

# Suit Filed Against Town For Zoning Action

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### On Being No. 1

The Edenton Aces are again No. 1! How sweet it is!

After being denied the conference crown two years in a row—one due to the vote of conference coaches, another due to a field goal—the Aces go to Snow Hill tomorrow night (Friday) to hopefully take a giant step toward the state 3-A crown.

Edenton's thrilling win last week over Ahsokie was ultimately the result of a field goal—Ahsokie's weapon a year ago when the crown went to Hertford County by a score of 10-8. The year before conference coaches gave the title to Williamston out of what many considered a fit of jealousy over the Aces' prowess on the gridiron in previous campaigns.

If the Edenton team members, coaches and loyal fans were prone to display unsportsmanlike conduct the time was two years ago. However, there are reports out of Ahsokie that such was the case Friday night. We did not witness it.

The Aces just put it all together in their 24-15 victory over the Cougars. They were cheered on by a host of local fans who made the journey into "no-no land". From where we sat, which certainly wasn't the cat-bird seat, it was a tremendous game, one which everyone from Edenton could be proud of.

As we journey out from the Public Parade in quest of greater victory on the gridiron, we hope the same atmosphere will prevail as was witnessed in Ahsokie. If excellence is a synonym for unsportsmanlike, then we are proud to be among those who plead guilty.

If there is anything greater than being No. 1, it is being No. 2. And we have never been comfortable in that position. Apparently the Aces concur.

### That Blank Sheet

"When I sit down at the typewriter and face a blank sheet of paper nothing happens," a columnist along the Public Parade told us recently.

We can sympathize with him since we have that feeling almost daily.

What was happening in this case, though, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt was trying to explain the absence of copy for his Wayside Pulpit space. Illness it seems has dulled his ability to transfer spirational, thought-provoking tunes from his brain to a blank sheet of paper.

This is the second time we have had trouble with the educator-preacher-philosopher. Before he just packed up and moved to Goldsboro to make his home with a daughter.

Not long, though any absence

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### Concert Set

The John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir will present a program of show tunes on Thursday evening (tonight) at 7:30 o'clock. The performance will take place in the school auditorium.

Selections will include songs from "Hello Dolly", "Carousel", and "Jesus Christ Superstar". Accompanists will be Jackie Parker, piano; Joe Kenny, guitar; and Bruce Morgan, drums. The choir is under the director of Shelby Strother.

This is the first in a series of events scheduled in Chowan County Schools to emphasize American Education Week, November 17th through 21st. Mr. Bruce McGraw, Principal, extended an invitation to the community to come enjoy an evening of music.

Proceeds will be used to cover expenses incurred when the Holmes Concert Choir goes to Rocky Mount to perform in December.



### Large Crowd Attends Banquet

State Sen. Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City was keynote speaker Tuesday night at the Area 5 meeting of N. C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

Nearly 400 people from throughout the area attended the meeting at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. The delegates re-elected Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County as area chairman.

Also re-elected was I. Miller Warren of Washington County, vice chairman; and A. B.

### Miss Perry

### Heads 4-H

By Vanessa Spivey  
4-H County  
Council Reporter

Pat Perry was elected president at the Chowan County Council for 1975-76 at the October meeting of the 4-H Council held in the Center Hill Community Building.

Pat has been a member of 4-H for about seven years. She has been a state winner in demonstrations twice - pork cookery and artistic arrangement. She is a member of Advance 4-H Club.

Steve Fleming was elected vice president. He has been active in the 4-H Talent Show and has participated in demonstrations. Steve has won blue ribbons in talent and demonstrations. He is a member of Center Hill-Cisco 4-H Club.

Other officers are Bill Jordan, secretary; Bradley Ward, assistant secretary; Vanessa Spivey, reporter; Jackie Simons, song leader; Jackie Hines and William Morris, recreation leaders; and Jean Parrish, pianist.

Murray Goodwin gave a report on the welcome signs. Tentative reading of it is - "Welcome to Chowan County - Friendly People, Good Land - Great Opportunities." The signs which we hope will be up very soon, will be located of the four principal highways leading into Chowan County.

There were very many interesting things discussed at the meeting. Most of all we talked about what a wonderful time we had at the State Fair and getting ready for Achievement night.

After all new and old business was over, we went into officers training, led by Mr. Goodwin, agricultural extension agent; Mrs. Eugene Jordan, 4-H leader; Mrs. Thomas Glenn Rogerson, 4-H leader; Miss Theresa Turner, assistant home economics extension agent and Pat Perry, junior 4-H leader.

To finish the night we had a very nice Halloween Party, which all the 4-H'ers enjoyed very much. In charge of games were Advance Club and Center Hill-Cisco Club. Ryland was in charge of refreshments prepared under directions of Mrs. Vivian Jordan. They served a cake with Halloween colors, potato chips, peanuts, candy and drinks.

