



Hamilton Beach Selects Beaufort For New Plant

Hamilton Beach will locate a \$5 million plant in Washington instead of Edenton because they feel the Beaufort County area has more labor available.

A. O. Wolf, vice president and general manager of the small appliance manufacturing company, made the firm's choice known Thursday in a letter to Robert W. Moore of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Wolf wrote Moore he was sorry to inform him the firm had decided to locate the plant in Washington.

"When I say I am sorry I mean it is because we were very much impressed by your community and your people," Wolf wrote the chamber executive. "Actually, the only reason we have chosen Washington is that after our labor survey we felt that there were more people available to us in the Washington area for our present needs."

Wolf went on to say Hamilton Beach officials were "so much impressed by your community and its attributes that we are going to recommend it for consideration by other divisions of our company, who will be looking

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Area Studies Will Be Made

Five extensive studies of this area as well as base mapping will be completed within two years as Edenton officials move to insure orderly growth.

The surveys include: Land use; population and economic development; land development plan; revision to zoning ordinance and extra-territorial zoning; and annexation.

All of the studies will be done by the Community Planning Division of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development in cooperation with the federal government.

An agreement for these studies was reached last week at a called meeting of the council at which time a resolution was passed agreeing to pay 40 per cent of the cost of such surveys. The federal funds will pay the other 60 per cent.

The resolution states that the council "recognized the need to insure its (Edenton's) proper and orderly growth and to prevent further development of undesirable conditions." It is further stated that community planning is recognized to be of primary importance for the growth and development of the town.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said financial resources of the town are not adequate to finance the necessary and desirable program of community planning. However, with the assistance of C&D personnel and funds from the federal government, this planning can be done at this time.

The council has obligated

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School Boards Will Further Discuss Merger

The Edenton City Board of Education tonight (Thursday) will be host to a joint meeting with the Chowan County board to further discuss merger of the two administrative units.

A motion for such a meeting was made last week at the regular city board meeting and the joint conference invitation has been accepted by the county board.

This is expected to be the second in a series of joint meetings by the two boards as they plan for the future.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, city board chairman, will preside at the meeting to begin at 7:30 P. M., in the office of Supt. Hiram J. Mayo at John A. Holmes High School.

Earlier the county board initiated such a meeting at which the merger of the administrative units was one

The Public Parade

HALLOWEEN — At least two community events are planned hereabouts for Halloween. They should suffice for all those interested in funmaking and masquerading.

October 31—the traditional date of Halloween—falls on Sunday this year. That posed a problem for Edenton Woman's Club, sponsors of a gigantic party for the occasion.

Club officials chose to have their parade and party on Monday, the day following Halloween.

Up at Rocky Hock they have a big community Halloween party and it will be held tonight (Thursday). It begins at 6 P. M., at the community center and a lot of fun is expected.

Those in Edenton interested in trick-or-treating will be met with more treats if they confine their activity to Monday. This Sunday is one which should be kept Holy.

GONE FISHING — Edenton officials who sought another modern industry for this area don't have to hide in shame over an announcement the plant will locate in Washington.

This story is one of a big "fish" which more than doubled in size in two months and merely got away. Any angler will tell you the big ones aren't easy to net.

Sure, we would have delighted in seeing Hamilton Beach come to Chowan. In addition to adding to our already excellent industrial climate, this progressive firm would have built a \$5 million plant and added \$2.5 million annually to our economy via payroll. It would also have provided jobs for some 800 people.

See, we are talking about really big "fish" and big league industry hunting. Edenton, while losing this plant, has proven by being in the running right down to the wire that it is highly respected as a community.

Some two months or more ago when first contact was made with an anonymous firm, they talked of a plant employing 250 with a steady increase upwards. They, at that time, were talking about building two small plants.

Company officials liked Edenton, they liked our people. They were so impressed they stayed around two days when they actually had come for only three hours. And two weeks later they returned for another visit. There was no bones made about the fact that Edenton was their choice for a plant.

However, along the way the plan changed from two plants to one. To meet their needs this plant would have to employ 600 people, our officials were told.

Labor, immediately available labor for training, in big numbers was needed. Therefore, a hastily called survey was made in Edenton and Washington. The Edenton survey was called on a Friday. It was organized over the weekend and first notice was sent out Monday. Just three days later some 1,350 people showed up to participate in the survey.

While the local survey was impressive, it was not deemed sufficient to adequately staff an industry employing 800. And this was the added pound which made this big

"fish" too heavy for Edenton's test line.

In defeat, Edenton gained a victory. A lasting impression was made on the officials of this company and they will be thinking of Edenton in future years. What will come in the future, no one knows, but it will come.

