



**RE-ENACTS METHODIST HISTORY** — The Methodist Church in America this year is celebrating its 200th anniversary and helping in the observance are ministers from England. Visiting this area is Rev. Alan Smith, left, who is pictured with Rev. E. C. Shoaf prior to a special family night meeting Sunday at Edenton Methodist Church. Mr. Smith spoke in many Albemarle Area Methodist churches during the week.

## Inglis Fletcher To Be Honored

State Treasurer Edwin Gill and Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the State Department of Archives and History, will deliver the principal addresses here Sunday when the members of James Iredell Association meet on East Church Street. Gill will keynote the annual meeting and Dr. Crittenden will speak at the dedication of Bandon Plantation Schoolhouse to Mrs. Inglis Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher, noted novelist, donated the schoolhouse to the association several years ago when the main house at Bandon Plantation burned. The building was brought to Edenton on a barge and placed next to the James Iredell house. Mrs. Wood Privott, president of the association, will preside at the 2:30 P. M. meeting on the lawn of the **Continued on Page 4**



EDWIN GILL

## The Public Parade

**JUST FOR FRANK**—Over the past 15 years Frank Twiddy has raked up many miles as he walked his mail route on Edenton's west side. He has read about the mailsters being used in many towns, however, local postal authorities have not seen fit to put the carriers in the three-wheelers. By coincidence, Belk-Tyler's Saturday night gave Frank just what he needs for his mail route. It is a bright, new Honda. Alton Elmore, top kick at Belk's, came up with the idea of giving away a Honda and a couple of bicycles during the store's celebration of Founder's Days. Frank, who is kept busy walking the route, painting signs, taking pictures, or waiting for another cup of coffee at the Triangle, was among the 8,000 who registered for a prize. And he won. However, those who get upset with the paper boy riding across their lawn on a bicycle needn't worry. It is doubtful that Frank will get approval to ride his Honda while working for Uncle Sam.

**VOTER APATHY ALARMING** — U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., recently took to the Senate floor his fight to get North Carolina counties removed from the sanctions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Among the replies of 16 county boards of election chairmen inserted in the Congressional Record, was one from West W. Byrum of Chowan County. In his speech in the Senate, Sen. Ervin expressed his gratification at learning more "of the interest of the peo-

ple of North Carolina in their constitutional privilege to vote. He said he was extremely impressed by Byrum's comments in this respect.

Chairman Byrum wrote: "People in our county and all other counties have the privilege and the duty to vote, but if this privilege is not exercised because of indifference, then I think that we are being misjudged. I have always thought that this great country of ours is judged on fact and not presumptions. The ballot box is a symbol of democracy and its use or non-use rests solely with the individuals who have the right to exercise this privilege."

On the basis of Chairman Byrum's comments and those of other county election officials, Sen. Ervin has asked Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach to consent to a judgment in favor of Tar Heel counties with regards to the Voting Rights Act.

Sen. Ervin said recent correspondence with county election officials convinced him that the application of the Voting Rights Act to these counties is "arbitrary, artificial and contrary to the purpose of that Act." He said the law is intended to "enforce the 15th Amendment to the Constitution" by insuring an absence of discrimination in voting procedures.

"It (the act) is not intended to penalize counties by manipulating statistics which have heretofore proved to be unreliable in reaching any conclusion in this matter," Sen. Ervin observed. This action on Sen. Ervin's part is timely as well as **Continued on Page 4**

## School Request \$,000 Increase In New Budgets

The combined budget proposals of Edenton and Chowan County schools for fiscal 1966-67 is \$259,450.06. This is an increase of \$25,486.15 for the two administrative units.

Chowan County Board of Education approved a budget of \$70,259.51. The budget for 1965-66 is \$60,428.51, or \$9,831 less than the new proposal. The current budget of Edenton City Schools, for which the county must levy a tax, is \$173,535.40. The proposal for next fiscal year is \$189,190.55, an increase of \$15,655.15.

In submitting the proposals to Chowan County commissioners Monday, Supt. Hiram J. Mayo touched on the proposed merger of the two administrative units. He said while some items are duplicated in the two budgets he does not foresee any great financial savings from the merger. However, he did say he looks forward to increased services.

The bulk of the increase in the two budget proposals is in higher salaries.

Chowan County proposes to pay each teacher a \$150 supplement for the first time ever. The city teachers have been receiving a supplement for some time.

At least \$5,000 of the increase in the city proposal is to allow the system to abolish fees. The county unit took this step at the beginning of the current school term.

Chairman W. E. Bond and vice chairman J. Clarence Leary were appointed as a committee to work with Mrs. J. D. Elliott, county accountant in preparation of a tentative county budget.

