

# Further Budget Cuts Needed

Beginning with a preliminary working of budget of \$650,882, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education began Monday night to reduce the local asking to \$600,000 in anticipation of not being funded at a higher level by the Chowan County Commissioners. That preliminary figure was obtained by the board at a special meeting, last Thursday night.

Approved was a \$610,047 figure and authorization for Dr. John Dunn to further the reduction another \$10,000 before the May 15 deadline for submission.

The board moved to delete a Health Occupations program for Holmes High School, a janitorial position, a secretarial position, a maintenance crew position, and supplies and fixed charges connected with it, bringing about an initial reduction of \$33,835. They coupled that with another

\$7,000 reduction in contingency funds.

These reductions were made from the categories of instructional programs and supportive services, which together had totaled \$617,416. Capital outlay projects still total \$75,733.

Not budgeted is \$79,664, the balance of insurance money received from the D.F. Walker School fire. The board indicated that they will request that those funds be placed in their control.

An average 5 per cent pay increase for teachers is planned, and the board will request that \$40,000 in maintenance funds be supplemented with another \$25,000 for supplies.

In order to upgrade the typing departments in both high schools, Dr. Dunn has included a request for \$16,000 to be spent in

purchasing electric typewriters. Presently the local funds budget is \$62,000 greater than the \$538,000 appropriated in fiscal 1975-76. Together with federal and state funds, the total operating budget for the schools is greater than \$3-million.

The board of education would like to see more interplay on the part of the community in school affairs, and with that in mind a three-member committee composed of Mrs. Emily Amburn, Dr. Edward G. Bond, and Dr. J.H. Horton will consider the possibility of additional board meetings to be held at each individual school, perhaps on a rotating basis. These meetings would serve to involve parents in philosophical discussions concerning education, as well as objectives and goals.

The board agreed that the

business mechanics and topics of regular meetings do not reach the interests of the community.

The committee will present a plan at the June board meeting.

New text books were adopted. Don Lassiter, director of instruction, listed new texts for English grammar-composition at high school level, math for grades 2-12, French II for high school and exploratory career texts for grades 7 and 8.

He said that textbooks are getting expensive. Texts for academic subjects run around \$8 each while vocational texts are approximately \$15.

The ESAA pilot project has been approved, and the board was informally notified that it will be funded at a level of \$215,000. However the ESAA basic project has been placed on fiscal hold to be resubmitted



**MAKING WAY FOR PROGRESS**—The Woolard Building on Water Street came tumbling down this week to make way for the proposed Municipal Building Annex. The annex will house the Edenton Police Department. The property is adjacent to the newly developed Colonial Park. (See Public Parade).

## Public Parade

Mrs. John G. Wood

Mrs. John G. Wood died Wednesday night. And in her death this community and the entire Albemarle Area has lost a dear citizen, a gracious lady.

Mrs. Wood loved her family and her friends. She loved life. She especially loved this season of the year when beautiful flowers began making their impact on the landscape.

She had been blessed with extremely good health. This is one reason that her sudden death at the age of 77 set off such shock waves. But she died as if it was the last page in her plan of life.

Mrs. Wood had joined a group of other volunteers Wednesday morning to arrange flowers in the Cupola House for the Edenton Symposium. Without any sign of warning she was stricken and died later that night at Chowan Hospital.

She was a generous supporter of historic preservation along the Public Parade, including the Cupola House and Gardens. And it was Mrs. Wood who was one of the prime movers in the landscape plan at the hospital. She was doing the thing she loved when stricken and died at a place where her talent had increased the beauty.

Mrs. Leila Budlong Wood was outspoken in regards to this community and the direction it would take. But one appreciated her frankness and her charming manner.

The Lady of Hayes was sincere about everything she undertook. She was a good listener. When it was needed though, she could sting with her disagreement, only in a manner which left the opposition appreciating her position.

She put her audience at ease. This is an art most people always pursue but which few achieve. She was a step further, she mastered it.

The mystery of death is often times compounded. In this case it is somewhat reassuring. The Lady of Hayes died as she had lived — a gracious lady.

## On The Waterfront

The Woolard Building on Water Street was quickly removed from the scene along the Public Parade this week. In due time the Town of Edenton plans to construct a Municipal Building Annex on the site.