The Chamber of Commerce industrial development committee has as its goal: "Service to and the preservation and expansion of present industry and the solicitation of additional and diversified industry." This is a big order and one which places existing industry above the solicitation of new plants.

The labor survey, though only scratching the surface of available labor in a 30-mile radius of Edenton, shows there is enough workers for those plants already located here and some new ones.

So, while this "fish" got too big for us to handle let us put Hamilton Beach and other industries looking for the best communities in which to locate on immediate notice: Our anglers will hook you if you don't watch out.

JUST OPPOSED? Well, we see by one of our favorite morning newspapers where the Ku Klux Klan is getting some help from at least two distinguished North Carolinians in opposing the \$300 million road bond issue.

Over the weekend, State Senator Ralph Scott of Alamance waived a bond issue promotional piece and cried: "Where are the new roads?" That question has pretty well been answered by career highway officials who know more about road construction than the good senator knows about politics.

Now comes another ex-state leader, also with hurt feelings and whose hide still stings from the whipping he received in two recent primaries. We speak of Capus Wayne of High Point.

Friend Capus is not in Gov. Dan Moore's inner circle, having gone down with the liberals. Suddenly he becomes so conservative as to pass the word that interest on this issue is too big a price to pay for immediate road construction.

State Treasurer Edwin Gill, who knows something about finances, informs Mr. Wayne that while the interest will be sizeable, it will not come from the bond money, as he would imply. All \$300 million will be spent on roads—new and better ones—and the interest money will come from other sources.

Brother Ralph, who seems determined that nephew Bob doesn't become governor, is now saying he is opposed to the issue but, as in the senate, will cast his vote in favor of it on Tuesday. Mr. Wayne, according to all reports, never got around to saying how he will vote.

If there was a single doubt in our mind about the merits of the issue they would be erased by such opposition as is being voiced by the KKK, RS and CW.

Chowan County no longer has a native son on the State Highway Commission. Therefore, it is in the best interest of this county that a good majority be cast in favor of this issue.



GETTING IN SOME POINTS — If you think it is too early to start being good to Santa Claus you are on a different frequency than Miss Jean Clark. She has been named chairman of the annual BPW-sponsored Christmas Parade in Edenton and has already started talking to Santa. Her wishes will include good weather, a good crowd and a successful parade.

Pretty Secretary U. S. 17 North Given Priority By Committee

The Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club has tapped one of its youngest and prettiest members to spearhead the club sponsored 1965 Christmas parade.

Miss Jean Clark has assumed her duties as parade chairman and her committee is already well underway with plans for the function scheduled for Friday, December 3.

The chairman, secretary to Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., said various committees are working out details for the parade which is to include floats, bands, clowns, commercial units, school units, fire trucks and yes, of course, Santa Claus.

This parade is an annual project of the local BPW Club and launches the Christmas shopping season in Edenton.

Miss Clark encourages organizations to participate in the parade by entering floats. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the chairman by telephoning 482-2240.

Funds Received By Rescue Squad

Edenton - Chowan Rescue Squad's campaign for funds the past week has brought in \$320, according to Capt. J. P. Ricks, Jr.

Ricks said the contributions were from 11 individuals or firms.

"A lot of interest has been expressed in this organization and we anticipate further financial support," he said.

Don G. Matthews of Hamilton, state highway commissioner, Monday was asked to help the northeast and the Albemarle area was asked to help itself.

At a meeting at Edenton Restaurant, the Albemarle Area Highway Committee

'Leave Chowan' Negro Is Told

A man charged with false pretense entered a guilty plea in Chowan County Recorder's Court to forcible trespass, a plea accepted by the court.

Melvin Earl Barrington, 38-year-old Negro, Route 2, Tyner, was sentenced to two years in prison but this sentence was suspended upon payment of \$104.47 to William H. Floyd and \$53 to Joe Spruill as well as the court costs. He was ordered to leave this county for a period of three years.

In a case where he was charged with larceny, Judge William S. Privott sentenced the defendant to an additional two years, but suspended this term upon conditions he pay \$50 fine and costs.

Pauline Hill Revell was found not guilty of reckless driving but was convicted of speeding 80 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone and failing to heed a police siren. She was sentenced to 90 days on the first count, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and 30 days in the second case, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Solicitor Thomas Cheers, Jr., took a nol pro in a case where Ray Boyce was charged with non support.

The following waivers were entered:

John R. Halsey, second offense of driving drunk and driving while his license was suspended; Nathaniel Outland, reckless driving; Lloyd Alvin Twine, reckless driving and failing to dim lights; William Earl Brooks, speeding; James R. Williams and Jimmie R. Dillard, no operator's license.

