

## Public Parade

### Work Ethic

Judge Grafton G. Beaman believes in the work ethic. Tuesday in Chowan County District Court he passed the theory along to a defendant.

Judge Beaman thinks a man who doesn't have a job should make it his job to seek gainful employment. While the able jurist recognizes that jobs along the Public Parade are difficult to come by these days, he feels an able bodied person who sincerely wants to work can find employment.

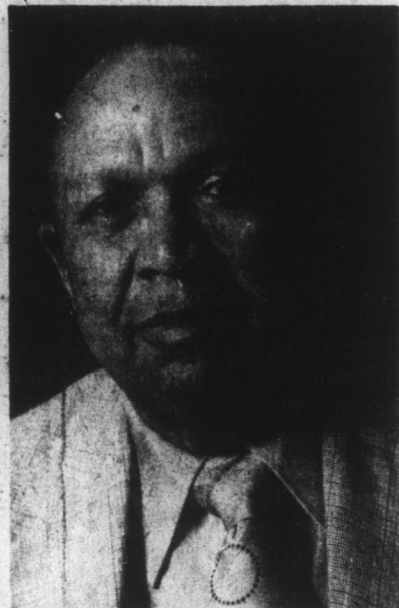
"You can't just register with the Employment Security Commission then sit back and wait for someone to call you," he told the young defendant who admitted to being nearly \$900 behind in support payments.

"If I was unemployed I would make it my job trying to get a job," he lectured.

The defendant was given until August 30 to either become employed or show up in court with 50 letters from employers saying he had applied for a job. "You may have to contact 100 or more to get 50 letters, but if you work from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., five days a week it can be done," the jurist said.

The Beaman theory may take a little leg work, which is more than the man has done since the judgment was handed down in September, 1976. We predict it won't hurt him a bit. He may find working to get a job might even improve his attitude.

And he may find it is easier to go to work than to have a job of finding a job. Work really isn't all that bad.

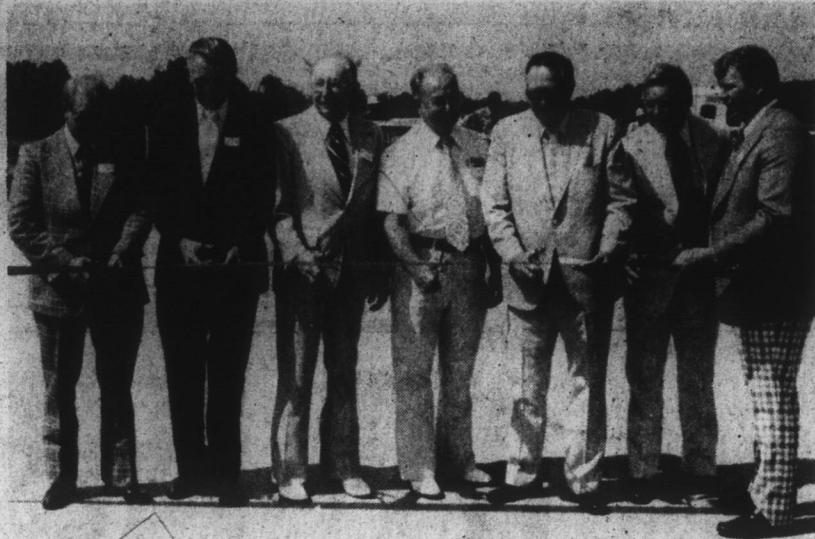


### More Than 'Token'

Mayor E.V. Wilkins of Roper has catapulted into the big league of politics with the Hunt Administration. Last week his appointment to the State Ports Authority may have set some record. It was his second major appointment in the first seven months of the Democratic seizure of state government.

One of Gov. Jim Hunt's first round of major appointments was to the 14-member Secondary Roads Council of the State Department of Transportation. Mayor Wilkins was named to represent the First Highway Division.

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**RIBBON CUTTING**—There were plenty of scissors available Monday to cut a ribbon officially opening the \$12.3-million U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton. Left to right are: Mayor Pro Tem James C. (Pete) Dail, Melvin Daniels, Rep. Stanford White, Rep. Vernon James, J. (Monk) Harrington, C. A. Phillips, and Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr.



