



Public Parade

Shop At Home

Santa Claus arrived along the Public Parade last Thursday, officially opening the holiday shopping season. The attractive decorations and 2,000 colored lights make downtown Edenton a festive place.

There were several thousand people from the area on hand to greet Santa Claus. The weather, at that time, was without the bite associated with the season, but that didn't appear to dampen the spirit of the parade.

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad did a commendable job in putting on the annual parade. There was evidence everywhere of their hard work.

As we head down the home stretch of the holiday season, we would side with those advocates of keeping Christ in Christmas. We would also side with local merchants who advocate keeping your dollars at home. The selections found here is greater than ever so there is no need of crowding up the highways beating a path to someone else's trade center.

Edenton is expanding the already enjoyed reputation of being a good place to live, work and play. This can be further assured by keeping the local cash registers ringing. In this way, everyone benefits.

New Direction For Chowan?

Chowan County commissioners began a new year Monday. The same individuals are in command but there are indications county government along the Public Parade may be headed in a different direction.

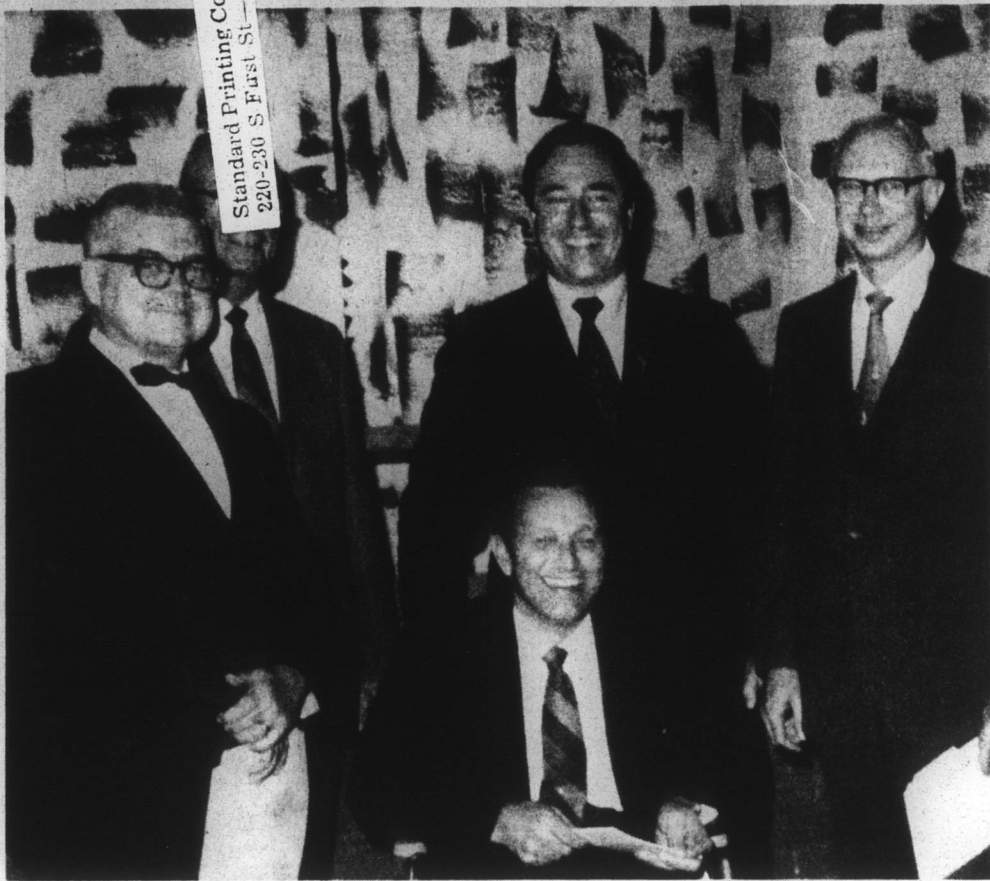
County government in every county, yes, even in the smallest county in the state, has become big business in the past decade. Chowan has entered the computer age in a Model T. It is beginning to show.

