



ENCROACHMENT—The Town of Edenton says these additions to the rear entrances of Broad Street Buildings are on town property.

Merchants Settle Encroachment Conflict

By Maru Amburn

Town officials and owners of six Broad Street Buildings have come to a verbal agreement settling the controversy over possible encroachment on town property.

The council met last Wednesday, August 22 with building owners, town surveyor Jasper Hassell and town attorney J. Peter Rascoe III to settle differences and agree on a property line.

Edenton will offer 10 feet behind six businesses, from the north corner of Mitchener's Pharmacy to the south corner of Pate's Florist, for sale to owners following upcoming appraisal by a real estate agent.

John Mitchener III, who owns property just south of Pate's Florist, believes the new line should extend to all owners along a straight path: not only to those who are already on town property. The town has twice denied Mitchener's request to purchase additional land

behind his Gaslight Square building.

Four of the six buildings along the newly established line are encroaching on town property, according to the 1982 survey by Jasper Hassell: Mitchener's Pharmacy, Parker-Evans Hardware, Popes, Elliott Company and Pate's Florist. Although Ben Riddick Jewelers is not encroaching on town land, Riddick has agreed to purchase land at a reasonable price to establish a straight line. Wallace Evans of Parker-Evans Hardware, who owns the Popes building, has also agreed to purchase property behind Popes that does not encroach on town land.

Four buildings south of Pate's are not encroaching, so that property will not be for sale, Town manager Sam Noble said.

Evans said his building extension was constructed some 30-40 years ago and Mitchener's was extension

was in place 25-30 years ago.

Questions also arose Wednesday about where the measurement for the new town line should begin.

Town attorney J. Peter Rascoe III said, "Regardless of what you use as a starting point on Broad

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Credit Union Expansion

The Board of Directors of the Chowan Credit Union, Edenton, announced this week their plans to open a branch office in Elizabeth City. The office will be located in the facilities formerly occupied by Pasquotank County Credit Union at 502 South Martin Street.

Open house will be held Sunday, September from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office will open for business Tuesday morning September 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Parade

The Littlest Offender

A few weeks ago we expressed the opinion that the League of Municipalities had given away the store when it reneged on its commitment to support Morehead City in its fight with the Department of Transportation over the location of a proposed bridge spanning Bogue Sound.

Now that the contract has been let at a figure 19 percent under departmental estimates, it is now apparent that Morehead City has been hoodwinked since one of the principal arguments against the alternate location sought by the city was that it would cost too much.

If estimates on the alternate were exaggerated as much as those for the span favored by the department were underestimated, then the longer bridge may have been within the funding capability of the state.

Since the legislature, quietly supported by the League of Municipalities, amended the law to give the Department of Transportation the right to usurp certain Morehead City Streets, the die has been cast and construction will go ahead. But Morehead City should put pressure on the incoming state administration to use the \$2 million or so saved on the project to extend ramps across the railroad which separates US 70 east from US 70 west. This could certainly be developed as a supplemental project and let to contract in time to be finished concurrently with the bridge, now scheduled for 1987.

There is at least one more instance in which we feel the League of Municipalities rendered a disservice to its member cities in the position it took before the General Assembly. We are talking about the bill which would have prohibited, with some exceptions, the use of phosphate-based detergents in North Carolina.

The league had mayors and city managers from all over the state calling their senators and representatives and urging them to support the bill. They said it would save the cities money.

What they really meant was that it might delay for a short while an EPA regulation requiring the cities to put in phosphate removal equipment at their sewage treatment plants. But what they were overlooking was that, if the detergent ban had passed, it would have removed only about 15 percent of phosphate from the streams.

Spokesmen from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, prime sponsor of anti-detergent bill, were always quick to point out that it was "a necessary first step." Apparently the league never asked them what the second and third steps would be.

Since from 75 to 85 percent of the pollution would have remained in the streams if the bill had passed, it is apparent to anyone who can read the signs that step two would not have been long coming and would have compelled the cities to put in phosphate removal facilities. And then would have come the third step, which would have been a little more difficult — that is, devising some way to keep agricultural

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Fugitive Indicted In Chowan Superior Court

Willard Mack Blankenship, a 27 year old man wanted in Virginia, was indicted Monday in Chowan County Superior Court for two counts of breaking and entering and one count of larceny.