All of this has come by accident, rather than by design. The town should have owned the property long before it fell into the hands of John H. Woolard. Fortunately, Mr. Woolard made an offer the town could ill afford to turn down so no real harm resulted.

The Edenton waterfront is a thing of beauty. And it hasn't cost the taxpayers a great deal of money. It could, however, be improved; again, without a great expense to the taxpayers.

Tourism and beautification are in vogue. This has taken the place of housing and other items in the list of priorities which attract state and federal dollars. As in other instances, Edenton is in a position to capitalize on the availability of these funds because we can put them to work when it is popular to do so.

Waterfront development began with the location of the Barker House on Edenton Bay. This was

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## Churches Begin Clothing Closet

The Emergency Aid of Edenton, formed in recent months through the cooperation of several Edenton churches, announces the opening of its Emergency Aid Clothing Closet this week.

Mrs. Alton Elmore, director, has said that the hours that persons may come to select clothing will be 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Mondays and Thursdays. At special request and to accommodate persons in need, the closet can be opened at other times when an emergency arises.

Mrs. Elmore said that the Department of Social Services and the Home-School Department of the Edenton-Chowan Schools are especially aware of the creation of this service to Chowan residents and will help in pointing persons to the closet. Other groups can help make the facility used to its fullest potential.

Located on the second floor of the Bank of North Carolina, N.A., the Clothing Closet will be staffed by volunteers from five churches. These persons will sort, label and prepare clothing for distribution. They will also help persons select the garments.

A small charge will be made for the clothing that should not in any

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## Hearing Set

A public hearing on the Chowan County and Town of Edenton land-use plans will be conducted at 8 P.M. Tuesday at the Municipal Building. The plans have been completed for submission to the Coastal Resources Commission.

Jud Little, planner, said the county commissioners and Town Council must take action on the plan prior to May 21, a requirement of the Coastal Area Management Act.

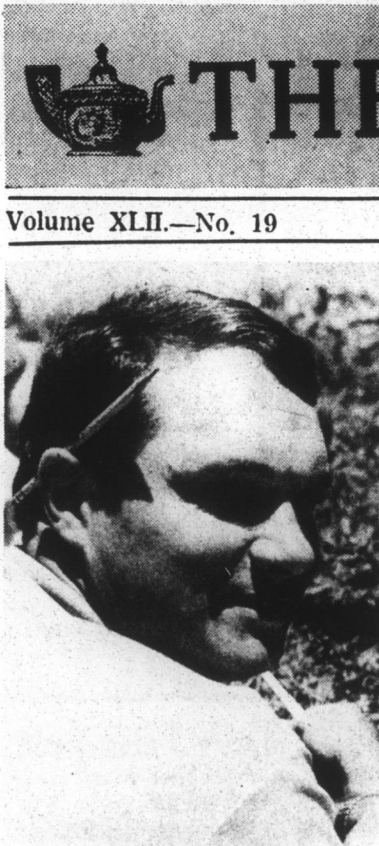
The plan includes information about the town and county, objectives, maps and recommendations for future development.

"Before the plans can be approved citizens can offer their suggestions and comments," Little said. He added that there has been little interest from citizens who will be affected by the act.

No one showed up to offer input at last week's meeting of the Chowan County Planning Board.



**SYMPOSIUM SUCCESSFUL**—More than 30 people participated in the biennial Edenton Symposium on History, Architecture and Furnishings here last week. Mrs. Allen Hornthal, center, was chairman of the popular event with featured popular speakers on interesting subjects. Mrs. Ross Inglis, right, is chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, sponsor. At right is Mrs. Catherine Cockshutt of Raleigh who was among the visiting lecturers.



Coach Jimmy Addison

## Aces Head Coach Resigns

Jimmy Addison, head coach of the Edenton Aces football team, has resigned to accept the head coach position at West Forsyth High School. The board of education regretfully accepted his resignation Monday night.

