



Artist's Conception of New Peoples Bank & Trust Building on South Broad Street

## Public Parade

### People At Peoples

We want to be among the first to compliment Peoples Bank & Trust Company upon completion of their beautiful new main office building in Edenton. And we want to encourage everyone along the Public Parade to visit the new structure at the corner of Broad and Church streets.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to the confidence this financial institution has in our community, it will be wiped away when you step into the new building.

It is interesting to note that this building was actually born in Williamsburg, Va. It was there local and home office representatives went to discuss a suitable structure with foundation architects and research specialists.

The first problem encountered was the fact that 200 years ago there were no bank buildings like Peoples wanted to erect here. Selection of J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., followed the visit to Williamsburg.

J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the local board, describes the structure this way: "It is a pretty building we are going to use as a bank." And that pretty well tells the story.

We are told everything will be new in the building. We suspect, however, they will take along some old notes as well as some old money. But you'll have to go see for yourself.

We think, though, that you will agree that the people at Peoples have done themselves and the community proud.

### Parks Are Popular

Over 2.5 million people have visited North Carolina parks this year. This is nearly 200,000 more people than used park facilities during the same period last year.

Northeastern North Carolina didn't have state facilities to accommodate any of the: 605,112 who went to picnics, 74,056 who camped, 235,498 who went swimming, 257,596 hickers, 64,977 fishermen and 27,851 boaters at state park facilities.

Port Macon State Park in Carteret County continues to be the most popular of the 18 parks in the system. Nearly 750,000 people have visited the historic fort area and gone swimming in the nearby Atlantic Ocean.

While entrance to most of the state park facilities is free, the 2.5-million people who visited the areas spent several millions of dollars on their trips.

The main fuse to the tourism bomb hasn't been ignited along the Public Parade. There are literally thousands, and probably millions, of the "smoke"

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## P&Q Is Robbed

P&Q Super Market was robbed of \$496.35 on Saturday afternoon, allegedly by two Negroes.

Chief of Police J. D. Parrish and Patrolman Wayne Mizelle, one of three investigating officers, stated that two subjects entered the store and one went through a checkout line to buy some cigarettes to get the attention of the checker while the other took the money from the cash register.

Without paying for the cigarettes, both suspects fled the store by the front entrance and went through the alley where they could not be found.

Other investigating officers were Capt. Harvey Williams and Patrolman Joe Norman.

The robbery is still under investigation and Patrolman Mizelle described the suspects as Negro, around 23 years old, one wearing a white coat, the other a black one, both had mustaches and one had a goatee. One was described as having "poppy" eyes.

## Peoples Bank Move Set

Grand opening of Peoples Bank & Trust Company's new main office in Edenton will be observed next week—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The handsome 18th Century Georgian style building is located at the corner of Broad and Church streets.

William W. Shaw of Rocky Mount, chairman of Peoples' board, and J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, chairman of the local board, joined in issuing a most cordial invitation to the community to attend the grand opening.

The new building will open at 4:30 P. M., Wednesday and remain open until 9:30 P. M. Regular banking hours will be observed during an extension

of the grand opening on Thursday (9 A. M., to 5 P. M.) and Friday, (9 A. M. to 6 P. M.).

Wood issued a statement in which he said this expansion program "reflects our confidence in the continued growth of Edenton and the surrounding area."

"We are particularly pleased to have a building that we feel is of such a design as to fully complement the other beautiful buildings in Edenton and to reflect upon its rich heritage and Colonial past," Wood continued.

He said every effort has been made to make this the most functional and up-to-date banking facility available.

The chairman complimented W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., chairman, R. Graham White and W. B. Gardner, of the building committee for their diligence and hard work in meeting the grand opening deadline.

Wood said "our bank takes pride in the opportunity to serve the Chowan area and to have a part in preserving its historic image."

Designed by J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., the new structure contains 5,400 square feet — mostly on the main ground floor level. At the second floor level will be a staff meeting room, directors' room, employees' lounge, and miscellaneous toilets, storage rooms, and the utility room, housing all mechanical equipment in conjunction with heating and cooling.

The plan of the ground floor is completely functional with a large open banking room, off of which is an officers' platform and two private offices.

A drive-in teller window and a night depository both occurs on the parking lot and driveway side of the bank.

D. J. Rose Construction Company of Rocky Mount was general contractor.

George W. Lewis is executive vice president of the bank's Edenton operation.

## Man Dies In Fire

George Arthur Redmon, 71-year-old Negro, died on his birthday when he could not escape from his burning house on Hayes Farm Saturday afternoon around 5:45 o'clock.

This fire call was one of three answered by the Edenton Fire Department on Saturday.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks stated that when the fire truck arrived at the house it was completely engulfed with flames. He said extensive damage was done to three of five rooms.

Cause of the fire is undetermined. Deputy Sheriff Glenn Perry, investigating from Chowan County Sheriff's Department, remarked that the body was badly burned in several places and that it was his thinking that death was caused by a combination of smoke, burns and age.

A funeral service for Redmon will be conducted at Providence Baptist Church on Thursday (today) at 1 P. M. with Rev. William C. Butts officiating.

The other two fire calls were minor. One on Saturday at 10:05 A. M. was a flue fire in the home of Mullen Holley, 226 West Albemarle Street. No damage resulted.

At 8:10 P. M. that night the department put out a fire that was under the hood of a car. Damages were limited to the motor and estimated about \$75. Jerry Webb was the owner of the car.

