



Public Parade

Keep Access Request Alive

Edenton and Chowan County have apparently lost the first round in an attempt to get an additional, convenient and practical access to the proposed U. S. 17 by-pass. State Highway Commission staff members have recommended denial of the request.

It is true that the request to extend a road through Industrial Park to the by-pass puts two interchanges relatively close together—7,000 feet according to SHC figures. This, according to them, is not desirable because it would hamper proper flow of traffic as well as be a possible safety hazard.

And the big things they bring out to support their recommendation is an estimate that such an access would cost \$1-million. We recommend they purchase a new pencil sharpener.

The entire six-mile by-pass is expected, by their own estimates, to cost \$3.8-million. How could one access cost more than one-fourth the total amount?

Motorists coming from the east on Highway 32 cannot be expected to drive up Old Hertford Road, then another mile north to get on the by-pass. It is not logical that they will come up Church Street, turn onto Broad Street and enter the by-pass via Virginia Road. Both routes would be the long way. The shortest route will be to stay on U. S. 17-business—defeating the purpose of the by-pass.

The by-pass, if at all possible, should improve the traffic pattern for the entire area, not just those who travel north and south on U. S. 17. We recommend that Commissioner Joe Nowell get his colleagues to take a long hard look at the request before putting it away.

And further, how about that pencil sharpener?

Gets More Ridiculous

The more the 1970 Census of population is stirred the more ridiculous it becomes.

In a letter to First District Rep. Walter B. Jones, Joseph H. Norwood, regional director, wrote about a Town of Edenton complaint:

"I would like to point out that we investigated in the field the areas the city officials felt might not have been included due to the fact that census maps of the city did not include an annexation effective in May, 1969. Due to an alert

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School Holiday

All schools in the Edenton-Chowan School system and the Chowan Academy will observe December 18 through January 4 as the Christmas and New Year's holidays, according to school officials.

Students will attend school on December 18 and at the end of the school day will be dismissed for the holidays. They will return to classes on January 4.



Support Rescue Squad — Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, this week became another local organization to contribute to Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad during the current funds campaign. Roy Blackley, right, post commander, presented a check for \$200 to Bob Roberson, squad captain. The primary fund-raising function of the post is the Chowan County Agricultural Fair.

Edenton By-Pass Access Is Opposed



Mr. Speaker — State Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates County Friday night was re-elected speaker of the State House of Representatives by his fellow Democrats. Rep. Godwin, who with Rep. W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, are from the First House District, assumed the speaker's post at the close of the 1969 General Assembly. He will preside over that body at the assembly which opens January 13, 1971.

Academy Group Wins State Prize

GREENSBORO — The Chief Rockahock Historical Association in Chowan County, and a member of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Club at Chowan Academy, have been named winners in the 1969-70 state competition.

Awards were made during the 70th annual meeting of the N. C. Literary and Historical Association, meeting here last week as a part of Culture Week.

The Chowan association was named winner of the award for group art. Martha Jo Hollowell, a student at the academy, received honorable mention in the individual literary category. Martha Jo, a member of the Chief Rockahock Historical Association, was honored for her work, "The Restoration of the Barker House".

The association's entry was entitled "Herring Fishing".

Dr. Richard Bardolph of the Department of History and Political Science of UNC-G, made the presentations.

The annual cost is conducted by the State Department of Archives and History which sponsors junior historian clubs

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Early Next Week

The Chowan Herald, following the usual holiday custom, will print one day early next week. The paper will be printed Tuesday and distributed Wednesday in order to give advertisers the benefit of an additional day of exposure before Christmas as well as subscribers another day to shop the pre-holiday specials.

All advertising copy must be in the office by 6 P. M., Monday and all news items must be in by 10 A. M., Tuesday in order to be printed in the December 24 edition.

The regular schedule will be followed the following week for the December 31 edition.

Contest Planned

The Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor the outdoor home Christmas decorations contest again this year. Judging will be held on December 23.

Mrs. James P. Ricks, Jr., chairman, says the annual contest is held to stimulate home decoration in an effort to make the town more attractive during the holiday season.

Prizes will be awarded for the best traditional and modern door decoration as well as for the most attractive traditional and modern overall decorations.

State Highway Commission's planning board has approved a four-lane highway on U. S. 17 from Virginia to Berea Baptist Church in Pasquotank County.

At the same time, SHC staff members have recommended denial of a request from additional access of another link of U. S. 17—the Edenton by-pass.

Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners had requested an additional access near the Industrial Park so traffic from the east could get to the proposed highway without coming through the downtown area.

The SHC planning and research department, in recommending denial of the request, claim the access at the Industrial Park would cost an additional \$1-million. The entire project is expected to cost about \$3.8-million.

At the same time, it was recommended that consideration be given at the proposed interchange near SR 1325 at the northern end of the by-pass near the Perquimans County line.

Billy Rose, assistant state highway administrator, revealed the recommendations in a letter to Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell, Jr., of Winfall.

It is claimed that the requested additional access is only 7,000 feet from the Highway 32 interchange and 6,800 feet from the U. S. 17 terminal interchange near SR 1325. The access is said to be "highly undesirable from a traffic operational standpoint and will pose potential safety hazards."

SHC staff members claim the Industrial Park is adequately served by the Highway 32 interchange and the proposed access at the northern terminal of the bypass, being located about one mile from each.

Virginia to Elizabeth City four-lane, full access control highway, is considered to be a major breakthrough in highway construction and improvement in Northeastern North Carolina. It will tie into the existing four-lane highway from Elizabeth City to the church.

Rose said Tuesday the highway will by-pass east of South Mills. Preliminary engineering and a public hearing are next steps toward realization of the highway.

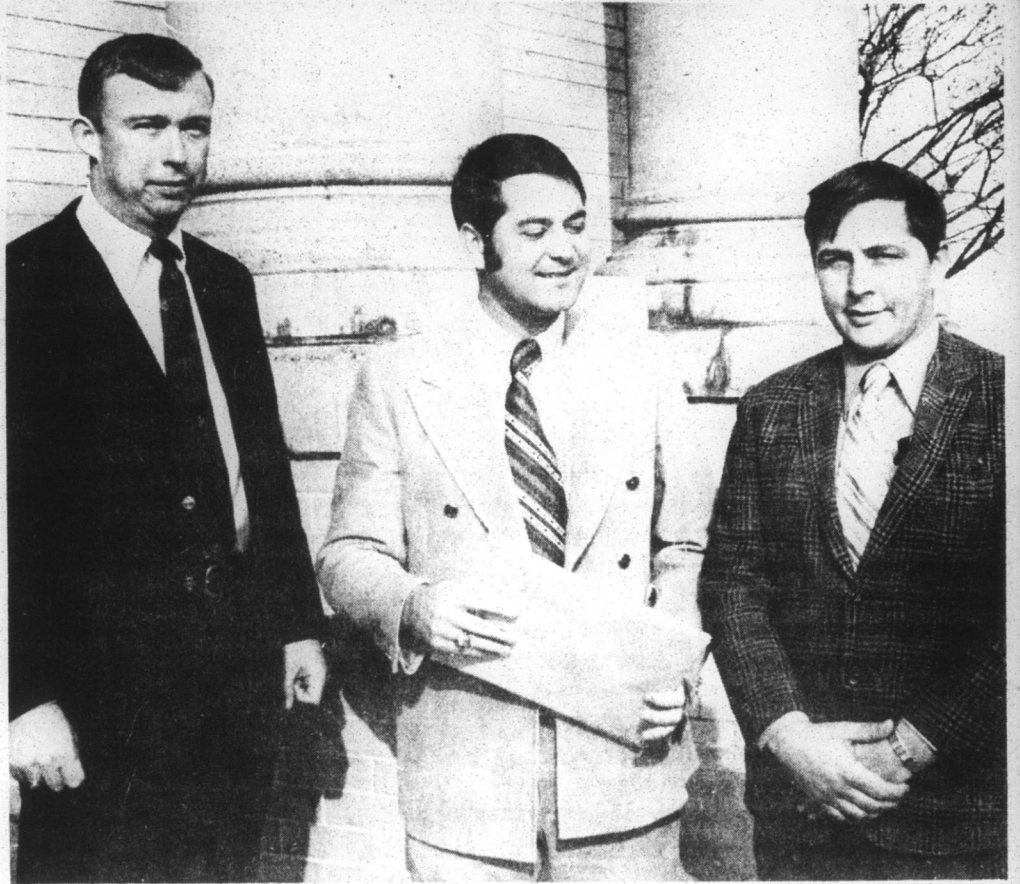
10 Chowan Seniors In Special Group

Ten students at Chowan High School have been named outstanding seniors at the school.

Named were Glenn Riddick for being the model of an ideal sportsman. He won All-Conference in the East Tidewater 1-A Conference last year.

