



Ordinances Recommended

Edenton may soon have an expanded historic district as plans progress in that direction.

The Edenton Historic District Commission placed two proposed town ordinances before the planning board which the board approved and recommended to the town council.

The first ordinance expands the historic district from the small area around the town's oldest homes to the boundaries of the historic district recognized by the National Register of Historic Places.

The second ordinance deals with the commission itself and brings it into exact compliance with state statutes. The main provision would provide staggered terms for commission members who are appointed by the council.

A letter was sent by the town to the N.C. Division of Archives and History asking for approval of the expanded boundaries which was granted. This paves the way for a public hearing on the

subject which has been scheduled for 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9 prior to enactment of the ordinances.

The approximate boundaries of the revised historic district are the waterfront; a line west of Moseley Street; north of West Gale Street; west of North Broad, West Freemason, just east of North Broad Street; and Oakum Street. (A more exact description of the proposed revised district boundaries can be found in the Herald legal notices, published on page 6-A of this week's edition).

Councilman Livingstone Goodman said Wednesday that persons owning property within the proposed historic district would receive a notice of the hearing in the mail.

William Turpin, commission chairman, said that it is the policy of the historic commission to help property owners, architects and contractors in their planning of changes to buildings in the historic district by making sure that planned

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Squirrels Find A Way

We've been pretty well snowed in for the past 10 days and, as the old saying goes, it's just waiting around for more.

Snow began falling early on January 6 in the foothills and continued into the night. When the sun came up on Thursday, we had an accumulation of about 12 inches, powdery dry and light as thistle.

During the day, as the snow was falling, we decided to try to get out of our through-the-woods driveway. We made it out and back in, leaving a nice set of ruts. Next morning we tried again and, thanks to the tracks of the day before, we were able to make it. We are still using the same tracks, now solid ice.

Except for that one excursion, which was to the grocery store, we were practically snow-bound for the rest of the week.

But, to be snowbound doesn't mean you can't learn a thing or two. We didn't know, for example, that squirrels tunneled under the snow in search of food.

We were looking across the pond into the woods when we saw a squirrel come down a tree and, apparently, disappear at the base. For a time we thought it had gone into a hollow in the tree, but there was no hollow in this tree.

In a few seconds we saw the squirrel pop up out of the snow some five or six feet from the tree. In a short time, it ducked back under again and, this time, came up with something in its paws which it proceeded to eat.

The squirrel repeated this several times, not attempting to stay on top of the snow. We concluded it was being led by its strong sense of smell to food previously stashed in the ground around the tree.

It was several days before the squirrels tried to travel about in the snow. In the meantime, we had spread some corn on top of the snow around the perimeter of the lawn where it appeared the sun would soon melt the snow away. Today, a week later, there were more than a half dozen squirrels feeding happily on the corn.

We have also discovered that birds feed more heavily during hard weather. We have a suspended feeder, with a cereal bowl on the bottom and a brass canopy on top. It holds a gallon of sunflower seeds.

During a snow or very cold weather, a feeder full of seeds lasts only a little more than a day despite the fact that most of the birds using it carry

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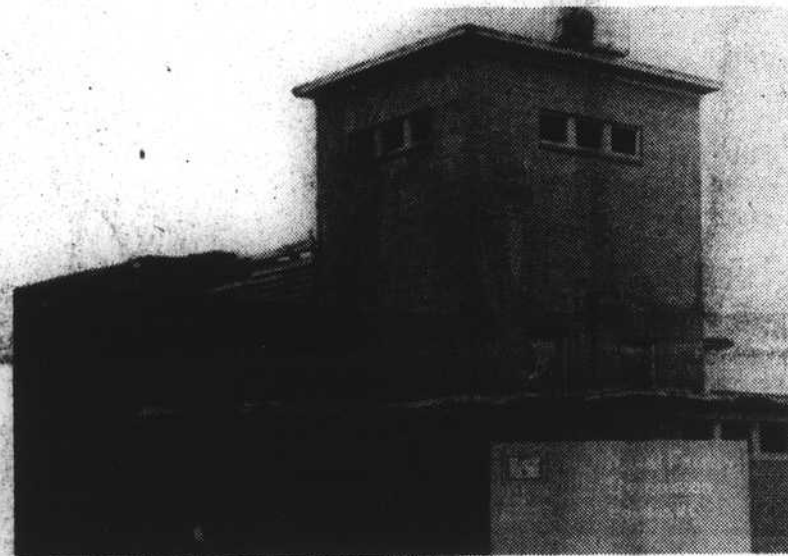
Schedule Revised

The Edenton-Chowan Schools central office has announced school calendar revisions.

Students will attend school on Monday, Jan. 25 as a snow make-up day.

Parent Conference Day, originally scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29 has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 1.

Report cards will go out on Friday, Jan. 29 instead of Jan. 28.



COMING DOWN -- A landmark in Chowan County is being demolished by the federal government in a program to eliminate abandoned government buildings that contain asbestos. This was the steam plant used during World War II at the airbase. Phelps and White Construction Co. of Windsor has been contracted to do the work. An adjoining maintenance building has already been removed. Demolition will be completed once asbestos has been removed from this building.

