

### Being Counted Out

First the census takers and now some four years later, the estimators!

During the 1970 census a large portion of the Town of Edenton was not counted and only after everything short of a Congressional inquiry the town's population was put at 4,966.

Now the estimators, from the State Department of Administration, have said the town has lost population during the period between the census and July 1, 1973. And of course they have something they call lack of "administrative procedures" to hide behind.

Although 310 new dwelling units have been constructed and occupied since the 1970 census, the state formula, based on Chowan County's population trend, places the town's population at 4,880.

The estimators appear to be as far off base as the census takers.

During the period between 1960 and 1970 the town gained some 11 per cent in population while the rural community actually experienced a small percentage of out-migration. Therefore, with no "administrative procedures" other than the county's trend, the estimators have applied what could become a costly slide rule to Edenton.

Population is used in many ways. An increase illustrates progress is taking place and people are taking advantage of the town's services which must be run to the area annexed in 1969.

Population figures are also used when it comes to distribution of funds, both on the state and federal levels. In other words, a state department without "administrative procedures" to come up with realistic population figures could be costly, not only to Edenton but other municipalities in small counties where out-migration is a fact of life.

Census takers didn't have the lack of "administrative procedures" to hide behind. They just couldn't follow a map. The state, on the other hand, is involved in dirty pool and municipalities should not give up until some sort of procedures are found.

Say, something that is reasonable and fair. There are even some bureaucrats around who have those words in their vocabulary. The town's had best seek them out, before they are counted out.

### Providing More Space

It was announced recently in our favorite morning newspaper of general circulation along the Public Parade that an Atlanta, Ga., corporation was to play the key role in a \$100-million downtown redevelopment program up in Norfolk, Va.

"Designed to transform the heart of this historic city into a major tourist and convention center, the Norfolk Gardens megastucture will join perimeter buildings, which house a retail shopping center and a municipal parking garage, by a great common roof in the nature a space frame," the release stated.

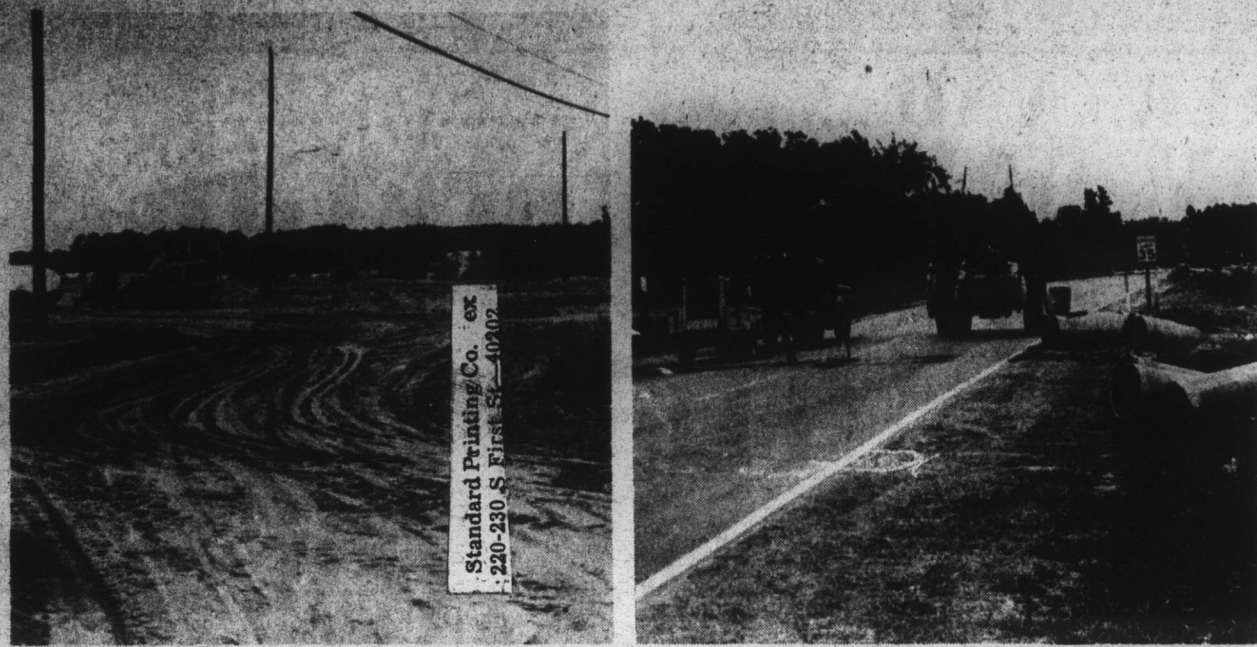
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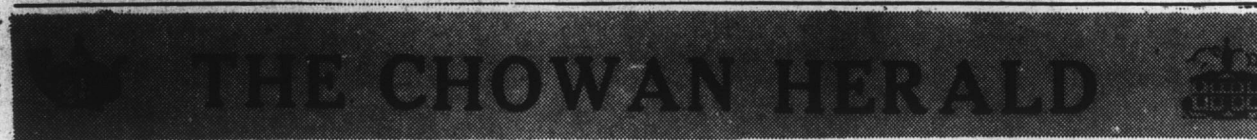
## Winslow Resigns Town Post

Roy G. Winslow this week resigned as director of recreation in the Town of Edenton and Chowan County. His resignation is effective August 16.

