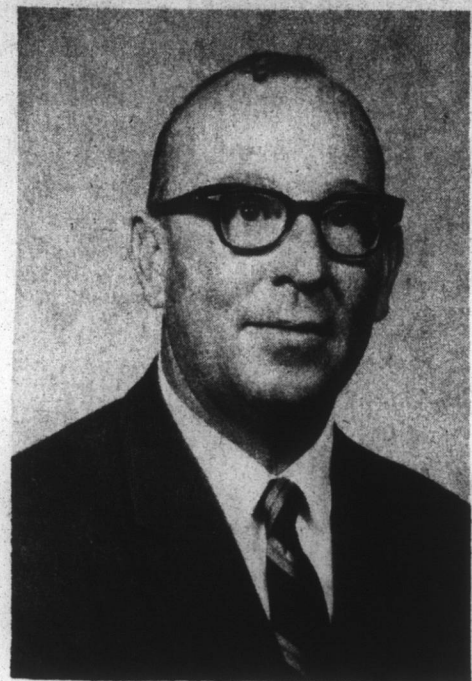


Town Election May 4 Byrum Candidate

Mayor George Alma Byrum has fired the first shot in the forthcoming Municipal Election. He announced today his intention to seek a second two-year term.

The filing deadline for candidates to run in the May 4 non-partisan biennial election is March 28, according to Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections.

In addition to a mayor, voters will cast ballots for councilmen from two wards, a councilman-at-large, the town treasurer, and three members of the



Mayor George A. Byrum

It's Now Official! Chowan: 10,764

Chowan County's official population in the 1970 census was 10,764, down 8.2 per cent from the 1960 figure of 11,729, the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 5,082,509, up 11.5 per cent from the 1960 population count, which was 4,556,155.

The 1970 census counted 6,254 white persons in Chowan County, 58.1 per cent of the total; 4,499 Negroes, and 11 persons of other races. In 1960, 53.4 per cent of the population was white.

The census showed 787 children under five years; 3,113 in ages five through 17; 5,747 people 18 through 64; and 1,117 who were 65 and older. The population 14 years and over included 4,986 married people, 747 who were widowed, 113 divorced, and 2,101 never married.

Chowan County's 1970 population was classified as 44.3 per cent urban, and 55.7 per cent rural.

There were 3,174 households, with 10,731 persons, including 429 one-person households. In addition 33 persons were living in group quarters.

The 1970 census counted 3,621 housing units in Chowan County, 2,020 of them occupied by owners, 1,154 occupied by tenants, and 447 vacant. These included vacant units for seasonal use. The proportion occupied by owners in 1970 was 55.8 per cent, compared with 49.5 per cent in 1960.

Among year-round dwelling units there were 3,048 single family houses.

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Pedestrian Killed

A 19-year-old youth failed to see a 58-year-old Negro woman walking in the road with her child and struck her, resulting in the first traffic fatality for Chowan County in 1971. The child was not injured.

State Trooper Robert H. Allen, investigating patrolman, stated the woman had on dark clothes, had no light and was walking in the travel lane with her back to the oncoming traffic.

The pedestrian, Cella Burke, died at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the 1961 Chevrolet involved in the accident was Archie Swain, Route 1, Edenton.

Trooper Allen stated the accident occurred around 6:50 P. M., Saturday night, approximately five miles north of Edenton on Highway 32.

No charges were filed against Swain, and damages to the car were estimated at \$300.

Trooper Allen remarked that pedestrians walking on the roadway at night without proper clothing and light are becoming more of a problem every day and stated that it was against the law.

He remarked, "It is the stupidest thing a person can do, to be walking on the road and not get off when a car approaches."

Board of Public Works. Incumbent the respective positions are Leo Kaveck, W. H. Hollowell, Jr., J. D. Liott, James M. Bond, and Jesse L. rell, J. H. Conger, Jr., and T. C. By, Jr.

Mayor Byrum issued the following statement:

"I have had the honor and privilege to serve as Mayor of Edenton for the past two years. I have given the time and leadership necessary to keep Edenton moving forward in a progressive, yet economical manner.

"May projects have been completed during the past two years and I plan to inform the public of this record. Edenton is in a favorable position for growth and civic improvements, yet there are also problems and needed projects not yet completed.

