

Edenton Allocated \$15,242.73 From 1961 Powell Bill Funds

Allocation of \$7,356,135.97 in Powell Bill funds to 415 participating municipalities was announced Friday by the State Highway Department. The funds are distributed annually to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within their corporate limits. Checks to the individual municipalities will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of this month in order that they will reach municipalities by October 1.

The total allocation this year represents an increase over 1960 of \$337,234.25, but in the case of approximately 60% of the participating municipalities, this year's allocation will be less than the 1960 allocation.

This is brought about by the fact that a new municipality population base is being used for the first time. The Powell Bill statute calls for the use of the latest certified federal decennial census figures. The 1960 census figures were certified during last winter and were used in figuring this year's allocation. Previously, from the beginning of the Powell Bill in 1951 through last year, the 1950 census figures were used.

The 10-year population growth of participating municipalities has averaged 25.3%. Where a municipality's growth has not equaled 25.3%, the population factor may very well cause a decrease in Powell Bill allocation. Some of the larger municipalities have experienced population increases greater than 25.3% and, consequently, received more money this year.

In the eleven years in which Powell Bill allocations have been distributed, a total of \$66,157,066.05 has been distributed, and the group of participating municipalities has grown from 386 to 415.

Edenton's total allocation of the Powell Bill funds for 1961 amounts to \$15,242.73. This is based on the 1960 census population of 4,458 with a population increment of \$8,577.35 and a mileage increment of \$6,665.38 figured on 14.71 certified non-system miles.

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Club members are planning projects to raise part of the money but additional funds will be necessary, she said.

Twenty-two Darlington oaks are to be planted (11 on each side of the Green) and these trees may be given, if desired, in memory or honor of a person. Each tree will be 15 feet tall and costs \$40. The Darlington oaks have been used at Tyrone Palace and will be very desirable on the green, Mrs. Hollowell said.

Anyone wanting to make a contribution or donate a tree is asked to contact either Mrs. Hollowell or Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, chairman of the planning committee.

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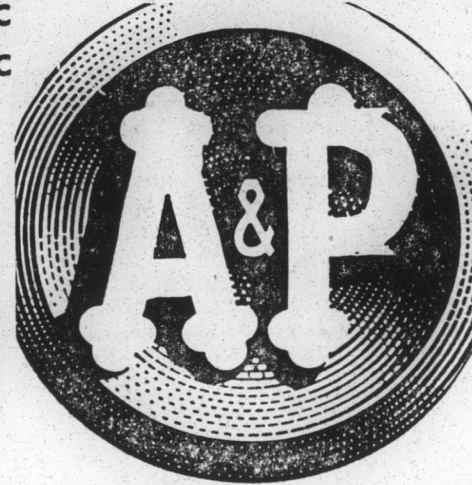
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