



## The Public Parade

### Praise Where Due

May we be among the first publicly to commend the Negroes of Edenton and Chowan County for having acquitted themselves as first class citizens during the past few days?

However great the provocation was, local Negroes showed a proper restraint from violence, a commendable respect for the rights of others and a sense of responsibility as working partners in the preservation of law and order.

No one loses from such conduct

On the contrary, no one really gains anything from such exhibitions of mass violence and mad destruction as has gone on in some of our major cities. Everybody loses.

When grievances are valid, legal redress is always available; but when valid grievances are sought to be redressed by illegal means, the distinction between the offense and the offender is lost and the plaintiff becomes as guilty as the defendant.

Maintenance of law and order is the first duty of government. The only substitute for that is anarchy, a system in which the rewards are reserved for those with the quickest trigger finger.

Freedom, on the other hand, is a system of restraints adopted by society for the mutual benefit of its members. It consists not so much in doing what one is compelled to do as what one ought to do.

Negro citizens along The Public Parade have long since understood these principles and give every evidence of wanting to live by them. They have, in the great majority, turned deaf ears to the organizers and the agitators and have gone about the daily task of trying to improve their own lot by their own efforts.

Such qualities should not be overlooked by others in the community. If rewards are to be struck, they should go to those among us who are seeking to build rather than to destroy. All too often it seems to be the other way around.

### Mayor's Mail Sack

Public officials are called on to do a lot of things and Mayor John Mitchener's mail Wednesday brought him a couple of assignments that are apt to keep him busy for awhile.

If you see him searching along The Public Parade, Mayor Mitchener will be looking for a North Carolina flag and a ride to Suffolk, England.

Robert W. Bass, a citizen of Rocky Hock, has requested the flag to represent the Tar Heel state in Vietnam. Young Bass wrote the mayor that Gov. Dan Moore promised more than four months ago to send the flag but it hadn't arrived.

This is quite a patriotic thing Rocky Hock's representative in Vietnam wants to do and we'll bet the mayor honors his request.

The other item, however, is a bit more difficult. Mayor and Mrs. Mitchener have been invited to attend the launching ceremony of the United States Salvage Tug "Edenton" on May 15. The ceremony is being held at Brooke Marine

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## Board Holds Prior Stand On Offices

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was told Tuesday night if suitable office space for the superintendent and his staff cannot be found in the Hotel Joseph Hewes Building then they must remain where they are.

County commissioners said the county is in no financial condition to either build a new administrative building or participate in renting quarters for the school's office.

For several months the two groups have been discussing the necessity of moving the superintendent's office out of John A. Holmes High School. The county has cancelled the lease with Houghton Ehringhaus for the third and fourth floors of the hotel building and

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## Council Approves Work For Area

Beautification of downtown Edenton will be undertaken by the chamber of commerce and the Town Council has given the group authority to work in a test block.

At a meeting Tuesday night, councilmen approved the chamber's request to work on a plan for the downtown area. If the plan proves satisfactory then it is anticipated that the entire business district will be beautified.

Councilmen, in a short monthly session, gave the Electric and Water Department permission to complete the 12,000 volt line on Old Hertford Road at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

Two committees, required by the Workable Program, were appointed.

Names to serve on the Code and Ordinance Review Committee were: Merrill Evans, Jr., George Alma Byrum, Roy L. Harrell, Thurston Stallings and J. B. Small.

The Citizens Advisory Committee will be composed of the following: James C. (Pete) Dail, Rev. Hubert Morris, John Lee Spruill, Henry Cuthrell, Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., Ernest Kehayes, Mrs. R. Elton Forehand, W. E. Cox, Raymond L. Weathers, William A. Reeves and W. H. Creecy.

## Chowan Hospital Board Limits Terms

Chowan Hospital Board of Trustees have approved new by-laws which establishes a maximum number of years a member may serve continuously on the board.

Members to the 11-man board are appointed to three year terms and can be reappointed to one additional term. After the second term a member cannot be reappointed until he has been off the board for at least one year.

The county commissioners appoint two



**PHILLIPS CAMPAIGNS IN AREA**—Dr. Craig Phillips, right, a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the May 4 Democratic Primary, campaigned in the Albemarle area earlier this week. He is shown here during a visit to Chowan County with Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools. Dr. Phillips, a former superintendent, says he is interested in more home rule for schools throughout North Carolina.

## Phillips Campaigns Hard

The first race for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1900 is now underway and the first candidate in the five-man race campaigned in Northeastern

North Carolina this week.

