

Gov. Moore Dedicates Bridge

HERTFORD — Gov. Dan K. Moore dedicated the handsome new Perquimans River Bridge and U. S. 17 by-pass Monday and predicted it would mark "the beginning

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of new growth and development for your area."

"You have a great potential for new advances for the principal sectors of our state's economy—agriculture, industry, and travel and recreation," the governor said. "All the ingredients of success are here—if you have

the roads to open them up for their full use."

Earlier, in a prepared address, Gov. Moore said it is his intention that this area share in "our goal of total development" in North Carolina—development of "our vast human and natural resources."

He said this whole region is a vast "reservoir of natural resources which provides beauty for the eye, pleasant living, and an unlimited potential for growth and expansion."

However, the task of planners and builders becomes staggering when it comes to

roads, he said. He cited the fact that costly bridges and fills are needed at almost every turn.

Nevertheless, the governor said he realized that in order for the area and all Eastern North Carolina to move ahead, roads are a must.

"Let me assure you that we understand and sympathize with your road needs, and we intend to do something about opening up this area for unprecedented growth and development," he declared.

Joseph Hunt of Greensboro, chairman of the State Highway Commission said the

state could take pride in the \$2 million bridge and pass. He cited other highway improvements in the area and said he hoped that the future "we will have many more such projects" in this area.

Hunt drew a chuckle from the crowd estimated at 300 when he commented on the war dance performed by the Perquimans County High School Marching Unit. "I think they wanted me to get the message that if more highway work wasn't done in the area they would get my scalp," he said.

R. L. Hollowell, master of

ceremonies, said when the bridge was first planned some thought it would be "unsightly on our beautiful Perquimans River as well as spell the doom for Hertford and Winfall." Now that it is completed all of these fears have been dispelled.

Gov. Moore was introduced by a classmate at the University of North Carolina, Carroll Holmes.

Mayor V. N. Darden joined Gov. Moore in cutting the ribbon ending the ceremony.

The PCHS Marching Unit performed during the ceremony.



SOME INDIANS marched while others had to take a breather due to the heat (insert).

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The Public Parade

Just For The Record

Following is an exchange between the chairman of the Board of Public Works in Edenton and the publisher of The Herald. The letters pertain, among other things, to finances; something vital in our community, both present and future. They speak for themselves:

To The Editor: From the Editor:

I am amazed that you would print such an article as, appeared as a part of your Public Parade under date of June 23, 1966. Your willingness to broadcast information of such a nature and dignity it by putting it in news print without any attempt to verify it, which you admitted to me, is utterly beyond my comprehension.

Records of the operations of the Board of Public Works are and have been for years furnished the Town Clerk or Administrator. These records are complete in detail. They record the bill payments, minutes of meetings, analysis of sales showing sources of revenue, departmental head recommendations, and a complete financial statement. The above is handed to the Town Clerk or Administrator monthly. It is his duty to advise the Town Council of these reports, and I assume he has been performing this duty.

These records are also in the Town Clerk's or Administrator's office and are available to the public during the working hours of every day.

These records will show, Mr. Amburn, that there is a \$400,000 emergency reserve for unforeseen developments and disastrous happenings. This reserve has been in existence and has been approved by a considerable number of Boards made up of many different elected members.

There are other funds that are earmarked for the payment of bond interest and principal as it becomes due, and for the payment of equipment on order and obligated for.

These records show that there is \$89,000 that is not earmarked for any special purpose. This is far from the \$300,000 to \$500,000 figure you mention and describe as an "outrageous kitty."

The many projects that would have been beneficial to the citizens of Edenton that have gone "begging" for lack of funds have not been begging because the Board of Public Works would not "turn-over" the money. For your information, Mr. Amburn, there has never been a request for a stipulated amount of money by the Town Council to the Board of Public Works that has not been transferred to them when they wanted it. Beneficial projects have been postponed, delayed or brushed aside, maybe, but not because this Board refused to transfer requested funds when the Council requested them. There are, of course,

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Tax Rate \$1

Town Budget Approved

The Town of Edenton will operate during fiscal 1966-67 on a budget of \$865,107. The tax rate will remain at \$1 per \$100 valuation.

Town Councilmen meet in special session Tuesday night to approve the budget and set the tax rate.