Blankenship, who had been staying at Hampton Courts in Edenton, is wanted in Montgomery County,

Va. for failing to appear in court for drug possession charges and in Giles County, Va. on a breaking and entering and larceny charge.

The Superior Court indictment came about after Blankenship fled from local law enforcement officials in downtown Edenton Thursday, August 16.

Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin transported Blankenship to Perquimans County Thursday on request of Perquimans Sheriff Julian Broughton; he was wanted for questioning on the whereabouts of Michael Gurgans of Perquimans County, wanted for armed robbery in Newport News.

Upon returning from Perquimans County, Toppin parked his car at the sheriff's department and Blankenship ran from the car through the parking lot toward Court Street.

Deputy Linda Terry pursued Blankenship to Court Street where she discovered the fugitive banging on the side door of a house.

Mrs. Gilbert Garrett, who lives at 207 Court Street, said her daughter, Dianne, was going to open the door to assist the young man screaming for help when she saw Deputy Terry round the corner with her pistol pointed toward Blankenship. Terry took Blankenship into custody and returned him to the jail

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SHRINE CLUB—The Chowan Shrine Club is busy making plans for their parade and fishry which will take place on Saturday, September 8. Shriners pictured are: (seated-left) George Midgett, Chairman of Fishry Committee; Mickey Spruill, President of Chowan Shrine Club; (standing-left) Charles Shaw, Secretary; and C.B. Smith, Vice President. Not pictured is Tom Byrum, Treasurer.

Sheriff Says Investigation Continues

Charges Dropped Against Jones Murder Suspect Clyde Leary

Although murder charges against Clyde Alexander Leary were dropped Monday in Chowan

Superior Court, Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin said, "The case is still being investigated."

Leary, 20, of Edenton had been charged with the January 31, 1979 murder of Yeopim Township store owner Les Jones.

He had been charged with murder, armed robbery, and accessory after the fact to murder and armed robbery. Insufficient evidence was the reason cited for the dropped charges.

Leary is now in a North Carolina prison on an armed robbery sentence.

Two other men, Donald Vernal Broady, 29, of New York City and George Lee Revell, 31, of Hampstead, NY had also been charged with Jones' murder, but they were released from the charges in June.

Leary, Broady, and Revell were all arrested in May, 1983.

Lester Jones, was shot and robbed of approximately \$10,000 in his store. Money from his cash register, a cash box, and Jones' wallet were taken from the store. He was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head.



Cong. Jim Martin

Martin Visits

Local democrats and republicans will gather tonight (Thursday) at Rocky Hock Community Building to check-out gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin and to enjoy a barbeque dinner.

Martin, a republican, is waging his campaign for governor against democratic candidate Attny. Gen. Rufus Edmisten.

A five-term U.S. Congressman, Martin is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the House GOP Research Committee. He was elected to the Mecklenburg County Commissioners in 1966 and was subsequently elected its chairman. Voted president of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners in 1972, Martin says he knows the needs of local government.

A graduate of Davidson College and Princeton University, Martin taught chemistry at Davidson before he was elected to serve in Congress.

Event organizers say they expect a good crowd at the gathering which begins at 7:00.

Zoning Plans Postponed

by Maru Amburn

When Chowan County Commissioners hold a public hearing next week to discuss establishment of zoning districts, they will consider only a portion of the proposed ordinance.

County manager Cliff Copeland said the commissioners originally intended that Tuesday's (September 4) meeting include both the Arrowhead-Chowan Beach and Cape Colony proposals. According to Copeland, he has heard questions from Arrowhead-Chowan Beach property owners that convinced him there are some misconceptions about the effects of the land use plans.