Charles Dail was selected for his scholastic ability and leadership qualities. He is the business manager of the 1971 "Chowan Chief" and during his junior year he earned the position of chief marshal.

Fred Spruill is known for his individualism and honest opinion about any situation. He serves as vice president of the Albemarle federation of FFA as



Campaign Officials Named — Warren Cramm, right, has been named campaign director for the annual March of Dimes funds drive which begins here early next month. Woody Copeland, left is county treasurer. They are pictured with Andy Gillman of Raleigh, Eastern North Carolina field representative for the March of Dimes. Edenton Jaycees, with the aid of Jaycettes, annually conduct the campaign in this area. A goal of \$2,500 has been set for 1971.

Christmas Services Slated

Special Christmas services are being scheduled at several churches in Edenton.

The Christmas Cantata, "The Saviour Has Come", will be presented by the adult and youth choirs of the Edenton Baptist Church at a twilight service Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The program will be under the direction of Earl G. Harrell with Rev. Robert E. Gray, pastor, narrating, and Miss Agnes Chappell, organist.

"White Christmas" will be observed at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday.

Each person attending services Sunday morning is asked to bring an item of staple groceries wrapped in white paper, which will be distributed to needy families in the community. Charlie Swanner is serving as chairman.

"Is There A Santa Claus" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Robert E. Gray at the 11 A. M., Sunday worship service. The Scripture is from Luke 2:1, 4-14.

Edenton Methodist Church will have its annual Christmas Candlelight Service and "White Christmas" on Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

The adult choir is to present the Christmas Cantata, "Noel, Noel" by Noble Cain. Soloists will be Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., and Mrs. Esther Elliott. Organist will be Mrs. J. J. Ross.

No Christmas Eve communion service will be held. The congregation has accepted the invitation to join the St. Paul Episcopal Church members for their 11 P. M. communion service.

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt has announced that his sermon topic for the 11 A. M., Sunday service will be "Helpless Infant" taken from Luke 2:7.

Rev. Warren Nance stated that a Christmas Eve service of Prayer and Thanksgiving would be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 8 P. M.

His sermon topic for the 11 A. M.,

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Big Commercial Farm Planned In Hyde; To Boost Area

WASHINGTON — A joint farming venture is being entered into by American Cyanamid Company and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in Eastern North Carolina. Current plans are to produce corn, wheat and soybeans on a 35,200 acre commercial farm near Engelhard in Hyde County. The project will be known as Mattamuskeet Farms.

First District Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham and other governmental and company officials addressed a meeting of the new agricultural partnership at the Brentwood Lodge near here Friday.

Rep. Jones said he believes it is "almost impossible to estimate the favorable economic impact this will have on a wide area of Northeastern North Carolina."

"The importance of this venture can best be illustrated in that during the abundant crop year of 1968, the State of North Carolina fell short of supplying its own grain needs in the amount of 1 1/2-million tons. It is estimated that this project will provide employment for

approximately 70 people, with an annual payroll of \$500,000. In addition, an estimated \$4-million will be spent in contracts for clearing and drainage. Once the operation is in full force, it will require purchases of \$1.8-million in supplies annually. It will also involve an expenditure of \$700,000 for equipment. Its direct benefits are multiple."

Rep. Jones said that the venture has the potential of being one of the most exciting and important announcements he has been privileged to make since becoming a member of Congress. "I have reason to believe that already two or more industries have indicated interest in locating plants in the proximity of this new operation," he said.

Graham praised the two firms for their farsightedness as it relates to agriculture and agri-business. "There is no doubt industry is needed in our state and this is precisely the kind we need. It is agricultural industry; the kind that improves the environment rather than undermines it."

"I'm certain your investment will not only be profitable to you but also to the

entire economy of North Carolina. By establishing a sound agricultural enterprise in this community you will spawn related agri-business which will in turn enhance the prosperity of the area."

The commissioner noted that even though some tend to play down the importance of agriculture, it continues to be one of the most vital factors in human life. "Production of food and fiber, and shelter are man's two most basic needs. Too often they are taken for granted. But when we stop and reflect, our present food stocks would be depleted in two to three months without constant production."

"The future of agriculture in North Carolina is immeasurable. We have an excellent soil and climate. But more important, we have the people who know how to make it produce."

"I'm also heartened by the fact that we can once again work with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and the progressive leadership of Rep. Walter Jones to develop the potential of coastal North Carolina."