

Darf Now Growing From Under Tents

GREENFIELD.—The telephone rang in a tenant house which had been converted into an office. A secretary answered and the caller asked to speak to Mr. Darf. "He isn't in," she replied. Then she asked if Mr. Wood could be of assistance. Had the caller replied in the negative, he would have been out of luck. There isn't a Mr. Darf. The impact of the Woods on Greenfield and Chowan County as well as the machinery industry makes an interesting story and their success is in Darf Corporation.

D is for dairymen.
A is for agriculturists.
R is for ranchers.
F is for foresters.

It is because Darf serves all of these, and serves them well, that they have not just kept pace with much larger manufacturers,

but set that pace. From a complex of surplus tents, a quonset hut, an old barn, a partially completed building and the plain out of doors comes farm machinery which is sold throughout the United States and Canada.

Two plants, one in Canada and another in California, supplement production of the main plant here.

George C. Wood is president and engineer of the corporation, while T. H. B. Wood, Sr., serves as vice president and is in charge of sales.

The firm built their first harrow in 1951. They were located in Sanford. A fire struck the plant during the peak of the 1952 season and about put them out of business.

Headquarters was moved to

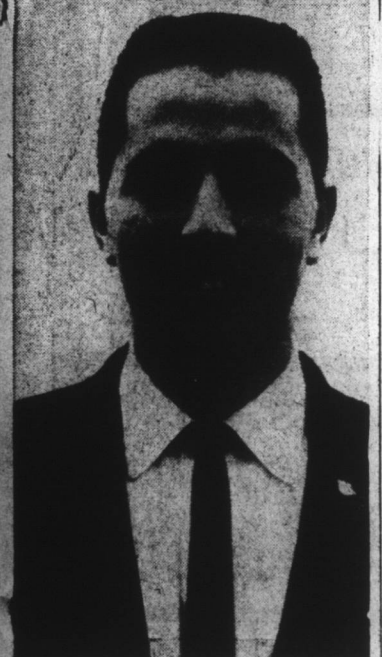
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THE COMPOUND—Darf Corporation's facilities at Greenfield are varied, but the quality of their products ranks among the top of the farm machinery industry. The company converted a barn into a shop, added a quonset hut and a few tents to shield workers from the weather. The corner of a new structure can be seen at top right.



THE MACHINE—The hay rake which revolutionized the industry is a product of Darf Corporation at Greenfield. The wicked looking piece of machinery above was the first made by the company, more than 14 years ago. George C. Wood, left, is president of the company and T. H. B. Wood, Sr., is vice president.



Weintraub Heads Red Cross Drive

The Chowan Chapter, American Red Cross, has selected Robert R. Weintraub as chairman of the 1965 funds campaign in this county.

Weintraub has been a resident of Chowan County for 11 years and previously served with the U. S. Marine Corps in Edenton.

The funds chairman is assistant manager of Belk-Tyler's in Edenton and is active in numerous civic undertakings in the area.

Weintraub is active in Edenton Jaycees, is treasurer of St. Ann's Catholic Men's Club, and has participated in Civil Defense functions and the Colonial OB Radio Club.

He is married to the former Patricia Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoskin Harrell and they have one son, Ronald.

Forehand Decides Not To Run Again

Councilman R. Elton Forehand today announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the forthcoming municipal election.

David White has already announced that he will seek the council seat from Third Ward.

In a statement, Councilman Forehand said: "I deeply regret that circumstances prevent me from being a candidate for re-election as councilman from the Third Ward in the May election."

"Having served in this capacity for the last six years has indeed been a rewarding experience as well as an honor. I have tried diligently to fulfill the duties of my office both with dignity and humility.

"I cannot let it go without saying that serving my community as a city councilman will be sincerely missed on my part."

Thus, Councilman Forehand becomes the second incumbent not to seek re-election. Councilman George Alma Byrum, one of two councilmen at large, announced last week that he would not run again.

Others are believed to be interested in seeking public office in the May election, although no further statements have been received.

Mayor Is Backing Clean-Up Campaign

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has declared the week of March 29 to April 3 as Paint-Up, Fix-Up, Clean-Up week in Edenton.

