

# Former Chairman Concerned About Project Endorsement

The extension of Hicks Street to provide an additional access road is practically assured after nine years of dickering with the State Department of Transportation.

However, the exclusion of Chowan County Board of Commissioners from the list of endorsers caused C. A. Phillips, former chairman, to express concern at Monday's board meeting.

Although no official action had been taken by the board, Phillips asked if a letter of endorsement from the county had been sent to highway officials. Chairman N. J. George assured him that it had, although Mrs. Ann Spruill, clerk to the board had no record of such a letter.

Later in the day Commissioner

Alton Elmore produced a copy of a letter from George to Marc Basnight of Manteo, a DOT board member. In that letter, which Basnight told The Chowan Herald later that he never received, George noted that the "entrance will provide very much needed safety and relief from the two entrances, hospital entrance and NC 32 entrance from SR 1127 (Granville Street).

In the letter, George says he wrote at his office on Saturday, February 25, also noted that the "back" entrance would benefit the doctors, nurses, rescue ambulance, police and other emergency personnel."

The dispute arose when Phillips produced a memo from F. W. Adkins, Jr., of Ahoskie, division engineer to Jack Murdock, secondary roads officer, requesting funding for the project. The memo listed letters of endorsement from J. Gilliam Wood, chairman, Board of Directors, Chowan Hospital, Inc.; Dr. Richard H. Hardin of Chowan Medical Center; W. B. Gardner, administrator, Town of Edenton; Police Chief J. D. Parrish and Murray D. Ashley, chief of Chowan County Emergency Medical Services.

## Coastal Plain Forum Topic

GREENVILLE — The origin and ecology of North Carolina's coastal plain is the focus of series of Thursday evening public forums to be offered to Edenton area residents by the East Carolina University Environmental Education Program.

Each program in the series is scheduled for 8 P.M. at the Edenton Municipal Building and is free and open to all interested persons.

A program is set for tonight (Thursday) "Natural Environments and Ecology of the Coastal Plain," Dr. Vincent Bellis of the ECU biology faculty, speaker.

The forums are designed to provide a non-technical format for the discussion of the natural and human resources of the coastal area, and are a joint project of ECU's Title I Environmental Education Program and the Town of Edenton.

Anyone interested in the origin of these resources, and their interdependence and future, is invited to attend the programs. Teachers who attend all programs in the series may receive certificate renewal credit, with the approval of their school system superintendents.

Basnight said Tuesday he felt the project would be funded. A copy of George's letter to him was sent to Adkins in Ahoskie following Monday's board meeting.

A second dispute between Phillips and George arose over the chairman's request to have Chowan County pulled out of joint planning efforts with the Town of Edenton.

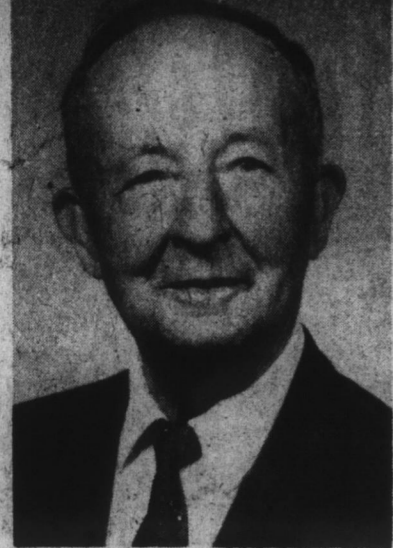
A Land-Use plan and Housing Element to update the joint plan prepared for the county and town to comply with the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974, had been prepared but George instructed Bob Snapp, planner, to prepare a draft for Chowan alone.

Phillips questioned the necessity of having two plans since the town and county had worked jointly on several programs, including the CAMA plan. Snapp remarked that the state has a "big push" on for cooperation between local governments.

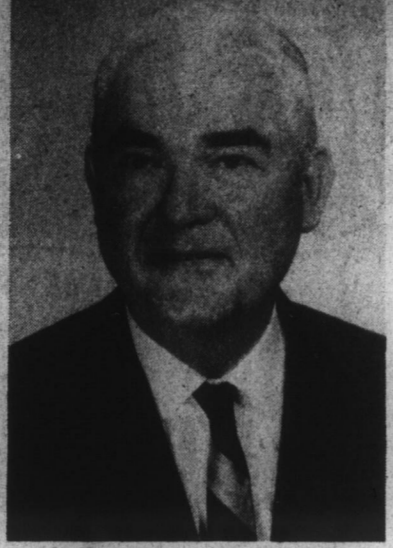
During the heated discussion, Phillips said the county needed the town's cooperation more than the town needed the county's. An attempt to get the new county draft adopted failed.

However, at an afternoon session the draft was "endorsed" but not formally adopted.

