

WINNING FLOATS IN EDENTON'S CHRISTMAS PARADE—First place went to the Holmes Deca Club, pictured at left. Second place went to Yeopim 4-H Club (center). Third place winner was John A. Jaycettes' float, center, was third place winner. At right is the Chamber of Commerce float with Santa perched atop.

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## Students Here Are Evaluated

### Politics And Press Integrity

With the election now behind us, it seems a good time to assess how well our country's newspapers and magazines handled the issues - or, rather, the non-issues in the campaign. (Television news is a sad story all of its own.)

We say "non-issues" because rarely in an American election have voters been asked to cast their ballots on the basis of such a lack of information about where candidates stood. It seems that about all that was necessary for success at the polls this year was to be (1) a Democrat; (2) a non-incumbent; and (3) against Richard Nixon.

Unfortunately, although there was in-depth reporting at the local level, our national media have largely let us down in helping to define where candidates stood on major issues such as the multiple problems facing the economy. Instead, too many national newspapers and periodicals retreated from solid reporting into sermonizing on the woes of America.

And, under the guise of "advocacy journalism," the integrity of a free press too often was sacrificed upon the altar of an "exclusive" story. A major story on President Ford in the October

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Students in the Edenton-Chowan school system are doing well from kindergarten through Grade Two but the performance level slumps at Grade Three and continues below average for the remainder of the grades.

This was revealed to members of the board of education Dec. 2 in a report by Mrs. Mary Horton on system-wide testing conducted in the spring of 1974.

While no definite results were released for this preliminary one-year report, some board members expressed alarm at them.

Mrs. Horton told members K-through-2 showed students at or above grade level and in some instances well above the national average.

The breakdown begins at the third grade and she told board members "we have seen it in the system for a number of years." She quickly pointed out the situation is the same on the district, regional state and national levels.

In January, Mrs. Horton will present a three-year study using one group as an example and she declared "you'll see improvements."

The assessment touched off a brief but general discussion as to the reasons for the breakdown after the second grade.

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THE MAN AND HIS HOUSE—James B. Duke on December 8, 1924, first announced the Duke Endowment. He is shown in inset in the picture above which shows the Duke residence.

## Endowment Provides Funds

The Duke Endowment has provided a total of \$238,987 to a hospital and a church in Chowan County during the past 50 years.

This is the Golden Anniversary of the endowment which was created by James B. Duke in 1924. Since then Chowan Hospital has received a total of \$236,487 and Bethany Church has received \$2,500.

In the 21-county First Congressional District, hospitals and churches have received a total

of \$4.2-million. In addition, these counties also participated in the overall distribution of \$9.5-million for maintenance and operation of rural Methodist Churches and for retired ministers and needy and deserving widows and orphans of deceased ministers in North Carolina.

N. C. Gov. Angus W. McLean spoke like a prophet in 1924 when Duke created The Endowment as an instrument to serve the people of the Carolinas through aid to education, health, child care and churches.

"For the next hundred years—even longer—there will not be a citizen of the state, young or old, who will not feel the benign influence of his contribution to the great work of making North Carolina a better state in which to live," McLean declared.

Fifty years and approximately

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## Bill Culpepper Red Cross Head

The Chowan County Chapter, American Red Cross, has been reorganized with W. T. Culpepper, III, as chairman, and plans are being made for the first funds campaign in nearly three years.

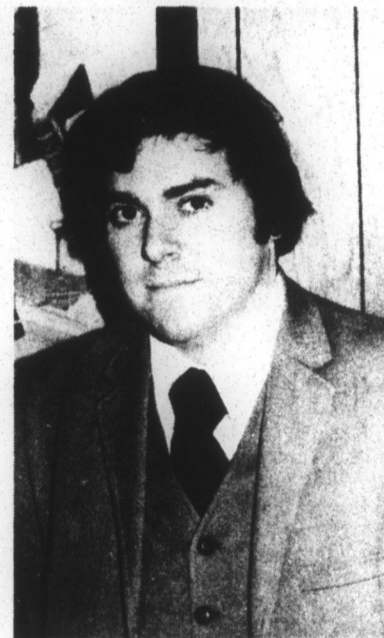
It was reported that without sufficient funds the chapter is in danger of the loss of the regular bloodmobile visits. At the present time the chapter has \$187 in the treasury with \$281 owed the Tidewater Chapter.

It was noted that while a funds campaign is being scheduled for March, with 50 per cent of the funds remaining in the county, funds are needed now. Checks should be sent to Copeland.

Local funds are spent for telephone calls on behalf of military families and snacks on bloodmobile visits. Snacks for the last visit cost \$43. The quota was 125 pints and 89 pints were collected.

However, Gary Anderson, Jaycee volunteer chairman, said

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W. T. Culpepper, III

## EIC Directors Are Named

Thirty-three members were named to the board of directors of Economic Improvement Council at a meeting at the Edenton Municipal Airport headquarters last Thursday night. Previously EIC had a 48-member board.

Mrs. Elizabeth Byrum, board chairman, told the group that "as times change we must change" and predicted further changes in the anti-poverty agency structure. Fentress Morris, executive director, commended department heads on their reports and said overall the agency had presented the board with a report of "good accomplishments".

