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## Action Pushed On Road Work In Chowan Area

Area officials have agreed to continue their efforts to get action on improvements to U. S. 17 from the State Highway Commission.

At a meeting here last week the Albemarle Highway Committee voted to re-state the position of area counties in relationship with the development and improvements on the heavily traveled highway.

Reports were that the committee would ask for specific information relating to the plans of the State Highway Commission with regards to U. S. 17 and ask that they pinpoint what they plan to do.

Robert W. Moore, secretary, said it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with officials in Raleigh to personally present the needs to them. A bus-load of interested persons will be sought.

Mayor Emmett Ingram of Elizabeth City was also instructed to inform State Highway Commissioner Don Matthews of Hamilton of the group's action.

The committee, acting on a motion by W. P. (Spec) Jones of Edenton, agreed to continue the present program involving road signs.

During the meeting, held at Edenton Restaurant, the group also agreed to invite members of the county commissioners from their respective counties to attend the next meeting, to be held October 12 in Hertford.

Committee members present, in addition to Ingram, Jones and Moore were: R. O. Givens, John Derrickson, Jim Foreman, George Attix, Herbert Small, Fred Markham III, William Ainsley, Zack Robertson, Dr. A. B. Bonner, Leon Edwards and Col. Joseph Bonner.

## Rotary Officers Assume Posts

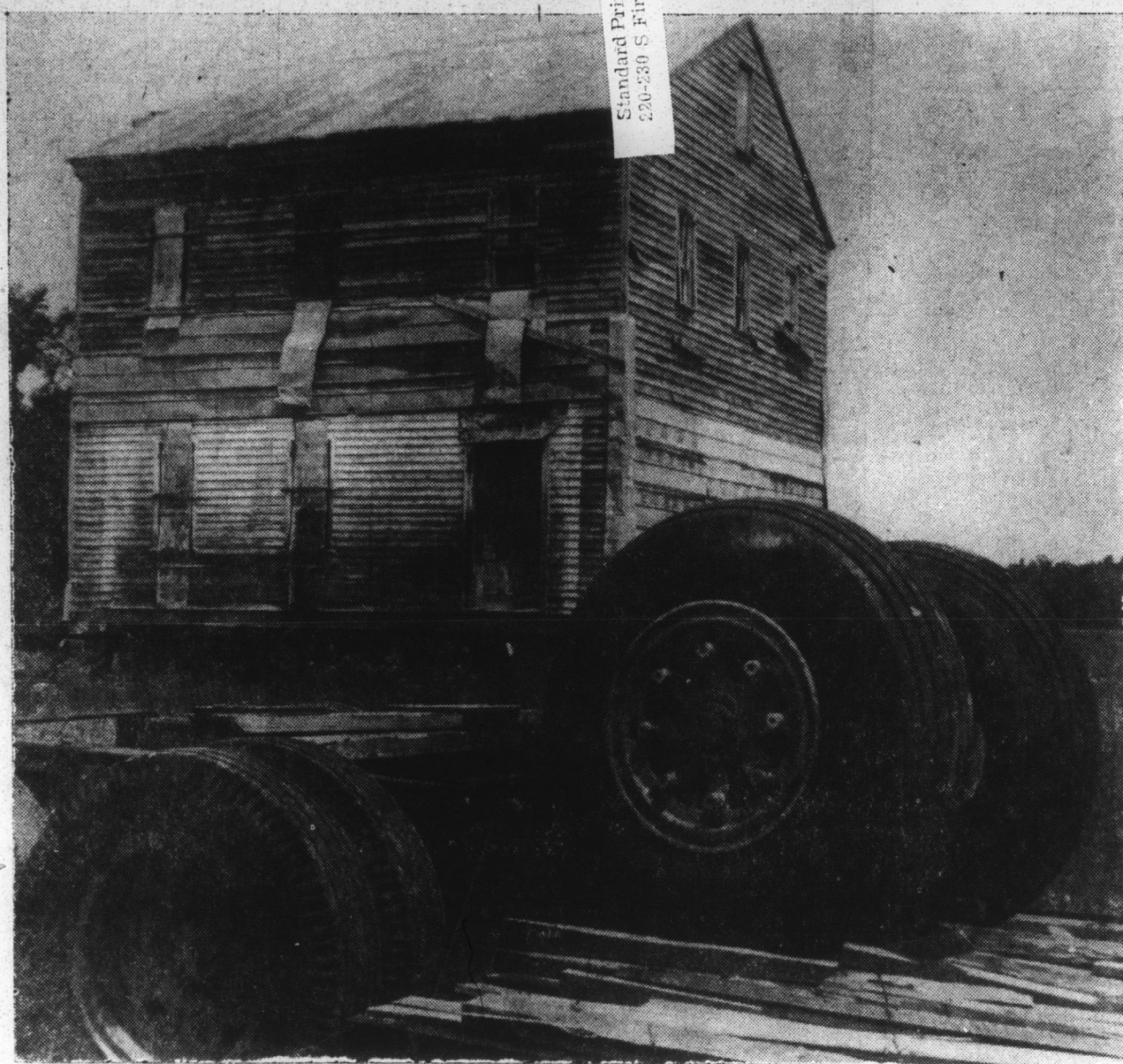
Alton G. Elmore has been installed as president of Edenton Rotary Club. He succeeds Glenn Mabe.

