



## Integration Of Faculties Causes Storm

A discussion of integrating the faculties of Chowan County schools turned into a heated argument Tuesday night at a meeting of the board of education.

There were charges of "pressure", "extreme personal prejudice", "coercion" and a request that two teachers be interviewed in the absence of Supt. Hiram J. Mayo.

The dispute brewed after Supt. Mayo recommended that the librarian at White Oak Elementary School be assigned to Chowan High School and vice versa, thus bringing the county administrative unit into compliance with guidelines of the U. S. Office of Education.

Miss Catherine Aman would continue to be guidance counselor at Chowan High School and would be given additional pay. Mrs. Dorothy Walker would serve as librarian at Chowan.

N. J. George charged that Supt. Mayo had not followed the instructions of the board. He said the Superintendent had overstepped his bounds when he contacted the two teachers recently, informing them of the request from Washington that some faculty integration be effected this year.

He pointed out that Miss Aman declined when approached in the spring about transferring to the Negro school. So did Mrs. Walker. George said he would like for the board to talk with the teachers in the absence of the superintendent to learn exactly what prompted them to change their mind.

The board member said the local board had informed federal officials they would attempt to integrate the faculty of the schools. However, he said he still believed in freedom of choice and said it applied to the teachers as well as the students.

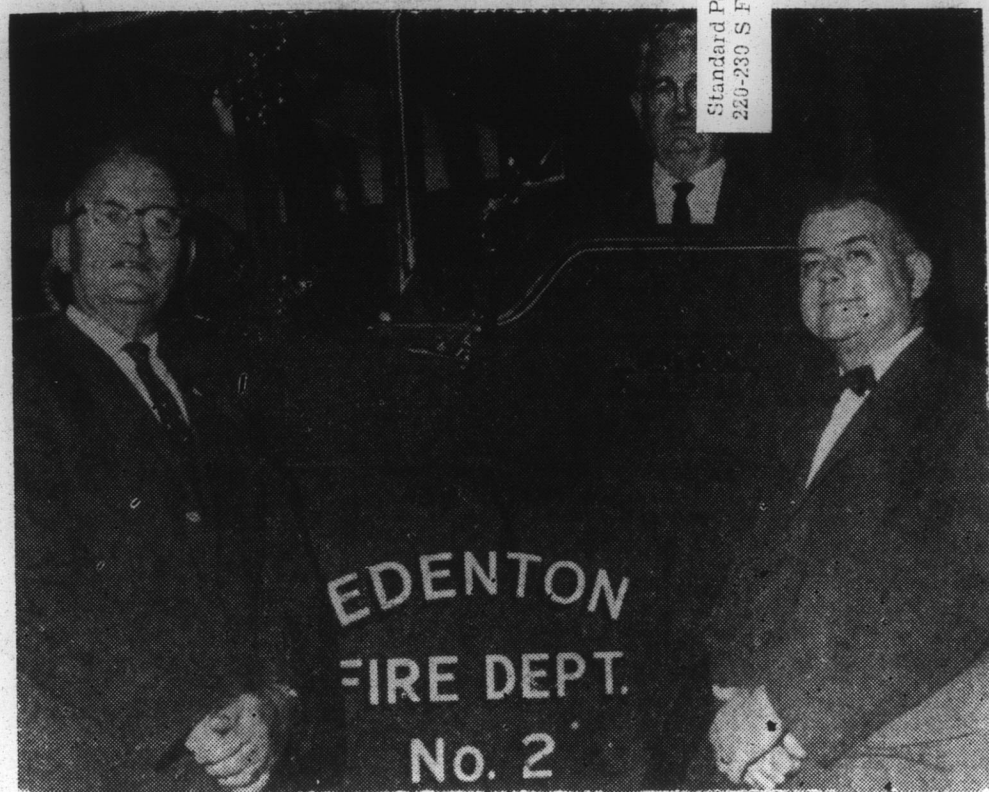
"We have done no wrong," George said. "We have given the faculty a freedom of choice."

Supt. Mayo said the two teachers have said they "will work with us" if we so wish.

Eugene Jordan said he thinks faculty integration will come. In the end we will bend to the pressure, he said.

Dr. A. F. Downum said while he disagrees with the federal guidelines he realizes the commission of education has the authority to hand

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**VETERAN FIREMAN RETIRES** — Al Owens, left, who has completed 48 years of service with the Town of Edenton in the fire department, has retired. He is shown with Fire Chief W. J. Yates, center, and Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., at a banquet held in his honor by the fire company. The men pose in front of the new fire truck which is quite a bit different from the fire fighting equipment Owens trained on. Owens compiled more years of service with the town than any other employee.

