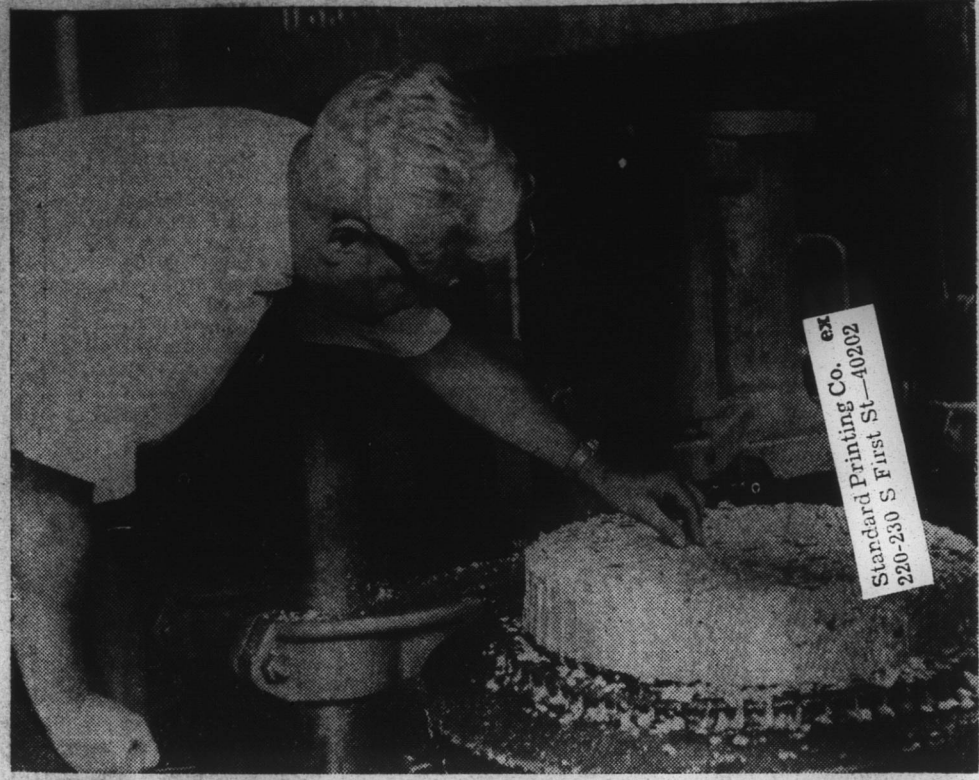


# Seabrook Is Pioneer Of Pressed Peanuts



**INSPECTS CAKE OF PEANUTS** — James W. Gardner of Seabrook Blanching Corp., looks at a cake of pressed peanuts as they emerge from a hydraulic press in his plant here. Gardner is a pioneer in what is believed to be a completely new market for peanuts.

If they ever establish a Peanut Hall of Fame, it is certain that among the first to be included will be Joe Pominski and Jim Gardner.

Pominski is a research scientist in New Orleans, La. Gardner is owner of Seabrook Blanching Corp. here.

The scientist, working at Southern Regional Research Lab, U. S. Department of Agriculture, discovered that by pressing the oil from peanuts, then reconstituting them, you came up with a lower calorie product.

He and his associates introduced this idea to the peanut industry last year and Gardner proceeded immediately with installation of the first commercial pressing operation in the country.

Pominski said they are currently perfecting the methods of extracting the peanut oil to make the lower calorie product more attractive to the consumer.

He said it was important to lower the calorie content in peanuts because the peo-

ple of this country are calorie conscious. He said several methods were used in the lab but it was found that pressing was the most practical and satisfactory way of extracting the oil.

"We found pressing gave a better product and is better economically," Pominski said. He refers to the pressed product as "peanuts with a memory" because they return to their original form once put into hot water. The peanuts are then treated in many different ways.

The pressing operation takes out up to 75 per cent of the oil yet they are expanded back to the original state. However, it is common practice now to extract a lesser amount of the oil.

