

PRESS ADDED — A MGD-22 offset press was put last week in the Commercial Department of The Chowan Herald, which will print an image 17 by 22 inches, giving department additional capacity for long-run printing. (Pete) Manning, left, general superintendent, supervising unloading operations after the press arrived from Atlanta, Ga., last Thursday.

High School Site Is Selected

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has chosen a site for a new consolidated high school and recommended a means of financing the \$3.5-million in bonds if approved by the voters on September 19.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, chairman of the Site Committee, reported Thursday night that the Ober property on Macadonia Road, just off Highway 32 and some six miles north of Edenton, was determined again to be the most suitable site. It contains 48 acres.

The board concurred in Dr. John Dunn's judgment the board has recommended to county commissioners a 40-year Farmers Home Administration loan to finance the project.

Dr. Dunn, superintendent, told the board the bonds could be repaid at the rate of \$210,000 per year. It would require a 16-cent tax rate at the current valuation.

County commissioners were to meet at 7:30 Wednesday with school matters the only items on the agenda. The items concerned a budget amendment to fund an option on the property as well as approval of a letter to FmHA for notice of intent of an application for a loan.

Earlier in the school board meeting, A.C. Hudson and others representing Edenton-Chowan Civic League handed the board several requests. They primarily centered around alleged racial imbalance of teachers and students.

Hudson said Negroes "felt they were not getting their slice of pie" in the schools.

Eugene Jordan, board chairman, said the requests would be given every consideration since the child is always uppermost in the minds of board members. He also asked the league to support the bond

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Public Parade

Stop Harrassment

Mayor Roy L. Harrell has renewed his charge of wholesale abuse of dual office holding along the Public Parade. He is engaged in a one-man campaign to kick appointees off board and commissions, threatening punitive action after July 31.

The campaign would hardly be worth dignifying by comment except this type of conduct is doing violence to the stature and reputation of Chowan County and the Town of Edenton.

If, in fact, too few are doing too much this can be easily corrected. It can be handled by the appointing authority in a gracious manner, without fanfare.

If local government hereabouts had been for so long by illegally constituted councils, boards and commissions it isn't necessary to employ drastic and harsh corrective measures in a 60-day period. Sometimes it takes decades for political sores to heal.

The period Mayor Harrell has given for recovery not only is unrealistic, but silly.

However, with the threat made public Tuesday night it would not be unreasonable for all those dedicated volunteers serving in positions to resign. Then Mayor Harrell could get his "few" to doing too much for the community.

The tragedy of the matter is that a campaign, or witch hunt, of this nature gives local government a black eye which will take more than beef steak to cure.

In our opinion this harrassment cannot end soon enough. Now, that would be in the best interest of all the citizens.

Dear Joey

(Preface: We are not Neil Simon, nor any reasonable facsimile, so at the outset we feel compelled to identify the characters in the following article. Pop Jay is Friend Jay or Rep. J.P. Huskins, D. Iredell; Joey is No. 2 grandson; Amburn is the mother of Joey; Sister is the mother of Amburn, grandmother of Joey and our sister, in that order.)

So, we read in a recent edition of our favorite afternoon daily in Tar Heelia where the publisher of the newspaper took a day off — the Fourth of July.

"We didn't go anywhere, we didn't see anybody and we didn't do anything much," he wrote in "On Using a Holiday". He might imply seeking sympathy, but don't fall to that ploy.

Friend Jay most of the time doesn't want to go anywhere, is content not to see anybody but always wants to do something, or at least see that someone else is doing it.

Joey, don't feel bad about being labeled "Go Fetch". We enjoyed (?) the same after we were told to go mow the lawn down in Summerfield in Guilford County and ended up felling all the pine

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'Anti-Welfare' Charge Denied

The director of Chowan County Department of Social Services denied this week that federal guidelines are being violated in processing welfare applications.

Mrs. Hazel S. Elliott said that while Chowan County was among those named in a class action suit last year, "we are within the limits now."

