

# Project Being Highlighted

Edenton's original "industrial park" is slowly but surely developing into a five-acre waterfront park for townfolk and visitors to enjoy. Planning and development over the years has pretty much put the town in the right place at the right time, and now an effort is being made to tie it all together.

If the town obtains a grant from the Office of Coastal Management, N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, such a plan will be forthcoming. If Edenton's track record is any indication, the odds are overwhelmingly in the town's favor.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, recently told representatives of the Office of Coastal Management that Edenton is fortunate to have been able to acquire the waterfront property at a reasonable price and with the assistance of gifts and grants.

Jud Little, planner and community development director, Tuesday told Liz Lance and Glenn Dunn of the state agency, that the project is really cost efficient because recreation in Edenton is where the people are. He pointed out that within less than two miles of the waterfront live some 5,000 people.

In answer to a question, Little said only about three-quarters of an acre of waterfront property between Granville and Oakum streets remains to be purchased.

He also pointed out that the waterfront was Edenton's original industrial park. "It is interesting

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**IN SPOTLIGHT** — The successful Edenton Waterfront Project has become a focal point of a state agency evaluation of the funding process. Liz Lance, seated, and Glenn Dunn, standing center, of the Office of Coastal Management, were in Edenton Tuesday to discuss the project with Jud Little, left, and W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

## State Funds To Bolster Chowan River Clean-Up

ATLANTIC BEACH — Additional funding by the 1979 General Assembly will allow the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to

obtain necessary resources to move forward with cleaning up the Chowan River, according to Sec. Howard N. Lee.

In response to a question from Dr. Gene Huntsman of Beaufort, a member of the Coastal Resources Commission, Sec. Lee also hinted that a separate Water Quality Division might be established in his department.

"Gov. Hunt and I agree that more attention needs to be given to water quality," he continued at last week's meeting of the Coastal Resources Commission.

Dr. Huntsman had asked Sec. Lee if the department had sufficient resources to handle the Albemarle Basin. "We expect to continue and expand the program," Sec. Lee said in pointing out that specific budget items were earmarked for the Chowan River, which is experiencing problems with algae.

Furthermore, the secretary said there was a question as to whether the existing regional DNR&CD offices are adequate. He has asked Betsy Warren of his staff to conduct a feasibility study to determine if an office is needed in the Northeast. He said Elizabeth City would be looked at as the site.

"We must continue to take our programs to the people," he added.

Sec. Lee thanked Dr. Parker Chesson, CRC chairman, and the entire commission and Advisory Council for assisting in "tough problems," and asked for continued cooperation and guidance as the state moves toward finding solutions.

In earlier comments about the Chowan River in particular, Sec. Lee said the algae blooms have

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## NJROTC Site

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced from Washington, D. C., today the approval of John A. Holmes High School as the site of a Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit.