Dr. Craig Phillips of Greensboro admitted that since 69 per cent of the votes will come from 29 North Carolina counties, it would have been easy to "write off" the small counties of the east and west. "However, I am trying to demonstrate my concern for education in all areas of the state," he said here.

At a luncheon arranged by Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools, the candidate talked about a new concept in the State Department of Public Instruction. He mentioned regional offices to assist superintendents in dealing with the department. He also emphasized his firm belief in more and more responsibilities being placed on local boards of education.

Although "Phillips" is a magic name in this state in education circles, the candidate said he is charting his own course. "I'm trying to sell myself and the fact that my experience as a superintendent in two of the largest school systems in the state qualify me for the job," he said.

The biggest issue at the moment, he states, is the fact that there is a campaign for the school post. In spite of all efforts, Dr. Phillips states, 200,000 North Carolinians will go to the polls May 4 not knowing of this campaign.

Turning again to the job he seeks, Dr. Phillips said in the past the department has had a regulatory outlook but should be service oriented. "We need to know the problems of the people better and work toward solving them," he said.

Also, with \$500 million in state money going to education, citizens in all walks of life ought to be concerned about the basic education being provided, he continued.

He recognizes one of the problems in the field of education as being the fact

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## Woman Charged

A young Negro woman has been charged with murder in the fatal stabbing of Jesse Moring, 52, Route 1, Edenton.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin identified the woman as Mary Twine, 21, Route 3, Edenton. He said she is being held in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

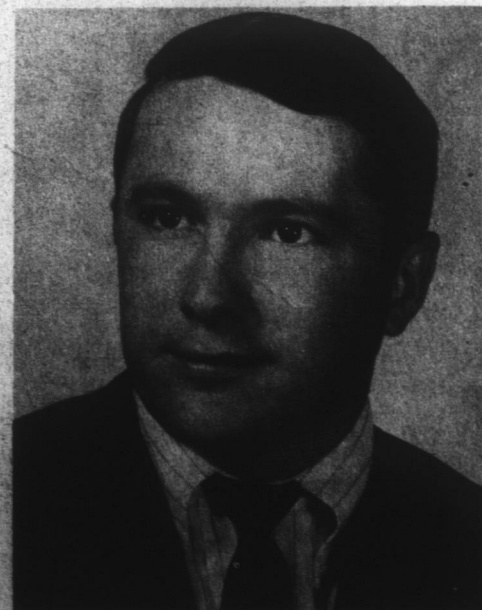
Sheriff Goodwin said the alleged murder occurred at Moring's home in the Valhalla section at approximately 6 P. M. Tuesday. He said the weapon used was a butcher knife.

The sheriff said details of the incident were not known. The woman requested an attorney and refused to discuss the case with law enforcement officers.

## Ashley To Direct Red Cross Drive

Wayne Ashley, treasurer of Edenton Savings & Loan Association, will direct the 1968 American Red Cross funds campaign in Chowan County. The goal has been set at \$2,500.

Ashley, an active member of Edenton



Wayne Ashley

## County Gets Study Grant From F H A

Chowan County Planning Board will receive a grant of \$4,500 to finance a planning study of a water and sewer system for the county.

Grant funds will come from the Farmers Home Administration, a branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Approval of the grant was announced jointly by Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, and Melvin E. Howell, FHA county supervisor. Rep. Jones hailed the grant as an important step toward "great benefits in the future development of this county."

The county planning board, headed by George W. Lewis, applied for the funds to develop a plan for a water and sewer system in all rural areas of Chowan.

Howell explained that the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Systems Planning Grant will provide information to avoid overlapping, duplication, underdesign or overdesign of facilities that will be constructed in the county.

The plans will cover all of Chowan County with the exception of towns with a population in excess of 5,500 people. The plans will be developed by an engineering firm and will project population growth with provisions for other functions which are essential for orderly growth of the county.

Projections and provisions for future growth will be made for the next five to 10 years and for the next 20 years or more. The plan will be developed in harmony with future plans for roads, schools, recreational facilities, private development of land, agricultural, commercial and industrial use.

By planning for orderly development of water and sewer systems, the entire Chowan County population stands to gain by either direct or indirect benefits, Lewis stated.

## Junior Livestock Event Is April 17

The 14th annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held at Hollowell's Farm Service April 17, sponsored by Chowan and Ryland Ruritan Clubs.

Chowan County Extension Service and the vocational agriculture department of Chowan High School are assisting in the event, one of the highlights of the year for young farmers.

Judging will start at 9:30 A. M., with the fitting and showmanship contest set for 11 A. M. The sale begins at 1 P. M.

