

## Corrects Wrong

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., last week notified seven of his appointees to the Edenton Historical Commission that their services were no longer needed. But when the smoke cleared Monday, five of the members were reinstated.

Gov. Hunt's swift action to correct the wrong speaks well of his commitment to strengthen, not weaken via political ploy, volunteer groups.

The chief executive certainly wasn't given all the facts when he notified the members — including the commission chairman, the head of the important Operations Committee who is immediate past chairman, and the commission's representative to the Historic Albemarle Tours board who was later named chairman of HAT.

New leadership on the Edenton Historical Commission took the helm at the annual meeting in October. W. B. Gardner, vice chairman who paid his dues as head of Historic Edenton, Inc., in that organization's formative years, was named chairman although other commitments kept him from attending the meeting. Only recently has he circulated his committee assignments and some folks aren't completely satisfied with his elections.

However, one which did suit was the selection of Mrs. Judy Earnhardt as representative on HAT. At that group's reorganizational meeting she was named chairman.

But the one which probably drew the most fire was the selection of George Alma Byrum, immediate past chairman, as head of the Operations Committee. It was, though, a very logical selection to strengthen the bond between Historic Edenton, which a couple of years ago was combined with the historical commission.

Now that Gov. Hunt has moved without hesitation to reinstate five of seven members (including all locals) there should be no break in the stride toward greater things for the area through the commission. By the same token, the eight newly appointed members have a contribution to make the panel and Mr. Gardner should waste no time in putting their talents to work.

And, if a lesson is to be learned from this exercise it is that you don't accomplish a great deal — even in politics — by public embarrassment of those who find themselves on the other side of the fence.

## Time For Reflection

Historically, the holiday season is a time for reflection, a time to count our blessings which are many in this country. It is sometimes easy to lose sight of how fine and great a country we have. And, a lot of this nation's strengths are due to agriculture.

Agriculture can take pride in its accomplishments because without an abundant food supply much of this prosperity, which we take for granted, would not be possible.

American farmers remain unchallenged as the world's greatest supplier of food. As farmers we are quite proud of this. Americans are the best fed of any country and it takes less of our disposable income than ever before.

And, it's indicated in the way we eat. Some of the items the average American consumed last year included 18 pounds of cheese; 18 pounds of ice cream; almost 80 pounds of beef; 62 pounds of poultry; 11.5 pounds of coffee, and 93 pounds of sugar.

In these days of double digit inflation, it's difficult to think of anything as cheap.

But, cheap is not necessarily good. Rising food prices get a lot of attention. But how high are food prices? Whether we admit it or not, this country does have a cheap food policy. Occasionally, it may bring temporary relief at the checkout counter. But, the long-term costs can and will be very high indeed and the dangers of continuing in this direction are great.

For one thing, it threatens one of

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**TRACTOR-TRAILER OVERTURNS** — A tractor-trailer, owned by D. & M. Produce of Norfolk and driven by Tony Hawes of Norfolk, overturned Tuesday morning at 12:05 A.M. The accident occurred five miles north of Edenton on U.S. 17 when another tractor-trailer passed and cut in on Hawes. Hawes truck then hit the right shoulder and overturned. It was loaded with 15 tons of frozen chicken. According to investigating State Trooper Mike McArthur, there were no injuries. The reason for the sign, he added, was just to let everyone know that he already knew about the accident.

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## Standards Adopted For Construction, Siting Of Marinas And Canals

The Coastal Resources Commission last week, during its meeting at Kill Devil Hills, adopted standards for the construction and siting of marinas and canals. The standards are designed to protect water quality, wetlands, navigation and nursery areas for fish and shellfish. The action followed six months of discussions with marina owners.

The new regulations require construction techniques which allow adequate water circulation in canals and marinas. Canals built for multiple residential development must have approved septic tanks, no point sources of pollution and natural methods for filtering stormwater runoff. New marinas which will require dredging must be located outside primary nursery areas. Dredging these valuable productive waters would harm North Carolina fishery.

