

## Town Balks At Site Plan For Housing

Edenton Town Council did not approve the Hertford Road Subdivision as presented to them by the Planning Board at their regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Mayor George Alma Byrum led the discussion and expressed his disappointment that the subdivision plans did not provide any open space for a playground. He stated he felt it is the town's responsibility to provide facilities for the children to play.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner reminded the councilmen that under the present subdivision guidelines that open space for playgrounds was not required. He did state, however, that under the guidelines now being planned that this would be a requirement.

Councilman Roy Harrell remarked that some 63 families were involved in the subdivision and that this would mean that over 100 children would have no place to play except in the streets. He further stated that he agreed with the mayor that the children need playground facilities.

It was the council's decision to send the subdivision plans back to the Planning Board.

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## Pork Producers Will Meet Here

The second Northeast North Carolina Pork Conference will be held at the American Legion Building in Edenton on November 18. The program starts at 9 A. M.

This conference is being sponsored by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, The Smithfield Packing Co., Inc., and Chowan County Swine Association.

Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, says that farmers, feed dealers and agri-business people from throughout Northeastern North Carolina are being invited. The theme for the conference will be: "What is New in Pork Production."

The speakers for the conference are: Professor Clyde R. Weathers, NCSU—"The Cost of Producing Pork 1961-1971"; Professor J. R. Woodard—"Expectations of Performance Testing"; Dr. J. R. Jones—"Where We Stand on Waste Disposal"; J. W. Parker—"Updated Sow Confinement"; Professor L. B. Driggers—"Ventilation in Swine Structures"; Dr. D. G. Spruill—"The Secrets of Producing Acceptable Feeder Pigs"; Dr. C. M. Stanislaw—"Maximizing Performance of Boars in Total Confinement"; Dr. I. D. Porterfield—"What's New in Swine Research at NCSU"; and Tom Farmer, N. C. Pork Producers—"Activities of N. C. Pork Producers".

All farmers and agri-business people are urged to attend.

Lunch will be available, courtesy of The Smithfield Packing Company, Inc.

## Public Parade

### Cancer Goal In Sight

The loose ends of the 1971 Cancer Crusade along the Public Parade are being gathered and the \$3,500 goal is in sight. But a final push is needed for the county to wrap up this campaign and move on to other important things.

Alton G. Elmore, crusade chairman, said \$2,938 was in the bank on Monday and he could see another \$400 from various sources. Street solicitation last Saturday brought in \$163.38 but another \$200 is needed.

If you haven't been contacted, now is the time to send your check to Mr. Elmore or Mrs. Marion Thrower, chapter president. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., would also welcome your memorial gifts.

### Then And Now

The Town of Edenton's population hasn't quite doubled in the past 50 years. While considerable progress has been made on many other fronts, it is interesting to compare life along the Public Parade then and now and note the similarity.

The population was 2,777 according to the 1920 census. And lifted from the 1924 edition of Drummond's Pictorial Atlas of North Carolina are the following items about Edenton:

**Citizenship**—Today Edenton stands four-square for progress, though she retains one feature which other cities might emulate—her citizens are of the natural Anglo-Saxon stock of their forefathers, with very little foreign blood within her borders. The people are home loving and contented, but are wide-awake to seize every opportunity to advance the best interests of the city.

**Progress**—The main thoroughfare of Edenton is 80 feet wide and extends from Edenton Bay for a mile through the heart of the city, traversing both the business and residential sections. The city has over five miles of asphalt streets in the residential sections, which together with city owned electric power, light and artesian water wells and sewerage system, contribute to the happiness and health of the citizenship. The bonded indebtedness of the city is small. The tax rate in 1922 was \$1.18½ per \$100.

**Beauty**—Centuries make little differences in nature. This is what has blessed Edenton from earliest settlers' days to the present time, making it "The Little City on a Bay of Myriad Diamonds," where the sparkle of both winter and summer sun transforms the 10 miles of Edenton Bay into a glorious vision of "things not made by human hands."

The Chowan County population has managed to hold its own, being 10,649 in 1920. Many other things have changed.

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## New Rural Fire Truck In Service

A new fire truck has been delivered to the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department and this was the reason of much excitement at the annual Ladies' Night held at the fire department on Monday.

Fire Chief Frank White stated that it is the only yellow fire truck in the district.

Guest speaker for the evening was Carroll Holmes, an attorney from Perquimans County.



"Proud" Is The Word — The new yellow fire truck was delivered to Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday of last week. Showing off the truck at the annual Ladies' Night was Frank White, chief of the department, left. He was showing the equipment to Carroll Holmes, guest speaker for the dinner and Mrs. E. N. Elliott, a member of the board of directors.

# Farmers' Hopes Kept Alive



Participate In Crop Disaster Meeting — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, left, is welcomed to a meeting of Northeastern North Carolina farmers and businessmen by N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham. In the background are Mayor George Alma Byrum of Edenton, Tom Shepard, Jack Harris, N. J. George and J. Clarence Leary, Sr., who were a part of a large delegation from Chowan County at the meeting Monday night in Elizabeth City.

