

Public Parade

Repairing The Chain

Economic Improvement Council, Inc. (E.I.C.) operates a \$1.8-million program for the disadvantaged in the 10-county Albemarle Area of North Carolina. From a meager beginning in May, 1965, EIC has earned the reputation of being one of the best anti-poverty agencies funded by various governmental sources.

Contrary to what has happened in so many of these agencies, the leadership of EIC has not forgotten the organization's mission in Northeastern North Carolina.

While being progressive, aggressive and innovative, E.I.C. officials have written and made operational only the programs which would be most beneficial to the area being served. And it has been done in a prudent manner.

Office of Economic Opportunity guidelines allow for up to 15 per cent of the total cost of a program to be spent on administration. The EIC administrative costs are 9.3 per cent.

Like so many other things, this hasn't just happened. Careful selection of leaders on the board of directors, careful selection of executives and careful selection of staff personnel on all levels has been the answer.

Elsewhere on this page is a story about the resignation of Roy L. Lowe, EIC executive director. This is a blow to the total program and therefore, is a weakening of the chain.

Those who have been closely associated with EIC will recognize the void being created by the departure of Roy Lowe. He has been deliberate, he has been cooperative he has been dedicated, he has been good for the Albemarle Area.

While we are among those who wouldn't stand in his path to a more challenging task with greater opportunities of service to mankind, we are selfish enough not to want to bid him farewell.

There is some comfort, however, in the realization that EIC enjoys good leadership and an exceptional staff. At a time when EIC is kind of shifting gears, it is important that the weakening of the chain by Roy Lowe's departure be quickly, but professionally, repaired and strengthened.

And to Roy Lowe, we wish him God-speed!

Step Up or Shut Up

1972 is an important year in the future of those who meander along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia. This is election year. And while the direction this state is to take up for considerable debate in statewide races, the course to be charted on the county and district scene isn't showing any warmth.

This week two incumbents — Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, veteran Register of Deeds, and Morris Small, a two-year member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education—filed for re-election. There is good chance that all present office holders on the county level, whose terms expire this year, will seek re-election.

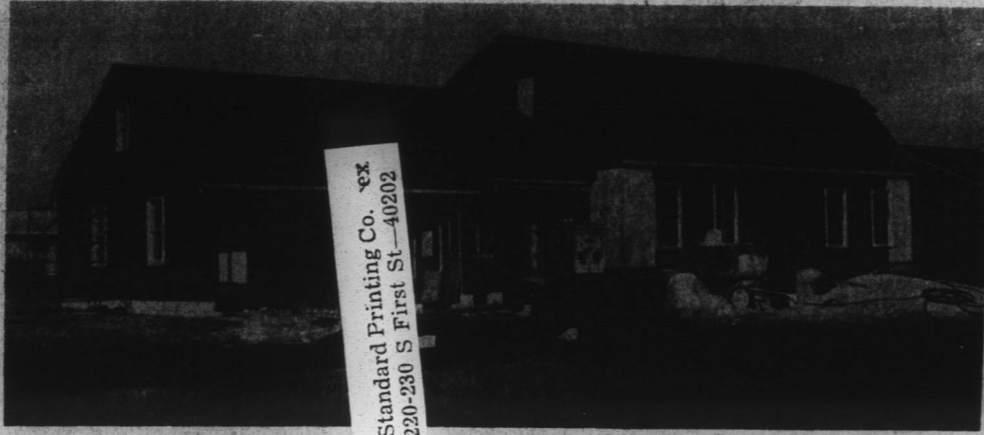
At the same time, there is absolutely no behind-the-scenes maneuvering or the sending up of trial balloons by opponents. It is hard to believe everyone is completely satisfied.

Chowan County has the best chance in years of sending a representative to the General Assembly. In fact, not since the county representatives were sent home in favor of two house members for six counties—now nine—has Chowan been in a favored position.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Pasquotank County, is the only incumbent in this House District. Gates County, home of Speaker Phil Godwin, was placed in another district and Rep. Archie Burris of Dare County died last year.

Chowan has many capable men but efforts to interest them in becoming

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New Homes Boost Building Permits In Town of Edenton During 1971

Building Activity Brisk Here For '71

Building permits issued by the Town of Edenton during 1971 neared the \$2-million mark, with public housing and new residences contributing the greatest volume.

Sam Long, building inspector, reported to Town Council that permits totaled \$1,982,577 for the calendar year.

The permit for the 100-unit low-rent public housing project being developed by Edenton-Housing Authority amounted to \$1,072,000.

This project includes 47 dwelling buildings and an administration-community center on four sites scattered throughout Edenton. Construction is expected to be completed in late June.

Long issued 28 permits for new residences which were valued at \$529,800.

Total fees collected for building permits amounted to \$1,210,40; fees for electrical permits was an additional \$450.

In his report, the inspector showed 30 permits issued for residence repair, \$86,350; two commercial, \$30,000; 13 commercial repair, \$42,600; two new industrial, \$152,227; one new institutional, \$50,000; one institutional repair, \$10,000; nine miscellaneous, \$9,600.

