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## Public Parade

### Moving Ahead

The Town of Edenton has entered into a Community Development project. It was a program our town fathers sought rather than one which sought them.

Community development is, in this case, synonymous with community improvement. It was on the basis of this that a 100 per cent federal grant was received, with prospects of continued funding.

Community development involves land, in most cases land owned by individuals rather than the town. Therefore, prospects of change become emotional.

Considerable time and expense has been spent on the project. The Advisory Committee and Town Council are of one accord with regards to giving a green light to the project.

This is not a country of minority government. But the rules must be applied on an equal basis, i.e., everyone must be fed from the same spoon.

The Town of Edenton has a zoning ordinance and to substantially deviate from that would be considered the application of double standards. This could further be considered intrusion of politics into the program.

In the majority of cases where politics is involved, there is an absence of logic.

The citizens of the Town of Edenton are in a position to recoup certain federal dollars through programs such as Community Development. If, however, the minority is allowed to speak for the majority, then you can bet your last buck it won't be one which enjoys longevity.

### There's A Difference

Down in Brunswick County the citizens voted to move the county seat from Southport to Bolivia. That is unique in Tar Heel history.

The citizens also gave approval to a \$4.2-million new county complex. That is not so unusual since apparently the sentiment supporting the move spilled over into the construction question.

But, in the past 10 days they have learned that another \$513,000 in change orders have pushed the project to a point of concern for the county fathers. What makes this more than unusual is a statement of the county manager, quoted in the highly regarded The State Port Pilot of February 22, in

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### Bad Weather

Weather is pretty much always with us, but the foul weather being experienced in Northeastern North Carolina is becoming shameful.

Last Wednesday's snow and ice left the area in a blanket of picture post card comparison. The warming trend wiped most of it away and Saturday's high temperature reached 70.

Sunday morning's low was 30, although there was an abundance of sunshine there was still chill in the air.

Monday was more of the same. Then Tuesday brought almost a full day of snow, which didn't accumulate because the temperature stayed just above the freezing mark. The rain was modest that night, but sufficient to wipe away most traces of snow.

Snow returned to the area about 9 A.M. Wednesday and was hard at it at the time this is being written. Because of the damp earth and above freezing temperature, little of it was sticking in Edenton.

## Federal Funds Aid Farmers

Farmers in Chowan County received more than \$30,000 in federal assistance through two programs designed to preserve and improve the environment.

Agricultural Conservation had 201 farms participating in four projects, the major of which was winter cover.

Forestry Incentive Program made available \$8,282 to assist in planting on 11 farms.

In an report released recently, West, executive director of the Chowan County ASCS office, noted also that administrative costs in 1977 amounted to \$53,189. In addition to West there are two full-time program clerks — Mrs. Alma G. Byrum and Mrs. Betty S. Tilley. The office had three temporary field employees.

Included in the price support project were 17 farms where loans

were processed on corn, peanuts, soybeans and wheat.

An additional 11 loans were disbursed covering six grant bins, nine dryers and 15 peanut drying trailers. The total amount loaned was \$74,059.32.

All producers were required to visit the county office and certify to all crops planted. Then representatives of the county office checked a percentage of farms to determine the accuracy of the farmer's certification for compliance purposes.

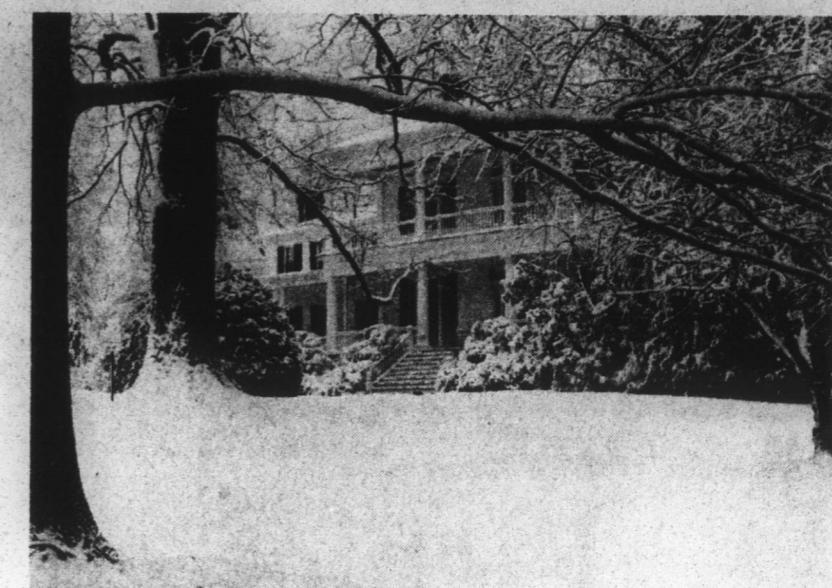
Tobacco was planted on 52 farms. There were 394.28 acres planted and 742,241 pounds were sold.

