

Sailboats Are Coming

Canadian Company To Build

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Public Parade

Guarding A Scoop

We want to be among the first to welcome Grampian Marine Limited of Canada to the industrial family along the Public Parade. Albemarle Sound and the Chowan River provide excellent sailing waters and Grampian will find the local plant in an excellent location.

Locally, the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has done an excellent job in seeking out prestige industry. The manufacture of fiberglass sailboats, as well as providing courses in sailing and a retail sales outlet here will focus additional attention on what the community can offer industry.

We must, however, plead guilty to carefully guarding the announcement of Grampian's plans (which were about the worst kept secret to our knowledge) to the point that many of those who meander along the Public Parade read the story Wednesday in our least favorite morning newspaper of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina or in the daily published in a neighboring state.

While the wire service tickers were delivering the story throughout the country, the only information this newspaper was able to obtain concerning the announcement came second, third or fourth hand. The clowns in the Conservation & Development branch of the conglomerate Department of Natural and Economic Resources haven't bothered to include the paper of record in Chowan County in their mailings.

One is further outdone when he realizes that the president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is superintendent of this newspaper. C&D certainly put him in an embarrassing position.

Nevertheless Grampian will find excellent industrial, business and community neighbors in Chowan County. And, really, that is what it is all about.

But to the boys in C&D we want to pass along a statement in the recently published Overall Economic Development Plan: "There is no limit to what a man can accomplish as long as he does not care who gets the credit."

Worth Waiting For

There is a new governmental complex in Chowan County's future. When? How? Both are legitimate questions to which those who meander along the Public Parade are entitled to an intelligent answer.

In most every undertaking approached sensibly, the how has more than a passing influence on when something will grow to the point of fruition. Plans now being discussed for a new governmental complex is no exception.

How the county can come up with approximately \$800,000 will determine when more concrete steps can be taken.

Chowan County commissioners of late have been facing problems head-on. They have not buried their heads in the sand, in hopes that some miracle worker will be found on the doorstep or the problem will go away.

This is certainly the case when the board conscientiously strikes out on such an ambitious capital improvement project on the heels of a \$1-million bond issue to provide the area one of the best facilities for medical care to be found in Eastern North Carolina.

Because of the limitation on the county's ability to borrow money, not to mention pay it back; the annual gamble with agricultural income; along with a tax base which barely brings in, during the best years, enough money to provide necessary services, every avenue of possible financial resources must be thoroughly explored. This is being done.

While commissioners have little tangible information to report to the people, they have made some progress towards development of the governmental complex which is sorely needed.

The Byrum Committee did a thorough job of finding and recommending possible sites. The committee was headed by West W. Byrum, Jr., and composed of leading talent in the county. The recommendations were based on the members' best judgment of the facts and without the whimper of selfish motives or personal feelings.

In our estimation, to place a new

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Columbia Project Funding Awaited

COLUMBIA—The Town of Columbia is still awaiting word on funding of an application to obtain a federal grant for water and sewer system improvements. No positive action had been taken at noon Wednesday.

Robert A. Podesta, assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of Economic Development Administration, has told Sen. B. Everett Jordan and Rep. Walter B. Jones that he recognized the urgency of the Columbia application and is seeking a means to funding it.

Columbia continues to face a crisis situation, according to Julian L. Poston, town manager. Fire hose is being used to bypass breaks in the sewer lines



Back In Service—The Bank of North Carolina's clock, the subject of considerable conversation, is now back in service at the corner of Broad and Eden streets. Donald O. Hawkins Electrical Contractor, Inc., of Portsmouth, Va., had the contract to overhaul the clock. Hawkins is shown above in his shop prior to returning the clock to Edenton. (Photo by R. L. Dunston of the Norfolk Ledger-Star).

Downtown Landmark Ticks Again

(Editor's Note: The following article recently appeared in the Norfolk (Va.) Ledger-Star. The clock has now been returned to Edenton and according to our best sources is keeping accurate time—on all four faces.)

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—What is undoubtedly one of the biggest clock overhaul jobs ever assigned in the area is being completed by Donald O. Hawkins Electrical Contractor, Inc.

The clock measures four feet across and has four faces. It belongs to the Bank of North Carolina at Edenton. The overhaul bill will run between \$2,500 and \$3,000, according to Donald O. Hawkins, president of the firm bearing his name.

The exterior physical appearance of the clock suggests another era.

Work to be done on the clock, Hawkins said, included replacement of all bearings, reactivation of the chiming device and adjustments put it in working order.

The hands on the exterior faces of the clock are activated by an electric clock in the interior of the big clock. The mechanism has to operate to show the same time on all four faces.

Hawkins said the clock has a fascinating chiming characteristic. On the quarter hour it chimes four times, on the half, eight times, on the three-quarter hour, 12 times, and on the hour, 16 times—followed by a chiming of the time.

Hawkins said the clock is at least 48 years old. He found a pencilled nota-

Grampian Marine Limited, a Canadian manufacturer of fiberglass sailboats, is expanding into the United States with a plant to be located in Edenton. The announcement was made in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

The firm has begun temporary operations in the old Public Works Building on Base Road, adjacent to Edenton Municipal Airport. Eight to 10 employees are at work, making preparations to build fiberglass sailboats.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman of the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said J. P. Bisiker, president of Grampian, has placed employment of the Edenton plant at 50. In addition to building boats the company will teach sailing and have a retail sales outlet here.