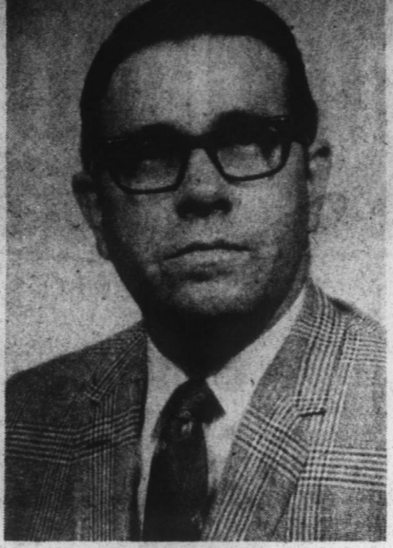
Among other business, the county adopted the Airport Update.



J. Edwin Bufflap



R. Hector Lupton



L. F. Amburn, Jr.

## Herald Reorganization Announced

J. Edwin Bufflap and R. Hector Lupton have been named editor and advertising director emeritus, respectively, of The Chowan Herald. The announcement was made today by L.F. Amburn, Jr.,

president and general manager. At the same time, Amburn assumes editorial duties as editor and publisher. Bufflap and Lupton founded the weekly newspaper in August, 1934,

and sold their interest January 1, 1965, to a corporation headed by Amburn. The other stockholders are J.P. and Mildred A. Huskins of Statesville.

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## Public Parade

### 'Buf' And 'Hec'

This column, and in fact this edition of The Chowan Herald, is dedicated to "Buff" and "Hec". Those who meander along the Public Parade on a regular basis know we are speaking of J. Edwin Bufflap and R. Hector Lupton, founders of the newspaper.

Elsewhere on this page is an announcement of them gaining emeritus status in their respective positions, editor and advertising.

This is in keeping with our policy to push people up, not kick them out.

"Buff", now 86, is going into semi-retirement but will continue to play an important role in the organization. "Hec" assumed the same status in August, 1974, at his own request.

The Fourth Estate, like everything else, has undergone tremendous change in the past couple of decades. In fact, as a country newspaper publisher we admit to not knowing about some modern technology in existence.

The announcement we spoke of may appear to some to be a game of "musical chairs" in our plant on Cheap Side. It is far from that. It is an attempt to put people in positions where they can be most effective and efficient.

During our negotiations to purchase the newspaper more than 14 years ago, the sale price was one thing, but on equal footing was concern expressed by the owners of the status of existing employees. As of this writing, no one has been kicked out, but many have been pushed up—regretfully not at a pace deserving of their ability and loyalty.

"Buff" and "Hec" naturally are from the old school of publishing. However, as they have been consulted in the modernization process, they have been understanding and helpful. We have kept our promise to them, and likewise, they have remained tolerant and continue to be among our greatest assets.

"Good will" cannot be depreciated on the tax books, but it is valuable and something we don't take with a grain of salt. We sincerely believe we enjoy the good will of the community, evidenced by the growth experienced in the past 13 years.

"Buff" and "Hec", along with the remainder of The Chowan Herald crew, continue to contribute to this and it is something we will never forget.

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### Richard N. Hines

Rapidly people who have contributed the most to improve the quality of life along the Public Parade are being called to perform Heavenly assignments. Also rapidly disappearing from our society are those with the ability to disagree without being

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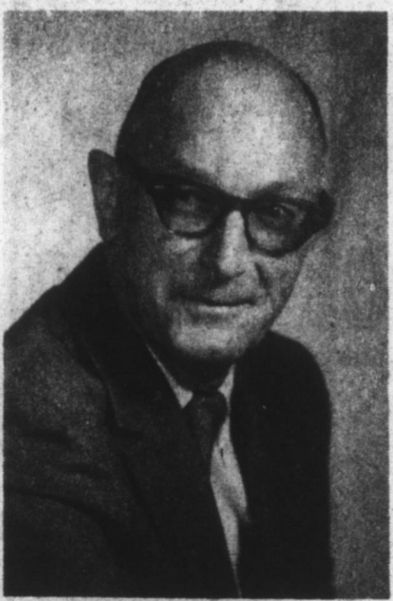


**CONTAINER SITES BECOME DUMPS**—Chowan County commissioners have expressed concern over the manner in which trash, or other items, are being put at container sites throughout the county. These pictures show a site on Indian Trail Road. Sheriff Troy Toppin is being instructed to enforce the \$200 fine against the unlawful dumping. Those who witness a violation are asked to contact the Sheriff's Department.



## Planning Grant Is Sought

A \$50,000 planning grant is being sought by boards of education in Edenton-Chowan, Gates and Perquimans to develop a proposed multi-county career education center.



Richard N. Hines, Sr.

## Death Claims Mr. Hines, 70

The death of Richard N. Hines, Sr., 400 South Court Street, occurred Friday at Duke Hospital in Durham. He was 70.

Mr. Hines was former director of public utilities in the Town of Edenton and a strong supporter of Electri-Cities and the American Public Power Association.

