



Gov. Scott is shown with other principals at the fish fry Friday at where he presented the Governor's Award to the Town of Hertford. They are Mayor Bill Cox, center, and Tom Brown, community development executive.



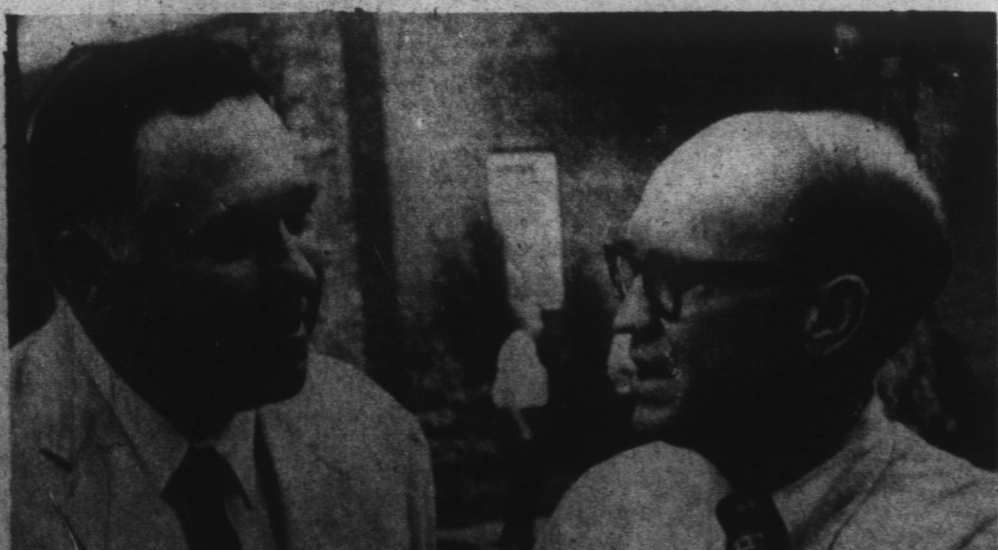
Among the Chowan County delegation at the fish fry to greet Gov. Scott were: West W. Byrum, Jr., Wayne Keeter, a State Highway Patrol aide, Sheriff Troy Toppin and James C. (Pete) Dail.



Among the first in line for a fish plate was Jan Scott, eight-year-old, who is followed by her parents. Serving are, from left, Mrs. Kitty Brown, Mrs. Jean Humphlett, Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry and Mrs. Geneva Sawyer.



George W. Lewis of Edenton, second from left, oversees the cooking operation with Gov. Scott. Doing the chores are: John Harrison, Lloyd Stallings and Harry Overton.



State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, left, and David Murray, a top aide to Gov. Scott chat.

Back-to-School Time Again

Thousands of youngsters along the Public Parade will answer the calling of school bells Tuesday as Edenton-Chowan Schools open for the 1971-72 term. (Chowan Academy opens Wednesday).

Among the most important topic for education hereabouts, then, is room assignments. We've had them but to we share them with the public. Where in today's newspaper is a sign by school and grade so students know where to go come Tuesday morning.

As the school bells ring it is time for motorists to make a special effort to engage their brain before engaging their transmission. The big orange school buses will be back on the highway and special caution should be taken by all drivers to insure the safety of the innocent children who are transported to and from their respective schools.

Among the greatest tributes to be paid a school system is for them to report at the end of the year another term free of serious accidents. And all of us who drive on the highways and byways along the Public Parade have a responsibility to assist in such a record.

Business Continues To Be Good

Business conditions along the Public Parade continued to improve during the past fiscal year with gross retail sales nearing the \$23-million mark. The increase over fiscal 1969-70 was about \$1½-million.

According to a statistical report for the 100 Tar Heel counties, just released by the State Department of Revenue, Chowan's gross retail sales gain during fiscal 1970-71 amounted to \$1½-million an increase of nearly \$500,000 over the previous year.

Food, as can be expected, accounted for the biggest increase — \$500,000, reaching a record total of \$7,172,418. The only decline in the various classifications was in building materials which went from \$1,049,221 last year to \$724,604 in the latest reporting period.

Other classifications reported showed: 1 per cent retail sales: \$1,603,257; 2 per cent auto, planes and boats: \$1,540,411; apparel: \$392,497; automotive: \$3,888,954; furniture: \$983,033; general merchandise: \$3,983,502; and unclassified group: \$2,592,159.

So, people along the Public Parade during the past fiscal year spent twice as much for food as automobiles, nine times as much as for furniture and 10 times as much as for building materials.

And while businesses flourish here, some of our neighbors are less fortunate. Perquimans County's gross retail sales last fiscal year were off about in equal numbers to Chowan's gain. The Perquimans figure of \$13,273,115 is down from \$13,666,896 in 1969-70, and below the \$13,440,480 in 1968-69 to near the 1967-68 figure.