## Harris Is Named

A leading young banker has been named "County Key Banker" for Chowan County. He will coordinate the farm and agri-business activities of the N. C. Bankers Association in this area.

NCBA President Claude C. Armfield, Jr., of Asheville, has announced that Jack Harris will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months.

Harris is vice president of Bank of North Carolina, N.A.

For 27 years the NCBA has received national recognition for its notable program of service to agriculture and agri-business in North Carolina. President Armfield in noting this record, thanked the 100 County Key Bankers for their leadership.



Charles M. Harrell

Sen. B. Everett Jordan

W. P. (Spec) Jones

L. F. Amburn, Jr.

# Phillips Is Named Chowan Chairman

C. A. Phillips was unanimously elected chairman of Chowan County Board of Commissioners Monday during the annual reorganization of the board. J. Clarence Leary, Sr., chairman for the past two years, asked not to be considered for the top spot and was named vice-chairman.

Phillips, vice president of Edenton Cotton Mills and a resident of Yeopim Township along Albemarle Sound, has served as vice chairman since Leary moved to the chairmanship upon the death of W. E. Bond.

Leary, who has compiled a record of nearly three decades of service on the Edenton Town Council and the last 10 as a member of the county board, said he felt he owed it to himself to give up some of his community responsibilities. "I think I have served my time out," he told his colleagues.

Commissioner David Bateman nominated Phillips for the chairmanship and a second was made by Commissioner C. M. Evans. Before the vote, Commissioner N. J. George turned to Leary and said: "Have you made up your mind?" He received an affirmative answer.

"I think Al will make a fine chairman," the veteran commissioner said as he moved from the chairmanship.

Chairman Phillips expressed his appreciation for the confidence of his fellow commissioners. "I will make every effort to do the job to the best of my ability," he stated. Later he called for the help of the other four members and told Leary he looked forward to him continuing to be active in the affairs of the county.

"This is a hard work job and I will need all the help you can give me," the new chairman stated to the board.

Commissioner George then nominated Leary for the vice-chairmanship and upon motion by Commissioner Bateman election was by acclamation. This prompted Chairman Phillips to quip: "Mr. Leary, welcome back to the club."

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C. A. Phillips

## Judicial Center Plan Is Discussed

By Patricia M. Arnold

Plans for a Edenton-Chowan Judicial Center were discussed Friday at the Police Science Conference Room with 30 interested persons attending.

The Albemarle Law and Order Association spearheaded the seminar on prevention of crime and public education and the worthiness of the proposal in principle of the establishment of a judicial center in this area.

Leading the discussion was Melvin Bunch, planning director of the Albemarle Law and Order Association.

Among those attending the seminar were students from Chowan High, John A. Holmes High, Chowan Academy, and D. F. Walker, teachers, businessmen, parents, civic leaders, and town and county government leaders, policemen, the sheriff, parole officers, court officials and others.

Bunch stated the reason that the centers had been originated was because President Nixon was concerned about the children today as well as so much crime.

Bunch commented that if the proposed judicial center was approved by town and county officials it would be a means of preventing crimes. He said it is a way to get to the source of crime and also gives officials a chance to explain the courts, police officers' jobs and gives everyone of all ages a place to go and do something constructive.

The proposed center would place major emphasis on leisure-type activities for children and youth and educational involvement. It would be a separate organization not connected with any existing agency. The center would be staffed by a full-time male director who would plan small group common interest activities as well as some scheduled.

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## Bunch Re-Elected

Lloyd C. Bunch, chairman of the local board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, was re-elected for a three-year term beginning January 3, 1972, in the supervisor's election held December 3. Bunch was opposed in the election by Curtis Forehand.

Bunch, a supervisor for over 25 years, will serve on the local board of supervisors with H. Fahey Byrum and Joe A. Webb, Jr., conducting the affairs of the district.

Supervisors are sworn public officials, charged with numerous responsibilities in connection with the operation of the District and its program.

The local election committee would like to express its appreciation to those that assisted with the election. It is the support of the public that makes our Soil and Water Conservation District program here one of the most active and strongest in the state, a spokesman stated.

## Amburn Elected To AADA Presidency; Trophies Given

ELIZABETH CITY — Winning community development honors is getting to be a habit in Chowan County. Three awards, including a top community honor, were garnered by Chowan here Friday night at the 10th anniversary banquet of Albemarle Area Development Association.

At the same time, L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, was elected president of AADA for the coming year. W. P. (Spec) Jones, also of Edenton, was named vice president for the western region. Amburn is president and general manager of The Chowan Herald.

U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan was the banquet speaker.

Tyrrell County won first place in county competition, and Chowan placed second. Hyde County was third. Chowan won first place in 1970.

In the large community category, with 65 families or more, Nebraska-Lake Landing in Hyde County won first place; Oak Grove in Chowan County, second place; and Gum Neck in Tyrrell

County, third place.

In the small community group, with under 65 families, Hertford Road in Chowan County won first place; Beech Spring in Perquimans County, second place and Ivy Neck in Camden County, third place.

Community development awards were

presented by C. W. Overman of Edenton, retired county extension chairman who has headed the division for the past two years. He will also direct community development activities in the 10-county area in the new year.

Judges are chosen by N. C. State Uni-

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Award Winners—C. W. Overman, center, community development chairman for Albemarle Area Development Association, holds the second place trophy won by Chowan County in annual competition. Shown with him are Oliver Bonner of Hertford Road, first place in small communities, and Mrs. David Nixon of Oak Grove, second place in large communities. Winners were announced Friday night at the 10th annual AADA banquet held in Elizabeth City.