

Mayor Seeks Re-Election



Mayor Roy L. Harrell

Public Parade

Saving The Waterfront

Those who minimized the seriousness of a quickly formed group known as "Citizens to Save the Edenton Waterfront" must now be believers. The committee, spearheaded by relative newcomers to the Public Parade, was recognized last week by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History.

Three anonymous donors put together a \$60,000 financial package which neither the Town of Edenton nor the owners of a proposed waterfront site for townhouses could turn down.

Earlier, in a letter to a committee whose responsibility was to pass on the design, Dr. Larry Tise, the director of Archives and History, had put a curse on the project. In what many considered a veiled threat he said his division would move at the right time to discourage issuance of a permit to improve the property.

Whether or not this influenced George Alma and Thomas Byrum to come to terms with the town, the proper owner of the waterfront, will remain for them to answer.

The fact that three people, at least two of which we know to be in the "newcomer" category, could strike so fast with so much should set an example for all who meander along the Public Parade. In brief, it takes more than lip service to make things happen.

This writer is delighted over the outcome of the situation and hereby comments the committee. We have argued for nearly 13 years now that the town and-or county needs to own all the property fronting on Edenton Bay, from Granville Street to Hayes Bridge. Slowly, but surely it is coming about.

In the meantime, however, we cannot continue to rest on our heritage and let others capture the laurels. Obviously something which had been done in the past got the attention of the \$50,000 donor but the name of the game is to keep on keeping on.

Musical Chairs

We want to be among the first to welcome Lee R. Briggs to meander along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. Mr. Briggs is one of eight district directors of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service involved in a Democratic version of musical chairs.

The new district director comes to the Albemarle Area from Old Fort where he has been directing activities in the mountain counties.

In his new position he won't deal with burley tobacco or a great deal of pastures. It will be flu cured tobacco, corn, soybeans and peanuts in Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Dare and Washington counties.

Not only has the state committee reassigned all of the district directors, but the district

Mayor Roy L. Harrell, 200 South Oakum Street, filed Monday for re-election to a two-year term. On the same day, Dr. Allen Hornthal, a town council member, filed for the post.

Mrs. Joseph M. Thomas, the Chowan County Board of Health, reported that a second election materialized — in the Third Ward. Incumbent Errol Flynn filed Friday as did J.P. Ricks, Jr.

Others to file Friday were James C. (Pete) Dail, mayor pro tem and councilman-at-large, and Harry Spruill, Fourth Ward incumbent.

At press time A.B. Harless, Jr., town treasurer, had not indicated whether or not he will seek another two-year term.

Councilmen are elected for four years.

Voters in the Town of Edenton will also express themselves November 8 on the question of changing the method of electing councilmen. There is now a residency requirement for four councilmen but they are all voted on at-large.

Mayor Harrell obtained sufficient names on a petition to force the question after councilmen refused to do it on their own.

Following is the prepared statement Mayor Harrell released Wednesday morning:

I want to thank the many interested people that inquired of my intention over the past weeks.

Serving the good citizens of Edenton as a councilman for two years and as Mayor for four years has been a tremendous pleasure for me. It has been my pleasure to see our downtown business section re-done, a new park built, streets hard surfaced, miles of new sidewalks put down and repaired, ditches filled in, curb and gutter installed, new industries come to town and our older industries and business expanding.

To me, being the Mayor of Edenton is more than cutting the ribbon, or making a speech at a big meeting. Being the Mayor to me is helping my fellowman with the problem that is confronting him at that time, making sure that

