



Municipalities Oppose New Bill Now In Senate

Edenton and 72 other municipalities which own their own electric systems now face a fight in Congress over legislation they believe will put them out of business.

Representatives of the newly organized N. C. Municipally Owned Electric Systems are in Washington this week to oppose Senate Bill 218.

Phil Horton, III, of Shelby, president of the group formed earlier this year to oppose legislation before the N. C. General Assembly, said the federal legislation favors the power companies.

"The effect would be to allow private power companies to increase their wholesale rates to city systems and REA's as the companies pleased, subject only to such uncertain and weak restraints as State Utilities Commissions lay upon them," Horton said.

He added: "If this emasculating operation on the Federal Power Act is not stopped, this amendment will cost citizens receiving electric service from municipal systems or REA's millions of extra dollars in the near future."

Horton said there are more than 500,000 city and rural customers in North Carolina, alone, who would be affected by this legislation.

The president said the bill poses the greatest threat of this generation to tax dollars and the general economy of cities and other communities owning and operating their own electric distribution systems.

"The bill would cut the heart out of most of the vitally protective authority of the Federal Power Act," Horton said.

He continued: "This bill is a declaration of economic war upon 73 cities of North Carolina—it would destroy our protection, our opportunity to get and keep fair rates for the power we buy wholesale and then retail to our people."

Legion Officers To Be Installed

Officers of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, and the Auxiliary will be installed at a dinner meeting on May 18. The event, at the Legion hut, will start promptly at 7 P. M.

Commander E. L. Hollowell said a ham and turkey dinner is being prepared.

Leroy S. Lakey, Department Commander, of Charlotte will install the officers. Mr. Hollowell urges every member to come and bring his wife to this important meeting.

JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. President Samuel Cox urges every Jaycee to be present.

The Public Parade

A UNIQUE INDUSTRY—There has been some low key opposition on the Public Parade to the proposal to donate land from the old base property to be used as a site for the proposed national historical shrine.

The objection is usually based on the proposition that the base property was acquired by the city for industrial development and should be held for that purpose.

There would be some merit in this position except that it overlooks completely the nature of the proposed shrine. It would be a place where history is packaged for sale pretty much as an industry turns out manufactured products from raw materials.

The selling of history is big business, not only in other parts of North Carolina but throughout the world. It has been estimated by the State Department of Conservation and Development that anything which will bring 12 tourists to a town daily is equal to an industry with an annual payroll of \$100,000.

This lesson is well illustrated by the restoration of Tryon palace down in New Bern. We do not have attendance figures at hand, but we feel confident that Tryon palace now draws far more than 12 tourists into New Bern each day and the whole community prospers as a result.

They are also beginning to package their history for sale down in Brunswick county, where archaeological studies of the site of old Brunswick Town are being made, looking eventually, perhaps, to a Williamsburg-type of restoration.

And down at Beaufort they are planning the restoration of some of that town's old 18th and 19th century buildings; and Mayor John Costlow is confident local money can be raised to match a foundation grant for the work.

Up in Canada they are experts at packaging history for sale. Not only have they restored a great many of their old forts and church shrines; but at least one Indian village, restored at an initial cost of \$5,000, took in \$25,000 in receipts from tourists last year.

Yep, we suppose you can put us down as one of the suckers. We paid to look. And that is precisely the point.

Literally thousands of tourists would pay for the privilege of visiting a national historical shrine if one can be erected at Edenton. A gift of a few acres of land toward bringing that about would be one of the best investments this community could make in its future.

BUSINESS IS BETTER—Chowan County's 44 service establishments had total receipts of \$804,000 in 1963, an increase of 2 per cent from 1958, according to a report of the 1963 census of business just released by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. The last previous census of business covered operations during 1958.

The service trades in the census of business included

those providing: Personal services to individuals; miscellaneous business services; auto repair and other auto services; and other repair services. Also included were motion picture production and distribution businesses; motion picture theaters; other amusement and recreation services; and hotels and motels.

The selected service trade establishments in the county employed 81 persons (exclusive of proprietors) and had a payroll for the year of \$174,000. The state as a whole included 23,677 establishments with receipts of \$597.7 million.

BEING FASHIONABLE—Having just gone through the Easter bonnet craze we are well into the summer frock stage of fashion. This is all music to the ears of local merchants.

However, there is one thing more fashionable than either of the above. It is chicken pox.

If you have a youngster under eight that doesn't have chicken pox, man you ain't nothing. That being the case, we are something special—there is a double dose at our place.

First our seven-year-old had a 10-day bout of the childhood disease. And just before her mother went stomp-raving mad there were signs of more of the same.

We went home from work the other night and not since the Easter bunny brought the ducks and "Granny-bunch" had our four-year-old been happier. "Look, Daddy," he exclaimed before we could get into the house good, "wanta see my chicken pox?" His six year old sister was less enthusiastic.