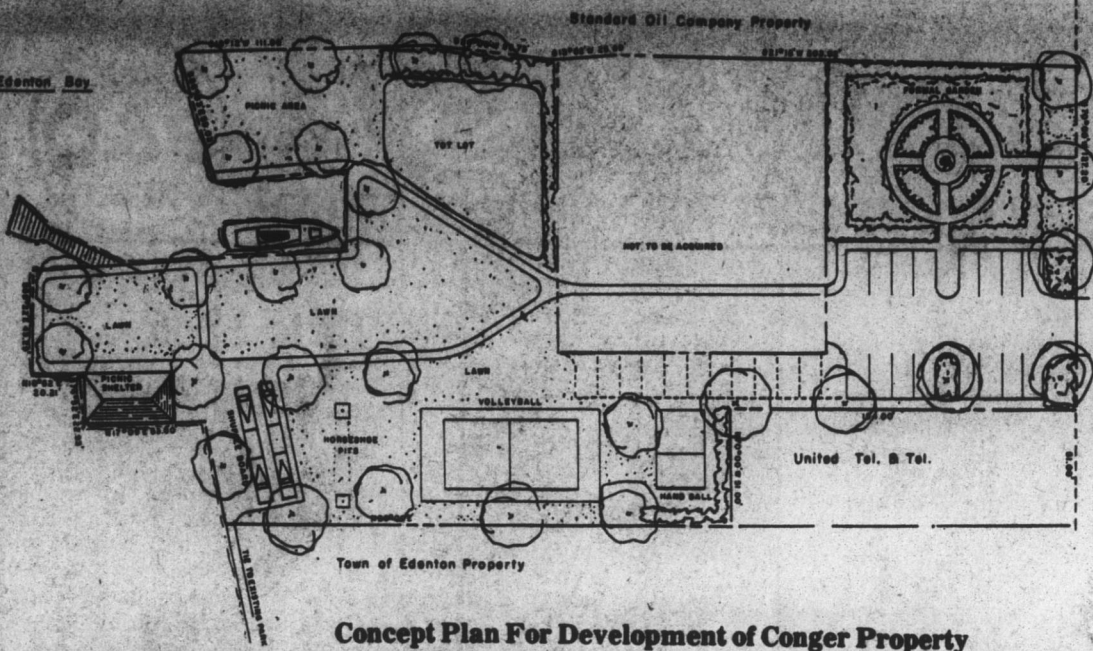
Approval was given by the Assistant Secretary of The Navy for Manpower Reserve Affairs and Logistics, upon recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations. This designation had been sought by Edenton-Chowan Schools for more than six years.

"This most worthwhile program offers an unusual opportunity for young men and women to consider possible career roles," Rep. Jones said. "Through the program it is hoped that our teen-age citizens will be better prepared to discharge their responsibilities as dependable adults."

Designation requires that the school develop a four-year course of Naval Science curriculum. It also makes the unit eligible for certain government equipment.

Retired officers and enlistment personnel will be employed as instructors while the U. S. Navy will provide educational materials and equipment.

This is a for credit course of instruction and will be available to at least 100 cadets who are 14 years of age or older.



Concept Plan For Development of Conger Property

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## Committee To Study Issue Of Consolidation



**MAKING IT OFFICIAL** — Gregory Thomas Todd signs the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education's contract to become principal of John A. Holmes High School effective July 1, as Supt. John Dunn, left and Betty, the new principal's wife, witness.

A move toward consolidation of town and county governments was launched here Tuesday night with the appointment of a committee from Edenton Town Council. Mayor Roy L. Harrell said the theory is "very fine" but he doesn't "see it (consolidation) in our future."

Mayor Harrell appointed himself and Councilman Harry Spruill and James P. Ricks, Jr., to the committee to seek discussions with Chowan County commissioners.

Councilman Gil Burroughs suggested that the town take the initiative in establishing a forum for discussing the possibilities of the consolidation of local governments. "I feel it is wise for us to investigate the possibilities," Burroughs said and cited the State of Virginia where it is done widely.

The councilman added that he doesn't think it is practical for 10,000 people to have "so many things" and that elected officials "owe it to the people to operate more efficiently through a consolidated government."

Further in the discussion he said by consolidation "we would get out of double taxation."

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## New Principal Hired By Board

Following an executive session on June 7, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education announced the election of Gregory Thomas Todd as the new principal of John A. Holmes High School. Todd's principalship becomes effective July 1.

From a field of 28 applicants, interviews conducted by Supt. John Dunn and Director of Instruction James Pressley, three candidates for approval were recommended to an Advisory Selection Committee, composed of parents and teachers representing a cross-section of the county and the two high schools. It was from the recommended and approved list that School Board members made their selection.

Unanimously elected by the board, Todd will be coming to Holmes from North Edgecomb High School in Tarboro where he has served as principal since 1971.

A native of Colerain in Bertie County, Todd, 33, has also served educationally as a teacher and

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## Bateman Takes NCSU Post

Dr. Durward F. Bateman, chairman of the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell University, has been selected to succeed Dr. Kenneth R. Keller as director of the N. C. Agricultural Research Service and associate dean of the School of Agriculture

and Life Sciences at N. C. State University.

Keller is retiring June 30 after 22 years as a research administrator at NCSU.