Peanut allotments were established on 541 farms, totaling 6,276.5 acres. The county yield was 2,940, up from 2,896 in 1976, and the highest since 1973 when the yield was 3,338 pounds per acre.

Chowan County had base cotton allotments established on 426 farms, totaling 1,851.2 acres. Cotton was planted on 39 farms and totaled 778 acres.

Wheat bases were established on 35 farms with a base allotment of 230.7 acres. Feed grain bases were established on 598 farms, totaling 10,412.2 acres.

Disaster payments to 20 cotton farmers totaled \$16,445.76 and \$2,037.96 to six feed grain farms.



**SCENIC SITE**—Pembroke Hall, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Rosevear and a historic site, can be equally as scenic in either snow or spring.

## Concerned Donors Can Save Lives Of Many

(Editor's Note: The following story appeared in the February 23 edition of the Roanoke Beacon in Plymouth, in support of an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit. The author is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Stanton of Plymouth, former residents of Edenton. One paragraph has been altered to apply to Monday's bloodmobile visit to Edenton.)

By Edward S. Stanton

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It is 11 P.M. The victim of an automobile accident is brought to the hospital emergency room. He has lost a great deal of blood already.

The surgeon operates to repair the damage, but the patient must also have a life-saving blood transfusion. Fluid replacement alone is insufficient.

During the course of the surgery he is given 22 pints of blood. It cannot be any blood; each unit must be compatible with the recipient's blood type to avoid a potentially fatal transfusion reaction.

In this true story the patient survived, because enough blood of his type was available. I present the story to illustrate just one of the critical needs for human blood components.

My motivation is twofold. First, those of us in the medical profession witness these needs every day. We are aware of the consequences when very little or no blood is available to give a patient who might otherwise survive injury or disease.

Second, there is no artificial or natural substitute for blood. It must be obtained from human donors.

Because of the large demand and limited storage life (21 days or less) of blood, numerous collections must be made. This enables hospitals to have blood on hand when it is needed.

Chowan County citizens and other area residents have an opportunity to donate blood Monday at Edenton Baptist Church. The goal is a record 200

units.

Collection of this necessary product is performed by a number of agencies, volunteer or commercial. The American Red Cross is the largest. It provides 50 per cent of the needs nationally but is the source for all of the blood used by hospitals in this region.

Last year the American Red Cross collected and dispensed almost 5-million units of blood nationwide, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the previous year. In this region alone the yearly total was 103,334 units.

Seventy per cent of this blood is broken down into parts used for a particular purpose. Some of the conditions requiring the use of blood products include anemia (including sickle cell anemia, prevalent in Blacks), easy bleeding (hemophilia), leukemia and other cancers, and major surgery.

A leukemia patient, for example, may require 60-70 units of blood or components during a 6 week course of treatment. There were 250 new cases of the type of leukemia treated this way in North Carolina alone last year. The majority of deaths from this disease 10 years ago was due to a lack of blood for transfusion.

Who can donate? Any healthy individual age 17-66 (older persons need a note from their physician). There are a few conditions that temporarily or permanently defer a donor. If in doubt, it is best for one to go to the bloodmobile or call to check specific questions.

The entire process is quick (30-40 minutes), painless (one needle stick), and safe (only a small portion of one's total blood volume is removed).

I have attempted to impress upon the reader the critical need for blood from the perspective of the medical profession. I hope this will encourage all who are able, to donate at this upcoming bloodmobile. The gift you give today may save the life of another tomorrow.

## County Third

### In Retail Sales

Chowan County ranked third in the 10-county Albemarle Area in gross retail sales during December. Gross sales in Chowan, according to latest figures from the N.C. Department of Revenue, were \$4,695,120.

Of a total amount, \$37,097,833, Pasquotank County posted gross sales of \$14,054,562. Washington County was ranked second in the area with sales of \$5,167,104.

Sales during the holiday season in all 100 Tar Heel counties exceeded \$2.5-billion.