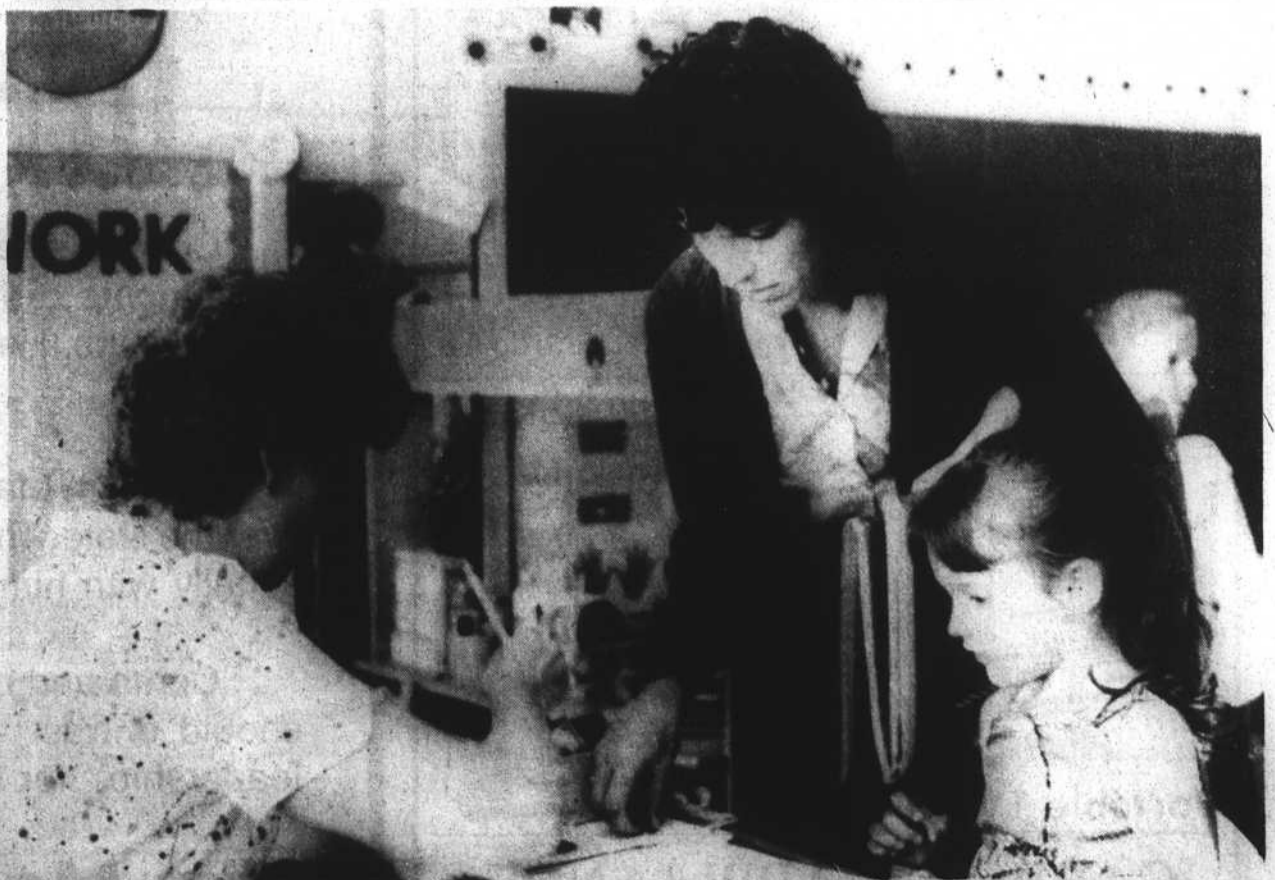
"We are post-poning consideration of the Arrowhead-Chowan Beach area until we can meet with some area residents and clear-up questions," explained Copeland. "I polled the commissioners and they agree."

The planning board held public meetings in both effected areas. Since that time, several Arrowhead-Chowan Beach residents have called who are not fully informed, Copeland said. The proposed land use plan includes Cape Colony, Hornblow, County Club Drive, Arrowhead Beach, Chowan Beach and south beyond United Piece Dye Works along the Chowan River.

The purpose of the zoning ordinance, according to a June 1984 draft, is to regulate the size and height of buildings, the percentage of lot that can be occupied, the required open space, the density of population and the uses of land and buildings in designated areas. If enacted, zoning changes will only effect future development.

A section of the proposed ordinance states that "This ordinance

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FIRST DAY — Tiffany Fletcher (right) watches as her mother, Wanda, registers her for Kindergarten at D.F. Walker School on Monday, August 27. Tiffany is in Mrs. Jennett Stallings' (left) Room 12.