

# Gas Firm Given Franchise; Four Trustees Reappointed

North Carolina Natural Gas Corp., Tuesday night was granted a franchise to install a gas system in the Town of Edenton. At the end of 20 years the town has an option to purchase the system.

In approving second reading of the franchise ordinance, councilmen rejected a request by the Board of Public Works that a feasibility survey be made to determine if the town should go into the natural gas business.

Councilmen Leo Katkaveck and Henry Quinn reported on their study of information gathered by E&W Supt. Richard Hines and Town Administrator W. B. Gardner. While they made no recommendation on what action the council should take, they said in their opinion the feasibility study was not warranted. The councilmen were appointed by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., to study the surveys.

Councilman J. D. Elliott spoke in fa-

vor of the franchise and motion for the second reading ordinance, first read October 1967. "Edenton has been known as this area," he stated. "This enable us to maintain this

Councilman Quinn agreed the gas business would be venture for the town over the years. However, he said he could not see how it could be financed at this time.

Objecting to the franchise was Councilman Luther C. Parks. He said the agreement between the town and N. C. Natural Gas should be studied further before final action is taken. "I am not opposed to natural gas but I want to make sure this thing is done right," he stated.

"I don't want any undue delay," he added in asking for more time for Town Attorney W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., and department heads to study the language of the franchise agreement.

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At the beginning of the council session a joint meeting was held between Mayor Mitchener, W. E. Bond, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, Board of Public Works; and Dr. Edward G. Bond, representing the medical society. They went through the formality of reappointing three members to the board of trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc. They were Guy Hobbs, C. A. Phillips, and J. Clarence Leary.

The franchise calls for the installation of natural gas lines to 60 per cent of the residences here within the next three years.

Edenton is the 14th town to grant the firm a franchise in its current pipeline extension program. Bethel, Murfreesboro, Windsor and Hertford have voted on first reading and no action has been taken in Hamilton and Elizabeth City.

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**AUXILIARY POLICEMEN SWORN-IN**—Nine members of the first Auxiliary Police Force in the Town of Edenton were sworn-in Tuesday night by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., at the regular Town Council meeting. They are shown here with Chief J. D. Parrish, extreme left, and former Chief James Griffin of Sanford, left. First row, left to right are: Chief Parrish, Steve Hampton, Emanuel Blount, John R. (Pete) Ward, and Chief Griffin. Second row, Orval Williams, Robert Weintraub, Howard Lee Askew, and James Ray Briley. Back row, Gerald Brabble and George Hollowell.

## The Public Parade

### What Say Ye, Mayor?

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has summoned representatives of news media in the area to a chat-session Tuesday night at Edenton Restaurant.

When he called, he merely said he wanted to show his appreciation to this media for the kindnesses extended him during his tenure of public office.

Mayor John made it clear it would be strictly an informal affair. He also said he would be open to questioning. Then he hinted that at the conclusion there might be a statement forthcoming.

During the past three years this writer has had the opportunity to work closely with His Honor the Mayor. We have supported him when we thought he was right, at times to the point of being accused of "selling out" to his cause. By the same token, we have been critical of his administration when we thought things were wrong.

In all our agreements and disagreements, we have been able to communicate on an even wave length. This has created a good working relationship.

With politics in the wind on the state and national levels it might be a mite early to think about next year and the municipal elections. But at a gathering such as the one Mayor Mitchener has called there will bound to be some questions about his political future.

The question looms: What will he say about 1969?

### Hearts And Thanks

By the time you read this St. Valentine's Day, 1968, will be history. Like Christmas, this special day has been so commercialized it has lost a great deal of meaning.

St. Valentine's Day is traditionally associated with affairs of the heart. It is characterized by the exchange of cards with fancy words that in most cases mean about as much as the ink it takes to print them.

However, to the youngsters these cause a flutter they actually know little about. And, unfortunately, as one grows older he is prone to sluff off such as Valentine's Day as just something else for the kiddies.

At this particular season this year

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**GONE!**—Edenton Police Department has removed the red parking fine boxes from the downtown area. Police Chief J. D. Parrish said violators were not putting the correct amount of fine in the envelopes for deposit in the boxes. All parking meter fines must now be paid at the department headquarters on Water Street.

## Young Man Held For Court Action

John Lee Holley, 19-year-old Negro, Route 3, Edenton, is being held in Chowan County Jail without privilege of bond on charges of first degree burglary and attempted rape.

