



Fire Chief W. J. Yates Hanging Up Boots

Fire Chief Yates To Retire

"Finis" will be written to a chapter in the annals of Edenton Fire Department on June 30. Chief W. J. Yates will retire.

Chief Yates, who has completed more than 28 years of service to this department, made known his intentions to retire in a letter to Mayor George Alma Byrum. Council action on the resignation will be taken in the near future.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said Chief Yates has operated the department efficiently and effectively. "He has maintained a high standard of quality service and his dedication to duty cannot be described by mere words," the official said.

Gardner said the local department is recognized throughout the state for its training and facilities for a town the size of Edenton. "Chief Yates is primarily responsible for the fine reputa-

tion this department enjoys outside the community in fire service circles," he added.

The administrator said the position will be a difficult one to fill because of the caliber of leadership Chief Yates has demonstrated. However, he said it is hoped a replacement can be found who will continue the fine fire service program—of both action and prevention—Edenton now enjoys.

Chief Yates, 75, joined the department as a volunteer on February 2, 1942. At the time he was operating a service station. A few months later he was named assistant chief when J. H. Conger, Sr., resigned. At the time Capt. Dick Hall was head of the three-man department, housed on South Broad Street.

Chief Yates moved up to a full-time position with the department in his present position in 1957, upon the death of

Chief Hall. The department now has a contingent of five regular firemen and 20 volunteers.

The new fire station on North Broad Street was occupied by the department on December 19, 1966.

Speaking of his interest in the department over the years, Chief Yates said he had always been a "fire bug" and went to all fires in the area. Officials recognized his interest and asked him to join the department.

The amiable chief said over the years he has attempted to promote fire prevention as well as a department with good organization, equipment and trained personnel.

Because of these efforts the town's fire rating has dropped once, creating a saving to property owners on their insurance. Chief Yates said he believes

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Two Local Sites On List Of Interior

Four North Carolina buildings are among 80 in the nation eligible for designation as National Historic Landmarks. They are Chowan County Courthouse and Cupola House in Edenton, Palmer-Marsh House in Bath and the Single Brother's House, Old Salem, in Winston-Salem.

Recommendations are made to Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. All sites so designated are included in the National Register of Historic Places, maintained by the Department of the Interior's National Park Service under the National Historic Preservation Act.

In designating the North Carolina buildings, they were cited as follows: "The Chowan County Courthouse is a superb surviving example of Georgian public building architecture. The courthouse has been altered very little and retains most of its original interiors."

The Cupola House is "an architecturally significant example of a timber-framed residence that illustrates the transition from 17th century to 18th century Georgian architectural styles. It is a rare surviving house in the South-

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Mayor In Mishap

Mayor George Alma Byrum is a patient at Chowan Hospital where he is recovering from painful injuries received in an accident at his summer home on Chowan River. The mishap occurred late Friday while he was mowing his yard near the river.

Mayor Byrum lost two toes from one foot and received a broken bone just about the ankle in the freak mishap. He was thrown overboard and the mower cut his foot in the process.

Reports from the hospital are that the mayor will not be released until late this week.

Furr To Command Edenton Vessel



Lt. Com. Jack C. Furr

The U. S. Navy salvage vessel "Edenton," which is under construction in Lowestoft, England, will be under the command of a North Carolinian.

It was learned this week that Lt. Comm. Jack C. Furr of Concord will be in command of the ship. Also, the current schedule calls for Edenton to be delivered to Norfolk, Va., in mid-December and is expected to be commissioned during January, 1971.

In a letter to Robert W. Moore, executive vice president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Lt. Comm. Furr stated: "We are extremely proud of this fine ship and her latent potential, since she possesses capabilities vastly superior to any salvage vessel presently commissioned in the U. S. Navy."

"I feel that her inclusion into the salvage forces of the Atlantic Fleet will greatly enhance the overall mission capability of the fleet, particularly that of Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Edenton's Force commander," he said.

The commander said he has been im-

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Henry S. Miller, Jr., President, North Carolina Heart Association

Arrest Is Ordered For 2 Defendants

Two defendants charged with drunk driving failed to show up for trial in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning and Judge Elton Ayldett of Elizabeth City ordered capiases for their arrest.

Erskin Carmel Elkins and James Robert Harrison were called and failed to appear.

Probable cause was found in the case where Raleigh Lawson, Jr., was charged with larceny of an automobile from Albemarle Motor Company. He was ordered held for trial in Chowan County Superior Court under \$1,500 bond. Charges of no operators' license and reckless driving were not pressed.

Solicitor Wilton Walker reduced the charges of reckless driving against two defendants to a lesser offense. James Raymond White and James Forest Wilson, Jr., were each fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs.

