



City, County School Board Merger Vote Tuesday

The Public Parade

For The Sake Of Quality

For nearly two years those who meander along The Public Parade have been exposed to our thinking concerning merger of the two school administrative units here. As time passes, the foundation on which we have built our case proves to be sound.

Tuesday the voters in Chowan County will have an opportunity to express themselves on this important question.

Over the years, those citizens who live in the Second and Third Townships have seen their tax dollars go to provide bigger schools which offer students a wider curriculum in the First and Fourth Townships. This has been brought out not by wrongdoing on the part of anyone, but merely because the money follows the students and the latter townships have the bulk of the population.

Until 16 months ago, there were two school superintendents working here. One administered affairs of a unit with fewer than 900 students while the other had the responsibility of about 2,400 students. In January, 1965, the Edenton and Chowan boards of education agreed to certain terms for a merger of the administrative units and since that time have shared the services of a superintendent. This has proven satisfactory although there have still been two boards and two school offices.

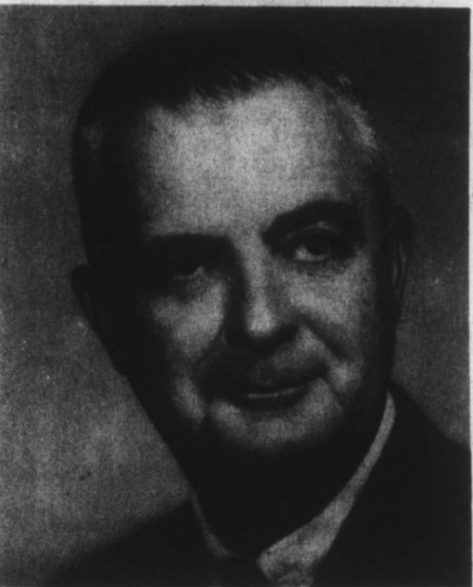
A high school in any administrative unit is not the place for the superintendent's office. The school needs the place and the superintendent needs to be on neutral ground. This would be realized in a one-unit arrangement.

There would also be advantages realized in purchasing, planning, etc., which are not now being enjoyed.

A favorable vote Tuesday would also see, for the first time in history, a complete board elected by the people. Now, the city board with a budget close to \$1-million, is self-perpetuating with the taxpayers having little voice in how the money is spent.

These are all on the plus side. However, the most important thing is the student.

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Dr. Leo W. Jenkins

Dr. Leo Jenkins Banquet Speaker

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, president of East Carolina College, will be keynoter at an Industrial Appreciation Week banquet here May 19.

W. B. Gardner, president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said the dynamic booster of Eastern North Carolina will speak at the banquet honoring local industry to be held at Chowan Golf & Country Club. The event begins at 6 P. M.

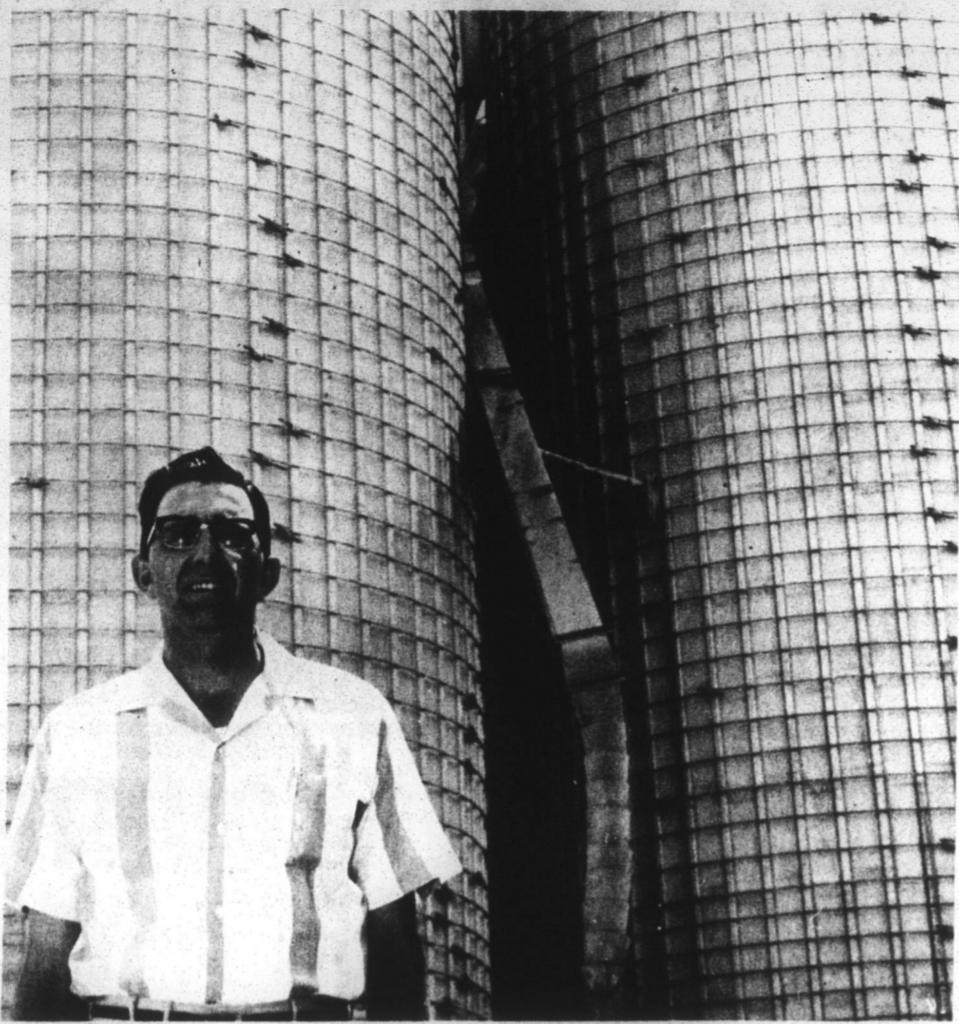
The banquet and Dr. Jenkins' speech will be the highlight of a week of activities where local industrial plans will be open for tours.

