

# Proper Zoning Is Big Asset

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The past is alive in Edenton, vivid reminders of American history which have endured over the centuries and remain an ever present reminder of our Colonial heritage. Many other communities share this awareness of years gone by, a history which is, unfortunately, a monument to man's abuse of his land.

For just as Edentonians look with pride at the products of former generations, the majority of these communities conceal the shoddy, haphazard development which clutters their streets, highways, downtowns, and residential areas. These are unsightly remnants of a past with an enduring future, a future where relics degrade rather than improve the community.

Edenton is growing and changing, not with the unrestrained sprawl of a boom town, but with steady controlled growth

of a mature community. It has thus avoided to a great degree the hodge-podge growth of gawdy commercial activities, obnoxious signs, dirty industries, and dilapidated homes which have ravaged the landscape in many other towns and cities. Nor is the town experiencing the gradual erosion and decay of communities which have not prepared adequately for the future.

New industries have located in Edenton bringing with them employment opportunities, population growth, and new business to serve the increasing population. The future, as a result of the past efforts and plans of city officials and interested citizens, is bright. Today's community is a result of these ambitious efforts, while the Edenton of tomorrow is being planned and developed today.

Will the future Edenton be a credit to its Colonial heritage? Will future residents, just as those of today, cherish the history and relics of Colonial days?

These are questions which are being answered today by citizens and city officials.

One positive step is the advancement of a bright and continued future, The Land Development Program, has been approved and adopted by the Edenton Town Council. This is only a partial step, however, for the council must be granted the legal authority to prevent the onset of deterioration which has plagued numerous communities and to faster the development of Edenton's numerous assets.

While the town is empowered, through municipal codes, to prevent the hazardous construction of houses and other buildings, it yet lacks adequate measures to protect property owners and the municipality from the intrusion of offensive establishments in residential, commercial, and industrial areas and the destruction of the natural landscape

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**SHRINERS PLAN BENEFIT**—Kermit Layton, left, chairman of the second annual Shrine Fish Fry set for September 7, huddles here with two of his fellow workers as they plan for the event. Going over preliminary plans are: Layton, Willie Bunch, chairman of ticket sales and treasurer, and Warren Twiddy, vice chairman. Tickets for the event, to be held between 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., went on sale this week. Chowan Shriners sponsored the fish fry last year and gave \$750 in proceeds to the Shrine hospitals. Layton said the goal this year is \$1,000.

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### The Public Parade

Welcome, Jim!

May we be among the first to welcome Rep. Jim Gardner to Edenton and Chowan County?

As you meander along The Public Parade we are certain you will enjoy the warm hospitality of our people. You will also be shown every courtesy. (The weather we can do nothing about).

Since you do not come from the Fourth District into Walter Jones Country as a proselytizer we can swing the door wider.

And as a Republican candidate for governor we feel you must understand that while we don't have a great deal we are pretty much obligated to the Democrats for what little we do have.

But it will be some comfort to you to know our citizens haven't always voted in the General Election in direct proportion to what has come our way. While your political party has gained some inroads in the balloting here one can't honestly say there exists a two or three party system. Recent court rulings are helping it right along, however.

We are sure you won't say anything here or elsewhere to win us over, but we'll listen.

And anyway, with good substantial ex-Democrats like Frank Everett and Rudolph Dale in your corner, shucks you don't need a novice like us.

### Food For Thought

Seen on an announcement sign outside a Suffolk church:

"You don't have to be listed on Who's Who to know what's what."

### New Careers — For Whom?

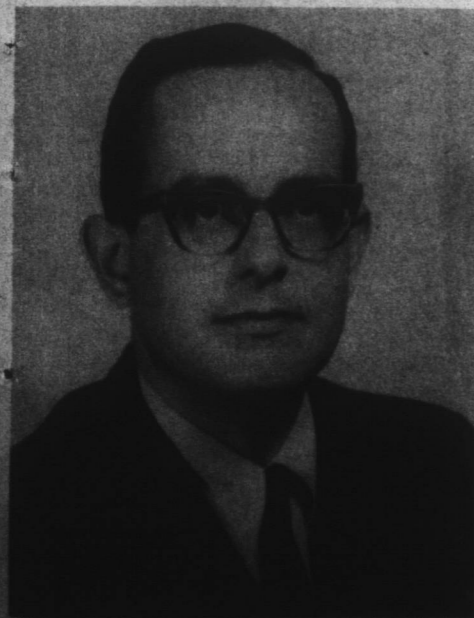
A new anti-poverty program is now functioning in the 10-county Albemarle Area. It is called New Careers. The question the program here raises is: Is it New Careers or the 24 enrolled in the program or Better Careers for the six staff members?

