

Public Parade

Toward A Good Team

With the primary elections now only a few weeks away, many Chowan County citizens are trying to make up their minds whom to vote for in the contested races.

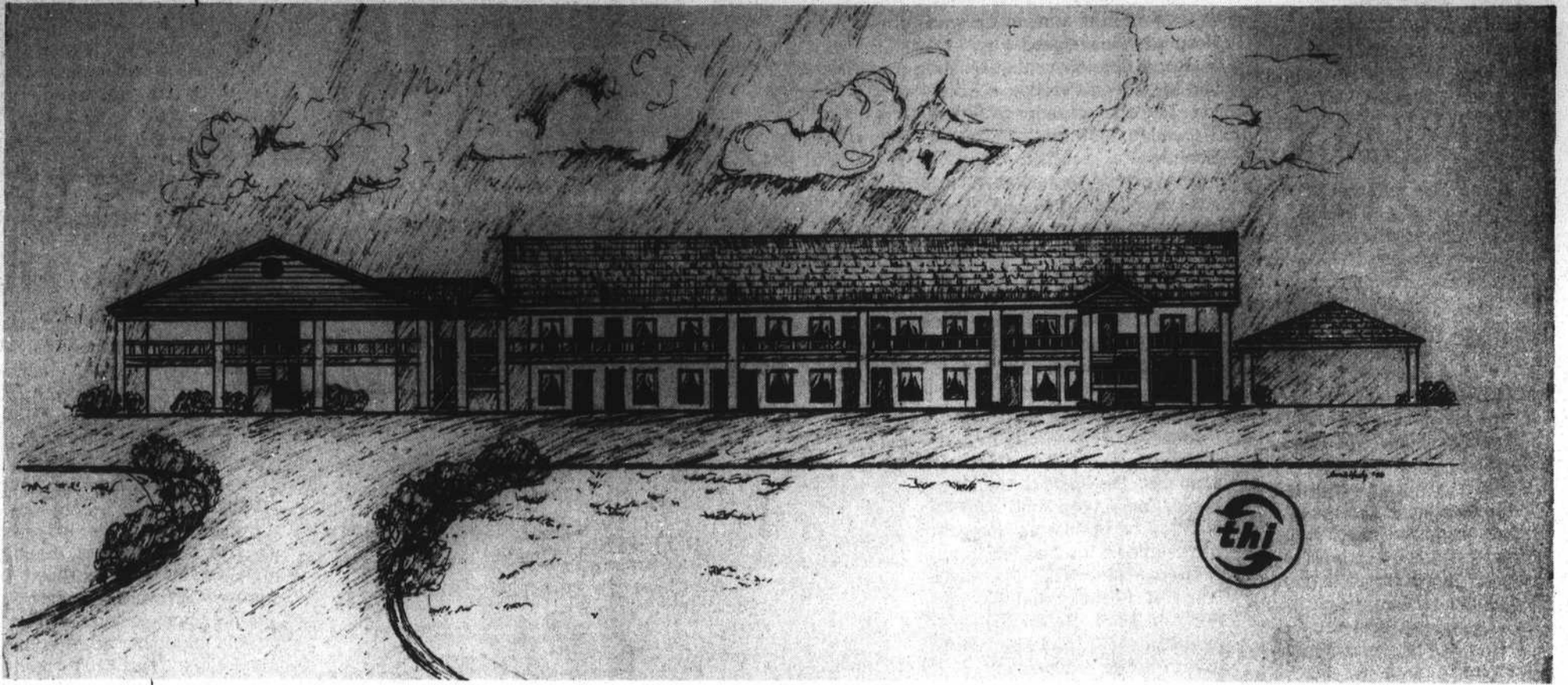
It is always a complex decision and few of us appreciate help from the outside. In most of the races you know the contestants better than we do; so we are going to leave it up to you to make your own choice in the sheriff's race, the contests for the school board, board of county commissioners or other purely local offices.

There are, however, contests in which we feel qualified to offer a suggestion, and that we are going to do.

If we could vote in Chowan County, we would cast our ballot for R.M. Thompson and Vernon James for the First District's two house seats in the General Assembly.

We would vote for Pete Thompson for the simple reason that he is a resident of Chowan County. He no doubt has other qualifica-

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Architects drawing of the proposed Travel Host Inn motel.

New Motel Developers Request Edenton Annexation

A new motel appears to be in Edenton's future. Bob Thomas of Edenton, one of the developers of

the motel, made the announcement Monday. He said the other developers are Dowdy Brothers,

Inc. of Blacksburg, VA and Van Johnson of Richmond, VA.

The motel, a Travel Host Inn, is to be located at the northeast corner of N.C. 32 and U.S. 17 at Edenton.

Thomas said the building design will be colonial in nature, in keeping with the historical significance of the area. The inn will offer telephones, air conditioning and color TV in the rooms and a swimming pool.

The seventy unit motel will con-

sist of three different room designs and is planned to cater to the needs of the commercial and leisure traveler. Thomas termed the room rates as "low to medium."

He said that, "Although an exact opening date has not been determined, it is hoped that the motel will be ready for use early in 1987." Construction of the motel is expected to cost some \$1.4 million.

