

Byrum Is Pushing For Bond Election

Further delay in calling for a bond issue to improve and extend the water and sewer system could push the cost out of reach, Edenton Town Council learned Tuesday night.

The project, including a much needed elevated storage tank, is expected to cost nearly \$1-million. The town has applied for a \$325,000 federal grant.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District is seeking release of the funds for Edenton and announcement is expected soon.

However, he said the town's share in the project would be around \$600,000. The issuance of revenue bonds is out of the question, he said.

Gardner gave councilmen copies of cost estimates by J. N. Pease & Associates, engineers, which showed a considerable increase since the initial estimates of May, 1968.

Mayor George Alma Byrum said with the scheduled increase in water and sewer rates and what is anticipated from the local option sales tax, the water and sewer improvement bonds could be repaid without any increase in taxes.

He said it is imperative the town move ahead with plans for the bond election. With costs increasing almost daily the price could move out of reach soon.

He said it is "something we have got

to do to continue to grow" when speaking of the improvements and extensions of service.

The mayor also called the water and sewer rate increase "relatively small" compared with the cost of operation of this department. He said the increase is past due and added: "It is certainly justified."

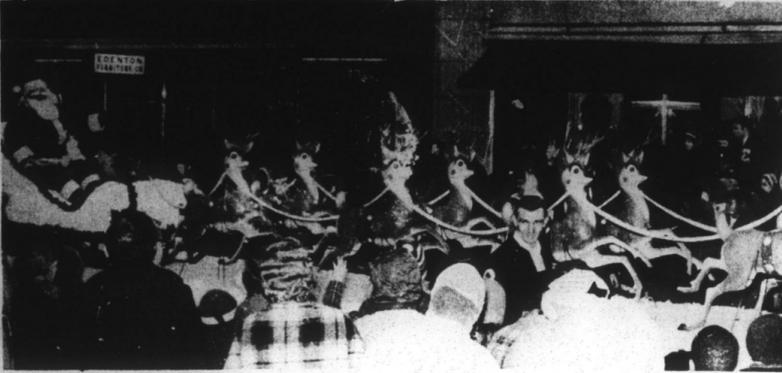
Mayor Byrum called on councilmen to explain the necessity for the increase wherever possible and have a united front.

Gardner told the council Donald Balzer, urban renewal consultant, had found the town lacking in possible credits toward a project. It was estimated the town's share of one project would be a cash outlay of about \$250,000. This would be over a four to five-year period. He said Balzer was to study a new area.

A new taxi fare increase was approved. Beer and wine permits were approved for E. J. Boyce, Jr., and Winn-Dixie.

Gardner reported the town could obtain \$2,396.48 in equipment for the police department for \$958 through cooperation with a federal grant. The purchase was approved.

He also reported 17 abandoned cars have been moved from the town and 22 others are in the process of being moved.



EVERYONE ENJOYS A PARADE!—This pictorial study shows graphically the success of last week's annual Christmas Parade through downtown Edenton. It had all necessary ingredients, including frigid weather. At left, Steve Hampton enjoys (?) holding his five-year-old daughter, Stephanie, for a better look at what's passing in review. The group above shows, from left,

through the crowd a pesky clown, i. e. Magistrate Thomas H. Shepard, marching along with the Perquimans County Marching Unit, and the prize-winning Edenton Woman's float. The other picture is that of the most popular man of the holiday season as he made his way along the route.

Public Parade

Of Roosters, And Hens

Put a couple of Roosters together and things can get mighty tough. But sprinkle generously with an equal number of Hens and generally things are brought back into proper perspective.

Let's hope this is what happens Saturday night. The Roosters are taking the Hens out.

It is the holiday season and Jack Habit, the exhausted Rooster in the lot, has called a meeting of the clan. He calls on his colleagues to rest up a couple of days for the 6:30 o'clock socializing at the Jaycee Building on Base Road. If they survive the preliminaries, dinner will be served about (?) 8.

And if you hear any crowing early Sunday you can rest assured it won't be from the Habit chain of Roosters and Hens.