The theory behind such a program isn't too bad. It is designed to take unskilled but trainable people, give them adequate education, motivation and training to make them suitable for employment. They are paid the federal mini-

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## Authority Names Evans To Position

Edenton Housing Authority Wednesday elected a new vice chairman and made plans for a visit by an economist with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Merrill Evans, Jr.

Merrill Evans, Jr., local attorney, was elected vice chairman at Wednesday morning's meeting. He replaces Glenn Mabe who recently moved from Edenton. Evans' term expires in 1969.

Evans last month was appointed by Edenton Town Council to replace Mabe on the five-member authority.

Jack Habit, chairman, presided at the brief session.

It was learned earlier this week that Miss Frances Barrett, HUD economist, will be in Edenton Thursday afternoon or Friday morning to review the local market for low-rent housing. This is the first visit here by a representative of HUD since the local authority made application for 309 units.

Edenton's Workable Program, one of the requirements for consideration for low-rent housing and other federal projects, is in an advanced stage of review.

In addition to Habit and Evans, authority members at the meeting were George W. Lewis and L. F. Amburn, Jr. A. C. Hudson, the fifth member of the group, was out-of-town and unable to attend the special meeting.



Rep. James C. Gardner

## Candidate Plans Visit Here Friday

Rep. James C. Gardner of Rocky Mount, Republican candidate for governor, will make his first official visit to Chowan County Friday afternoon.

Local supporters for the Fourth District representative have scheduled a public meeting for 5 P. M. in Chowan County Courthouse. The candidate will later greet citizens from the rural areas at Earl Smith's Store in Rocky Hock. This meeting has been tentatively set for 6 P. M.

Rep. Gardner will be making his first swing through Northeastern North Carolina, visiting some seven counties on this trip. He will leave the area Friday evening by plane from Edenton Municipal Airport.

"We want as many people as possible to come out Friday and meet Jim Gardner," a spokesman for the local committee stated. "He will be available and willing to answer any questions on the minds of our people."

The congressman is currently engaged in a campaign with Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, Democrat nominee, for the governorship.

He is a past chairman of the N. C. State Republican Party and in Congress serves on the House Education and Labor Committee.

## Training Program Planned In Area

Chowan Manufacturers Association and the Continuing Education Division of College of the Albemarle are making plans for a series of courses designed to provide more trainable and employable people to the industries in this area.

A meeting of representatives of various groups in the community will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building here.

At this meeting will be representatives of industry, trades, manufacturing, government agencies, schools and lay citizens.

"It is important at this time to provide all the trainable people possible for existing job openings," a spokesman for the group said. "To accomplish this end we propose to provide facilities whereby persons now classified as untrainable can be schooled adequately in basic skills to make them suitable for employment." Ted R. Rollins, dean, Continuing Education Division, said: "A primary concern of the sponsoring agencies will be the developing of manpower potential to increase the value of the people to their organization and to themselves, to help them acquire basic education skills and develop new skills, so necessary for their own welfare and the welfare of their employer, prospective employer, and community."

If enough interest is generated at any level, the College of the Albemarle can offer proper training at this level, it was noted.

Following the briefing of local representatives of various groups, people who desire this training will be solicited and classes started in September.

## Academy Assured

Chowan Academy has been established with grades one through four to operate this year in the Rocky Hock Community Center.

Jack Evans, who has charge of registration, said 62 students had enrolled by noon Tuesday. He said the deadline for entering a student in the academy has been set at noon Wednesday, August 28.

At a public meeting held Friday night parents of 104 students had expressed an interest in the formation of a private school.

