



Chowan Hospital Board Is Seeking \$1-Million In Bonds For New Facility; Election Planned

Chowan County commissioners will be asked Monday to call a \$1-million bond referendum for construction of a new hospital.

It is anticipated that the election, the second on the question of building a new medical facility, will be held in December.

Voters on November 8, 1966, overwhelmingly defeated a proposed \$1½-million hospital bond issue.

Jesse L. Harrell, chairman of the board of trustees at Chowan Hospital, said Wednesday it is believed that \$1-million would be a sufficient amount as the county's part in constructing a 60-bed hospital.

He explained that there has been a change of participation of federal funds from \$13,000 per bed to 40 per cent of the cost based on \$25,000 per bed. This amounts to \$10,000 per bed.

However, B. Atwood Skinner of Wil-

son, the architect chosen by the board, has estimated the per bed cost at \$27,000. This, according to Harrell, allows for inflation and the assumption that the structure will be under contract in 1968.

The board has an option on 25 acres of the Ward Farm, just west of the present hospital on Highway 32. The option expires January 1, 1968.

Harrell said the need has not changed.

"We still need a new hospital and need for the existing hospital to be converted into a long-term care unit," he stated.

Also, the chairman pointed out that construction costs are going up at the rate of 1 per cent per month. Right now the hospital will cost the community \$200,000 more than it would have had the November issue passed.

Harrell says it is important to hold the bond election as soon as legally possible so that if they are approved the

architect can go ahead with plans and specifications.

Edenton Jaycees have agreed to promote an extensive campaign for approval of the bond issue. Wallace B. Evans and Jerry Holmes will be co-chairmen of the promotion.

Chowan Hospital now has a capacity of 35 beds. A survey team has recommended that a completely new hospital be built rather than trying to add on to the existing structure.

The Public Parade

In Spotlight

Former Aces Coach Bill Billings has continued his winning ways in Delaware and will be featured Friday morning on a CBS television show.

Coach Billings, in his sixth year at Middletown, Del., has won 47 straight football games. Thus far in the 1967 season his teams have posted victories of 28-0 and 50-0.

CBS cameramen were on hand for last week's game and the film will be viewed at 7:30 A. M., Friday.

Hank Ehringhaus is chief of the Billings Fan Club in Edenton and welcomes members to Hotel Joseph Hewes for a look at their idol in color.

Sectionalism And Sense

The popular sport nowadays appears to be knocking the Democratic Party. And those who are doing the most knocking are the very ones who have enjoyed the most benefits.

To the surprise of many, at least two area officials who have not one iota of business publicly messing in politics are beating the GOP drums.

R. W. Luther, Elizabeth City city manager, told a reporter: "They (state officials) are going to do anything for us until we vote Republican." He also said: "We elect the governors, but when they get in office they don't do a thing for us. If we turn the tables on the Democrats one time, maybe we'll get some action."

Now ain't that some kind of public statement to come from a man who got money from a Democratic Administration to improve utilities in Hertford and who administers the affairs of a city that has enjoyed priority on almost everything that comes into Northeastern North Carolina.

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Earnhardt Is New Chamber Of Commerce President

Six new members were welcomed as directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce Tuesday and during a reorganizational meeting elected W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., as president.

Earnhardt, local theater owner and

civic leader, succeeds W. B. Gardner. Gardner will become an ex officio member of the board.

Wesley Chesson was elected vice president, Mrs. R. Elton Forehand, Jr., secretary, and James (Pete) Dail, treasurer.

Directors recently elected for a two-year term are: Chesson, Wallace Evans, Bill Bunch, Kermit Layton, Chuck Benson, and Jack Douglas. Members whose term has expired include: R. Graham White, Dr. L. P. Williams, Jr., Glenn Mabe, T. C. Byrum, Jr., James F. Flanagan and Gardner.

Earnhardt told the directors he appreciated the confidence placed in him and will give his best efforts to the job ahead.

"With the help of all we will go forward with our projects and bring them to a successful conclusion," he said.

The new president indicated that he would begin work immediately on committee assignments so the membership drive and other important activities of the new year can begin soon.

It was announced that the annual membership meeting will be held October 5 at Chowan Golf & Country Club. The program begins at 7:30 P. M.

Funeral Home Set

Construction is underway on a new funeral home in Edenton, to be located on a four-acre tract north of town on Highway 32.

E. L. Hollowell and J. Clarence Leary, president and vice president respectively of Colonial Funeral Home, announced today that it will take approximately five months to complete construction.

Edenton Construction Company is general contractor.

