



GADSDEN FLAG—Downtown Edenton has 11 different colorful flags flying from 16 chrome poles erected during the recently completed beautification project. Here Janet Nixon and Minnie Hooper display the Gadsden Flag which is causing a lot of conversation. They are employees at the Bank of North Carolina, N. A. (See Public Parade).

Tourist Center Is Proposed

The Town of Edenton, in an effort to attract more tourism, is developing a schematic design for a multi-purpose conference center that will accommodate 500 people. Funding will be sought through a federal grant.

At the same time, Town Council Tuesday night took the recommendation of the Finance Committee to proceed with a design for expansion of the Municipal Building to provide adequate space for the Police Department. This would be in deference to renovation of the adjacent Woolard Building.

The council approved \$2,000 in "out-of-pocket expense" for design and sketches for the two projects.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell said the

conference center would be an excellent way to attract people to the Edenton area, said the area could capitalize on the assets by providing adequate meeting facilities.

Dr. Allan Hornthal, a councilman, suggested that the council proceed "post haste" with preliminary plans for the facility.

The subject was brought up by W. B. Gardner, town administrator, who said he has contacted the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University in Greenville for possible assistance. He said he was encouraged by the information he received.

Gardner said he was advised that the proper approach was to

get a set of schematics to use in application for a grant.

The administrator said the development of a conference center could lead to construction of much needed additional motel rooms in the area. "The people want to come to Edenton now but there is no place to come to," he stated.

At the same time, Gardner reported that latest Department of Transportation estimates place completion of the U. S. 17 by-pass at 1978.

Councilman Herbert Hollowell said estimates to renovate the interior of the Woolard Building for use by the Police Department had been \$79,700. He said it is anticipated that a 50 per cent federal grant could be obtained for

a new structure since the town owns the property.

His sentiments were echoed by Councilman Jesse Harrell who said it is possible to get a new building to "our specifications for the same money."

In other action, council went on record in opposition to moving the Department of Natural and Economic Resources from a sub-office in Elizabeth City to the Washington area office.

Also, approval was given for water service to George Jones as well as solicitation of bids on the Oakdale sewer project. The Chowan County Bicentennial Committee was given \$1,000 and N. C. State University's School of Design was chosen to do sketches on downtown store fronts.

Public Parade

Protecting A Reputation

We want to be among the first to endorse a progressive Edenton Town Council which is seeking a multi-purpose conference center along the Public Parade. For as many years as we have been a part of this community it has been our contention that we are constant about one thing—that is, coming up short on our share of the smokeless dollars.

One of the first complaints about expansion of tourism hereabouts is the fact that we lack facilities. A conference center to accommodate 500 people would attract ancillary services—such as another motel—which are much needed.

We are encouraged that the Town Council took a positive approach to be project by putting up \$2,000 for schematic design, coupled with a possible addition to the Municipal Building to expand the Police Department. This gives us a renewed faith in our locally elected officials.

It has always been a contention that one reason an area stays little is because it doesn't think big. Dr. Allan Hornthal's recommendation that the council act "post haste" is a healthy sign of new progressivism.

Edenton can be only as big as its leaders think. There are those along the Public Parade who will damn the conference center concept in the same manner as they damned the county-wide water system. The latter is about to become a reality and there is no reason that within the near future an attractive center is keeping with period architecture could be attracting thousands of new people to Edenton annually.

We firmly hold to the conviction that our future is directly connected to our desire to progress by making a bit of our heritage available to those who are willing to pay a reasonable price for it.

Merchandising has been the bulwark of the free enterprise system. A conference center the likes as suggested to the Town Council would provide a package in keeping to our reputation as the hub of progress in the Albemarle. Anything less wouldn't be acceptable.

The Flags Of Edenton

Flags are as American as apple pie. To some they are as sacred as motherhood. There is something special about a flag, something that captures the fancy of people, something that tugs at the heartstrings, something with a sense of lasting.

Dr. Whitney Smith, a foremost authority on flags, wrote in his book, "The Flag Book of The United States", that Americans, more than most other peoples, are a flag-conscious nation. Nevertheless, he writes: "Yet despite their very real loyalty to the United States flag, Americans are surprisingly ignorant about their own flag, as well as the flags of others."

And this is why we want to present here background on some of the 11 different flags which fly from the 16 chrome poles in downtown Edenton.

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Draft Office Will Close

William H. McCachren, State Director of Selective Service, announces that the Selective Service office located in Elizabeth City, will be permanently closed today Thursday. After that date according to McCachren all persons having business with Selective Service should contact State Headquarters, N. C. Selective Service System, 310 New Bern Ave., Raleigh.

McCachren further pointed out that registration with Selective Service is no longer required; nor is there a requirement any longer that Selective Service registrants carry their Selective Service Registration Cards.

Duplicate Registration Cards will not be issued in the future, McCachren added inasmuch as all records from the local Selective Service office have been transferred to the Federal Records Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Rescue Squad Training Course

A 33-hour course in ambulance attendant and OSHA training will be offered in Edenton by the College of the Albemarle. Classes will be held in Unit "B" at Chowan Hospital.

It is designed for squad members, members of ambulance services and other interested people. It will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 P. M. to 10 P. M., beginning February 17 and lasting for five and one-half weeks.

Personnel who complete this course will be certified as ambulance attendants and also meet OSHA requirements.

