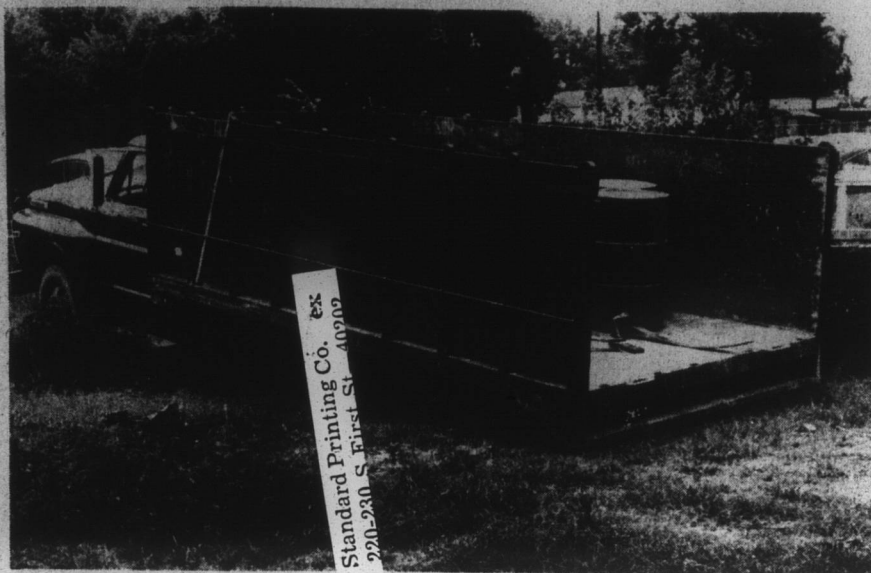


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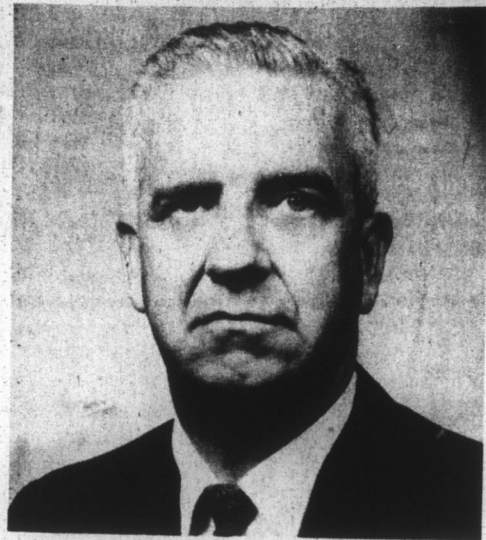
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Neil E. Thagard

## Neil E. Thagard Dies In New Bern

FAYETTEVILLE — Funeral services were held here at 4 P. M. Sunday for Neil Edwin Thagard, who died suddenly Friday morning in New Bern. He was 52.

Rev. Royal Walker officiated and burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Thagard was transferred August 1 to New Bern as manager of the N. C. Employment Security Commission office for Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. He had been promoted from a similar position in Edenton.

During his three years in Chowan County, Mr. Thagard was active in Edenton Rotary Club, Edenton Baptist Church and area development organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Leonard Thagard, who is director of the division of Family Planning with Economic Improvement Council, Inc., headquartered in Edenton.

Also surviving are three sons: Neil K. Thagard of Asheville; Leonard W. Thagard and S/C Allen Thagard of Ft. Bragg; one brother, James R. Thagard of Fayetteville; two sisters: Mrs. Bonnie Garber of Jamestown; and Mrs. Mildred Faircloth of Birmingham, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

## Sales Tax Money

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have received their first checks from State Department of Revenue for the 1 per cent local option sales tax which was re-established May 1 by action of county commissioners.

Net quarterly collections in Chowan County amounted to \$11,611.95 from which \$120.18 was deducted by the state for collecting the tax. Of the net distributable proceeds, distributed on an ad valorem levy basis, the county received \$8,831.97 (76.8 per cent), while the town's share was \$2,659.80 (23.2 per cent).

Commissioner I. L. Clayton reports also that net collections in the counties increased in July.

Chowan's tax was \$12,616.41 while in the other area the county collections went like:

Camden, \$1,918.92; Currituck, \$4,919.33; Pasquotank, \$38,872.36; Perquimans, \$5,427.80; Tyrrell, \$2,689.80; and Washington, \$10,795.09.

## Outdated Vaccine Remains In Area

Last week more than 1,000 out of date doses of modified live virus hog cholera vaccine were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed by burning at Edenton Diagnostic Laboratory. It is necessary to destroy all modified live virus vaccine because North Carolina laws do not permit the use or possession of the product.