Survey Underway

By JACK GROVE

An architectural survey of historic Edenton homes began January 4 when Tom Butchko arrived to conduct the study of post-Civil War buildings within the town limits. He joins Brad Barker who conducted a survey of buildings in the county and who is currently completing that paperwork. Barker will concentrate in the town study on pre-Civil War structures.

In an interview last week, Butchko said his study will involve structures built from 1866 through 1938 with building styles that include Victorian, Queen Anne, Eastlake, Bungalow, Colonial Revival and Neo-Classical Revival.

These styles reflect a European influence. "The first truly American house style really did not come on the scene until the early twentieth century in the South," Butchko said. He pointed to noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright as the father of American designs.

Butchko, a native of Ohio, earned a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia. He has been working on building surveys in North Carolina for nine years. His work has been done in Sampson, Scotland, Johnston, Pasquotank and Gates counties and in Elizabeth City and Wilson.

The survey is coordinated

by the N.C. Division of Archives and History. The first survey done in northeastern North Carolina was in Perquimans in 1979.

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Edenton's Peak-Load System Bids Approved

Edenton's Town Council was called into special session at noon Monday to hear bid proposals for a diesel generator building and a pad-mounted transformer for the new electrical peak-load system. Ray Cohn, engineer with Southeastern Consulting Engineers presented the bids. His company is working with Edenton and Elizabeth City on peak-load systems.

The generating plant construction bids come from APTCO, \$703,620; Roanoke, \$822,000; and J.H. Hudson, \$727,000. Cohn recommended APTCO, lowest bidder and the one that promised quickest completion time. He said that construction could begin within ten days. A \$500 per day penalty for noncompletion would be assessed after May 15.

Transformer bids were from Mill-Power, \$20,690; Rigby, \$22,760; and WESCO, \$21,420. Cohn recommended the Mill-Power bid.

Council unanimously approved Cohn's recommendations. Anticipating council's approval, Cohn presented



I SWEAR -- Members of the Edenton Historic Commission take their oaths of office at last week's town council meeting. They are (l. to r.) Tom Reid, Jack Pruden, John Morehead, Emily Irby, Thomas Sharpe and William Turpin, chairman.

Litter Cleanup Has Begun

Chowan County has begun laying siege to the problem of litter that mars the natural beauty of the area and reflects the lack of pride of some of its citizens.

In a two-pronged attack, litter is being removed from roadways and law enforcement has begun a crackdown on those responsible for tossing trash from their cars.

The trash cleanup began Saturday when three community service workers and a supervisor worked at the intersection of U.S. 17 Bypass and Albemarle Street. People are assigned to community service work as the result of sentences handed down in court cases.

The supervisor, Edward Murphy, was hired by the county to oversee the work on weekends. A retiree from the New York City Police Dept., he relocated his family to the Crossroads area of the county. Funds for the supervisor come from the sanitation department budget.

Nancy Morgan of the county manager's office, said that work would be done along the bypass intersections first because "they seem to be the worst areas." She said that other spots throughout the county would be targeted for the cleanup.

The cleanup began with concerns expressed by board

members at this month's county commission meeting. Commissioners said that trash along approaches to Edenton could hurt tourism and would not help to attract new businesses to the area.

The county currently is holding the cleanups only on Saturday. However, plans call for weekday cleanups as well, which will be supervised by a full-time county employee.

Jail inmates are being

considered for future litter collection efforts on a volunteer basis. Only those inmate volunteers that have been screened by the sheriff will be used.

The county manager's office is coordinating the cleanup.

Those who litter can expect to pay for their transgressions. Sheriff Fred Spruill reported to commissioners that he had briefed his

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Manager Is Sought

The Town of Edenton is looking for a new town manager. After going into executive session at the regular monthly meeting, council voted to accept the resignation of Phillip Whitaker.

Whitaker said personal reasons prompted the resignation which was effective last Friday. He will receive pay for the position for 90 days in accordance with the employment agreement.

Whitaker assumed the position of manager in April after a search of several months by council. Former manager Sam Noble left Edenton for a managerial position in Tarboro in late 1986.

After a specially called meeting at noon Monday, council again went into executive session. Afterward, in

open session, council voted to name town finance director, Linda Edmundson, acting town manager with a temporary salary increase of \$300 per month. Janet Hines, accounting technician, was also named as assisting acting town manager with an additional \$150 per month.

These two employees will handle the routine day-to-day business of the town. Council will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Similar arrangements were in effect between Noble's and Whitaker's tenures.

Mayor John Dowd said Monday that ads for the manager's position have been taken in The News and Observer, Charlotte Observer and Virginian Pilot.

contracts to Mayor John Dowd for signing to expedite startup of construction.

In response to a question

from Councilman A.B. Harless, Cohn indicated that the project could be in operation by July 1 and said that Eliza-

beth City's completion schedule was nearly identical.

The peak-load generators

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CONTRACTS SIGNED - Mayor John Dowd diligently signs contracts for peak-load generation facilities as they are handed to him by Ray Cohn, engineer with Southeastern Consulting Engineers. The signing took place at the specially called council meeting at noon Monday. Looking on are Linda Edmundson and councilman A.B. Harless.