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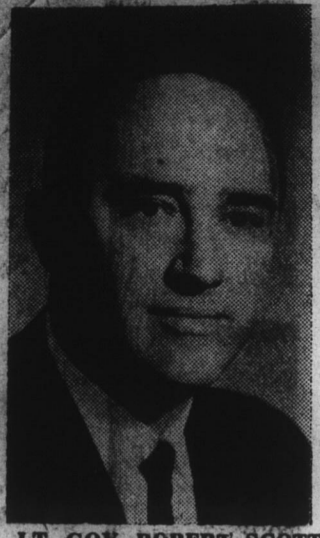


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## The Public Hearing



**Lt. Gov. Scott Banquet Speaker**

Lt. Gov. Robert W. Scott of Haw River will be the principal speaker here January 27 when Edenton Jaycees present the annual Distinguished Service Award.

Bill Boyce, DSA committee chairman, said the Bosses' and Ladies' Night function will be held at Masonic Temple. It will begin at 7 P. M.

Boyce said application blanks for the DSA nominees are currently available from him at the Consumer Credit Branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company; Bill Bunch, at the bank's main office, or Tony Miley at Hollowell's Drug Store.

Nominees for the DSA must be between the ages of 21 and 35. Nominations for this award must be submitted by noon January 24. James C. Dail won the coveted award in 1965.

The DSA banquet will be Lt. Gov. Scott's first official visit to Edenton since he was elected to office in 1964.

The Alamance County farmer is a son of the late Gov. Kerr Scott and today operates the family farm. As lieutenant governor, Scott serves as president of the State Senate.

He has been active in the Presbyterian Church, Democratic Party and N. C. State Grange as well as many other organizations. Lt. Gov. Scott was Master of the Granges in this state from 1961 to 1963. He and Mrs. Scott were chosen National Grange "Young Couple of the Year" in 1959.

### Public Hearing

The Town Council will hold a public hearing January 24 to discuss off street parking needs and consider rezoning the Thomas Jackson property on West Eden Street for such a purpose.

Other areas for parking are being discussed.

### Business, Industry, Farming

## Moore Predicts Continued Progress

While 1965 was an excellent year for business, industry and agriculture in Edenton and Chowan County, the forecast for 1966 is for even greater things.

Robert W. Moore, executive vice president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, this week reviewed last year and gazed into the crystal ball for a moment. He gets so excited when he talks of the future for this area that he can hardly contain himself. "Look", he says, "our greatest asset is our people and when you have people who are sincerely interested in their community and take pride in every aspect of it and every forward step that is taken, you can't go anywhere but up."

Moore says further that Edenton and Chowan County has what every industrial prospect wants. There is an abundance of recreation facilities, good government, a good business climate and responsible people to accept employment.

Too, there is a growing interest in history and more and more emphasis is being placed on historical sites. Here again, Moore points out, Edenton has an edge.

Once the Iredell House and Cupola House restoration is completed and these two, along with the Barker House are open at specific times, he predicts tourists will come in ever increasing numbers. "Tourism is an industry in itself, and by the way one of North Carolina's biggest."

**IN CONTRAST** — Heading a list of "musts" for 1966 was merger of the administrative units of our schools and regaining possession of the valuable base property.

The school matter has been satisfactorily resolved. The courts must settle the base property question.

These two items paint a picture of contrasts. While there were some differences of opinion three or four months ago on the school question, all of the problems were aired at the conference table and a solution was realized.

Had the negotiations been conducted by people without a common interest then there might not be the harmony which exists today. But, fortunately, the 11 members of the two school boards agreed from the start that their primary concern was the education of the school children of this county.

Therefore, they faced their problems with courage and strong conviction, never losing sight of the primary goal. The two school boards have agreed on conditions for the merger and the voters will have their say next year.

The situation in which the Town of Edenton finds itself with regards to the lease held on the base property by U. S. Lumber Company is quite in contrast with the school matter.

Naturally, our town fathers are interested in developing that property to the best interests of the entire area. An example of their cooperation is the formation of an airport commission with representation on the board appointed by them as well as the county commissioners.

They entered into a lease with the lumber company in good faith. They gave the firm the benefit of every doubt, even to having an inverted rent payment scale. They wanted this firm to succeed because it would mean employment for our people.

This did not work. The firm not only failed to live up to terms of the lease, but ran more than one small industry away with unreasonable sub-lease agreements.

A considerable amount of money has been spent on the site by the town, through erection and installation of costly power facilities. This is now idle.

The plant which should, according to the lease, be employing more than 100 people has been shut down for more than a year.

U. S. Lumber Company has not shown good faith in this matter, and now wants to hold on for another two years. The town officials are

fed up with the situation, as well they should.

