

More Races Develop Politics Warm Up

A flurry of activity was experienced on the political scene this week with races developing for county commissioner, clerk of court and the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said the election office on the second floor of county office building, would be open the remainder of this week for candidates to file for the May 2 primary election.

All of the activity has been Democrats. There are no Republican candidates to

date. The deadline for filing in the election is noon Friday.

W. E. Bond, veteran chairman of the county commissioners, filed the election, is being opposed for the first Township post by N. J. George. Lawrence Leary, commissioner-at-large for this township, does not have an opponent as of press deadline.

C. M. Evans, commissioner from Second Township, also does not have opposition as the deadline nears.

Bond has been on the county board since April, 1952, and chairman since 1958.

Ralph E. Parrish, 203 Blount Street, a former town official, justice of the peace and magistrate, has filed to oppose Mrs. Lena M. Leary, incumbent clerk of Superior Court.

Three incumbent members of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education from the First Township have filed and three others have made their intentions to run. Four persons from this township will be on the seven-member board.

Seeking election are Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., and Dr. J. H. Horton, current members. Dr. Allen Hornthal and D. F. Walker also have filed. Mrs. Emily G. Amburn said today she would seek a seat on the board.

Morris Small, Route 2, Edenton, has filed for the seat from Fourth Township. Frank Williams, who currently represents this township on the board, said he will not seek re-election. Williams said he had strong feelings about members of the board of education having children in the public schools. His children are beyond school age, and his term has expired; therefore, he said he felt he should not seek election.

At press-time, no candidate had filed or announced from the Second and Third Townships. O. C. Long now represents the second and Eugene Jordan the third.

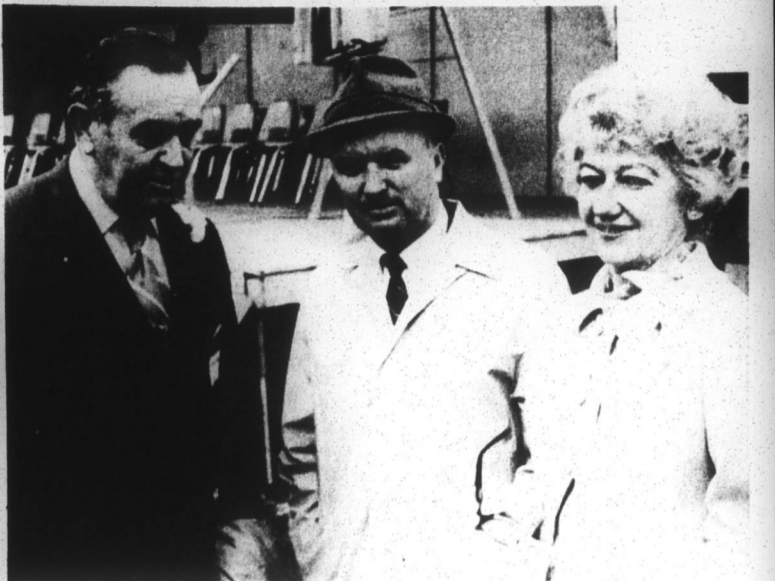
This will be the first time the board has been elected. When the town and county administrative units merged the two boards joined to comprise the board until this election. Previously the town board was appointed and the county board elected.

Parrish is no stranger to politics or the courts. He served seven terms on the Edenton Board of Public Works and was chairman at the time he resigned in 1958. In 1960 he was appointed justice of the peace and in 1966 became the original magistrate in Chowan County

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TRIBUTE TO REP. JONES—The State of North Carolina paused last Thursday to pay tribute to Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District by dedicating the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Greenville to him. The 76-bed in-patient facility, now eight months old, cost \$1-million and serves 32 Eastern North Carolina counties. It is the first of three such centers to open as result of legislation pushed in the 1965 General Assembly by then State Sen. Jones. The ceremony was not without a surprise element as State Rep. David Reid, right, asked Mrs. Jones to unveil a portrait of the congressman which had just been completed. Mrs. Jones shows her approval as her husband takes a wistful look. The picture at bottom left shows Rep. Jones, Gov. Bob Scott and Joe K. Byrd of Morganton, chairman, Board of Mental Health, in a huddle. Edenton Postmaster James M. Bond was among Chowan County representatives at the dedication and is shown with the Jones' below. Mrs. Jones is the former Doris Long of Edenton.



