

From reports received along the Public Parade it was quite in order for Edenton Jayettes to purchase a wheelchair for use at Chowan Hospital and Convalescent Home.

The Jayettes, fully recognized as the backbone of the community's most active civic organization, sponsored a square dance recently. They billed it as a benefit but didn't say for whom.

It was understood when the chair was donated that Jaycees and Jayettes would have first refusal of the piece of equipment whenever they had another such benefit. Even the younger set was reported not to be so mobile following the dance.

But from the smile on Dianne Dail's face in the picture today all the aches and pains had been forgotten and only the fun of doing something good for the community was remembered.

Out Yonder, Yet

The cautious distance from which Edenton Town Council is viewing Urban Renewal is inconsistent with its past history of progressiveness.

Surely, all new programs should pass the test of need. Anyone, including members of Edenton's elite, who have been for a Sunday afternoon drive, can see the ugly areas which need attention. When private owners either don't have the money or initiative to do the job, then it is the responsibility of the council to act.

While the talk of Urban Renewal is new to Edenton it isn't a stranger in our midst. Elizabeth City, the No. 2 municipality in the Albemarle Area (behind Edenton), has used it most effectively. So has New Bern, Greenville, Washington and Wilmington, to mention just a few.

A tremendous amount of improvement has been realized on many fronts along the Public Parade. With the exception of the Municipal Building and new sewage disposal plant, it has been accomplished locally. There is a limit as to what can be done in this manner.

When local sources are exhausted the thrust must gain energy from outside sources. This is where Urban Renewal steps in.

As in any worthwhile project there will be the foot-draggers, the skeptics and the greedy. Some will be hurt. Ultimately, though, the majority of our citizens on all fronts and in all walks of life, will benefit.

Because of vision the community has moved ahead. Obstacle after obstacle has been overcome. A recent one is in public housing. Because the need far outweighed the greed a \$1.7-million project is about to get off the drawing board and 100 units for low income families will be built.

These two projects—public housing and Urban Renewal—work hand in glove. They complement each other, so to speak.

If steps are not taken, and taken now, to rid the community of the blighted areas, then the handsome new housing will not be nearly so attractive.

Most of the bad things about Urban Renewal make the news. But to view one of the completed projects tells more than a thousand words.

Now is not the time for Edenton Town Council to quit plowing the row of progress. We're busting up the ground but the end of the row is way out yonder.

ElectriCities Support Ambitious Plan

SOUTHERN PINES—Mayor J. Garner Bagnal of Statesville, was re-elected president of ElectriCities of North Carolina at the annual meeting of the organization here Friday and immediately called for all-out support of action to implement a \$1 billion statewide generation and transmission project to provide the long-range power needs of Tarheel cities and rural cooperatives.

Members of the association approved a resolution that would certify the mammoth venture as both "desirable and feasible," recommending the matter be submitted to the governing boards of

Seminar Planned

East Carolina University will host a one-day seminar September 4 of interest to merchants, government officials, planning boards, and economic development personnel from throughout Eastern North Carolina.

The seminar will provide an over-view of the revitalization approach as a means of overcoming some of the economic difficulties confronting downtown or central business districts throughout North Carolina.

Representatives of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners are expected to attend.



Council Looks Needed Interest Renewal Project Is Studied

Edenton Town Council Tuesday night appeared only lukewarm towards an Urban Renewal program here but agreed to give further consideration to it at an August 26 meeting.

Councilman Luther C. Parks said he wasn't personally interested in any program which might result in condemnation proceedings. And Councilman J. D.

Elliott added there were many unanswered questions in his mind about the value of the program.

However, Mayor George Alma Byrum indicated he favored Urban Renewal here. "We know we have a need and want to give it good thought," he told a representative of a consulting engineering firm.

While the town would be required to foot the ball for one-fourth the cost of any such project, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said it is possible to get the first project completed without any cash outlay from the town. He said Edenton has a number of "non cash" credits which could be applied toward the project.