Down on his ankle was a tiny red spot. We were too good a father to reveal to him that it was a mere mosquito bite. The next morning, though, there was no doubt.

We don't know how you score, but at our pad it is three down and one to go.

BROKEN RULES—Philip McMullan, one of this area's most distinguished public servants, has made many rules and most of them probably broken. We know of one.

We encountered Mr. McMullan at a school meeting over which he presided. Our request for him to pose with other officials met with a firm refusal. "I let that happen to me once," he said, "and my wife even had trouble recognizing me."

It stirred him so that the next time he was in New York he went to one of the country's most famous photographers and got a picture made.

Now we pick up a copy of Lloyd Griffin's "We The People" magazine and among the pictures gracing the inside pages is one of Mr. McMullan and Joe Branch, legislative aide to Gov. Dan K. Moore. The picture is good and so is his company.

Oh well, rules are made to be broken.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN—Chowan Democratic Women's Club will meet at 12:30 P. M. May 25 at Edenton Restaurant.

Work Begins On Big Expansion At Albemarle Peanut Company



HONORED BY VARSITY CLUB—Six of the seven athletes honored Monday night by the Varsity Club are shown here with Coach Bill Tate of Wake Forest College, left. Those honored for outstanding achievement were: David Holton, Miriam Willis, Hiram Mayo, Jr., Perry Byrum, Charlie Overton and Ken Williams. Phil Harrell was in Chapel Hill playing in a state golf tourney and could not attend to receive his trophy.

Plans Designed To Lift Output By One-Fourth

A vast expansion and modernization program is now underway at Albemarle Peanut Company. The announcement was made today by Continental Baking Company, parent company.

A mill addition, new bulk warehouse, and new modern mill equipment will boost capacity over one-fourth and will make Continental's Edenton operation

Town Approves Building Law

Legislation designed to protect historic buildings and districts in Edenton has been introduced in the General Assembly by Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan.

The measure, which authorizes the Town of Edenton to designate such districts within the scope of the existing zoning acts, has won approval by the Town Council.

Rep. Earnhardt said the act authorizes Edenton to: 1. Safeguard the heritage of the municipality by preserving any districts therein which reflect elements of its cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history;

2. Stabilize and improve property values in such a district;

3. Foster civic beauty;

4. Strengthen the local economy;

5. And to promote the use and preservation of such districts for the education, welfare and pleasure of residents of the municipality and of the state as a whole.

The act was introduced in the Senate by representatives from Forsyth County and Rep. Earnhardt amended it to include Chowan County.

The legislator said the measure does not hamper property owners but simply allows municipalities time to take some action before historic structures are razed.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., said the Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Historic Association have gone on record approving the act.

Anniversary Supper Slated

The Center Hill-Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department will have its anniversary chicken barbecue supper Saturday, May 15 from 5 to 8:30 P. M. at the fire station.

Tickets are 75 cents for children and \$1.25 for adults. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the fire department. Plates can be picked up at the station or you may stay at the station and eat.

All proceeds from the supper will go to purchase equipment for the department. Chief W. M. Hare also extends an invitation to visit the station and look over the equipment that the department has.

Taylor's Exhibit Wins Blue Ribbon

John A. Taylor of Edenton received a blue ribbon for his exhibit of English Trade Tokens of the 18th Century at the Metropolitan Numismatic Convention of New York.

Taylor has just returned from the convention and states that the exhibit is now on display in a New York bank. Bookings for the exhibit indicate that it will remain in New York permanently.

Bufflap Named High School Athletes Mayor Pro Tem

J. Edwin Bufflap, senior member of Edenton's Town Council, Tuesday, was re-elected mayor pro tem for the next two years.

Bufflap was re-elected by his fellow councilmen during reorganization of the board following the May 4 Municipal election.

The veteran newspaperman who has served on the council for more than two decades, asked to be relieved of his duties as Street Commissioner. That post was given to Third Ward Councilman David White, who was elected recently.

Fourth Ward Councilman Luther C. Parks, who was elected May 4 to a four-year term, was named chairman of the Finance Committee and First Ward Councilman J. D. Elliott was named to the committee.

H. G. Quinn, newly elected councilman-at-large, assumed the commission of Parks and Playgrounds.

Earlier, Judge W. S. Priovott presided at the swearing in of the newly elected officers.

First to take the oath was Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., who was followed by James M. Bond, treasurer. Both were elected for two years.

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Mayor Plans Office Hours

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has announced plans to have regular office hours at the Municipal Building.

The mayor will be available from 12 noon until 1:30 P. M., Monday through Friday, for those who desire to discuss any matter pertaining to the town.

Those who wish to talk with Mayor Mitchener about a problem are asked to contact Town Administrator W. B. Gardner for an appointment.

Land Offered Country Club For Bigger Course

United Properties, developers of Cape Colony, has offered to give Chowan Golf & Country Club approximately 35 acres of land suitable for another nine holes at the golf course.