Tuesday they sent back a "see you in court" reply to the firm's latest offer. That is strong language but about all you can say to a firm that has brought nothing but grief to our town and county.

Several industrial prospects are waiting to move into the base property if the town can get it back in a reasonable time. The dispute is holding up the Hall of Fame project, as well.

The town councilmen have taken a strong stand on this matter now and deserve the full support of the citizens.

The school matter was resolved by parties with a common goal—the betterment of the community. This element is lacking in the lease dispute.

### GROWING IN VALUE—

Too much cannot be said about the value of East Carolina College to Northeastern North Carolina. This institution is one thing which can aid this area in feeling more like Tar Heels instead of Cavaliers.

Dr. Leo Jenkins, the far-sighted president of ECC, is pushing hard for his college to gain university status. He, with the assistance of State Sen. Walter Jones, was able to get plans in the mill for a two-year medical school. The request for university status has more merit and will probably be realized first.

To have ECC so close is an asset to our area. There are now nearly 50 students from Chowan County enrolled in the school and others are benefitting from extra-curricular programs which are constantly expanding.

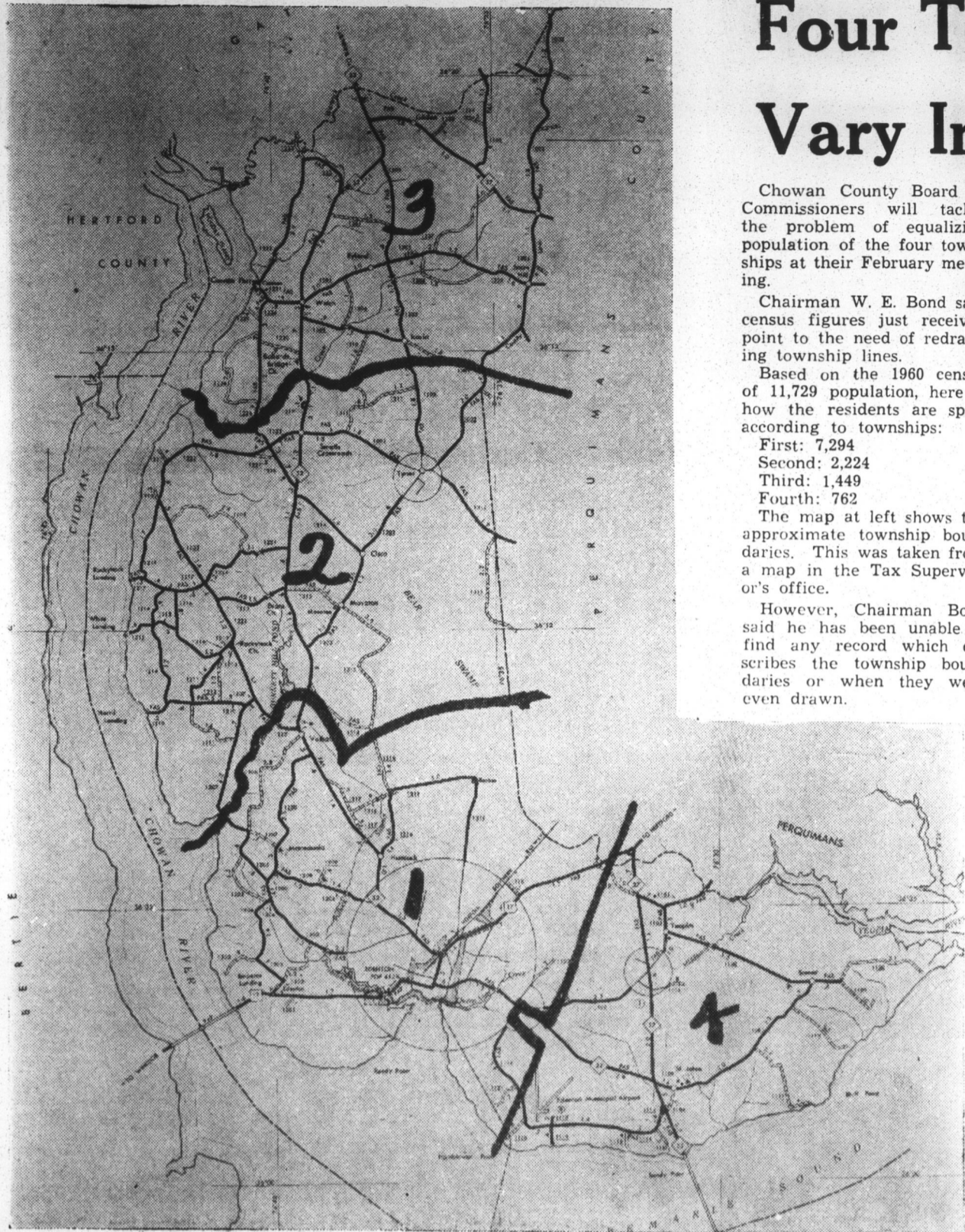
The one which comes to mind now is the ECC Summer Theater that is bringing this type culture right to our front door.