**VISITORS AT DEDICATION**—Several counties and towns in the Albemarle Area were represented at the dedication Monday. Left to right are: Thomas Gray of Dare County; Riley S. Monds, Jr., of Perquimans County; and Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank

## Dedication 'Kick-Off' For Roads

Dedication Monday of the \$12.3-million U.S. 17 by-pass of Edenton was hailed as the "kick off" for greater improvements in the transportation system in North-eastern North Carolina.

Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., of Raleigh, agreed with the statement of State Sen. J.J. (Monk) Harrington and cited action by the Albemarle Area Highway Committee as the method for quicker realization of requests.

At the same time, Sec. Bradshaw noted that when the Edenton project was made a part of a state plan, the cost was set at \$6-million. "Ten years from now it would probably cost \$25-million or more," he said in pointing out the need for approval in November of a \$300-million road bond referendum.

"At stake is the vitality of the road-building program in North Carolina," he said. And while defeat of the referendum would not stop efforts to build and maintain a first-rate highway system in the state, the secretary said "our ability to meet that challenge would be seriously compromised."

Sec. Bradshaw called Monday's dedication "a very happy occasion" and one which shows

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**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**—Construction of a 7-Eleven food store, under a franchise owned by Carter Bell Corporation of Norfolk, is now in progress across from S & R Supermarket on West Queen Street Extended. Completion date for the 40' x 60' convenience store is expected to be October, reported Ralph Parrish, head of the Town of Edenton Inspection Department. He noted that the building permits were issued in March and construction got underway at the first of April.

# Opponents Of Rezoning Sway Council Decision

Opponents of a three-year struggle to have property adjacent to U.S. 17 by-pass rezoned for business use won another round Tuesday night as Edenton Town Council denied petitions calling for Shopping Center and Highway Commercial classifications.

In other action, council voted unanimously to rezone a 26.79-acre tract adjacent to Mexico Road and Highway 32 from R-20 (residential-farming) to Highway Commercial. This is the first quadrant at the by-pass to gain a favorable vote for business use.

The votes on two petitions from

W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard Burroughs were identical, 3-3, with Mayor Roy L. Harrell casting the tie-breaking "no" vote. Voting in favor of the petitions were Dr. Allen Hornthal, Harry Spruill and James C. (Pete) Dail. In opposition were W.H. Hollowell, Jr., Errol Flynn and Jesse L. Harrell.

Efforts were being made by the developers to have 10 acres on the south side of Highway 32 rezoned Highway Commercial and a like amount of property on the north side rezoned to Shopping Center. There is a case on appeal to the

N.C. Supreme Court concerning designation of the tract on the north side as Highway Commercial. This rezoning was approved by the Town Council and the action was upheld by the Court of Appeals. The plaintiffs were successful in getting the higher court to review the case.

In putting his case for rezoning, Earnhardt said the by-pass is begging for commercial use for the motoring public. He said "traffic-wise" it would be more appealing to have the designations switched.

Earnhardt, anticipating statements about the traffic pattern in the area near Chowan Hospital, said state officials had stated there would be no problem with a shopping center. And, he said he wasn't seeking strip development but "planned unit development."

Dale Holland of Rocky Mount, a professional planner who said he represented Mr. and Mrs. N.J. George, said the petitions were not in keeping with sound principles of zoning. He said a favorable vote on the petitions would open the door to development.

Joe Lee, chairman of the town's planning board, made a plea for approval of the requests. He said the board has unanimously approved the requests several times over the past three years. He asked for council "to move forward with the project."

When the second request was opened for discussion, Henry Allen Powell, who resides on North Broad Street, said traffic should not be considered. He said he lives in an area of churches and couldn't understand people's action to deny development. "People in the downtown area can't stop development but so long," he added.

Jimmie Parrish, a planning board member, said something is needed to draw people off the by-pass and into Edenton.

Merrill Evans, Jr., local attorney, presented the case for Thomas E. Francis and his petition to rezone the property on the other side of the by-pass. He said the developer planned something "unobjectionable" at the location.

In answer to a question from a councilman, Evans said Francis

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## Workshop Set

Edenton-Chowan Schools announce a workshop for anyone interested in becoming a substitute teacher for the 1977-78 school year.

The workshop will be held August 23 at D.F. Walker School Cafeteria from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Substitute teachers must hold a high school diploma or the equivalent and must attend this full-day workshop before they can be employed.

