

Invitation Declined

The N. C. Agricultural Leaders People-to-People Delegation has sent out invitations to a summer trip being planned. We got on the list via the delegation leader, J. E. Foil of Raleigh.

It is quite a trip Ed put together with plans to visit Denmark, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, The Soviet Union, Germany and Switzerland in 20 days. It would take a former state extension chairman to pack it all in and for only \$2,477.

We are sorry we have to decline the invitation. We are confident it would be both enjoyable and educational. It always is when Ed meanders along the Public Parade. We assume he is the same elsewhere.

Especially educational when Ed has a few cards in his hand and a few coins on the table. Bon voyage, Ed! Sorry we can't go along to supplement your income.

Breaking Records

Fresh, new breath is being enjoyed by Tidewater Blood Center of the American Red Cross. Monday, for the third consecutive time the quota of 130 pints was exceeded on the regular visit of the bloodmobile.

There were 155 donors, with 147 pints collected during the day at Edenton Baptist Church.

Allan Asbell is volunteer chairman for Edenton Jaycees and is enjoying splendid cooperation from business and industry in his efforts to make the blood-mobile visits successful. He is to be commended for his efforts.

Only a few years ago there was a danger that Chowan Hospital would be short on blood for major operations because few donors were showing up at bloodmobile visits. This is a healthy, new attitude being demonstrated along the Public Parade and one in which all the community can take pride.

Same Old Story

N.C. Department of Transportation officials have compiled figures which show that during the administration of Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., \$787-million in highway construction contracts were awarded.

During the four years, with an equal number of secretaries, the First Division received \$25.1-million—the least amount in the state. The Fourth Division received \$121.7-million.

Except for the U.S. 17 by-pass of Edenton it was the same old story, highwaywise, along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina.

Sec. G. Perry Greene commented: "Each of North Carolina's 14 highway divisions received its fair share of construction funds." We disagree.

"We have worked for the good of all of North Carolina and have sought to provide its citizens, from the mountains to the coast, the best possible roads and highways," he added. We disagree. However, it was said just like expected from a mountain man.

Wrong Direction

The federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has come under fire from many quarters during the past several months. From a bit of "editorial information" distributed by the N. C. State Bar within the week we are not at all surprised.

LEAA, which apparently played a key role in Chowan County not being funded by Economic Development Administration for a courthouse-jail project, has seen fit to award a \$163,000 grant for use in expanding a state-wide attorney disciplinary program.

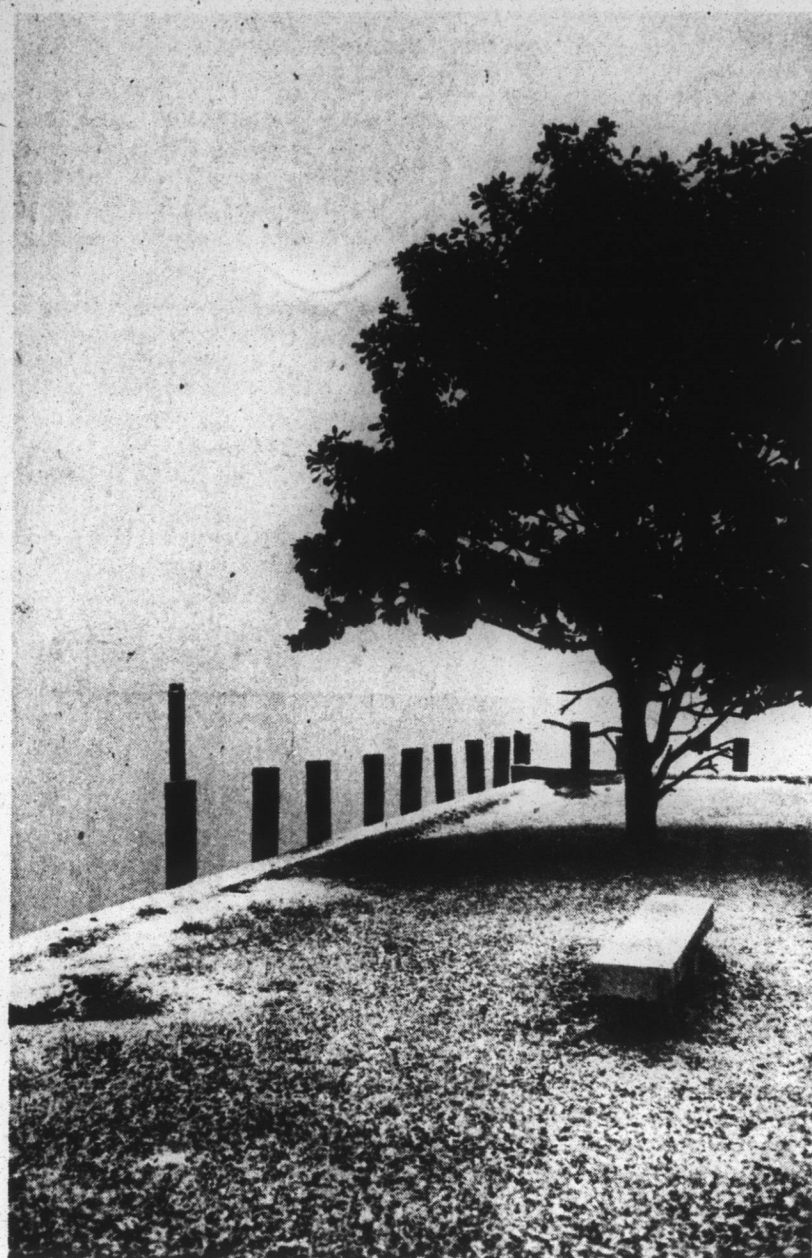
Yes, spending tax dollars to be used by one of the state's strongest and most influential pressure groups to clean its own house.