"Twelve years as a Town Councilman and the past two years as mayor afford

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Budget Policy Set By Commissioners

Chowan County commissioners have issued a warning to county agencies that tougher budget policies will be followed in the future. They are requesting preliminary "line item" budgets by April 15.

Mrs. Pansy Elliott, county accountant, said such a policy would aid in preparation of the budget for the fiscal year.

The Edenton-Chowan Schools came under specific attack by a former board member, Commissioner N. J. George. In calling for line item budgets from all departments, George added "and that includes the schools."

He pointed out that the schools get 55 per cent of the county tax levy. "If the county people are going to put up money they deserve to know how it is being spent," he said. "I want to know where every bit of county money is going.

"I want to see their educational program brought in line. The schools lost several hundred students last year and yet the number of teachers paid by the county increased."

George continued: "I am 100 per cent behind their program. Everyone knows where I stand on public education. I want to make sure money is spent as allocated.

"The schools had \$48,000 in this year's budget for maintenance yet we get reports from everywhere about the condition of the schools. How was this money spent? I want to know and I

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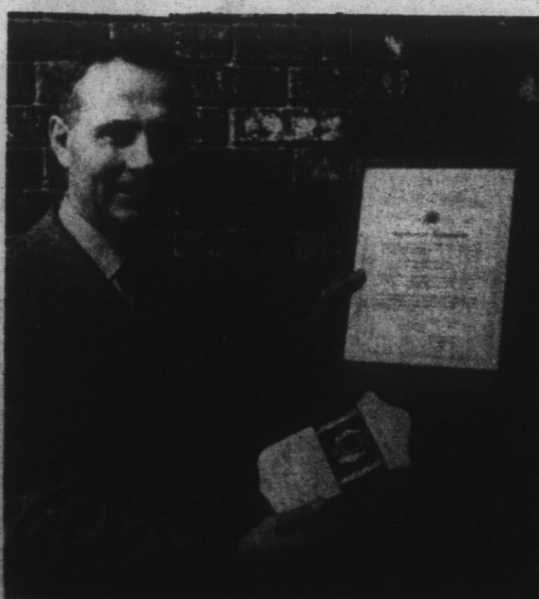
Albemarle Ford Honored By Legion

FAYETTEVILLE — Albemarle Motor Company of Edenton and Black and Decker Company of Fayetteville were honored here Saturday during the Spring Conference of the American Legion.

They were recently named Employer of the Year for firms with less than 200 and over 200 employees respectively. They were given engraved plaques from the state and national American Legion.

Bruce F. Jones, president of Albemarle Motors, accepted for his firm while William O. Cordes, plant manager, accepted for Black and Decker.

Frank Baker of Charlotte, state commander, and Rev. Milton Foust of Salisbury, national chaplain, presented the citations on behalf of the respective organizations.



Dealer Wins State, National Award — Bruce Jones, president of Albemarle Motor Company in Edenton, Saturday was awarded state and national American Legion citations for employment of veterans, especially the handicapped. Jones is shown outside the Downtowner in Fayetteville with the awards. In the picture at right, the dealer is pictured with, from left, Frank Baker of Charlotte, state department commander; Roy Blackley, commander of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 in Edenton; and Rev. Milton Foust of Salisbury, national chaplain.

Public Parade

Interstate Report

The \$3-million U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton will be one of the nicest highway projects ever along the Public Parade. Three million bucks is a lot of cabbage, yet it gets lost in the statistics recently released concerning Interstate projects in Tar Heelia.

Digest these:
Total miles: 838.7.
Miles open to traffic: 521.8—or 62 per cent of total.

Miles currently under construction: 89.1.

Total construction cost as of January, 1971: \$373-million.

Total engineer and right-of-way: \$75-million.

Total: \$448-million (includes \$51-million of North Carolina matching funds.)

It should be noted that I's 26, 40, 77, 85 and 95 are all west of Pinetops.

Gibson Prather, the State Highway Commission's PR man wrote: "We thought you might be interested in seeing the progress which is being made on our network of freeways. After all it was paid for by public money."

That is, Gibson, but ain't it a shame Eastern North Carolina is included out?

OEO Works Here

The U. S. Supreme Court Tuesday gave some added dignity to poverty. The court said if a defendant can't pay a fine he can't be made to spend time in jail, to pay his debt.

What this will do to crime statistics, we aren't sure. It will probably make more and more defendants plead poverty, instead of guilty.