Holley was given a preliminary hearing in Chowan County District Court Tuesday. Judge W. S. Privott found probable cause and ordered Holley held for trial in Superior Court.

An elderly Negro woman, who lives in an apartment in the same house with the defendant, signed the warrants. She testified that she was awakened early Saturday morning and fought off her would-be attacker.

Evidence showed the burglar entered through a window.

The incident was reported to police Saturday afternoon and Holley was arrested following an intensive investigation.

Judge Privott appointed W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., to represent the defend-

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## Reps. Godwin, Culpepper Poised

## Incumbents In House To Run Again

The two incumbent state legislators from the First District have announced plans to seek re-election in the May Democratic Primary.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City, and Rep. Phil P. Godwin of Gatesville, said this week they intend to run again. The district consists of six counties: Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

Rep. Culpepper said he will be a candidate for District House Seat No. One; Rep. Godwin will run for District House Seat No. Two. This is the first year under the new arrangement where a person must run for a specific seat, although balloting will be at large.

The deadline for candidates to file to run for the state house is March 22.

Rep. Godwin is a veteran of four sessions of the General Assembly. He represented Gates County prior to reapportionment. He has been active in the Democratic Party for many years.

He is an attorney.

Rep. Culpepper, a hardware executive,

## Bass Re-Elected By Republicans

H. Edward Bass Saturday was re-elected chairman of Chowan County Republicans during the county convention held at the court house.

Mrs. David O. Wright was chosen as vice chairman during the regular election of officers. Other officers elected included: Mrs. Lola Bass, secretary; J. L. Chestnutt, treasurer; and the following convention delegates: John W. Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Chestnutt and Albert Ward. Alternate delegates are: Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Earl Britton and Robert Dail.

Members of the Chowan County GOP Executive Committee include Dr. Wright, John A. Ricks, Britton, Ward and John Taylor.

Members at the convention discussed a fund raising dinner which is now being planned. No date has been set.

## W. E. Barrow, 47

Funeral services were held Saturday for William Edward Barrow, 801 Johnston Street, who died Thursday at Chowan Hospital after a brief illness. He was 47.

Mr. Barrow suffered a serious heart attack several days earlier while working at J. H. Conger & Son, Inc.

A native of Chowan County, Mr. Barrow was a son of the late Joseph W. and Annie Bowen Barrow.

His marriage was to the former Miley Smith, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Deborah Jane and Brenda Kay Barrow, both of the home; three brothers: George B. Barrow of Washington, D. C.; Jack H. Barrow and James C. Barrow, both of Edenton; and four sisters: Mrs. J. Frank White, Jr., of Charlotte; Mrs. James Britton of Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. D. W. Pressgrove of Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. William J. White of Edenton.

He was an active member of Edenton Baptist Church and served as a deacon.

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## New Voter Registration Still Slated

Chowan County Board of Elections is going ahead with plans for a complete new voter registration that will combine the county and town books.

Mrs. Sadie H. Hoskins, chairman, has notified Roy L. Harrell of the board's decision. Harrell last week requested the board to abandon the plans and use the transfer method to obtain the loose-leaf system.

"In having a new registration, we are hoping to set up a system which will be easier and less confusing for the voters as they will only have to register once, and the same book will be used for both county and town elections," Mrs. Hoskins wrote Harrell.

Mrs. Hoskins also relayed a recommendation from the State Board of Elections:

"We caution you against considering the possibility of transferring your old registration into the books. This may later prevent you from going into full-

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## Hollowell Named

W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., of Edenton has been named to the board of directors of N. C. Association for the Blind for the year 1968-69.

At a recent meeting in Raleigh, Eros Pitts of Asheville was elected president; Robert G. Frye of Hickory, first vice president; John Xanthos of Burlington, second vice president; C. Ray Pruette of Franklinton, secretary; and P. H. Nappier of Clayton, treasurer.

Hollowell, a past district governor of Lions International, has been active in the work to aid the blind for many years.



Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr.



Rep. Phil P. Godwin

## COA, Local Hospital Plan Courses

Chowan Hospital, Inc., and the Adult Education Division, College of the Albemarle, jointly have developed a series of training programs to meet some of the present and future personnel needs of the hospital. These programs are designed to train both men and women in the community for meeting the paramedical needs of the community hospital, according to Thomas Surratt, administrator.

