

## Welcome Students

We want to be among the first to welcome students who will be attending the Eastern District of N.C. Association of Student Councils to meander along the Public Parade.

"Edenton ready for student convention" was the heading the local PR agent put on the story elsewhere in today's paper. But we hardly think Edenton can be totally ready for 300 of you if you have the energy of the five who put their feet under our table.

We do think you will find that every detail has been addressed, except the weather. And even the school teachers haven't tackled that.

It appears that you have a full, interesting agenda and we assure you that you are among the finest people anywhere as you meander along the Public Parade. We ain't perfect but we have acquired the ability to keep it covered up pretty well.

### John F. White

It had been seven years since he moved from Paradise, that beautiful 18th century home in the country along the Public Parade. Yet, John F. White and Paradise were synonymous.

His journey into true Paradise early last Thursday morning could not, therefore, be called lateral. His departure did remove from the local scene an institution which may never be duplicated.



In more than 50 years of practice of law and 10 regular and two special sessions of the N.C. General Assembly, he earned an enviable reputation as being the advocate for the underdogs. He was a little man in stature but the bigness of his heart may never be repeated.

Although he had been in declining health for several years he maintained vigor in the courtroom and is the last of the "old school" defense attorneys in our area. At times his shouts could be heard at Hayes. When courtroom procedures became more "dignified" a part of his personality went with it.

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## Vandals Hit Two Schools

Schools in Edenton have been the target of vandalism during the past week, according to Police Chief J.D. Parrish.

Principal James A. Kinion of D.F. Walker Junior High School has reported that some 100 windows have been damaged at an estimated cost of some \$500. Three youths are involved and their parents have agreed to pay for the damage to avoid criminal prosecution.

At 7:01 A.M. Monday, Principal Ralph Cole reported that two entries had been made at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School over the weekend. One was through the boiler room and a second through an unlocked window in the cafeteria.

Flour, sugar, peanut butter, etc., was spread on the floor and walls of the cafeteria.

## Death Claims Mr. White

John F. White, 501 North Broad Street, died in Albemarle Hospital last Thursday. He was 74.

Mr. White was a former legislator and prominent Edenton attorney.

He was a native of Chowan County, born April 16, 1902, son of the late Sidney J. and Mary Goodwin White. He was married to Mrs. Carolyn Bunch White, who survives.

Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn W. Raines of Edenton; two brothers: Fred White of Edenton; and Lloyd White of Bamberg, S.C.; a sister, Mrs. George Bunch of Edenton and three grandchildren.

John Fernando White was an attorney for more than 50 years. He graduated from Wake Forest University and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1926. He was judge of Chowan County Recorder's Court as well as solicitor. He served 10 regular and two special

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## Application Filed Again

A second application for amendment to the Town of Edenton Zoning Ordinance to allow a shopping center to be built on Virginia Road at U.S. 17 by-pass was filed Tuesday.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the application is from W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard P. Burroughs. It deals with the same 10-acre tract which was the subject of a suit brought by N.J. George and other local citizens.

The N.C. Court of Appeals reversed the opinion of Judge Elbert Peel in Chowan County Superior Court on a technical error by the town regarding an advertisement for a public hearing.

The N.C. Supreme Court last week honored a petition to hear the question of re-zoning a 10-acre tract on the other side of Virginia Road from R-20 to Highway Commercial.

"This amendment is being applied for based upon the comprehensive land development plan of the Town of Edenton prepared by the Division of Community Planning...dated May, 1968, upon the grounds that construction of the new...by-pass has substantially changed or will change the character and use of land in the immediate vicinity of the intersection..." the application states.

It is further stated that the requested amendment "is in fact not only compatible but complementary to the present use classification of the adjoining property where the Edenton United Methodist Church proposes to build a house of Christian worship."

In other actions taken by the Town Council, a six-member landscape Committee was appointed to work in cooperation with the students from the N. C. State University School of Design. Those appointed include Mrs. Mary Alice Jordan, Mrs. Marsha Crandall, Mrs. Peggy Vaughan, R.

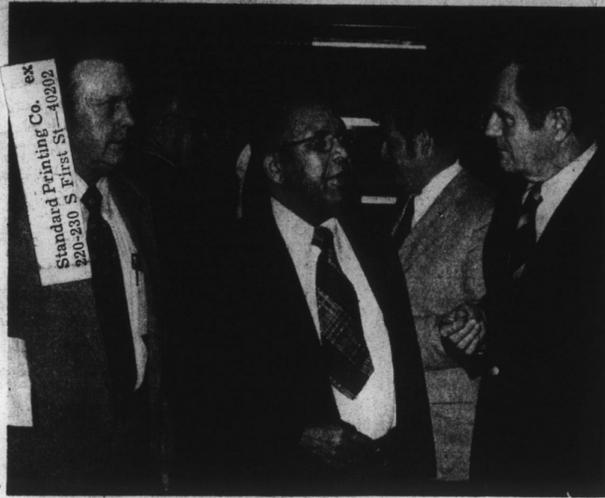
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## Record Set

The Red Cross Bloodmobile broke all records in Chowan County during a visit here Monday. There were 215 donors with 196 units of blood collected.

Allan Asbell, Jaycee volunteer chairman, had announced a quota of 175 units, some 50 more than previous quotas which had been exceeded on three consecutive visits.