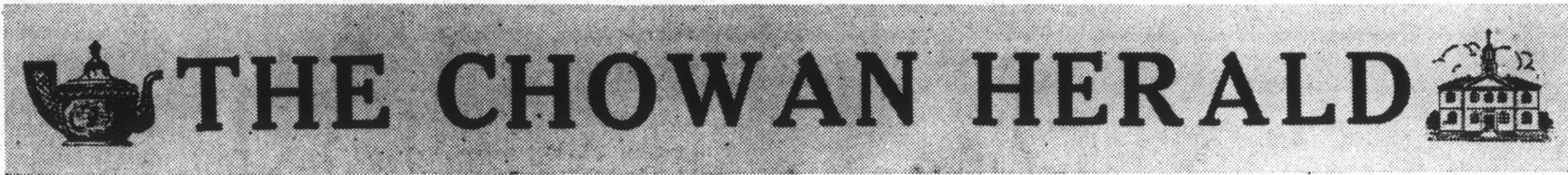
During his three-year term in Edenton, Addison's Aces amassed a 28-4 record, including last season's conference title, and now he is looking to aid West Forsyth in building a winning team, something he said they haven't known in many years.

"They want a winning football program," he said, "and from what I gather it has been going down steadily."

Addison said that the personnel at 4-A West Forsyth appears to be good, but proper attitudes and the willingness to make the necessary commitments appear to be lacking.

Edenton's success in the sport, he commented, stems mainly from the fact that the Aces are used to winning and are mentally tough, and that the support of the administration has been

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## County Disagrees With Requirements

Chowan County commissioners this week balked at the requirement by the Coastal Resources Commission that population projections be included in the county's land-use plan. This was one of the items included in comments on the acceptability of the second draft synopsis.

Commissioners said the population of the county hinges on economic growth and any projections at this time for the next five, 10, 25, or 50 years would not be realistic.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said the county should continue to strive for orderly development. "Who is to say what it (the population) will be 25 or 50 years from now?" he asked.

The intent of the county, according to a motion unanimously

passed, is to continue to strive for orderly, planned agricultural, economic, industrial and civic growth.

Commissioner David Bateman said earlier that the economic conditions will determine the county's growth . . . not some figure taken off the top of the hat.

Jud Little, planner, said the lack of a population projection in the plan had been criticized by reviewers on the state level. This was evidenced by comments in a letter to the county from Thomas Eure, CRC chairman.

Commissioners generally disagreed with CRC requirements for the plan. It was the expressed feeling that the Coastal Area Management Act places further restrictions on property owners and reduces local government control.

Along the same time, the county voted not to participate in a State Division of Youth Services program on delinquency until the need is evident. Chowan is one of only nine counties in the state now participating in the program. Commissioners said this should not influence their decision, after hearing that in the past two years six children have been sent to state training schools and only one

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## Mrs. Wood Dies

Graveside services were held at noon Friday for Mrs. Leila Budlong Wood of Hayes Plantation. She was 77.

The services were held at Beaver Hill Cemetery with Rev. Raymond Storie and Rev. Fred Drane officiating.

Mrs. Wood died in Chowan Hospital Wednesday night after suffering a sudden illness earlier in the day at the Cupola House. Mrs. Wood was active in historic preservation, community and church projects.

A native of Belford, N.J., she was the daughter of the late O. Wadsworth and Anna Doyle Budlong. She was the widow of John Gilliam Wood.

Surviving is a son, J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Mrs. Anna Wood Ragland of Raleigh; and six grandchildren.

## Robertson Named BNC City Executive

Bank of North Carolina has named William L. (Larry) Robertson as city executive in Edenton, effective June 1, it was announced today

Robertson replaces Verne E. Cayton, former manger, who will move to Raleigh as vice president and operations coordinator. Cayton joined the bank in 1969 and has been in Edenton for the past year.

A newcomer to Edenton, Robertson has been active in the Jaycees and was honored as outstanding Jaycee president, Division II, in 1974. Prior to joining Bank of North Carolina, Robertson was assistant vice president and manager of Central Carolina Bank in Raleigh.

Cayton began his banking career in 1949 and served as assistant vice president of BNC's administrative office, Cayton will

work closely with John Kabas, senior vice president, to standardize the state-wide operations of the bank, and will devote considerable time to

training employees with customer and operational procedures.

Cayton is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club and the Presbyterian Church.



Verne E. Cayton



William L. Robertson