



The Public Parade

For A Better Balance

Smokestacks are rapidly replacing the mule as the economic symbol in Eastern North Carolina. If the present trend continues it will be only a few years before industrial payrolls along The Public Parade equal our farm income.

In some areas of the country too much dependence is placed on a single source of income. Rarely do you see a balance of economy which is beginning to be enjoyed in Northeastern North Carolina.

This just didn't happen. Aggressive leadership and sincere proposals have been the rule rather than the exception. Those who have told the story of Edenton and Chowan County have been examples of our citizenry. Corporate officials have been impressed to the extent of investing millions of dollars in the area.

Too, those who look around for a site for another plant take a long, hard appraisal at what manufacturing firms who have been here over the years have done and are doing. It is at times like this that such operations as Edenton Cotton Mills stand tall.

P. S. McMullan could more easily operate his mill if there was not keen competition for labor which is brought about by new industries. However, he believes in this community and wants to see it grow and prosper. His company didn't get to be a leader in the industry and the backbone of this area's economy by being little. This impresses those who look at the local situation.

In the past two years we have seen United Piece Dye Works open on the Chowan River, north of Edenton; George C. Moore Company build on U. S. 17 North, and The Carter's Ink Company begin operations on Highway 32, east of Edenton. Another nationally-known firm is ready to announce location of a spacious, new operation in our area.

This has helped everyone in the community. It has been a big factor in increased income from manufacturing—from \$1.7-million in 1960 to \$3.5-million in 1966.

There are nearly 30 manufacturing firms in Chowan County today, while in 1955 there were only 13.

So, it is fitting that Edenton Chamber of Commerce, representing the entire community, pay tribute to those who have contributed to our development with an Industry Appreciation Week.

In today's Chowan Herald, we print ads, stories and pictures about this event. Our only regret is that time and manpower did not permit a more comprehensive report. Like a lot of our colleagues in the manufacturing field, we are small, but growing. The challenge of the future is tremendous but we pledge our best efforts to meet it in a manner which will do credit to all who meander along The Public Parade.

Not Looking At Us

At the request of Principal J. P. Snipes of Chowan High School we are printing the following item from North Carolina Education:

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Dr. Harold Spears, superintendent of San Francisco schools, had some good advice recently for those public officials

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Graduation Slated

Commencement activities for the Class of 1967 at John A. Holmes High School begin June 2 with Senior Day, according to Principal Cecil W. Fry.

The principal said the 1:30 P. M. program in the auditorium at the school will replace the usual Class Night.

The Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises are being combined this year and will be held at 4 P. M., June 4 at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School Auditorium.

Chowan High Finals Begin May 26

Belinda Perry has been named valedictorian, and Charles Asbell, salutatorian, of the Class of 1967 at Chowan High School.

These students will play major roles in the commencement exercises at 8 P. M., June 2. Seth Henderson, superintendent of Dare County Schools, will be the speaker.

Asbell will bring greetings and Miss Perry will give the farewell address. J. P. Snipes, principal, will introduce the speaker and present the diplomas.

Emily Peele has been selected as chief marshal. Others gaining the scholastic honor are: Brenda Hollowell, Harolyn



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MR. CHAIRMAN—Highways play an important role in the development of any area and Edenton Chamber of Commerce is active in the discussion of roads in Northeastern North Carolina. J. Gilliam Wood, former State Highway Commissioner, is chairman of the Highway Committee of the chamber. Of primary concern to this group is improvement of U. S. 17 and securing more tourist traffic along this highway.

Payrolls Show Big Gains

The average weekly wage paid by firms in Chowan County has increased \$32 in the past decade.

R. E. Cheek, manager of the Edenton office of Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, said employment has increased and annual payrolls

20 Area Industries Will Be Honored

The 20 Edenton and Chowan County industries will be honored Friday night at a banquet which climaxes Industry Appreciation Week in this area.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman, Industrial Committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, has announced that Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, president of East Carolina College, will be principal speaker.

The banquet begins at 6 P. M., at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Officials of the area's industries will be guests at the meeting and indications are that a number of executives from out-of-town will be on hand.

W. B. Gardner, chamber president, said this is the first time the area has recognized the industry which has contributed to the healthy economic condition which exists here. He said it is the desire of the chamber to make this an annual affair.

Those being honored include:

Albemarle Peanut Company, Ashley Welding & Machine Company, Richard P. Baer & Company, M. G. Brown Company, The Carter's Ink Company, Chowan Veneer Company, Darf Corporation, Edenton Cotton Mills, Home Feed & Fertilizer Company, and Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc.

Also, George C. Moore Company, J. D. Peele & Brothers Fishery, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Seabrook Blanching Corporation, Tee-Lok Corporation, Townson Lumber Company, M. J. Tynch & Company Fish House, Union Bag Camp Paper Corporation, United Piece Dye Works and Perry-Wynns Fish Company.

Leake, Sheryl Chappell and Linda Berryman.

The annual commencement activities get underway at Chowan May 26 when the seniors have Class Night. At this exercise the class will present a short play, "The Magnolia Blossom." The event begins at 8 P. M.

