

# Crusade Planned In Chowan During Month

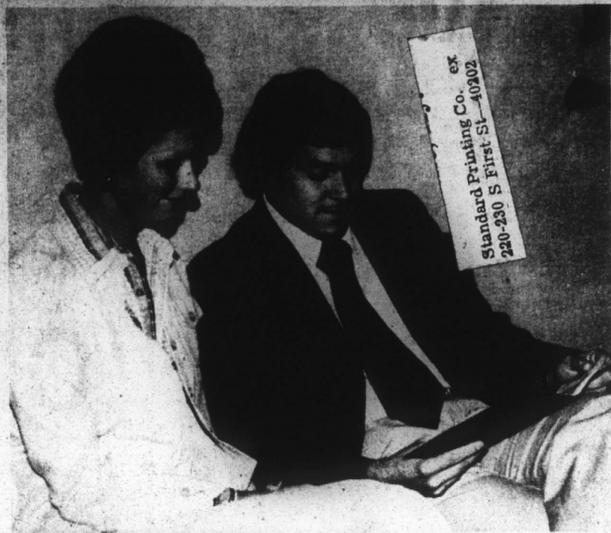
W. T. Culpepper, III, local attorney, has been named president of the Chowan County Unit, American Cancer Society. At the same time he announced that Mrs. Charles Creighton has been chosen as Crusade Chairman during October.

A goal of \$4,500 has been established.

In addition to Culpepper, officers are: Jack Harris, vice president; Mrs. Robert L. Bunch, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Jack Jordan, treasurer; and Dr. Richard Hardin, medical advisor.

Also, James C. (Pete) Dail, service chairman; Mrs. Fran Ward, public education chairman; Mrs. Bill Cozart, publicity chairman; Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., memorial gifts chairman and David Bass in charge of the loan closet.

Mrs. W. P. (Spec) Jones is chairman of the nominating committee.



**CRUSADE LEADERS**—Mrs. Charles Creighton has been named Crusade Chariman in Chowan County for the Cancer Society. She is shown here going over the campaign with W. T. Culpepper, III, president of the county unit.

# Water Bonds Are Approved

Following is a breakdown by precinct of the vote in Saturday's water bond referendum:

	Yes	No
East Edenton	135	14
West Edenton	237	28
Rocky Hock	100	14
Center Hill	139	2
Wardville	106	7
Yeopim	135	10
Absentee	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>75</b>

Chowan County voters Saturday, while not large in numbers, overwhelmingly approved a \$1.9-million water bond referendum. The vote was 857 for and 75 against. Fewer than 20 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls.

However, supporters of a favorable vote did not expect a big turnout on the single-issue election.

Some unsuspecting opposition was registered in Rocky Hock, the only rural precinct to give less than a 13-1 favorable vote. The vote in Rocky Hock was 100 in favor and 14 opposed.

There had been some expressed concern over how the residents of the Town of Edenton would vote since the \$3.1-million system will provide water for only rural residents. The East and West Edenton vote, which includes all of the municipality and a considerable amount of rural Chowan, showed 42 voting against the issuance of the bonds while 372 voted "yes."

The county has already accumulated some \$1.3-million in state and federal grants toward the only county-wide water system east of Anson County in the Piedmont. Farmers Home Administration had agreed, at the same time, to purchase the bonds with 5 per cent interest and repayable over a 40-year period.

C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, expressed delight over the passage of the bonds and with the spread experienced. "We intend to go ahead and get it moving right away," he said. "The engineers have been working right along and no time will be wasted in getting the project under contract."

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He said there is a need for the commissioners to appoint a committee to move forward with the project.

George W. Lewis, chairman, Chowan County Planning Board, said he sees the need to establish a water authority and free up the planning board to go on to other things. He said the board must continue with land-use planning in accordance with the guidelines of the Coastal Management Act.

Lewis pointed out the economic potential in moving ahead as swiftly as possible with getting the system completed. He said he understands a lot of building has not been done in certain areas of the county because of a water problem.

"This is certainly going to mean a lot to the economy of the county in the months and years ahead, both from industrial development and a greater retirement potential.

Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, executive secretary, Chowan County Board of Elections, noted that 5 P.M. Monday is the last day to register to vote in the November election.

# Gift Of Base Land Not Legal

The Town of Edenton has been notified that it cannot donate property at Edenton Municipal Airport as the site of a new National Guard Armory. W.B. Gardner, town administrator, said the appraised value of \$19,050 would have to be turned over to Edenton Airport Commission before the site could be released by Federal Aviation Administration.

Gardner said the town does not have the item budgeted. "It appears now that the new armory plans will have to be scrapped," he said Tuesday.

The administrator also said that FFA had requested that the agreed upon price of land and buildings now under lease-purchase to Grampian Marine, Ltd., be placed in escrow. Gardner said under terms of the agreement with Grampian the firm can exercise its option anytime within a 10-year period.

"We have no objection to putting it into the airport fund when we get it," Gardner said of the money. He said it was considered

unreasonable for the town to have to come up with any kind of money before the option is exercised.

Also, money received from Gregory-Poole Equipment Company for a portion of the base property will go to the airport commission.

The town has been negotiating with the State of North Carolina for several months regarding a site for a new armory. Officials approved the site at the base and in return for providing the site the town would regain title to the existing armory on North Broad Street.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has been pushing FFA approval. However Floyd Lupton, his administrative assistant, has informed Gardner that under existing law there are no provisions which permit direct donation of a parcel to the National Guard.

"The sale of all property (at the base requiring FFA release) must be accounted for in terms of dollars and cents," Lupton wrote.



**CENTER FUNDED**—A skills development center in Plymouth has been funded by the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. Shown above discussing the project are: Keith Lamb, E. V. Wilkins and Ed Benson, Jr.

# Skills Project Receives Grant

PLYMOUTH—Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation has authorized a Venture Grant of up to \$75,000 to assist in establishing a skills development center in the Plymouth, North Carolina area.

Patterned after the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) concept that emerged in the 1960s, the center will seek to upgrade low-income,

unskilled persons through program providing basic adult education, work orientation, training in specific job skills and job placement.

E. V. Wilkins, retired principal of the Washington County Junior High School and a respected community leader, has accepted the executive directorship of the center.

Although many employers in Eastern North Carolina have consistent manpower shortages, they generally lack the resources, staff, incentive and equipment to provide skills to the available

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# Southern's Plan Questioned

ELIZABETH CITY—Southern Railroad defended the proposed mobile agency concept in Northeastern North Carolina here last week by pointing to 49 such routes in nine states which were described as being operating successfully.

However, shippers and/or receivers expressed reservations about the plan. It would close three agencies—Edenton, Hertford and Shawboro—centralizing the operation in Elizabeth City with an agent operating out of a station wagon.

The mobile agent would make daily runs on Norfolk and Southern routes from Elizabeth City to Moyock and back to Edenton, Monday through Friday. By calling on the customers, Elmore Evers of Washington, D.C., assistant vice president in charge of the mobile agency committee of Southern, said service would be more

personalized.

"Technology has come a long way," he said, "but nothing has been developed to improve on inter-personal relations when trying to do business with people."

He said the mobile agency concept is an alternative to completely closing agencies. "By this method we can be assured that the customer's interests are being protected," he added.

Evers noted that Southern has the communications system to support mobile agencies.

Questions from the audience began to flow after the proposed schedule was read. The mobile agent would be in Edenton, for example, from 3:20 P.M. to 3:50 P.M. Edenton has 22 big users, but Evers claimed they would get improved service with the new plan.

When questioned about the method used in posting a notice of the proposal to file with N. C. Utilities Commission, Evers said it was "premature" and due to a breakdown in communications within Southern's corporate structure.

C. A. Phillips, vice president of Edenton Cotton Mills and chairman, Chowan County commissioners, suggested that a

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# Membership Drive

Edenton Chamber of Commerce this week began a \$20,000 membership drive with Byron Kehayes as chairman. Teams began functioning throughout the community Tuesday morning following a dutch breakfast at Edenton Restaurant.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks is chamber president. Thirteen teams have been formed with the following acting as chairman:

Jim Blount, Jim Earnhardt, Jr., Jack Evans, West Leary, Carlton Jackson, Scott Harrell, J. P. Timberlake, Joe Conger, Jr., Bill Stallings, Alton Elmore, A. B. Harless, Jr., Bill Easterling, W. E. Smith and Bob Moore.