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School Hearing Monday Challenge Grants Include Edenton Historic Building

Chowan High School students Tuesday voted overwhelmingly in opposition to consolidation of their school with John A. Holmes in Edenton.

The students in grades seven through 12—373 of them—voted 337 to 36.

Principal Kenneth Stalls explained the proposal and the difference in curriculum at an assembly program Friday. Following the vote, which was approved by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, Stalls reported to the local school committee and Supt. Bill Britt.

A public hearing on the consolidation and closing of White Oak Elementary School will be held at Chowan High School Monday night by the board.

Representatives of the Planning Division, State Department of Public Instruction, will be at the hearing.

The hearing starts at 7:30 P. M.

The board proposes to move the top three grades from Chowan to Holmes, providing one senior high school for the entire county. Supt. Britt has maintained that transportation is not a problem.

It is also proposed that grades one through four in the county, now at White Oak, be moved to Chowan, making it a school with grades one through nine.

Challenge Grants Include Edenton Historic Building

A \$5,000 challenge grant to the Cupola House is among a total of \$30,500 for historical restoration by the Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc., through the State Department of Archives and History.

The announcement of the grants was made by Gov. Bob Scott.

To qualify for the \$5,000, the local association must secure \$10,000 in qualifying funds.

Other \$5,000 challenge grants were made to: Roberts House in Murfreesboro; Richmond Hill Law School in Yadkin County; and Wright Tavern in Wentworth.

A \$7,500 grant was given Nathaniel Macom Home in Warren County and a \$3,000 grant went to Carson House in McDowell County.

If these challenges are met, the six projects will have available for restoration in 1970 at least \$78,000.

The Richardson Foundation also approved a direct grant of \$10,116 to the State Department of Archives and History for assistance in its state-wide survey of historic sites.

Dr. H. G. Jones, director of Archives and History, in commenting on the announcement, stated that under this program the Smith Richardson Foundation has appropriated more than \$300,000 for the restoration of historic sites in North Carolina during the past decade.

This is the second such grant for the local project, a part of Historic Edenton, Inc.

Meetings Are Set In Neighborhoods

Neighborhood meetings have been scheduled over the next two weeks by Edenton Town Council and Board of Public Works to explain the water and sewer expansion policy in anticipation of a favorable vote on the forthcoming municipal bond election.

Mayor George Alma Byrum said the assessment policy will be discussed personally with the areas to be affected. "We will make every effort to insure the property owners realize the benefits of the program as well as the cost involved," he stated.

Town Council has called a \$600,000 bond election for May 2, the same date of the Democratic Primary.

The project includes a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, a new pumping station to handle the new Chowan Hospital and surrounding area, as well as neighborhood expansion to include most of the area annexed last year.

The Town of Edenton has received a federal grant which amounts to nearly one-third of the total project cost.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the committee will meet in the Paxton Lane area Monday and Morgan Park area Tuesday. A meeting is set in the Paradise Road area March 31. No date has yet been set in the Albarle Street area.

G. M. Byrum, 76

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Graham M. Byrum, 304 South Oakum Street. He was 76.

Mr. Byrum had been ill for approximately three months. He was retired owner of a local grocery store.

He was a member of Edenton Town Council for a number of years. He was a charter member of Edenton Lions Club and was active in the Red Men and Edenton Baptist Church.

Graham Murray Byrum was born in Chowan County on December 17, 1893, son of the late John Albert and Kate Leary Byrum. He was married to Mrs. Hazel Taylor Byrum, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons: Murray F. Byrum of Edenton; Muriel G. Byrum of Newport News, Va.; Graham M. Byrum of Edenton.

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Public Parade

Rx, Information, Plus

Since there are but 52 weeks in any one year, organizations and causes must overlap in promotion of special weeks for this or that.

One of the least known weeks of weeks is National Poison Prevention Week. After reading the literature Jim Blount and other pharmacists are handing out, NPPW has more meaning than one would at first realize.

Like a University of Utah study showed that adult aspirin was responsible for one-half of admissions, though children's aspirin account for 90 per cent of ingestions handled.

And, 50 per cent of drug poisonings involved containers left uncapped, thus negates any ingenuity of new packaging techniques such as safety-cap, strip-pack, etc.