Other new officers of the local service club include: Jack Habit, vice president; Ross Inglis, treasurer; R. E. Cheek, secretary; Dick Dixon, sergeant-at-arms, and West Byrum, editor of the club bulletin.

Club directors are: Inglis, Habit, Cheek, McDonald Dixon, Fred Drane, Henry Quinn and Bill Cozart.

## ATTENDS COURSE

GREENVILLE — Jerry R. Tolley, 300 Queen Street, Edenton, a graduate student at East Carolina College, attended a two-day clinic for coaches who are interested in a refresher course in football.



Mount Auburn Being Wheeled To New Site

## Action Is Brisk In 2 Leagues

Coach Tom Bass is putting the Little League teams to the test these days with games scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. And there is a doubleheader each night.

Game time is 7 P. M. The first contest got underway July 18 at Little League park. Rob Roy Holmes pitched a no-hitter in leading the Cubs to a 5-0 win over the Astros. Losing pitcher was Jeff Covington who fanned 15 but gained little support from the field.

In the second game, Tim Dowd pitched and hit the Dodgers to a 4-1 victory over the Braves. Dowd had two hits and struck out 14 in going the route. Robbie Brooks was tagged with the loss although he struck out 12 Dodgers.

Pony League play went like this:

July 13—The Twins defeated the Orioles 12-5, to improve their record which is now 4-1. Joe Bunch, with two doubles, a triple, and a single led the Twins. Fred Keeter was the winning pitcher and also had three hits. Jimmy Overton had three hits to lead the Orioles.

July 14—David Copeland pitched the Orioles to a 12-5 victory over the Twins.

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## The Public Parade

GETTING OUR SHARE—Mount Auburn has been saved!

This week it rolled down Indian Trail road to its final resting place on Locust Grove Farm.

The accompanying photograph shows two giant wheels waiting to be placed under the historic old building. This is a picture of contrast between the old and the new.

Mount Auburn is of early 1700 vintage and would have been destroyed had it not been for Ralph VanMatre, a newcomer.

Mr. VanMatre had the structure moved to his farm overlooking Yeopim River. He plans to restore Mount Auburn and will fill it with furnishings of the period.

When the work is completed by the new owner, Mount Auburn will join other pre-revolutionary houses as an attraction for tourists.

While Edenton and Chowan County enjoys an almost unequalled place in the history of North Carolina, this remains virgin territory in many respects. One area in which we have not even scratched the surface is in using what we have to the best advantage.

People are not going to come to Edenton in large numbers just to drive through our trash can lined streets. There must be a more aggressive approach to giving the visitors something to make them come, enjoy what they see, returning home to tell their friends so they can come see for themselves.

Travel is now a billion dollar business in Tar Heelia. When we read that Chowan County received only .17 per cent of the tourist dollar in 1964 it is cause for concern. Counties with absolutely nothing to offer the motoring public except gas, oil and soda pop more than double the amount received locally from this booming business which has become North Carolina's second largest industry.

The Chamber of Commerce has a tourist committee whose goal is to "develop further means to attract tourists to our community in greater numbers." They are not the only group supposedly working on this program. There are associations, commissions and committees. And the lack of coordination between various groups, both state and local, have proven that the way to kill a plan is to assign it to a committee.

The total community should become more concerned over a program to spread the interesting story of old town on Queen

Anne Creek. It is not only the motel, restaurant and service station operators who benefit from the tourist buck. The entire community reaps rewards in many, many ways. We have in Edenton what they spent millions to get in Winston-Salem and Williamsburg. Their return is obvious as Forsyth County got 5.27 per cent of the state's income from tourists in 1964.

This shows that people are willing to pay for what they see if it is properly packaged and presented.

Our potential is so great in this area that it is almost frightening. Are we too scared to get on with the job?

KEEP 'EM COMING — It has been proven time and again that off-street parking is a most vital ingredient for maintaining a strong central business district in a town.

While merchants must continue to be cooperative as well as progressive, our city fathers have a real responsibility in this matter. Up until now there has been little cause for complaint about the manner in which the off-street parking has been handled.

A spacious lot was constructed and paved on the east side of Broad Street and more and more shoppers are making use of it. It was obvious from the outset that additional off-street space would be needed, especially on the other side of the main drag.

Two locations were selected, neither of which would provide the amount of space obtained behind Hotel Joseph Hewes. However, they would greatly add to a progressive program of providing space for people who want to come to downtown Edenton and do business.