**ANOTHER GIFT FOR GARDENS**—Union Camp Corporation recently contributed \$200 to Historic Edenton, Inc., towards re-establishing the Cupola House Gardens. Mrs. Nelson Crandall, president of the Cupola House Association, is pictured here going over garden plans with Blair Stutzman, representing Union Camp.

# On Commission

Gov. Jim Holshouser has recently appointed 14 new members to the Edenton Historical Commission, bringing the membership at this time to 53. The new members are expected to be presented their official documents by Mrs. Grace Rohrer Secretary of Cultural Resources, at the commission's meeting October 26.

New members include: Mrs. David O. Wright, Mrs. Allen Hornthal, Terrence Boyle, Mrs. Ross Inglis, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., all of Edenton; Mrs. Vivian L. Sanders of Fayetteville; and Thomas Benbury Wood of Raleigh.

Also, Mrs. H. Clay Ferebee, III, of Camden; William Whitfield Shaw of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Norma L. de St. Aubin of Siler City; Mrs. Gail Daughtry of Raleigh; Durwood Strokes of Graham; Mrs. Nary Davidson of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. Shirley T. Spaeth of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Helen J. Stevenson of Raleigh is chairman.

The historical commission will be meeting in conjunction with a two-day celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Edenton Tea Party, being planned by Chowan County Bicentennial Committee.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, commission secretary, said reservations for the luncheon at Edenton Restaurant at 1 P.M. on October 26 should be made with her by October 18.

# Council In Session

Edenton Town Council this week is re-advertising for bids on the downtown beautification project after no bids were received on September 24.

At a called meeting of council Monday night, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, reported that the new bids would call for a starting date on or before March 1.

He said he had learned that contractors were busy at this time or hesitated to commence the work during the winter months and the Christmas shopping season.

Council also discussed acquiring some property.

# No Mistakes Needed

The votes have been counted and Chowan County now has the authority to sell up to \$1.9-million in water bonds to construct a \$3.2-million county-wide water system.

Chowan County Planning Board, working with the board of commissioners, have done a tremendous job in putting this project together. It is, however, now time to turn it over to a well representative county established water authority.

The planning board has new fields to plow and in order to keep straight furrow they need to be relieved of any further responsibility for the water project.

Chowan County commissioners, likewise, have their hands full keeping the affairs of the county in order. They do not have the time, meeting just once each month to transact the county's business, to become involved with operating a water system.

They have experienced some uncomfortable moments in recent months trying to operate a joint sanitary landfill with Perquimans County. This should not be repeated with the water system.

The best money the county could spend in the next few days would be in sending a delegation to Anson County to find out how it is being done up there. Chowan could go to school, so to speak, on what that county has experienced in installation and operation of a county-wide water system.

The headaches are in the future and the fewer mistakes that can be made the more assurance the citizens will have that the system will operate efficiently and economically.

# Fall Happening

If the Fall Happening along the Public Parade isn't successful it won't be because one group of youth didn't work at it.

For those of you who haven't yet received the message, the youth organization in several area churches are bringing Albert Long and his team to Swain Auditorium, Sunday through Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Long is a former four-star athlete at the Chapel Hill home of the Greater University of North Carolina who gave up his successful insurance career several years ago to spark "happenings" throughout the country.

Joining him in Edenton will be Debbie Bingham, "Miss Congeniality" in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in 1973; Donna Stephenson, soloist at the Billy Graham Crusade in Raleigh; Lester Matis, black belt karate expert; and Sgt. Jesse Timmons, a paratrooper from Ft. Bragg.

A special feature will be Randy Johnson of the Julliard School of Music in New York.

Members of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship are planning a big youth dance at National Guard Armory Saturday night. Other dances will be held at the Jaycee Building, Chowan Golf & Country Club and Chowan High School.

Leary said the celebration will conclude with church services Sunday.