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J. C. KNOWLES

Chamber Event

Set Thursday

The annual membership

banquet of Edenton Chamber of

Commerce will be held next

Thursday night at Chowan Golf &

Country Club. In addition to new

officers being installed, the Senior

Citizens Award will be presented.

James C. (Pete) Dail, president,

has named Jack Harris and

Wallace Evans co-chairmen for

the event which will have J. C.

Knowles of Raleigh as guest

A social hour will begin at 6:30

P.M. This is being sponsored by

Bank of North Carolina, N. A.,

Peoples Bank & Trust Company

Knowles will keynote the

banquet which begins at 7:30

o'clock. The speaker heads his

own appraisal service, is a free

lance writer and lecturer on

antiques and is president and

founder of Historical Raleigh, Inc.

speaker, and serves on the

Raleigh Board of Education.

He is a popular after dinner

Ticket for the banquet, priced at

\$6 each, are on sale at the financial

institutions, Mitchener's

and Edenton Savings & Loan.

speaker.

Chowan County commissioners Monday afforded us probably the greatest honor we have ever received as well as one of our greatest challenges. In naming this writer as the Chowan representative on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council they

passed a torch hotter than anything we have ever

encountered.

The Coastal Management Act of 1974 actually was conceived several years ago when ecologists had the foresight to see that the absence of land-use planning was doing tremendous damage to the last frontier of Tar Heelia--

Eastern North Carolina.

By the time they got around to presenting proposed legislation to the 1974 General Assembly they had drafted a bill which scared the elected officials into action. Those who had avoided responsibility for land-use planning on their own immediately began calling for more local control in the bill.

With the aid of Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington and Phil Godwin and Reps. Vernon James and Stanford White, the bill was modified--not watered down--to allow more local input. In so many words, the gliberals had gotten the attention of the local elected officials.

The bill calls for the 15-member commission and a 47 member advisory council. Seven of the commissioners are from Northeastern North Carolina. They have already expresed a desire to rely heavily on the advisory council which will have representation from each of the 20 counties affected as well as the four regional organizations, etc.

What was first considered a nightmare has now been turned into an opportunity for people affected to become involved to the extent of seeing that it works to the advantage of the area.

There has been a blending of local, regional and state authority. And if that doesn't beat federal control there ain't mosquitoes in the Albemarle.

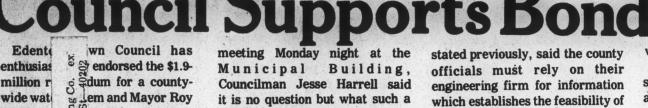
Finally Watergate

Up until this time we have systematically refused to be drawn into wallowing in Watergate along the Public Parade. We have been of the opinion that the metropolitan media--radio, TV and news--was doing an adequate job of keeping the public confused.

At the same time we have allowed Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, and Sens. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and Jesse Helms, their editorial privilege to comment on the events in Washington in their individual columns.

However, Presidnt's Ford's shell of Sunday is just too much to let go unno

When President Ford went before the American people for his first major address after accepting the most lofty office in the nation, we stayed glued to the boob tube in awe of his every word. Be he Democrat or epublican his dialogue with his instituency showed real sounds of sincerity not witnessed since the days of President Harry Turman, Continued on Page 4



million r wide wat L. Harı ffered whatever personal ince he could give p grorable vote on toward Septembe

Druing regular council system is needed in the county and this is "the only way they are ever going to get it."

Harrell, echoing what Chowan County commissioners have the project which will be paid for by the users.

"I hardly see how we could vote against it," said the councilman who has been the council's liaison

with the county planning board. Councilman Herbert Hollowell said it is the most progressive action of any county in this area and deserved council support.

It would be of great benefit to the town in the future, according to W. B. Gardner, town administrator. He said one of the most expensive projects required after annexing an area is establishing the water system. "If this is already done for us when we are forced to annex certain areas then it will be a definite advantage to the town," he added.

Commissioners Alton G. Elmore and N. J. George presented the request for a resolution of support along with Pete Thompson, county extension chairman. Also at the meeting was Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator.

Gardner reported that the Department of Administration, following a complaint from the council, has revised the town's population figure from 4,880 to 5,960. He said this will be a tremendous help when funds are passed out.

Council approved a resolution in opposition to closing the railroad agency and approved \$800 for the building of additional storage at the Boy Scout Cabin on North **Broad Street.**

Gardner also reported on the armory situation and said the county has been asked to consider putting up \$19,050 for the land at **Edenton Municipal Airport since** the town was providing \$35,000 toward the construction costs.

This was turned over to the finance committee for study and recommendation.

The council approved \$1,853 for office equipment in the Edenton irom Police Department Albemarle Law & Order Association. The town's share is

Constitution Aces Win Opener Week Slated With a victory over arch-rival

CONSTITUTION WEEK OBSERVANCE-Mayor Roy L.

Harrell is shown here with Mrs. Lucy Meade Harless as he

proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week in the Town of

Edenton. Mrs. Harless is chairman of the sponsoring committee

Citisens of Edenton have been urged to pay special attention to the federal constitution and the advantages of American citizenship during September 17-23, which is proclaimed by Mayor Roy L. Harrell as Constitution week.

of Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR.

In a document signed Monday afternoon, Mayor Harrell said September 17 marks the 187th anniversary of the Constitution of the U.S.

The loal observance is being sponsored by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, National Society of the American Revolution. It is one of their patrotic projects.

The chapter has placed patrotic posters in the local schools and merchants have been asked to display the American flag. Local news media is further cooperating.

Mrs. Lucy Meade Harless, chapter Constitution Week chairman, said it is urged that all citizens study the constitution in order to know it, but above all to respect it.

