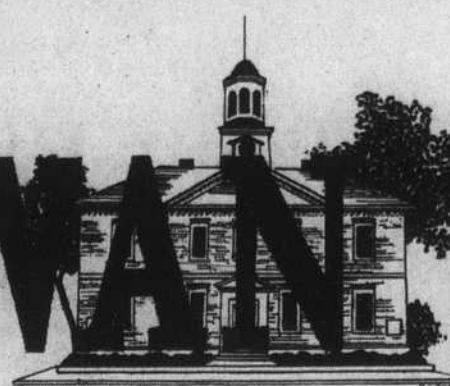


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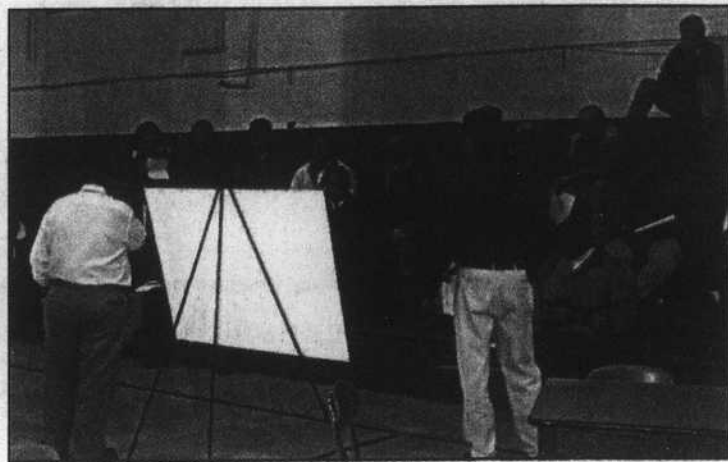


Citizens share ideas for town recreation ctr.

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Representatives from the Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc. were on hand Monday evening to field questions and accept ideas from about 50 people attending an open forum on the proposed uses of the old D. F. Walker facility.

The forum, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Center was the opportunity for citizens to provide their input toward the determining from the community what they felt



Architectural firm reps listen to the public during a meeting on the future of the old D.F. Walker School.

their recreational needs consisted of.

"We are looking at two areas in the community to meet those needs," said Nigel Clark, Landscape Architect for the firm. "The D. F. Walker facility and the Jones (old hog parlor) property just north of Edenton. Both properties present many possibilities for different recreational use."

Among the suggestions of picnic area, amphitheatre, and walking trail the major request was for a swimming pool. "We have eight (J. H. Holmes) high school students who make up a

swim team," said Liz York. "They have to go to Elizabeth City to practice. There are other students who would probably join the team, but for different reasons just can not get to Elizabeth City several times a week." York went on to say that she made the drive to Elizabeth City with her two children so that they could take swimming lessons.

Norman Brinkley posed the question, "Why does the city not have a pool?" he asked. "We have all this water around us and our children don't know how to swim," he added.

Recreation Dept. Director Robbie Laughton did his best to explain the financial issues involved in the acquisition of a pool by the city at this time.

Rose Hawkins and Gwen Brown both favored the possibility of the neighborhood using the gym of Walker as a gathering facility for church functions and entertainment. "The stage in the gym should stay where it is," said Brown. "There is nothing wrong with it and the area could be used by large groups for gatherings and

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Mi-Tek acquires Tee-Lok

MiTek, the world's leading supplier of connector products, engineering software and services, and manufacturing machinery to the truss fabrication segment of the building components industry, announced today the acquisition of TEE-LOK Corporation. TEE-LOK, based in Edenton, is a major supplier to the North American building components industry.

"We are delighted to have TEE-LOK as part of the MiTek team. The combination of TEE-LOK and MiTek will allow us to better serve our customers through improved software, services, and products," said Gene Toombs, CEO of Mi-Tek.

"TEE-LOK will operate as a separate subsidiary of MiTek and all of TEE-LOK's present employees will stay with the company. In addition,

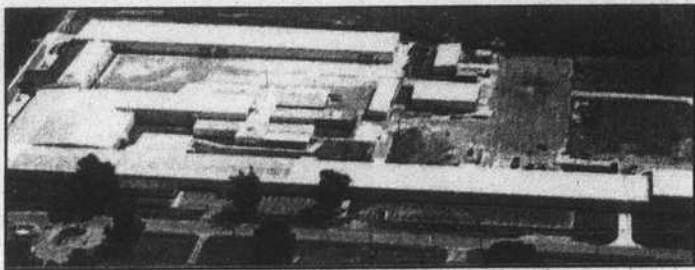
Bill Black, the former owner and CEO of TEE-LOK, will remain an active consultant and assist our team in all areas," said Toombs.

Bill Black added, "We are pleased to be part of MiTek. Our entire team is looking forward to combining our talents with those of MiTek to give our customers even better customer service in the future."

