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BULLETIN

Rep. Herbert Bonner has accepted an invitation to speak at the dedication of Edenton's new Municipal Building on April 8. Mayor John A. Mitchener made the announcement.

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## Political Confab Has 300; Chowan Well Represented

ELIZABETH CITY—Democrats from six counties in the Albemarle area crowded into the Virginia Dare Hotel ballroom Saturday night to hear Gov. Dan K. Moore laud the Democratic Party and boost highway safety and the \$300-million road bond issue.

Speaking to some 300 party faithful at his first political rally since taking office, Gov. Moore said definite steps should be taken to curb the tolls on the highway. He also urged Democrats and everyone in North Carolina to support the road bonds as they are needed to improve state roads.

The governor called on those at the rally to become more familiar with their party and to tell the people in the streets why they should be Democrats.

"We do not convince a person that he or she should be an active Democrat by telling him it is more fun than being a Republican," he said. "That is true, of course, but it isn't the kind of reasoning that appeals to North Carolinians."

He said the party had provided good government in North Carolina and he is dedicated to strengthening this government. "Here in North Carolina we have amassed a record of good, sound, progressive government that is envied across the nation," he said.

Turning to agriculture, Gov. Moore said: "We have set the pace for the South and moved to what I honestly believe to be the beginning of an exciting era (Continued on Page Eight)

## Fight To Continue Over Power Bill

Conferences between representatives of municipalities and the REA — private power company group were adjourned Tuesday at 10:30 with the conferees unable to reach any agreement, and within two hours the electric combine had their 20-odd page bill introduced in the House and Senate.

Regrettably, the cities were not able to dissuade the private power companies and REA's from insisting that the General Assembly deny municipal governing bodies the right to determine who shall furnish electric service within their corporate limits. The first indication of that intention was revealed in the private power company-REA statement of principle which they adopted in January. Confirmation of that intention is in the legislation as it disregards the objections the municipalities had raised to the provisions of the statement of principle.

The private power companies and REA's combined for the stated purpose of settling their own controversies, but in so doing they proposed legislation to restrict municipal rights at a time when cities and towns were not represented at the conference table.

Through the intervention of Governor Moore, municipal representatives were given an opportunity to state their objections to the statement of principle before the legislation was introduced.

After the legislation was prepared by the private power companies and REA's, municipal representatives were given an opportunity to study it and raise their questions. That study revealed that the two parties had apparently turned deaf ears and closed minds to municipal objections.

## United Piece Dye Declares Dividend

NEW YORK — The board of directors of the United Piece Dye Works at its meeting March 12 declared a dividend of 13.7% per share on its preferred stock payable on April 1st to holders of record March 24th.

A dividend of 10 cents per share was also declared on the common stock payable March 31st to holders of record March 24th. The firm has a new plant in Chowan County.

Also Charles Blount, Jr., president, stated that sales in 1964 totaled \$18,708,000, an increase of 8.5 per cent over the \$17,244,900 total in 1963. Profit after depreciation of \$548,000 in 1964 was \$2,075,000, 7.5 per cent above the \$1,930,000 earned in 1963 when depreciation amounted to \$492,000.

Blount pointed out that the provision of \$1,178,000 made for federal income tax in 1964 was at the full rate and compared to a provision in 1963 of \$809,000 when a tax carry-forward credit of \$800,000 was applied.



AT DEMOCRATIC RALLY—Approximately 300 Democrats from the Albemarle Area crowded into the Virginia Dare Hotel Ballroom and overflowed onto the mezzanine Saturday night to hear Gov. Dan K. Moore and other leading party members. Pictured above following the rally are, left to right, Rep. Herbert Bonner of the First Congressional District; Gov. Moore; State Senator Emmett Winslow of Hertford; and State Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Chowan County. It was the first political rally the governor had attended since taking office on January 8.

## The Public Parade

FROM US TO YOU — As generators of business in a community, newspapers are near the head of the parade.

Not only do they carry a pay roll which is generally above the average in wages paid if not in number employed, but they purchase all of their supplies that are available in the hometown.

Thus, they go beyond the live-and-let-live philosophy. They actually devote a large portion of their energy to helping the other fellow live better.

Take our case here at The Chowan Herald, which by all standards is admittedly a small example. But we are fairly representative of the role the average newspaper plays in a community.