Arrangements have been made for 10 local plants to be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 A. M., to 12 noon and 1 P. M., to 3 P. M. Groups are asked to make reservations with the Chamber of Commerce.

The plants participating in this program are: United Piece Dye Works, George C. Moore Co., Seabrook Blanching Corp., Chowan Veneer Co., R. P. Baer Co., Edenton Cotton Mills, Darf Corporation, Carter's Ink Co., Jimbo's Jumbos, and Albemarle Peanut Co.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman of the chamber's Industrial Committee, has

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MR. CHAIRMAN—Leonard Small, chairman of Edenton Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, is almost dwarfed by the huge grain storage bins in the background. The local organization realized the importance of agriculture in the local economy and works with farm groups to promote better practices which result in greater yields. A highlight of the year in Chowan is the annual Peanut Banquet where top producers in the county are honored.

Parks Chosen Town's Mayor Pro Tem

Town officials were sworn in Tuesday night at the council meeting and Luther S. Parks was chosen by his fellow councilmen to be mayor pro tem. Parks fills the spot vacated by J. Edwin Bufflap, who did not run in the recent Municipal Election.

District Judge W. S. Privott administered the oaths to Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Councilmen Tom H. Shepard, Leo Katkaveck and J. D. Elliott; Board of Public Works members Jesse L. Harrell, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., and J. H. Conger, Jr.; and Treasurer James Bond.

Elliott took his seat as councilman-at-

large, replacing Bufflap who has retired after 30 years of service to the town.

Mayor Mitchener re-appointed David White to be street commissioner and named Katkaveck, Shepard and Henry Quinn to the important finance committee. Shepard was also asked to assist the mayor in police department matters with Elliott functioning in a like capacity with the fire department.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Elliott and Fire Chief W. J. Yates were asked to make plans for dedication of the new fire station.

Town Attorney W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., reported that the commissioners appointed in the Charlotte Virginia Small condemnation case had appraised the

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Vote Is Unchanged After Re-Count

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has been declared winner of another two-year term by Chowan County Board of Elections, following a re-count of the votes cast on May 2.

E. L. Hollowell, elections board chairman, said a re-count gave Mitchener 639 votes to 600 for Roy L. Harrell. This was the same count as recorded the night of the election.

Hollowell said the telephone call to

election central the night of the voting which had Mitchener's and Harrell's vote in the third ward switched was not made by the registrar nor any person working for the elections board.

It was on the basis of this call, which for a few minutes gave Harrell an unofficial victory by 43 votes, as well as the closeness of the final figures which prompted the loser to demand a re-count of the 1,250 votes cast.

At the same time, Hollowell clarified returns from the second ward in the matter of abolishing the Board of Public Works. The vote in this ward was 154 for abolishing, and 219 against, instead of 176-173 as reported on election night. This was an error in transcription and was discovered when the canvass was made Wednesday morning.

Hollowell had nothing but praise for the work done by election workers at the four Edenton wards in the election. "The registrars and judges did a fine job for us and the confusion resulted from other sources and was not because of their actions," he said.

Surgeon To Move

Dr. L. Polk Williams, Jr., surgeon and chief of staff at Chowan Hospital, will resign July 1, it was announced today.

Dr. Williams plans to move to Elizabeth City, where he will be associated with Drs. Thomas Nash and Samuel Jenkins.

Dr. Williams, a native of Edenton, has practiced here for five years. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams, Sr., and graduated from Wake Forest College, Bowman Gray Medical School and the Baylor University Surgery Training Program in Houston, Tex.

