

Urban Renewal Study Is Authorized

A Roanoke, Va., firm has been employed to conduct a study to determine if an Urban Renewal project is feasible for the Town of Edenton. The initial study is expected to be completed in 30 days.

Balzer and Associates was chosen by Town Council Tuesday night to do the study.

Donald J. Balzer, president, earlier met with a committee from the council, headed by J. D. Elliott. After the proposal was made by the firm, Elliott made a motion that the community development consultants be employed.

The firm will review Edenton's Com-

prehensive Plan for the town itself, identify possible credits that Edenton could use in undertaking Urban Renewal, locate and review various areas that would be eligible for Urban Renewal, and recommend the area believed best for Edenton to undertake.

Cost of the initial phase is \$700.

Elliott reported that Balzer had indicated that Edenton is in a good position to take advantage of what Urban Renewal offers.

W. H. Hollowell, a committee member, said Balzer seemed interested in historical buildings here. "I was very much impressed," the councilman said.

The third member, James C. Dail, said too, was impressed with Balzer's clarity, straight-forward approach and knowledge of Urban Renewal.

In his letter to council, Balzer recommended that Edenton Housing Authority be designated to administer the Urban Renewal program if one is purchased here.

Mayor George Alma Byrum said he would not recommend a separate Urban Renewal Commission. He said either the housing authority or the council itself should direct the program. He then asked the special committee to investigate and recommend who should

handle the program here.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner reported that a representative of Housing and Urban Development's Atlanta regional office was impressed with what Edenton is doing in the field of code enforcement and community improvement.

The representative paid a routine visit here last week to see what steps were being taken to maintain a Workable Program. Such a program is necessary to qualify for federal funds.

Gardner also reported that an official of the Air and Water Resources Department was here this week working with Albemarle Peanut Company on a solution to smoke and trash problem on Badham Road. Standards on pollution are to be set early in 1970.

The administrator said the town has been assured by Fisher Nut Company, owner of the Albemarle plant, that every effort would be made to solve the problem.

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ACADEMY HOMECOMING QUEEN—Miss Julie Habit, a sophomore at Albemarle Academy in Elizabeth City, was recently crowned homecoming queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Habit, 108 West Queen Street. Julie is a former homecoming princess at John A. Holmes High School here.



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Public Parade

Intent Is Showing

Policemen through the years have been characterized as a town's "finest". Those who wear the blue of Edenton Police Department qualify for this label, not by divine right but because of their devotion to duty and untiring service to the community.

At Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council, Mayor George Alma Byrum made mention of the good work of the department, in spite of being under strength and recent illness.

The mayor, who by statute serves as police commissioner, didn't shed any light on when the department could be expected to be at full strength. The department is now authorized nine men. There have been only eight on the force since Willie Satterfield quit to accept a job in business.

Since Satterfield left the force, a determined effort has been made by Police Chief J. D. Parrish and Town Administrator W. B. Gardner to employ a Negro to fill the vacancy. They have not been successful. They have, however, received applications from qualified whites.

While it is probably advantageous to have a Negro on the force, the town should not refuse to hire a white person and require policemen to work extra hours while they are trying to hire a Negro. The morale of the department stands to suffer and in the long run the quality of service rendered to the community.

No particular race has a deed to any position in municipal government. If the town refused to hire a qualified white applicant for the "Negro's position" on the police force then discrimination is being practiced.

Edenton has enjoyed good race relations in the past. It has been because the majority of the citizens, both in and out of government, have acted in good faith.

Discrimination against either race should not be practiced. And the police department should not be allowed to go under strength intentionally.

No Rotten Plumb

A seat on the State Highway Commission is among the ripest political plumbs a governor can pass out. After being a commissioner for only a short while the individually usually wants to do some passing out himself.

This is a tiresome, often times, thankless job. A man gets cussed more than

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DISTRICT VFW EVENT SET—The William H. Coffield, Jr., Post 5280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Edenton will again host the District VFW meeting. The event is slated for Sunday at 1 P. M. W. C. Cox, above, state department headquarters adjutant, will be the principal speaker. Cox is from High Point. Commander Percy W. Dail invites all VFW members and their wives to attend.



