

## Public Parade

### Hail To The Legion

The American Legion throughout the country is preparing to celebrate its Golden Anniversary. Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 is joining in the festivities.

Helping locally is the auxiliary. The ladies will entertain local Legionnaires Tuesday night at a Golden Anniversary banquet. It begins at 7 P. M., and will be highlighted by special recognition of charter members of both groups.

The value of this citizen-veteran organization conceived in duty to its fellow man, should not be minimized along the Public Parade or elsewhere. Many of the good deeds go unnoticed—such as a constant campaign to keep patriotism a way of life in America.

The first 50 years of American Legion existence have been years of ever-increasing waves of change for both the nation and the world. Change is still the order of the day. Today's greatest challenge is whether man shall manage change or change manage man. It is to this challenge that the American Legion addresses itself during its Golden Year as it charts its course of service to a changing community, state and nation.

### The Pendulum Swings

Bids for construction of a new Chohan Hospital were opened last Thursday. Most of those along the Public Parade probably know by now the results. Bad news usually travels faster than good.

Optimism turned to disappointment when it was revealed that the total bids were \$321,074.16 above available monies. Since then there have been many negotiations. By cutting more than \$100,000 from the project the deficit is more in line with reality when it comes to going ahead with the project.

Duke Endowment has expressed an interest in the hospital. What their generosity will do to further the cause is only a matter of conjecture. It cannot be expected, by any stretch of the imagination, that all the needed money can come from this source.

While the voters in Chowan County approved a \$1-million bond issue for hospital construction, it will take a second effort if the project is to move from the drawing board. It is a fact that it MUST make such a move. There is too much at stake for a few thousand dollars to stand between a struggling, 35-bed hospital and a modern, new 61-bed facility. Everyone will benefit when Edenton becomes one of the finest small medical centers in the state.

For this reason, it will be necessary for everyone to participate.

The tenor was established Tuesday night by the medical and dental staff of the hospital. Dr. Edward G. Bond, chief of staff, put it into words:

"In view of the impending probable deficit in funds with which to complete the proposed new hospital in our area, the combined medical and dental staff of Chohan Hospital last night resolved to

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## Thomas B. Wood Dies In Hospital

Thomas Badham Wood, 104 East Water Street, died Sunday night at Chohan Hospital following an extended illness. He was 72.

Mr. Wood was a retired farmer, having owned and operated Mulberry Hill and Athol farms.

A native of Chowan County, he was born December 1, 1897, son of the late Julien and Elizabeth Badham Wood. He was the widower of Mrs. Grace Lee Wood.

Mr. Wood was a vestryman of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, a director emeritus of Federal Land Bank of Ahsokie and past director of Edenton Cotton Mills. He served in the U. S. Marines during World War I.

Surviving is one son, Thomas Benbury Wood of Raleigh; one daughter, Mrs. Heilig H. Pittard of Oxford; one stepson, John Matthews Harney of Belmont; one brother, James E. Wood of Edenton; two sisters: Miss Sarah Wood of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Mrs. G. Grice McMullan of Richmond, Va.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 A. M. Tuesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. George B. Holmes in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: W. Gilliam Wood, T. B. H. Wood, George Wood, Fred Wood, Billy Pruden and Bob Smith.

Williford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Filing Deadline March 28

# Political Tempo Increases In Edenton

Three candidates including one incumbent—have announced their intention to run in the May Municipal Election in Edenton.

David G. White, representing the Third Ward for the past four years, said he will file for re-election to another term.

George Alma Byrum, former councilman, will seek the post of mayor, being vacated by John A. Mitchener, Jr.

Alton G. Elmore, a newcomer to the political scene, will run for the councilman-at-large seat now held by Henry G. Quinn. Quinn indicated Tuesday night he will not seek re-election.

Luther C. Parks, Fourth Ward councilman, announced several weeks ago that he would not seek a new term. He has been on the council for 14 years. No one has announced for this post.

The terms of two members of the Board of Public Works also expire this year—W. J. P. Earnhardt and J. P. Ricks, Jr.—but neither have disclosed plans for the future.

The deadline for filing for posts to be voted on May 6 is March 28, according to Mrs. George Hoskins, chairman,



David G. White



Alton G. Elmore



George Alma Byrum

Chowan County Board of Election. A report last week that filing began on this date was in error.