A "show and tell" game isn't necessary to recognize the need for changes in procedures in county government which are progressive and efficient. Chowan is far from bankrupt but those who did business with the public schools for several months early in this fiscal year had to be patient and listen to the poverty story.

While the county had many thousands of dollars in the bank, much of it invested in interest-bearing certificates, the schools' bills piled up waiting for taxes to be paid and the money put in some of the 18 different funds kept by the county in two local banks. The schools not only lost cash discounts on purchases but paid interest on some past dues at a rate much higher than was being realized on the investments.

In a time, also, when public education is on trial it is more important than ever that teachers be supplied with all available tools to provide the quality of education not only desired, but deserved. It

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At AADA Banquet—Chowan County won first place in community development in the 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association and John A. Mitchener, Jr., left, county chairman, received the award. Gov. Bob Scott, center, was principal speaker. Charles Harrell of Hertford, new AADA president, right, and C. W. Overman of Edenton, community development chairman, join Gov. Scott and Mitchener in the photograph with Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City who completed a term as AADA leader.

Scott Cites Planning Need

Gov. Bob Scott made his first speech on "planning" here Friday night and Chowan County walked off with most of the community development marbles. It was the 10th annual report and banquet program of Albemarle Area Development

Association.

Nearly 400 gathered at National Guard Armory for the banquet. Wallace Evans of Edenton was master of ceremonies with C. W. Overman, retired county agent, presenting awards for community development.

Chowan won the first place award; Oak Grove won first in small communities; and nine blue ribbons went to other areas of the county. Overman pointed out that while he was extremely proud of the showing Chowan made, judges from out-of-town made the selection from the 1-county area.

John A. Mitchener, Jr., Chowan chairman, accepted the award.

Charles Harrell of Perquimans County was later elected president of AADA to succeed Wesley Cullipher.

Gov. Scott, introduced by Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, president, College of the Al-

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Rotary Speaker

Dr. Thomas A. Collins of Rocky Mount will address Edenton Rotary Club at its regular meeting at 1 P. M., today (Thursday). Dr. Collins is president of N. C. Wesleyan College.

George Twiddy is program chairman and will introduce the guest speaker.

Thomas M. Surratt is club president.

Dr. Collins is a native of Wilmington and has headed the Methodist-supported college since March, 1959. For six years prior to going to Wesleyan he was executive director, Conference Board of Missions, The Methodist Church. From his headquarters in Raleigh he organized 70 new Methodist churches during this period.

He was pastor of the Gatesville Methodist Charge from 1944 to 1949 and at the same time served as a teacher and

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Shepard Heads Hospital Board—The Chowan Hospital Board of Trustees have recently elected Thomas H. Shepard, left, chairman of that group. Shepard replaces Jesse L. Harrell whose term has expired. The new chairman is shown going over plans for renovations to the old hospital building with Thomas M. Surratt, administrator. Other executive committee members are: J. Clarence Leary, vice chairman; C. A. Phillips, secretary; James M. Bond, treasurer; W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., J. G. Perry and R. Graham White.

Board Study On County Work Is Set

Chowan County's bookkeeping system was blamed Monday for the schools being delinquent in paying their bills. This has been the case in past months although the county had several thousand dollars in the bank.

As a result of this situation and several others which came up at Monday's meeting of county commissioners, it was suggested by C. A. Phillips that Chairman J. Clarence Leary appoint a committee to study how "some of the county duties can be handled more efficiently."

Commissioner David Bateman brought the difficulty to light when he asked Mrs. Pansy Elliott, county accountant, if the schools had in fact not had sufficient funds.

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Leary Re-Elected

J. Clarence Leary Monday was re-elected chairman of Chowan County commissioners. Leary, a veteran member of the board, was named chairman several months ago when W. E. Bond died.

