



COMMUNITY HOSTS COUNCIL—Oliver Bonner, center, president of the Old Hertford Road Community, is shown with some of the others attending a meeting of Community Action Council at the community's building on Paxton Lane Thursday night. Left to right are: Earl Jones, EIC job developer; Roy Lowe, EIC director; Robert W. Moore, community action chairman; Bonner; Mayor George Alma Byrum, and C. A. Phillips, vice president, Edenton Cotton Mills.

Nowell Has New Road Plan

Highway Commissioner Joe Perquimans revealed here this morning he is working on a "cheaper and more practical" plan for a four-lane highway to open up Northeastern North Carolina.

At the same time, the first district commissioner said local traffic alone makes four-laning U. S. 17 from Edenton to Elizabeth City a necessity.

While Nowell would not commit himself on plans for the new highway, he did mention the Albemarle Area Development Association's highway study several times. He said he would meet with the Virginia highway commissioner from Norfolk soon to discuss the proposal.

Nowell did say he hoped to change the commissioner's mind about where North Carolina and Virginia should connect up a four-lane highway. It was here that the commissioner said the plan now in the mill would be "cheaper and more practical" than what Virginia is now talking about.

He urged counties in Northeast North Carolina to "stick together and push for one project" and progress could be realized in this administration.

Nowell, in expressing his desire to cooperate fully with the seven counties he represents, said it is imperative that the commission must come up with a road plan to open up this area.

He said work orders have been signed to improve Virginia Road from Granville Street to beyond the new Chowan

Hospital entrance. He said this is a very important project and one which will benefit those from other counties visiting the hospital.

Also, Nowell said ground surveys are now being made on the Edenton bypass on U. S. 17. However, he said highway officials in Raleigh estimate it will be another two years before work can begin on the project.

"We got the project reactivated and I'll try to get it to move along a little faster," the commissioner said. "It is one item I intend to push along, he added.

Nowell told county commissioners this county will get \$29,000 in secondary road money this year. This will pave less than one mile of road, Chairman W. E. Bond noted.

County Says 'No' To District Jail

Chowan County commissioners Monday said "no" to an invitation to participate in construction of a multi-county jail; took action to make Chowan County jail safer; and turned down a request from another county to use the local facilities.

Commissioners earlier had demonstrated their lack of interest in the proposed district jail by not attending area meetings. Commissioner C. A. Phillips said he could not see how Chowan would benefit from such a jail and found nothing wrong with the one here, except it does need a sprinkler system in the attic.

A request from Tyrrell County that prisoners be held in Edenton was denied when commissioners agreed they should not create a two-county district. However, they left the door open, saying if the Department of Social Services approved the Tyrrell request they would cooperate to the fullest.

Phillips said a recent inspection by state officials revealed several areas of concern about the historic jail here. The

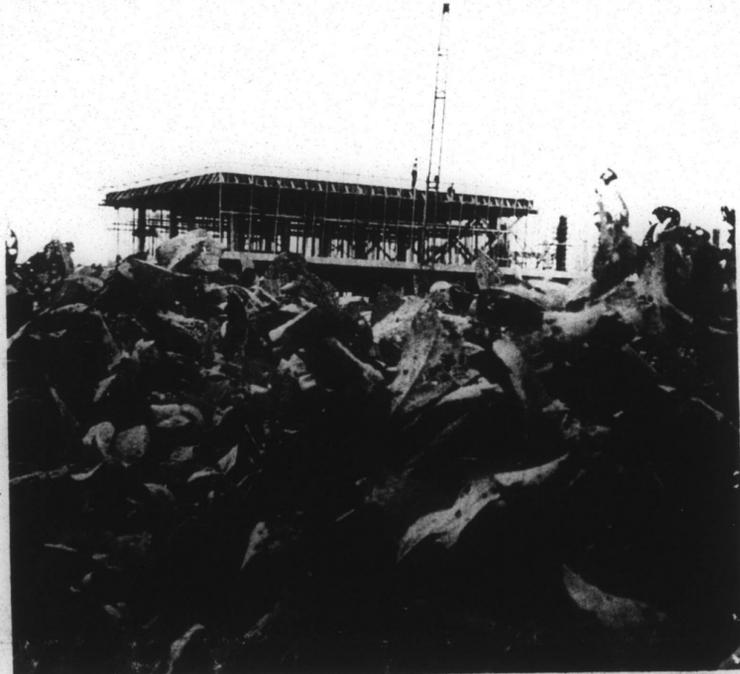
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White Cane Sale