OCTOBER HARVESTS—While farmers in Chowan County are harvesting their corn and peanuts, students in Edenton-Chowan Schools are preparing to bring in their grades for the first six weeks of the 1969-70 term. A reminder was posted this week at Chohan High School in the form of a bulletin board outside the office of Principal Ken Stalls. Mrs. Ethelene Rascoe, left, sponsor, assists Sheila Byrum and Rebecca Hobbs in preparing the bulletin board.

Registration Slow For Special Vote

If the number of new registrations is any barometer, there is little interest in the November 4 election on the local option sales tax.

Mrs. George Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said very few new names were put on the books here Saturday when registrars opened at the various polling places.

While a new registration of voters is not required, registration books are open for newcomers and persons who have reached 21 since the last election. Also, those who have moved from one precinct to another are required to get transfers.

Registration period for the special election allows two more Saturdays, October 18 and 25, for people to register. November 1 will be challenge day and November 4 will be election day.

Registrars will be at their stations from 9 A. M., to 6:30 P. M., for the

next two Saturdays.

The precincts and polling places are: East Edenton, Chowan County Court House.

West Edenton, Edenton Municipal Building.

Rocky Hock, Rocky Hock Community Building.

Center Hill, Rosser Bunch Store.

Wardville, H&H Grocery.

Yeopim, Edenton Airport Building.

Mrs. Hoskins said absentee ballots will not be used in this special election, designed to determine if voters want a one cent additional sales tax for use by municipal government.

Perquimans Next On Agenda For Aces In 2-A Bid

Edenton Aces hope to add the scalp of the Perquimans Indians to their win streak Friday night in a homecoming contest at Hicks Field.

The Aces, undefeated in 2-A Albemarle Conference play, were unimpressive last week although they defeated Northampton 28-0.

Perquimans, seeking their first win of the season, hopes to bounce back after a 44-0 defeat to the hands of Williamson.

Halfback Michael Lamb was the big gun for the Aces last week against the squad of Coach David Holton, a former Edenton star. He scored two touchdowns and rushed for a total of 257 yards in 28 carries.

Coach Marion Kirby called on the junior halfback in his first starting assignment and he scored the first two Edenton tallies on runs of five and 80 yards.

Joe Bunch, a sophomore who excels

in place kicking, scored the other two Edenton TD's on runs of two and three yards. He kicked all four PAT's.

Quarterback Earl Chesson kept his team on the ground most of the evening, passing only seven times. The smashing line plunges of the Aces kept Northampton smothered as they amassed 361 net yards rushing.

One of the prettiest plays of the game was called back due to a penalty. Chesson got off a nice pass to Gigi Leary who completely out-ran the defenders on a 75-yarder, only to have it erased by a clipping penalty.

Like Edenton against Northeastern, the Rams Coach Holton brought onto Hicks Field did not generate sufficient horsepower to stay in a contest with the Aces. However, they held the flat Aces scoreless in the first period.

In the line the Aces had good performances from Elliott Harrell, Johnny Barrow, Jay Swicegood, Steve Katkaveck and Nathan Powell.

Ordinance Cited

Police Chief J. D. Parrish warned today his department will enforce an ordinance providing for the removal, storage and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles.

Chief Parrish said if a vehicle is left unaccompanied on any street or highway or on private property for a period of not less than seven days it is considered abandoned.

He said such a vehicle will be considered a health, fire and safety hazard and will be removed at the owner's expense.



ASCS COMMITTEE—A. C. Griffin, Route 2, Edenton, chairman of the Chowan County ASCS Committee, is shown here with the other two members of the group. At left is Ray Byrum, Route 3, Edenton, vice chairman; with E. E. Boyce of Tyner, regular member, at right. The committee carries on the affairs of the county staff, headed by H. G. West, office manager.