He is a past president of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and is a member of the board of directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. A Rotarian, Dr. Williams has been a member of that club's board.

Dr. Williams has served as a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Kinion Takes Post

James Kinion, highly successful basketball coach at John A. Holmes High School, moves across North Oakum Street this fall to become assistant principal at D. F. Walker High School.

In addition to being assistant to veteran principal D. F. Walker, Kinion will teach social studies at the Negro school.

In four years at Holmes High, Kinion has guided the Aces into a cage power. They have won the conference championship two consecutive years and have also been tournament champs.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said Kinion will divide his time between teaching and working with Walker in administrative duties at the school.

D. F. Walker High School has a faculty

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SAMPLE BALLOT FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS AT SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN CHOWAN COUNTY ON MAY 16, 1967

INSTRUCTIONS

(1) To vote for or against the questions the voter should make a cross (X) mark in the appropriate square appearing below.

(2) If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

FOR Consolidation and reorganization of the Edenton City Board of Education and the Chowan County Board of Education and the creation of one administrative Board for all of the public schools in Chowan County and a supplemental school tax throughout Chowan not to exceed Fifteen Cents (15c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation.

AGAINST Consolidation and reorganization of the Edenton City Board of Education and the Chowan County Board of Education and the creation of one administrative Board for all of the public schools in Chowan County and a supplemental school tax throughout Chowan not to exceed Fifteen Cents (15c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation.

E. L. Hollowell

Chairman, County Board of Elections of Chowan County, North Carolina.

Two Boards Are Agreed As To Issue

Are two separate boards of education needed to run the affairs of five schools in Edenton and Chowan County?

This is the question to be answered by voters Tuesday in a special referendum concerning merger of the two administrative units.

E. L. Hollowell, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said the polls will open in Chowan's six precincts. They will close at 6:30 P. M.

In addition to the merger of the boards, voters will be casting their ballots for or against a supplemental school tax not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. This supplemental tax has been in effect for the First and Second Townships since 1941 but has never been levied. The vote will actually be on the questions of extending this to Third and Fourth Townships.

Also, a merger of the two boards would mean voters in 1970 would elect a seven-member Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Until then, the joint board would be composed of the existing members of the two boards as now constituted and no replacements would be appointed unless the number falls below seven.

The five-man Chowan County Board of Education is now elected. However, the Edenton City board, consisting of six members, is appointed by the board and Edenton Town Council.

Alton G. Elmore, chairman of the Committee For Better Schools, pointed out last week that the two boards now have approximately \$290,000 in state bond money that may be spent for additional school construction. Release of this money has been held up by the state pending the outcome of Tuesday's vote.

"By merging both school boards we can save money by using the state bond money and not have to raise additional local money for school construction," Elmore stated.

Conditions for the merger, including

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Principal Resigns

J. P. Snipes, principal at Chowan High School for the past four years, has resigned.

The resignation was sent to O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of Chowan County Board of Education following a joint meeting of the board and the rural district school committee last Tuesday night.

The district committee had recommended that Snipes not be re-hired for the 1967-68 term. At a meeting of the county school board last Monday, board members voted down a motion to re-hire the principal but approved a plan for the joint meeting.

Wesley Chesson Gets Two Top Varsity Club Awards

Wesley Chesson, the super athlete at John A. Holmes High School, Monday night was named most outstanding player in both football and basketball.

Trophies were presented to Chesson, Sanfra Ange, for girls' basketball; Mike

Overton, baseball; and Brian Twiddy, golf. No track trophy was awarded since the season in this sport is not finished.

At the annual sports awards banquet given by Edenton Varsity Club, coaches

presented certificates to others who participated in the various sports.

Coach Marion Kirby presented the football and track honors; Coach Jim Kinyon, golf and basketball; Coach Sally Lytch, basketball; and Coach Dave Bumgarner, baseball.

In an inspiring address to the group gathered at National Guard Armory, Coach Vic Bubas of Duke University described how studying relates to what an individual wants to do.

He encouraged the students to study hard in high school and go on to higher education. He described a college diploma as a "hunting license" which is necessary today when seeking the type of employment one desires.

Coach Bubas held the audience spellbound as he said "time doesn't mean anything if you like what you are doing." He said this is evidenced by the fact that students who participate in sports are not clock-watchers as they go about preparing a winning combination.

He touched lightly on the importance of religious activities in one's life. He asked his audience to "check your scoreboard" and if "you do something that is right and know it is right you feel

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PRESENTED TROPHIES—Outstanding athletes at John A. Holmes High School were presented trophies Monday night at the annual sports award banquet of Edenton Varsity Club. Shown left to right are: Sanfra Ange, Coach Vic Bubas of Duke University, Wesley Chesson, Brian Twiddy and Mike Overton.