

# The Chowan Herald

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## Yes Or No

A representative group of citizens met Tuesday night to determine the status of Edenton Industries, Inc., engaged in making fiberglass swimming pools. It was frankly admitted that this concern made some mistakes, but through these mistakes some very valuable experience has been gained. Though closed for several weeks, primarily due to management difficulties, all has not been lost and the basis still exists for successful operation of a profit-making plant in Edenton.

The truth of the matter is that investments in the amount of at least \$20,000 are needed to resume operation. With this amount as a minimum, it is believed the concern can begin immediately to make swimming pools and with the entire output assured for the market, it should take little time to realize profits and even expand to making other fiberglass products.

The picture for fiberglass products is very rosy, indeed, according to information and figures in hand. In fact, many of those interested in the Edenton concern feel that it would be more or less of a calamity if the idea is dropped now.

Not only some people in Edenton are interested in development of fiberglass products, but there are a number of people in nearby towns who have made inquiry and a few even have purchased stock in the hope that the concern will prove successful and eventually show a good profit.

As the matter stands, resumption of the fiberglass plant depends solely upon the willingness of Edenton and Chowan people to subscribe enough capital to begin operation to put some swimming pools on the market. There are enough "salesmen" who have agreed to contact prospective investors and if enough Edenton and Chowan people are interested in securing a desirable "smokestack" here, it should not be very hard to raise the \$20,000 minimum, which will be held in a separate fund until the stockholders give the green light to proceed operating. If the \$20,000 is not realized and it is decided to abandon the project, the money will be refunded.

Here, then, is an opportunity for Edenton to secure a "smokestack" with tremendous possibilities provided necessary funds are forthcoming. It is the hope that many will buy small amounts of stock rather than a few buying larger blocks of stock.

Edenton needs this industry, but are enough people interested to invest sufficient capital. If put back in operation, employment will be given local people and with the exceedingly bright outlook in the fiberglass field, there is a good chance for Edenton and this entire area to benefit from an economic standpoint.

## Does Your Son Drive?

If he doesn't now, it will only be a few short years before he will. When he's eleven or twelve his interest in the family car will quicken; he'll sit behind the wheel in your parked car and "make believe"; he'll watch you as you go through the routine of starting and stopping, and you'll smile when he says, "I could drive if I had to. It's easy. All you do is turn the key, and . . ."

But pretending isn't enough when he's sixteen. He'll have a new vocabulary of speed and "know about pipes" and "dig out" and "dragging". You'll shiver at the words, but you're convinced that it's vital to his social development for him to drive. So you'll lecture and hope—and pray—and let him learn. Yes, he'll drive.

Yet you wonder about your boy at the wheel. You know that youth is the time of adventure. That young men have always been inclined to accept the challenge, flaunt the rule, take a chance.

Can they be really safe drivers? Yes they can. But teaching them to be safe poses one of the greatest single problems parents can face, even with the help of high school driver education. Unfortunately, not enough parents succeed.

Does your son drive or is he about to start? Perhaps there are questions in your mind about young men at the wheel. The insurance industry and state traffic officials have studied this problem for years, and parents can play a vital role.

## Heard & Seen By Buff

Willie Saunders had a rather peculiar experience Saturday night. He and the Missus attended revival services at the Rocky Hock Church and so did Peggy Bunch, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bunch. After arriving home Mrs. Saunders told Willie he had to go to the store and when he went from the house, a front porch light shone on somebody lying on the back seat. Nervously, he went to the car, looked in, but could not recognize who his "guest" was. Finally he woke up the little girl and, knowing her and her parents, he immediately rushed her back to church where her folks were engaged in a conversation after the service. The little girl later told her father about the incident, but he was of the opinion she had a dream and only thought she had been taken to the Saunders' home. It all came about when Peggy fell asleep in church and was told to go get in their car. She apparently mistook Willie's automobile for her father's, so she crawled in the wrong car. At any rate, despite the noise Willie made, the little girl slept through it all and had to be awakened by Willie. Peggy's father was unaware of what had happened until he met up with Willie at the store. What Willie is wondering about is what would have happened if he had put up his car and not gone to the store and Mr. Bunch had gone to his car and finding his daughter missing—fast asleep in Willie's car in the garage.

Reuben Bass has about recovered from the burns he received a few weeks ago when an oil heater exploded. "One trouble, though," said Reuben, "is that I thought the hair burned from my head would come out black, but it is just as gray as the rest of my hair."

Edenton Jaycees, together with Highway Patrolman T. E. Vaughan, threw a score in some motorists Friday afternoon when a road block was set up near the American Legion Building. A large number of cars were stopped, but instead of getting a ticket, they were given a brochure on Edenton and a pamphlet on safe driving. And to top it off, they were also given a free bottle of Pepsi-Cola or Double-Cola. The idea was to promote safe driving over the Labor Day week-end the whole affair was very pleasant from the Jaycees' and motorists' standpoint. Following is the message handed to the motorists:

### LICENSE TO DRIVE

A license to drive isn't merely a card. Those who possess one should lightly regard.

It's more than a record of color of eyes, Birth date and weight and the measure of size. It's small, but the moment you sign it you say The rules of the road you are pledged to obey.

A license to drive will be taken from fools, Who risk life and limb by not heeding the rules. It's more than those credit cards frequently flashed.

Which show, by hotels that your checks will be cashed.

You need only money such favors to gain, But a license to drive offers proof you are sane.

A license to drive should be carried with pride, For you'd be ashamed were such favor denied. It's the first thing the officer asks you to show And without it no motorist ever should go. It's the simplest device that your state could contrive.

As a symbol that you can be trusted to drive.

