

## Edenton Given 12 Acres At Base For Municipal Airport

### Highway Officials Allow \$50,000 For Indian Trail Road

#### Two New Bridges Are Also Scheduled To Be Constructed In Chowan County

Chowan County Commissioners were no little elated Monday morning when they learned that the State Highway Commission had allocated \$50,000 to aid in reconstruction of secondary road No. 1108 from N. C. 37 to the plant of the DARF Corporation. The road is known as the Indian Trail Road and has been reason for considerable complaint as well as numerous accidents due to its narrow width and meandering condition. At the same time the Commissioners were advised that new bridges will be constructed over the Bennett Mill Creek on the Rocky Hock Road, as well as the Bolton Bridge. The bridges are expected to be completed during the coming summer.

Due to the condition of the Indian Trail Road, the DARF Corporation has been having trouble with commercial haulers for they refuse to haul materials to the plant when load restrictions are imposed. It appears that Interstate Commerce regulations do not require commercial haulers to deliver materials at points on roads where loads are restricted below the legal limit. However, the bridge affecting DARF has been repaired and the load limit removed until the Indian Trail Road is completed.

It was pointed out by the Highway Commission that DARF is important to the economy of Chowan County since it employs approximately 40 skilled mechanics. It has an annual payroll of approximately \$75,000 and in the neighborhood of 1,000 tons of steel are hauled into the plant annually. Gross annual sales of equipment manufactured is in excess of a million dollars. The Commissioners were informed that the \$50,000 will not be charged against the county's allocation for secondary road improvements.

#### 20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

After being strenuously prevailed upon, Millard F. Bond consented to serve as captain of the proposed Home Guard unit in Edenton. At the same time J. Frank White, Jr., was picked as first lieutenant and William S. Privott for second lieutenant. Speculation in Edenton was to the effect that Richard Dixon was scheduled to be appointed by Governor Broughton as a special Superior Court judge or secretary of the State School Commission.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey and Representative Herbert C. Bonner promised to use their influence with the Post Office Department to prevent consolidation of two of Edenton's rural mail routes. According to Philip McMullan, Continued on Page 5, Section 1

### Red Men Sponsor Tommy Scott Road Show In Armory March 23

Sponsored by Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, the Tommy Scott Road Show will appear at the Edenton armory on North Broad Street Thursday, March 23. This is a very special family type stage show consisting of the best in Country and Western music, some light comedy, and for the youngsters, a fair share of Rock and Roll.

While February has been selected as Heart Fund month, the Red Men have announced that proceeds from this show will be used to help the Heart Fund. For further information contact either W. E. Bond, Jr., Chowan Heart Fund chairman, or LeRoy Harrell, Show Committee member, phone 3013.

#### Bloodmobile

Dr. Archie Walker, Chairman of the Red Cross blood program in Chowan County, announced this week that the bloodmobile will again visit Edenton Wednesday, February 22. The unit will again be stationed at the Edenton armory from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Dr. Walker states that the county's quota will be 105 pints of blood and he hopes this amount will be secured. At the last visit Chowan donated 99 pints, but there were 13 rejections.

### Co. Commissioners Push Improvement Of U. S. 17 Highway

#### Pass Resolution Asking For High Priority To Improve Main Artery of Travel

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning instructed Chairman W. E. Bond to write a letter of congratulations to Merrill Evans of Ahoskie upon his appointment as chairman of the State Highway Commission. Mr. Evans was administered the oath of office Monday in Raleigh. Together with the congratulatory letter, Continued on Page 5—Section 1

### Chowan College Choir Sings At Baptist Church Sunday Night

At the 7:30 o'clock evening worship service on Sunday, February 12, a program of sacred music will be rendered by the Chowan College Choir at the Baptist Church. This program will replace the regular Sunday evening worship service.

The choir is directed by James M. Chamblie, professor of music at Chowan College in Murfreesboro. There are some 45 members in the choir and since Chowan is a co-educational institution, the membership of the choir is about evenly divided between young ladies and young gentlemen. The remarkable quality of their renditions has been demonstrated before associational meetings, on concert tours, and through special invitation of various churches.

Dr. McKnight, the college chaplain, will be in charge of the devotional period of the service and Mr. Chamblie will direct the concert. All those of the local and surrounding areas who are interested in Chowan College, and who enjoy vocal music, are cordially invited to hear this outstanding group of singers.

#### Scouts On Program At Rotary Meeting

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. A feature of the meeting will be a Boy Scout program under the direction of Scoutmaster Jasper Hassell and Jack Habit. President Elton Forehand urges a 100 per cent attendance.

#### POCAHONTAS MEETING

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Mrs. Myrtle Tynch, the new Pocahontas, requests all members to be present.

As soon as all arrangements have been completed, further announcement will be made as to ticket information, show schedules and seating accommodations. This promises to be a splendid opportunity for an afternoon or evening of good entertainment and at the same time share in a wonderfully worthy cause.