A story published Saturday with a Raleigh dateline stated that U.S. District Judge James B. McMillan has retained jurisdiction in the lawsuit for another five months. The reason given was that an entire category of welfare recipients, called reinstatements, were ignored in compiling statistics on the performance of counties.

Mrs. Elliott said Tuesday that reinstatements are not counted differently in this county. "And we are not behind," she added.

Judge McMillan in October, 1977, branded the counties "anti-welfare" and threatened fines if there was not marked improvement by February.

Fire Reported

There was more smoke than fire in a call answered by Edenton Fire Department at 10:28 P.M. Sunday to Edenton Cotton Mills. An electric motor burned out in the filter room, catching lint on fire.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks said the incident apparently happened as start-up operations began for the 11 P.M. shift.

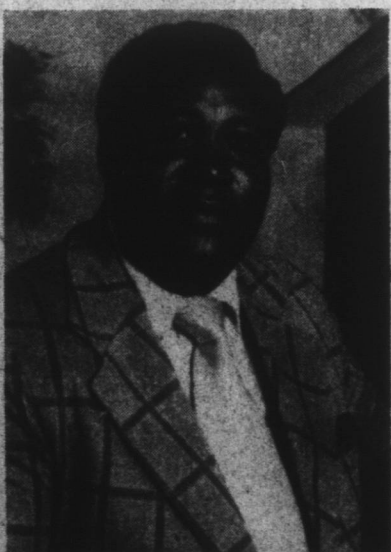
"It was a hard, dirty and nasty job but apparently not a whole lot of damage in terms of dollars," the chief said. "There was lots of smoke."

Two trucks were dispatched to the scene and stood by for two hours.

New Principal Is Named

Ralph V. Cole is the choice of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to become principal at D.F. Walker School. His employment was approved last Thursday night at the regular meeting of the board.

Cole, who has been in the system for 16 years, served as principal at White Oak Elementary School



Ralph V. Cole



DIRECTOR NAMED — J. Clarence Leary, Jr., chairman of the Chowan County Department of Social Service Board, is pictured here with Mrs. Hazel S. Elliott who on July 1 assumed the post of director. Mrs. Elliott has been associated with the department of 21 years.

Mrs. Elliott Takes Post

Mrs. Hazel S. Elliott, 102 Blount Street, has been named director of the Chowan County Department of Social Services. The an-

nouncement was made this week by J. Clarence Leary, Jr., board chairman.

Mrs. Elliott has been associated with the department for 21 years. "Chowan County is fortunate to have someone so highly capable and willing to serve in this important position," Leary said.

Mrs. Elliott's appointment was one several in the department.

James Bond, a social worker, has resigned to join the Peace Corps. He will be replaced by Marina Crumme.

Elizabeth Bunch assumes the position of supervisor of eligibility. Phyllis Parker and Ruth Phillips are eligibility specialists; Lynn Partin is social worker assigned to the health department; and Keith Renner is social worker assigned to Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Elliott had been social worker-in-charge of the department since Ronald Huffman resigned August 19, 1977.

A native of Robeson County she is a graduate of Flora MacDonald College. She is married to Logan Elliott, an Edenton merchant, and they have two sons.

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Registration Open

Registration books are now open for the September 19 school bond referendum. They will close at 5 P.M. on August 21.

People not already registered and who want to vote on the \$3.5-million issue, may register at the Election Office or the Tax Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. Persons may also register by appointment with the registrar or judges in the precinct in which they live.

Absentee voting will be allowed, according to Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections. Persons wishing to vote absentee must apply between July 21 and September 13. Application must be made at the Election Office in the County Office Building on East King Street.

during the past session. He was principal at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School from 1971 to 1977.

The new school principal returns to D.F. Walker where he taught and coached for six years. He was a teacher at Swain when he was chosen principal at that school.

Cole, 37, is a native of Pasquotank County, was educated in the schools there and graduated from Elizabeth City State University. He has advanced degrees from East Carolina University.

He has also attended numerous workshops and clinics dealing with leadership training and management.