W. T. Old, livestock inspector, said there is still some out of date vaccine lying around. The vaccine owners had hoped to return it for credit. Apparently some companies promised to pick up the vaccine but would not, it was noted.

State-Federal veterinarians and live-

## Public Parade

### Patty Blows Her Cool!

Mrs. Patty Byrum, assistant tax supervisor, generally isn't one to become excited. Although she works in a "pressure cooker" heated by disgruntled property owners, she manages to keep her cool.

She blew it Saturday! While working around the house Saturday afternoon, she heard a strange noise outside. Upon investigation, she saw the family cat charmed and frozen in a pointing position.

The charmer was a rattlesnake. Rushing back inside she telephoned her husband, James, at P&Q Supermarket for further instructions. He gave her a "do nothing until I get there" reply and she went back to make sure the snake didn't go anywhere until the man of the house arrived.

James appears on the scene. He calls for his rifle. Patty fetches it. But she tried to load it with a shotgun shell. Then she can't find the shotgun.

After a spell James was successful in matching up weapon and ammunition and did away with the cat charmer. After things returned to normal (?) the Byrums counted 10 rattlers and a but-

### Let's Save Girl Scouting

An S. O. S. is being sounded by Edenton Woman's Club in an effort to save the Girl Scout movement along the Public Parade. Unless an adequate number of volunteers can be mustered, it is doubtful if troops can be revived.

For many years the Woman's Club has provided financial assistance to sustain Girl Scouting here. Now Mrs. Allen Hornthal, president, is frantically seeking aid in a rescue attempt.

Recently Mrs. Hornthal contacted all mothers who were known to have girls participating in the program in the past year. Only six of the mothers showed up for a meeting to discuss ways and means of continuing the program.

In order to keep this worthwhile program available for young girls along the Public Parade, there is an urgent need for neighborhood council chairmen, leaders and other volunteers for Girl Scouts and Brownies.

At a time when the skeptics swear that the youth of this country are going to hell, is not the time to let the Girl Scouting falter, much less be removed from the scene. But without leadership in adequate numbers this is sure to happen.

Money can't buy the volunteers necessary to keep a Girl Scout program vibrant. And money can't substitute for the valuable experiences to be gained from this program. There are young lives involved and you ain't gonna measure this in dollars and cents.

Mrs. Bob Hutchinson at 482-4771 is waiting for your call.

### Soothing The Wound

The calm which prevailed at the second public hearing on the U. S. 17 bypass of Edenton is indicative of a well balanced community where personalities and greed aren't stumbling blocks in the road of progress.

In all progressive steps there is a

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## John Sutton Hurt Critically In Three Vehicle Wreck

John W. Sutton, 20, remained in the intensive care section at Chowan Hospital late Wednesday, suffering from injuries received last Thursday morning in a three-vehicle wreck on Virginia Road, just north of the hospital. A hospital spokesman listed his condition as "fair". Sutton suffered ex-

tensive injuries in the wreck which involved his car, a truck and a second car.

State Trooper Charlie Thomas, investigating officer, said Sutton was the driver of a 1962 Valiant which crossed the center line and crashed into a truck driven by Luther Outlaw. Sutton was alone in the car.

The Sutton vehicle also collided with a late model Chevrolet, operated by Charlie W. Overman, a retired Chowan County farm agent. Overman was hospitalized with a broken arm and later released. Mrs. Overman was treated and released.

Damage in the wreck was estimated to be in excess of \$4,500.



Mayor George A. Byrum

John Frailey

Wesley Cullipher

## PAP Committees Named By Mayor

Mayor George Alma Byrum, who foresees "great promise" for the Town of Edenton if it is designated as a Growth Center in the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, wasted little time last week in establishing committees to develop and implement a Positive Action Plan. Mayor Byrum will be PAP general chairman.

A representative group of community leaders met at the Municipal Building Thursday morning to hear Wesley Cullipher, ARPDC executive director,

and John Frailey of Huntington, W. Va., Economic Development Administration regional planner, discuss the requirements for being designated as a Growth Center. Frailey said it is hoped that Edenton and Elizabeth City can be so designated within the 10-county Albemarle Area.

Frailey said definite boundaries must be established, and could go well beyond the town limits if proper justification can be made. "Growth Center designation is not for the town alone but for several counties," he noted. Such designation will put the area in line for EDA funding as well as priority listing with other agencies.

The planner pointed out some areas consider such aid as being for industry alone. "I encourage you, though, to keep in mind the total package of economic development.

