

# Rezoning Bid Defeated; Mayor Breaks Tie

Efforts to rezone 10 acres of land on the south side of U.S. 17 by-pass for commercial development with the tie breaking vote cast by Mayor Roy L. Harrell.

In voting against the rezoning, he stated that he had talked to a number of "average people" who definitely were not opposed to commercial development of the land while at the same time he had considered the work already completed by Twiddy Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. to build a shopping center on some 22 acres of land near Old Hertford Road. Councilmen voting in favor of

the rezoning were Leo Katkaveck, James C. Dail, J. H. Conger, Jr., and Harry Spruill. Voting against were Herbert Hollowell, James Darnell, Errol Flynn, and Jesse L. Harrell.

The action followed about one and a half hours of discussion by those present. There was a full house.

Debate was opened by Bill Wilson, representing a developing firm, Quadrant, who is subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser. He stated that it was the intent of the firm to develop a commercial center, not to buy the land for re-sale in order to turn a profit. He added,

however, that after the completed property was an investor or investor the general practice of Weyerhaeuser to develop them after they had been developed to their best use. Concerning the importance of the land toward future residential use, he remarked that the balance of 60 acres should be sufficient to handle Edenton's needs for ten years if developed properly.

Said Wilson, "it is my impression that the opposition to zoning is not broad and general, but rather it comes from those with

special interests whose motives I do not question.

"It is not our intention to destroy Edenton. We hope to be good citizens of this community."

Wilson said that several firms had committed themselves to locate in the shopping center if the rezoning succeeded.

Also speaking in behalf of the issue, Bernard P. Burroughs stated, "According to a study accepted 18 months ago, shopping centers should be located near the intersection of major thoroughfares and concentrations of population."

Drawings of the proposed center

were presented to the town council.

Arguments in opposition hinged on the use of the land for medical arts, with the increased importance of Edenton as a regional center of activity. It was cited that a shopping center on the "front door-step" would not be esthetically pleasing and would detract from Edenton as an historic place. It was also argued that the close proximity of a noisy commercial trade area to the hospital would not be desirable, while it may also impede the flow of emergency vehicle traffic.

The main point contested was

the overall effect on the downtown area.

"If these concerns want to locate in Edenton," said John A. Mitchener, Jr., "then invite them downtown. There is room. There is property that can be bought. Once the downtown has begun to deteriorate you can kiss it goodbye. It will erode the taxable base for this town."

Warren Twiddy, of Twiddy Insurance and Real Estate, also presented detailed drawings of his proposed shopping center, citing that they were now three years in preparation for a mini-mall. His

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### Inadequate, But True

Well, tomorrow is Valentine's Day. It has now been several years since we publicly claimed our Valentine. In the meantime the ties which bind have tightened just as the times in which we live.

It is difficult to express adequately appreciation to an admiration for one who can take a difficult task and work on it as if there were no rough spots.

Fortunately for us, our Valentine can. While we have grown older and busier, she has managed to become a more steady force, more understanding and with more strength.

It just seems that as things get tougher our Valentine almost painlessly adjusts to the situation.

Stereotyped cards can't express our feelings. Neither does this article on this our favorite commercial observance. But if no one else recognizes it, Emily will know that it comes from the heart.

### Touch Of Homeland

Those who look upon the DAR as a group of little old ladies with their heads buried in the past haven't met Carolista Fletcher Baum of Nags Head and Chapel Hill.

In addition to being a wife, mother of three and career

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### Tank Sites Determined

By C. W. OVERMAN

The Chowan County Water System is progressing. Dallas Jethro, Jr. reports that all of the well and tank sites have been located and surveyed. Test wells will determine the quantity of water at the sites.

All water signers in the six areas of the county are spotted on maps and lists prepared for the engineers, except subdivisions. The Cape Colony and Country Club area map spotting and lists are well along. I have just secured a map of the Arrowhead area so those signers can be spotted.

At present there are 1296 users signed in the county. We need many more and many more need good water. We get a few each week. It appears that many people are displaying an attitude of "wait and see". Delay in joining in for a good water system over the county limits the lines and distance the engineers can plan for the system.

People who are interested should sign up promptly. I am located in 217, second floor, of the county office building. Out in the county the following helpers have application forms: Gliden area - Harry Lee Winslow and Tommy Berryman, Jr.; Ryland area - H. Ivey Ward and Wayne Goodwin; Rocky Hock area - Henry Bunch and Alvin Evans; Center Hill and Cross Roads area - Emmett Jones and Fleetwood Harrell; Advance Area - Jackie Castelloe, Carlton Perry, W. H. Roberts and Thomas P. Griffin; Valhalla and Green Hall area - James A. Roberts; US 17 north area - S. D. Griffin; Yeopim area - Robert L. Bunch, Jr.; Cape Colony - Mrs. Winnie Limbaugh; Country Club - Max O. Busby; and Arrowhead - Henry Bunting and Henry Skinner.