During the past year, Long made 1,274 inspections.

Twenty-one houses were demolished and 124 others were up-graded by adding bathrooms and other required repairs.

There were 11 new residences within the extra-territorial area and 36 at Cape Colony.

Long noted that there are now 19 houses to be demolished and four to be moved.

Garry Lowe Set For Grant Talks

WILLIAMSTON — Eighteen high school senior men from 15 counties in this area will be interviewed by the District I Morehead Selection Committee next Thursday at Town and Country Restaurant here.



District I nominees include Garry Freeman Lowe of Edenton. A student at John A. Holmes High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lowe of Route 3, Edenton.

Lowe is a member of the National Honor Society and for the past three years has been on the Student Council. He letters in baseball and basketball at Holmes High. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

District I is composed of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Six finalists will be chosen from District I. These young men will visit Chapel Hill March 3-6 for interviews

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2 Candidates File

Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, veteran Chowan County Register of Deeds, has filed with Chowan County Board of Elections for another four-year term. Also, Morris Small of Fourth Township has filed for re-election to Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Mrs. George Hoskins, elections board chairman, said these are the only two candidates to file, as of Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bunch was appointed in October, 1957, to fill the unexpired term of her husband when he died. She has been re-elected every four years since that time.

Small was elected to the school board two years ago. He is now seeking a six-year term. The other board seat up for election is held by Dr. J. H. Horton, First Township.

Mrs. Hoskins said February 21 is the last day to file for county offices and the General Assembly.

Project Discussed

The establishment of a Resource Conservation and Development Project (RC&D) in the 10-county Albemarle Area was described Tuesday night as a possible turning point for this region. Application for such a project, designed to spur development of natural resources and conservation of the area, is being prepared with the blessing of county boards of commissioners.

Wesley Cullipher, executive director of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission here, told a gathering at Edenton Restaurant a RC&D project would be no duplication of efforts. "In the past we have not had enough effort aimed at development in the Albemarle," he asserted.

"No area in the United States has more going for it than us in the Albemarle," he added.

"We have got to band together to get things our people so rightly deserve." Cullipher went on to point out that the per capita personal income in the area is one-half that of the state and one-third the U. S. figure. "We must have outside help to overcome this problem in per capita income," he concluded.

Cullipher earlier said the RC&D had the endorsement of Albemarle Area

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Area Event Set

Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, will host a district meeting of posts in 11 Northeastern North Carolina towns at 8 P. M., on February 9. Sheriff Troy Toppin is district commander.

Sheriff Toppin said Bruce Honeycutt of Henderson, division commander, and Bob Tart of Dunn, past department commander, will be guests at the meeting.

A dutch steak dinner will be held at 7 P. M., and those who desire to attend are requested to call Guy Toppin at T&T Fish Market for reservations.

Posts in the district include: Ahoskie, Columbia, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Gatesville, Harrellsville, Hertford, Mantoo and Sunbury.



Public Housing On Twiddy Avenue



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Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 27, 1972

Lowe Leaving EIC Post

Roy L. Lowe, executive director of Economic Improvement Council, Inc. (EIC) has resigned to accept an administrative position in another North Carolina region. His resignation is effective February 11.

In a letter Monday to Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd of Edenton, EIC board chair-

man, Lowe highly recommended the promotion of Deputy Director Wilbur G. Pierce to the top administrative position within EIC. "As for new planning and directions, there is no one better qualified to lead EIC, Inc., than my friend and associate, Mr. Wilbur G. Pierce," Lowe wrote.

EIC's Personnel Committee is expected to make a recommendation to the 48-member board of directors concerning a successor for Lowe.

"As I look back I realize that the experience with EIC, Inc., has been rewarding and challenging," he wrote. "When noting some of the accomplishments of EIC, Inc., one can see that new thinking has begun with increased emphasis on what can be accomplished through EIC, Inc., by regional cooperation."

The administrative office of EIC is in the Tower Building at Edenton Municipal Airport. Other offices are located in Elizabeth City.

In an interview Tuesday afternoon, Lowe said EIC has 118 staff positions in 12 different programs with a budget of \$1.8-million. This contrasts greatly from May, 1965, when he was employed as deputy director and the first full time employee. EIC had a program development grant from Office of Economic Opportunity for \$29,878. As many as 15,000 people in the 10-county Albemarle Area are involved in EIC programs, he stated.

In March, 1968, Lowe was promoted to executive director.

Lowe points with special pride to the fact that the EIC program operates at 9.3 per cent administrative costs when OEO guidelines allow up to 15 per cent for administration.

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Roy L. Lowe

Martin Takes Job

James D. Martin of Marietta, Ga., will become assistant superintendent of utilities for the Town of Edenton on Tuesday. The employment of Martin was announced today by Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, Board of Public Works.

Martin will fill a new position being created by the utilities board. Supt. Richard N. Hines will remain head of the department.

Martin, 28, holds both associate and bachelor degrees in electrical engineering technology from Southern Tech in Marietta. He has also attended Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Ga., and Columbus College in Columbus, Ga.