One lot off East Eden Street is ready for paving. The other is being delayed because of a single property owner.

In order to get the most out of property the town owns or controls it is necessary to have another small lot. The owner has either flatly refused to sell or put a price so out of line it can't be reached. Although the Town Council has discussed this matter almost as much as the dog problem and the U. S. Lumber Company lease, they have failed to reach a solution other than condemnation. This was voted weeks ago and just last week the town attorney was instructed to proceed.

No municipal government likes to get involved in such legal proceedings. Nonetheless, when they find a property owner acting like Jesse James they have no other choice.

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## Ford's Highest Award Presented

Albemarle Motor Company, for the third time in four years, has been cited by Ford Motor Company for achievement. Bruce F. Jones, company president, was in Richmond recently to receive the award.

Fourteen dealers out of more than 150 in the Richmond District were given Ford Division's Distinguished Achievement Award for 1965.

The citation, presented annually to the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships, is earned "in recognition of progressive management, modern sales and service facilities, sound merchandising practices, high quality standards and continuing interest in rendering superior service to Ford owners."

M. C. Hobart, Ford's Richmond general field manager, presented Jones with the handsome award.

This award was also presented to the local dealership in 1962 and 1964.

Albemarle Motor Company for the past five years has received the motor company's Gold Car Award for sales leadership.

The local dealership is now in its 21st year.

Tom Hopkins, general sales manager, said employees of Albemarle Motor Company have 244 years of combined service to the motoring public in the Albemarle area.



ACHIEVEMENT WINNER — Bruce F. Jones, right, president of Albemarle Motor Company, accepts Ford Division's Distinguished Achievement Award from M. C. Hobart, Ford's Richmond general field manager. This is the third time this outstanding dealership award has been presented to the local firm. The award is Ford Motor Company's highest citation presented to their dealers.

## Chowan Farm Payments Could Reach \$300,000

Final payments to Chowan County farmers participating in two federal programs could reach \$300,000 within the next few days.

H. O. West, ASCS office manager here, said it is im-

possible at this time to obtain the exact amount farmers will receive from the cotton and feed grain programs. "It could reach as much as \$300,000 and will certainly be in excess of \$250,000," the

manager said.

West said all payments are ready and farmers are asked to visit the ASCS office in Hotel Joseph Hewes building to pick up their checks. Tenants or share-croppers must come in with the landlord if they share in either price support or diversion payment.

The manager said only two farms in the entire county are not participating in the cotton program. However, in the feed grain program only 40 per cent of the farms are included.

Specifically, there are 412 farms that will receive cotton payments and 270 farms to get funds from the feed grain program.

Payment of price support and diversion began Friday and through Monday afternoon \$78,185 had been given out. The biggest check was for \$4,800 to a single farmer.

Farmers received a partial payment in the spring when they signed up to participate in the programs. West said his office disbursed \$71,584 at that time.

West said in 1965 the office paid \$168,000 to farmers participating in the feed grain program alone. The cotton figure was not immediately available.

However, it was anticipated that the feed grain payments would remain approximately the same while the cotton payments under the new legislation would greatly exceed the 1965 payments.

## BULLETIN

Rep. Walter B. Jones announced today the authorization by the South Atlantic Division Engineer to prepare a detailed report for a flood control project on Filbert's Creek in Edenton.

Under the authority of a section of the Flood Control Act of 1948 this authorization is for the preparation of a report only. In the event this report is favorable and a project is approved and the total cost is less than \$1 million, it can be accomplished under the provisions of Public Law Section 205 without further appropriations by Congress.

This is a section of the law which authorized the U. S. Corps of Engineers to proceed with projects of this type.

Rep. Jones stated further that this is a much needed project and that he has urged the Corps of Engineers to expedite their survey and in the end that a project can be developed.

## Assault Cases

### Heard By Judge

A Bertie County Negro woman was sentenced to two years in prison here Tuesday after being convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Tried in Chowan County Recorder's Court was Lillie Leary, alias Lillie Brown.

Judge W. S. Privott entered the judgment in the case after hearing witnesses in the matter in which Clarence Stallings was injured.

In another case heard in the session, Thomas Philip Robey was found not guilty of driving too fast for conditions. He was cited by a State Highway Patrol officer after a mishap several weeks ago which left young Nola Bass in serious condition.

William Levi McNair, Jr., was convicted of speeding. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail but the sentence was suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Probable cause was found in a case where Clyde Thomas Slade was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The case was sent to Superior Court, September term, and Slade was released under \$500 bond.

Solicitor Thomas Cheers, prosecuted the docket.

## BREAK IN WEATHER

Edentonians are enjoying a welcomed break in the hot, humid weather which was in abundance here for more than two weeks. However, reports are that crops are suffering from the lack of rain.