Center Hill Club put up Halloween colored decorations. About 70 4-H members, leaders and agents attended.

Etheridge of Pasquotank County, secretary-treasurer.

Sen. Daniels joined with state soil conservation leaders in lauding the important work being done in this area. He pointed to the important role played by volunteers who are concerned with good land practices.

The senator was engaged to speak after W. R. Bryan of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was hospitalized.

Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh, state conservationist, told the group the Soil Conservation Service considers it a "privilege to be partners with you." He went on to say the service, commission and association have a "very successful arrangement."

The conservationists were commended for their vision and foresight.

C. Roy Nifong, Jr., association president, told the group he was impressed with their show of strength.

The Willis H. Creech family of

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### Yield Down

With more than 50 per cent of the peanut marketing cards recorded the average per acre in Chowan County is 2,605, according to H. O. West, executive director of the ASCS here.

Also, more than 8-million pounds of peanuts have been recorded.

West said 256 cards have been returned (56 per cent), representing 3,125.7 acres. There have been 8,141,371 pounds recorded for the county's average.

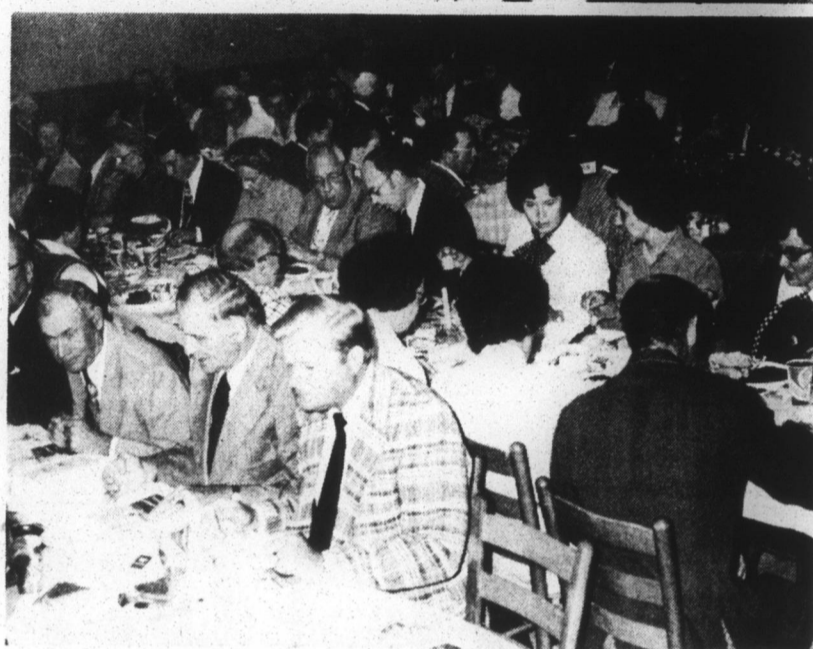
The average yield thus far is less than the 1974 total but is holding up better than a number of people predicted.

### Aces Conference Champs; Head For State Title

By Joel Hylton

The Edenton Aces returned home Friday night with the Northeastern 3-A Conference championship under their belt after slaying the Ahsokie Cougars in a hard hitting grid battle. The score, 24-15.

Coach Jimmy Addison said his players "played the best game of the season" attributing the win to "hard work, outstanding talent, and a great desire to win". He



CONSERVATIONISTS GATHER—Nearly 400 men and women from throughout 20 Eastern North Carolina counties gathered at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road Tuesday night for the Area 5 meeting of N. C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. In the picture at top left, State Sen. Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City is shown with Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Area Chairman Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County. In the top right picture Sam Cox of the local Soil Conservation Service office is shown with three guests seated at the head table. They are from left, Jesse Hicks of Raleigh, state conservationist; S. Grady Lane, director of the state commission; and G. Roy Nifong, Jr., president of the state association. The other picture shows a portion of the crowd which attended the banquet meeting.

### Fishing Pier Added To Park

Edenton Town Council Tuesday night took steps to include a fishing pier in the waterfront park development which is now well under construction.

The council was in "general agreement" on the addition and instructed W. B. Gardner, town administrator, to secure a permit from the U. S. Corps of Engineers as well as bids for construction of the pier.

The majority of the work is being done by the town under the supervision of Jack Mooney.

However, Gardner said the pier would have to be done by an outside company.

Low bids were accepted for playground equipment and fencing. The Finance Committee was authorized to make the award for paving.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell was sworn in for a two-year term. Councilmen taking the oath of office for four-year terms were Jesse L. Harrell, W. H. Hollowell, Jr., and Dr. Allen Hornthal. A. B.