While there has been more loss than gains in gross retail sales in some Albemarle Area counties, Chowan's has continued to increase at the rate of about \$1¼-million a year for the past six years. This just didn't happen; neither can an inflation tag be placed on a great deal of it. We have businessmen operating businesses along the Public Parade.

The figures speak for themselves!

Relaxing (?) With Gov. Scott

Well, we went over to neighboring Perquimans County last Friday night to witness the presentation of the first Governor's Award to a Northeastern North Carolina community—the Town of Hertford. It was the 75th such presentation.

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Contract Renewed

The Neighborhood Youth Corps has been given a new contract for the 10-county Albemarle Area. John T. Biggers, project director, has been informed of renewal of a contract between Economic Improvement Council, Inc., and U. S. Department of Labor.

Roy Lowe, EIC executive director, pointed out the program is financed at a federal cost of \$299,760 and a local in-kind contribution of \$41,530, making a total project cost of \$341,290. NYC is under the supervision of Biggers, five counselors and a bookkeeper.

The new contract extends the local project until July 15, 1972 and covers two components—an in-school and out-of-school program.

The in-school phase offers work and training to disadvantaged children who are in high school, giving them an opportunity to earn \$1.60 an hour for a period of up to nine hours a week during the school year. They are assigned as secretary aides, janitor helpers, librarians, beautification maintenance, mechanic helpers and various other occupations in the school system and public agencies.

The out-of-school phase offers work and training to youth who have had to drop out of school. The program is limited to 16 and 17 year-olds. They work with a public agency for 24 hours per week and attend classes eight hours per week. The classroom experience is furnished by the College of the Albemarle and Beaufort Tech Institute.

Belfield Promoted Schools Will Open

Edenton-Chowan School Board of Education Monday night appointed Louis Carroll Belfield as assistant principal at John A. Holmes High School. Kenneth L. Stalls is principal.

Belfield, a native of Rich Square, received his bachelor of science degree from N. C. A & T State University and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has studied at N. C. State University at Raleigh.

He served two years in the U. S. Army before coming to Edenton where he has taught biology in the Edenton-Chowan Schools since 1964.

He is married to the former Jolyquin Anthony of Roper and they have a three-year-old daughter, Sherri. They live on School Street.

Edenton-Chowan Schools open at 9 A. M., Tuesday with a full staff of faculty members and an increased enrollment expected, according to Supt. Bill Britt. Teachers report for work Monday and pupil registration will be conducted from 9 A. M., to 12 noon Tuesday.

Supt. Britt said school buses will run their regular routes. The school cafeterias will not be open on the day of registration, but all students who expect to attend the public schools in Chowan County are expected to be present.

The first month will begin Wednesday and the first holiday of the 1971-72 term will be September 6 — Labor Day. Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met Monday night, and among items of business was the assignment of teachers. (A list is found elsewhere in The Chowan Herald).

Eugene Jordan, chairman, presided at the meeting where board members approved signing of deeds for three parcels of property on Woodard Street.

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Housing Units Going Up—Work is now progressing on a portion of the 100 units of low-rent public housing being constructed here by Edenton Housing Authority. Ralph E. Parrish, inspector, and Elmer Hobbs, project superintendent for Kirkpatrick & Associates of Greensboro, go over plans at the Twiddy Avenue site where the first units are being built. Sheetz & Bradfield of Atlanta, Ga., designed the project.

Benefits Of County Zoning Outlined

Chowan County Planning Board is moving in the direction of spot zoning with the aid of a professional planner who is assisting both the town and county boards.

This was revealed Monday night by Chairman George W. Lewis as he introduced Tom Cassell, community planner, who presented a program to Edenton Lions Club. Cassell is with the State Department of Local Affairs working out of the Washington office.

Lewis pointed out that the county recently adopted a sub-division ordinance. "We will begin working on zoning, probably spot zoning, within the near future," he added.

Cassell introduced his slide presentation by pointing out that the 1970 census showed Chowan County lost nearly 8 per cent in population. "Recent development indicates this will not continue," he stated.

He said there are many problems associated with development. However, land use control aids in the following manner:

1—Sub-division ordinance provides guide for developer;

Benefit Is Planned

Chowan County Shriners this week are conducting a merchant solicitation in efforts to sell a record number of tickets for the fifth annual fish fry to benefit the Crippled Children's Hospitals. They are asking merchants to purchase tickets for employees.

The public sale of tickets begins Friday, following a planning session by Shriners tonight (Thursday).

In the past four years the local Shrine Club has made approximately \$5,000 to turn over to the hospitals.

The fish fry this year will again be at the Scout Cabin on North Broad Street and plates will be served between 11 A. M., and 7 P. M.

2—Assures maximum proper use of land;

3—Guarantees improvements will be made by sub-divider and at no cost to the governing body;

4—And provides convenient means of passing title to land.

Turning to zoning, Cassell stated that 25 counties in North Carolina now have zoning ordinances—most done by parcels rather than comprehensive. Such control:

1—Insures land use is properly situated so as to be compatible;

2—Insures adequate space for each type development;

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Tom Cassell

Caswell Edmundson