

New Feature

"Mortuary Forum" on page 8-B of today's newspaper is a new feature in The Chowan Herald. It is authored by E. N. (Pete) Manning, mechanical superintendent here who moonlights as a licensed funeral director.

There are quite often questions asked about the "benefits" of death as well as what is and what isn't proper.

The author will welcome your questions. And before you die he will have an answer. Pete just works that way.

Were You Counted?

Those who meander along the Public Parade are entitled to know the Amburns have been officially counted in the 1970 census of population and households. Mrs. Barbara Aldridge came by and relieved our cluttered desk of the census form. She left a Virginia address.

We were in court at the time Wednesday morning when Mrs. Aldridge did the honors. Therefore, we know little about what is happening census-wise here.

But, there is some comfort in not being alone. It appears that Mrs. Aldridge, et als, are going about trying to reconcile the local count without the benefit of knowledge from either town or county officials who have requested the services.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said although the Charlotte census office said he would be contacted once the work began, no one as of noon Wednesday had shown him this courtesy. The same is true of county officials.

There is something mysterious about the entire handling of the count here and it is getting worse, rather than better. It reminds us of the chap who got caught taking a cookie from the jar, then tried to replace it without facing the music.

How enumerators are going about their work, as we say, is not known publicly, and maybe not even by them. However, the Town Council has an ad with a "WERE YOU COUNTED?" form in it. Don't throw it away. You may still need it to be counted. But not us, we're now in the hopper.

Road Runners

There is always something good derived from getting away for a couple of days; the best of which is coming home. This is especially true for those who are fortunate enough to meander along the Public Parade.

What we don't have here we can mostly get within a matter of a short time. And what we can't get we are working on.

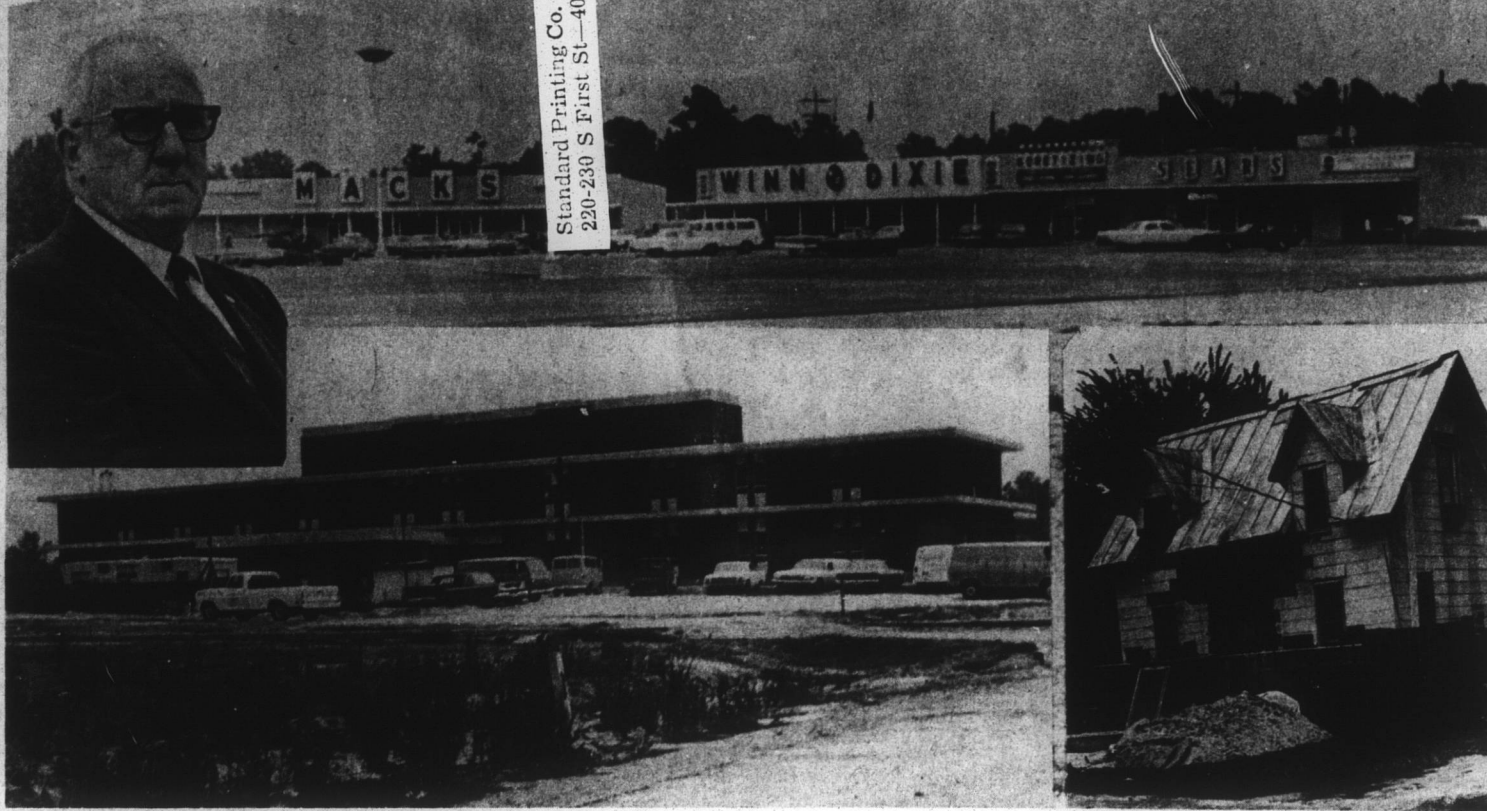
It fell our lot to take the children to Pawpaw's down in Sumter, S. C., for their annual visit. By the time we got there Thursday night we had seen more of both Carolinas than we desired and yelled threats until we could hardly speak above a whisper.