Jones said site selection and plans to construct a plant have not been made. However, some decision will be arrived at later in the month when Grampian officials from Canada return to Edenton.

"The Industrial Committee thought from the beginning that a sailboat manufacturer would be a natural for Edenton because of the excellent sailing conditions in the Albemarle Sound and Chowan River," Jones stated.

Charles W. Bradshaw, Jr., secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, expressed the belief that the arrival of the company is another indication of an increasing trend

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New Plan; New Planner — The Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) for the 10-county Albemarle Area was released this week by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission (ARPDC). The 500-page document is being weighed here by Bob Sykes, housing and urban development planner, who joined ARPDC March 1. Watching is Wesley Cullipher, executive director.

Area Study Is Published

A self-study of factors affecting economic conditions in the 10-county Albemarle Area has been completed and published as the first stage of an Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP). Compiled by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission staff, the plan was distributed to board members today (Thursday) at the first annual meeting of ARPDC, being held in Elizabeth City.

Wesley Cullipher, ARPDC executive director, called the OEDP the most complete study of its kind ever made in Northeastern North Carolina. He said numerous previous studies were used as resource material and brought together in the OEDP.

The plan, consisting of some 500 pages, is handsomely bound and the cover carries a color photographic view of the North Carolina coast from Apollo 9.

Cullipher said the commission staff will continue to review and up-date the data contained in the plan. He said Floyd E. Spellman, ARPDC program planner who was in charge of the OEDP project, has already begun this task in an effort to continually have available the most complete and latest information on the area.

Futrell Visits Area

State Sen. Ashley Futrell of Washington sought votes in Chowan County Monday, vowing to conduct a spirited campaign but one which will not leave skeletons scattered throughout the First Senatorial District.

"If I win, I want to go to Raleigh without walking over any political bodies," he asserted.

Sen. Futrell is in a three-man race for the Democratic nomination with Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston and Speaker of the House Phil Godwin of Gatesville. The district has two seats.

The candidate told some 25 people who gathered in the Municipal Building that he won in a spirited campaign two years ago which saw him carry his home county of Beaufort with 83 per cent of the vote.

After pledging not to get involved in any other campaign, and asking for "help, support and enthusiasm," Sen. Futrell fielded questions from the audience.

Pension for Assemblymen: "I am opposed to it. I would vote to repeal the law if I have the opportunity." (He was not in the 1969 General Assembly

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The plan gives separate treatment to the development of cultural, legal, moral and behavioral environments. Further emphasis and clarity are gained by including the chapter on economic history, the process of change and specific impacts of selected changes, and emerging problems which may be a source of future changes.

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Hollowell Is Cited

The 35th Anniversary celebration of Edenton Lions Club last Friday night honored W. Herbert Hollowell for his contribution to Lionism in his club, the district and state, as well as his work with the blind.

Following a moving address by C. Ray Pruette of Franklinton, state White Cane director, Caswell Edmundson, club president, presented Hollowell a handsome engraved plaque.

"Because of his faithfulness and loyalty he is honored," Edmundson said. He later said Hollowell's "loyalty, faithfulness and courage" has worked for Lionism.

Hollowell, a local pharmacist, town councilman, and Methodist layman, was obviously surprised by the program in his honor. After receiving the award, he said: "I owe more to Lionism than I have ever contributed." Then he thanked his family for encouragement and cooperation.

Pruette, a college professor, characterized Hollowell with such words as: enthusiastic, sincere, dependable, generous, likeable, compassionate, and a dedicated Christian.

He said as district governor in 1966-67, Hollowell served with great confidence. Now as vice president of the N. C. Association For the Blind, he "serves and serves well in the area of sight conservation."

The speaker said while the honoree is quiet and unassuming he gets the job done.

Entertainment for the celebration, held at Chowan Golf & Country Club, was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Gray. Eugene Perry, past club president, introduced guests present, which included representatives of many clubs throughout the district.

Active charter members recognized were W. J. Taylor, Guy C. Hobbs, Hector Lupton, R. W. Leary, Jr., and J. Clarence Leary.

Academy Expands

Chowan Academy is now enrolling students for the 1972-73 school term. In announcing that March is enrollment month, it was pointed out that a 10th Grade will be added for the next term.

This school year the academy added a kindergarten and Ninth Grade.

The academy, now in its fourth year of operation, has experienced increased enrollment each year. "A few vacancies still exist in each of the grades," according to the announcement and those interested in applying for their child should contact the academy.

Mrs. Frances Hollowell is headmistress at the academy, whose foremost purpose is to provide "quality education within a Christian atmosphere," and where stress is also placed on "prayer, patriotism and discipline."

In addition to an expanded curriculum, the school organized a student government this year. Grades six, seven and eight provided winners in the DAR essay contest and the Chief Rockahock History Club continues to win honors on the state level.

The athletic program was expanded this year with competition in football, basketball, baseball and softball.



Renew Friendship—State Sen. Ashley Futrell of Washington, left, is shown here while campaigning in Chowan County Monday renewing a friendship of long standing. Jack Harris, vice president, Bank of North Carolina, is a native of Aurora in Beaufort County and was principal of the high school immediately prior to going into banking.