For further information contact either W. E. Bond, Jr., Chowan Heart Fund chairman, or LeRoy Harrell, Show Committee member, phone 3013.

### Jimmy Rogerson Is District Winner For Scholarship

#### Local Boy Is Selected One of Six Among 24 Candidates From 21 Counties

Edenton friends will be delighted to learn that Jimmy Rogerson, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, was one of the six winners in the First District for the 1961 Morehead Scholarships awards. Young Rogerson was chosen last week from 24 candidates from 21 counties.

These six will compete with 36 other district winners before the Central Scholarship Committee which will meet in Chapel Hill February 24 and 25. Those who will be chosen as winners by the committee will be interviewed by the Morehead Foundation trustees on March 1. Continued on Page 4—Section 1

### Edenton Group At Swearing In Of New Highway Chairman

Edenton was well represented in Raleigh Monday when Merrill Evans of Ahoskie was sworn in as new chairman of the State Highway Commission. The oath of office was administered in the Senate Chamber, which was filled to capacity.

There were 11 in Edenton's delegation, which included Weldon Hollowell, J. W. Davis, Bruce Jones, Sr., Elton Forehand, Bruce Jones, Jr., Mayor John Mitchener, Jim Robertson, Shelton Moore, Thomas Shepard, Dick Dixon and William Wilridge.

### John Lee Spruill Is Vet Service Officer Named Upon Recommendation of Two Veteran Groups

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning appointed John Lee Spruill as veteran service officer for Chowan County. Mr. Spruill succeeds E. J. Hobbs, who resigned due to moving to Elizabeth City.

The Commissioners in appointing Mr. Spruill complied with recommendations from Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion and William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both groups sent letters to the Commissioners and both named Mr. Spruill as first choice.

Mr. Spruill will be required to make a monthly report to the County Commissioners relative to the activities of his position.

### Benefit Supper At Advance Feb. 21st

The Advance Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual benefit supper Tuesday night, February 21, at 6:30 o'clock. The affair will be held at the Advance Community Building.

Anyone desiring a ticket to the supper may contact Mrs. J. C. Skinner, phone 3013.

#### Two Edenton Aces Honored



Pictured above are Coach Bill Billings sandwiched between Bubba Hopkins, left, and Jerry Tolley, right, as the two Edenton Aces were presented the Sporting News citation for honorable mention on the 1960 high school All-America football team. The awards were presented at a program Sunday afternoon at radio station WCDJ. Frank Roberts of the radio station is seated at the foot of the trio.—(Photo by Houghton Ehringhaus).

### Inglis Fletcher Day Will Be Feature Of 1961 Pilgrimage

#### Tribute Scheduled For Prominent Author on First Day of Tour, April 14

Mrs. Robert J. Boyce, general chairman of the Edenton Woman's Club 1961 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt attended the County Commissioners' meeting on Monday morning primarily to invite the members of the board to be special guests at an Inglis Fletcher Day banquet.

Mrs. Earnhardt pointed out that Inglis Fletcher Day will be observed the first day of the tour, Friday, April 14, which will be climaxed by a banquet in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Earnhardt emphasized the great value Mrs. Fletcher has been not only to Edenton and Chowan County but the State of North Carolina as a whole as the result of her books and her decision to make Chowan County her home. She said the Woman's Club desires to publicly pay honor and tribute to Mrs. Fletcher, so that one day of the tour has been designated as Inglis Fletcher Day.

Mrs. Earnhardt also informed the Commissioners that Mrs. Fletcher inspired the Woman's Club to sponsor the first pilgrimage back in 1949 and it has become more popular and successful each succeeding year. This year's event, barring any unfavorable circumstances, is expected to far eclipse all previous tours, primarily due to the widespread showing of the promotional film of Edenton and Chowan County, "Ye Towne On Queen Anne's Creek."

### 100th Anniversary Confederate States of America Is Observed

In connection with the 100th anniversary of the formation of the government of the Confederate States of America, Mrs. Raymond Carr, chairman of the Chowan County Confederate Centennial, has submitted the following article:

One hundred years ago, February 4-8, 1861, a new nation was born in America. It was called the Confederate States of America, and it came into being in Montgomery, Alabama. Though its life was of short duration, it served a good purpose, in that it brought into sharp focus the rights of the States within the United States.

This new government was conceived in the troublesome months preceding the War Between the States. It was organized by the Southern States which had seceded from the United States. South Carolina was the first to secede, December 1860, and led the secession movement, but it was at the suggestion of Mississippi that a convention was called to form a Southern Confederacy. This convention met in Montgomery, Alabama, February 4th and on February 8th adopted a provisional constitution. Jefferson Davis was elected president and led the secession.

### Pilgrimage Topic At Woman's Club Monthly Meeting

#### Mrs. R. J. Boyce Reports Widespread Interest In Forthcoming Event

The Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside to be held April 14-16 was the main item of business at the February luncheon meeting last week of the Edenton Woman's Club at the Edenton Restaurant.