We need to move fast with final sign-ups before the maps and lists are turned over to the engineers.

### Sandra Boyce Named Speech Teacher Of Year



**SPEECH TEACHER OF THE YEAR**—Sandra Boyce, Speech and Drama Instructor at Holmes High School was named North Carolina Speech Teacher of the Year by the N. C. Speech and Drama Association board of directors. Mrs. Boyce will be placed in nomination for Southern Speech Teacher of the Year in April.

Chowan County has had many firsts in its colorful history, but Mrs. Sandra Boyce's selection as the North Carolina Speech Teacher of the Year is an educational first. It is the first time in nine years that anyone East of Raleigh has received such an honor. "Generally the winner each year is debate oriented. This is the first time I know of that a teacher connected with general speech and drama has been selected," stated Mrs. Boyce.

Mrs. Boyce, the Speech and Drama Instructor at John A. Holmes High School, received this honor recently from the North Carolina Speech and Drama Association, whose judging Board of Directors is composed of representatives from major colleges and universities in North Carolina. Mrs. Boyce's honored nomination came from Dr. Howard Dorgan of Appalachian State University and was seconded by U.N.C.-Chapel Hill.

As North Carolina Speech Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Boyce will be nominated for Southern Speech Teacher of the Year at the Southern Speech and Drama Association's April meeting in Tallahassee, Florida.



**CHOWAN HOMECOMING QUEEN**—Chowan High School senior Jill Hendrix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrix of Tyner was selected Homecoming Queen for 1975, last Friday night. Among a long list of school achievements and honors, Jill is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a bus driver, chief cheerleader, art editor of the Chowanian school newspaper, member of FFA, FTA, and the monogram club. She plans to attend East Carolina University where she will major in art.

### BPW Banquet Event Slated

The Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club will

hold its annual "Bosses Night-Woman of the Year" banquet at Edenton Restaurant on February 20. Honorable Herbert J. Small, resident Superior Court Judge of the First Judicial District will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Judge Small is a redi resident of Elizabeth City and a well known jurist throughout the state. He served as District Attorney, here, for eight years prior to his election as Superior Court Judge in 1974. Small is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School and has served the judicial system in numerous official positions as well as being active in the civic affairs of Pasquotank County and eastern North Carolina.

The Edenton BPW "Bosses Night-Woman of the Year" banquet is the highlight of the social activities of the club each year, at which event some outstanding woman of the community is recognized for her dedication to the professions, community service, church, and home.



Judge Herbert J. Small

### Town Unaffected By Rate Roll-back

The ruling by the State Utilities Commission calling for a 25 per cent roll-back in fuel charges on electric bills will affect neither North Carolina's municipal electric systems—such as the Town of Edenton—nor the state's electric membership corporations.

Two EMC's function in Chowan County. They are Albemarle, headquartered in Hertford, and Roanoke, with principal offices in Rich Square.

The order does not apply to Tar Heel consumers on municipal or cooperative systems because their rates are governed by the Federal Power Commission, according to W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator. He said news coverage of the commission's ruling had failed to report this fact clearly and, as a result, many of these consumers are expecting to benefit from the rate reduction.

As in the case of Edenton, the

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### Democrats Plan Drive

The Chowan Democratic Executive Committee is conducting a fund-raising drive during the month of February. All money raised will be used in Chowan County for various party functions and to pay the county's quota to the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee.

The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner is to be held in Raleigh on March 1. Tickets are \$50 per person and it is a fund raising function for the state committee.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee can mail their check to Wallace Evans, treasurer, c/o Parker-Evans Hardware, Edenton, N. C.

All contributions up to \$100 are tax deductible.

### Student's Play To Be Produced

Mitzi Jordan, a senior at John A. Holmes High School and member of the Holmes Drama Club recently learned that her play "A Family Affair", was selected by the Carolina Dramatic Association as being worthy of production and performance. Miss Jordan's play was one of only four plays selected from across the State to receive such an honor.

Each year the Carolina Dramatic Association, of which Holmes Drama Club is a member, invites students on the high school and college level to enter their original plays for a panel of judges to consider for production.

Miss Jordan's play, "A Family Affair", will be performed by the Holmes Drama Club at the Regional Drama Festival competition in March. Should the entry win at the Regional level, the play will then be entered into State competition.



Mitzi Jordan



**PROJECT BEGINS**—The initial legwork of the Downtown Beautification Project has begun with preparing Broad Street for underground electrical conduits. Work began last week on the south end of the street. The pole in the middle of the sidewalk, shown in the right photo, is one of several poles which will provide street lighting while the existing arm-like street lights are removed.