Winslow, who is the first full time recreation director here,



BY-PASS WORK IN PROGRESS—Dickerson, Inc., general contractor for the U.S. 17 by-pass project in Edenton, appears to be making good progress on the work. These pictures were shown in the vicinity where the new road will cross over Highway 32, just north of Chowan Hospital. This is the only access being provided except at the east and west end of the nearly six-mile highway.



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## Mites Damaging Crops



MITES DAMAGE CROPS—Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, is shown in a peanut field inspecting an infestation of mites. Rows of peanuts around Thompson have turned brown after the mites moved onto the area. Healthy, green rows are shown in the background. The extension chairman predicts that the mites are doing as much damage to some field crops as the dry weather.

BY R.M. THOMPSON  
County Extension Agent

There are many problems besides dry weather that are influencing the growth of our corn, soybeans, and peanuts this year. Mites have caused a critical situation in many areas of Chowan County.

The real problem is that in peanuts and cotton, it takes an intensified spray program to control these pests. In corn it is, under present conditions, almost impossible to recommend a chemical control because the mites are underneath the leaves. We are testing certain chemicals and spray patterns for corn.

In peanuts and cotton we suggest Azodrin at the rate of one pint to the acre, repeat this four to five days later. It is important to use plenty of water - 25 to 30 gallons per acre. You might talk to your chemical dealer on this also. If you use Azodrin, leave off other insecticides.

We would certainly suggest mowing the headland and spraying with Azodrin on the weeds and grass because this is a source of infestation for mites. Along with this, destroy cantaloupes and watermelons and other vegetables after harvest. This will reduce the breeding area for mites also.

There is also another course of action that we should consider for 1975 in regard to the corn varieties. This is to plant more than one hybrid, especially where the acreage is large, you should not make the mistake of becoming a one hybrid community or county. You should check your corn for disease and keep close check if a disease does move in.

It is time to put out chemicals for the root worm in peanuts. We suggest Diazone 14G at 14 pounds per acre of Dyfonat 10G at 20 pounds per acre or Thimet 10 G at 20 pounds per acre.

You might check for beet army worms in soybeans or cotton. Lannate is suggested for soybeans where the beet army worm is present.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the County Extension office.

## Dr. Williams Will Retire

Dr. L.P. Williams announced this week that he will retire from the general practice of medicine on August 15. The 81-year-old practitioner has offices at 108 East King Street.

Dr. Williams said his office assistant, Miss Gladys Simpson, will be in the office for several weeks after his retirement to assist patients in transferring to other doctors and handling accounts.

The physician said Miss Simpson has been the nurse in his office for about 30 years.

Dr. Williams, who has a son who is a surgeon in Elizabeth City and formerly associated with Chowan Medical Center here; has been in private practice in Edenton since February, 1922. A native of Duplin County, he was an assistant county health officer in

Wilmington for three years prior to his decision to locate here.

He is a graduate of New York University Belview Medical College in the class of 1918.

He said an associate in Wilmington was aware of his desire to go into the private practice of medicine and suggested that he look at Edenton, "which was said to be a nice place to live"

Dr. Williams and his wife, Margaret, reside at 300 South Granville Street. In addition to Dr. Williams, Jr., of Elizabeth City, they have a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Norfleet who resides in Texas.

## Chosen Delegate

Mrs. Patsy H. West of Edenton, wife of the superintendent of Edenton-Chowan School, has been chosen as one of the two delegates from the First Congressional District to the Democratic National Mini-Convention. The other delegate is State Sen. Livingston Stallings of New Bern.

At the congressional convention held Saturday in Washington, Dr. J.H. Horton, vice chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, was named to the state party Committee on Credentials and Appeals.

Some 500 delegates from the 21-county congressional district attended the convention held at the Red Men's Hall. Chowan County has seven voting delegates at the convention.

In addition to Dr. Horton and Mrs. West, those from Chowan attending the convention included:

Dr. Eddie West, E.N. Manning, Mrs. Lane Kinion, Mrs. Edward G. Bond, N.J. George, A.C. Hudson, Mrs. Alice Watson, Mrs. Flossie Modlin, Mrs. Novella Wilson and Mrs. Horton.

# Town Disputes State Figures

The State Department of Administration has informed the Town of Edenton that according to their estimation the municipality lost population between the 1970 census and July 1, 1973. This determination, says Town Administrator W.B. Gardner, could result in a loss in untold monies for the town.

Gardner said this week "there is no way the town could have lost population during the three-year period when 310 new housing units were built and occupied."

In a letter to Sec. Bruce Lentz, the administrator takes issue with the formula used which puts the town's estimated population at 4,880 as of July 1, 1973, when the revised 1970 figure by the U.S. Bureau of Census was 4,966.