Pominski said by strict control of moisture you are able to control breakage. He estimated that with carefully controlled moisture the breakage will be less than 4 per cent.

The scientist said Seabrook is an outstanding supplier of

pressed peanuts. In fact, the local company is the only company making this product available to the packaging industry.

Pominski pointed out that by extracting 50 per cent of the oil, the peanuts could be labeled "lower calorie". The oil is extracted is a high grade virgin peanut oil.

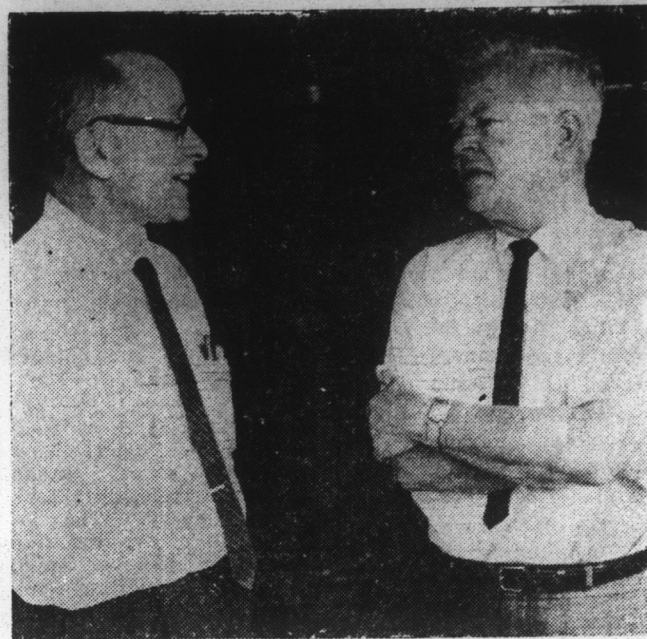
He said peanut oil is a very fine oil for home use but peanuts are too expensive to press for the oil.

He went on to say "peanuts are not peanuts" in this country. Over 1,200,000 tons of farmer stock peanuts were produced in this country last year.

With such production it is necessary to continue to search for uses of the product, he said. "We are trying to perfect this method to get a bigger demand for the farm product," he added.

And he feels there is a great potential for lower calorie peanuts.

Gardner agrees. "We think



**DISCUSS NEW PRODUCT** — When Joe Pominski of New Orleans, La., left, and James W. Gardner of Seabrook Blanching Corp., get together the topic is naturally "Peanuts". Pominski, working at Southern Regional Research Lab, developed the idea of lower calorie peanuts. Gardner has the only commercial pressing operation in the country.



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## The Public Parade

**SECOND IN COMMAND**—After five trips to the altar the groom probably gets over the customary nervous spell. But after a like number of trips to the delivery

## Davis Discusses Legion History

Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion, Tuesday night launched its annual membership campaign with a banquet at Center Hill Community Building. Approximately 120 members and their guests attended.

Robert Davis of Salisbury, state department commander, was the keynote speaker.

Davis, introduced by district commander E. L. Hollowell, discussed the founding of the American Legion and the organization's contribution to the betterment of mankind down through the years.

The speaker, a prominent attorney and political figure, said a Sgt. Patterson talked with Theodore Roosevelt during World War I and said when veterans returned from overseas an organization should be formed to carry on for veterans, widows, orphans, etc.

This was done and today there are 38,770 members of the American Legion in North Carolina, with Commander Davis setting a goal for 50,000 membership by the end of his tenure of office.

The speaker said this is a realistic goal since there are some 385,000 eligible veterans in the state.

He also informed his audience that legislation would be introduced in the next General Assembly to give veterans in state government the same retirement credit as in the federal government.

Commander W. E. Mills of the Edward G. Bond Post presided at the meeting.

room the prospective father doesn't build up that resistance.

We can't speak for the groom; however, last week we experienced the birth of our fifth child. We would be less than truthful if we said it was any easier on the father than the first time around.

