



WOMAN OF THE YEAR — Happily accepting a spray of red roses is Mrs. Lena Leary, Edenton's 1965 Woman of the Year. Making the presentation is Mrs. Mack Rogerson, president of Edenton BPW Club, sponsors of the annual project to cite an outstanding woman of Edenton. The banquet was held Thursday night at the Masonic Temple.

Coveted Honor To Mrs. Leary

The Public Parade

HOMETOWNISH — Little more than a week ago we read in our favorite afternoon newspaper where Rep. Walter B. Jones had appointed an Edenton boy to the U. S. Naval Academy. Now we read this week in our favorite morning daily where our new representative announced the approval of a \$9,234 federal grant for Edenton to finance a planning program.

All of this could probably have been avoided if Chowan County had an active planning commission. The county officials are now looking into an ordinance to regulate future development and the sooner this becomes reality the better.

We are hometownish enough to think the media to use in making announcements about hometown happenings is in the hometown press.

In a time of rapid change in laws, regulations and the demand for services by taxpayers, this business of running a county is complicated. Therefore, many counties—both large and small—are turning to professional men to assist in keeping pace with the times.

SEEKING SOLUTION—The situation which has developed at Arrowhead Beach is most unfortunate. County Commissioners, health department officials and the developers of this area are working to find a solution.

Chowan County is in dire need of a county manager. Had such a person been at the helm a few years ago, it is entirely possible Arrowhead would not have been a repeat of Chowan Beach.

Finding fault and placing blame at this point will do nothing to solve the problem which exists out at Arrowhead.

All of these people are doing a commendable job. The law enforcement of Chowan County or any other county should be completely divorced from the collection of taxes.

However, it is a fact that county commissioners have known for some time that a neighboring development—Chowan Beach—was substandard. When this was discovered, why was not sufficient action taken to keep it from being repeated elsewhere in Chowan County?

There is probably no more dedicated or capable tax supervisor in North Carolina than Spec Jones. Notwithstanding his ability in this department, being administrator of Chowan Hospital is a full-time job.

The same developers were involved in both areas. They were aware of troubles at Chowan Beach, so why did they move on up the river and "in good faith" sell some 900 property owners in a new development?

The clerk of court will soon go on a salary and the register of deeds should follow suit.

The district health department knew as much about the soil at Arrowhead prior to the public offering of lots as they do now—some two years later. Was someone in this department not asleep at the switch?

It would be in the best interests of all the people of Chowan County if a county manager was hired, the sheriff being a full-time job.

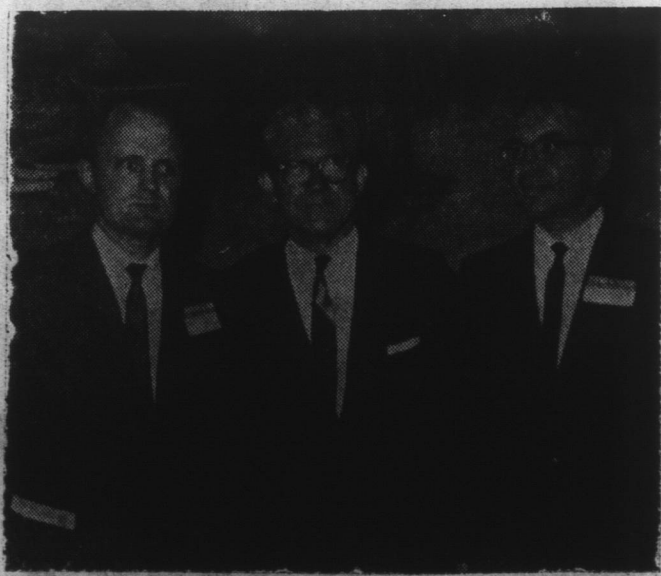
Role Of American Education Lauded

Dr. John Otts, of Chapel Hill declared here Tuesday night instability of family life will tear down America faster than any outside force. In a talk at the District I meeting of N. C. State School Boards Association, the University of North Carolina educator said this instability can be avoided through proper education.

cate a high school drop-out throws away \$35,000 in lifetime earnings. For the businessman, Dr. Otts said education gives

him a better staff, more competent workers and additional business. As for the American citizen.

The speaker asked the question: "Is Education Good Business?" and went on to develop this from the standpoint of the student, the businessman and the American citizen.



An average person with an eighth grade education will have lifetime earnings of \$184,000, he said. This is increased to \$247,000 for a high school graduate; \$385,000 for a college graduate; and \$455,000 for a person with one year of graduate study.

