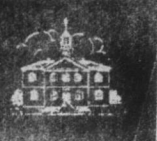


# Gala Yule Parade Is Scheduled At 3 P.M. Today



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### George K. Mack

Better Transportation For North Carolina, Inc., is an organization which George K. Mack would have liked to be identified with along the Public Parade. But he died Monday afternoon, closing the chapter on one of this area's pioneer advocates of improved transportation.

Mr. Mack was 76 when he appeared along the Public Parade from Norfolk to lay out Highway 32 from Edenton to Cross Roads. Two years later he became county engineer and started a program of improving roads and bridges.

When the state took over the roads he became the maintenance engineer for Chowan County. Later he was promoted to district engineer and continued his campaign for better roads until his retirement in 1964.

With rapid transit and other things, we are seeing great strides being made. But not much of it in Northeastern North Carolina. A legislator said recently that at the current rate it will take 77 years to have adequate roads in this area.

However, if changes are experienced in the next 40 years equal to what Mr. Mack experienced in his four decades with the State Department of Transportation, maybe we will be able to not only catch our neighbors but go ahead.

The "Plan of Action" of the new transportation group which was introduced here last week is in line with the philosophy and desires of Mr. Mack. The primary objective is "to foster, promote, and encourage . . . a constructive program for the development and maintenance of a highway and comprehensive transportation system which will adequately serve the present and future needs of the people of North Carolina."

Mr. Mack might have brought in the boundary lines a bit, but nevertheless, his name and good roads are synonymous.

### Concerns Confirmed

It is difficult to put your finger on a bird. It is equally as difficult to put your finger on a Byrd associated with East Carolina University. (Pun intended.)

William C. Byrd of the School of Allied Health and Social Professions and Office of Community Health Services at ECU, took issue to an editorial published on October 9 dealing with federal law establishing Health Service Agencies in North Carolina.

We called it another move by "Big Brother" to erode local control of future courses in the health field. In his letter published in this newspaper, he wrote:

" . . . if 'Big Brother' abuses us via this particular Act, he will have done so via his own county and regional political processes, not via a Raleigh or Washington agency." This was October 14.

On November 28, Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., dissolved the 21-member convenor group that had established a 66-member HSA board in Area VI. The reason? They went afoul of his mandate, so "Big Brother" defrocked them.

Mr. Byrd further said: "The burden is on local and regional leadership to pick enlightened and

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## County Board Adopts Policy On System

The county-wide water system continues to be the No. 1 priority of Chowan County commissioners. At Monday's meeting the board unanimously adopted a "mutual assistance" policy to encourage innerconnecting with other counties and discussed installation of fire hydrants to improve fire protection.

Melvin Howell, area executive with Farmers Home Administration, appeared at the meeting and said Chowan County is becoming the pattern for others to follow. Perquimans County votes on a bond issue Saturday and preliminary work is being done in Gates County.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore proposed that the county express a willingness to have "mutual assistance" with adjoining counties. This was adopted as a policy.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said the county should actively solicit the cooperation of other counties.

Earlier, Howell said efforts to "put a handle on" the number of additional fire hydrants needed to improve fire protection had been unsuccessful. He noted that more than 90 hydrants are being placed along the system for the primary purpose of servicing the lines. However, they will be available to fill fire trucks, etc.

He suggested that it would be wise to purchase additional hydrants. However, he said this should not be at the expense of the users, but could come from the fire district tax.

Commissioner N. J. George agreed that nothing should be taken from the water system. Chairman Phillips added: "If we can now improve fire protection by adding to the fire district tax I feel rural residents would approve it."

Commissioner David Bateman asked that a suggestion be obtained from someone about the number of hydrants needed for "adequate fire protection."

Following a report from the Agricultural Extension Service, Howell said FmHA is working to broaden the base of the 4-H livestock project. He said the county now has 10 participants who are getting direct FmHA loans.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, said lights will soon

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## Re-elected Board Chairman

C. A. Phillips was re-elected chairman of Chowan County commissioners Monday morning. Phillips, vice president of Edenton Cotton Mills, will serve for a one-year term.

At the same time the board re-elected David Bateman vice chairman and Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, clerk. Mrs. Bunch is also register of deeds.

After considerable discussion no decision was made on selection of a county attorney.

Phillips said he "considers it an

# Dissolved HSA Group Prepares For Battle

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

WILLIAMSTON—A group from Eastern North Carolina is set to do battle with the Holshouser Administration over establishment of a Health Agency System board in Area VI, which includes 29 counties.

The 21-member convenor group dissolved Friday by Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., voted to revert to a Steering Committee. The

committee will make application for recognition by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare as well as elected officials and Lead Regional Organization board members in the four regions involved.

At a meeting here Tuesday night, the "ex-convenors" gave

their chairman, Dr. Louis M. Smith, Jr., of Murfreesboro, a vote of confidence and re-elected him to head the committee.

It was also noted that the Holshouser Administration is moving ahead to establish a new convenor group. The names of 10 appointees were made public. Among them were Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., of Edenton, and R. S. Monds of Hertford.

The convenor group will be composed of providers, consumers and elected officials. Dr. Lucas is appointed as a provider and Monds as an elected official. No consumer representative from Region R has yet been named.