Cosmetics, mind you, can also be considered a poison.

A poison is any compound which in relatively small quantities and by a chemical reaction can cause death or disability, or any substances which may cause injury or produce untoward symptoms or toxic manifestations when swallowed, absorbed or inhaled.

In 1962, President Kennedy first proclaimed NPPW, this in a coordinated attempt to counter the growing problem of poisonings. Poisonings may be criminal, suicidal, or accidental.

The proliferation of new, more specific and potent drugs and various chemicals for industrial and home use, present a problem of great magnitude.

Innocent children die by the hundreds across America annually because of careless adults. Let's don't let it happen here by becoming not just concerned, but informed and alert.

Census Preview

What will the upcoming census reveal regarding the social and economic changes that have taken place along The Public Parade in the last 10 years?

What shifts have occurred in family size, median age, educational level, living conditions and per capita income?

The government will be seeking the answers to these and other questions in the 19th Decennial Census, beginning April 1.

This national stock-taking is considered imperative for proper planning by all levels of government and by business. The findings will serve as a guide for needed changes and future development.

No radical surprises are expected to be uncovered by the census. Local, state and federal agencies, as well as private organizations, have kept abreast of most changes through various surveys and studies made in the 10-year period.

Chowan County's figures will show, for one thing, a shift in the population structure, according to unofficial estimates. About 8.8 per cent of the population will be found in the over-65 bracket, compared with 8.1 per cent in 1960.

Also, because of the big increase in the proportion of young people, the median age of the local population will be about 1.9 years lower than in 1960, when it was 24.9.

The "natural increase" in the Chowan County population, which is the excess of births over deaths, will come to approximately 6.2 per cent, based upon preliminary figures.

A definite jump will be recorded, also, in educational attainment, meaning years of schooling acquired by people who have reached age 25 or over. It will average 1.4 years more than in 1960, when the median was 8.0.

The census will show that the incomes of local residents advanced considerably in the decade, although buying power did not improve proportionately, due to inflation.

The latest figures indicate an average per capita income of \$1,750 in the local area, after taxes, compared with \$1,200 per capita in 1960.

Most families will have to fill out only 23 questions on the forms they will receive and mail them back. From one family in four, more information will be sought.



Ralph Parrish



W. E. Bond

Studio, Variety Store Opening Here

Two new Edenton businesses are holding formal openings this week—Jones' Studio and Dixie Dollar Store.

The studio is located at 814 North Broad Street and the variety store at 409 South Broad Street. Both businesses open today (Thursday).

Boost Heart Fund

The Chowan County Heart Fund got a healthy boost Saturday when members of the National Guard unit based here sponsored a benefit barbecue.

Mrs. Scott Harrell, campaign chairman, said the unit realized a \$305 profit from the event. This is nearly 10 per cent of the goal of \$3,400 and put the campaign within \$900 of being successful in meeting this goal.

Mrs. Harrell said the hard work of the guardsmen will give all volunteer workers a boost. "The guardsmen should be recognized and commended for their efforts in behalf of the Heart Fund," she stated.

Mrs. Evelyn Keeter, Heart Fund treasurer, said the campaign to date has realized \$3,500.

Jimmy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Jones, has recently returned from the Armed Forces where he was assigned to photographic duties. He and his wife, Linda, will operate the studio which will specialize in weddings and portraits.

Jones said he would also do commercial photography. No such services are available in Edenton at the present time.

The studio will be open from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., and formal opening prizes valued at nearly \$100 will be given Friday.

Dixie Dollar Store, which occupies the Parrish Building vacated recently by Harrell's, Inc., now has three outlets with a fourth planned in the very near future in Belhaven.

Mrs. Edith L. Harrison of Williamston is owner of the variety store chain. She has a store in Plymouth which opened about three years ago.

Mrs. Harrison, a native of Washington County, said she would personally be in charge of the Edenton store until a manager can be selected. She said Dixie Dollar Store in Edenton, with 1,500 square feet of sales area, will have more

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ANNIVERSARY PRINCIPALS — Leionnaires of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, Tuesday night honored the American Legion Auxiliary at a banquet in celebration of the auxiliary's 50th anniversary. Sheriff Troy Topplin, commander of the post, and Mrs. J. L. Chestnut, auxiliary president, are shown at the event, held at the legion bus on U. S. 17.