Additional information concerning substitute work may be obtained by calling the Edenton-Chowan School's Administrative Office.



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## Vote On Ward System Seen

Voters in the Town of Edenton are almost assured of an opportunity in November to express themselves on the mode of electing councilmen. Council Tuesday night voted unanimously against a change to "ward" voting, but Mayor Roy L. Harrell apparently has sufficient signatures on petitions to force a vote.

Mayor Harrell told councilmen that during the past 30 days he received signatures from 256 voters—22 more than the law requires to have a vote initiated. He said only two people he contacted refused to sign the petition.

The mayor handed W. B. Gardner, town administrator, the petition immediately after council denied his request that they act themselves on the question of allowing four councilmen to be elected only from the wards in which they reside. "I think we are

## New Offices

Hertford will become headquarters for Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission next week. The offices will be moved from East Queen Street in Edenton to two locations in Perquimans.

Construction of a Perquimans County-ARPD office building is underway. However, the lease has expired on the ARPD building in Edenton and the move to temporary quarters was to be made over the weekend.

While the general offices, including that of Bob Whitley, executive director, will be in a two-story home at 217 North Church Street, several departments will be housed in a converted service station on South Church Street, just off U.S. 17 by-pass.

Located in the station will be the aging, nutrition, family planning and Emergency Medical Services programs.

The manpower program will continue to be headquartered at Edenton Municipal Airport.

The new mailing address for ARPD will be Box 646, Hertford. A new telephone number has not been made available.



**WITNESS OPENING**—Pictured here is a part of the crowd that turned out for Monday's by-pass dedication. It was held at the highway's intersection with Highway 32, just north of Chowan Hospital.

## Soil Systems, Inc. Will Excavate Courthouse Site

Excavation of the site of the new courthouse and jail will begin next week with Soil Systems, Inc. of Atlanta being awarded the contract for work estimated to be completed by September 16.

A \$23,727 contract was awarded by the National Park Service Interagency Archaeological Service on Monday. Soil Systems, Inc., a consulting firm that performed preliminary studies leading up to the archaeological excavation, was approved to perform the project.

The excavation is the result of federal regulations requiring that projects using government money be evaluated on the basis of environmental impact including areas of historical or archaeological importance.

The buried tannery, opened in 1757 and in operation for about 10 years, is one of two tanneries of that era discovered in the United States for that reason it is of high historical significance.

In addition to the tannery, the Sauthier map of 1769 indicates the presence of other support facilities

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going to have an election," the confident mayor stated.

In a motion by Dr. Allen Hornthal, seconded by Jesse L. Harrell, councilmen reaffirmed support of the present system. Now four councilmen must reside in the ward they represent and two run at large, with all voted on by the entire town. The mayor is elected separately.

Councilman Harrell said he would personally question all the people on the mayor's petition and explain to them what they signed. He said by ward election of councilmen people would give up the right to vote for three people at election time. "I can't believe this has been explained to those who signed the petitions," he added.

Councilman Hornthal read a lengthy statement which rose question of "disenfranchisement" of citizens and redrawing of the ward boundaries to comply with the "one man one vote" decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

He said the system could also be in violation of the federal voting rights legislation. He added that the possibility exists with ward voting that sectionalism might divide the will of the council.

Hornthal also said: "Several statements in Mayor Harrell's letter requesting the change deserve comment. The argument that a 'mistake' needs correcting or a 'wrong' needs righting is purely conjecture. This presupposes that a 'mistake' or 'wrong' was committed in the first place. He argued that the 1965 legislation approved in the General Assembly was done in the prescribed legal manner.

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## Deadline Set

The deadline for picking up reserved seat tickets for the Edenton Aces football games is Friday.

Mrs. Ethel Lavoie urges anyone wishing to have the same seats as last year to get in touch with her at John A. Holmes High School.

After Friday the tickets will be made available to the general public.



**FENCED IN**—This sign represents a \$1.8-million federal grant which Chowan County has received for construction of a courthouse-jail complex in downtown Edenton. A fence has been placed around the one-block site and a contract let for further soil investigation prior to construction. It is anticipated the project will go out for bids next month.

**Bloodmobile Monday At Edenton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**

**12:00 Noon Til 6:00 P. M. Quota 175 Pints.**