Dr. Bateman's appointment was announced by Chancellor Joab L. Thomas and Dean J. E. Legates. The appointment is effective August 1.

Bateman, 45, grew up on a farm near Tyner in Chowan County and received his B.S. degree with honors in botany from NCSU in 1956. His M.S. and Ph.D., both in plant pathology, are from Cornell, where he has been on the faculty since 1960.

Dean Legates described Bateman as "a scientist and administrator of extraordinary talent."

"At Cornell he has proved exceptional leadership for his department both on campus and nationally. His background of experience as a farm boy in North

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## Holland Oldest Haven Resident

Mr. June Holland has the honor of being the oldest resident, and father, in Cape Colony Haven. He is 104 years old and he was born on November 10, 1875 in Franklin, Virginia. He is highly thought of in his home town, when he was in Raleigh all of his friends chartered a bus and came down to help him celebrate his 104th birthday.

He is a very friendly person and enjoys talking with people, and attends many activities here. He walks with a walker, still shaves himself in the morning and performs many of his activities of daily living.

He has only been in our facility since April of this year, but he has quickly found a very special place in our hearts. His daughter said he was always a very nice and special person to all who knew him, and the years seem to only have added to this.

## Trial Scheduled

Charles Silsby Fearing of Manteo, one of three men charged in the death of an elderly man in Dare County, will go on trial June 26 in Chowan County Superior Court.

Fearing is charged with hit and run with personal injury and death by motor vehicle.

Judge James R. Strickland of Jacksonville will preside over the criminal term of court and Asst. Dist. Atty. D. Keith Teague of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket.

Forty cases appear on the trial calendar released this week by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court.



**OLDEST RESIDENT** — June Holland, seated above, holds the distinction of being the oldest resident of Cape Colony Haven where he has resided since April. He is shown above with Mrs. Elsie Thornton, Director of Nursing, Mrs. Aldine Lewis, Charge Nurse and David Lutz, administrator.

## Let's Be Serious

Councilman Gil Burroughs was dead serious Tuesday night when he brought up the subject of consolidation of local governments along the Public Parade. His colleagues, Chowan County commissioners and John Q. Public should be just as serious.

The fact that it has never been done in North Carolina is certainly no excuse for not having an open, complete and frank discussion of the possibilities of consolidation.

Anyone at the Town Council meeting knows full well that such discussions won't have the assistance of Mayor Roy L. Harrell. He has expressed a bias against any local government consolidation, while expressing opposition to continued increases in taxes.

However, as a member of the committee to investigate consolidation possibilities the mayor is in a position to play a true leadership role.

When the county and town budgets finally are adopted those who want to know where a lot of their tax dollars are going can pick out the duplication. It then takes simple arithmetic to apply the cost to your valuation in determining the savings. While it certainly won't be a savings in ego, what could be saved in dollars and cents is impressive.

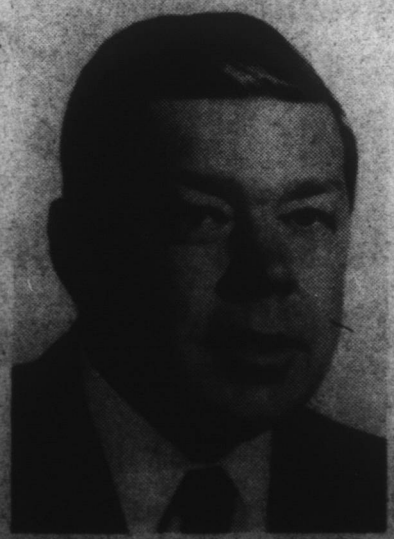
Local government officials along the Public Parade must bite the bullet. This community cannot afford two of everything and in some instances not one of many things.

The proposed discussions need to be held on a higher plane than who is going to be mayor of this or chairman on that. They should be entered into on a positive note with cost efficiency being kept foremost in mind. Only then will the time involved be something more than an exercise in futility.

## Equality For Gates

When Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company established its Albemarle Metro extended toll

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Dr. Durward F. Bateman