Gardner said he had been

informed by state officials that the estimate for municipalities was arrived at based on the trend of the county in which the town is situated. "They tell me the state has no 'administrative procedures' for estimating population within a municipality other than the county's trend," he said.

He quickly notes that while Edenton gained some 11 per cent in population between 1960 and 1970, according to the U.S. census, the county actually lost. (The 1960 census placed the population of the county at 11,729 and in 1970 the figure was 10,764.) The town annexed a large area between 1960 and 1970.

While the town has not done any annexing between the last census and July 1, 1973, Gardner said the construction of new dwelling units itself would support claims that the population of Edenton has increased in the three-year period and not decreased.

"This population thing is important because such things as Powell Bill and revenue sharing funds are distributed according to population," he added. "This could mean a great deal of money to the town over the next few years."

In his letter to Sec. Lentz, Gardner asks that the method used to arrive at the estimate be changed to reflect the true figures. "The current estimates certainly are not realistic and the town will make every effort to see that a more realistic population estimate is arrived at," he said.

## Benefits Paid

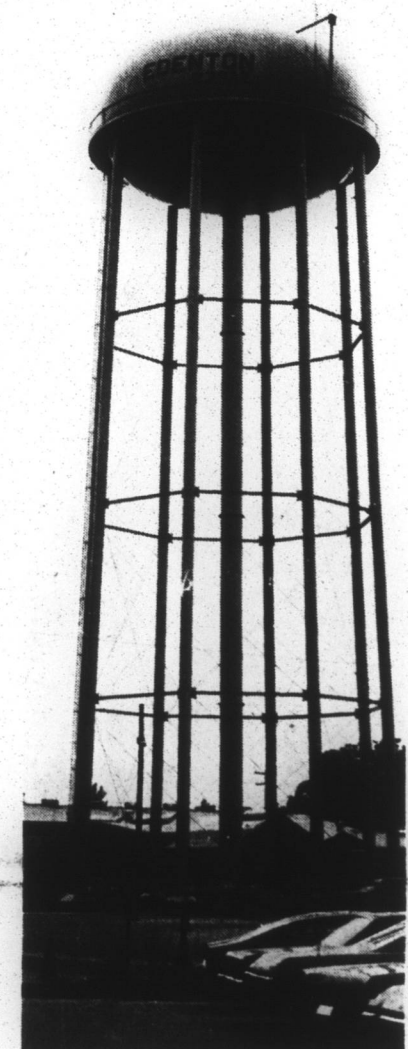
Social security benefits were being paid to residents of Chowan County at a rate of \$236,000 a month at the close of 1973, Robert W. Alford, social security branch manager in Elizabeth City, said today.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in Chowan County, 1,305 are retired workers and their dependants. Another 540 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 245 are getting benefits as disabled workers or their dependants.

Alford pointed out that although most social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60.

In Chowan County, 580 people under age 60 are collecting social security each month. Nearly 295 are under age 18, receiving payments because a working

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ZIP ADDED TO WATER (TANK)—The Town of Edenton has joined the U.S. Postal Service in attempting to speed the flow of mail as well as the flow of water from a recently refinished water tank. Edenton's Zip code, 27932, was painted on the tank next to Chowan Veneer Company on Park Avenue. You might say Supt. James Martin of the Utilities Department, has added zip to Edenton's water.

## Suit Testimony Completed

ELIZABETH CITY—Federal District Court Judge Franklin Dupree of Raleigh completed taking testimony last Thursday in the case where Richard Satterfield is seeking reinstatement to his job with Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Judge Dupree, who heard the testimony without a jury, gave no indication as to when he would rule on the case.

Former Supt. Bill Britt testified that he had held many conferences with Satterfield concerning the

band and its activities. He said at one point he considered recommending to the board that the director not be retained. However, after consulting with a Negro principal in the system he determined it could cause some feelings within the community.

Britt, now head of a regional office of the State Department of Public Instruction, said he and Dr. Eddie West, who succeeded him in the schools post, discussed Satterfield and the problems which had developed with the band.

Dr. West later testified that he had requested the band director to draw up a plan to improve the band but rejected the plan because it, in his opinion, would not accomplish what was needed.

Former Principal Kenneth Stalls of John A. Holmes High School, testified of his observations of band classes and other activities. He too said he had counseled with Satterfield but was unable to affect the desired improvements.

Two former band students testified that they lost interest in the band because of the lack of discipline and other matters related to the band's activities.

The board of education refused to renew Satterfield's contract last spring and it touched off demonstrations which lasted throughout the year. Numerous arrests were



ATTEND ELECTRIC CONGRESS—Chowan County 4-H'er Jane Parrish was a delegate to the State 4-H Electric Congress in Wilmington July 15-17. Cindy Horn, VEPCO representative, left, and Sandra Jones, Chowan assistant extension agent, right, accompanied the delegate. The 4-H'er was selected on the basis of achievement in her electric project. VEPCO sponsored the trip.