

# Looking Back On 1970; News Reviewed

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Judge W. S. Privott died of a heart attack while returning from a hunting trip.

In March a hearing for the consolidation of the senior high schools in Chowan County was set for March 23 by the State Department of Public Instruction.

The Chowan County commissioners set up four roads in the rural area for paving with \$105,000 in secondary road funds.

Judge Elton Aydlott was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Privott.

Edenton Town Council took action to insure sewage facilities for the new Chowan Hospital.

W. E. (Winks) Bond died and J. Clarence Leary was appointed to fill his unexpired term as chairman of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

April headlines included that Wallace B. Evans was named by Mayor George A. Byrum to chair the Citizens Advisory Council of Edenton.

Chowan County Courthouse was deemed inadequate by Judge Howard H. Hubbard.

Supt. Bill Britt recommended that no change be made toward consolidation of the top three grades at Chowan High and John A. Holmes High and that White Oak Elementary School remain open.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president of Peoples Bank, announced that Peoples Bank would build a new building in Edenton.

John Michael Lee, Route 2,

Colerain, was drowned as the car of Jessie Wesley Hughes, also of Colerain, went off the Pembroke Creek bridge.

Hughes was charged with manslaughter and reckless driving. Later during the year he was put on probation for the crimes.

Miss Nancy Twiddy of John A. Holmes High School was selected to attend the N. C. Governor's School for the Gifted in Winston-Salem.

Robert P. Dail was elected president of the Edenton Jaycees.

Rev. R. N. Carroll retired as pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church after serving in that capacity for 24 years.

The Citizens Advisory Council unanimously endorsed the \$600,000 water and sewer bond referendum.

Macks, a variety store, was added at Northside Shopping Center in May.

Kenneth L. Stalls and Stuart N. Patten resigned from the Edenton-Chowan School System to operate a franchised employment placement agency in Wilmington.

Frank B. White, Jr., chief of the Center Hill-Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department, won Fireman of the Year in that department.

William Bindeman, David Cooke and Henry Hinton were selected from Chowan County to attend Boys State.

A record budget of \$735,811 was approved by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education for the year.

Roy T. Blackley was installed as commander of the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion.

Headlining in June was the drowning of Oscar Peede over the Memorial Day weekend when he was involved in a boating accident.

Also, Mayor Byrum lost two toes and broke a bone in his foot when riding lawn mower overturned.

Fire Chief W. J. Yates retired after 28 years of service with the Edenton Fire Department.

Edenton Town Council approved a \$1.2 million budget and a tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 valuation.

Formal protests were sent from the Town of Edenton to Rep. Walter B. Jones concerning the inaccuracy of the 1970 census report.

Joseph Pike Mitchener received a Fulbright-Hayes award for post-doctoral studies in Munich, Germany.

Dr. Bernie Baker, Sr., began practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Edenton.

Clyde Hollowell was appointed to the Edenton Town Council.

Forty-seven Edenton businesses began a six-weeks Red Carpet Days promotion.

Jackson B. Harris assumed the duties of vice president and manager of First National Bank in Edenton.

In July, Luther C. Parks took the post as Edenton fire chief after the retirement of Chief Yates.

The first of four sites for 100 units of low-rent public housing was purchased by the Edenton Housing Authority.

Chowan County voted to participate in the formation of an economic development district.

Gilliam W. Underwood was named principal of Chowan High School.

Construction in the Town of Edenton during the fiscal year of 1969-70 totaled \$2,272,647.

Charles B. Ward was killed in an automobile accident. This was the second fatality for Chowan County.

Thomas R. Lane of Hertford drowned in the Albemarle Sound.

Leonard Mitzke was named commander of the William H. Coffield, Jr., Post 9280, VFW.

Chowan jail was threatened to be closed in August by Clifton M. Craig, commissioner of the State Department of Social Services, if not upgraded in the immediate future.

Chowan County's share of secondary road money for 1970-71 was set at \$17,000.

Union Camp Corporation of Franklin, Va., gave a one-half acre site on the waterfront back to the Municipal Building for beautification.

Ralph Fay Nixon was involved in an automobile accident in which two persons were killed. Nixon was charged with two counts of manslaughter and driving drunk. The case is still pending in court. This was the third and fourth fatalities for

Chowan County during 1970.

Gross retail sales in Chowan County continued to climb at the rate of \$1.25 million as the figure for the year 1969-70 reached a record high of \$21,995,130. This compared with \$20,206,725 for the previous year.

Edenton Town Council awarded low bids of \$631,500.86 for two phases of the water and sewer project.

Carlton Jackson was elected president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce in October.

Chowan County Fair was a big success with over 19,000 persons attending.

Approximately \$1,000 of beer, whiskey, wine and bootleg were confiscated in Edenton and Chowan County as a three month undercover campaign came to a head.

First Lieut. John H. Winborne was killed in action in Vietnam.

The new Chowan Hospital was dedicated in October.

Modular Systems Plant announced their location in Edenton.

The Jaycee building was destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

In the November headlines were the plans of the Edenton Jaycees to stage an air festival in 1971.

Edenton was chosen as the site of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission office.

Town of Edenton filed suit for ejection of U. S. Lumber Company from property under lease at Edenton Municipal Airport and a suit for \$112,000 in damages.

The first law enforcement officers appreciation dinner was held in Edenton.

In December the hog cholera that had been in the county since June was overcome and hogs were taken out of quarantine.

Rev. Robert E. Gray took the position of pastor at the Edenton Baptist Church.

The U. S. Department of HUD announced the use of federal housing funds for the purchase of mobile homes for temporary low-rent housing.

State Highway Commission Planning Board had approved a four-lane highway on U. S. 17 from Virginia to Berea Baptist Church in Pasquotank County and at the same time the SHC staff members recommended denial of a request for addition access of another link of U. S. 17, the Edenton by-pass.

Albemarle Motor Company was named by N. C. Department of the American Legion as "Employer of the Year."

Cecil Fry was named assistant superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools and Kenneth Stalls was named as the new principal of John A. Holmes High School.

SIMON LAKE NOT ONLY INVENTED THE SUBMARINE -- BUT WAS ALSO THE FIRST PERSON TO TELEPHONE DRY LAND FROM UNDER THE WATER!

### A Thought to Remember

By MARVIN BARHAM



The weaver as he fashions a tapestry works on the back side of his piece. To him and to everyone else the whole thing seems a confused and tangled mass of varicolored threads and knots. But the weaver works according to pattern; and when he turns the piece over and looks at the other side, behold, the promise of the pattern has been fulfilled.

So many of us fail to fulfill the patterns of life. Do young people carry the religion of a godly household to the college campus?

Do we leave the high ideals of youth behind when we become involved in the exciting--turmoil of the business world?

Even more tragic, are we failing to establish the right patterns for our lives--our children's lives?

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Establish a pattern and follow it closely.

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