The commission also adopted new regulations for nominating special natural areas as "areas of environmental concern". The action came after discussions which resolved concerns of agricultural officials who had feared the regulations would harm farming and forestry in the coastal area. Under the new rules, landowners and local governments will be involved in preliminary discussions with the CRC about the nominated area to decide if this is the best method of managing the resource. A public hearing will be held in the affected county if the CRC decides to consider designating the area.

The commission discussed the value of local land use planning supported by the Coastal Area Management Act. Nearly 70 plans

## Services Held For Industrialist

Graveside services were held Monday for Richard P. Baer, II, former Edenton industrialist. The services were held in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Baer died in Sarasota (Fla.) Memorial Hospital on December 9. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Baer operated the R. P. Baer & Company lumber mills in Creswell and Edenton for 30 years. After he moved to Dare County, he and his family operated Outer Banks Trading Post for 15 years.

Mr. Baer was a Mason, and past master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 in Edenton. He was also a member of Sudan Temple of New Bern and was past president of Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce.

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have been developed by counties and towns in the 20-county coastal area to guide development. Approval was given for land use plan updates submitted by Beaufort and Pender counties and the towns of Atlantic Beach, Aurora, Burgaw, Cape Carteret, Edenton, Emerald Isle, Holly Ridge, Long Beach, Manteo, Minnesott Beach, New Bern, Newport, Ocean Isle Beach, Plymouth and Shallotte.

David Brower of the UNC Center for Urban and Regional Studies reported to the CRC on the progress of the beach access program. Inventories of existing accessways have been prepared and other states' programs surveyed. At the next CRC meeting there will be a discussion of administrative rules necessary for the beach access program which was created and funded by the 1981 session of the General Assembly. Brower is a consultant to the NRCD Office of Coastal Management.

The CRC task forces discussed post-disaster planning for highway relocation with representatives of the Department of Transportation and heard staff suggestions for new surface water classifications to be proposed to the Environmental Management Commission to protect shellfishing and primary nursery areas and to avoid over-enrichment and algae blooms.

The next CRC meeting is scheduled for February 4-5 in the Morehead City area.

## Herald Printing Schedule Changed

The Chowan Herald will be published a day early next week. The holiday schedule requires that all news and advertisement copy be submitted by 12-noon Monday.

The newspaper will be printed Tuesday evening, placed at the newsstands open at that time, and circulated in the mail on Wednesday, instead of Thursday.

This holiday schedule will allow an extra day before Christmas for shoppers to get last minute items as advertised by local merchants. Also, it will allow The Chowan Herald employees to have an extra day off since the newspaper office will be closed Thursday, as well as Friday, for the holiday.

Remember, the magic time next week (other than Christmas) is 12-noon Monday!



**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADDS NEW MEMBER** — Haywood Jones, left, manager of Jones Mobile Homes in Edenton, was admitted to the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce as part of the 1982 Membership Drive. Jerry Hendee, right, the Executive Vice-President for the Chamber, said the drive is doing very well.

## Schedule For Christmas Observances Is Revealed

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Adult Choir of the Edenton Baptist Church will render a Christmas cantata entitled the "Dawn of Redeeming Grace." Written by Robert Graham, this work tells the Christmas story through songs and narration.

Under the direction of James H. Hyatt, minister of music of the church, the choir will be accompanied by Miss Anna Kay Manning at the organ. Alton Elmore will be narrator for this musical service and soloists will be J. Russell Baxley, Mrs. John Smith, and Mrs. Michael Spruill. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The choir of the Edenton United Methodist Church will present: "A Christmas Concert: Churches In Early America," at 11 A.M. on December 20 at the Edenton United Methodist Church. This choir program, with an early American theme, was written by Roger C. Wilson.