Let's Close Some Gates

Schedules are satiated. On every front one thing or another vies for one's time. Choices must be made to satisfy the individual hunger for relaxation, knowledge, culture, etc.

The race is on, as never before. Society is caught in a vicious cycle where if one stops to ponder his fate he might be left behind. Which really isn't as bad as it might seem.

There were at least two worthwhile events along The Public Parade early this week. Neither received the community support deserved.

Although well publicized, Monday's concert by Albemarle Choral Society at Edenton Baptist Church drew a disappointing number. Those who attended, however, were not disappointed. Dr. Clifford Bair, Mr. Music in Northeastern North Carolina, had put together a 45-minute program of excellence.

It must have been disappointing for those who had put forth so much effort; even a little embarrassing considering East Carolina's String Ensemble had joined the local talent.

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School Approved

Chowan Academy has been approved by the State Department of Public Instruction as a non-public school.

The school, now in its second year, has 145 students in grades one through eight. Miss Minnie Hollowell is headmistress.

Carroll Evans, chairman of the board of the private school, said this weekend an extra effort will be put forth to bring to fruitful conclusion a funds drive for 1969.

The academy has been engaged in a drive to pay for a new classroom building necessary to house the additional grades as well as renovate some of the existing building at Rocky Hock.

The weekend program will be kicked off at 8 A. M., Thursday with a dutch breakfast at Edenton Restaurant. E. L. Hollowell, chairman of the finance committee, will give a report at this time.

Jack Evans, a board member, reported Tuesday that word of the academy being put on the state's approved list was just received from Calvin L. Criner, state supervisor of non-public schools.



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Newborns Will Benefit

Hospital Adds To Service

Chowan Hospital is now equipped to give phototherapy to jaundice newborns, according to Dr. James Slade, chief of pediatrics.

Dr. Slade said the hospital has purchased an Olympic Bili-Lite, the latest equipment available for phototherapy.

It has been proven that phototherapy

is effective in preventing the accumulation of excess serum bilirubin in newborns and also in reducing excessive bilirubin levels. This mode of treatment in many instances obviated the need for exchange transfusions, which are time consuming, expensive and involve an estimated incidence of mortality of from 1 per cent to 4 per cent.

For phototherapy, the infant, either in an incubator or bassinet, is placed under a light hood and exposed continuously to artificial light for a period of 12 to 144 hours after birth.

In the past, jaundice newborns have had to be sent to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City for exchange transfusions. The hospital there has also recently purchased equipment for phototherapy.

Mrs. Barbara Cale, director of nurses at Chowan Hospital, said in the past six months there have been at least six jaundice newborns in the local hospital.

Thomas Surratt, hospital administrator, said the hospital is pleased to add this new piece of equipment which improves the effectiveness of the local medical institution.

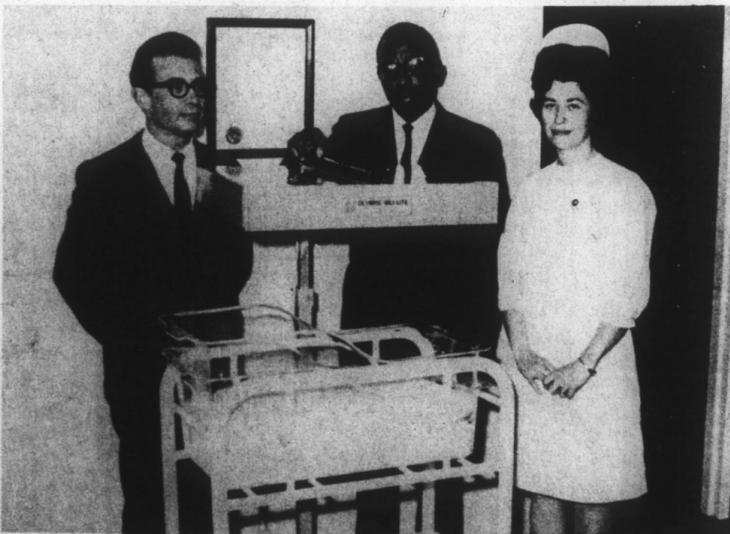
Honor For Aces

To the victor goes the spoils, so the saying goes.