Cited For Fraud

Clara Estell Ford, Route 3,

Edenton, was convicted in Chowan

County District Court for fraud.

The charges were brought by

Ronald Huffman, director,

Chowan County Department of

Judge Wilton Walker of

Currituck sentences the defendant

to six months, suspended upon

payment of court costs and \$50 oer

month until a total of \$594 has been

repaid the Department of Social

Huffman charges that the

This is believed to be the first

Asst. Sol. Keith Teague of

Zane Junior Bunch, failure to comply with support judgment, six months suspended sentence

Elizabeth City prosecuted the docket with the following other

such case brought to trial in this

defendant made false statements in order for Dennis Gaskin to

obtain public assistance.

Social Services.

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action taken:

Northeastern of Elizabeth City under their belts, the Edenton Aces open their home campaign Firday night at Hicks Field. At 8 P.M. the highly regarded Aces of Coach Jim Addison play host to

Perquimans. The Northeastern game was postponed Firday night because of rain but on Saturday night the Aces held on at the final buzzer to post a 21-19 vistory when a twopoint play by the Eagles failed to

It brought about the second consecutive victory for the Aces over the upper league Eagles.

materialize.

John Morris, a fullback for the Aces, scored on a one-year plunge to give his team the goahead points. Northeastern scored in the final minutes but failed to convert.

David Morris was the leading rusher for the Aces as he went for 102 yards in 21 carries. The Aces out-rushed the Eagles 181 to 107.

Armed Robbery

The Little Mint Restaurant on North Broad Street was the scene of an armed robbery the night of September 4. Two Negro males entered the establishment at 11:14 P.M. and stole \$175.14 after brandishing a double-barreled shotgun at a clerk.

Edenton Police Department was immediately notified and SBI Agent Bill Godley soon joined the investigation.

The robbers allegedly fled through the field back of the

restaurant. No arrests had been made at

presstime.

The incident was the first armed robbery since September, 1973,

Lt. Gov. Hunt To Visit Area

Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt of Wilson will tour facilities in Edenton Tuesday prior to an informal public reception at the Municipal Building. The general public is invited to the reception between 4 P.M. and 6 P.M.

The lieutenant governor's visit to Chowan County is at the invitation of Dr. Clement Lucus, a lifelong personal friend. Dr. Lucus



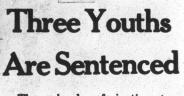
LT. GOV. JIM HUNT

is a new associate of Chowan Medical Center who grew up with

Lt. Gov. Hunt in Wilson County. Mayor Roy L. Harrell and C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, will be on hand to welcome the state official at the reception. Also scheduled to be in the welcoming party is George Alma Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, and Mrs. Chester Stevens, president of

Democratic Women. Byrum said it is a distinct honor to have the ranking Democratic office-holder in the state visit in Edenton and Chowan County.

Lt. Gov. Hunt, a graduate of N. C. State University and a Law School graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be keynote speaker at 11:30 A.M. Wednesday at a meeting of the Wolfpack Club. This meeting will be held at Mrs. Boswell's



The wheels of justice turned swiftly for three Elizabeth City defendants charges with breaking and entering and larceny at Byrum's Service Center on Highway 32, 15 miles north of Edenton.

Mike Lee Morgan, Robert Allen Saunders and Thomas Walker Speight all waived preliminary hearing in Chowan County District Court, which was held in the conference room of the County Office Builiding.

Sanders was convicted by Judge Wilton Walker on a charge of possession of marijuana.

The trio then walked across the street and entered guilty pleas in Chowan County Superior Court which was in session at the courthouse.

Judge L. Bradford Tillery of Wilmington sentenced Sanders to from five to seven years, to begin at the expiration of the District Court sentence.

Morgan and Speight were given three to five years, ordered to pay fines of \$500 each and court costs and placed on probation for five years.

Judge Tillery sentenced Bobby Gerald Stanley to from six to 10 years for assault with a

deadly weapon with intent to kill. Wilbert Ray Copeland, charged

Pharmacy and Hollowell's Drug Continued on Page 4

Closing Of SHP Facility Hit

Chowan County commissioners Monday morning passed a resolution in opposition to the closing of the Highway Patrol Station in Elizabeth City, delayed action of a stand regarding the closing of the railroad agency in Edenton, and moved toward a

building inspection program. At the regualr meeting, the board also named L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager of The Chowan Herald, Inc., as Chowan representative on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council.

At the request of Sheriff Troy Toppin, commissioners joined in supporting a claim by area law enforcement officers that transferring the Elizabeth City office of the State Highway Patrol to Willaimston would hamper effective law enforcement in Northeastern North Carolina.

"We have a minimum staff for law enforcement," said Chairman C. A. Phillips, "and we don't need to do anything that will hamper

The sheriff said two deputies

had gone to school on the new voting machines. He said it was going to be a pretty big job getting the machines set up before a each election.

He als' 'iscussed the problem of transporting people back and forth to the hospital in Goldsboro. At his request, the county approved accepting a grant from the Albemarle Law & Order Association for \$1,375 to purchase office equipement. The county's share is \$76.

When Chairman Phillips brought up the proposed plan by Norfolk Southern Railroad to replace four freight agencies in the area with a mobile agency concept, two commissioners said action should be delayed until those shippers involved registered complaints.

Dallas Jethro, JR., county cooridnator, said a cross check with the Department of Motor Vehicles had increased the county's valuation by \$180,000. He also reported that 60 trash containers are now placed in the

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ted to be a bumper cotton crop in Chowan County was timans, Northampton and Halifax counties Tuesday, we at right as he greeted Ed Foil of Raleigh, state immunity Building. At left is Glenn Tommey, cotton are Leonard Small, head of Chowan Cotton insect