



## Jones Resigns At Hospital; Replacement Being Sought

Trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., are currently accepting applications for the post of hospital administrator, which will be vacated October 1 by W. P. (Spec) Jones.

It was announced this week that Jones has submitted his resignation to the board after serving for seven years. He will become actively engaged in his personal business, Spedic Vending Service, Inc.

On July 1 the administrator resigned as Chowan County Tax Supervisor.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, said Jones will be hard to replace.

Speaking of the board's acceptance of Jones' resignation, Harrell said: "Nothing but the highest praise was given him for a hard job well done during his seven years as administrator."

He credited Jones with giving birth to the idea of converting the Nurses Home into a long term care unit that has been a real asset to the community. Too, he said Jones was instrumental in getting the hospital air conditioned and has continuously upgraded the equipment within the institution.

Because of the wide administration of

Jones, Harrell said the community has enjoyed one of the lowest room rate charges of any hospital in the area with

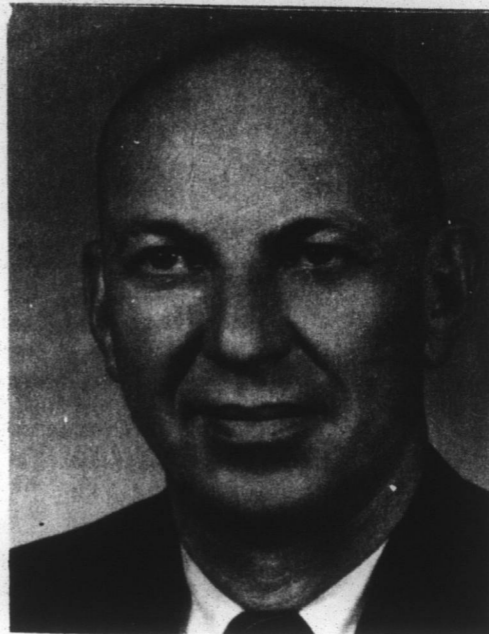
the best available care.

Jones said he arrived at his decision to resign with mixed feelings. He pointed out that he has been connected with the hospital for over 20 years and will always be very much interested in it.

The administrator cited the need for a new hospital as well as additional long term care beds. He expressed confidence that the citizens will share in his concern for new facilities and vote bonds to construct it.

He also paid tribute to the dedicated hospital personnel, medical staff, trustees and Hospital Auxiliary. "Through the years (the auxiliary) has been one of the most valuable assets to the hospital through its efforts and contributions," he said.

Over the years Jones has been one of Chowan County's most active citizens. In addition to his work with the hospital and county, he is a past president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and this year serves as chairman of that group's important Industrial Committee. He is also a member of the board of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina here.



W. P. (Spec) Jones



MAKE IT OFFICIAL—Last Thursday night, Edenton Town Council passed a resolution establishing a Housing Authority here. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., seated left, was joined by Councilman Henry G. Quinn and representatives of an Atlanta, Ga., architectural firm as he signed the resolution. Standing left to right are Jerome Costa and Richard Bradford. Mayor Mitchener will now appoint five local citizens to the authority.

### Hearing Held

## Public Housing Is Backed

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., will soon appoint a five-member Housing Authority for Edenton and the group will be charged with exploring the establishment of low-rent units to replace sub-standard housing.

Town Council Thursday night unanimously approved a resolution setting up the Housing Authority.

Mayor Mitchener indicated this week that his appointments would be forthcoming.

"It is most important that this authority be composed of citizens concerned with the need for low-rent housing and who are willing to give their time and talents to the difficult job ahead," he stated. Members of the authority will serve without compensation.

Councilman H. G. Quinn, who has spearheaded the local efforts to get action on public housing, was in charge of the public hearing held at the Municipal Building. He said the purpose of the hearing was to determine the public feeling as to public housing.

In addition to members of the press, Dr. J. H. Horton was the only interested citizen present. There were visitors from both Plymouth and Windsor where the same program is being discussed.

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## Rain Is Recorded

"Right nice rain," said J. H. Conger, Sr., this week when quizzed about the monsoons which prevailed here late last week.

His tongue-in-cheek remark was followed by a report that 4.06 inches of water was recorded by the weather observer Friday. This is more rain than recorded in April and May combined and nearly as much as fell during the entire month of June.

Conger also said 6.25 inches of rain was measured here during the first 15 days of August.

July's rainfall was 9.14 inches. Conger recorded 5.17 inches of rain Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The normal rainfall here is between three and one-half and four inches per month.

## Historic Edenton Group At Work

Edenton's first visitor center to benefit tourists stopping here will open in the spring and five historic sites will be opened and staffed at that time.

W. B. Gardner, president of Historic Edenton, Inc., told members of the board of directors meeting last week that everything is being geared to the formal opening.

"We now have sufficient money to further restoration plans at the Barker House, Cupola House and Iredell House as well as put in museum exhibits and begin an educational program," Gardner said. "It will require a lot of dedicated work by many people in the months ahead but this organization is determined to clear the next hurdle on schedule."

Historic Edenton, Inc., was formed earlier in the year to coordinate activities of all historic sites in the area. Previously, individual associations have carried on their programs.

The General Assembly gave a grant of more than \$36,000 to go forward with

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## Cupola House Popular With Tourists

The Cupola House Association Wednesday marked the first anniversary of the re-opening of the historic Colonial home following its present restoration.