And speaking of poverty, it has been made the whipping boy for a lot of things that are bad since the poor were discovered by the politicians. Poverty is nothing new; it has become popular on many fronts, and now in court.

Those who meander along the Public Parade can be proud, however, that three Office of Economic Opportunity projects here are doing, or will do, exactly what they are designed to do. We speak of Economic Improvement Council, Albemarle Cooperative Association, and now funding of Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange.

Unlike projects in many parts of the state which operate under the umbrella of doing something for the "disadvantaged," local OEO projects are being proven to be well founded and in which money is being well spent.

The accomplishments of EIC are numerable. Roy Lowe, executive director, and his staff have chosen programs beneficial to the 10-county Albemarle Area, not merely programs which justify a fat budget and scores of white collar workers. As long as EIC functions in this direction it will have the support of this newspaper.

Albemarle Cooperative Association

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Co-Op Gets Good News — Directors of Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange, Inc., met Friday with officials of N. C. Rural Fund for Development and were told a request for a loan and grant made by the cooperative had been approved. Seated, left to right, are: Earl Bunch, William Bonner, C. M. Evans, Sherlon Layton, president; Wayne Bunch, Carroll Bass, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Bunch. Standing, in same order, are: Robert W. Moore, NCRFD treasurer; Eugene Sutton, rural services specialist; Royce Jordan, NCRFD administrator; and Roy L. Harrell, NCRFD field representative.

OEO Funds Local Co-Op

Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange, Inc., has been given new life through a federal loan and grant. The funds were approved by Office of Economic Opportunity and supplied through N. C. Rural Fund for Development.

Royce Jordan of New Bern, NCRFD administrator, and other officials met with board members of the cooperative

Friday afternoon to discuss reorganization of the exchange. He announced that Roy L. Harrell of Edenton, NCRFD field representative, would be made available to the cooperative until such time as a permanent manager can be named.

OEO approved a \$10,600 loan for the cooperative to put it in good financial standing and a grant for management and technical assistance. The grant is for one year, subject to renewal if money is available and sufficient progress has been made.

Sherlon Layton is president of the cooperative and has been working through many channels to make it financially sound and beneficial to farmers in the community.

Harrell pointed out this week that while the cooperative has federal funding, it will be locally managed and directed. He also said that with his working with the group through NCRFD the cooperative would not be rushed into employment of a manager.

Harrell said he will be responsible

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Board Is Seeking More Involvement

By Patricia M. Arnold

The members of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education discussed at their regular monthly meeting Monday the importance of having student, teacher, and parent involvement with the school system and at the board meetings.

All board members stated they felt it was a good way to get together and get problems ironed out. Dr. J. H. Horton stated he felt that everyone would be more tolerant of each other if it was done as well as seeing long range benefits.

A motion was passed to have delegates attend the board meeting in the future. The student governing body is to pick the students to attend and the teachers would be picked from the teachers association.

The board members declared the portion of land behind Guy Hobbs', Henry Cuthrell's and Mrs. Margaret Patterson's homes surplus and to be appraised and sold at public auction.

In the past, the board's law on pregnant girls, married or otherwise, attending school was that the girl had to leave school at the convenience of the system and herself and could appear for a hearing on re-admittance at any time after the birth of the child.

The members passed a motion to read that the girl present herself for re-admittance at a time that is convenient for the system and the person.

It was noted that cafeteria workers are paid five cents above the minimum federal wage. This is the policy of the school system to provide a lunch for

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Kenneth R. Barber

Barber Takes Post

Kenneth R. Barber of Norfolk, Va., has joined the staff of Colonial Funeral Home. Barber, a licensed funeral director, Monday assumed his duties as business and promotional manager.

He has a combined service of 19 years with Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City and Derry-Twiford Funeral Home in Norfolk. He became a licensed funeral director in 1959.

Barber's mother is the former Mary Nixon of the Rocky Hock Community in Chowan County.

Barber says one of his most memorable experiences was assisting in the funeral of Gen. Douglas McArthur in Norfolk.

With the addition of Barber, the Edenton funeral home now has three licensed funeral directors. In addition to the new business and promotional manager, they are: Marvin Barham, embalmer and professional director; and E. N. Manning, treasurer.

"These changes have been made to update the professional services of the Colonial Funeral Home and the staff invites the public to visit the funeral home and meet the staff," a spokesman said.