Emily Greer Amburn was born shortly after 4 P. M., Friday and joins her brother, Paul Gregory, in being a native of Edenton.

This business of being a native seems to carry a great deal of significance, therefore, we expect Greer will become second in command at our house, thus pushing us a little further from the top.

Thanks to Dr. Richard Hardin and the capable staff at Chowan Hospital mother and baby are doing fine. The father has lost a few pounds, if for no other reason than trying to out maneuver Mrs. Frank Bell at the visitor's information desk at the hospital. But we haven't won that battle either.

**GOOD WORK**—Street department personnel is busy cutting back the corners on several streets along The Public Parade. They are doing a good job as evidenced at the corner of South Broad and Water Streets.

This work, when finished, will not only make turning a corner easier, but will make our town look nicer.

When they finish this work we would like to see the town go to work on removing the ugly trash cans from the streets. There was a time when some thought they couldn't cut back the corners. Picking up garbage at the back door shouldn't be an obstacle too big to overcome.

**DISCOVER GUIDELINES**—Published reports carried in at least one morning newspaper circulated in this area relate the discovery of

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## Career Day Program Held

The annual College and Career Day program was held at John A. Holmes High School Tuesday. Both Chowan and Holmes juniors and seniors attended the meeting held in the gymnasium.

Over 50 representatives of North Carolina colleges, trade schools, industrial schools, nursing schools, and the armed forces participated in the program.

The purpose of this program is to enable the students to learn more about the institutions through interviews with authorized representatives. The students have been oriented through individual conferences, college and vocational catalogs in the library and guidance bulletins. College interview check list schedules of pertinent information was given to the students to assist them in their interviews for this program.

Following the program, the representatives were invited to the Home Economics department for refreshments.

College and Career Day is planned and supervised by Mrs. Lane Kinton, guidance director, and Mrs. Katherine Holton, Student Council sponsor.

## Crafts Workshop Set October 4

Mrs. Nathaniel Fulford will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House on Tuesday, October 4, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. to conduct a workshop on pine cone craft.

The workshop is primarily to make items for the Church Women's Bazaar in November, but all interested persons are welcome.

Materials, pine cones, nuts, etc., should be washed in chlorox or detergent and dried in a 250 degree oven for 30 minutes. Holes should be bored in the nuts.



**AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET** — Joseph F. Tuscher, extreme right, a vice president of The Carter's Ink Company, displays an artist's drawing of the firm's new plant here to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gardner and Hiram J. Mayo. Tuscher is principal speaker at the annual meeting of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Gardner is the new president, succeeding Mayo who has served for the past year. Approximately 200 people attended the banquet at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

## Homecoming Slated Friday Night

Upset minded Scotland Neck will meet the highly regarded Edenton Aces at Hicks Field Friday night.

When the opening whistle sounds at 8 o'clock, Coach Marion Kirby will send his squad after the fifth win of the season and continue an unbeaten string which has run over a three-year period.

The Aces pleased home fans last week as Quarterback Wes Chesson led them to a 39-12 victory over Williamston. Scotland Neck played in Plymouth last week and handed the Panthers a 7-6 defeat.

For the Aces big things are on tap for the contest. It will be homecoming at John A. Holmes High School and a gala halftime program has been planned. A Homecoming Queen will be crowned. Balloting will take place for the queen and her court at school Friday.

Chesson personally proved too much for Williamston as he scored four touchdowns and barely missed a pass from Frankie Katkavech in the closing seconds which would have been a sure tally.

In addition to the performance by Chesson, Mike Spruill had a good night as he scored the other two Edenton TD's. Spruill, a flashy halfback, picked off an aerial and raced 82 yards for a score.

With a comfortable 32-0 halftime lead, Coach Marion

Kirby, as in three other games this season, used his reserves freely in the second half. With reserves in the contest, Williamston was able to push across two scores in the final period.