During the annual reorganization of the county board, C. A. Phillips was re-elected vice chairman; Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, register of deeds, was again named clerk of the board; and John W. Graham, county attorney.

All of the action came on motion by N. J. George. David Bateman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Leary, George and C. M. Evans took the oath as commissioners from Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court. They were recently elected. George, who filled the unexpired term of Bond, will serve for four years; Evans for six years; and Leary for two years. Phillips and Bateman have two more years to run on their four-year terms.

Leary said it had been a pleasure to work with the board members and pledged his best efforts in the future in the best interest of the county.

The re-organization was delayed until 10:30 A. M., due to swearing in of Mrs. Leary, Sheriff Troy Toppin and other district officials in Elizabeth City.

Sewer, Water Work In High Gear

The sewer line has been installed on West Albemarle Street Extended and a great portion of the Morgan Park sewer line has been completed, according to W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

Gardner told the Town Council at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night that the weather conditions for work at Morgan Park were so ideal that 24 per cent of the work had been completed in 2 per cent of the contracted time.

So far, \$138,000 has been spent on the project, \$34,000 of which has been spent on engineering.

A representative from J. N. Pease & Company will be meeting with the Town Council members Thursday to discuss the downtown sidewalk project. The possibility of the use of federal beautification grant money for the work will

be discussed.

Leo Katkaveck gave a report on the mini parks that have been started in town. According to Katkaveck, seven or eight mini parks have been erected. He stated it is his committee's recommendation that more money be allotted in the 1971 budget for park facilities. Another recommendation was to vote on a bond issue for the purpose of financing a recreation center in Edenton to include a gym, softball field and a swimming pool.

Other business completed by the council included:

Adoption of Albemarle Street sidewalk assessment was set at \$1.34 per foot.

The commissioning of the USS Edenton is set for January 23, 1971. Lt. Howell talked with Gardner and told

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Floats Win Prize

Chowan Academy won the \$30 first prize in the Edenton Christmas parade Thursday of last week. Their entry was "Santa's Toy Shop".

Winner of the second prize of \$25 was Edenton's Woman's Club with their entry of "Christmas Bells" and the Edenton Jaycees won the \$20 third prize for "Charlie Brown's Christmas".

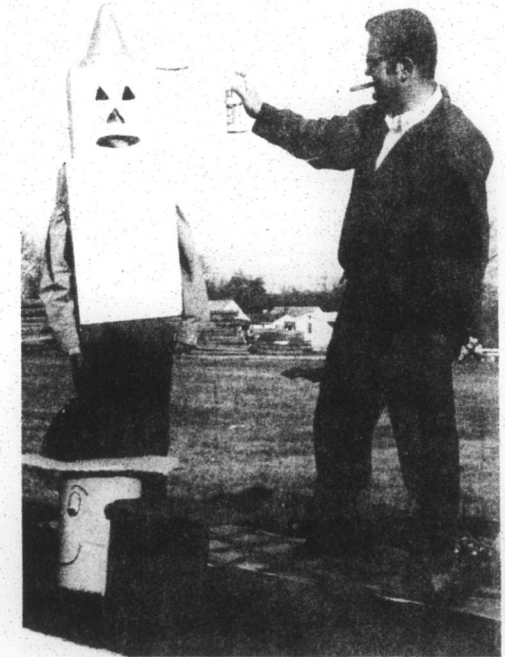
Other floats participating were "Christmas In The Land Of Oz" by the Edenton Jayettes; "Putting Christ In Christmas" by the Warwick Swamp Baptist Church and "Little Drummer Boy" by the Children of the American Revolution (CAR).

Altogether 46 units participated in the parade, including two late additions, a car by the Shriners and a unit by the N. C. Wildlife Commission.

Parade Scenes...



Clowns



Getting Ready



Waiting



Anxious People



Santa Arrives in Edenton With Many 'Helpers', Big Audience