Mrs. R. J. Boyce, general chairman, reported widespread interest in the tour and that final plans were being made for the three day event. Each of the committee chairmen also gave reports.

Mrs. J. D. Elliott, president, announced that the physical fitness program in which the club is participating will extend until April. A Chinese auction will be held at the March club meeting, it was announced. John Myracle of Raleigh, representative of the Brickell Institute of Leadership Training, was guest speaker and told about the Dale Carnegie course to be sponsored here by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### John Holmes Patient In Memorial Hospital

His many friends will regret to know that John A. Holmes, superintendent of the Edenton schools, is now a patient in N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. Latest reports were to the effect that his condition was not very encouraging. He was removed from the Chowan Hospital Thursday to the Chapel Hill institution.

### Wildlife Commission Options Land At North End Of Chowan Bridge For Fishing Access Area

The Wildlife Resources Commission has obtained an option on 3.8 acres of land for the construction of a fishing access area at the north end of the U. S. Highway 17 bridge over the Chowan River, three miles south of Edenton.

According to Wildlife Commission engineer C. Floyd Williamson, the option has been turned over to the State Department of Administration, which handles all State land purchases. If approved, the land will be purchased and the commission hopes to have the public area in operation by summer.

### BPW Banquet Tuesday Night

#### Feature Will Be Naming 1960 Woman Of The Year

Next Tuesday night, February 14, the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will observe its annual Bosses' Night banquet. The affair will be held in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, with ladies of the Eastern Star serving the meal. The feature of the meeting will be the naming of the 1960 Woman of the Year.

Another feature of the meeting will be an address by Wade Marr of Elizabeth City. Mr. Marr is a very popular after dinner speaker and is very well and favorably known in Edenton, so that many will welcome the opportunity to hear him again. The Hospital Committee has planned the banquet around the Valentine motif.

Mrs. Lala Smith, president, urges all members and any others interested to get their tickets not later than today (Thursday) from Miss Mildred Munden at the Citizens Bank Building.

### FAA Will Classify Local Facility As Trunk Line Airport

#### District Winner



JIMMY ROGERSON Among the six winners in District I finals for the 1961 Morehead Scholarship awards held in Williamston last week was Jimmy Rogerson, a senior at John A. Holmes High School.

#### 33 JAILED IN JANUARY

Jailer Bertram Byrum reports that during January 33 persons were placed in the Chowan County Jail. Confinements ranged from one to 31 days. The expense amounted to \$320.24, which included jail and turnkey fees.

#### VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, February 14, at 8 o'clock. John Bass, commander urges a full turn-out of members.

### Bunch Resigns As Manager Of Sears

William C. Bunch, Jr., has tendered his resignation as manager of the Edenton Sears & Roebuck Company's store, effective February 15. Mr. Bunch resigned to accept a position as representative of the Adding & Calculating Division of the Remington Rand Company in Norfolk.

Mr. Bunch has been serving as manager of the Edenton store since June, 1957. Succeeding Mr. Bunch as manager is Charles Peete, who was transferred from Ahoskie, where he was sales representative for about a year and a half. He is a native of Micro, N. C. He is married and has a son three years old. The family is living at 927 North Broad Street.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

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The Chowan College Choir will present a program of sacred music at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday night, February 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

District Superintendent R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City will preach at the Edenton Methodist Church Sunday morning, February 12, at the 11 o'clock service. Continued on Page 2—Section 1

### Washington Attorney Presents An Old Map To Chowan County

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, assistant clerk of Superior Court, recently received from James Perkins Parker, an attorney in Washington, D. C., a reprint of the 1733 map of the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound area. Mr. Parker last October, together with a brother visited Edenton and at that time he promised to send Mrs. Leary the reprint.

"In that the map may well be an item of historical interest to the good people in your neighborhood," said Mr. Parker, "since it gives the names and locations of those families living in the area at that time, would you be kind enough to present it to the County Commissioners with my compliments?" Mr. Parker pointed out the area was the same in which his ancestors located about the time the map was made. "I still have a warm affection for Eastern North Carolina," he says, "inasmuch as I am the first generation of my family not born there in over 250 years."

### Transfer Seen as Distinct Advantage For Air Travel as Well As Industry

News spread rapidly Tuesday afternoon that the General Services Administration had made arrangements to transfer 812 acres of land at the former U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station to the Town of Edenton.

This information was received by Mayor John Mitchener from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner. Mayor Mitchener in turn contacted GSA and the action was verified. The base includes 3,280 acres, so that it will remain on a caretaker basis with one man on duty. Included in the property to be transferred to the town are the runways, taxiways, apron and a number of buildings which the town may lease in order to raise revenue for maintenance of the facilities for an airport.

The Town of Edenton has been interested in securing this property as an airport since it was declared surplus and had considered the matter with Federal Aviation Administration officials. These officials were very impressed with the base air facilities and it is understood that the airstrip will be classified as a trunk line airport facility. J. M. Robinson, executive vice president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, says that this means only one step below Continued on Page 6, Section 1



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