"Wondrous Wesley" is the nickname one scribe placed on Chesson following his performance at Hicks Field. Another person said he is the best athlete to play here in

the past two decades. He lived up to this billing as he personally accounted for 200 yards gained during the night.

His individual achievement included: Scored twice in the first period, added another in the second and got Edenton's only second half score in the third period with a long run.

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## Gardner Solicits Action By Group

W. B. Gardner, new president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday night outlined a program designed to create a more balanced organization here in the years to come.

Speaking at the annual membership banquet at Chowan Golf & Country Club, Gardner said the chamber has many other important functions other than industrial development. "In the coming year I hope to focus our attention on these other functions while maintaining a vital and active approach towards further industrial development," he said.

In order to accomplish these goals, Gardner said, it is going to be necessary for

various committees to do more work.

He asked the Merchants Committee to come forward with some new and vigorous constructive ideas to promote Edenton as a trade center.

The Tourist Committee was asked not just to pay lip service to the idea but to actively work in a field that is virtually untapped as a source of revenue for the local economy.

The new president called on the Agricultural Committee to stimulate growth of agriculture in the county and mainly to promote better understanding between the citizens.

The Highway Committee was asked to push for a U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton and to work on other road needs in the county.

To the Housing Committee, a new one being established, he called for a solution to the lack of adequate housing. He called it a most serious shortcoming here and one that has to be solved if the community is to continue growth.

Gardner called for reactivation of the Downtown Committee. He challenged this group to formulate plans to improve the facilities in the business district.

The Industrial Committee has done an outstanding job, he said, and will be expected to continue to assist local industry to grow and prosper and to seek new industry that will be compatible and cooperative with existing ones.

A challenge to the Recreation Committee was to improve facilities and activities for young and old alike.

Gardner said Edenton is

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## Jaycees, Ruritans Support Hospital

Edenton Jaycees and Chowan Ruritan Club are the two latest civic organizations to endorse the \$1½ million hospital bond issue.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, said other groups in the city and county are being told of the need for additional medical facilities in the county. He said he and others who are explaining the issue to various groups have been well received.

Jaycees took their action at a regular club meeting Thursday. The issue was explained to the Ruritan Club Monday night at their meeting.

Previously other organizations in the community passed resolutions of endorsement of this important issue to be voted on by the people on November 8.



**BLOCKS HIGHWAY** — This tractor-trailer rig, loaded with peanuts, went out of control on Highway 32 about noon Monday and while damage was extensive the driver escaped without injury. Driver of the truck was Curtis Lee Rountree, 19, Route 1, Tyner. Trooper R. H. Allen investigated the accident and no charges have been filed pending completion of the investigation.

## Driver Walks Away From Bad Mishap Monday

Curtis Lee Rountree, 19-year-old Negro, Route 1, Tyner, miraculously walked away from an accident Monday which demolished the tractor-trailer rig he was operating.

Rountree was traveling north on Highway 32 and had just come out of the curve at Virginia Fork when he

lost control of the vehicle and it overturned.

The trailer was loaded with peanuts from Seabrook Blanching Corp. here.

State Trooper R. H. Allen, investigating officer, said the truck driver said he swerved to avoid a car which was pulling onto the highway. However, the driver of the

car said he had not made a movement when the truck skidded out of control.

The tractor-trailer rig completely blocked the highway for nearly an hour as wreckers worked to clear the road. The peanuts were loaded on to another truck and by nightfall the highway was completely cleared.

The rig was owned by Lewis Monds of Tyner, who is a contract hauler for Seabrook. Damage to the rig has been placed at \$5,000. No estimate of the loss of cargo was made at the time.

Trooper Allen has not completed his investigation and no charges had been filed at press time.



**LEGION OFFICIALS** — Robert Davis, center, commander of the N. C. Department, American Legion, is shown here prior to the Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, membership kickoff banquet with local and area legion officials. Left to right are W. E. Mills, J. L. Chestnut and E. L. Hollowell. All are from Edenton and members of the local post. The banquet was held Tuesday night at Center Hill Community Building.