Sam Robinson, representing Rust Engineering of Birmingham, Ala., said of primary concern is getting credit for already completed projects. He pointed to the new hospital, school additions, etc., as projects which would meet the criteria. Robinson said recent state legislation gave the town authority to designate the existing Edenton Housing Authority to carry out Urban Renewal projects.

The consultant talked against a downtown project because there is difficulty in getting them funded at this time. He did say there are a number of residential areas which would qualify.

Robinson suggested a general neighborhood survey with one project being completed at a time. He said major emphasis at this time is on rehabilitation.

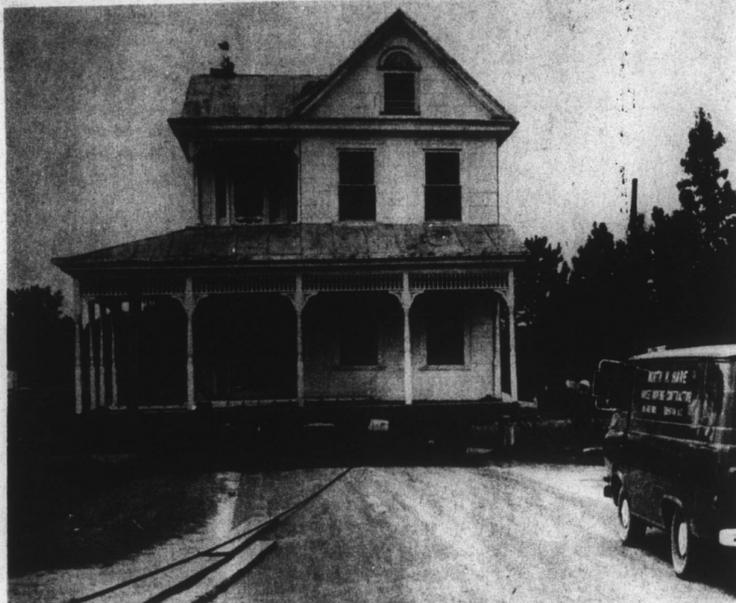
He called Urban Renewal a "total program" and one in which open space is definitely included for parks and other recreational facilities.

Mayor Byrum appointed Alton G. Elmore, local civic and business leader, as chairman of the new Citizens Advisory Committee and indicated the committee will be one of the hardest working groups in the town's structure.

He said he would appoint two vice chairmen and two people from each of eight neighborhoods to work on the committee.

The mayor also aired some complaints heard about the mosquito control program.

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DOWN TO PARADISE HOME—This big two story dwelling went for a trip Tuesday, making an interesting picture as it inched along Paradise Road to a new resting place. The home, former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Craddock on North Broad Street, was moved to the Leroy Haskett farm, north of WCDJ radio station. Worth H. Hare, home moving contractor, moved the big house. Cooperating were the telephone company and Edenton's utility department—not to mention the motorists who otherwise would have been in a hurry to use the highway. A new store will be built on the Broad Street site.

Five Cases Aired ASCS Community Elections Slated In District Court

Action was taken on five cases in a session of Chowan County District Court here Tuesday morning. Two of the counts were against one defendant.

Paul Linwood Godwin was convicted by Judge W. S. Privott of driving drunk and carrying a concealed weapon.

In the first count, the judge sentenced the defendant to four months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. On the weapons count, the defendant was given an additional 60-day sentence, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

The pistol was confiscated and turned over to Edenton Police Department.

In other cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker, the following action was taken:

Luther T. Copeland, no registration plate and not financial responsibility, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Christopher Harry Venters, III, speed.

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Every eligible voter is urged to participate in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community and county committee elections, Chowan ASC Committee Chairman Asa Griffin said today.

ASC community committee elections will be held the third week in September, and slates of nominees are being compiled at the ASCS county office.

Nominations for community committee candidates may be made by petition by eligible voters and by incumbent ASC community and county committees.

Chowan County has three designated committees, A, B, and C. There are 386 eligible voters in A; 265 in B, and 286 in C.

Community A has Morris Small as chairman, Jarvis Skinner, vice chairman, Yates Parrish, regular member; Dallas Jethro, first alternate; and Edward Goodwin, second alternate.