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Grant Given

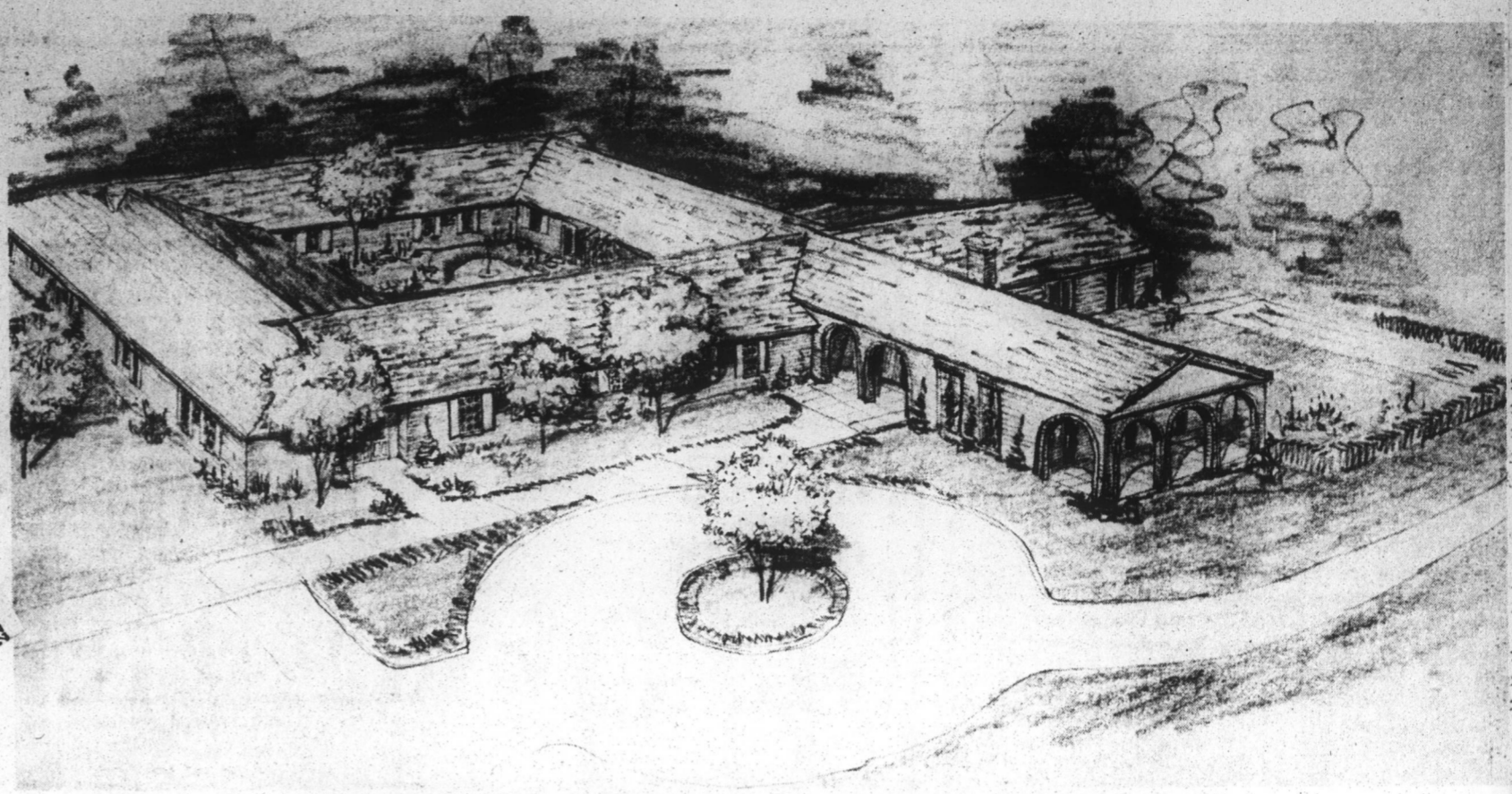
The Governor's Crime Commission has awarded a federal grant of \$90,000 to Chowan County for an alternative school program within the Edenton-Chowan school system, according to Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton.

Available through the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), the grant will be used for an individually prescribed program that will lead to a high school diploma for identified juvenile delinquents, potential juvenile delinquents, potential drop-outs, and those who have already dropped out of school.

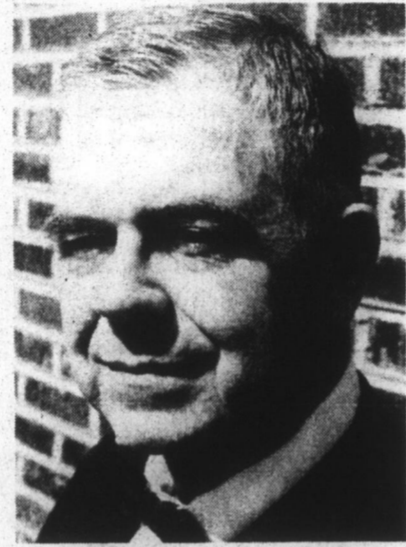
"Young people with problems that affect them academically should be given every opportunity to complete high school so that lack of education will not be another impediment to their leading productive lives," said Carlton.



ADDRESSES JAYCEES — Jack Hayes, above center, Jaycee National Vice President addressed the fall meeting of District A-Coastal Region, Tuesday night. About 70 Jaycees and guests attended the meeting and steak supper. Hayes is pictured with Morris Small, left, Edenton Jaycee president and Jerry Gaster, district director. (Story on Page 4)



Sketch of Proposed New Senior Citizens Center in Edenton by The Haven Group, Inc.



John A. Mitchener, Jr.

Organization Formed; Construction Set

The Haven Group, Inc., has been established here as a multi-disciplined organization to develop, as well as provide services to, health care and retirement facilities.

Announcement of the formation of the group by local interests and the opening of an office at 102 East Queen Street was made today by John A. Mitchener, Jr., chairman of the board and treasurer.

Also, Mitchener revealed that the corporation proposes to construct a center for senior citizens on Paradise Road, ad-

acent to Cape Colony Haven, Inc.

During further organization of the corporation, L.F. Amburn, Jr., was named president; John F. Habit, vice president; and James E. Lewis, executive vice president and secretary. They are the sole owners of stock in the corporation.