A Christmas Candlelighting Service will take place at the Edenton United Methodist Church at 7:30 P.M. on December 20. The Children's Choir, Adult Choir and congregation will participate in the singing of Christmas hymns and carols. A period of fellowship and refreshment will follow the program.

The general public is invited to attend both services.

The Adult Choir of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata "I Believe" this Sunday at 7 P.M. The cantata seeks to discover the true message of Christmas. Christmas is a fact, a happening

## Council Votes Change In Utility Collection Policy

The Edenton Town Council met on December 8 in a regular session. Following the opening invocation and the approval of the minutes, the Administrative and Departmental reports were given.

The Administrative report consisted on a request that the Council meet on January 14 with the Airport Commission to discuss joint city-county ownership.

The Departmental reports introduced Robbie Laughton, the new Recreation Director and reported that the Police Department still had one opening.

The Committee reports were next. The Finance Committee recommended that the Council adopt the assignment of classes to pay grades and annual salary schedule. It was approved. The Committee also recommended that an employee evaluation procedure be implemented. This was also approved. The Committee recommended that the Council amend the Town of

Edenton's utility policy to allow that cut off letters be forwarded to delinquent customers after one month's delinquency instead of after two months. This was due to the extremely high arrears account which the utility fund currently possesses. The recommendation was approved. The Finance Committee's final recommendation was to amend the Personnel Policy section 19-52 on bonus pay so that each Town employee be paid by longevity instead of by percentage. This would help approximately 90 - 95 per cent of the Town employees. This was approved.

The Utility Committee gave its report next. They requested that L. E. Wooten and Co. be authorized to prepare a grant application for Clean Water Bond Act Funds for sewer line extension in areas where the Town doesn't possess sewer lines. They also recommended that L. E. Wooten and Co. be authorized to provide engineering service for the Town's brine storage tank project. Both were approved.

The Public Works Committee report followed. The Committee recommended that a 1968 truck be sold as surplus property and that the street leading into Beaver Hill Cemetery be paved when funds become available. Both recommendations were approved.

The unfinished business was moved to the last item on the agenda. In new business Herman Satterwhite, a representative of the N. C. League of Municipalities Group Insurance Plan, presented the League's health insurance plan and presented a comparison of the League's health insurance costs and coverage as opposed to the Town's present coverage. The Council recommended this to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Jim Lewis, a representative of Senior Village of Edenton, presented plans for a proposed senior citizens retirement home and requested that the retirement home be added to the Town's sewer system. The Council appointed Councilman Willis Privott to appear before the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) to present the request.

Steve Mollar, National Resources and Community Development Recreation Specialist, discussed the Town's recent grant application for water-based recreation funds for a proposed park behind the Police Dept. and discussed the assistance which his office can provide the

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## Mr. Lane, 27 Becomes Victim Of Accident

Ronnie Thomas Lane, 27, of Route 1, Edenton, was killed Thursday when the car he was driving crossed the center line of U. S. Highway 17 and struck a truck, injuring the three men in the truck.

All three men in the truck were listed in satisfactory condition at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

According to State Trooper W. Charles Eley, Lane was not passing another vehicle when he crossed the center line into the no-passing zone.

Lane, the son of Mrs. Cassie Nixon Lane and the late Henry T. Lane of Edenton, was employed as a welder first class at a Norfolk shipyard. He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Betty L. Owens of Edenton.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. on December 12, at the Williford - Barham Funeral Chapel by Rev. Donald Wagner. Burial followed at the Nixon Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wade Parks, Glenn Parks, Wade Casper, Gary Casper, Wayne Hudgins and Tom Reynolds.

Williford - Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Home Decoration Contest Is Slated

The Garden of Eden Club is sponsoring a home decoration contest this Christmas season.

Everyone is urged to participate. Judging will be done the weekend of December 18-20.

Two first prizes of \$15 each will be awarded for the best decoration of a traditional home, and a contemporary home. Second prizes for each type of home will be \$10.