Our pay roll is over \$40,000 a year and 90 per cent of it remains here in Edenton where it is spent for goods and services. Our local purchases of supplies and services will add another \$10,000 or more to the economy of the community.

In addition, we have made a sizable investment in Edenton and on it we pay city and county taxes at the going rate. In return, we try to keep the community informed on what is going on around about us; and we provide local merchants with an economical means of reaching our readers with messages about the things they have to sell.

We trade at home and we counsel our employees to do the same thing; for we know that our future is tied up with the future of Edenton. If it grows and prospers as a community, so will we as a newspaper.

But if our people and others like them in Edenton must go

to Elizabeth City, Norfolk, or even New York or Richmond when they need to make a purchase of more than a couple of bucks, then Edenton will dry on the vine—and we will wither with it.

We intend to produce the very best newspaper conditions in Edenton will justify. To do that, we need the understanding and cooperation of the business community. As our advertising volume picks up and our circulation grows, we will be able to plow more back into newer tools and the additional personnel required to do an even better job.

So we ask our merchant friends to keep these facts in mind when some fast talker comes down the pike with a sure-fire proposition. Chances are he owns no property here, pays no taxes here, supports no pay roll here — and, worse still, spends his money somewhere else. Nor can he do the job any slicker, quicker or better than we can. Let's all work together. Let's trade with each other. Let's think first of Edenton. In no other way can a community expect to make solid progress.

DEAR READERS—We would like to take this opportunity to express to you our sincere appreciation for the interest being shown in our efforts to broaden the news coverage of The Chowan Herald.

Many have expressed themselves personally, others over the telephone and a few via the mails.

Over the weekend we received a card which started out: "Thank you for the new full coverage of local public events..." The remainder

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## Mabe Is Elected By Rotary Club

Glenn Mabe, 16 Albania Street, has been elected president of Edenton Rotary Club. Mabe and a slate of officers for 1965-66 were chosen at the club's meeting on March 11.

Ed Bass was elected vice president.

Elected to the board of directors was Britton Byrum, Ross Inglis, Alton Elmore and Dr. Richard Hines, Jr.

It was noted that W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr. had taken a leave of absence during the time he is in the General Assembly. The club voted to have Mabe assume this seat until he becomes president.

Mabe will succeed West Byrum, Jr., who has directed the Rotary Club activities during the past year.



GLENN MABE

## Survey For Hall Of Fame Favorable; Directors Of Future Shrine Study Proposal For Big Funds Campaign

### Three Candidates Announce To Run; Byrum Bows Out

On this week's political front, one councilman announced that he will not seek re-election, two men announced for positions on the council and a contest developed in the race for mayor.

George Alma Byrum, a councilman with 12 years of experience, released a statement saying he would not seek re-election as councilman-at-large.

McKay Washington, 52, 138 Morris Circle, announced that he would seek the seat now held by Byrum.

At the same time David G. White, Jr., 39 Badham Road, announced his intentions to file as a candidate from the Third Ward. Incumbent Councilman R. Elton Forehand has not indicated his decision.

Mayor John A. Mitchner, Jr., was the first to announce for the May 4 election and Roy Harrell, 35, 200 South Oakum Street, officially tossed his hat into the ring to cause the first contest.

Harrell said after a thorough study of actions of both the council and Board of Public Works and presence at council meetings for the past year it is "quite evident that a change is needed."

The candidate said if he is elected he will encourage more citizens to observe how they are represented. He said the fact that a number of people are running in this election indicates a new interest in town government and the need for a change.

"If I am elected I will continue (Continued on Page Seven)

### McMullan Resigns Elections Position

Philip S. McMullan, 100 South Granville Street, has resigned as chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

The Chowan Democratic Executive Committee met Saturday and forwarded their recommendations to the State Executive Committee. The state group will recommend a successor to the State Board of Elections.

Tom Shepard, county Democratic Party chairman, said word is expected later this week on the action of the state board.

McMullan, president of Edenton Cotton Mills and chairman of the local Board of Education, had been a member of the elections board for many years.

West Byrum, Jr., is the other Democrat on the board and Robert Smith is the GOP member. The law states that the board shall be composed of two Democrats and one Republican.