In this case, the rewards for the victorious Edenton Aces will be steaks.

Six Edenton firms have joined hands to fete the Eastern 2-A football champions, their coaches and school officials Sunday night at Edenton Restaurant. The feast will begin at 6:30 P. M.

Sponsors of the banquet include: George Chevrolet Company, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Belk Tyler, Edenton Furniture, and Peoples Bank & Trust Company.



NEW HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT—Dr. James Slade, center, demonstrates the new Olympic Bili-Lite for phototherapy of jaundice newborns at Chowan Hospital to Mrs. Barbara Cale, director of nurses, and Thomas Surratt, administrator. Dr. Slade is chief of pediatrics at the hospital.

Perquimans Motorist Loses To State Patrol, Judge

A 20-year-old motorist from Perquimans County discovered in Chowan County District Court here Tuesday it doesn't pay to attempt to out-distance a State Trooper.

Reginald Spivey Winslow, Route 1, Belvidere, was convicted of hit and run driving by Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City. Involved was a highway patrol cruiser operated by Trooper Y. Z. Newberry of Perquimans County. Winslow was sentenced to 90 days.

However, it was suspended upon payment of \$500 fine and costs. He was also ordered not to drive for 12 months.

The defendant was arrested following a chase through Perquimans County and the wreck in this county on November 29. He was driving a 1968 Chevrolet and faces charges of excessive speed in Perquimans County District Court.

Traffic violations accounted for the bulk of cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker during the regular court session.



William H. Bunch

Accepts New Job

William H. Bunch, 1 Westover Heights, has resigned as cashier of Peoples Bank & Trust Company here to accept a position with First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Bunch, 30, will become assistant manager of First National's Mt. Olive branch on Monday.

The young banker has been with Peoples for more than six years, the last two of which he has served as cashier. His first position with the bank was as a teller.

Bunch is immediate past president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Edenton Jaycees. He is also a member of Chowan Golf & Country Club and last year was club champion.

Holmes Program

Busily at work, the music department at John A. Holmes High School is preparing for the annual Christmas Concert to be held at 8 P. M., December 18 in the school auditorium.

The Glee Club will present selections from the Christmas "Messiah". Other choice Christmas selections will be performed by the school band, whose members are working very hard to give the public a top performance.

Judge Horner took the following action:

Howard Perry White, speeding, \$50 fine and costs.

Earl Clingman Dail, reckless driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered and bond set at \$150.

Edward Leroy Watson, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs and not drive for 12

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Town Hikes Utility Rate Here Jan. 1

The Board of Public Works here today announced a water rate increase, which will be effective January 1. The new rate will combine the water and sewer billing into one item.

The increase, the first since 1962, has been brought about by the increased cost of maintenance and operation of the system, and also by the immediate need for expansion of the town's water supply and storage and of distribution and collector lines.

The cost of this expansion project, which includes a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank, is approximately \$900,000, with a federal grant of \$325,000 expected.

Chairman Jesse L. Harrell stated that "while an increase is justifiable only from the point of view of increased operation cost, it has been made absolutely

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Rotary Speaker



KENDALL

Col. Henry E. Kendall, chairman, N. C. Employment Security Commission will be the guest speaker today (Thursday) at the regular meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's Parish House at 1 P. M. Neil Thagard, ESC manager here, will introduce the speaker.

Meet On Housing

A second meeting to discuss low-rent public housing in the rural areas of Northeastern North Carolina will be held next week.

Wesley B. Cullipher, economic developer with Economic Improvement Council, said John B. Sams, HUD representative from Atlanta Regional Office, will explain the program to commissioners at 11 A. M., in Elizabeth City and at 3 P. M., in Edenton. The meetings will be held at the Pasquotank and Chowan court houses respectively.

An earlier meeting was called by Cullipher in October and sufficient interest has been shown to warrant this second conference, he noted.

Frank Emory of the N. C. Department of Local Affairs, will also be present to explain the need for a public housing program in the rural areas.