Pawpaw and the five had themselves a time. Mother and Daddy reluctantly took a back seat.

Returning Sunday was about like Thursday, except for two things—a stop South of the Border and taken for a ride at a handsome new restaurant in Fayetteville. Edenton was a delightful sight!

Something which took some of the sting out of the trip was Interstate 95. Now, people around here don't know too much about interstates, the nearest

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Big Construction Year—A new shopping center, a new hospital, and improvements to commercial and residential structures accounted for \$2.27-million in construction in the Town of Edenton during fiscal 1969-70. Sam Long, building inspector, is shown at Northside Shopping Center where but one vacancy exists in a five-store complex. Insets show the new Chowan Hospital which is less than two months from completion, and improvements to a dwelling on West Peterson Street.



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Action On Park, School Postion Is Filled Buildings Sought By Mayor Byrum

Mayor George Alma Byrum made it plain Monday night that he is making beautification and recreation two priority areas in his administration.

He added two items to the generally lengthy agenda at the regular monthly meeting of Edenton Town Council:

1—Instruct the building inspector to take proper action to clear two dilapidated buildings situated on the waterfront.

2—Appoint the Finance Committee to study possible sites for a town park and means of financing same.

The mayor owns an interest in one of the waterfront buildings he wants removed. It is the old freight structure in front of Masonic Temple. The other is the fishery back of the Municipal Building.

Some months ago Mayor Byrum appointed a committee from the council to study the purchase of these properties, with matching federal funds. The committee failed to recommend such a purchase.

A committee from Edenton Chamber of Commerce then recommended the property be bought or the buildings condemned. Mayor Byrum told the council since no action had been taken to

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Gilliam W. Underwood

Edenton Project Is Out For Bids

State Highway Commission has issued a call for bids on numerous projects, including one in Chowan County.

The local project is on Virginia Road between Filberts Creek and the new town limits. It is designed to improve the dangerous curve in that section of the road as well as provide a more adequate access to the new Chowan Hospital.

Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell of Perquimans County announced several months ago that a considerable amount of money would be spent on this project since the new hospital will expand the medical facilities for this entire section of the state.

"This is more than just a local project," he told Chowan County commissioners who requested the improvements along with Edenton Town Council. Nowell pointed out that people from several counties in the First Highway Division, will use the hospital or visit patients there. Therefore, he designated some outside available funds for the project.

Sales Tax Report

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County for June were \$1,620.07, according to I. L. Cayton, commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

Collections in Perquimans amounted to \$5,697.45 while in Pasquotank the collections were \$35,619.67.

Cayton's report showed net collections in the 26 counties of the state collecting the extra 1 per cent sales tax at \$1,851,678.81 — including \$576,289.55 from Mecklenburg.

Gilliam (Gill) W. Underwood, 39, has been named principal of Chowan High School for the 1970-71 school term. Underwood comes to Chowan County from Cumberland County where he served three years as assistant principal at Pine Forest High School with an enrollment of 1,500 students and 70 faculty members.

During the past two summers he directed and coordinated the Cumberland County Drivers Education Program for 2,300 students and 65 instructors. While in Fayetteville, he supervised the extension adult education program, conducted at Pine Forest High School by Fayetteville Technical Institute.