The annual Lions Club White Cane Membership campaign began Wednesday. Edenton Lions Club is cooperating with the state organization and N. C. Association for the Blind in this project.

The NCAB is a Lions Club project. It was organized by Lions in 1934 as a non-profit, statewide organization and is supported by Lions through the White Cane Drive.

Ralph Outlaw is chairman of the campaign in Chowan County. Anyone wishing to donate to this project, and are not contacted by a Lion, should contact Outlaw.



PROGRESS REPORT—Chowan Hospital's new home on Virginia Road appears to be growing right out of a soybean field in the progress picture here. Construction on the 61-bed medical facility, scheduled for completion in September, 1970, is well underway with work being done on the second floor. A workman on top of the building is directing a crane which is lifting steel to the second floor. T. A. Loving is general contractor for the nearly \$2-million project.

Rose Given Contract To Pave Strip

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has awarded a contract for construction of a multi-vehicle laboratory at John A. Holmes High School to be used in driver education.

Rose Construction Company of Ahoskie and Edenton submitted the low bid, opened Monday night. It was \$2.20 per square foot to construct a 190 x 540

foot strip. To this will be added \$3,000 in equipment, making the entire project cost \$33,000.

Supt. Bill Britt said the size of the strip was cut in order to get within the budget. The state is paying for the project.

John Gard is driver education coordinator here and will work with 25 other counties once the lab is completed. He has told local officials the state will also furnish a \$40,000 traffic simulator to be used in giving students more hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction.

Supt. Britt has said most counties in this area will use the lab to further train driver education instructors.

N. J. George, a board member, commended Holmes Principal Cecil Fry and others who worked on improvements to Hicks Field prior to Friday's football game between Edenton and Northeastern. His comments were echoed by other board members.

A Chowan County Grand Jury recently commented on overcrowding on some school buses. Supt. Britt said while some reassessments might be made, the buses in Chowan meet the state minimum standards.

Supt. Britt said standing on school buses is un-safe, but the only way to correct it would be for the county to purchase more buses and operate them, with no assistance from the state.

George urged a re-examination of the bus assignments and routes. "The annual audit report was accepted.

Public Parade

Label Doesn't Apply

Paxton Lane runs east off Old Hertford Road. It is an improved state road and to this writer's knowledge has never been a "little path grown over with weeds and grass."

It was described as such recently in an article by one of our favorite writers (although we can't warm up to his enthusiasm for Unidentified Flying Objects) in one of our favorite metropolitan newspapers.

Frank Roberts used a quote in his article about the Old Hertford Road Community which is said to be a misquote. The community was done a greater disservice, however, by the copy editor who unfortunately used the word "slum" in his banner headline.

The accomplishments of residents of this community in Edenton shine too bright to be shadowed by sensationalism of the big city press. If any damage has been done, it is history. The people in the community are too big, too determined, too concerned about their future and the future of their children to be depressed by outsiders.

The facts about the Old Hertford Road Community are fresh in our mind. It was on a Saturday morning about two years ago that Earl Jones came into The Chowan Herald office bubbling with enthusiasm about what was happening on Paxton Lane.

Gilliam Wood had agreed to let the people clean up a lot he had just down the road and make a recreation area. In short order the trees were cut and the underbrush removed. The children had a place other than the street in which

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Officials Reaffirm Sales Tax Stand

Nearly 50 business and industry representatives Tuesday heard spokesmen for Chowan County and the Town of Edenton repeat their vow to use money from the local option sales tax to reduce property tax here.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and Commissioner C. A. Phillips said while it is impossible at this time to say how much taxes would be reduced if voters approve the one cent increase in sales taxes on November 4, the money received locally will definitely be used to reduce the burden on property taxes.