In the seven other Albemarle Area counties the following was reported:

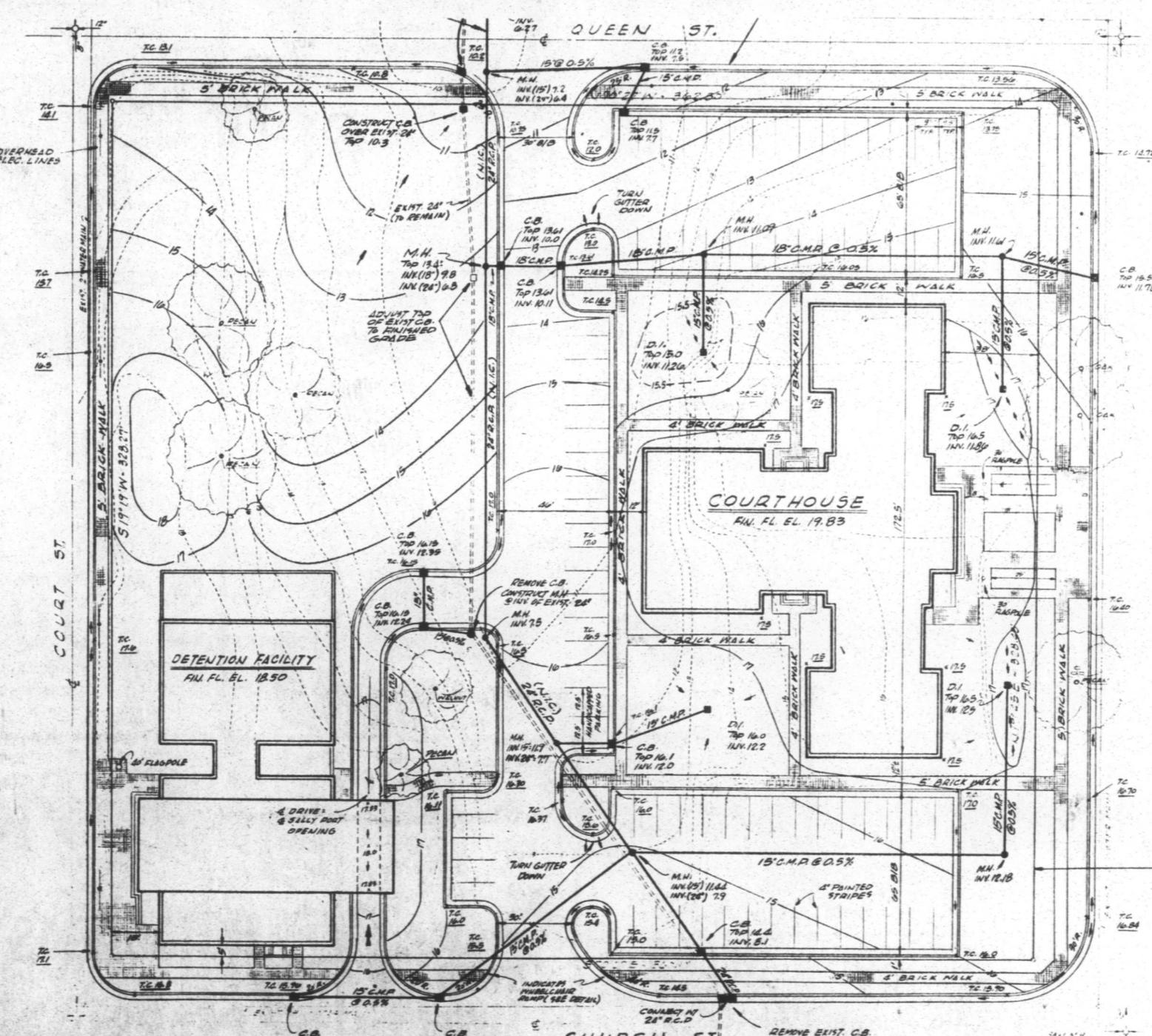
Camden, \$778,147; Currituck, \$3,336,515; Dare, \$3,474,088; Gates, \$1,295,551; Hyde, \$1,013,919; Perquimans, \$2,391,849; and Tyrrell, \$890,983.

## Charter Drive Set

The Charter Membership Drive for Watermark, Association of Artisans, will be held the month of March. This new home industries cooperative is an out growth of the Area Home Industries Program developed through the Agricultural Extension Service.

There will be an information meeting on the new cooperative Tuesday at 2 P.M. The meeting will be held on the 4th Floor of the County Office Building, located on East King Street.

Any person interested in knowing more about the opportunities available through Watermark is invited to attend. Mrs. Janice Eure of Hobbsville, is Chowan County's representative



**PROGRESS BEING MADE** — The weather has apparently not delayed initial work on the new Chowan County Courthouse and Detention facility, according to a report issued this week on behalf of county commissioners. This past week the driving of 40-foot piles was completed for the detention. The piles for the

courthouse will be positioned within the next two weeks. This site plan shows the exact location of the two structures on the block in downtown Edenton. Barnhill Contracting Company of Tarboro is general contractor for the project designed by J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va.

**Bloodmobile Monday At Edenton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 12:00 Noon  
Til 6:00 P. M. Quota 200 Pints**