Anyone wishing to run in the Municipal Election must file with Mrs. Hoskins prior to March 28.

Byrum, who served as councilman at large from 1952 until 1964, issued the

following statement:

"I am proud of the progress Edenton has made in many respects over the past few years. Edenton has been fortunate to have had the leadership of its mayor, members of the Town Council and the town administrator.

"The future looks bright for Edenton

but there will also be many problems. The 12 years I served on the Town Council have given me the experience needed to serve in the office of mayor. I have the interest, will give the necessary time, and would consider it a privilege and honor to serve the Town of Edenton as mayor."

Byrum, 43, is president of Byrum Hardware Company, Inc., in Edenton and Suffolk, Va.

He is past president of Edenton Jaycees, a member and past president of Edenton Rotary Club, past president Edenton Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Edenton Board, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, and a member of Edenton Baptist Church. He received the Distinguished Service Award here several years ago.

Byrum is married to the former Imogene Moses and they have two daughters. The Byrums reside at 119 West Church Street.

White, who is also 43, said it has been a real privilege for him to serve as councilman from the Third Ward during the past four years. He said he would con-

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## Hospital Bids Too High

When final low bids were tabulated last week for construction of a new 61-bed Chohan Hospital it was revealed that more than \$321,000 would be needed to begin the project.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, reported at a meeting Friday night that negotiations with low bidders would reduce the deficit to approximately \$228,000.

Harrell said an appointment was being arranged with officials of The Duke Endowment to discuss a possible grant.

There is now \$1,708,000 available for construction of the new facility. Chohan

County voters approved a \$1-million hospital bond issue and an additional \$600,000 was secured from the federal government; and \$108,000 from the state.

Harrell cited the rising construction costs over the past two years as a primary reason for the bids exceeding the budget. It was estimated that these costs have risen by as much as 20 per cent since the first bond election was defeated.

He said every effort would be made to negotiate for a lower cost as well as contact every available source in order to obtain sufficient funds to go ahead with the project.

T. A. Loving & Company was low bidder on the general contract with a bid of \$1,173,800. Next was D. R. Allen & Son, Inc., at \$1,175,000.

The low plumbing contractor was W. M. Wiggins & Company with a bid of \$128,888.

Durham Plumbing & Heating was low mechanical bidder at \$280,800.

The low electric bid was Electricon, Inc., at \$146,480.

Architect fees, equipment, land, and contingencies ran the low bids to \$2,029,074.16.

## 6 Local Students In Poster Contest

Six elementary grade students from Edenton-Chowan Schools today (Thursday) are competing with others from five Northeastern North Carolina counties in the district conservation poster contest.

Chowan winners, both first and second place are:

Fourth Grade: Sue Ann Mosley and Bradley Ward, students at White Oak Consolidated School.

Fifth Grade: Jackie Parker and Maru Amburn, Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

Sixth Grade: Karen Small and Connie Copeland, also from Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

The district contest is being held at the Holiday Inn. The judging will begin at 10:30 A. M., and the winners will be announced at a luncheon honoring all of the contestants.

The county contests are sponsored by the individual counties in the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District and are judged within each county.

Joining the district in sponsoring the contest is the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. In addition to Chohan, counties participating include: Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

## Cast Is Rehearsing

Two popular stage personalities have been cast in lead roles of "The Odd Couple" now in rehearsals by Edenton Little Theater.

John Becker, who is directing the play, has chosen Joe Conger, Jr., and Dr. Richard Hardin for the male lead roles.

Nelson Crandall, James Bond, Tom Surratt and Nathan Owens play the other male roles. Mrs. Douglas Twiddy and Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., are the female characters in the play.

"The Odd Couple" is a popular three-act comedy.

The little theater production will be presented at John A. Holmes Auditorium at 8 P. M., on April 17 and April 19. A special dress rehearsal for high school students is also expected to be arranged.



Mrs. Riley S. Monds

## State PTA Leader Will Speak Here

One of the state's leaders in the Parent-Teacher organization will speak at the John A. Holmes Parent-Teacher Association meeting Tuesday night. The meeting begins at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Riley S. Monds of Hertford is scheduled to address parents, teachers and other interested citizens at this time.

