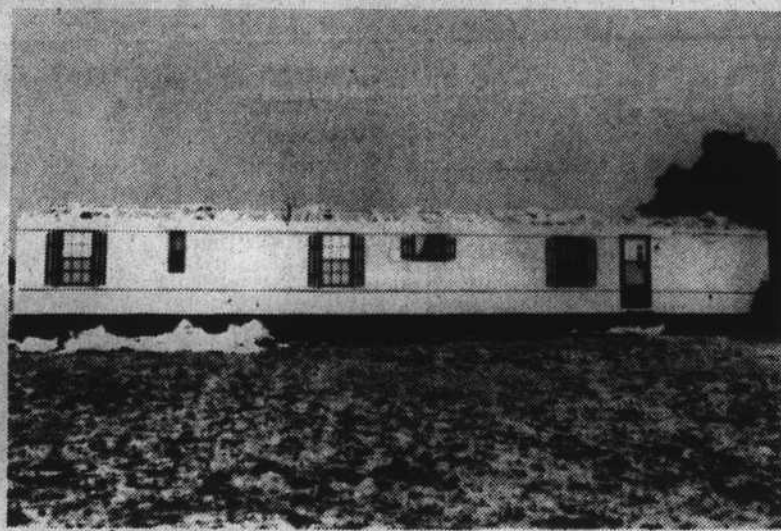




TWISTER— (left picture) The roof of Robbie Laughton's trailer ended up in pieces behind homes across the street after a tornado touch-



ed down in the Lynnhaven Mobile Home Park on Tuesday evening. In the right picture is Laughton's mobile home minus its roof.

Tornado Hits Area; Home Damaged

A tornado ripped through Lynnhaven Mobile Home Park in the Cowpenock section of the county Tuesday evening tearing the roof off of one mobile home and pushing five others three feet back from their original location.

Robbie Laughton, Town of Edenton Recreation Director and owner of the home that had its roof blown off, said he had just gotten home with his two year old son, Jeremy, at 8:20 p.m. when a hard rain began to fall.

Soon it began to hail and Laughton said it got so loud that he and his wife, Nan, could hardly hear each other talk. The hail beat so hard that small shavings of ice began coming through the windows.

Then the wind started to pick up and Laughton instructed Nan, who is pregnant, and Jeremy to get under the kitchen table. He then wrapped blankets around the table to protect his family.

"The next thing I heard was a whoosh," said Laughton. Suddenly, the kitchen clock blew off the wall and the current went out and came back on again.

When Laughton looked out his

kitchen window he saw that his roof and some insulation had blown across the street behind another mobile home.

Water began leaking from the roof and Laughton attempted to catch it with some pots and pans, but his efforts were futile. He then loaded the family in his car and drove them to a friend's house. Later that evening he came back to his home and, with the help of some friends, removed his belongings.

No one was injured in the incident and an investigation into the amount of damage done is continuing.

Besides damage to the mobile homes, watermelons in a nearby field were damaged by the hail. Laughton said the hail was as big as golf balls and that it went through three lounge chairs in his backyard.

Even though Laughton's home was damaged by the storm, he said he feels extremely fortunate. "The best thing is that the Lord looked after the family. You can replace a mobile home, but you can't replace a family," he said.

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Public Parade

Lotteries Old Hat

While the legislature debates the merits of a state-sanctioned lottery for North Carolina, people along the Public Parade will be interested in knowing that, if approved, it would not be the first time our General Assembly put its stamp of approval on the luck of the draw.

We were in the lottery business as early as 1797; and, back then as now, education — or one of the justifications — for legalization.

Pittsborough Academy was the beneficiary in 1797 when the General Assembly authorized a lottery in which 3,500 tickets were sold, with a first prize of \$400. A total of 1,123 prizes worth \$7,000 would be awarded if all tickets were sold.

The record does not say how successful the scheme was, but it is little wonder the academy needed money. Tuition was \$8 a year for students taking reading, writing and arithmetic, \$13 for those taking "the classics, English grammar, geography, the mathematics, etc."

Next came Newton Academy, located near Asheville. In January, 1810, the legislature authorized its trustees to conduct a lottery "to compleat the necessary buildings belonging to the same — and also to establish a female academy in the town of Asheville."

They offered tickets at \$4 each and promised a top prize of \$7,000. But things did not go well. The trustees ran an ad December 21, 1811, saying that "owing to the extreme scarcity of cash", the lottery was being called off and the money returned to those who had purchased tickets.

Pretty soon Smithfield Academy wanted to get in on the act and the legislature obliged. Samuel Mitchner, Thomas Rice and M. Lloyd Hill were authorized in January, 1820, to hold a lottery for the benefit of the

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Conservation Requested

Due to the severe drought conditions experienced this Spring, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners have requested that all water customers implement a voluntary water conservation program.

Water customers are requested to refrain from watering yards, gardens, washing automobiles or trucks, or any other non-essential use of water, such as filling swimming pools.