The commissioners had requested agencies to submit their proposals in early May so the committee would have ample time to study each budget.

Chairman Bond told fellow commissioners it is not yet known how much of an increase in valuation will be experienced for next fiscal year. However, he estimated it would be between 5 and 8 per cent.

"The increase in valuation has been sufficient to allow some increase in salaries and operating costs of various county agencies," Bond said. "I hope this will continue so we can maintain the current **Continued on Page 4**

## Growth Noted By Peoples Bank

Assets of Peoples Bank & Trust Company increased more than a quarter million dollars during the first three months of 1966.

A statement of condition issued April 5 showed assets of \$70,794,259.29, as compared with \$70,556,535.80 on December 31, 1965.

Deposits in the bank, with headquarters in Rocky Mount, increased nearly one million dollars during the three-month period. The increase was from \$62,377,653.37 to \$63,205,914.96.

During the first quarter of 1966 the bank added a branch at Norlina, bringing to 1 the number of out-of-town branches of the bank.

# Fire Station Bid Lowered Within Reach Of Town

Town Council, by unanimous action Monday night, approved a negotiated bid for the construction of a new fire station in Edenton.

Councilman J. D. Elliott, chairman of the fire station building committee, made the motion that Edenton Con-



**REVIEW PLANS** — Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, seated, goes over plans for Edenton's new fire station with Fire Chief W. J. Yates. Edenton Construction Company, Inc., will build the building at the corner of North Broad Street and Park Avenue.

struction Company, Inc., be given the contract to build the station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Luther Parks, finance committee chairman.

Following the unanimous vote by councilmen present, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., recognized a motion by Councilman Henry Quinn for a resolution commending the fire station committee for their work on the project.

The cost of the station, to be located at the corner of North Broad Street and Park Avenue, is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$85,000.

Several months ago the council advertised for bids on the new station. The low bid, submitted by Edenton Construction Company, Inc., was \$160,000. Councilmen rejected the bid as being out of line with available money.

The committee then began negotiating with the construction firm on a more realistic building. While the floor-plan of the station will be basically that of the original plan, Elliott said most of the frills have been taken off. It will be of brick exterior construction of one-story Colonial-type design.

He told fellow councilmen Edenton officials have been talking about a new fire station for 20 years. Work on the current plans has been underway for three years.

The council had set aside \$70,000 towards construction of the station. Additional money is now available for the project.

The new station is expected to be under construction no later than July 1. The contractor will build the building on a set-fee basis of \$16,500, which Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said could save the town a considerable amount of money.

Elliott showed preliminary drawings of the building which will house six pieces of equipment. It will have a meeting room, dormitory space for 10 to 12 men, small kitchen, bath facilities, office space and storage and hose drying areas.

Quinn said it was obvious from the various reports made since he has been on the council that the committee has been dedicated to the job of getting the station under construction. **Continued on Page 4**

## Welburn Picked By Dye Works

**NEW YORK**—At its annual meeting on April 28, following the annual stockholders' meeting, the board of directors of The United Piece Dye Works elected Harold Welburn as president of the company. Charles Blount, Jr., continues as chief executive officer and as chairman of the board of directors.

Welburn has also been appointed to the executive committee to serve with the members continuing in their posts, namely: David Van Alstyne, Jr., chairman, Blount and Morris Natelson.

Welburn was elected executive vice president and a member of the board of directors of The United Piece Dye Works on April 28, 1966. He has been associated with the company for 18 years in various capacities.

He was manager of the Charleston, S. C., plant. More recently he has devoted his time to initiating production and developing operations at the new plants in Bluefield, Va., and Edenton, N. C.

Prior to his association with The United Piece Dye Works, Welburn was manager of Brown & Adam, Glasgow, Scotland, dyers and finishers of rayon and synthetic fabrics, specializing in resin finishes.

Welburn will devote his time to the various plants and to the New York City service office.

## Jaycees Install Waller; Sale Of Stamps Members Get Awards Decreases Here

Edenton Jaycees Thursday night installed new officers and gave recognition to nearly one-fourth of the 106 members of the organization here.

Bob Waller, an employee of Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Company in Edenton, was installed as president. Waller was also voted the Spark Plug of the Year Award which is presented annually to the older member who makes the biggest contribution to the club.

Robert Dail was presented the Spoke of the Year Award which goes to new members. Outgoing president Sam Cox chose Frank Habit as

recipient of the coveted Key Man Award. Habit, chairman of the building committee, presented a surprise award to Bill Bass for his service to the committee in renovating the Jaycee Building.