The engineer was associated with Georgia Power Company in the Atlanta area for two years prior to becoming director of utilities in the City of Quincy, Fla., in March, 1967. He left that post in January, 1970, to return to Southern Tech.

He is married to the former Rose Helen McCardel of Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Martin is an art teacher in the public school system in Georgia. They are Baptists.

Iredell Drive Open

The annual membership campaign for the James Iredell Association is underway.

Frank L. Williams, president of the association, stated that through the memberships their efforts of restoration and the furnishing of the James Iredell House and grounds have been tremendously assisted.

Williams stated that if a person is not presently a member of the association but would like to join, they would be most welcomed to join in this most worthy cause.

Williams further commented that it is through the interest and financial assistance that we are able to carry out this restoration of one of our most esteemed patriots—James Iredell, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court (1790-1799).

Memberships to the association range from \$5 to \$500.

Banks Send Young Chowan Farmer To State Course

Bankers in North Carolina are confining their award-winning service to agriculture through the sponsorship of the two-week Short Course in Modern Farming at N. C. State University in Raleigh. The 20th annual session is set for January 31 through February 11.

Scholarships for 2,000 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have been provided by the hometown banks since the short course began in 1953.

This week the County Key Banker, Jack Harris, for Chowan County, announced that the Bank of North Carolina, N. A., and Peoples Bank & Trust

Company will sponsor one young farmer for the short course. All expenses will be paid by the banks.

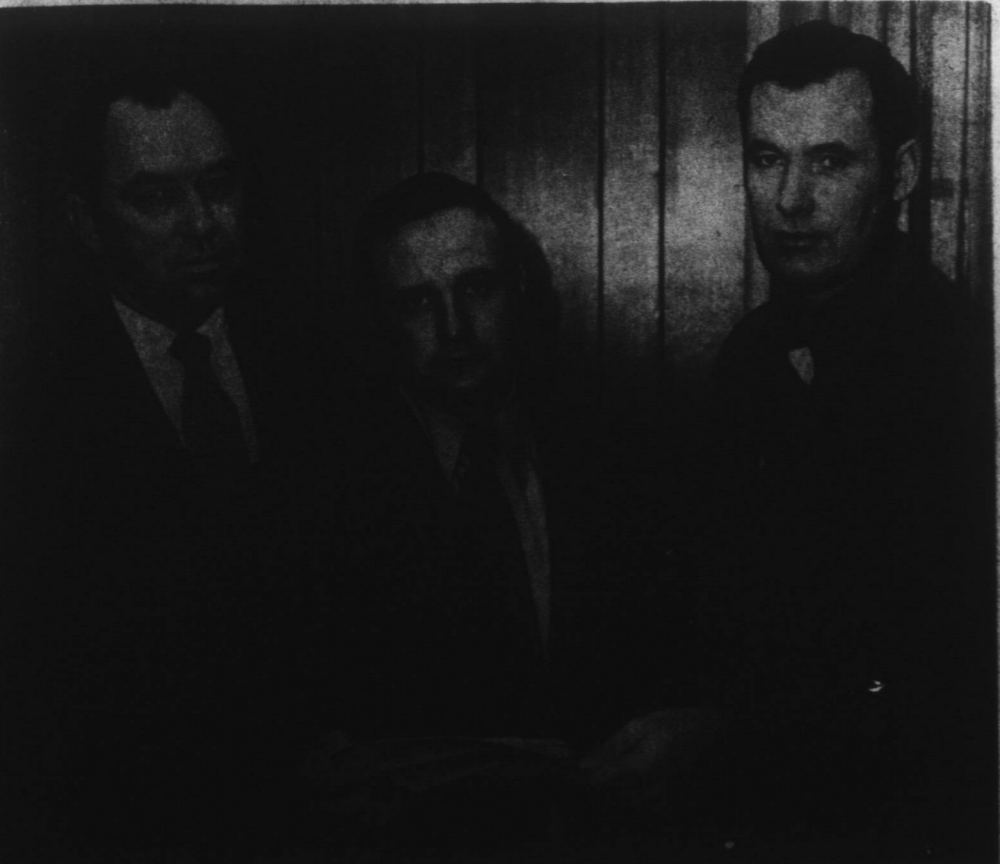
Attending the short course from this county will be H. I. Ward, Jr., Route 1, Tyner.

The short course begins Monday morning and ends on Friday, February 11. A total of more than 90 is expected. While in Raleigh these young farmers from all sections of North Carolina will learn to recognize and evaluate modern technology in a changing agri-business environment. The program covers broad areas of interest to agricultural leaders and

specific commodity information.

Harris was appointed County Key Banker last year by Claude C. Armfield, Jr., of Asheville, president of the N. C. Bankers Association. Harris is vice president of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., in Edenton. Working with him has been Pete Thompson, county extension chairman.

The short course is one of the numerous agricultural projects sponsored by the NCBA. For 27 years, consecutively, the association has won a national award for its outstanding extension program.



George Lewis

H. I. Ward, Jr.

Jack Harris