A drive is currently on to sell season tickets. They are \$15 for the season, but the price goes to \$18 on January 15. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., is representing the theater here and has some tickets available. The theater has thus far banked about \$25,000 from 1966 season ticket sales.

Scheduled next summer are the musicals "Kismet", "Stop the World I Want to Get Off", a non-musical comedy, "Sound of Music", "Finian's Rainbow", and another non-musical play. If they are made available for off-Broadway production in time, the plays may include "Any Wednesday", "Never Too Late", or "Mary, Mary".

East Carolina College will continue to grow and expand programs offered to the

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## Four Townships Vary Immensely

Chowan County Board of Commissioners will tackle the problem of equalizing population of the four townships at their February meeting.

Chairman W. E. Bond said census figures just received point to the need of redrawing township lines.

Based on the 1960 census of 11,729 population, here is how the residents are split, according to townships:

- First: 7,294
- Second: 2,224
- Third: 1,449
- Fourth: 762

The map at left shows the approximate township boundaries. This was taken from a map in the Tax Supervisor's office.

However, Chairman Bond said he has been unable to find any record which describes the township boundaries or when they were even drawn.

"I have gone back through the minutes of the commissioners to the Civil War and I can't find anything about township boundary lines," the chairman stated.

Although it will be difficult to redraw the township lines to equalize the population, Chairman Bond says he favors this so each township will have representation on the county board. If this is not accomplished, then to comply with existing opinions in the "one-man one-vote" cases, all commissioners would have to run at-large.

Chowan County is one of 48 in the state asking the legislature for enabling legislation to reapportion. However, Chairman Bond said he thinks the commissioners here have the authority to move township boundary lines under existing law.

It is evident from the census figures received by the commissioners that all the reapportionment problems are not centered in Raleigh. At press time the General Assembly was pushing toward a favorable vote on a bill that would put Chowan County in a six-county House district with two representatives. Other counties in the district would be Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., has spoken out against the special session to reapportion the state House, Senate and Congressional districts. He said the state should delay until the Dirksen amendment could be acted on in Congress.

Nonetheless, all signs pointed to a completion of the state task this week and the county commissioners are ready to complete redrawing of the township lines to make them more equal in population.

### Pruden Seeking Morehead Grant

James Norfleet Pruden III, of Edenton, is a nominee from Chowan County for a coveted Morehead Scholarship.

Pruden, a student at John A. Holmes High School, is among 19 high school male seniors from 15 counties in this area who are being interviewed in Williamston today (Thursday) by the District I Morehead Awards Committee. The interviews are being held at Roanoke Country Club.

Keith Rollins, a graduate of Chowan High School, last year won a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

The 19 nominees from this area are from Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt and Washington counties.

These boys will be interviewed in statewide competition with 176 nominees from the other nine Morehead Awards District.

Four counties in District I made no nominations this year. They are Camden, Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell.

Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount is chairman of the District I Committee. Members are Lorimer Midgett of Elizabeth City, Louis Stuart Ficklen of Greenville, Francis P. Jenkins of Tarboro and Albert House, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids.

Morehead Awards provide 4-year, all-expense-paid undergraduate educations at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. They were established in 1951 by John Mitley Morehead, UNC graduate and native North Carolinian, who resided in Rye, N. Y., until his death last January.

Each of the 10 Morehead District Committees will nominate six candidates to be interviewed in Chapel Hill February 25-March 1 by the Central Morehead Selection Committee, along with 52 nominees from 26 private preparatory schools on the Morehead Foundation's selected list.

### Auxiliary Ball Set February 11 At Country Club

The second annual Auxiliary Ball will be held February 11 at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Plans for the ball, to benefit Chowan Hospital, were made this week by the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary.

Co-chairmen for the ball are Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud and Mrs. Edward G. Bond.

The formal dance will begin at 9 P. M. and music will be furnished by Woody Pittman and his orchestra of Ahoskie.

Only 150 tickets are available for this dance and tickets go on sale this week. Mrs. Thomas Cross and Mrs. Richard Hardin are in charge of ticket sales.

The first Auxiliary ball was a tremendous success

### Town To Push Action On Lease With Lester

Town Attorney W. S. Privott Tuesday night was instructed not to negotiate further with U. S. Lumber Co., Inc., concerning about 200 acres of property the firm has under lease from the town.