## Family-Tailored Home Is Shown

Every 30 minutes around the clock another American family is moving into a brand new Family-Tailored Home they have purchased.

That's the impact Family-Tailored Homes have had on the American home buying market since their introduction last January. George E. Price, president and general manager of Lesco Homes, subsidiary of National Homes Corporation, of which Price is also president, told George Twiddy of Twiddy Insurance & Real Estate.

Price was a visitor at the grand opening of a new Lesco Family-Tailored homes model being shown by the local Lesco builder-dealer at Brown's Acres located in Hertford.

The new model home is among the sales leaders of more than 9,500 homes that have been built by Family-Tailored Homes builders for home-buyers in 42 states since their introduction last January. Twiddy is joining with other builders throughout the country to show the most outstanding designs.

As part of the grand opening event, the local builder is participating in a nationwide Family-Tailored Homes "Discover the World" sweepstakes. Visitors to the model homes will have the opportunity to register for an ex-

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## The Public Parade

### WOMEN AND JURIES—

There is one thing women in Chowan County don't have to fear. That is being selected for jury duty.

Chowan County commissioners have taken the liberty to eliminate them for selection for this duty although the General Statutes of North Carolina clearly state they are to be given equal consideration to their male counterparts.

As in years past, the commissioners sat down last Monday and drew the names of 50 citizens who are being notified to report for jury duty on September 12. This is done four times a year as the county prepares for sessions of Superior Court.

This will be increased in the future as juries will be needed in the new District Court, which goes into operation in this area on December 5. More men will be taken from their jobs to serve their fellow citizens as members of a jury.

Once questioned about why women are not chosen for jury duty, a commissioner replied: "Women around here just don't like to serve." That could be said for approximately 90 per cent of the men who are sent cards by the sheriff informing them of their selection for this duty.

North Carolina law says every two years the clerk to the county commissioners

must provide the tax list and names of other residents over 21 "who are of good moral character and have sufficient intelligence to serve as members of grand and petit juries."

The Constitution of the State of North Carolina was amended in 1945 to change the language to allow women to serve on juries.

Statutes plainly state there are but three reasons why a woman should be exempt from jury duty. They are:

- 1—Be ill and unable to serve.
- 2—Be required to care for children under the age of 12.
- 3—Have a member of the family ill who requires her attention.

At each session of court, the presiding judge tells those called for jury duty they are being summoned to render an important service to the community. "You have enjoyed the privileges of citizenship and the protection of your liberties and property by the government," they often instruct the men in attendance. "For a short time you will now, as a juror, serve as an officer of the court along with the lawyers and judges. As a juror you are a part of the judicial system of our state."

The jurist often tells those selected that they have been chosen by the fairest method that has ever been devised. Then they explain how the list for prospective jurors is compiled.

Is this the case in Chowan County? Is it fair to call men for jury duty, sometimes as often as every two years, when there are women of equal competence who have been systematically exempted from this duty?

Sessions of court have recently been postponed and cases reversed by the high courts because citizens of a particular race were not drawn for duty on the jury.

It is a known fact that women are not jumping the traces to serve on a jury. Yet, there are untold members of the fairer sex who are of "good character and sufficient intelligence" to serve.

However, right now they are being discriminated against. It was our opinion that woman's suffrage was won years ago.

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## District Rotary Official To Visit Club In Edenton

Rotarians of this community will welcome on August 18 the governor of this Rotary district, S. Carlyle Isley of Burlington.

He will address the local Rotary club, one of 40 in his district, and will confer with Alton G. Elmore, president of the local Rotary Club, and other club officers to obtain information on the club's plans for its service activities and to offer suggestions on Rotary administrative matters.

S. Carlyle Isley is one of 278 Rotary governors in all parts of the world who are serving as the sole representative of Rotary International in districts comprised of member clubs. Each district leader is responsible for supervising the clubs in his area. More than 12,400 Rotary clubs in 133 countries are supervised by Rotary governors.

A member and past president of the Rotary Club of Burlington, Isley is vice president of Kayser-Roth Hosiery Company. He was elected to office at the Rotary convention in Denver, Col., last June and will serve until next June 30.

"While in Edenton," according to Elmore, local Rotary Club president, "the governor of our district will talk with us about possible growth of membership and the likelihood of forming additional Rotary clubs in nearby communities. His visit will also give us a broader understanding of the world-wide Rotary organization that today embraces nearly 600,000 men of practically all nationalities and political and religious beliefs."

Though a seasoned Rotarian before his election to the office of Rotary governor, Isley attended a nine-day meeting last June in New York State at which all Rotary governors for 1966-67 received intensive training for their jobs.