He had been in declining health for a number of years.

Mr. Hines was a native of Edenton. He was born January 31, 1908, son of the late Richard N. and Helen Cotton Bond Hines. He was married to Mrs. Georgie Bland Holmes Hines, who survives.

Also surviving is a son, Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr., of Edenton, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Hines was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, past president of Edenton Rotary Club and a member of the board of the

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The local school board Monday night authorized Supt. John Dunn to go forward with plans to obtaining "seed" money for the project. A prospectus was presented which will be considered by the other two units in the proposed program.

Dr. Dunn said since Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., endorsed the concept a meeting had been held with Walter B. Jones, Jr., representative of the governor's office, and plans are now being made to make a specific pitch for the grant.

Jones told The Chowan Herald following last week's meeting with the three superintendents that chances are good that a planning grant can be secured. He said Gov. Hunt is enthusiastic about the multi-county program and it is possible funding can come within the next 30 days.

It is known that Gov. Hunt has been in contact with Sen. Eddie Knox of Mecklenburg, chairman of the State Advisory Budget Commission, and the local project could be on the agenda for an early meeting of the commission.

The concept has the support of Supt. Craig Phillips of the State Board of Education and is unique in that it involves multi-county jurisdictions.

Dr. Dunn said a state grant would provide funding for a director and support personnel and funds for a year of program planning. He was authorized by his colleagues in the other counties to produce the prospectus.

At the suggestion of Chairman Eugene Jordan, the board endorsed the concept of awarding a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the fire bombing at the home of Principal Bruce McGraw of John A. Holmes High School. Arrangements are to be worked out with Chowan County commissioners toward the funding of a "substantial" reward as proposed by Mrs. Emily G. Amburn and

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## Power Outage Slated Sunday

Electricity will be off from 8 A.M. until 12-noon Sunday in a big portion of East Edenton and western areas of the county served by the Town of Edenton.

James Martin, director of utilities, said the outage is necessary to upgrade electric power lines in and near the substation. "This work is part of our continuing effort to provide adequate and reliable electric service," he added.

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**BRANCH OPENS**—Lee Leary of Edenton, left, has been named manager of a new branch of Statesville Flour Mills, Inc., located on Badham Road. Here he is shown with Bill Crisp of Goldsboro, general sales manager for the firm which operates in seven states.

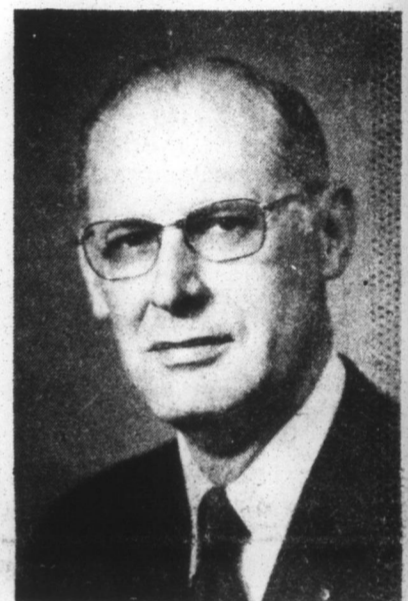
## Mill Opens Branch Here

Statesville Flour Mills, Inc., has opened a branch on Badham Road for the distribution of livestock feed and additives in Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. Lee Leary of Edenton is branch manager.

The branch includes some 1,500 square feet of space leased from the Town of Edenton in a building given to the municipality by Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc.

In addition to the manufacture of products, the Statesville firm distributes for eight to 10 other well known manufacturing companies.

Bill Crisp of Goldsboro, general sales manager, noted that this is the seventh branch for the company which is now in its 76th year. Leary formerly was associated with M. G. Brown Company.



W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr.

## Gov. Appoints Hollowell, Jr.

Gov. Jim Hunt has named W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., of Edenton to the Commission for the Blind.

Hollowell is a pharmacist with Hollowell and Blount, Inc. He is a town council member, former chairman of the Chowan County Board of Social Services, former president of the Northeastern Drug Society and chairman of the Chowan County Morehead Award Committee.

He is also a former president of the N.C. Lions Association for the Blind.

The commission is composed of 11 members, all appointed by the governor to serve terms of six years.

It has the power and duty to establish standards and adopt rules and regulations for aid to the needy blind.

## Byrum Farms Yield Is Cited

Byrum Farms, Inc., placed second in the state peanut yield contest. This is the first time since the contest began that Chowan County has placed in the top three.

This is a contest where peanut farmers who have ten acres or more of peanuts compete in a yield contest based on ASCS records. Another function in this contest is that points will be earned for all acres above 20; for example, 20 to 40 acres will give the farmer an additional point which equals 100 pounds of yield.

The winners of the contest in 1977 were from Martin County. First and second place winners will receive an expense paid trip to some resort that will be named at a later date, along with representatives from Monsanto Chemical Company, contest sponsors.