George Alma Byrum, PTA president, has asked that all parents of students at the school make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

Mrs. Monds is currently serving as chairman of the United Forces for Education and was president of the state PTA organization in 1966-68. She has also served as goals chairman, membership chairman and second vice president of the state organization as well as head of the Hertford unit.

A native of Hertford, she was educated in Perquimans County schools and at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has taught in Marion, Williamston and Hertford. She directed the first Headstart project in Perquimans County in 1965.

## Soybean Meeting

There will be a county-wide soybean meeting at the Center Hill Community Building March 19 at 7:30 P. M.

John Clapp, Extension soybean specialist and A. B. Rogerson, Extension weed control specialist, will present the program. They will discuss fertility, varieties and weed control.

## Area Unemployment Is On Decline

Unemployment continued to decrease in the Edenton area during February, according to Neil E. Thagard, manager of the Edenton office of Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

In the four-county area served by this office, there was an average of only 112 persons filing weekly claims for unemployment insurance. Of this number, approximately 40 were temporarily unemployed due to outside work being curtailed by weather conditions.

In February the Edenton office regis-

## Parking Lot, Dogs Topics For Council

Advocates of off-street parking and dog owners won rounds Tuesday night during a regular meeting of Edenton Town Council. Council voted, in a rare 3-2 decision, to purchase a site for additional downtown parking and modified a proposed dog ordinance.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, was instructed to negotiate for the purchase of the Hobowsky property on West King Street. This included making arrangements for payment over the next several years.

It was reported that 43 cars could be parked in this lot. The cost, including improvements, was placed at \$30,000.

Councilman Henry G. Quinn led the fight for the purchase of the property, rather than invest in property on the waterfront for beautification and recreation. He was aided by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr.

Mayor Mitchener said it is vital that efforts be made to maintain and upgrade the downtown business district. "Ten years from now you are going to wish you had 30 of these lots," he said.

He also stated that he hoped the shopping center here would be maintained on "main street and not scattered all over the county."

Councilmen J. D. Elliott and Leo Katkaveck opposed the purchase "at this time." Katkaveck said he felt it should

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## Mrs. J. H. Holmes

Funeral services will be held at 11 A. M., today (Thursday) in Edenton Baptist Church for Mrs. J. H. Holmes, 205 East Water Street.

Rev. R. N. Carroll will officiate and burial will be in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Holmes, 90, died at her home Tuesday following an extended illness.

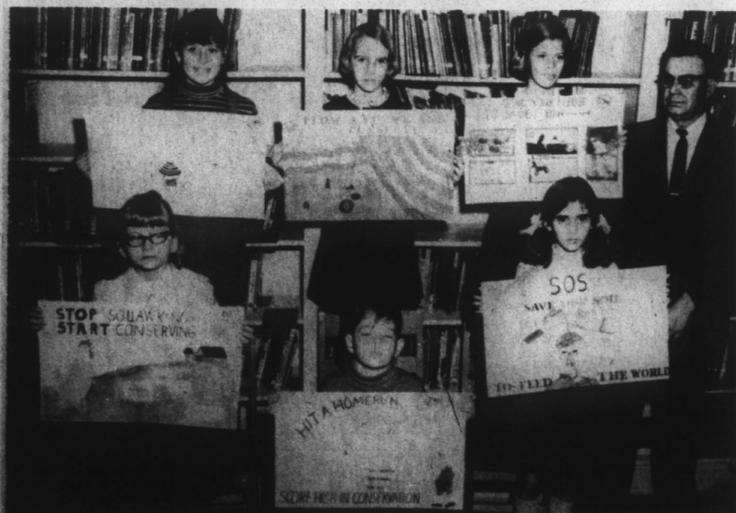
A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Holmes was a daughter of the late Thomas and Willie Bell Rea. She was the widow of James H. Holmes.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. George S. Elliott of Huntsville, Ala.; Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mrs. Earl Goodwin and Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, all of Edenton; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

Pallbearers are George Wood, Joe Conger, Jr., Allen B. Harless, Jr., Richard Hines, Jr., Bill Wells and Charlie McCullers.

Williford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



POSTER CONTEST—Winners in the Chohan Conservation Poster Contest were selected last week and the students here display the winning posters. Front row, left to right: Susan Ann Mcaley, Bradley Ward and Jackie Parker. Second row, left to right: Connie Copeland, Karen Small and Maru Amburn. Lloyd C. Bunch, chairman of county supervisors.