He said the community has a responsibility to go ahead with additional planning and must develop a positive action program for the future. "This will be a definite challenge to the people here, and there will be definite benefits to be derived from it," he stated.

Mayor Byrum said the Growth Center concept is geared to assist towns in a region that has shown ability to develop and reduce unemployment, not only in the town but in surrounding counties. Edenton, in the past has demonstrated this ability, and through the assistance available from EDA, we very enthusiastically look forward to the future, he added.

The responsibility of the various com-

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## Chowan Academy Opening Is Slated

Chowan Academy begins its fourth year of operation September 1. The independent school at Rocky Hock serves grades kindergarten through nine, with classes limited to 25 students.

The academy has three complete programs: Kindergarten, for children age five; Elementary, grades 1-6; Junior High, grades 7, 8, 9.

A new course offered in the Junior High language department is Latin I which will be expanded next year to include Latin II. Plans are in the making for library expansion during the school year.

The academy participates in junior varsity football and basketball. The spring athletic program includes junior varsity baseball for boys, softball for girls and track for both.

New members on the Chowan Academy faculty include Mrs. Betsy Tysor, kindergarten; Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, Latin and English; Mrs. Sally Blount, science, and Gregg Clark, health, physical education and head coach.

According to Mrs. Frances Hollowell, headmistress, "Chowan Academy is dedicated to providing the best possible education available to the children of the Albemarle."

## Planning Session

The monthly meeting of Chowan County Shrine Club has been postponed from tonight (Thursday) to 6:30 P. M., August 26. The meeting will be held at Edenton Restaurant.

The main business to be transacted is planning for the annual Shrine Fish Fry in support of crippled children hospitals.

## Bypass Plan Finds Little Protest Here

The U. S. 17 bypass of Edenton moved a step closer to reality Tuesday when little opposition was expressed to the \$6.1-million project at a second public hearing. The hearing was described by Commissioner Joe Nowell of Winfall as a "design public hearing" where State Highway officials describe the exact rights-of-way to be acquired.

A. C. Griffin, a Chowan County agricultural and community leader, said his farming operations would be wrecked by the highway. "I am not opposed to progress, as my background will witness," he said in a prepared statement. "I am not opposed to better highways—as such. But I am opposed to the present design of this particular highway which virtually wrecks my farming operations."

Griffin said he had cooperated with highway personnel during the preliminary stages of development of the bypass. "My only desire in this matter at this time is fairness becoming a two-way street."

Bill Garrett, SHC official who conducted the hearing, assured Griffin and other property owners present that the state will be as fair and generous as possible.

Roger Haskett inquired about the necessity for fencing, to which Garrett replied that if total access is not controlled then the bypass in a few years would become just another town street.

There was a question raised about access to the Waff family cemetery and the officials said it would be considered when right-of-way was acquired.

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## Bowles Will Speak

College of The Albemarle summer commencement exercises will be held Friday, August 20, at 8:00 P. M., in the COA gymnasium.

A total of 68 students are scheduled to be graduated. Of this total, 26 people will graduate as Licensed Practical Nurses. The remaining graduates are in the following programs: Associate in Arts; Associate in Applied Science; Automotive Mechanics; Machinist Trade; Advanced Machinist Trade; Cosmetology; and Radio & TV Servicing.

Contradicting what appears to be a tight job market, a college spokesman says that all of these graduates have expectations of a job and in several cases even two or three offers.

The commencement speaker will be State Sen. Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles.

Sen. Bowles is widely known in North Carolina for his record of service in government, business, and education.

## Farmers Home Loans At High Mark

HERTFORD—More than \$500,000 in rural housing and farmer loans were made in Chowan County during the past fiscal year by Farmers Home Administration. At the same time, Melvin Howell, FHA area supervisor, announced that outstanding principal indebtedness in this county as of June 30 was \$1,316,575.

In the five-county unit served from the office here, Howell reports \$2-million in loans during the fiscal year with a total outstanding indebtedness of \$5,967,709.

The supervisor also points out that in Chowan County it is estimated that \$175,000 was added directly to the county tax base while it is estimated that this figure nears \$500,000 in the area.

During the fiscal year 31 rural hous-

ing loans were approved in Chowan for a total amount of \$305,660. The 22 farmer loans approved totaled \$226,120. In addition, there was one group type loan in the county affecting 131 families. As of June 30 there were 114 individual borrowers in this county.

In the area, Howell reports: Rural housing loans approved: 86 for \$941,540.

Farmer loans approved: 103 for \$1,146,340.

Association or group type loans/grants approved: one for \$300,000.

Individual borrowers: 428.

Group type loans: seven serving 679 families.

Howell's office in Hertford serves Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.