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added that the Aces "deserved the victory".

The Aces, now 9-1 conference champs, will get a shot at more honors in the state play-offs which will begin this Friday night in Snow Hill. Edenton travels there to test Greene Central High School.

At the onset of Friday night's contest, the Aces fans felt a shadow of fear as the Cougars took the opening kick-off to their 35

yardline and sustained a drive which culminated in a 10 yard touchdown run by Cougar Tim Newsome.

But the shadow lifted as the Aces put together a drive, moving the ball from their own 35 to the Cougar's one yardline. Ray Tew, back in action after being benched for an injury, handed off to John Norris who drove home a score. Norris also added the extra point.

Ahsokie returned the kick-off to their 30 yardline, but failed to get a first down and was forced to punt. Willie Holley scampered with the ball 76 yards to post Edenton's second TD of the game. Norris converted and the Aces were ahead 14-7.

Again the hardnosed Edenton defense held, forcing a punt attempt which was blocked by Ace Bruce Morgan. Edenton took over on the Ahsokie 27. Battling down to the 15 yardline, Edenton took on

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### Holiday Hours Recommended

The annual Christmas Parade will be held in Edenton on December 4. The arrangements for the opening of the holiday shopping season here with a gala parade are being coordinated by the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

W. L. (Bill) Norvell, committee chairman, said further details of the parade would be announced at a later date.

At a meeting held Tuesday morning the committee recommended that stores start remaining open until 8:30 on December 19 and carry out this schedule through December 24. Also, it is being recommended that a two-day Christmas holiday and one-day holiday for New Years.

A suit has been filed in Chowan County Superior Court to test the legality of recent action by Edenton Town Council to rezone two parcels of land adjoining the U. S. 17 by-pass.

The Town of Edenton, Mayor Roy L. Harrell, individual members of the Town Council, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, and W. G. Matthews, building inspector, were named as defendants in the action. Three of the defendants are no longer councilmen.

The plaintiffs are N. J. George and wife, Loraine Burns, John A. Mitchener, III, James G. Blount and Byron P. Kehayes. A spokesman said the legal action would be financed by the Edenton-Chowan Zoning Legal Defense Fund. The Georges and Mrs. Burns reside in the neighborhood. Mitchener, Blount and Kehayes are downtown businessmen.

Numerous allegations are made in the suit about irregularities in the council's action. The action involved rezoning of 10 acres on the north side of Highway 32 from R-20 (Residential-Agricultural) to CS (Shopping Center). Also, challenged is the council's action to change the zoning to 10 acres on the south side of the same highway from R-20 to CH (Highway-Commercial).

It is alleged that the rezoning amendments constitute unlawful spot zoning, is not supported by any change in the condition of the area, and that action was contrary to the rules of parliamentary procedure. Also, numerous violations of the Zoning Ordinance were alleged.

The suit, brought by the Elizabeth City firm of Twiford, Abbott, Seawell, Trinipi and Thompson, asks the court to determine the validity of the rezoning amendments. Also, asked is a determination as to whether or not the amendments constitute spot zoning or are otherwise illegal and unconstitutional.

The plaintiffs ask that the Town of Edenton and the building inspector be "enjoined and restrained from issuing a building

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### Grant Given

GREENVILLE—Chowan Hospital in Edenton has been granted \$177,000 in capital improvement funds from the Eastern Area Health Education Center and two people associated with the hospital have been named to the board.

The grant from EAHEC was deemed necessary to carry out the educational program proposed by the hospital, according to Dr. F. M. Simmons Patterson, executive director.

Thomas M. Surratt, president of the hospital, said this week no definite plans have been firmed up for the capital improvement program.

Surratt was named to the board of EAHEC along with Dr. Richard Hardin of the medical staff. Surratt was selected to serve on the executive committee.

The eastern unit is one of nine AHEC's in North Carolina. It is a multi-disciplinary program in that the disciplines of medicine, nursing, allied health, dentistry, pharmacy, and public health are involved. The program has as one of its main purposes the improvement of the quality, quantity and distribution by geography of all health personnel.

Through efforts in continuing and clinical education of all health personnel, it is anticipated that there will be an improvement in the delivery of health care in Eastern North Carolina.

The office of AHEC is located in Greenville. It is the largest of AHEC's in North Carolina geographically. Twenty-three counties, 16 hospitals, five community colleges, and six technical institutes are involved in the program.



WORKS FOR EVERY YARD—Willie Holley, the Edenton Aces' tailback and leading rusher, works for more yardage against the Ahsokie Cougars in a shot of the action from last Friday night's game. Winning 24-15, Edenton now plays Greene Central High School in Snow Hill, beginning of the play-offs for the state championship.