit Ahsokie this Friday night.

Plymouth scored first when quarterback Mike Bowser kept the ball on an option play and rambled 54 yards for a TD. The Vikings kept this 6-0 lead throughout the rest of the first half.

"In the first half we just weren't doing a good job blocking up front," said Edenton coach Jimmy Addison. "It wasn't missed assignments, but just missed blocks. But in the second half we went out and the offensive line did what we asked them to do and didn't just go through the motions. It must take a lot to get motivated, I guess."

This motivation was evident in the second half, with the Aces scoring four times. Bill Whichard scored three times on runs of 2, 8, and 6 yards, and Tony Creecy scored on a 42-yard gallop.

Sophomore quarterback Joe Hollowell was also instrumental in Edenton's second half scoring explosion. Hollowell replaced senior Eddie Morris, who is out with a broken ankle.

Addison said that the loss of Morris "slowed us a little bit. In the first half Joe had to wake up, but in the second half he loosened up and played the way he's capable of playing. He just needs more experience to relax while he's playing, and he'll get plenty of that."

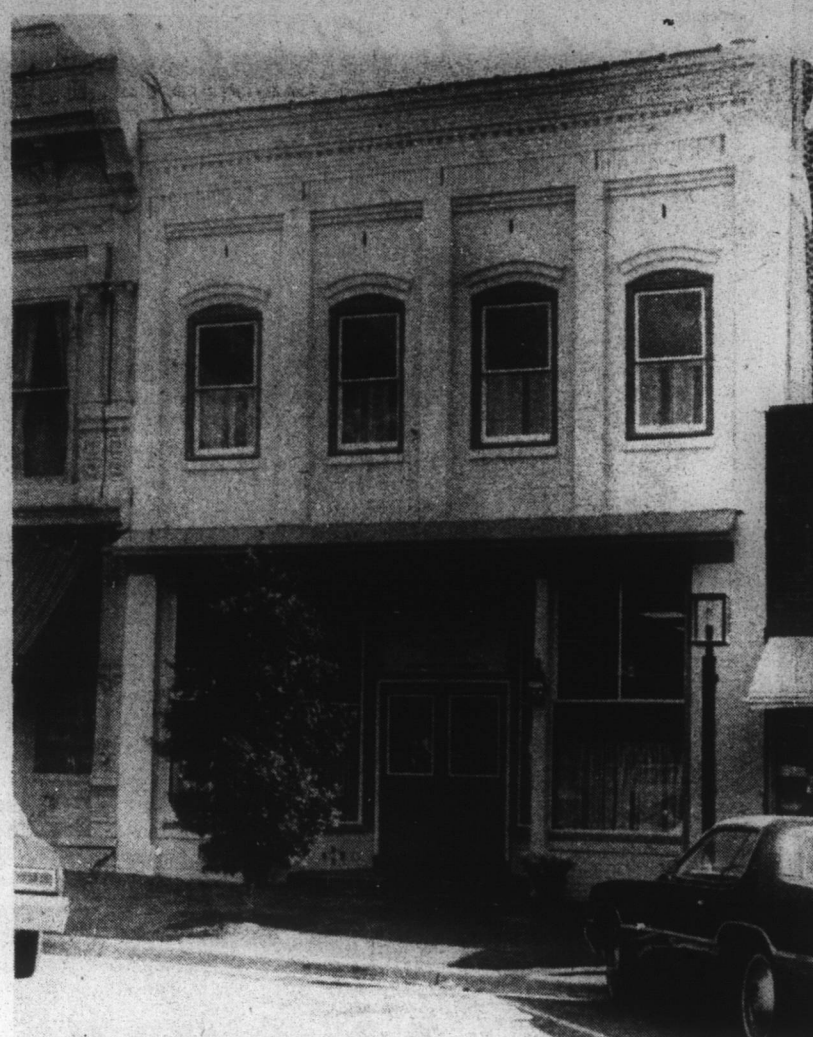
Addison and the Edenton team have dedicated the remaining part of the season to their injured quarterback, Eddie Morris.

The Aces took the lead for good in the third quarter on Whichard's 2-yard run and White's extra point, and left Plymouth in the dust in the last quarter with three more scores. "In the second half all the backs ran well," Addison noted. "Bill did an excellent job and Tony did a great job on the long run he scored on. He got hit at the line and veered outside. It was the first time I've seen him use his speed the way he's capable of using it."

The Edenton defense, led by noseguard Ernest Riddick, had an outstanding game. They held Plymouth to 94 total yards and only 3 first downs, with Bowser's 54-yard run being the only bright spot in the Viking offense all night. Plymouth attempted three passes, with the Aces White and Robert Cofield intercepting two of them and the other falling incomplete. Addison was well pleased with their strong defensive effort.

Creecy led the Edenton offensive attack with 104 yards on 11 carries, followed by Bill Whichard with 77 yards on 13 carries, and Troy Wright, who had 27 yards in 6 attempts. Hollowell attempted 12 passes, completing 3 for 27 yards and no interceptions.

We sometimes wonder if the politicians themselves believe they can do all they say they can.



**FISH MARKET ETC. OPENS** — A new deli-restaurant has opened in Edenton. Located between the Chowan Herald and Griffin Musiccenter, they offer hot and cold deli sandwiches and sell meats and cheeses by the pound to take home, plus offering a full service restaurant upstairs. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schroeder, "Are very pleased with the acceptance in the community."

## New Postage Stamps Are Available

The Postal Service said today that nondenominated "C" postage stamps and related items of postal stationery went on sale October 13 at post offices to correspond with new rates that go into effect at 12:01 A. M. Sunday, November 1.

At that time, the cost of mailing a First-Class letter will rise to 20 cents from the current 18 cents and increases will take place in other classes of mail.

The nondenominated postal items were produced as a contingency and the decision to issue them was made to insure

to meet the new First-Class rate. There also will be an increased supply of 13-cent stamps made available for use on postal cards.

The supply of "C" stamps will be phased out eventually and replaced by regular stamp issues.

Except for background color and the words "Domestic Mail," the design of the "C" stamp is identical to the "B" stamp issued under similar circumstances in March of this year. The "B" stamp has a purple background while the background color of the "C" stamp is brown.

The design of the "C" embossed envelope to be issued is the same as the stamp design except that the eagle is embossed in solid white.

The nondenominated postal card to be issued is in the Patriot Series and bears the image of Robert Morris, the principal financier of the American Revolution, who was a member of the first Continental Congress.

"Robert Morris" and "Patriot" appear across the top of the design, and "US Domestic Rate" appears beneath the likeness of Morris.

## Band Competes

The John A. Holmes High School Marching Aces participated in the Chowan College Festival of Bands October 10. They competed in the 2A Class and received first place trophies for Rifles, Flags, Drum Major and Drum Line. They received first place over-all for Marching and presented the pregame show at the Chowan College-Lees-McRae football game. Williamston High School was named Band of the Day and presented the halftime show.

This Saturday the band will participate in the Wilson Tri-School competition at James B. Hunt High School.



that there will be an adequate supply of stamps to meet the nation's needs, the Postal Service said.

A "C" embossed stamped envelope and a "nondenominated" postal card also will be issued. The embossed envelope will sell for 24 cents (20 cents postage, four cents for the envelope), and the postal card for 13 cents, the new postal card rate.

The Postal Service stressed that the nondenominated items are for use within the United States only and are prohibited for use on international mail.

In addition to the nondenominated stamps, there is an abundant supply of one and two-cent stamps available, which may be used in combination with currently available 18-cent stamps

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