A special citation was given to Jack Habit who is concluding his year as First District vice president. Those receiving Spoke Pins were: Lewis Goodwin, Robert Ashley, Robert Dail, Tommy Privott, Mack A. Bunch, Ed Lee Jernigan, Albert Ward, Joseph Ed Booth and Earl Britton.

Spark Plug pins were presented as follows: First year: Clarence Shackelford, Frank Habit, Wayne Rawls, Ed Taylor, Handy West and John Jethro.

Second year: Bob Waller, Sam Cox, Kenneth Stalls, Bobby Bunch, Dickie Pate, Billy Boyce, Wallace Evans and Billy Bunch.

Third year: Clyde Williams, Oscar White and Larry Knox. Coach Clarence Stasavich of East Carolina College will be principal speaker at the awards function. It begins at 7 P. M.

The Varsity Club annually honors athletes at John A. Holmes High School. A record number of awards are expected to be presented this year.

A decrease was noted during April in the number of families participating in the food stamp program while there was a big increase in the number of persons certified to receive medicine.

In a report to Chowan County Commissioners on Monday, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director, said while there were 142 families certified to receive stamps, only 123 actually made purchases.

Those participating in the food stamp program during April paid \$3,432 and received a total of \$7,562 in stamps.

Mrs. McMullan said farm employment increased in April and would continue during the spring and summer. She said her department is attempting to get more people receiving financial assistance from the department to participate in the food stamp program.

Seventy-one certifications were made for medicine during April and the expenditure from joint funds **Continued on Page 4**

## BANKS TO CLOSE

Peoples Bank & Trust Co., will be closed Tuesday, May 10, for Confederate Memorial Day. Both the main office and Consumer Credit Branch will be closed for this holiday.

## First National Bank Has Hearing On Branch For Edenton

A hearing was held Wednesday in Richmond, Va., before the Deputy Comptroller of Currency on an application by First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina to establish a branch in Edenton.

The branch is opposed by Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

First National Bank, based at Jacksonville, made application in 1964 for a branch in Edenton. Court action followed and the hearing has just been called by the Comptroller of Currency in Washington, D. C.

Mitchell F. Allen, Jr., president, and six bank officials were in Edenton last week drumming up additional local support to their claim that the local economy is sufficient to support another bank.

Allen said the Albemarle area, like most of Eastern North Carolina, is rapidly

expanding and this growth can best be aided by competitive banking.

"The biggest contribution our bank can make to Edenton and Chowan County would be to provide stimulating, competitive banking," Allen said. "We would offer the people a choice, which in turn causes all financial institutions to render a more aggressive service."

Allen went on to say their survey shows a vast majority of the people outside Edenton are banking elsewhere.

He went on to explain that statistics show that people do the bulk of their trading where they bank. "The local merchants are being denied a great deal of growth due to the situation which now exists in Edenton," he added.

The bank president predicted trading in Edenton could be doubled if half the people within a 10-mile ra-

dius of the town not banking here would do so.

Allen said he is extremely pleased with the general reception First National has



MITCHELL F. ALLEN, JR.

received in this area.

"The most impressive thing in Edenton is the quality of the people," he said. "They are sincere, proud of their heritage, mindful of progress and possess an understanding of potential for future growth of the entire area."

He went on to say new people moving to Edenton are thrilled with the area. "This is a fine endorsement of the type community which exists here," he said.

Organized in Jacksonville in October, 1952, First National now has resources of more than \$42 million and operates in 10 municipalities. The bank has experienced a \$2 million growth in the first quarter of 1966.

In addition to Edenton, the bank has applications pending in Dun, Benson, Smithfield and Graham.

Allen proudly reports that earnings of the bank are much more the first quarter

of this year than during the same period of 1965.

The president said the rapid growth of this bank can be credited to the fact they are operating in the most promising area of the United States.

Eastern North Carolina is blessed with wonderful people, tremendous resources and a vital need for economic growth.

"It is natural that Eastern North Carolina make its move toward catching up to the standards of living and per capita income and other evidences of progress so evident in other areas of North Carolina," he said. "We have everything needed not only to catch up to other areas but to surpass them."

Too, he says First National is fortunate to have the type organization that lends itself to growth. "We have a very dedicated group of determined young men," he said.



**DOUBLY HONORED BY JAYCEES** — Bob Waller, left, was installed as president of Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday night during a banquet at the Jaycee Building on Base Road. He also was given the Spark Plug of the Year Award. Pictured with Waller is his wife, Charlotte, and Cabell Ramsey of Kinston, state Jaycee president.