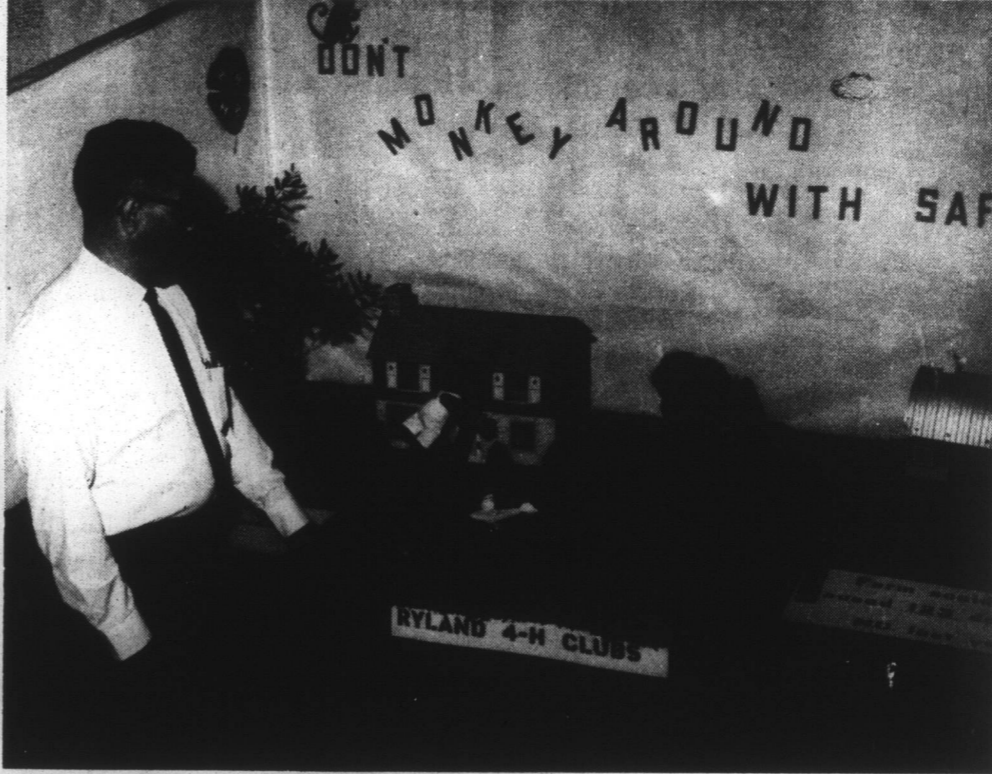
Marvin Barham, formerly connected with Williford Funeral Home, will be general manager of the new establishment.

The structure will be of Colonial

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CHOWAN FAIR UNDERWAY—Exhibits at the annual Chowan County Fair were judged Tuesday and the grand champion award went to Ryland 4-H Clubs. Looking over the winner is W. A. Perry, president of the fair association. In the picture above, Woodrow Slade, fair manager, points to some rides on the midway as the outdoor activity begins. The fair, sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, runs through Saturday.



Ryland Club Exhibit Wins Top Chowan Fair Award

Cloudless skies were welcomed as the annual Chowan County Fair opened this week with what fair officials termed the best selection of exhibits in history.

W. A. Perry, fair manager, congratulated those who worked hard on various

type exhibits which can be seen during the week.

"We have very, very good exhibits this year and every space is filled," Perry said. "We have had an overflow of excellent entries in every division," he added.

More than \$1,500 in premiums are being given.

"Don't Monkey Around With Safety" was the theme used by Ryland 4-H Clubs and their exhibit won first place in the Youth Organizations Division as well as the grand champion trophy.

The championship exhibit called attention to the fact that home accidents caused 668 deaths in North Carolina last year while farm mishaps were responsible for 123 deaths.

First place in the Adult Division was

won by Beech Fork Home Demonstration Club. "Splash Your Home With Color Right Accessories" was the theme of this booth.

In the Schools Division, the Future Teachers of America at John A. Holmes High School entered the blue ribbon winner.

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Aces Record 3rd Victory

Coach Marion Kirby takes his Edenton Aces and a 3-0 Albemarle Conference record to Scotland Neck Friday night in what is expected to be a real battle.

At the beginning of the season Coach Kirby said Scotland Neck would be one of the teams to watch in the 2-A conference this year.

The Aces continued their winning ways in the conference last week in their first road appearance. They downed Williamston 20-6 after beating Northampton and Pasquotank Central at home.

In a non-conference game earlier in the month, the Aces were defeated by Elizabeth City.

Billy Wallace and John Sutton were offensive standouts in Friday's game in Williamston. Sutton grabbed a fumble in mid-air in the second quarter and raced 80 yards for a TD, the first of three scored by the Aces.

Wallace got loose on a quick opener off the right side on the first play of the second half and was not to be caught. He traveled 72 yards on the jaunt. Later he went over from the one for the fourth period score.

Matt Neipraschk kicked two of three

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THE "NEW" A & P—A five-week grand reopening event opened this week at A & P Super Market on North Broad Street. Pictured above is the new front of the building, showing the recently resurfaced parking lot. The insert at left shows the expanded produce department. In the right insert is a portion of the dairy foods department.

A&P Completes Store Renovation

A seven-month expansion and renovation program has been completed by A&P Super Market, 701 North Broad Street and the store this week launched a five-week reopening celebration.

The store, owned by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., is now said to be the finest of any A&P in a town the size of Edenton in the entire super market chain.

During the reopening event, Joe Stroud, manager, said five TV's will be given away as well as five executive desk sets. Drawings will be each Saturday night for the next five weeks. You do not have to be present to win one of these prizes.

Also, the store is observing new hours this week. It will be open from 8:30 A. M., to 9 P. M., Thursday and Friday, and 8:30 A. M., to 8 P. M., on Saturday.

Edenton Construction Company was general contractor for the 3,720 square foot addition.

The store has all new equipment and fixtures. It has been completely reded-

erated and has a new floor. A near-Early American front has been put on the building and the parking lot resurfaced and new lighting installed.

Stroud points out that a fifth check-out station has been added to further aid the customers.

The expansion program means that many additional items can now be offered, Stroud says.

Stroud said A&P customers have patiently awaited the enlarged store and he wishes to thank them for their understanding and cooperation over the past few months.

"We appreciate the past patronage of citizens of the area and we are now geared to give an even better selection of merchandise as well as service," he added.

Stroud, an A&P manager for 17 years, has been in Edenton since the store first opened more than nine years ago. Howard Flowers is assistant manager.

Heading the meat department staff is Richard Lovett. Johnny Owens manages the produce department.



NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT ELECTED—W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., right, appears to anticipate a successful year as president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce as he poses with W. B. Gardner, outgoing president. Earnhardt and other chamber officers were elected Tuesday by the board of directors.