Mayor Mitchener reminded citizens of Edenton that numerous visitors will be in our town for the dedication of the new Municipal Building on April 8 and the 1965 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside April 9-11.

"We want to make a good impression, and a clean town is always a help," he said. All property owners of the town are asked to cooperate in this campaign.

The Public Parade

REAL OPPORTUNITY—In this age of gimmicks, Edenton enjoys an ace in the hole. It is certainly nothing new. They call it history.

The proposed Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution is a natural for this historic and progressive town. It would provide another means of sharing with others the things Edentonians too often take for granted.

If you aren't convinced that people are interested in history, and actually haven't become plain history nuts, you should sit with us on South Broad Street and watch the activity at Cupola House.

The pile of broken bricks and debris on the lawn isn't very attractive, but it arouses the most curious. The visitors, once find the door locked, stretch to look in the windows to see what is going on.

We are sure there is similar interest at other historic sites in Edenton. That makes an even stronger case for the Hall of Fame.

The labor force in this area is limited. Therefore, we cannot look for a great industrial boom such as is enjoyed by our friends in other sections of North Carolina. We must look elsewhere for economic strength.

Tourism is one avenue. This is nothing new. It has been proven successful time and time again. But, in each case they had a gimmick.

Tourism in America today is big, big business. In North Carolina alone it is considered the second largest industry. Why shouldn't Edenton enjoy a bigger piece of the pie?

We could wish the Hall of Fame and other things, like an attractive tourist information center.

Just last week the Hall of Fame was given a boost and the directors are now considering the project's future.

A New York counseling firm conducted a nation-wide survey to determine the feasibility of this project. Their findings were to the effect that the project is worthwhile, Edenton is the best site, \$1 million is a realistic cost figure, and the first quarter million must come from home base.

The firm suggested that the directors plan a campaign to raise \$250,000 (including the land) over a three year period. Then outside help could be sought, once Edentonians had proven their seriousness about the Hall of Fame.

Properly deemed most desirable by the survey team is owned by the Town of Edenton and was valued at \$100,000. If that could be secured, the remaining \$150,000 of the goal would be much easier to reach.

When the Hall of Fame is completed, Edenton will enjoy one of the finest tourist attractions in the Southeast. People will come by the thousands. They will gain knowledge of Revolutionary times and Edenton will gain dollars.

If 24 visitors a day are as valuable as an industry with a \$100,000 annual payroll, multiply this by 50 and you come up with a figure five times the initial investment for the Hall of Fame.

This project needs the support of every Edentonian. You could provide no finer public service than through moral and financial backing of this endeavor.

RETAIL TRADE — Chowan County's 106 retail establishments had \$12.3 million in sales in 1963, an increase of 21 per cent from 1958, the U. S. Bureau of the Census has just reported after tabulating data gathered from all firms in the 1963 Census of Business. The last previous business census conducted by the Census Bureau, an agency of the U. S. Department of Commerce, was in 1958.

Retail trade in the county means jobs (exclusive of proprietors) for 451 men and women and a yearly payroll of \$1.2 million.

In volume of business the county's food stores had sales of \$3.2 million, an increase of 105 per cent from 1958. In other retail business—the county's eating and drinking places had sales of \$215 thousand, and gasoline service stations had sales of \$1.0 million.

For the state as a whole, the Census Bureau reported 43,857 retail establishments with sales of \$4,975.3 million, up 30 per cent from 1958.

Census reports to be issued during the next few months will give state and county figures on wholesale and service trades, manufacturing and mineral industries.

Figures on number of establishments and sales volume for major types of retail establishments in each county are provided in the printed report: 1963 Census of Business. Retail Trade, North Carolina, available at 55 cents from Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. 20402 and at U. S. Department of Commerce Field Offices.

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Robert W. Moore Is Named New Chamber Official

Robert W. Moore of Leaksville has been secured as executive vice president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Moore will assume his new duties on April 5.

The announcement of the employment of Moore was made by President Alton Elmore of the local chamber.

Moore is currently an executive of the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, composed of Leaksville-Spray-Draper.

The new executive vice president will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James M. Robinson.