The attorney was advised to push for a Superior Court hearing on the temporary restraining order the lumber company secured last month to keep the town from breaking the lease.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, told councilmen he had talked with Lawson Lester, president of the firm, and his attorney at length. The latest proposal to the town would tie up most of the property until November 1967.

Councilmen were unani-

mous in their disapproval to this plan.

The town moved on December 1 to reclaim the property on grounds that Lester had not complied with various terms of the lease—mainly in the area of employment. While the firm was to have more than 100 persons employed by this time in the 10-year lease, there has been no activity at the plant since December 15, 1964.

Robert W. Moore, chamber of commerce executive, said he has several industrial prospects interested in the base property but nothing can be done until the matter with Lester is settled. The town also has at least two firms ready at this time to

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### Supt. Mayo Adds County Position

Hiram J. Mayo Monday took on the dual responsibilities of superintendent of Edenton City Schools as well as Chowan County Schools.

The State Board of Education, meeting in Raleigh Thursday, approved the request of the Chowan County Board of Education to employ Supt. Mayo, who will continue as head of the city system.

Supt. Mayo's contract with the county will be until June, 1967, the same period of time of former Supt. C. C. Walters.

Supt. Walters on Monday became head of Perquimans County Schools.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Chas. F. Carroll, has informed local school officials that a survey team will be assigned to Chowan County in the spring. He said the state board has approved a survey of local schools but the requests for such surveys were so great it would be some time before a team could come to Chowan.

The two school boards have requested such a survey and recommendations for the independent team concerning future school construction.

The employment of Supt. Mayo in the dual capacity and the survey are steps toward the merger of the two administrative units.

Supt. Mayo said he looked forward to working with the county system and would spend some time each day in the county schools office in Hotel Joseph Hewes. He said the schools would maintain two offices until the merger is approved by the voters.

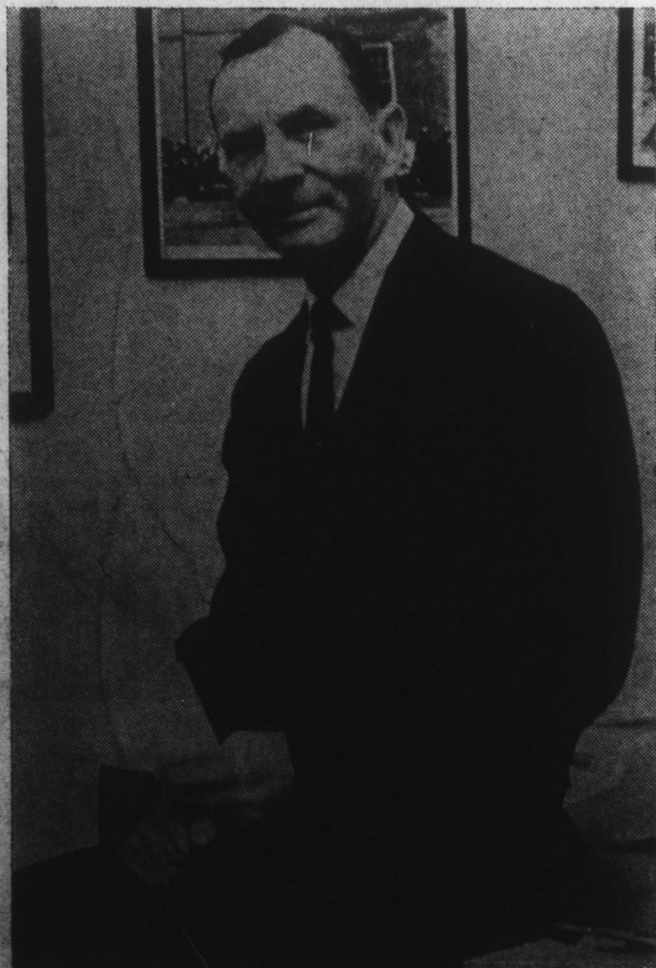
### Rally Planned

A First Congressional District rally to boost the candidacy of Walter B. Jones, will be held in Williamston on January 26.

J. Melville Broughton, Jr., chairman, State Democratic Executive Committee, said a keynote speaker for the rally will be announced soon.

Broughton said enthusiasm for Jones, Democratic nominee for Congress, in the special primary election in

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ROBERT W. MOORE



PLAN MOTHER'S MARCH — Mrs. Wayne Rawls, right, chairman of the Jayettes Mother's March of Dimes, here displays a campaign folder with Mrs. Bob Bunch, president of Edenton Jayettes. The mother's march will take place here January 21 as Edenton Jaycees push toward the goal for 1966.