



**TOUR PERDUE FARMS**—About 50 people primarily from Chowan and Perquimans counties last Thursday toured Perdue Farms operations in Virginia and Maryland. At left, C. S. Perry is shown with Don Mabe, executive vice president. The group is shown in the center picture outside one of the hatcheries in Salisbury, Md. At left is a portion of the group inside the hatchery as operations are explained. Perdue is expanding into Northeastern North Carolina. See Public Parade.

## Public Parade

### Something Missing

The Raleigh Roundup column does not appear this week. Mildred A. Huskins played hooky from her General Assembly beat last week to visit her grandchildren in Athens, Ga.

She was due to return to Raleigh early this week and will be back at the typewriter in time for next week's edition. But anyway, at the price we pay we can't complain about this slight interruption.

### Here Comes Perdue

Twenty-eight thousand broilers processed per hour. That's a lot of drumsticks by anyone's calculations. But this is the production at a Virginia plant of Perdue Farms, Inc., the largest ice-pack broiler factory in the nation.

Perdue Farms is expanding into Northeastern North Carolina to meet the growing demand for their product in such markets as New York City, Philadelphia, and Boston-Providence. They are interested in contracting with growers in Chowan and five other counties and last week took a large group on a tour of operations in Virginia and Maryland.

Perdue plans to place a feed mill and grain buying station at Cofield and a processing plant, probably in Bertie County, with a total investment in excess of \$8-million. They hope to have 300 broiler houses in operation in the six-county area within three years with another \$9-million invested by farmers.

Don Mabe, executive vice president of the Salisbury, Md., based operation, said the geographic location of this area to northern markets and the relative small farms attracted the firm's attention. And he has been extremely well impressed with the reception Perdue has received in their expansion plans.

Perdue now employs about 2,000 people and nearly 1,000 more will be added when the North Carolina operation is in full production.

Speaking to the group at a luncheon in Salisbury, Frank Perdue also noted that the lack of disease and availability of labor attracted the firm to this area. His low-key pitch was impressive and so were figures which showed an increase in sales for the firm from \$89-million last year to \$130-billion this year.

Perdue is described as being second to Col. Sanders in chicken identity in the northeast market. He does his own TV commercials and plays a toughie as his slogan says: "It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken."

But from the sparkle in his eye as he talks turkey, oops, with guests it is a proud, gentle, sincere man who is spending millions to improve the economic life along the Public Parade and surrounding area. Perdue has all the qualities of a good corporate citizen. And this is the reason for the fine reception being received.

### Leadership Recognized

Separate stories on this page today reveal accomplishments of four people along the Public Parade.

Mrs. Enola N. Smith, veteran office manager at Edenton Cotton Mills, has been elected an officer of the corporation. James Blount has been elected president of

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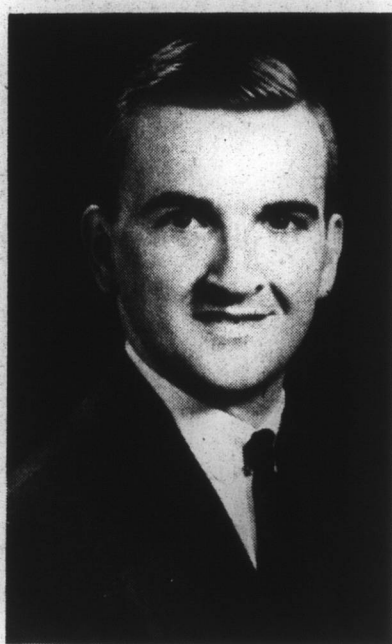
# THE CHOWAN HERALD

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## Courthouse Sites Investigated



JAMES BLOUNT

### Blount Gets Rotary Post

James Blount, West Queen Street, has been elected president of Edenton Rotary Club. He will succeed W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., at an installation program in July. Blount is a pharmacist and associated with Hollowell's Rexall.

In addition to Blount, the new slate of officers include:

Richard D. Dixon, vice president; and Dr. Edwin L. West, Jr., Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Dr. Allen Hornthal, and Hoke S. Roberson, Jr., directors.

The Rotary Club meets at 1 P.M. on Thursdays in the Parish House at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

### Probe Continues

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said this week that his department and the State Bureau of Investigation is continuing their investigation into the fire which destroyed the cafeteria and other facilities at D. F. Walker School.

Chief Parrish said \$6,500 in local and state funds had been pledged for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the fire.

### Morris Is Seeking Position

ELIZABETH CITY—Leroy W. Morris, 207 Pritchard Street, is a candidate for one of the two seats in the First House District in the May 7 Democratic primary election.

Morris, 57, is one of four candidates in the primary. Incumbent Reps. Vernon James and Stanford White are seeking reelection and Orville Woodhouse is the third candidate.

He is a disabled veteran who served eight years as Mayor of Roanoke Rapids before moving to Pasquotank County.

The candidate says that "suffering from hunger, pain, imprisonment as a POW gave me a deep desire for public office, to be able to help those who are experiencing the same difficulties; having experienced the extreme, both good and bad, and facing each challenge equally."