Touching on the status of funds, Morris said Headstart had been funded through June 1, 1975, at the level of \$301,639 and EIC

## Holiday Schedule

George A. Byrum, chairman of the merchants committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce states that some of the larger stores had set their own hours for Christmas, but the majority of merchants will start staying open until 9:00 P.M. for Christmas on Thursday, December 19th thru Monday December 23rd. The committee also recommended two days closing for Christmas and one day for New Years.

## Administrative Funding Had Been Received

Morris said the fact that the state Office of Economic Opportunity is now opening and functioning is a good sign for the future of the agency.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., president of the sponsoring Albemarle Area Development Association, traced the history of the close working relations between the two agencies and commended the board members for selecting programs which can best be adapted to the 10-county region. Amburn said he makes no apologies for his "interest in regionalism and its design in Region 'R'" to make for a better life for the entire populous. He pledged his continued editorial support for things he considers good for the region.

He said over the past few years many roadblocks have sprung up in efforts to split the region. But during the period the region has been able to come out a little stronger. "It is because we care about our land but more importantly we are about each other," he noted.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell presented certificates to board members whose terms have expired.

New board members are:

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## Jones Leaves Hospital To Conduct Meeting

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rep. Walter B. Jones, who has been confined to Bethesda Naval Hospital for the past two weeks to receive treatment for an infection of his left leg, returned to Capitol Hill briefly December 4 to conduct an informal meeting of his Agriculture Sub-Committee on Oilseeds and Rice.

Among those in attendance was David T. Bateman of Tynor, N. C., president of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association. Bateman is also vice chairman of the Chowan County Board of

Commissioners.

Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz threatened to severely cripple the peanut program through administrative regulations. The purpose of the December 4 meeting was to determine if compromise peanut legislation could be agreed upon in order to avoid these vindictive regulations.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Asst. Sec. of Agriculture Yeutter stated that Sec. Butz would not go forward with the punitive regulations he had

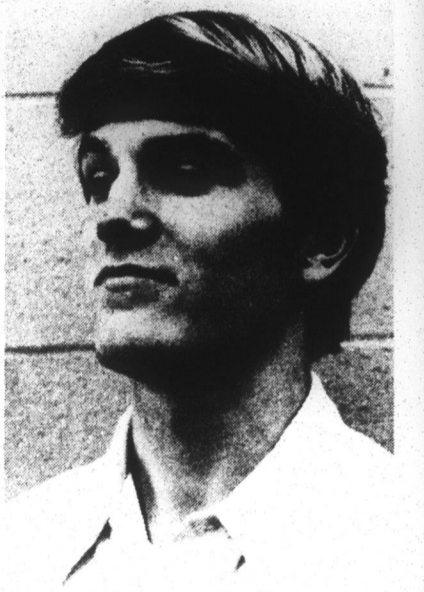
proposed at this time. However, Yeutter said that if a compromise was not reached the secretary still intended to issue the regulations sometime in 1975.

Rep. Jones said: "Although we did not reach a compromise here today, I feel the meeting was a great success in that we have convinced the secretary to postpone the regulatory changes he had proposed."

Immediately following the meeting Rep. Jones returned to Bethesda to continue his medical treatment.



RETURNS FOR HEARING—Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, in center, returned to Capitol Hill, Wednesday, to conduct an informal meeting of his Agriculture Sub-Committee on Oilseeds and Rice. Behind Rep. Jones is Floyd Lupton, administrative secretary, N. C. Peanut Growers Association. At far left is David T. Bateman, Chowan County commissioner who is president of the association.



Edward G. Bond, Jr.

## Morehead Candidate

The Chowan County Morehead Award Committee has selected Edward Griffin Bond, Jr., as the nominee from this county, according to W. H. Hollowell, Jr., chairman.

The Morehead Award to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is presented by the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Griff Bond is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bond, Sr., 117 Pembroke Circle. He is a senior at John A. Holmes High School. He has been a member of the football team for four years and is president of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the N. C. Youth Highway Safety Committee, High School Dress Code Committee, Dramatics Club and chief staff photographer for the yearbook.

He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a lay reader and member of the church worship committee. He is vice president of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

An Eagle Scout, he is also a member of the Sea Scouts and chairman of the youth committee of Chowan County Bicentennial Commission. He is president of Chowan County Teen Dems and was first place winner in architectural drawing at the 1974 Chowan County Fair.

He is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students; originated and produced a model show and exhibit; designed and built scale house models.

His hobbies include chess, football, golf, bowling, swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and photography.

## Organizational Plan Is Adopted

NEW BERN—The 47-member Coastal Resources Advisory Council adopted an organizational plan here Monday which is designed to assist the Coastal Resources Commission in implementation of the Coastal Management Act.

W. B. Gardner of Edenton, gave the committee report which authorized a three-zone division in the council with chairmen and vice chairmen being named to an executive committee from each zone.

The Northeastern area, with 12 of the 20 coastal counties, would have a four-member executive committee representation.

The zone executive committee will also have a representative of state government as a member.

Also, the executive committee will appoint members to four

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