They can look back with justifiable pride on a highly successful year.

Since its re-opening on August 16, 1966, 2,295 visitors have registered at

## Learning Lab Scheduled

A Learning Lab, where local citizens can study most any subject and proceed at their own speed, will open in Edenton during September. It will be a division of the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

Ted Rollins, head of adult education for the community college, said funds had been set aside for the lab and local sources must furnish the space and utilities. He said necessary instructors and materials could be provided by the college.

The Education Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday and agreed to give Rollins the green light. "Adequate space for the lab will be made available," N. J. George, chairman, said.

It was pointed out that a temporary location could be in the basement at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School. However, Supt. Bill Britt said it would be highly desirable if the lab could be located at a site other than at a school.

The room on the north side of the school building would be easily accessible from East Church Street and the fac-

ulty parking lot just east of the school could be used.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and chamber president, said he is pleased over the prospects of having a Learning Lab open this year. "It will be a tremendous advantage to the community to have such an educational tool here," he said.

W. E. Bond, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, said he personally favors the lab. "There is certainly a need for it here," he said, and added that he would bring it before the full board for discussion at the September meeting.

George said every possible step should be taken to have a better educated population in the area. "This is what we want and this is what interests industry and other businesses who desire to locate here," he added.

The chairman concluded that the Learning Lab would be the beginning of a greater community.

The Learning Lab proposition was proposed by Rollins during an earlier meeting with the Education Committee. The committee had discussed the establishment of a technical center here which would be a permanent branch of the college.

Rollins said a Learning Lab would fill the need here at this time while giving the local population an opportunity to demonstrate their interest in future programs.

The Learning Lab, staffed by qualified instructors, will be open on a regular daily basis for the convenience of those interested in furthering their education.

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## Valuation Rises

Property valuation in Chowan County is rapidly approaching the \$30-million figure.

Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton reported this week the 1967 valuation of real and personal property is \$29,363,790. Personal property totals \$8,416,990, while the remaining \$20,946,800 is in real property.

Nearly \$2-million of the total, equal to the increase over 1966 is in subdivisions developed along the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

The Fire District valuation is \$18,726,115. This area pays a special tax to support fire protection.

The breakdown by townships include: FIRST—\$16,976,965; \$5,492,560, personal; \$11,484,405, real; with \$9,157,210 being in corporations.

SECOND — \$6,428,940; \$1,628,835, personal; \$4,800,105, real; with \$1,280,960 being in corporations; \$177,260 in Chowan Beach; \$95,790 in American Central; and \$897,440 in Arrowhead Beach.

THIRD—\$3,142,055; \$871,840, personal; \$2,270,215, real; with \$246,455 being in corporations.

FOURTH—\$2,815,830; \$423,755, personal; \$2,392,075, real; with \$171,370 being in corporations and \$1,101,730 in Cape Colony.

## The Public Parade

### Not Even A Scratch

Today your Chowan Herald is different. It carries the first spot color ever published by a newspaper along The Public Parade. We're proud of it.

Since switching to offset printing on March 1, our staff has been working hard to adapt to the new process. They have done a commendable job.

One of the advantages of offset is that it enables the small, hometown newspapers to provide some of the specialty services such as color.

Although we went into the new process dumb as an ox, the ink had hardly dried before Alton Elmore of Belk-Tyler's started hounding us to give him color. Naturally, we wanted to walk before we ran so we politely walked away from his requests, asking that we be allowed to first learn to do what was absolutely necessary.

The string ran out this week when Alton brought in an ad, pointing to the areas to be printed in red. The laugh he heard was more pain than joy.

The results of his insistence and our labors are found on page four of Section B. The line thrown across page one of this section is a bonus, plugging a good project.

So, we've taken another step here at The Chowan Herald. And it didn't hurt a bit.

### In Right Direction—Up

Gross retail sales in Chowan County exceeded \$17½-million in 1966-67. Although the percentage increase was not as great as a year ago, it is comparable to the state average. Last year the figure was \$17-million.

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## 4-H Event Slated

A delegate of North Carolina 4-H Club members touring the state will arrive at Edenton airport on Monday at 3:30 P. M., aboard the Governor's plane, the "Carolina Cardinal". Hosts for the group while in Edenton are the Jaycees, Lions and Rotary clubs.

The plane has been chartered for visits to 10 Tar Heel cities to enable the club members to give a report to the State on 4-H.

T. C. Blalock, state 4-H Club leader who will be accompanying the delegation, says the purpose of the trip is to tell the story of 4-H to the people. Getting more specific, he says the club members will "explain the latest changes and adjustments in the 4-H program and present outstanding examples of youth development."

T. C. Byrum, chairman of the committee representing the three sponsoring civic organizations, says the report team will be greeted by town and county officials. A large number of 4-H'ers from Chowan and surrounding counties are also expected to be at the airport to help

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CUPOLA HOUSE PASSES MARK—Mrs. R. J. Boyce, hostess at the Cupola House here, poses with association president T. P. H. Wood in one of the handsomely renovated and appointed rooms of the house. Yesterday the association completed the first year of being open to the public. Wood is seated at a pine Stretcher Taverna Table of the 17th century period. It is one of the oldest pieces in the house.

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