A letter of intent was received by the Country Club membership on May 4 from C. D. Bowles, president of United Properties. The proposed land would adjoin the country club property and would be sufficient for the creation of a 3,200-yard back nine to the existing course. The proposal was received

and Tom Hopkins, country club president, appointed a committee to study it. It is anticipated that the offer will be accepted.

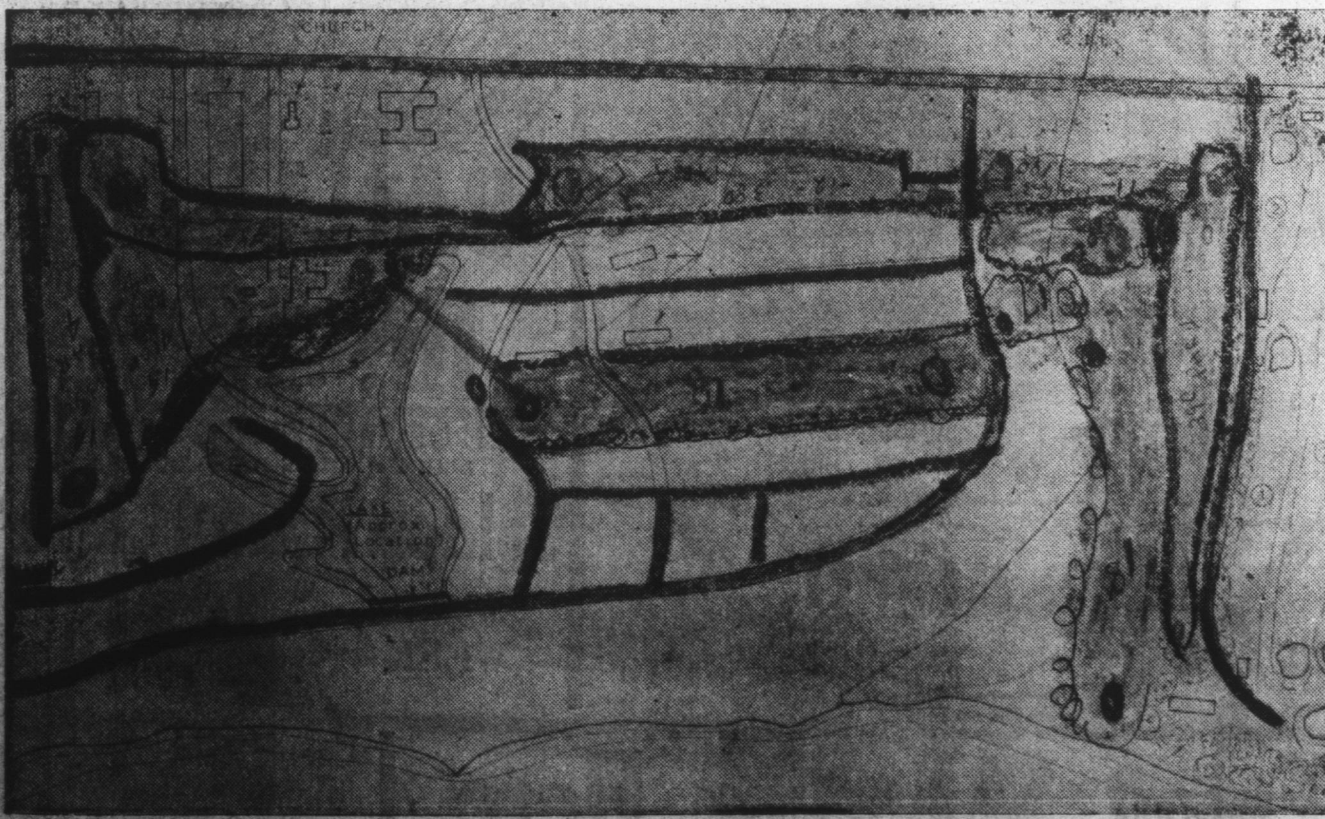
In addition to giving the country club adequate land for completion of a regulation 18-hole golf course, the proposal would diversify and enhance the development of Cape Colony. The property is a portion of the old Marine base.

Negotiations have ensued for a long time and final steps are underway to clear

the acceptance of the land by the country club. Acceptance of the land would insure the club adequate land for expansion of the golf course when it is desired.

"It is of great interest to the entire community to see the development of desirable properties at the old Marine base in as much as many unsightly buildings will be removed to make room for beautiful homesites," one official said.

"It is felt that if this offer is accepted, a great step



PROPOSED GOLF LAYOUT—Pictured above is a rough sketch of a portion of Chowan Golf & Country Club and the 35-acre tract which has been offered the club by United Properties, Inc., developers of Cape Colony. The developers have offered to give the club the extra land which is suitable for an additional nine holes to the existing golf course. A committee has been named to study the proposal.