SCHOOL OFFICIALS HUDDLE—Supt. Hiram Mayo, of Edenton City Schools, is pictured here with Ernest A. Swain, Principal of Edenton Elementary School, as they discuss steps to get the unit accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The three-year process began this term.

### Work Is Underway

## School After Accreditation

Within the next three years all units in Edenton City Schools are expected to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This is the goal set by Supt. Hiram Mayo and the school board and they are well on their way to accomplishing this mark.

The two high schools—John A. Holmes and D. F. Walker—are both accredited by the association and are now completing their reevaluation. Edenton Elementary School has been accepted as an affiliated member, the first step toward the three-year program of accreditation.

Work will begin next fall on the accreditation of D. F. Walker Elementary School.

Supt. Mayo said work at the Walker school would have started this year but the State Board of Public Instruction advised against having a re-evaluation and accreditation program going simultaneously in the same school.

"It takes a lot of work to do either and a double dose was not advisable," he said.

Work at the high schools has progressed to the point where a visiting committee of leading educators will be in Edenton late this month and early April to conclude the study.

Acceptance as a member of (Continued On Page Six)

### Project Drawing Interest Across Tar Heel State

An extensive survey has indicated the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution as feasible and the directors are justified in undertaking a \$1-million funds campaign.

A. C. Barnett, president of Tamblin & Brown, Inc., of New York, this week told the directors they should plan to raise a minimum of \$250,000 in Edenton, including the cost of the site. He said they can expect to raise a total of \$600,000 in the local and nation-wide campaign during the next three years.

Barnett, reporting on the feasibility survey his firm conducted for those interested in the national shrine, said Edenton is the most logical place for the Hall of Fame and an educational program should be launched to boost the area.

J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the Hall of Fame, said the directors will carefully study Barnett's report before making any statement concerning the future of the project. However, everyone attending the briefing appeared to agree that the favorable report by Tamblin & Brown was another giant step toward erection of the shrine.

Among those attending the briefing with Barnett was James M. Robinson of Cary, former executive secretary of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and originator of the Hall of Fame idea. Robinson is expected to play a major role in the project's future.

The counseling firm said although a three-year campaign should be launched, the directors could expect to secure sufficient funds during the first year to get the project under construction.

Barnett said 25 to 30 acres of land would be necessary for the Hall of Fame. There would be ample parking for 300 cars, a restaurant and tavern and a (Continued on Page Seven)

### Local Easter Seal Campaign Lagging

The 1965 Easter Seal campaign in Chowan County is lagging behind, according to Hector Lupton, president of the local chapter of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Lupton urged local citizens to use the Easter Seals mailed to them earlier in the month and forward their contribution to the society's work to Haywood Bunch.

## Town Nearing Completion Of Projects In Excess Of \$1 Million Without Increase In Taxes

Up until little over a year ago Edenton had an automatic sewage disposal system. The town's waste was just dumped into the Albemarle Sound.

However, the N. C. Stream Pollution Committee handed local officials an order. In effect it said flatly: "Stop putting untreated sewage into the water."

As a result of this order, a new sewage disposal plant has been built at a cost of \$675,972.02. This plant is almost as automatic as the earlier system. But the result is more desirable.

Town officials point with pride to the new facility which was designed to handle any future growth of Edenton for many years.

An especially proud group is the Board of Public Works. It is through them that passes the money to pay for this modern plant—and other improvements—with no local tax money being spent.

The sewage plant was aided by a \$314,095 federal grant. The town voted a bond issue to take care of their share of the project and these bonds will be repaid through the sewage charges and profits of the Electric, Water and Sewage Department operations.

In addition to the disposal facilities, the town has extended

water and sewer lines into various sections of Edenton at a cost of \$336,202.15, with the federal grant paying \$138,000. The town's share—\$198,202.15 will also come from profits of the public works department with the exception of \$32,000 to be assessed against the properties receiving benefits.

Therefore, total expenditures for all these facilities amounts

to \$1,012,174.17, and no local tax money was needed.

"The Board of Public Works is proud of the achievements of the department and especially in that the expenditures of over \$1

million has been accomplished without any increase in taxes," a spokesman stated.

The sewage disposal plant facilities were under construction for approximately two years.

Although they have been in use for about a year, some minor adjustments are still being made and the town has not accepted them from the contractor.