Mrs. Irma Allsbrook has just installed air-conditioned hair dryers in her beauty shop which are quite popular with the ladies. One customer late last week had a permanent wave and while sitting under the new dryer she was so comfortable she fell asleep. She was sort of worried when she awoke for fear Mrs. Allsbrook would charge her for sleeping quarters—but she didn't.

Frank Holley, a blacksmith of the Merry Hill section, has a job just about like finding a needle in a haystack. About 60 days ago a Chowan County farmer had Frank fix a cart wheel and Frank loaned the farmer a wheel until the broken one could be repaired. Frank says the fellow told him he'd be back and that if he died, his son would return his wheel. Frank does not know the Chowan farmer's name, but he would like him to return the cart wheel so that each one has his own wheel.

Labor Day at The Chowan Herald meant just what the word "labor" implies—work. With company at my house, I crawled out of bed about 5 o'clock to get a trio off on a fishing trip, but after getting 'em loaded in a boat, I had to chase back to town to put in a hard day's work. It was a "crime against nature," if you ask me.

Quite a few football fans have been going out to the football practice field to watch Coaches Bill Billings and Johnny Morris whip the Aces in shape for their first game Friday night on Hicks Field against the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets. At one stage of the practice the boys ran full steam into each other hard enough to shake the meat from their bones. Tom Hopkins said if anybody would run into him like that he'd go home and get his shotgun. George Twiddy said, "I would, too, if I could get home." As for me, I got stiff just watching the battering ram type of practice. But that sort of stuff will come in good stead later on in the season for it should put the boys in shape for any kind of rough stuff. And incidentally, Gerald James says a limited number of good season tickets are still available at Mitchener's Pharmacy and Leggett & Davis Drug Store. Large crowds are expected at the home games, so with a season ticket your seat will be reserved until you get there.

Aobert V. Cox, national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, apparently likes Chowan County peanuts. Edenton Jaycees, when attending outstanding meetings, usually take along bags of peanuts to be distributed, so that Presi-

dent Bob late last week dropped Warren Twiddy a brief letter stating, "I have not received my peanuts as yet." Well, Warren hustled around to pick up a bag, so that by this time they should be in President Bob's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Aside from the above hint, Mr. Cox wrote Warren, "As always, it was delightfully refreshing, educational and exhilarating to be in your company."

It was a rather enthusiastic but serious group of men who attended a meeting Tuesday night to consider resumption of operation of Edenton Industries, Inc. However, it was room for at least one chuckle. A long list of names of prospective investors was called out and given to various ones to call on. It was when the names of Hubert Williford and T. B. Williford were called that one fellow said, "I'll take them." But somebody chimed in, "they'll take you sooner or later." They're undertakers, you know.

A term of Chowan Superior Court will convene Monday morning with Judge William J. Bundy presiding. The docket includes 18 criminal cases and 12 civil cases. Six of the latter are divorce actions.

## Accident Facts

Raleigh — In a study of last year's traffic death toll in North Carolina, the Motor Vehicles Department learned that traveling salesmen apparently were the safest drivers going. Only five were involved in fatal smash-ups according to the study. In all there were 1,236 drivers involved in death-dealing accidents. The line up, by occupation: business men 76, farmers 134, clerical workers 71, commercial drivers, 130, military, 68, textile 91, home-makers 41, students 64, not determined 173.

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## Markets Increase For Quality Feeder Pigs

Swine specialists at N. C. State College are enthusiastic about the growing interest in quality feeder pigs sales in North Carolina. Jack Kelley, in charge of animal husbandry for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, said the sales are giving farmers a chance to specialize in the production of feeder pigs.

"The sellers are assured of a good market with enough volume to attract buyers," Kelley added, "and the buyers are assured of healthy, meat-type pigs, for which the processing plants will be willing to pay the top prices."

The first quality feeder pig sale in the state was held in the Lancaster Stockyard in Rocky Mount two months ago. Last week the Wells Quality Feeder Pig Market at Wallace held its first auction. And on September 8 the Whitehead brothers will begin selling quality feeder pigs at Windsor.

All the sales, which are being promoted by farm agents in the counties surrounding the markets, are governed by strict rules and regulations to protect both the seller and buyer.

For example, all pigs sold must be farrowed on the farm of the seller. The pigs, which must weigh between 40 and 125 pounds must be wormed, castrated, free of all contagious diseases and vaccinated for cholera at least two weeks prior to the sale.

A qualified individual or committee must inspect the pigs on the farm. The markets have the right to reject the pigs and the farmers have the right to reject the sale.

"When these sales build up a sufficient volume," Kelley said, "we hope both the buyers and sellers can better plan their swine program."

"The sellers should be able to select their farrowing and weaning dates to coincide with the sales," Kelley explained, "and the buyers should be able to market their top hogs knowing when they can get a new crop of feeder pigs."

In addition to the quality feed-

er pig sales, demonstration sales are now being held at Murfreesboro, Smithfield, Clinton and Hillsboro.

Hillsboro has its next sale scheduled for September 8, a sale has been set for Clinton on September 15.

Volume has reached 500 pigs per sale at the Lancaster market in Rocky Mount. Sales are now being held on the first Monday of every month, but two sales—one on the first and one on the third Monday of each month—will begin in October. Next March, the Lancaster market plans to begin weekly sales.

Over 200 pigs were sold at the opening day sale of the Wells Quality Feeder Pig Sale in Wallace. Pigs weighing from 40 to 65 pounds averaged \$16.34 a head. Pigs weighing from 66 to 125 pounds averaged \$29.40 per hundred pounds.

Wells hopes to have more pigs available for his next sale on September 10.

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