TALKS TO EDUCATORS — Dr. John Otts of Chapel Hill is flanked by Dr. Edward G. Bond, left, and Supt. Hiram J. Mayo of Edenton and Chowan County schools, following Tuesday night's district schoolmasters' meeting at John A. Holmes High School. Dr. Otts was principal speaker and Dr. Bond is retiring district president.

Schools Seeking New Personnel Starting March 1

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo of Edenton and Chowan County schools, this week began accepting applications for teachers and teacher's aides being added to the faculty of the systems through a federal project to improve language arts.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd has been employed as project director and 37 additional employes in various areas of instruction will be needed.

The project will start March 1. A budget of \$230,641.24 has been approved for a six-month period. However, Supt. Mayo said this is designed as a three-year project and it is expected to continue through August, 1968.

All of the funds to support this project are appropriated by the federal government. The project is designed to improve the language arts of economically and educationally disadvantaged students in grades one through 12 in the two school systems.

Supt. Mayo said Mrs. Byrd will be director of the entire project and since the projects are being worked jointly some other employes will work in each unit. He said this will be a considerable savings.

In addition to the project director, administrative personnel will include reading, music, art and guidance and

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MRS. ELIZABETH L. BYRD

Habit, Leary To Be Honored

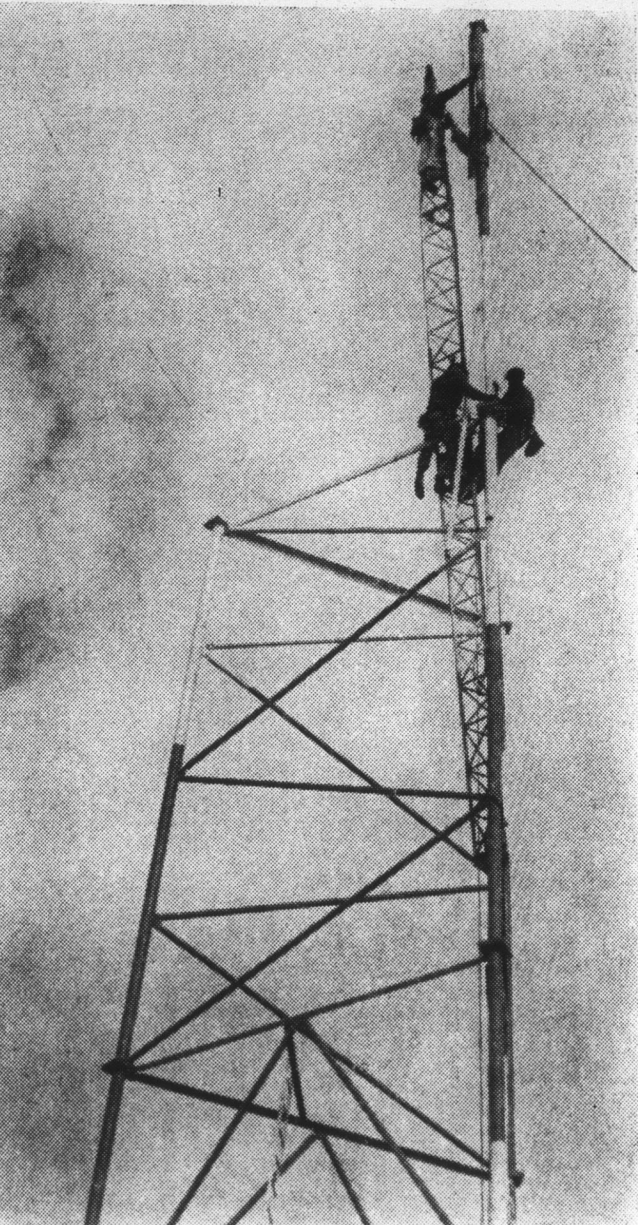
The Edenton Jaycees announced today that Frank Habit and Jack Leary have been selected for inclusion in the 1966 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. These men were nominated earlier this year by the Jaycee chapter and have been selected by a 13-man national board of editors for the publication.

Doug Blankenship, past U. S. Jaycee president (1962-63) who is serving as chairman of the board, stated that men were selected between the ages of 21 and 36 who "had distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Habit was recognized last year by the Edenton Jaycees as being the club's most outstanding first year member and was presented the Spoke of the Year award for his achievements. Leary, an active Jaycee, was Chowan County's Outstanding Young Farmer for 1964.

Outstanding Young Men of America is an annual biographical compilation of approximately 10,000 young men of outstanding rank throughout the country. Nominees for the book come from many sources. However, the majority of the nominations are made by Junior Chamber of Commerce chapters and college alumni associations.

"This book," states Henry Ford, II, "serves as more than a tribute to those it is meant to honor. It calls attention to the great capabilities of our young men and their capacity for getting things done." The book is 7 inches by 10 inches in size and will contain approximately 896 pages. Publication date is approximately July 1, 1966.