The system is designed to handle one million gallons per day and approximately one-half this amount is now flowing through the plant. Also, the 10 acres of land owned by the town is sufficient for any needed expansion at the site.

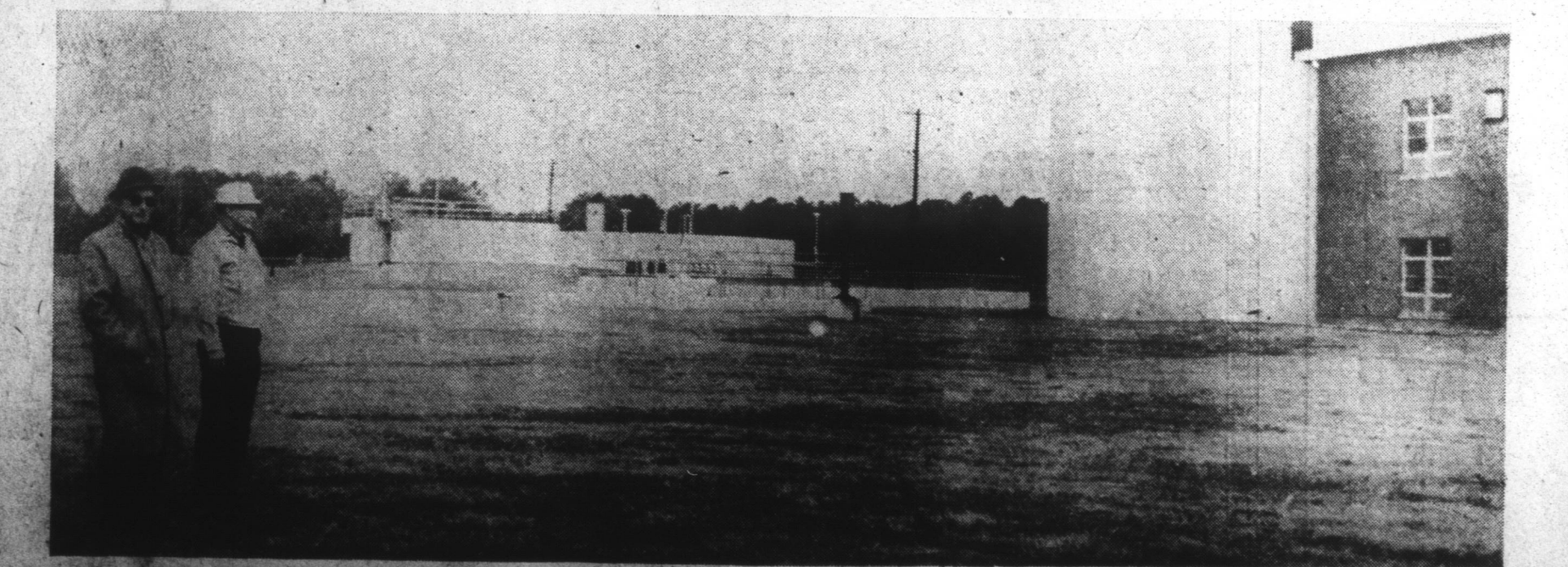
Dick Hines, superintendent of the electric and water department, said the system is so automatic that only a part-time E&W Department worker and a helper is needed. A man within the department was trained to operate the equipment and make necessary tests which are required by the state.

This facility is one of the neatest in Edenton. Raw sewage from the town is pumped into a primary clarifier and then into the trickling filter. A secondary clarifier is next before the substance flows into a chlorine contact basin.

The sludge and soils from the primary and secondary clarifiers is pumped into a digester and allowed to stand and settle.

Digested sewage, sludge and solids are drawn out of the digester onto drying beds. Exposure to the sun and air while on these beds react to finish the treatment process.

Facilities such as this are being pushed throughout the state as efforts continue to make North Carolina streams something other than cess pools.



INSPECT NEW TREATMENT PLANT—Dick Hines, left superintendent of the Electric and Water Department and James P. Ricks, Jr., a member of the Board of Public Works, are shown inspecting the new sewage disposal plant facilities outside Edenton. Total cost of the facilities was \$675,972.02 with the federal government paying \$314,095. A sewer charge is being made to operate the facility and no tax money is being spent.