A 25% reduction in water usage is needed immediately if an adequate water supply is to continue to be provided. A failure of this voluntary conservation program to reduce water demands will result in implementation of a mandatory conservation program.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to the Chowan County Water Department.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Geraldine Nixon (left), a retired science teacher, and Frances Wilkins, a retired sixth grade teacher, were two speakers at the 2nd annual Academic Excellence Banquet held in the J.A. Holmes cafeteria on Thursday, May 30. At the banquet, 65 students received academic pins and letters.

Jaycee Groups Merging

Two local civic groups, the Edenton Jaycees and the Jaycee Women have decided to merge. As of June 1, the single organization will be known as the Edenton Jaycees, Incorporated.

The chain of events which led to the local merger began with a July, 1984 Supreme Court decision which allowed women to join the

Minnesota Jaycees. Last August the U.S. Jaycees opened its membership to women. In separate meetings earlier this year, a U.S. Jaycee Women Special Committee and the U.S. Jaycee Board of Directors recommended that the Jaycee Women dissolve and move into the Jaycee framework.

At their state convention in May, the North Carolina Jaycee Women voted to dissolve and merge with the Jaycees when they realized their national organization would soon cease to exist. The actual vote for dissolution of the U.S. Jaycee Women will be made later this month at the national convention.

The Edenton Jaycee Women and the Jaycees have met and discussed the options available to the local club. Since it is the Jaycee Women's desire to retain the Jaycee concept and continue its service to the community, they unanimously passed a resolution to merge with the local Jaycees. The women's club then presented a merger proposal to the Jaycees which they accepted in late May.

In a recent letter to the members of the Jaycee Women, local President Susan Small commented on the warm and gracious way the idea of a merger was greeted by the Jaycees. Mrs. Small said, "They seemed to share our disappointment in losing our own organization, which has served the community for over 20 years, but welcomed the idea of combining forces. We look forward to continuing our goals of community service and leadership training in this exciting new Jaycee organization."

According to Edenton Jaycee President Bruce Wackelin, the Jaycees are "looking forward to the increase in community service which the additional 'manpower' will provide. The Jaycee Women and the Jaycees have worked well together for years and I am very excited about combining our goals and our expertise to further serve the community."

Tax Hike Proposed

Residents of Edenton and Chowan County will be paying higher property taxes if the proposed town and county budgets for Fiscal year 1985-86 are approved. Taxpayers in town will see an increase of two cents while county taxpayer's will see an increase of five cents.

An expected 25 percent reduction in revenue sharing, a loss in utilities franchise taxes and higher expenses were some of the reasons given for the towns proposed tax increase, the first in four years.

The proposed budget presented at a special Town Council meeting on Wednesday, May 29 is \$7.7 million, an 11 percent increase from last year's budget. Add to that capital projects to be funded by grants and reserves and the overall budget for the year totals \$14.4 million.

A five percent cost-of-living raise for all town employees is included in the budget, but effective July 1, town employees working on a holiday will be paid their regular hourly rate instead of the time-and-a-half pay they are paid now. Also, a part-time clerk's position that costs the town close to \$6,000 is due to be eliminated.

Included in the budget is a plan to reduce or eliminate entirely contributions to civic organizations and non-profit groups.

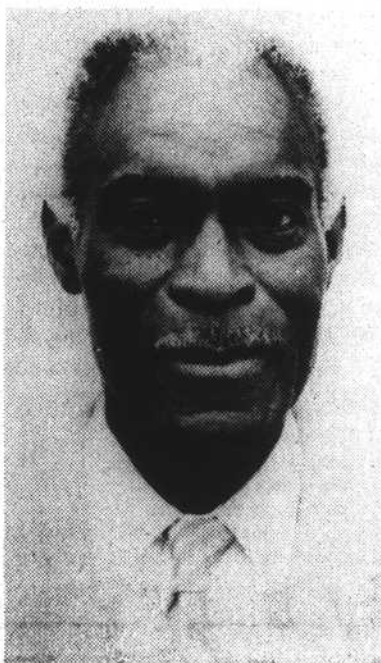
The county is also facing an expected 25 percent loss in revenue sharing and expects further reduction in funds resulting from the appropriation of less fund balance and reduced interest income due to a lowering of interest rates and revenues. The county's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1985-86 is \$3.9 million, \$110,917 less than last year's budget.

Only two of the departments funded by the county - education and social services - are receiving a substantial increase in funding in the proposed budget.

The social services department was allotted an increase of \$34,000

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Horton Keynote Speaker



Dr. J.H. Horton

Dr. J.H. Horton, recipient of the First District All-State School Board Award, will be the keynote speaker at John A. Holmes High School Commencement exercises 7 p.m. this Friday at Hicks Field.

A native of Edenton, Horton entered the private practice of dentistry locally in 1948. He holds a B.S. degree from Saint

Augustine's College, Raleigh, and received a D.D.S. degree from Howard University Washington, D.C. in 1946.