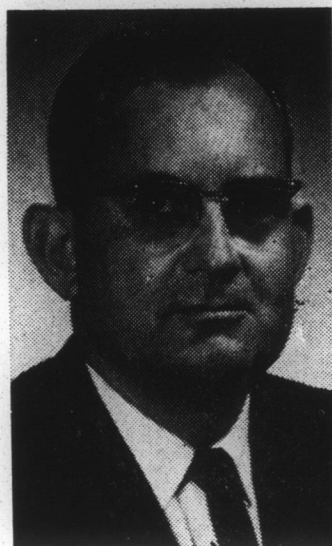
**S. CARLYSLE ISLEY**  
**Band Meeting**  
**Slated Aug. 15**

The John A. Holmes High School Band will conduct its first rehearsal of the season in the bandroom at 9 A. M. Monday, August 15. All band members, grades eight through 12, are requested to be present.

Stuart Patten is director of the John A. Holmes High School Band.

August 15 also marks the beginning of the band's annual magazine campaign. This campaign helps provide money for music and instruments and offers Edentonians a wide selection of currently popular magazines.

## Retail Sales In Chowan Increased During '65-'66



**JESSE L. HARRELL**



**W. J. P. EARNHARDT, JR.**

## Bank Directors Get Assignment

Three directors of Peoples Bank & Trust Company here have been elevated to the executive committee of the Local Board of Managers.

Bruce F. Jones, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Jesse L. Harrell are the new committee members designated today by local board chairman J. Gilliam Wood.

Jones has been serving on the local board since March, 1963, while Harrell was named to the group in April, 1964. Earnhardt has served as an attorney for the bank and a board member since May of this year.

Chairman Wood said: "I am extremely pleased that these gentlemen have seen fit to accept this added responsibility. They will continue to make a significant contribution to the operation of our bank."

Jones is president of Albemarle Motor Company. Harrell is an owner of Edenton Furniture Company and Earnhardt is senior partner of the law firm of Earnhardt and Evans.

## Jaycees Pushing Sale Of Tickets

The Edenton Jaycees are pushing tickets to the Boys' Home Bowl Football Game to be played this Friday night, August 12 at Ficklen Memorial Stadium in Greenville at 8 P. M. Admission is \$2 per person and tickets can be secured from any Jaycee. Also Tony Miley at Hollowell's Drug Store has tickets available.

The Boys' Home Bowl Game is sponsored annually by the North Carolina Jaycees with all proceeds going to the support of Boys' Home at Lake Waccamaw, N. C. Also the game gives some additional recognition to the young players selected from throughout North Carolina.

Get your ticket and enjoy a good football game and at the same time help the 64 boys living at Boys' Home that are not as fortunate as our children.

## Gross Retail Sales

	1964-65	1965-66	Percentage Increase
1 1/2% Retail Sales	\$ 1,226,932	\$ 1,478,959	20.5
1 1/2% Auto and Planes	1,212,724	1,363,061	12.3
Apparel	300,356	301,360	.3
Automotive	3,011,260	3,367,896	11.8
Food	4,178,860	4,486,207	7.3
Furniture	812,880	844,200	3.8
General Merchandise	2,628,641	2,959,050	12.5
Building Materials	586,334	907,339	54.7
Unclassified Group	1,233,295	1,292,904	4.8
	\$15,191,282	\$17,000,976	

## Carter's Ink To Begin Pilot Project

The Carter's Ink Company has announced that a pilot training operation will begin about September 20 in the building opposite the fire station at Edenton-Chowan Municipal Airport.

The company will employ 15 to 20 people in this operation. Several key operations will be learned by this group so that full operation can begin earlier once the new plant is ready, according to company spokesman, J. F. Tuscher.

Carter's is actively seeking new employees in the Edenton area. Both production and management candidates are being sought out. The company expects to add production supervisors, a production controller, chemist and other professional personnel, as well as machine

operations and maintenance personnel. Carter's application forms are available at the Employment Security Commission office in Edenton. Anyone wishing to apply for employment should call at the office and fill out the necessary form, Tuscher said.

The main plant construction is moving well ahead. Heavy equipment at the site has completed ground preparation. Present schedules call for completion of the plant by early 1967, with operations due to start as soon as the plant is completed.

It is anticipated that 200 persons will be employed by the 90,000-square foot plant being constructed on a 28-acre site on Highway 32, just east of Edenton.

## First National Names 8 Directors

Eight area leaders in various fields of endeavor have been named to the Edenton Board of Directors of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

The selection of the local board members for the Jacksonville-based bank was made public today by Mitchell F. Allen, president.