A Baptist, he is a deacon of Providence Baptist Church and is a member of the Edenton Planning and Zoning Commission. He is married and has one daughter.

The Coles live on Twiddy Avenue.

The deadline to make application for the White Oak principalship is Friday.

Mayor Plans Unseating Appointees

Mayor Roy L. Harrell is asking members of boards and commissions in the Town of Edenton who are guilty of dual office holding to exonerate themselves prior to July 31. After that date he has threatened to use all the power at his disposal to correct "the situation."

The mayor's action failed to get support from any of the six council

members. Those who addressed the issue unanimously agreed that it was the town's responsibility to determine if, in fact, there was violation of the N.C. Constitution and State Statutes.

Dr. Allen Hornthal commented: "We have an obligation to them (appointees) to find out which of these appointments constitute dual office holding."

Councilman James P. Ricks, Jr., earlier stated since there were only so many boards council should instruct Town Administrator W.B. Gardner to find out those affected. Gardner, himself, is an apparent target of the campaign since the mayor sought an opinion from W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., town attorney, regarding his position.

Earnhardt, in an opinion dated July 7, held that the town administrator is not a "mere employee" and therefore, because of his position can hold "concurrently one other appointive office, place of trust or profit, or an elective office in either state or local government."

Councilman Gil Burroughs asked: "Which board membership constitutes an office in the language of the Constitution for the purpose of dual office holding?" Then he added: "If we want someone to do us a favor we should get it straight if we are going to hold an axe over their

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor and the people of Chowan County:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the many people who gave of their time and blood to support the local Red Cross Bloodmobile.

I have resigned as the chairman after a 2 year term which I enjoyed and I hope each of you who participated did also.

We have had an 80 per cent increase in donor participation over the last 2 years and this year we had the No. 1 chapter out of 60 thanks to you.

My co-chairman Bill Smith, will take over as chairman and Blake Harmon will be his co-chairman, please give these men the support you have given me in the past.

The blood must be there when it is needed, so please keep up the good work and give yourself a pat on the back for doing a super job and showing the Red Cross and your fellow man that you care.

Our next visit is July 17 at the American Legion Building (Fairgrounds) from 12-6 P.M. come on out and see the new equipment and enjoy the fun.

Sincerely

Allen Asbell

Chairman-Chowan

County Bloodmobile



HEAD BLOOD PROGRAM — Blake Harmon and Bill Smith, left and right above, respectively, are new Jaycee volunteer co-chairmen of the Chowan County Blood Program. They are shown with Alan Asbell, past co-chairman. Both Smith and Harmon remind local citizens of the upcoming Bloodmobile visit, scheduled Monday from 12 noon until 6 P.M. at the American Legion Building on U.S. 17 Business, south of Edenton. A quota of 125 units has been established, and it was stated that while demand for blood is highest during summer, donor participation is usually low. The co-chairmen are seeking support from new donors and continuing support from past donors.

Rain Brings Needed Relief

Farmers came to town Tuesday in the rain and were glad to run their windshield wipers. And people without air conditioners welcomed the break in hot, humid temperatures and those with them welcomed relief from the cost of electricity.

Rain began in Edenton about 7:30 A.M. and was reported as pretty general throughout the Albemarle Area.

The Chowan Herald interviewed Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, Monday and his first quote was: "Things look good, but dry."

He said at the time everything needed rain but peanuts. Everything, including peanuts, got rain the next day.

In reviewing crop conditions, Thompson said the price of sweet corn is good and there "is right good corn" in the county. There is some 1,000 acres of sweet corn being harvested here.

There are more sweet potatoes planted this year and Thompson predicted it would be a better cash crop than tobacco. There is a variety test in the county this year.

Watermelons and cantaloupes are late as are peanuts. Farmers generally have a good stand of peanuts which grew off right fast. "They generally look good," he commented.

**Bloodmobile Visit Monday, July 17 At American Legion Building
12 Noon Until 6 P.M. — 125 Units**