Carroll Evans, chairman of the planning group, said sufficient interest had been shown to insure operation of the academy this year. He predicted the school would be no more than 15 days late in opening.

Added to the board of directors were J. Gilliam Wood and C. A. Phillips, both of Edenton; David Bateman and Fred Winslow.

Although the definite cost has not been established, Evans said it would be based on the number of students. He predicted it would cost approximately the same as enrollment at Roanoke-Chowan Academy in Windsor. The entrance fee there is \$50 and tuition \$350. The tuition does not include textbook costs.

Stephen Burch, Windsor attorney who is active in the R-C Academy, cautioned those at Friday's meeting against taking the formation of a private school lightly. "It takes a lot of hard work and money," he explained. He added, however, having a building in which to operate gives the local group an advantage.

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**PREPARES FOR NEW TERM**—James A. Kinion, new principal at D. F. Walker High School, is shown here in front of the school as he pauses during work in preparation for the opening of a new term September 3. Kinion sees no problem in having grades one through three and seven through 12 at the school.

## Walker Principal Very Optimistic

James A. Kinion, new principal at D. F. Walker High School, is hard at work making preparation for the opening of the 1968-69 term on September 4. And he bubbles with enthusiasm over the prospects of having a good year.

Kinion, assistant principal last year, has been unusually busy preparing for the changes in student assignment

brought about by a federal court order less than a month ago. Although he knows there will be some rough spots to smooth out, Kinion is quite optimistic about the final results.

The school will have grades one through three on a totally integrated basis and grades seven through 12 made up of Negro students.

With the layout of the classrooms and proper scheduling there will be no conflict between the younger and older students, Kinion points out. All elementary grades will be housed in the two newest classroom buildings in the entire Edenton-Chowan School system. They will have their own separate play area and will be unloaded from buses near their classrooms and far removed from the junior and senior high classrooms.

New walkways have been built from where the buses unload to the two elementary buildings.

Also, the elementary library is considered one of the best in the system, according to Kinion, and will be used entirely by the elementary students.

There will be eight sections of first grades, eight sections of second grades and six sections of third grades. The first grade classes will be composed of about 24 students each while the other two grades will average 25 students each. "We have an ideal class load and an excellent faculty in these grades," he adds.

Kinion says there will be 649 students in grades seven through 12. The total enrollment at the Walker School is off more than 150 students due to the switch in classes.

The new principal is making the cafeteria his top priority. He has scheduled a conference with the local sanitarian and predicts the cafeteria will have an "A"

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## To Honor Team

Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, will honor Coach David T. Bumgarner and the local Legion baseball team at 7 P. M., Saturday at the Legion Hut on U. S. 17.

Commander J. L. Chestnutt said the dinner meeting will honor the coach and team which made a good showing in the past summer season.

The local team won second place in the first district and played two games with Greensboro in the final play-off.

All Legion and Auxiliary members are urged to attend Saturday's function. Those planning to attend are asked to call 482-2654 or 482-2389.

## Canvass Planned

Canvass will begin Monday for the Annual Community Calendar, a project of four service organizations who donate proceeds to Historic Edenton, Inc.

Miss Edna Snell, BPW Club president, urges everyone to buy a calendar, list birthdays and anniversaries.

In addition to the BPW, sponsors are: Edenton Woman's Club, Edenton Jaycees and Jaycettes.

Miss Snell said if anyone is not at home during the canvass, which ends September 10, they are requested to call either: Mrs. Ruth Shackelford, Mrs. Jean Ashley, Mrs. Nancy Palumbo, T. S. Barnes or Miss Snell.

She added that Historic Edenton, Inc., is the community's newest baby and has thus far proven to be an ideal project. "Help your community and civic clubs by responding to their solicit," she concluded.

## Display Container

A representative of the Baker Company will be in Edenton next week to contact individual merchants concerning the purchase of containers to work with the new packer trash truck recently purchased by the town.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said more than 16 merchants have ordered the metal containers.

A display container is now at the Street Department and can be viewed by any interested merchant. The container on display is a three-yard size.



New Trash Container