Clint Reese, extension livestock specialist at N. C. State University, and Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, will be the judges. Auctioneer will be Lamar Benton of Hobbsville.

Harry Venters, assistant farm agent, said 13 steers will be entered along with 40 to 50 swine.

Chowan County commissioners contributed toward premiums and ribbons and trophies are being donated by Mitchener's Pharmacy and Colonial Frozen Food Lockers.

Jaycees, was appointed to direct campaign activities by Carlton Jackson, chairman, Chowan County ARC chapter.

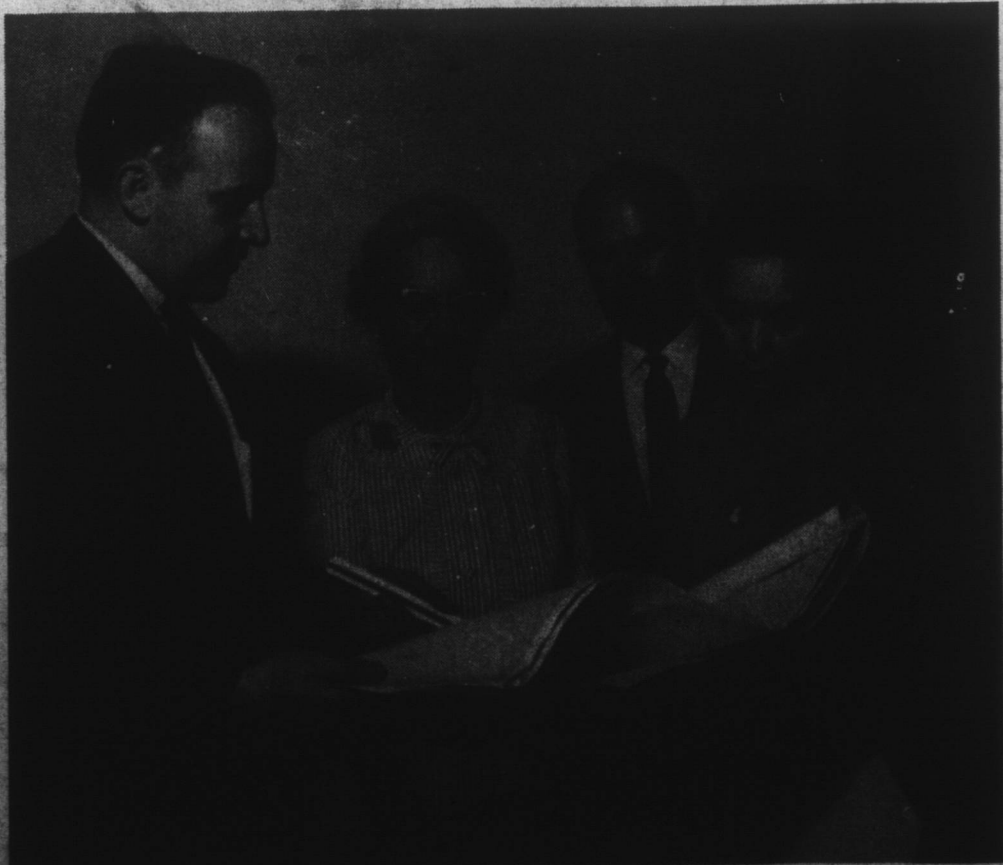
Ashley said every effort will be made to reach the realistic goal so the many valuable services of the Red Cross can be continued and expanded in Chowan County. Area workers have already been appointed and are now planning various activities. Ashley said other volunteers are welcomed and are asked to contact him for assignments.

Two special events are planned to help raise funds. A fashion show is being sponsored by Edenton Jaycettes and a fish fry will be held by Chowan Ruritan Club.

Ashley, calling for support of these and other fund raising projects, said support of the Red Cross is everyone's responsibility.

Of the many services offered by the Red Cross, several are very important in Chowan County, Jackson said. The Blood Bank Program used by Chowan Hospital. There were 281 pints of blood collected in the last year and 279 pints were used in the local hospital and

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**PLANS FOR CENTER PROGRESS**—More detailed plans for the Historic Edenton Visitor Center-Museum were discussed Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the local officials and representatives of the Department of Archives and History. John Ellington, left, exhibit curator, goes over drawings of the proposed exhibit area at the Barker House with Mrs. Frederick Drane, artifacts chairman; Al Honeycutt, Jr., of the Division of Historic Sites, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wilborn, staff historian. Ellington said the local group has done a "fabulous" job of collecting artifacts for exhibit at the Visitor Center-Museum.