They were told by Town Administrator W. B. Gardner that the budget is based

on an assessed valuation of \$10,500,000. It is further based on collection of 97.5 per cent of ad valorem taxes.

The budget includes a salary increase of 9.5 per cent in all departments, except the electric and water department. The Board of Public Works recommended a 22.2 per cent salary increase in this department.

Of the total budget for fiscal 1966-67, more than half the total amount is for the operation of the electric and water departments. The budget for these departments is \$498,771. It is estimated that \$188,950.46 of this amount will be paid to Virginia Electric & Power Company for electric power.

The department estimates a net profit of \$143,866 for 1966-67. The profit for 1965-66 was \$140,227, according to the budget estimates.

It was necessary to transfer \$60,000 from electric and water department profits to keep the tax rate at \$1.

Revenue from property tax is anticipated to be \$102,000, up \$4,000 from the current fiscal year. Electric revenue is estimated at \$415,271; water revenue, \$40,000; and sewer revenue, \$37,000.

Too, \$102,000 is being appropriated from surplus to pay for the new fire station and a billing department computer.

A recap of department budgets shows:

Administrative: \$28,410, up from \$25,285.

Fire: \$36,035, up from \$30,366.80.

Police: \$59,910, up from \$52,802.85.

Street: \$97,190, a decrease from \$100,856.

Electric and Water: \$498,771, up from \$454,521.

Miscellaneous: \$144,791, up from \$42,061.92. (This includes the expenditures for a new fire station and the billing department computer).

Councilman Luther Parks, finance committee chairman, said the budget was figured "real close" and is what he considered very "conservative."

The total salaries in the administrative, fire, police

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Company Pays Record Dividend

Edenton Savings & Loan Association this week paid \$84,484.63 in dividends to some 2,000 savers.

James C. Dail, executive vice president, said this was a record amount paid in a semi-annual installment. The dividend rate is 4 1/2 per cent.

The association now has assets in excess of \$4,750,000 and this figure is expected to reach the \$5 million mark within the next 12 to 18 months.

Dail said the association has over \$392,000 in reserves as well as having insurance on each account in the amount of \$10,000.

"Through the savings received from the fine citizens of our community we are able to make home loans to qualified applicants," Dail said. He added that home financing plays a very vital role in the growth and welfare of this community. "The officers and directors of this association take pride in the contribution they are making to this growth," the executive added.

Edenton Ready For Big July 4

Edentonians will join millions of other Americans this weekend in the observance of July 4.

Monday will be a general holiday here with most business establishments being closed, as well as municipal, county, state and federal offices.

For many the weekend will begin Friday and end Tuesday morning. Because of this "long weekend," safety officials predict a record number of highway mishaps and fatalities during this holiday period.

Police Chief James H. Griffin of Edenton and district highway patrol officials urged area residents to drive especially careful as the streets and highways will be crowded.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said there will be no garbage collection here Monday, but the street department would make rounds throughout Edenton Tuesday. Also, the Municipal Building will be closed Monday.

Chowan County Court House will be closed Monday as well as all other county offices. County commissioners will meet Wednesday, July 6, instead of Monday, according to W. E. Bond, chairman.

The U. S. Post Office will be closed and there will be no rural mail deliveries, Postmaster James M. Bond said.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company's main office and consumer credit branch will be closed Monday.

Puppet Class Set Wednesday

The Chowan Arts Council Chairman announces that a puppet class will start on Wednesday, July 6, at 3:30 o'clock in the Arts Studio under the direction of Miss Marion Taylor, arts teacher of the Edenton City Schools.

With the assistance of mothers, an additional morning workshop may be held each week if desired.

Although interest in this class has come from the 6 to 10 year olds, it is hoped that older children may wish to participate not only in making puppets but in planning and preparing a set in which to use them.

The small fee of 25 cents a lesson has been set.



CHARLES L. OVERMAN

Jaycees Honor Charles Overman

DOUGLASVILLE, Georgia —Charles L. Overman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Overman of Edenton, N. C., has been selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Overman is general manager of the Douglas County Electric Membership Corporation.

His picture will appear in the 1966 edition of the publication to be published soon. The book is a "Who's Who" among young men between the ages of 21 and 36. Selections for it are based on religious, professional and civic achievements of those cited.