Asbell reported 42 new donors. WBXB-FM operated remote from the Fellowship Hall of Edenton Baptist Church throughout the visit.



**GROUPS DISCUSS HIGHWAYS** — The major topic of conversation at a joint meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association and the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns last Thursday at Angler's Cove was highways. In the picture at left, J. Gilliam Wood, right, a former highway commissioner, talks with E.V. Wilkins of Roper, center, newly named



to the Secondary Roads Council, and Lester Copeland, a Chowan County commissioner. Dr. Vance Hamilton of Raleigh, center, community development specialist, is shown in the picture at right with State Sen. Melvin Daniels, right, and R.L. Stevenson of Hertford AADA president. (Other Pictures on Page 10-B).

# 'Go For Broke' Stand Taken On Roads

The Albemarle Area is again "going for broke" with regards to gaining better highways. This was the decision made last Thursday night at a joint meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association and Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns.

The two groups met with State Sens. Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City and J.J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, both of whom hold important transportation posts in the General Assembly; and Rep. W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor.

After a review of past activities by Postmaster Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City, who has been a prime mover toward better roads, it was decided to reactivate the Highway Committee.

Also, it was agreed that a new list of priorities would be drafted and work to begin as soon as possible on the top priority project.

At the same time the group endorsed a bond referendum being discussed in the legislature.

Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank County, vice-chairman of the AACT, urged the group to unite

and make a concerted effort toward getting action.

Sen. Daniels said the area "back and picked the right governor" and should experience some good results. He declared that the current seven-year plan doesn't treat "us very kindly."

He predicted that the plan would either be wiped out or drastically altered.

Sen. Harrington said he felt the area "would get all the attention money will allow." He said he would give priority to U.S. 264 and 158.

The senator said there has been

highway dollars left in Washington, D.C., primarily because North Carolina was not aggressive enough.

Rep. White addressed the Coastal Area Management Act briefly, saying it had many good points but the act needs some cleaning up. Sen. Harrington said in his opinion the General Assembly will get down to brass tacks regarding CAMA.

Postmaster Culpepper said the 1971 priority list was not developed on emotions or personal needs. "It may be that we messed each other up along the way," he added.



**NEW CHAIRMAN, NEW HANDBOOK** — E.L. Hollowell, right, of Edenton, chairman of the Chowan College Board of Trustees, and Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, examine copy prepared for the 1977-78 "Student Handbook" with Student Government Association President, A. Craig Gaither of Enfield. The publication was recently rewritten under the supervision of the Division of Student Development with input from students, faculty and staff members. It will be printed by students and faculty members in Chowan's distinctive Department of Graphic Arts and Photography. The "Student Handbook" is the primary source of information used in orientation programs scheduled for this summer for freshmen and transfer students and their parents.

# Tunis Plant May Close

(From The Herald, Ahoskie)

**TUNIS** — The increasing cost of emergency natural gas may force the closing of CF Industries, it has been learned.

The possibility also exists, according to CF executive, that the facility will be moved outside North Carolina, where natural gas rates are cheaper.

According to Donald V. Borst, executive vice president of CF at the Chicago main office, rulings by the State Utilities Commission are forcing the firm to pay the highest natural-gas cost in North America.

CF Industries, the state's major consumer of natural gas, and other Tar Heel industrial firms are being forced to bear the lion's share of excess costs of emergency natural gas while

residential and light industrial customers pay lower regular prices, according to Borst.

He contended that other states have more equally distributed the increased costs of natural gas in the wake of shortages during this winter of record cold weather.

Let everyone share in the higher cost of energy," said Borst.

He said the cost of emergency natural gas for the Tunis operation has risen to \$2.58 per 1,000 cubic feet. The fertilizer complex on the Chowan River uses about 20,000 cubic feet per day.

He said he has heard reports that Transco, the Texas-based firm that supplies North Carolina's gas, is talking of purchasing natural gas, at \$3.25 per 1,000 cubic feet.

At this price, Borst said, there is

no way that the Tunis operation could continue to produce nitrogen fertilizer at a price farmers could afford to pay.

The Tunis operation, according to Borst, produces 360,000 tons of nitrogen products annually, about 16 per cent of the requirements of farmers in eight Southeastern states, including North Carolina and Virginia.

Nitrogen fertilizer, particularly vital for corn and cotton crops, is expected to be scarce this spring due to a cutoff of natural gas to CF Industries and other nitrogen plants during the worst of the winter weather.

Natural gas supplies for CF Industries were discontinued shortly after the first of the year and only resumed the first of this

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Currently 60 students are taking advantage of the facility. There are 24 in the HSD program, 26 in the GED study and 10 who are broadening their knowledge in the general interest areas. Renegar says he would like to at least double this number.

The IIC is open five days a week: Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.; Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 1 P.M.; and each evening, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 until 9:30 o'clock. Students study at their own rate of speed, and there is always someone there to offer individual help whenever it is needed.

Renegar said he will be pleased to talk with anyone who is interested in expanding their education. It's as easy as picking up the telephone and calling 482-4745, or visiting him at the IIC so he can explain how easy it is to get started.

The former Hatteras School principal received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Wake Forest University in 1970. He taught in the Kinston public schools until 1973, and received his masters degree in Education from East Carolina University in 1974.

He is married to the former Julia Gaither of Elizabeth City, and the couple are the parents of one daughter, two-and-one-half year old Julia Wood.



Douglas M. Renegar