The State Bar might very well be a creature of the N. C. General Assembly but we cannot see why it is necessary for that group to need anyone's blessing to establish a "disciplinary hearing commission and (to) implement new methods for investigating and disciplining

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SNOWFALL—The new year opened with a light snowfall, last week. It was not enough to hamper movement or close schools, but it did offer a pretty sight for a day or so before melting. A light



blanket covered the yard of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, above left, and remained long enough to be photographed as it did at the waterfront by the Barker House, shown at right.

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Jaycee Week High Yield Reported Proclaimed

Mayor Roy L. Harrell signed a proclamation Monday that joins Edenton with other communities across the nation in the observance of National Jaycee Week, January 16-22.

Alton Clark, Edenton Jaycee president, reported that a number of activities are planned in conjunction with the occasion.

While officially the week doesn't begin until Sunday, one of the club's biggest events, the Distinguished Service Award banquet, will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Jaycee Community Building on the Base Road, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Leo Shillito of Hickory will be guest speaker, and Mayor Harrell will present the award. Social hour will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

A Prayer Breakfast for Jaycees, their wives and children will be held Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Local ministers have been invited to attend. At 11 A. M. Jaycees and families will attend worship service at one of the local churches. Clark stated that about 60 Jaycee families are expected to participate.

Monday will be radio day and club members taking the place of regular announcers at WCDJ will tell of the various projects un-

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Two thousand eight hundred and ninety six is the magic number. It is the peanut yield average for Chowan County in 1976.

H. O. West, executive director of the ASCS office here, noted that is the third highest average yield ever recorded. The highest was 3,338 pounds in 1973. In 1974 the average yield was 2,508 pounds per acre.

In 1976 there were 459 farms in the county on which peanuts were grown. The total yield was 17,686,690 from 6,108.3 acres.

At the same time West announced that 1977 peanut allotment notices were mailed December 16. Allotments remained at the same level as 1976.

Lease, sale and transfer of peanuts will be permitted for 1977 and can be filed from now until April 1.

Acreage transfers on peanuts will be based on the farm's average five-year yield (1972-76) and both the operator and owner of the transferring farm must sign the agreement, along with any lienholder on the farm.

Grant Aids Radio Project

Communications in the Edenton Police Department are being upgraded and a tentative contract in the amount of \$31,518 has been awarded.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, told the Town Council at a regular meeting Tuesday night that the local share of the cost is \$1,576, with the balance coming from an Albemarle Law & Order grant.

Also, council voted to spend \$3,500 to improve radio communications for volunteer firemen. Monitors will be purchased to remedy a problem which has developed because of the influx of CB radios.

Dr. Richard Hardin, chairman

of Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission, presented for council's consideration proposed new by-laws for the commission. Like consideration will be asked Chowan County commissioners.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell appointed a committee to study possible areas for future annexation. On the committee besides himself are Councilmen Allen Hornthal, Herbert Hollowell and Earrol Flynn and Gardner.

Gardner reported that a \$500,000 Community Development Grant application had been filed.

The administrator also reported that tax collections have been excellent. He said at the end of December 77.3 per cent of the levy had been collected.

He informed council members that the town had spent \$11,589.70 in legal fees in regards to the rezoning of property on Virginia Road.

Gardner further presented the possible problem with alligator

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Project Delayed

The expansion of the Nutrition Project by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission include Chowan County was delayed when the sponsors ran into a problem with locations.

It was announced last week that registration would be held January 6 at Providence Baptist Church. However, proper arrangements could not be made with the church.

The group has now requested use of the administrative building of Edenton Housing Authority on Blades Street. A called meeting of the housing authority commissioners has been called for 5 P. M. today (Thursday) for a presentation of the program and consideration of the request.