Murray D. Ashley, director of the Chowan County Civil Preparedness Agency, is course coordinator. He can be reached at the County Office Building or by calling 482-4101 after hours or 482-3111 during the day.

The course outline includes such topics as bandaging and hemorrhage control, airway management, closed chest massage and CPR.



PRESENTED TO CHOWAN HOSPITAL—The Edenton Jaycettes, in cooperation with the Chowan Hospital Board of Trustees, presented a bilirubinometer to the hospital lab last Friday. Mrs. Susan Knighton, lab technician and Jaycette representative, is shown above explaining the machine's use to Tom Shepard, second from right, chairman of the board, and Dr. James N. Slade, pediatrician. A bilirubinometer is used primarily in pediatrics to measure bilirubin level in blood plasma. The new model offers two main advantages over earlier models in that it delivers a reading in less than 30 seconds and requires only a fraction of the blood plasma previously required. It was purchased at a cost of \$975.



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TO COMPETE FOR SCHOLARSHIP—Marta Rogerson, a Chowan High School senior, was selected by a panel of five judges to compete statewide for the 4-H Development Fund Scholarship. She was selected from a field of three finalists, all of whom are active in various levels of 4-H work. The scholarship is open only to students planning to pursue a four year program at one of the state's colleges or universities. Above, Chowan High principal Gilliam Underwood congratulates Marta on her achievement. She competed against Marion Dail, left, who was selected alternate, and Jean Parrish, right. Marta plans to major in marine biology at UNC-Wilmington. Judges were George Lewis of People's Bank, Mrs. Richard Hines, Jr., Mrs. Clement Lucas, Mrs. Blair Stutzman and Underwood.

Meetings Set

Registered Democrats are encouraged to attend meetings in their respective precinct's on February 12 at 8 P.M.

George Alma Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, said the meetings will be held at the following locations:

East Edenton—lobby of County Office Building.

West Edenton—Municipal Building.

Yeopim—Edenton Municipal Airport.

Center Hill—Center Hill Community Building.

Rocky Hock—Rocky Hock Community Building.

Wardville—Wardville Community Building.

Candidates Announced

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, recently announced the system's nominations for the The Governor's School of North Carolina for 1976.

Joel Hylton, a junior, and Kenneth Pierce, a sophomore, received the honored nomination in the academic area. Receiving the county nomination in the field of performing arts were Robin Harrell, a junior, for instrumental music, and Raymond Tew, a junior, for drama. All four nominees are students at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

The Governor's School of North Carolina is a six week residential program on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem for 400 intellectually gifted and talented North Carolina high school sophomores and juniors. The 1976 session will run from July 5 to August 14.

The school is operated by a Board of Governors under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education.

Final student selection will not be known until April 12.

Regional Pork Conference Begins Thursday

The 1976 Regional Pork Conference will be held on Thursday, at the Edenton Jaycee Building. This event is for all swine producers in Northeastern North Carolina and will bring to

Urged To Attend

The Albemarle Area Development Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Agriculture Extension Building in Elizabeth City. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

Raleigh Carver, president, asks that a representative group be present from each of the 10 counties in the area.

Compromise Is Reached On Board Make - Up

The Health Service Area board for Eastern North Carolina has been selected with 53 members. Thirteen of them are from the 10-county Albemarle Area.

This was concluded with the final compromise agreed to by the latest Convener Group appointed by Gov. Holshouser, Jr., and chaired by Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., of Edenton.

The group has originally decided on a 30-member board, after an earlier group had sought approval of a 66-member board. Later the board was expanded to 47 members, but it was determined that it consisted of too many public officials.

Dr. Lucas had suggested that a remedy would be expansion to a 53-member board with additional "consumers" appointed. Region "R" got one additional appointee under the system approved at a meeting in Greenville.

He stated that additional minority and women representation would be most helpful in that approximately 33 per cent of the area residents are minority with 13 per cent on the HSA board and four women, which represents only a fraction of a percentage.

T. R. Spruill, chairman, Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, announced Tuesday the addition of Dr. E. W. Furguson of Washington County to serve on the board for the 29-county area.

Spruill said each of the 10-county board of commissioners in Region "R" designated their representative, and the three elected by the commission came through nominees from the counties. In turn, all of the nominees were finally confirmed by the Governor's Convener Committee.

The membership from Region "R" will be: F. J. Williams, Camden County; Tom Surratt, Chowan; Charlie Dozier, Currituck; H. R. Langley, Dare; Bill Burgess and H. L. Mitchell, Gates; W. J. Lupton, Hyde; W. R. Carver and Dr. C. B. Jones, Jr., Pasquotank; Ms. Frances Voliva, Tyrrell; Spruill and Dr. Furguson, Washington; and Ms. Ila Gray White Perquimans.

Other regional membership consists of 10 members from Region "L", 11 members from Region "Q", and 19 from Region "P".

The first HSA board meeting with the full membership will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in Greenville at the Willis Building.



PREPARE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY—Melvin Howell, right, Farmers Home Administration executive in the area, and Mrs. Ila Gray White, area nutrition specialist, are pictured with four men from Washington, D. C., who were here last week preparing for a 17-day class to study program in rural development in Edenton and Chowan County. James Weaver, left, and Dick Blue represent AID while John Steele and Bill Litwiller are employees of the USDA. Some 35 AID employees in foreign countries will participate in this unique study of this area. Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, coordinated the advance group's visit to talk with local leaders.