TOWER GOES UP — Workmen are shown nearing the top of the 150-foot microwave tower erected in Edenton by Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. This is part of the firm's multi-million dollar Albemarle Metro system, scheduled for completion later this year.

Metro Telephone System Advances

A micro-wave tower has been erected on Water Street here as part of the Albemarle Metro telephone system now under construction.

manner in which our schedule of construction is being met," Blades said.

L. S. Blades, Jr., president of Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, said construction of the ultra-modern system is about on schedule. "We are highly pleased with the

He added that within the next 90 days the company will spend \$1,250,000 on various phases of the system.

Science Fair At Holmes High

Some students enrolled in science courses at John A. Holmes High School have been working on science projects for months now; parents have fumed and fussed over untidy rooms; teachers have worried, worked, and wondered, and now the final results are to be shown on Thursday night, February 24 from 7 until 9 P. M.

The system, the first of its kind, is designed to provide toll-free service between the following exchanges: Moyock, Coinjock, Mammie, Elizabeth City, South Mills, Sunbury, Hertford and the three exchanges of Wekiville, Shiloh and Welch.

Science projects offer an outlet for those students interested in science and give the public some idea of what is being taught in the field of science. Every person is intimately involved with some field of science and therefore a science fair covering many areas must invariably offer something of interest to everyone.

Norfolk & Carolina had general plant improvements costing \$558,516 in 1965 and plans to spend \$2,152,908 to bring Albemarle Metro into being. The five-year period, including 1966, has seen the company spend \$6,855,456.40 on expansion and improvements in the area telephone system.

The science fair is divided into two main divisions—junior and senior. The junior division consists of projects from seventh through ninth grade students who may work in groups of two, but this is not compulsory.

On April 30, 1965, some subscribers voted on increased rates, necessary to provide them with toll-free service to more than 17,000 telephones in the area. Albemarle Metro will include the area from Chowan River east to the coast and the Albemarle Sound north to the Virginia line, including Merry Hill to the west.

Edenton Aces Capture 2-A Basketball Crown

The Edenton Aces won the 2-A Albemarle Conference championship with an 18-0 mark and Coach Jim Kinion this week headed the best local cage team in memory into tournament play.

Edenton closed out the regular season Friday night with an impressive 66-51 win over Pasquotank Central at Elizabeth City. Swanner scored 22 points and was followed by Thomas Willis, who had 17.

Edenton went against Williamston at 8:30 P. M. Wednesday in the first round of the annual post-season tournament at Bertie High School. The winner of Wednesday's game plays at 8:30 P. M. Friday in a semi-final match with the finals being scheduled for Saturday night.

The home fans saw the Aces swamp Bertie, 81-64, last Tuesday night in the final home tilt. Griffin and Chesson each had 19 points while Swanner and Willis each poured in 14.

Coach Kinion says the conference championship assured his Aces of a berth in the District I 2-A tournament, starting in Wilson March 2. Edenton plays the first game in this event at 8:30 P. M. on opening night with the winner going on to the semi-finals on March 4. The championship game will be played at 8 P. M. March 5.

Coach Kinion said earlier this week he was highly pleased with the regular season play of his team.

Wes Chesson, a junior standout, placed on the all-conference team with Charlie Swanner and Bill Griffin being named to the second team.

Two other juniors joined Chesson on the team selected last week. They are Paul Sharp of Ahoskie and Walter Brown of Northampton. Rounding out the team

were Gray Whitehead of Scotland Neck and David Anderson of Ahoskie. They are both seniors. Further division is made by dividing the projects into biological and physical levels. Each project will be judged by qualified personnel from surrounding schools.

Judges for the junior and senior biological division will be Mrs. Anne Austin and Marshal Redmond from Bertie High School in Windsor, and the junior and senior physical division will be judged by David Johnson from Chowan High School, and G. L. Underwood from Perquimans High School in Hertford.



EDENTON ACES — 1965-66 2-A ALBEMARLE CHAMPIONS

Graham, Taylor Hurt In Wreck

John W. Graham and John A. Taylor were seriously injured last week in an auto-truck mishap just west of Tarboro.

Both local men are patients in Edgecombe Memorial Hospital. Graham, prominent local attorney, was driving his car west on US 4 when it was in collision with a tractor-trailer rig, headed east. Reports are that the truck jackknifed into Graham's lane of the highway.

Graham suffered a head injury as well as two broken legs and a broken arm and crushed elbow. Taylor, a retired banker who has lived in Edenton for some time, was a passenger in the Graham car. He also suffered a broken leg, a broken arm and other injuries.