W. A. (Bill) Perry

Perry President Fair Association

W.A. (Bill) Perry of Edenton was elected president of the N.C. Agricultural Fair Association during their convention held January 6-7 at the Hotel Villa in Greensboro. He takes that post after serving as vice president last year and member of the board of directors during the past six years.

Approximately 400 people representing some 70 fairs attended the event.

Perry has served locally as chairman of the Chowan County Fair which is sponsored by the Edward G. Bond, Post 40, American Legion. It is a job he has

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Hospital Seeks More Physicians

The board of directors of Chowan Hospital, Inc., plan to seek additional doctors for the area with the blessing of the medical staff. This was discussed at the board's annual meeting January 6 after reorganization which saw J. Gilliam Wood named chairman.

Wood and Jesse L. Harrell, a former chairman who is returning to the board, spoke to the necessity of additional members of the medical community to assure greater level of census.

Afterwards, Dr. Robert E. Lane, vice president of medical affairs, "assured the board that the medical staff would be very much in favor of increased physician manpower and would do all it could to assist the board in accomplishing this."

Wesley Chesson, Jr., immediate past chairman of the Finance Committee, reiterated the numerous steps that had been taken by the committee and Thomas M. Surratt, president, to hold costs at the very lowest level and said he believed that this had been accomplished.

A strong vote of appreciation was given Surratt, who resigned recently to become administrator of Carteret County Hospital in Morehead City. He was cited for "the splendid job that had been done and the many accomplishments that had been made in the past nine years in health care".

A vote of appreciation also was given Thomas Shepard, retiring chairman, and Chesson for their services to the hospital during their tenure on the board.

In addition to Wood, the newly elected officers are: Melvin Howell, vice chairman; Fahey Byrum, secretary; and Harrell, treasurer.

New board members and their appointing bodies are: Harrell, Chowan County commissioners; Mrs. J. H. Horton, Town of Edenton; Pete Thompson, Joint Committee; and W. A. Whichard, Board of Directors.

Surratt expressed concern over

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Tax Assistance

Wayne L. Hamilton, local revenue officer for the N. C. Department of Revenue, advises that personnel to assist in filing state income and intangible tax returns will be available on Wednesday of each week through April 15 in the local office.

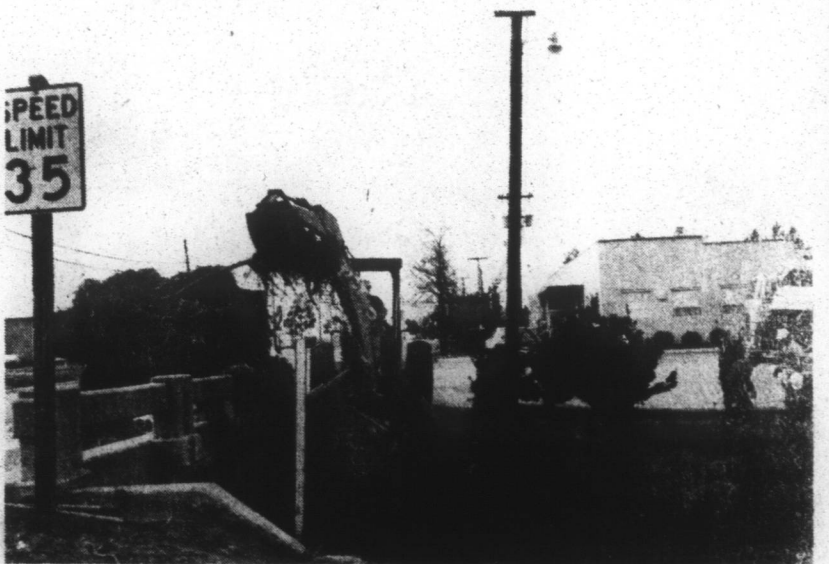
The office is located at 102 West Eden Street and assistance is available on Wednesdays between 8 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Hamilton requests that taxpayers bring pre-addressed forms which were mailed to them from Raleigh.

Taxpayers filing their own returns should mail those which indicate a refund to N. C. Department of Revenue, P. O. Box R, Raleigh, N. C., 27634. Other completed returns should be mailed to N. C. Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 25000, Raleigh, N. C., 27640.



OBSERVANCE PROCLAIMED—Mayor Roy L. Harrell, above left, is shown with Alton Clark, Jaycee president, after proclaiming January 16-22 as Jaycee Week in Edenton. Numerous activities are planned in conjunction with the nationwide observance.



CLEARING CREEK—Workmen with the Town of Edenton this week began removing alligator weed from around and beneath Filbert's Creek bridge on Queen Street. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, stated that the water-borne plant is dormant during the winter, but will begin growing again as warmer weather sets in. The clean-up operation was made easier by the weed breaking loose and drifting down to the bridge where it could be reached for removal. Gardner also stated that the town is working toward obtaining an EPA approved herbicide in an attempt to put an end to the pesky problem.