A number of defendants were brought into court who were not current with past court orders in non-support cases.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chowan County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 A. M., Monday, November 1. Chairman W. E. Bond will preside. This will be the regular monthly meeting for the Board.

Big Vote Asked For Road Bonds By Local Leader

Voters in Chowan County are asked to cast their ballots in favor of the \$300 million road bond issue Tuesday, thereby giving the proposal a big majority.

J. Clarence Leary said this is an important election for all of North Carolina, and especially for Chowan County. Leary said the First Division has a new highway commissioner and the area must demonstrate its support for a sound highway program.

72 New Voters Put On Books

Seventy-two local citizens registered to vote during the period books were open this month, according to West Byrum, chairman of Chowan County Board of Elections.

Byrum said of those registering 46 were white and 26 were Negro. No new voters registered in Yeopim Precinct.

Total registration in Chowan County now stands at 4,154. Byrum said there are 3,965 registered Democrats, 167 Republicans, seven Independents and 17 with no party affiliation.

New registrations in the six county precincts included:

East Edenton: 32; 31 white and one Negro.

West Edenton: 31; 7 white and 24 Negro.

Yeopim: None  
Center Hill: Two whites, Wardville: Three whites, Rocky Hock: Four; three white and one Negro.

The chairman said his board received no complaints from persons desiring to register. "There were absolutely no problems," Byrum added.

Prior to the opening of the registration books on October 2 a local Negro leader requested federal registrars be sent into Chowan County to insure compliance with the new voter registration act. This request was denied by the attorney general.

Aces Win, Win, WIN

Two teams—Ahoskie and Plymouth—stand between the Edenton Aces and an undefeated grid season. The Aces defeated Perquimans last week, 26-7, to rack up their 20th straight victory.

Ahoskie moves into Hicks Field at 8 P. M. Friday with an "upset" minded team with sights set on dumping the high-flying 2-A Conference champs from Edenton.

Coach Jerry McGee and his assistant, Marion Kirby, have drilled the local team extra hard this week in preparation for the Ahoskie game following what some considered a below average game last week.

Quarterback Wes Chesson, who threw three TD passes against Perquimans, is still nursing a painful injury to his foot and at mid-week was a doubtful starter.

The visiting Indians, down 19-0 in the fourth period, managed to rally for a score—the first posted against the Aces this entire season. The Aces scored in each quarter and have scored in all but four periods in eight games.

Edenton drew first blood after kicking to Perquimans and holding the Indians, forcing a punt that went out of bounds on Edenton's 41. Ten plays later—including a 20-yard Chesson to Charles Swanner pass, a 16-yard toss to Dwight Flanagan and a 16-yard run by Ikey Davis—Flanagan pushed two yards for the score. Bill Mitchener converted and Edenton led 7-0 in the first stanza.

The Aces posted another score early in the second period.

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Going To Owners

Chowan County property owners are being advised this week of the new assessed tax valuation for 1966.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, tax supervisor, said some 6,000 notices are being mailed this week from the tax office to property owners. He said these notices list the lots or acres, description and tax valuation, based on 50 per cent of the appraised current market value.

Property owners may discuss this valuation with the appraiser between November 1 and November 12. Representatives of Southern Appraisals in Greensboro will be here for these sessions.

Those not satisfied following these meetings can appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review prior to March 1, 1966.

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Bank's Resources Climbing Steadily

Deposits in Peoples Bank & Trust Company here have increased \$1,217,000 in the past year while loans have increased \$504,800.

R. Graham White, executive vice president and trust officer, noted these gains as he compared quarterly statements of the bank which serves Northeastern North Carolina.

The Rocky Mount based bank has 11 branches—Edenton is the ranking branch in the system.

The bank gained more than \$10 million in resources from June 30 and October 11, 1965.

The latest statement shows resources of \$72,491,606.54 of which \$64,832,605.88 represents deposits.

White said 11 per cent of the bank's total deposits are in the local branch while 12 per cent of the loans are here.

Pointing out the rapid growth of this financial institution, White said the bank's resources increased \$20 million between June 30, 1962 and June 30, 1964. In little more than three months—as reflected in the current statement of condition—the bank's resources have increased \$10 million.

J. Gilliam Wood, Jr., is chairman of the local board with J. W. Davis, vice president, George W. Lewis, assistant vice president, and George C. Hoskins, cashier. W. H. Easterling is assistant vice president of the Consumer Credit Branch and E. L. Wells, Jr., is assistant cashier. W. W. Shaw heads the bank which has branches, in addition to Edenton, in Nashville, Whitakers, Zebulon, Middlesex, Battleboro, Pine-tops, Enfield, Sharpsburg, Hertford and Henderson.