The central question at the meeting here was over local versus state control. It was agreed that Gov. Holshouser had the right to dissolve the convenor group.

The governor and his appointees have been at odds over the size of the area board. The convenors first voted to establish a 100-member board but later reduced the size to 66 members. The administration asked for a 30-member board but agreed to approve a board not to exceed 45 members.

It was argued that the federal law's only reference to board size as that if a board is composed of more than 30 members then an executive committee must be formed. Therefore, resentment was expressed over the administration dictating the size

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AWARDS PRESENTED—Top county 4-H members were recognized Monday night at the annual 4-H Achievement Program. It was held at the Center Hill Community Building. Guest speaker was Raleigh Carver, a Pasquotank County commissioner, who is shown above at left. Award winners, pictured above from the left include: Pat Perry and Al Ward, leadership winners; Marta Rogerson and Bill Jordan, Most Outstanding 4-H'ers; and Marion Dail, county winner in home economics.

## Outstanding 4-H'ers Honored

By Murray Goodwin

Agricultural Ext. Agent Marta Rogerson and Bill Jordan were declared the most outstanding 4-H'ers in Chowan County for 1975 at the annual 4-H Achievement Program held Monday night at Center Hill Community building. One-hundred-fourteen 4-H'ers were recognized for project work and

activities. More than 100 4-H'ers, leaders, and parents were present for the program.

A highly informative program was presented by Raleigh Carver, county commissioner in Pasquotank County about the trip he took to Russia and other communistic countries last May.

Marta, winner of the achievement medal for girls, is Northeastern District 4-H president. This summer she won the state automotive skill driving contest for girls. In the regional contest at Richmond (27 states) she and her partner placed second

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## Banquet Slated

The Booster Club at John A. Holmes High School will have an athletic banquet December 15 at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road, according to Rudolph Dale, president.

Asst. Coach Jerry McGee of Duke University has been engaged as keynote speaker for the banquet. McGee is former head football coach of the Edenton Aces.

honor to serve at your pleasure." He pledged to continue to do his "best as a representative of the board and the county."

Bateman also said he appreciated the confidence and will "work in the best interest of the county."

The chairman announced that he was reappointing the commissioners to the same committees. He expressed the opinion that the board and the committees have functioned "very well" during the past year.

## Choral Society

A concert of Christmas music will be presented Sunday afternoon at Edenton Baptist Church. It will begin at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Shelby Strother will direct the Edenton Choral Society, a 50-voice group made up of citizens of Chowan County and Plymouth. The group is sponsored by College of The Albemarle.

Mrs. Mary Smith is rehearsal pianist and organist.

The concert will include selections from two Bach Charales, a set of Alfred Burt Carols, the beautiful Appalachian carol, "I Wonder and I Wander", and two choruses from the Messiah. An interesting arrangement of Silent Night will also be included.

The public is invited to attend.



George K. Mack

## Illness Claims Mr. Mack, 76

Graveside services were held in Beaver Hill Cemetery Wednesday morning for George Kirby Mack. Rev. Raymond Storie and Rev. Fred Drane officiated.

Mr. Mack, 76, died Monday afternoon in Chowan Hospital following a lingering illness.

A resident of 105 North Granville Street, Mr. Mack was the son of the late Dr. Edward and Mary Kirby Mack. He was the husband of Mrs. Lina Pruden Mack.

He was born January 4, 1899, Norfolk, Va., and moved to Edenton in 1923 with the Highway Commission. His assignment was to lay out Highway 32 from Edenton to Cross Roads.

Mr. Mack became county engineer in 1925 and started a program of road and bridge improvement. When the state took over the road system he became maintenance engineer for Chowan. In 1937 he became district engineer with responsibilities in Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Northampton counties.

Upon his retirement in 1964 he had compiled more than 40 years with the State Department of

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NEW DECORATIONS—Contrasted with the new sidewalks and holly trees, downtown Edenton's wreath and candle-type decorations add to the attractiveness of South Broad Street. The decorations will be turned on today at the conclusion of the Christmas parade.

## Seven Named All-Conference

Seven members of the Edenton Aces grid squad were named to the Northeastern All-Conference team by coaches in the conference.

Placing four on the offensive team and three on the defensive team, Edenton's star performers dominate the squad with no other team placing more than four players all together.

Willie Holley, John Coston, Bruce Morgan, and Win Dale were the offensive picks.

Holley was the Aces leading rusher, playing from the tailback position. Coston, a senior end, and Dale and Morgan, interior linemen fill starting slots on the All-Conference line.

Tackle Tony Pierce, linebacker John Norris, and safety Lonnie White were selected for the defensive unit.

Pierce, a junior, was one of the strong points of the tough Edenton defensive line. Norris, a junior also, was a notable not only as linebacker, but as fullback as well, teaming with Holley. Senior Lonnie White was well known, this season, as the Aces interception man and was also noted for his punt return abilities.

Greg Weeks, a senior guard, and Tommy Nixon, senior safety and team captain, were named All-Conference honorable mention.



ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE—Shown above, left to right, they are: Greg Weeks, Tommy Nixon, Tony Pierce, Lonnie White, and John Norris.



ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE—Shown above, left to right, they are: John Coston, Willie Holley, Bruce Morgan, and Win Dale.