Overman's citation highlights his work in the Central Methodist Church of Monroe, N. C., following serious racial disturbances in the community in 1961; his rise from public relations and promotional work in the 1950's to his appointment as general manager of Douglas County EMC in April of this year; and his six years of active Jaycee membership.

In 1964, North Carolina Jaycees selected him as Outstanding State Vice President.

He has just completed a term as National Director for the Georgia Jaycees, and has held other local, state and national offices.

He is married and the father of three children.

SCHOOL BOARD

Chowan County Board of Education will meet at 8 P. M., Thursday in the office of Supt. Hiram J. Mayo, Hotel Joseph Hewes. This will take the place of the July meeting.

23.4% Wage Gains In 1965 Are Reported

Chowan County workers covered by unemployment compensation laws were paid \$5,568,000 during 1965. This represents an increase of 23.4 per cent over the total payroll of \$4,510,233 in 1964.

R. E. Cheek, manager of the N. C. Employment Security Commission office for this area, said this healthy increase is due to additional jobs in manufacturing and other areas of employment, as well as increased average wages.

A report for the fourth quarter of 1965, just compiled by the Raleigh ESC office, shows Chowan County ranked second in the state in percentage of change in

employment over the third quarter. The change was an increase of 9.9 per cent and was topped only by Granville County.

Some counties showed as much as a 41 per cent decrease for the two quarters. The state average was an increase of 1.9 per cent.

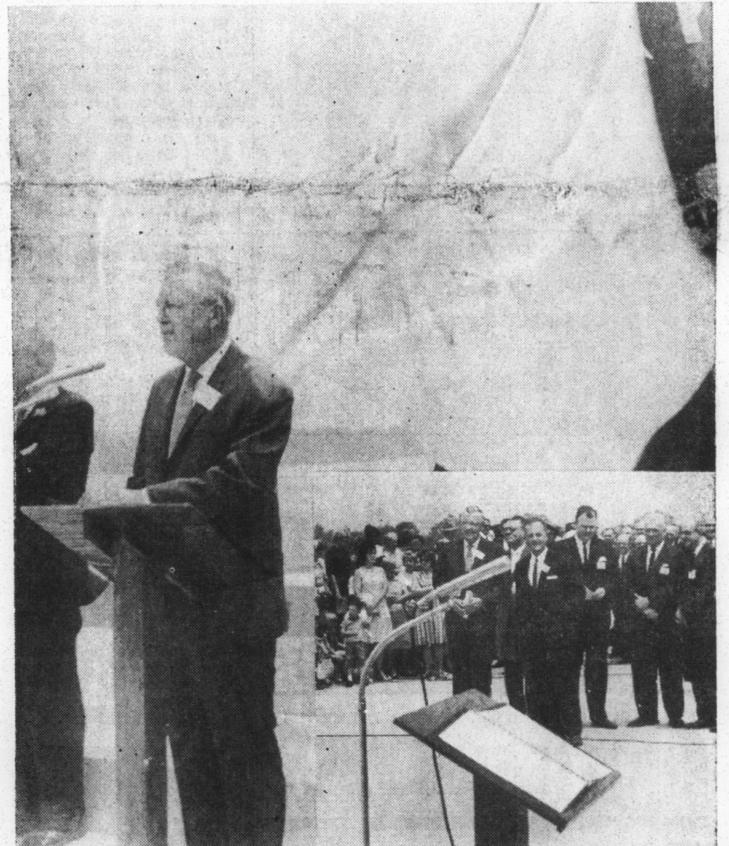
The average number of employes covered by the unemployment compensation laws during 1965 was 1,586. Their average pay was \$67.45.

The fourth quarter payroll for these workers was \$1,568,000, and the average weekly wage was \$70.29.

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CEREMONIES got underway with R. L. Hollowell as master of ceremonies. Others on the program line up and await their turn to speak.



GOV. DAN K. MOORE and other dignitaries wait for the cue to approach the speakers stand, while the chief executive's speech awaits his delivery (insert). Later Gov. Moore hails the opening of the bridge, as the state flag appears to be tapping him on the shoulder.



MAYOR V. N. DARDEN, left, holds the ribbon as Gov. Moore applies the scissors, formally opening the \$2 million bridge and by-pass in Perquimans County.