### Return Forms Promptly

Priority Petroleum Allocation Forms recently passed out to farming, fishing, logging and other priority users should be returned to your distributor as soon as possible, according to Murray D. Ashley, who is in

### Symposium

### Here In April

The Edenton Historical Commission will hold its second Symposium on History, Architecture, and Furnishings April 18-20. Initiated to celebrate Edenton's 250th anniversary held two years ago, the Symposium has been made a biennial affair.

Edenton stands in unique position to serve as a laboratory for studying the physical remains of the past by virtue of its historical importance, particularly in the colonial period and the two or three decades thereafter, and because of its large concentration of fine buildings from three centuries illustrative of a wide range of architectural styles.

Walking tours, slide-lectures, and an exhibit of antique furniture are used to cover a wide variety of topics. Speakers include Dr. Donald Parker, Department of Landscape Architecture, Colonial Williamsburg; Dr. Thomas Parramore, Assistant Professor of History, Meredith College; John G. Zwhmer, Jr., Architectural Historian for the City of Richmond, Va.; and A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., Bruce MacDougal, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wilborn form the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Registration fee is \$45 per person, which includes dinner on April 19 and luncheon and dinner on April 20 in addition to all other Symposium activities.

Persons interested in attending should contact L. N. Hafermehl, Site Manager, Historic Edenton, Inc., Box 474, Edenton, N. C.



LEROY W. MORRIS

charge of the energy crisis operation in Chowan County.

Each fuel distributor is required by the Federal Energy Office to submit fuel requirements based on total 1972 purchases and certified 1974 requirements.

The Petroleum Mandatory Allocation Program Priority Certification Form is required by distributors to establish the needs for each and every priority user.

"If your priority allocation form has not been returned to your distributor, please return this form to your distributor immediately," Ashley stated.

Any priority user who has not received a form may do so by calling The Chowan County Civil Preparedness Office, County Office Building, Edenton, telephone 482-3111, and leave your name and address. This form will be mailed to you or stop by the office and pick up your Priority Allocation Form.

### Local Jaycees Get State Posts

Edenton Jaycees walked away from the Northeast regional meeting of North Carolina Jaycees with two top level state officers. Woody Copeland was elected national director and Joe Hollowell state vice president, a post Copeland has held for the past year.

The regional meeting in Rocky Mount last weekend drew more than 500 Jaycees and wives.

Copeland and Hollowell will be installed along with other state officers at the state Jaycee convention to be held in Winston-Salem in May.

The Northeast Region is composed of 38 clubs with a combined membership of more than 2,000. North Carolina is composed of seven regions.

Hollowell currently serves as president of Edenton Jaycees.

Copeland is one of North Carolina's most active Jaycees, and has held numerous positions in community affairs. He is past president of the local club and last year was recipient of the club's Distinguished Service Award in Chowan County.

He is associated with Peoples Bank & Trust Co.

### Funds Available

The 1973 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), popularly known as the old ACP program which was terminated in December, 1972, has been reinstated, according to H. O. West, executive director of Chowan County ASCS.

West said farmers are being notified that they can now sign up for cost-share assistance under the new REAP. Chowan County has \$16,000 for the program.

West said farmers interested in program and who will be completing their practice prior to

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## Lane Guilty In Tax Cases

H. R. Lane was convicted of four counts of failure to file North Carolina tax returns Tuesday in Chowan County District Court. The State Department of Revenue alleged that Lane had not filed for the years 1968-1970 and owed assessments amounting to nearly \$3,000.

Ray Midgett, local revenue collector, testified before Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City that his investigation revealed that Lane had transferred his property to his wife's name to avoid assessments and also was allowing tenants rent free housing to avoid a levy on the rent.

Judge Horner sentenced Lane to 30 days, in each case, suspended upon payment of fines totaling \$800, court costs and ordered him to pay all income taxes due. Notice of appeal was entered.

Keith Teague of Elizabeth City prosecuted the docket in the court session held in the County Office Building because of a District Civil Term being held in the courthouse. The following other action was taken:

Roy Ford, larceny of mini-bike, costs and pay \$30 in damages.

Doris Stallings, four counts of worthless checks, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs in each case and make restitution.

Evelyn Rae White, disobey stop sign, costs.

George B. Riddick, two counts of damage to personal property, 60 days, suspended upon payment of costs and damages.

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### Mrs. Smith Gets Promotion

Mrs. Enola N. Smith has been elected an officer of Edenton Cotton Mills. At a recent meeting of the board of directors, Mrs. Smith was named assistant secretary.

At the time of her promotion, Mrs. Smith was office manager at the local manufacturing plant where she has been employed for a good many years.

Philip S. McMullan, president and treasurer, said Mrs. Smith has been a dedicated employee and "very efficient." He said the directors wanted to recognize her years of service by naming her an

officer of the company.

She is the wife of T. B. Smith and they reside on West Queen Street Extended. She is the mother of Bland Smith, an employee of Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem.

The directors, following the annual stockholder's meeting, re-elected McMullan, C. A. Phillips, vice president and secretary; and John Graham, vice president.

Edenton Cotton Mills was established in 1898 and currently employs approximately 200 people. The firm makes cotton yarns for the weaving trade.



**NEW OFFICER**—Phillip S. McMullan, president and treasurer of Edenton Cotton Mills, is shown with Mrs. Enola N. Smith who recently was named assistant secretary of the firm. Mrs. Smith was office manager.