In 1967 Horton was appointed to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Two years later, he was elected for two years; then elected to serve six years in 1972. He was re-elected to serve for another six year term in 1978. From 1972 on, he served as vice-chairman of the board.

Horton has served the community in many ways. He was appointed by President Nixon to serve on the Cabinet Committee on Education for North Carolina - 1969 - 78, and has held the offices of secretary-treasurer, Chowan Credit Union; chairman, Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council; and president, Eastern North Carolina Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society.

He was awarded "Dentist of the Year" in 1967 and is a member of Saint John's Episcopal Church where he serves as a vestry and Senior Warden.

Horton and his wife, Mary, have one son.

Farmer's Market Open For Business

The Farmer's Market is now open at the same location across from McDonald's. The Market is sponsored by Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Mike Williams, County Agent.

The market will be open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

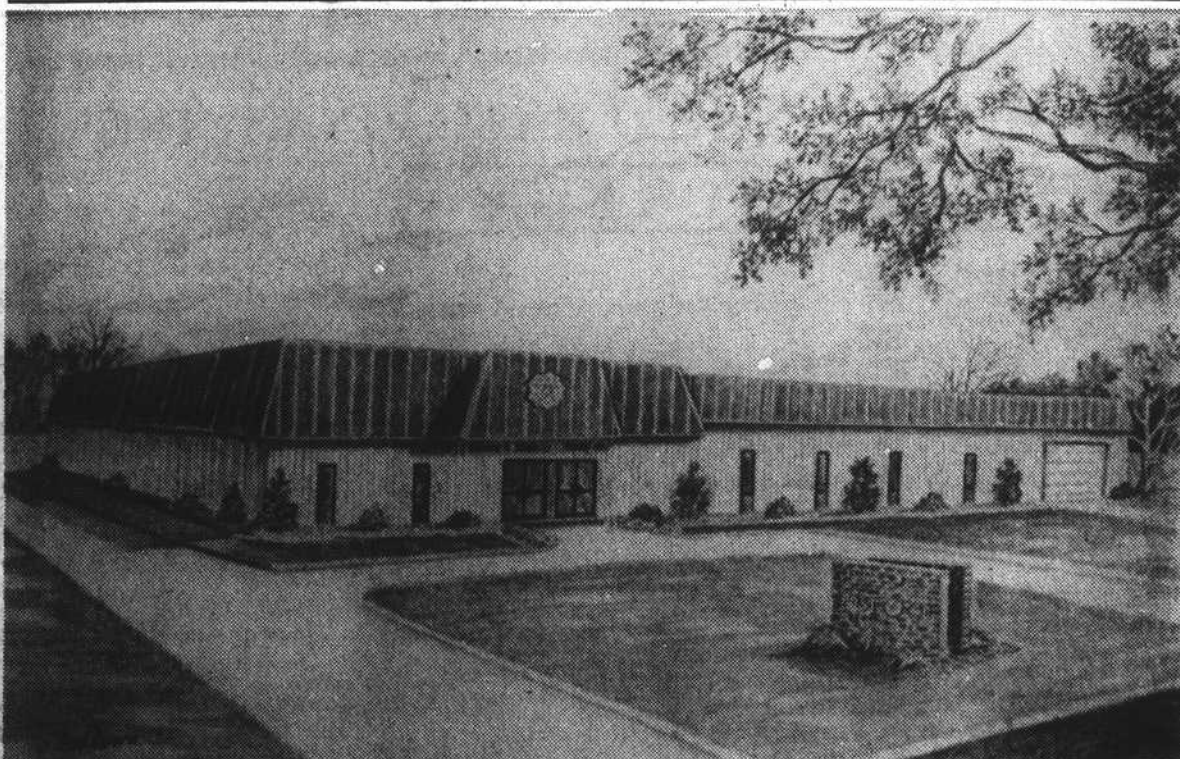
Virginia Hobbs, coordinator, says that they will have fresh produce (snap beans, onions, potatoes, beets, cabbage) canned goods, and smoked herrings. As the season progresses, we will have corn, tomatoes, butter beans, peas and other produce.

If you would like to participate or have any questions please call Mrs. Hobbs at 482-7186.

Bar-B-Que

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club will be holding a Beef Bar-B-Que this Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut on Broad Street.

Bar-B-Que will sell for \$3.50 a plate and \$4 a pound. Proceeds will go toward the annual Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration.



NEW BUILDING— Pictured here is local artist Laney Layton's rendition of a proposed new American Legion Building. When completed, the building will measure 60 ft. wide and 180 ft. long; it will be constructed in front of the existing American Legion Building on Business 17. At Monday night's Board of County Commissioner's meeting, American Legion representatives Jim Criddle and E.C. Toppin requested and received a resolution from the commissioners stating that a new building will enhance the community. The American Legion has asked the state legislature for a matching grant of \$136,000 to cover the cost of the \$272,000 building. It is hoped that the building will be completed sometime in 1986.