The site of the planned motel in-

cludes 18 acres owned by the developers. Thomas attended Tuesday night's Edenton Town Council meeting to ask that the site be the subject of a satellite annexation by the town. He also asked that action on this request be taken at one of the two special meetings of the council on April 16 or April 29.

Thomas said that the motel would offer full-time employment for a staff of twelve. No restaurant is included in the plans.



REQUESTS FUNDS—Representing the Chowan Arts Council, Bruce Wackelin requests funding for that organization Tuesday evening at the Edenton Town Council meeting. Wackelin requested \$2,960 as the town's contribution which would be matched by the N.C. Arts Council.

Council Accepts Agreement Amendments

Amendments to the power sales agreements between the N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) and its members, including Edenton, were offered for the Town Council's consideration Tuesday evening.

The general manager of the agency, Jim Bobo, explained the six amendments which concerned funding and refinancing of the debt structure of the agency. Bobo also said that one of the future projects of the agency is the construction of an administration building in the Raleigh area.

Bobo said that the debt restructuring could save the agency some \$524 million in brining interest costs from around 11 percent down to the 7 percent level.

Other provisions of the amendments dealt with technical aspects of the functioning of the agency's board of commissioners and its budget process.

The council passed resolutions accepting all six amendments with only the first one, concerning debt funding, passing unanimously. A tie vote on one was broken by a vote in favor by Mayor John Dowd. When the second amendment was reached, Councilman Steve Hampton said, "I'm going to have to object from this point on. I really don't understand them."

After the vote, Bobo was asked, "When are we going to get a cheaper rate here?" He responded that a lower rate could not be

expected. Instead, he warned of "a very large increase" in the first quarter of next year when the Harris nuclear plant becomes operational. He said the increase would be on the order of 15 percent. "The same kind of thing is going on all over the country," Bobo said.

Councilman Hampton responded with, "I don't understand. We were supposed to have lower rates" (in reference to the reason Edenton contracted with the agency). Bobo said of the rates, that they "had to do mostly with the inflationary spirals."

David Ethridge appeared before the council to ask for an extension on his April 21 deadline to bring his house at 210 S. Oakum Street into conformity with the building code or be faced with its demolition by the town. Ethridge was given more time when council tabled the issue until its April 29 meeting.

The Chowan County Arts Council, represented by Bruce Wackelin, requested that the council provide \$2,960 for the group's operating expenses. He said that Chowan County has provided a like amount and matching funds will be provided by the N.C. Arts Council. The request will be taken up by Councilman Hampton's Finance Committee.

Another request for funds totaling \$10,500 was made by Brad Barker who is conducting an historical survey of the area's ar-

chitecture. He said that he had looked at over 600 buildings in the county and "hundreds of documents" in an effort to document the area's past. The funds would go toward such a survey of Edenton. He said that very little is known about several areas of the town.

Barker said that he had discovered and documented a 1760's dairy on West King Street. He said that the building could easily have been torn down and that carpenters working there called it a "piece of junk." The end result of the survey would be a book on the subject. The request was referred to the Finance Committee.

Robert S. Thomas asked the council for satellite annexation by the town of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of the intersection of N.C. 32 and U.S. 17. Thomas explained his plans for the construction of a motel on that site and asked for the council to take action at one of its special meetings in April.

Town Administrator Sam Noble, said Wednesday that after the petition, which was submitted by Thomas asking for the annexation, is studied and certified, council could set a public hearing date at its April 29 meeting. The hearing and final approval could come as early as mid-May.

During the public comment period at the end of the meeting,

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Board Candidates Express Concerns

By Jack Grove
(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series on candidates for the May 6 Primary.)

David Ober

Challenging Clara Boswell for the Second Township seat on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners is David Ober, 56, of the Rocky Hock community.

Ober, a Chowan County native, is married with four grown children and four grandchildren. He is a graduate of Chowan High School.

A farmer, his major crops are peanuts and cotton. He is a charter member and past secretary for four years of the Albemarle Cotton Growers Association. It was this association that was instrumental in establishing the cotton gin in Rocky Hock in the late 1970's.

Ober is a member of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church where he is a Deacon and substitute Sunday School teacher. He is a charter member of the Rocky Hock Ruritans and a past member of the Chowan Ruritan club. He is a



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Clara Boswell

past president of both clubs and has served as Zone Governor, Lt. Governor and District Governor

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Clara Boswell

The incumbent County Commissioner for the Second Township is Clara M. Boswell. Now serving as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, she has had an extensive career in public service.

Boswell, 53, is a native of Hyde County and the widow of W. Elton

Boswell. She has four grown children and one grandchild.

Boswell earned three college degrees from East Carolina University: a B.S. in Home Economics; M.A. in Secondary Home Economics; and a M.A. in Education Administration.

She began her career in Chowan County in 1954 as a Home Extension Agent. She then operated a florist business for two years.

In 1957, she embarked on a

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DEMO RALLY—Floyd Lupton, Administrative Aide to First District Congressman Walter B. Jones, was the featured speaker Friday night at a Chowan County Democratic Party rally at the American Legion building. Most local candidates were present and allowed three minutes each to speak. Chairman of the Chowan Democratic Party, Sara Tynch is at right.

Saturday, April 12
from 9:30 - 12:30
at Hicks Field

Special Olympics

Admission is Free
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these special children.