Amburn and Habit are also president and vice president, respectively, of Cape Colony Haven, Inc., in Edenton, and Outer Banks Haven, Inc., in Nags Head. Mitchener and Lewis take on additional responsibilities at the management group, with

Lewis serving as chief administrative officer as well as remaining as administrator of the local nursing home.

Donald E. Young, assistant administrator at Cape Colony Haven since it opened in February, moved to The Haven Group as administrative assistant and purchasing agent.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, a registered nurse, is director of training and systems with the new organization. Previously she was assistant director of nursing at Cape Colony Haven.

Mrs. Salli Blum is chief bookkeeper and Mrs. Lynette Byrum is a bookkeeper in that department. Mrs. Barbie Britton, on leave, is secretary-receptionist.

With Lewis and Young on board, Mitchener noted, the team has the benefit of two licensed nursing home administrators. Both have extensive health care experience.

He said the organization is fortunate to have available Mrs. Amburn's talent for bedside nursing as well as organization and administration.

"The owners of Cape Colony Haven are gratified over the acceptance of our concept of health care delivery since the facility here opened earlier this

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Chowan Fair Will Open Next Monday

The 1977 edition of the Chowan County Fair will open its gates to the public next Monday night, continuing through the following Saturday. Chowan Fair Association president E.C. Toppin is billing it as the biggest and best to date.

Entertainment on the midway will be provided by Fun Fair Shows of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and will include over 18 rides, plus concessions and shows.

Appearing each night on stage will be the Musical Flowers a six-man band from the mid-west providing variety entertainment for the whole family. Performances will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Preceding the Musical Flowers will be the 4-H Regional Talent Show, a yearly highlight involving many local and area 4-H clubs. The talent show will get underway at 7:30 each evening with Saturday night reserved for daily winners who will compete for grand champion.

The Colonial Squares of Edenton will be on hand for a square dancing exhibition scheduled at 7 P.M. Friday.

On Friday and Saturday, the

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ARPDC OFFICERS — Re-elected to posts with the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission were: R.S. Monds, Jr., of Hertford, chairman; Lester Simpson of Hertford, secretary-treasurer; and Donald Bryan of Nags Head, vice chairman.

ARPDC Jobs Terminated

ELIZABETH CITY — A decision by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission to accept a pilot manpower program offered by the state has resulted in more than 100 employees being terminated.

Bob Whitley, ARPDC executive director, told those at a sparsely attended board meeting here Thursday night, that the terminations September 16 were

Superior Court

Judge Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City will come out of retirement next week to preside over a criminal term of Chowan County Superior Court. Dist. Atty. Thomas S. Watts, also of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the docket.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, has distributed the calendar for the term which opens at 10 A.M. on Monday.

Included among cases set for trial is that of Desie Pierce who is charged with first degree burglary. Also, William Lee White and Mary Bunch Winborne are scheduled for trial in cases involving child abuse.

Three defendants — Donald Lee Barclift, J. Russell Holley, and James Aladin Blacklege — are charged with third offense of drunk driving. Leon Staten is charged with two counts of second offense of drunk driving.

necessary to allow time for an audit.

On October 1 the manpower program will be under the general direction of Employment Security Commission in Northeastern North Carolina. However, in accepting the bid of ESC, the ARPDC board mandated that a sub-contract arrangement be entered into the Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

Whitley said all existing participants in the program will be re-screened by ESC and EIC but there will be no guarantee of a job since allocations of slots in various governmental agencies have not

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Peanut Harvest To Begin

Corn harvesting is about completed in Chowan County and farmers have moved into the peanut fields.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, said Monday that farmers would dig peanuts in full force in the next week to 10 days. Some farms already have all their peanuts on top of the ground.

These peanuts which have been dug thus far were described by the agricultural expert as only "fair" with much evidence of disease.

Farmers are experiencing problems with works in both peanuts and cotton. Thompson said this indicates soybeans will

also have some works.

He said the price of corn was of some 35 per cent over last year and he predicted that the yield will be around 70 bushels to the acre county-wide. "In some areas however, we had real good corn," he added.

Some sweet potatoes have been dug and look pretty good to Thompson. There are 300 acres of the crop in the county and is "real important to those who have them because it is a high labor crop."

In conclusion, Thompson said the "nice little shower" Saturday was welcomed but the area did not get enough rain.

Banquet Slated

Dr. Albert G. Edwards of Raleigh, Presbyterian minister and popular after-dinner speaker, will be the keynote speaker at the September 29 annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Robert W. Moore, executive vice president, said tickets to the event are now on sale. The banquet will begin at 7:30 P.M. at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

William L. Norvell, 109 West Church Street, heads the slate of new officers who will be installed at the meeting.

Dr. Edwards is a native of Scotland and has been pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh since 1958. He earlier served churches in Orange, Va., and Harrisonburg, Va.

According to his biography he served in the U.S. Army during 1945-1946. "Went in as a private. Discharged as a private."

He is a trustee of Peace College and commissioner of the City of Raleigh Housing Authority and Re-Development Commission. Dr. Edwards is married and the father of three grown children.