Rev. Rufus Smithson, Jr., of Pilmoor Memorial Methodist Church, Currituck, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 8:30 P. M., May 28. The speaker graduated from Chowan High School in 1953 and attended High Point College. He has served pastorates at Creswell, Elizabeth City and Stumpy Point.

Merger Approved; Vote Is Very Light

School Board Merger Vote

Precinct	For	Against
West Edenton	361	56
East Edenton	247	48
Center Hill	97	27
Wardville	51	59
Rocky Hock	68	47
Yeopim	62	6
Total	886	243

Another chapter in Chowan County's history will be written June 5 when Edenton City and Chowan County boards of education become one. Merger of the two into the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was approved Tuesday in a referendum which saw less than one-fourth of the registered voters cast their ballot.

The vote was 886 for the merger and 243 against.

In addition to the merger of the two administrative units, voters approved extension of the 15-cent per \$100 valuation supplemental tax to Second and Third Townships. The tax, while never levied, has been on the books for First and Fourth Townships since 1941. Now it is county-wide.

Wardville, Chowan's northern most precinct, was the only box in which a favorable vote was not recorded. The opposition carried this precinct 59-51.

While there was no organized opposition to the merger, many felt those living in Chowan County, outside the Edenton administrative boundary, would vote heavily against the issue. However, the vote in Center Hill was 97-27 in favor of merger and in Rocky Hock it was 68-47.

The two Edenton boxes went heavily for the merger with West Edenton recording 361-56 and East Edenton following with 247-48. In Yeopim, the smallest precinct, only six persons voted against the issue while 62 were casting their ballots in favor of merger.

In anticipation of a favorable vote, the two boards of education have been meeting jointly periodically to discuss items of general interest. While they will not officially become one board until June 5, according to the legislation, the boards are expected to iron out some problems between now and then.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo, who has served both boards since January, 1966, has resigned and will move to Craven County July 1. The boards have jointly interviewed applicants for the superintendent's position but no decision on hiring a replacement for Supt. Mayo has been made, pending the outcome of Tuesday's vote.

Chowan County Board of Education has submitted a plan for desegregation of the two schools under its control to Federal Judge John Larkins of Trenton.

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Holmes Students Get Scholarships

Nine members of the Class of 1967 at John A. Holmes High School have received scholarships from various institutions.

Mrs. James Kinion, guidance counselor, listed the students and the grants as follows:

Larry Parks—A North Carolina Teachers' Scholarship and an East Carolina College Scholarship. He plans to enter East Carolina in the fall of 1967 and major in history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks, Edenton.

Tony Webb—A North Carolina State University Scholarship. He plans to enter N. C. State University at Raleigh, in the fall of 1967 and major in forestry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Webb, Jr., Route 2, Edenton.

Ann Jordan—East Carolina College Scholarship. She plans to enter East Carolina College in the fall of 1967 and major in science. She hopes to become a lab technologist and continue her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan, Rt. 2, Edenton.

Emily Powell—East Carolina College Scholarship. She plans to major in Art at East Carolina College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell of Edenton.

Wesley Chesson—Duke University Athletic Scholarship. He will enter Duke in the fall of 1967. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr.,

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Funds Sought For Alcoholic Center

Chowan County is being asked to contribute \$2,250 towards a local budget of \$11,023 for the establishment in Elizabeth City of an Alcoholic Control Center to serve six counties.

Chairman W. E. Bond presented the proposal from Dr. Isa Grant, district health director, at a recent meeting and commissioners questioned where the money would come from for Chowan to participate. Dr. Grant had suggested that profits from ABC store sales go to support the program.

Local commissioners said non-tax funds are committed here for several years in the future.

Dr. Grant said in Elizabeth City Monday that the center's budget would be \$33,023 of which state funds would pay

two-thirds.

The local funds would come from four counties with ABC operations—Chowan, Perquimans, Dare and Pasquotank. Currituck has just opened an ABC store but is not listed as a contributor in the initial budget. Camden, the sixth county to be served, does not have ABC stores and will not contribute to the budget.

Dr. Grant said most of the budget would be used for staff salaries. The staff would include a full-time public health nurse, a clinical aid or health field visitor and a clerk receptionist.

Chowan would have two representatives on the 12-member board established to operate the center. This is based on one member for each 5,000 population.



PRINCIPALS AT HUMAN RELATIONS SEMINAR—People from Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties Tuesday morning filled the Fellowship Hall of Edenton Methodist Church for a Human Relations Seminar. The seminar, sponsored by the Tri-County Ministerial Association, included the film: "A Time For Burning" and a panel discussion. Principals in the program are shown here, left to right: Rev. E. C. Shoaf, moderator; Rev. Cor-

bin Cooper, panelist; Rev. H. L. Mitchell, president; Fletcher F. Lassiter, panelist; Rev. David L. Harris, program chairman; D. S. Coltrane, panelist and chairman, The North Carolina Good Neighbor Council; Rev. Robert Bame, vice president; Rev. Robert Harrell, panelist and Coltrane's assistant, and Rev. Ralph Fleming, Methodist minister from Raleigh.