A native of Crewe, Va., Moore attended Smithdeal-Massey Business Institute of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Elmore said Moore has a diversified background of service both in Chamber of Commerce work and in business, ranging from sales work and marketing to newspaper advertising.

He has previously served in chamber work in Clinton, Mooresville and Concord.

Moore is married to the former Nell Speight of Rocky Mount. She is a registered nurse and attended the School of Nursing of Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, Va.

The Moores have three children, Robert, Jr., Elizabeth and Aleasa. They are Baptists.

Masonic Play To Be Given Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) the Acacia Club of Norfolk Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Norfolk will present a Masonic play at the meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M.

A barbecue dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, after which the lodge meeting will be held and the play presented. This Norfolk group has been presenting annual plays for a number of years and it is hoped a large number of Masons will turn out to witness and enjoy a very impressive Masonic lesson.



E. L. Hollowell Gets Appointment

E. L. Hollowell, 115 Pembroke Circle, has been appointed to the Chowan County Board of Elections and West W. Byrum has been named chairman of the board.

Hollowell was appointed to fill a vacancy created when Philip S. McMullan resigned. McMullan, who was serving as chairman, had been a member of the board for more than 30 years.

At a reorganizational meeting following Hollowell's certification by the State Board of Elections, Byrum was elevated to the post of chairman and Hollowell was named secretary. The other member of the board is Robert B. Smith.

The new member was recommended for the post by the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee.

The local board immediately set up machinery for the forthcoming municipal election at which the citizens of Edenton will elect a mayor, three councilmen, a treasurer and two members of the Board of Public Works.

Candidates can now file for office. The deadline for filing is 12 noon, Saturday, April 10. The law requires that all candidates file with the chairman.

Registration books will be open from April 17 until April 23 for those who desire to register. Saturday, April 24, will be challenge day.

Hollowell, 47-year-old president of Chowan Veneer Company, managed Gov. Dan K. Moore's campaign in Chowan County. He has been active in politics for several years.

A native of this county, Hollowell was educated in Edenton schools and has been connected with the veneer business for 19 years. He has been president and owner of the local business for the past five years.

The new board member is commander of Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, is a director of Edenton Lions Club, a member of Edenton Baptist Church and vice president of the Tar Heel Chapter, 30th Division Association.

Legion Auxiliary Meets April 1st

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday night, April 1 at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bunch. Members are requested to note the change in hour to 8:30, which is due to the revival at the Edenton Baptist Church.

Mrs. Iris Mills, president of the Auxiliary, urges all members to plan to attend.

Chowan Records Second Fatality In Past 2 Weeks

Chowan County highways have suddenly become death traps with two fatalities recorded in as many weeks.

James M. Fitch, 21-year-old sailor stationed at Portsmouth, Va., died instantly about 8:30 P. M. Sunday when the car in which he was riding went out of control and overturned several times on River Road near Cannon's Ferry.

Jimmy Roy Rahman, 20, of Montgomery, Ala., has been charged with manslaughter in the death.

Like Fitch, Rahman is stationed at Norfolk Naval Base in Portsmouth. Fitch's home is believed to be in Louisiana.

State Trooper R. W. Rawls, investigating officer, said Rahman's 1965 Corvair was demolished in the mishap.

Investigation indicated that the car was traveling at an excessive rate of speed when the driver failed to make a curve. Officer Rawls said the car overturned several times and both occupants were held in by seat belts.

The victim had a broken neck and other injuries. Rahman received lacerations and bruises. He was hospitalized at Chowan Hospital but released to Naval authorities Monday.

Nineteen hundred sixty-four was a fatality-free year on Chowan County highways and the record had stood for two months of 1965.

A two-year-old boy was fatally injured earlier in the month in an accident on Old Hertford Road.

UNC-G Candidate

Nelia Gray (Teeny) Love of Edenton is a candidate for junior house president at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is among 61 students who have announced their candidacy for Student Government Association officers in the March 30 election.

Jaycee Vice Presidency Goes To Edenton's Habit

Jack Habit, 108 West Queen Street, is the new vice president of North Carolina Jaycees in their first district. He will assume his post at the organization's convention in May.

Habit, 34-year-old insurance executive, was unopposed for the office at the district meeting last week in Windsor.