## Little Change In Harvest Conditions

Little has happened to moisture and soil conditions to improve the harvesting situation in Northeastern North Carolina during the past week, according to the Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh.

"N. C. farmers have experienced one of the worst harvest seasons of record for many crops, particularly for corn, soybeans, peanuts and cotton," it was

## Dickerson Is Low

Dickerson, Inc., is apparently low bidder on 22.7 miles of resurfacing four sections of primary roads in Chowan, Washington, Camden, Currituck and Perquimans counties. The bid was \$402,207.75 with final completion date set at July 1, 1972.

This was among bids totaling \$16.8-million received recently by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly letting.

Holmes is a native of Farmville and was a member of the Legislature in the 1950's. He is also a very active lay-reader in the Baptist Church.

Holmes spoke on the "knowledge explosion". He remarked that the knowledge explosion was the greatest explosion that had ever been experienced in the world and that it was God's loosening of the power that brought it about.

He stated that in the past there has been muscle or animal power and that was the only power known to man. He stated the knowledge explosion began in the early 20th century.

He commented that first came the steam power, then the electric power, internal combustion, transportation, and lastly, the power to conquer outer space.

Holmes stressed the fact that all of man's knowledge was given by God and by God man would lose it.

A steak supper was cooked and served by members of the department.

Sheriff Troy E. Toppin, Rubin Byrum and Wilbur Ray Bunch were on the entertainment committee.

## Chairmen Picked

Mrs. Jack Harris and Mrs. Bernie Baker have been named co-chairmen for Chowan County in "Operation Santa Claus" for the Albemarle Mental Health Center area.

Mrs. George Wood of Camden County will serve as general chairman for the annual project in which volunteers obtain Christmas gifts for patients at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro and Caswell Training Center in Kinston.

It is the responsibility of each Mental Health Center Area to provide gifts for patients from their respective area. The only Christmas gifts many of the patients will receive will be gifts donated by the residents of the area, it was noted.

Mrs. Wood pointed out there are approximately 90 patients at Cherry and 80 at Caswell from the Albemarle Area.

ELIZABETH CITY — A "Marshall Plan" for Northeastern North Carolina farmers who have suffered what is described as the greatest economical loss of this century, was proposed Monday night at a mass meeting with state and federal officials. Some 800 concerned farmers and businessmen crowded into National Guard Armory to discuss different types of aid available.

The plan, as suggested by Vernon James, Pasquotank farmer-produce dealer, would include low-interest, long-term loans and outright grants in severe cases. "While many need a grant just to stay in business, others need long term loans of from three to 15 years.

Extensive efforts are being made to have the 21 counties in the First Congressional District as well as Halifax, Northampton and Edgecombe counties declared a major disaster area. Rep. Walter B. Jones told the audience action on the request is expected from the White House this week.

Although it was reported in the news media Tuesday and Wednesday morning that such a determination—in the negative—had been made upon recommendation of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Rep. Jones said at noon Wednesday the hopes are still alive.

"They (the OEP) are talking about the loss of public-owned facilities such as roads, bridges, etc., which we don't have," he said. "But we definitely have a major disaster and we are doing all within our power to get sufficient evidence before the White House so such a designation can be made."

Rep. Jones, in a telephone interview, said the state OEP office is attempting to secure sufficient evidence to meet the minimum standards for certification. He also pointed out that last year President Nixon declared three Florida counties a major disaster area solely on the basis of citrus loss.

In his remarks Monday the congressman said he would encourage legislation to aid future disasters. He said Wednesday the Agriculture Committee, of which he is a member, had reported out a bill to let Farmers Home Administration loans be insured.

"This makes unlimited funds available and makes it so the private economic sector can participate with some degree of security," he added.

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## Lambeth Honored

WINDSOR — Lloyd C. Bunch, Route 1, Edenton, Tuesday night was nominated for re-election as chairman of District Supervisors, Area Five, N. C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

At the Northeastern Area Conservation Rally here, W. O. Lambeth, retired area official from the Edenton office, was voted a special award by the supervisors. Bunch presented Lambeth with a handsome plaque and wrist watch.

Also, Hassell Thigpin of Edgecombe County was recognized as Conservation Farmer of the Year and WITN-TV in Greenville was given a special award for programming.

In addition to Bunch, area officers nominated for another term were Arch J. Flanagan of Pitt County, vice chairman; and A. B. Etheridge of Pasquotank County.

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Lambeth Honored — In a surprise move Tuesday night at the Northeastern Area Conservation Rally in Windsor, district supervisors honored W. O. Lambeth, retired area conservationist. Presenting a special award to Lambeth is Lloyd C. Bunch, right, area chairman and Chowan County farmer. In the foreground is State Rep. Sam D. Bundy, banquet speaker. Soil and water conservationists from a 19-county area attended the annual rally.