Other court activity Tuesday included: Columbus Spencer, speeding, \$50 fine and costs.

James Herman Jordan, speeding, \$10 fine and costs; notice of appeal entered and bond set at \$100.

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Public Parade

An Orchid — To Us

For the second time in recent years the N. C. Heart Association has presented the Willard G. Cole Award to The Chowan Herald. This is the only newspaper in our field to receive such an award and we are pleased to share it with those who meander along the Public Parade.

There are reporters, and yes, even editors and publishers, who write with their sights set on awards rather than on what is in the best interest of the readers they serve. This has not been our aim.

Therefore, it is a signal honor when an organization of such prestige recognizes our efforts. If we appear to be boasting, you get the message. For once the orchids are coming in rather than going out.

Where's Aunt Mary?

When "Aunt Mary" doesn't receive a thank you note for the graduation gift she sent to "Karen" there are going to be two disappointed people. One will be "Aunt Mary," the other will be "Karen" who didn't get the gift.

Postmaster James M. Bond is looking for the answer to the riddle.

It all started when a package was mailed at the local post office Friday. When it arrived in Greensboro, a postal sectional center, it was minus the label. Since it was postmarked "Edenton" it was returned.

Local postal authorities opened the package to determine some sort of identification. The card read: "To Karen, From Aunt Mary." Postmaster Bond confesses he knows neither the parties but would like for "Aunt Mary" to give him "Karen's" address so there won't be two disappointed people.

Will the real "Aunt Mary" please step forward?

The Inexpensive Route

County and municipal officials are currently wrapped up in the process of making a budget for fiscal 1970-71. Both elected bodies have pledged to reduce taxes, thanks to anticipated income from the one cent local option sales tax approved last fall.

To the surprise of the skeptical, it appears now there exists along the Public Parade two groups of elected officials who are going to be as good as their word.

Road Route Questioned; Budget Talk

Chowan County commissioners want to know more about the route of the Coastal Interstate Freeway through the Albemarle Area before endorsing the project.

Questions concerning how the highway will affect this county are expected to be asked at a meeting here June 11.

Coastal Plains Regional Commission has proposed a super-highway through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia which generally follows existing U. S. 17.

C. A. Phillips, a board member, said Monday he felt from preliminary study that Chowan would suffer more than any other Albemarle Area county. "The route takes off across the sound and cuts off Edenton," he said.

Chairman J. Clarence Leary earlier read a letter from Albemarle Area Development Association Chairman Wesley Cullipher asking for endorsement of the route.

Commissioners agreed to study the proposal before taking action.

The board has thus far balked at a request from the Town of Edenton for payment toward certain services. It was reported that the town is requesting some \$13,000 more for 1970-71 than

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Supt. Bill Britt Pat Harrell

Harrell Gets Post

Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction James Burch has announced the appointment of James P. Harrell as regional coordinator of inservice education for 10 school systems: Dare, Currituck, Camden, Elizabeth City - Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Edenton - Chowan, Washington County, Tyrrell and Hyde.

Harrell has served as assistant director of adult education for the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City for the past year. In his new position he will be responsible for planning and coordinating regional services in the area of teacher education for the 10 school units.

The position, said Burch, is made possible through state funds. An office is located in Edenton.



EIC LEADERS CITED—Two veteran officials of Economic Improvement Council, Inc., completed nearly three years of service last week and were honored at a board meeting here. Roy W. Lowe, left, director, is shown with Charles E. Boone of Enghard, center, and Joseph L. Simmons, Jr., of Fairfield, who have served as chairman and vice chairman respectively since September, 1967. They were each presented a plaque for their volunteer service. Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd of Edenton, below, assumed the chairmanship on June 1. She is director of ESEA Title I, with Edenton-Chowan Schools. Supt. S. D. O'Neal of Washington County schools, is the new vice-chairman. EIC is the anti-poverty agency in 10 Northeastern North Carolina counties.

Man Drowns Here

Chowan County did not escape tragedy over the Memorial Day weekend.

One of three Bertie County men who were fishing in the Chowan River Sunday drowned when their boat overturned.

The body of Oscar Peede, 44, Route 2, Aulander, was recovered by searchers at 4:30 P. M., Monday, according to Chowan Sheriff Troy Toppin. Peede was employed by Coca-Cola Bottling Company at Kelford.

Sheriff Toppin said Frank Cherry, 40, and Linwood Earl Tripp, 38, both of Route 2, Aulander, clung to the overturned boat and came ashore with it about midnight. The mishap reportedly occurred at about 6 P. M.

The accident occurred about a quarter mile from shore on the north side of the river near Chowan River Bridge.