Although hot competition exists between Edenton Jaycees and Elizabeth City club members, it was from Elizabeth City that Habit received a great deal of support.

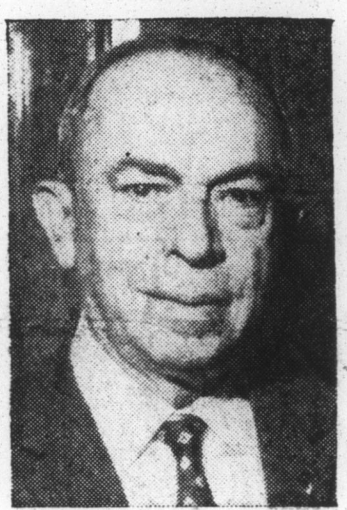
Edenton Jaycees turned out in record-breaking numbers for the district meeting, with President Pete Dail and 55 other local club members putting in an appearance at the meeting. The Edenton delegation accounted for 43 per cent of the total attendance.

Frank Habit, a brother of the new vice president, was a finalist in the Speak Up Jaycee program in the district.

As vice president, Habit will coordinate activities between seven clubs — Edenton, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Plymouth, Windsor, Rich Square and Murfreesboro.

He has been a Jaycee for five years and is immediate past president of his home club. He is also a winner of the Distinguished Service Award here.

Municipal Building Dedication Is Set Program Complete



Open House Set At Art Studio

Mrs. Lois Venters will hold an open house in the Art Studio on Thursday, March 25 at 8 P. M. for parents of those taking her art classes, members of the Board of the Edenton Savings and Loan Association and all who are interested in children's art.

Mrs. Venters will talk briefly about what she hopes to accomplish with the children taking her classes. Light refreshments will be served.

The Art Studio, which the Edenton Savings and Loan Association has so generously provided is located above their offices at the corner of King and Broad Streets.

Invitations have gone to Gov. Dan K. Moore, Lt. Gov. Robert Scott, Senators B. Everett Jordan and Sam J. Ervin, Superior Court judges, mayors and councilmen, representatives and senators and county commissioners from the First Congressional District.

Also invited are Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, the staff of the N. C. League of Municipalities, all former mayors of Edenton and Raymond Fuson, architect.

Rep. Bonner will be introduced by State Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan County.

Rev. R. N. Carroll of Edenton Baptist Church will pronounce the benediction.

Councilman Forehand said the ceremonies will take place on the steps of the Municipal Building and an invitation is extended to all the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County.

At 5 P. M., immediately following the ceremonies, a reception will be held at Chowan Golf and Country Club for out-of-town guests.

Docket Is Complete For Superior Court

Judge Chester R. Morris, resident jurist of the First Judicial District will preside over a term of Chowan County Superior Court which convenes here on March 29.

Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk of court, said criminal cases will be tried on Monday and Tuesday with the docket being prosecuted by Solicitor Walter Cotton.

The remainder of the week has been set aside for hearing of civil matters.

Bonner's Speech Will Be Highlight Of Big Ceremony

Edenton officials plan to put the big pot in the little one here April 8 at the town's new Municipal Building.

Dedication of the handsome new structure at the foot of Broad Street will unofficially launch the 1965 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. The pilgrimage is a biennial project of Edenton Woman's Club.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has announced that Rep. Herbert Bonner of the First Congressional District will give the dedicatory address.

Councilman R. Elton Forehand, chairman of the dedication ceremonies, said the event will begin at 3:30 P. M., with a 30-minute concert by the John A. Holmes High School Band under direction of Stuart Patten.

The official program will begin at 4 P. M., when members of the Edenton unit, N. C. National Guard, raise the four flags at Confederate Plaza, directly in front of the Municipal Building.

Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf of Edenton Methodist Church will give the invocation and Mayor Mitchener will give the welcome and introduce special guests.

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GIVEN REPORT—A. C. Barnett, center, president of Tamblin & Brown, Inc., here hands his firm's report on the feasibility of Edenton's Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution to J. Gilliam Wood, head of the board of directors. At right is Mayor John A. Mitchener, a board member. The report justified this project and recommended a \$1 million fund raising campaign.



JACK HABIT