It has been estimated that the county would get \$110,000 and the town \$34,000. Commissioner Phillips said had the county had this money when the 1969-70 budget was composed no increase would have been needed to pay for hospital bonds and a seven cent cut of the old rate could have been realized.

The money the town would derive from the tax, based on current estimates, is equal to 34 cents on the tax rate. The town rate increased 20 cents this year. Phillips said the increase in sales tax is not an additional tax, but can be substituted for the property tax levy.

"In the county we are going to use it to lower the burden, as nearly as possible, on property tax," Phillips said.

Mayor Byrum sees the November 4 vote as an opportunity to bring back some home rule to the town and county. And he called the sales tax a "fair" tax.



DONATION TO HISTORIC EDENTON, INC.—Bad weather kept the crowds away and cut into the profits of the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside in April. However, the Edenton Woman's Club realized enough to contribute \$2,975 to Historic Edenton. From left to right are: Mrs. Robert W. Moore, Mrs. Warren Twiddy and Mrs. Alton G. Elmore of the sponsoring clubs, and T. B. H. Wood, chairman, and Mrs. Goldie L. Niblett, vice chairman of Historic Edenton.

X-Ray Unit Here

The State Board of Health's Mobile X-ray Clinic will arrive in Edenton next Wednesday.

All persons over 12 years of age wishing an X-ray of their chest may get one on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 A. M. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 P. M. On Friday, October 17, they will be open from 10 to 12 noon. Also on Monday, October 20, from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Chest X-rays will be made on October 21 only for persons referred by their family physician or the Health Department.

Those persons who are required to have a chest X-ray for employment are urged to get one at this time. There will be no charge for the X-ray. The truck will be parked in the lot back of the Health Department.

Mayor Byrum Seeks Strong Neighborhood Advisory Groups; Bi-Racial Council Picked

Mayor George Alma Byrum named banker William H. Bunch chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Town of Edenton. At the same time he named Earl Jones vice chairman and picked neighborhood chairmen and vice chairmen.

Mayor Byrum said an active neighborhood organization will be stressed in each of the town's eight designated sections. He said many other people will be asked to serve on the neighborhood

committees with chairmen and vice chairmen making up the Advisory Council.

The committees and council are designed to involve as many people as possible in the affairs of the community as well as have them working toward upgrading housing, recreation, beautification and other aspects of the community in which they live.

Mayor Byrum also announced appointment of Roy Harrell as chairman of

the Codes and Ordinances Committee, and selection of Rodney Harrell, Jr., to the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Byrum and Chairman W. E. Bond of county commissioners jointly announced the make-up of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council. Dr. J. H. Horton was again named to serve as chairman. Mrs. E. N. Elliott is vice chairman.

Re-appointed to the board also were: William H. Bunch, Cecil Fry, W. P.

(Spec) Jones, J. Gilliam Wood, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Earl Jones and McDonald Dixon.

New members are: Rev. Anthony Hathaway, Frank Coston, Jr., W. G. Pierce, Alonza Blount and Jack Leary.

The neighborhood leaders on the Citizens Advisory Council are chairman and vice chairman respectively:

Neighborhood I: Bill Boyce and Mrs. James Darnell.
Neighborhood II: Wesley Chesson and

Leo LaVoie.
Neighborhood III: Northfleet Bond and Mrs. Alene Slade.

Neighborhood IV: Robert Whiteman and Mrs. Dennis Basnight.

Neighborhood V: Jack Barrow and Mrs. James Cozzens.

Neighborhood VI: Mrs. James Slade and Oliver Bonner.

Neighborhood VII: Alvin Bunch and Mrs. Minnie Summers.

Neighborhood VIII: Reginald Granby and Herbert Brooks.