Prior to his administrative experience, Underwood served as science teacher and athletic coach at North Johnston High School, Perquimans High School and Chowan High School.

He earned his B.S. degree from East Carolina University in 1957 and M.A. degree in 1964. He was recipient of the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at East Carolina University in 1959 and attended summer institutes at Duke University in 1960-62 under the same program. During this period he began work on his M.A. degree.

During three years of his undergraduate studies he was a member of the university tennis team. Underwood, from Clayton, has a keen interest in sports which was evident from his years at Clayton High School where he was named all-conference and all-tournament

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Firm Opens Office

Holland, Timberlake and Shaw, certified public accountants, have opened an office at 102 West Eden Street, in the building recently renovated by W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.

The firm also has offices in Raleigh. Robert Leon Shaw of Raleigh joined the partnership June 1 and the Edenton office opened earlier this month. Mrs. Sheila Ward is secretary in the local office.

EIC Is Given Funds For Programs

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., has been funded by the federal government for more than \$1-million for fiscal 1970-71. The grants were announced by Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District.

Rep. Jones informed Roy L. Lowe, EIC executive director, of approval of the grants from various federal agencies, which total \$1,068,899. Local funds also got into the program.

EIC, with headquarters at Edenton Municipal Airport, serves the 10 North-eastern North Carolina counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

Lowe said the grants announced by Rep. Jones provide for the continued

Construction in the Town of Edenton during fiscal 1969-70 totaled \$2,272,647. This is contained in a report compiled by Sam Long, building inspector.

Permits for construction of the new 61-bed Chowan Hospital and the development of Northside Shopping Center account for the biggest dollar volume for the year.

There were a total of 82 building permits issued for new construction or repairs to existing structures and 10 additional permits for moving, demolition, etc., according to Long.

Three of the permits, including the hospital, were issued for new institutional buildings in the amount of \$1,374,897. There was one permit for repairs in this division in the amount of \$1,000.

There were nine permits for new residences which total \$195,000 and 51 permits for renovations which amounted to \$294,550 for a total of \$489,550.

Long issued 10 permits for new commercial structures with a total cost of \$362,200 and eight permits for repairs at a cost of \$45,000.

Long broke down the 92 building permits as follows:

Nine new residences: 51 residences repaired; 25 sub-standard residences brought into compliance; 26 residences demolished; six commercial buildings demolished; three variances granted; five violations corrected; 10 new commercial buildings; eight commercial buildings repaired; three new institutional buildings and one institutional building repaired.

The inspector was kept busy on numerous calls for his services. There were 219 housing inspections made. Other inspections included:

88 zoning; 205 general; 93 electrical; 69 planning, and 21 heating and air conditioning.

Long went to work for the Town of Edenton in April, 1969. Up until then the building inspection was done by a part-time employee. This is the first fiscal year that such a detailed report has been made available.

New Trial Given Wiggins In Action

Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor has set aside his judgment of dismissal in the case of Emmett H. Wiggins against Miles E. Bunch, et als, and the State of North Carolina.

Judge Parker took his action, which was appealed by the defendants, after new evidence had been found which was not available at the time of the April trial. The civil action centers around "The Galberry", a tract of 273.9 acres in the Rocky Hock section.

In April, Judge Parker allowed a motion for non-suit made by the defense, claiming Wiggins could not show title beyond February, 1941. Since then tax records have been found showing chain of title back to 1920.

A date for the new trial has not been set pending outcome of the appeal.

Fly-In Set Here

Edenton Municipal Airport will be the focal point of a mass fly-in by members of N. C. Aero Club Sunday. Up to 100 planes are expected to bring the 150 to 200 people for the event.

J. A. (Pete) Holleman of Raleigh, club president, has announced that the Edenton Flying Club, headed by Carlton Jackson, will host the event described as something "extra special" for the month.

Pilots are urged to come early, tour historic Edenton and spend the day in the area. Also, a picnic lunch will be served at the airport.

Since Edenton is only about 20 minutes flying time from Kitty Hawk, some pilots are also expected to visit the coast either before or after the stop in Edenton.



The Men and Their Machine—Edenton Police Department has put a new radar unit into operation on local streets. This unit will replace the speed clock which police have been using to catch speeders. Shown with the radar furnished at no cost by the Safety Division, N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, is Chief J. D. Parrish, right, and Capt. Harvey Williams. Chief Parrish says a word to the wise should be sufficient.