The first series, to be held at Chowan Hospital, will be the nurse assistant training program. It is designed to upgrade present employees of the hospital and additionally, to train other persons in the community for possible employment at a future date. Basically, the

## Offices To Close

Chowan County and Town of Edenton offices will be closed Thursday, February 22, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said except for the collection office, normal municipal functions will be carried on.

course is outlined to provide three hours each of classroom and clinical experience for a total of six hours daily.

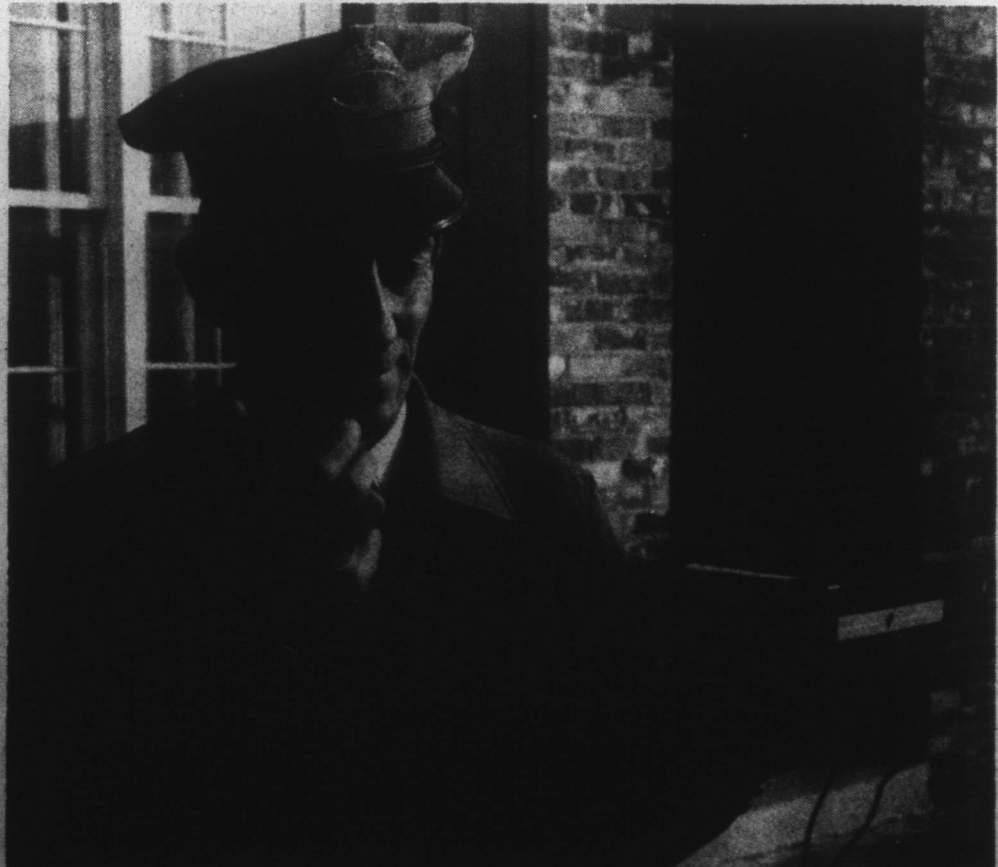
It is anticipated additional clinical experience may be available to some members of the class on weekends when mutually agreed to by both the hospital and the trainee. This additional clinical experience, when requested and approved, would not be considered a part of the formal training program.

Classes are scheduled to begin March 11, and will continue through April 24, a period of 11 weeks with a total of 330 hours credit.

The program is to be credited by Mrs. Barbara R. Cale, director of nursing at Chowan Hospital. Assisting her with instruction for the program will be Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., Mrs. John Pavlich and Mrs. George Twiddy, all registered nurses.

The instruction will include all phases of basic medical, surgical, pediatric, and obstetric nursing techniques. An appropriate certificate will be awarded to the persons satisfactorily completing the course. It is anticipated that this will be a continuing program.

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**NEW EQUIPMENT**—Seventeen volunteer firemen in Edenton will soon have two-way communications with the fire department on North Broad Street. Frank Twiddy, a volunteer, here holds the compact unit that is being purchased by the firemen for use in their vehicles. The four-pound unit will enable volunteers to do a better job of answering calls, according to Town Administrator W. B. Gardner. When all the units are installed, every volunteer will have access to two-way communications.