Named to the board were: Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., George Alma Byrum, West Leary, West Byrum, Jr., Dr. Richard Hardin, Alton Elmore, Jack Habit and Alvin Evans.

"The best we know how to operate a bank in Edenton is to leave it up to the people of this area," Allen said in making the announcement.

"These eight outstanding members of this community were selected by the people of the area who have, in the past, chosen them as leaders

in their various fields," he said.

"First National is confident these men will manage the operation of the bank in Edenton in a manner that will bring credit not only to the bank but to themselves and the entire community."

Allen went on to express his delight in having an Edenton board that is composed of such outstanding men. "We look forward to working with them as First National continues to grow with this community," he said.

"We are extremely pleased these men have taken on extra responsibilities with First National," he concluded.

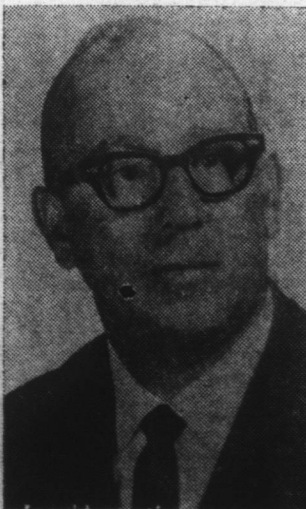
Mayor Mitchener is owner of Mitchener's Pharmacy and is first vice president of the N. C. League of Municipalities. Byrum heads Byrum

Hardware and Leary is an official in Leary Brothers Storage Company as well as having wide farming interests.

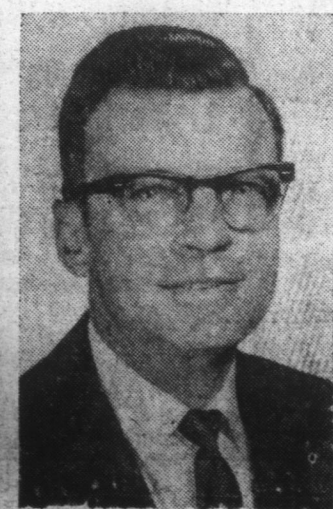
West Byrum, an insurance executive and farmer, is chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections. Dr. Richard Hardin is a prominent local physician. Elmore is manager of Belk-Tyler's in Edenton while Habit is an insurance executive and real estate broker. Evans is a successful farmer in the Rocky Hock section of the county.

C. A. (Chuck) Benson, assistant vice president of the bank, said workmen are making progress with renovations to the downtown office. However, he said no completion date is in sight.

The bank opened here last month in the old Citizens Bank Building on Broad Street.



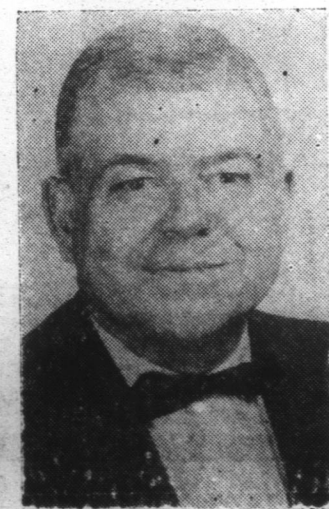
**GEORGE ALMA BYRUM**



**WEST BYRUM, JR.**



**JACK HABIT**



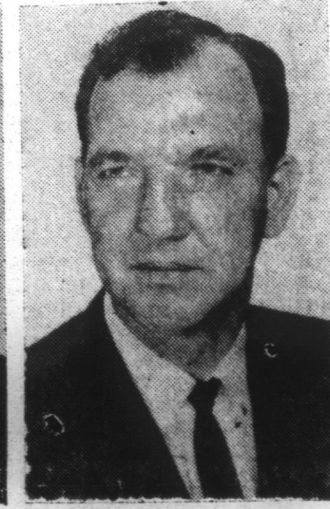
**JOHN A. MITCHENER, JR.**



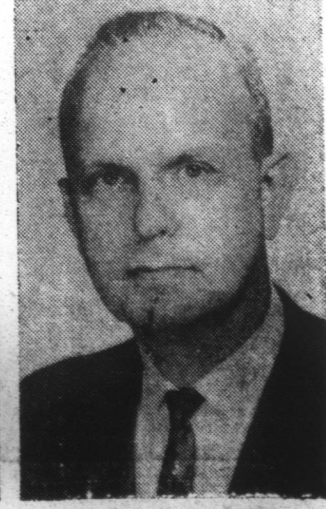
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**ALVIN EVANS**



**DR. RICHARD HARDIN**



**ALTON ELMORE**