In Community B, Sammy Byrum is chairman; Norman Hollowell, vice chairman; Lindsey R. Bunch, regular member; Alvin Evans, first alternate; and Preston Monds, second alternate.

Beecher Ward is chairman of Community C; Foy Ward, vice chairman; Wilbert Hare, regular member; Dorus Copeland, first alternate; and Lyman Blanchard, second alternate.

A new slate of nominees will be selected by the present community com-

mittee. H. O. West, ASCS office manager stated. The county committee may add additional nominees and others may be nominated by petition. All nominees, including petitions for new names, must be received by West on or before August 21.

In addition to Griffin, members of the county committee are Ray Byrum, Route 3, Edenton, vice chairman; and E. E. Boyce, Jr., of Tyner, regular member. Byrum is up for re-election this year.

Reynolds Testing Tobacco Harvester

Tobacco farmers, faced with a critical labor shortage, may soon get help from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the form of a compact, highly maneuverable mechanical harvester.

The harvester, still in the developmental stage, was demonstrated recently at the company's Avoca Farm in Bertie County. It has been undergoing field testing at Avoca and earlier this season in Florida and Georgia.

"R. J. Reynolds has always maintained a close relationship with the tobacco farmers, and has worked with the growers and tobacco agronomists for many years to help improve the quality of the crop and tobacco yields," A. H. Gallo-way, president of the tobacco company



PROFITABLE PROJECT—Edenton Jayettes recently held a square dance at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road and said proceeds would go to a worthy local cause. It happened when Mrs. Dianne Dail presented a check to Thomas Surratt, administrator of Chowan Hospital, for the purchase of a new wheelchair. Surratt said this is a new type chair which has a variety of uses at the hospital and convalescent home.

Area Employment Is Staying At Peak

Full time employment continues at a peak in the Edenton area, according to Neil E. Thagard, manager of the local Employment Security Office.

There was an increase in unemployment claims during July which was caused by the heavy rains slowing down operations in the lumber and logging industry.

During July the local office registered 111 new applicants for work and placed 120 persons on jobs. A total of 65 contacts were made with area employers to solicit job orders and to develop jobs for unemployed persons.

Training courses will begin in Edenton in the early fall for auto mechanics and farm equipment mechanics. There is also on-the-job training available with many local industries.

Anyone interested in training should contact the Employment Security Commission Office at 709 N. Broad Street, Edenton, at once.

All unemployed persons who desire work, are urged to visit the local office and file an application. There is still a desperate need for skilled construction workers and heavy equipment operators.

said. "At the same time, we have been working closely with tobacco farm leaders and the agriculture colleges in the tobacco-growing states to help develop the new equipment, labor-saving methods, and devices to make it possible for the tobacco farmers to keep operating."

Reynolds started some 10 years ago to assist in the development of mechanical harvesting, recognizing that unless an economical, labor-saving means could be found to produce the tobacco crop, more and more growers would be forced to abandon tobacco and look for other sources of farm income.

Because the company sees the harvester as the key to the mechanization system the tobacco farmer needs for profitable operations, the Mechanical Development Department of R. J. Reynolds began last year on a project to improve on the systems that have been tried in past years for harvesting the flue-curing crop.

"While we still haven't the final solution, we are hopeful that our proto-type model can be further modified to do the job efficiently and at reasonable cost," said R. J. Reynolds' vice president, Joseph H. Sherill.

"While the Reynolds' machine will have to undergo further changes before it is ready for production," Sherill continued, "we have a real good model that runs well in the field. It is a light machine, roadable (can be driven easily to other areas), and because of its size and weight, it can be put into the tobacco field over rough terrain."

The harvester is small compared to others that have been tried. It stands a little over six-feet high, is about 10 feet long, and can be operated by one man.

The machine's operation is relatively simple. The defoliating system straddles one row of tobacco at a time, and with the leading ends raised, strips the leaves

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MECHANICAL HARVESTER TESTED—Harvester's canvas container is about to be removed after filling up during field testing. The container is carried to the tobacco barn where the leaves are prepared for curing. The field test was at Avoca Farm.