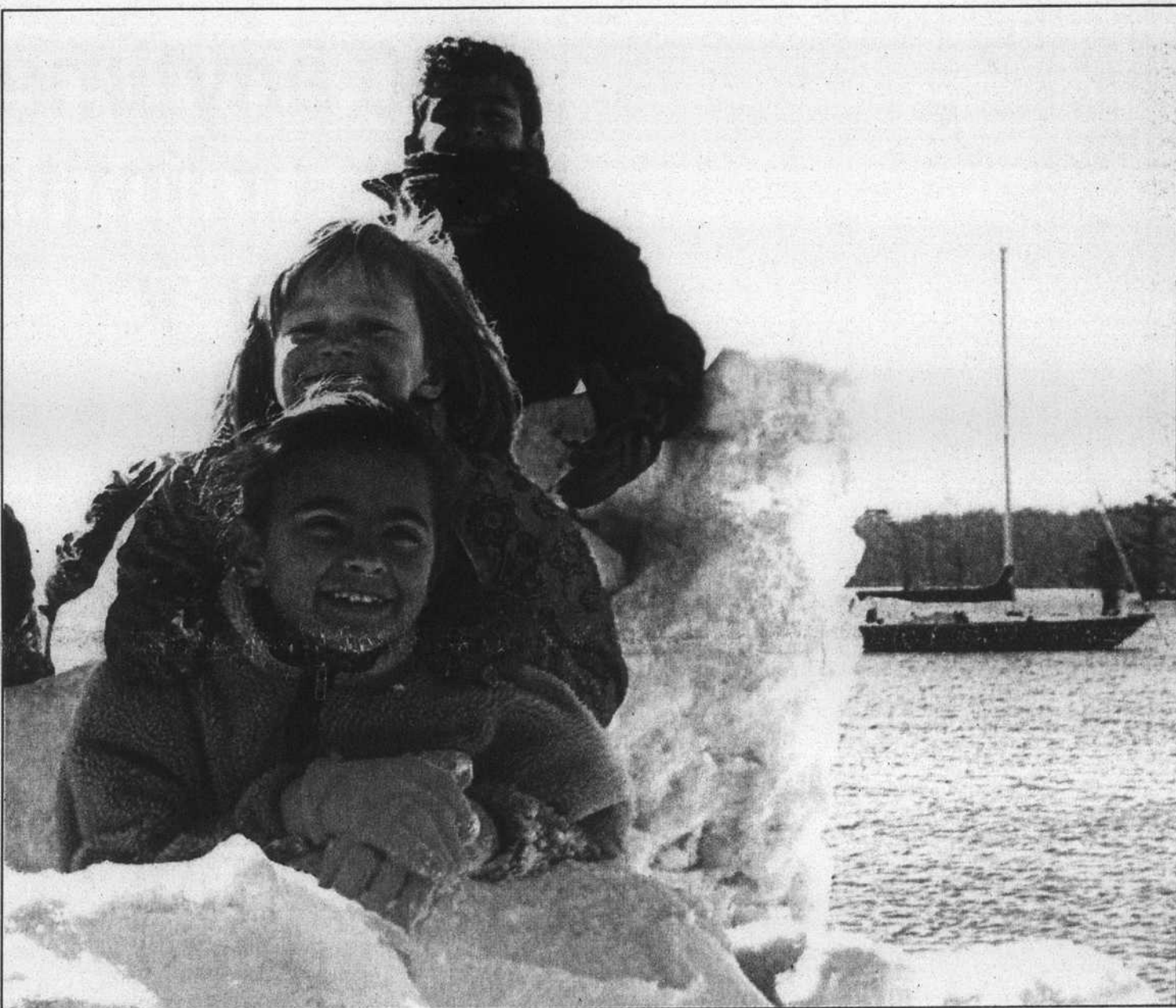
MiTek, a subsidiary of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc., has operations on five continents.

Chowan County officials also expressed pleasure at the announcement. County Manager Cliff Copeland said after talking with Bill Black that the news "is nothing but positive. The county can expect many more workers."

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TEE-LOK Corporation on Base Road in Edenton



There's nothing like best friends and snow

Lucy May Rascoe and Rachel Chesson enjoy being queens of the hill — the snow hill, that is — that was created at the end of Water Street when snow plows attempted to clear the frozen stuff from the waterfront after Wednesday's snowfall. They were part of a group of children who had gathered there to play and enjoy a rare day off from school. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Chowan County to share love with NY

BY ANN PERRY
Special Correspondent

An exciting opportunity for our Chowan County community has presented itself through St. Paul's Episcopal Church Tricentennial Celebration.

Last spring, four ministers were invited to be guest speakers throughout the year to fulfill

the teaching mission of the celebration. Well in advance of the horrific events that would forever change our country and the role of his parish, the Rev. Dr. Lyndon Harris, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New York City agreed to speak in Edenton on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Prior to Sept. 11, Father Harris's church was known as

the oldest church in Manhattan. Today, St. Paul's is known as the little church at the base of the Twin Trade Towers that miraculously survived the tragedy. The powerful picture of the fireman asleep on the pew was captured in St. Paul's. Mayor Giuliani chose to deliver his final address as mayor of New York there. Since Sept. 11, St. Paul's has served and

continues to serve as the center of recovery efforts at Ground Zero. Workers continue to rest, pray, sleep, worship, eat, and shower at the parish.

Because our world and Father Harris's ministry have changed so drastically since he was initially invited to speak,

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Writing award honors memory of Trail

The Albemarle Literacy Center in Hertford has established a Creative Writing Award in memory of Chowan Herald columnist Paris Trail. Trail wrote the "Countryman's Journal," for the newspaper for about 10 years.

"His column was one of the most popular ever to appear in the Herald," said Editor

Rebecca Bunch. "In addition, he was much loved by our staff, and we are proud and happy to see him remembered in such a wonderful way."

In addition to his work for the Herald, Trail was also a noted sculptor.

Dana Hay, executive director of the Albemarle Literacy Center, said her organization

was pleased to have the opportunity to honor the legacy of Trail, a naturalist, who "thought outside the box". The Albemarle Literacy Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging writers, and promoting the value of writing.

According to Hay, "All genres and forms will be con-

sidered for judging. Authors are advised to consider the tone and themes of their works, with regard to the spirit of the award. Submissions will be considered on that basis, as well as being looked at for originality, freshness, grace, interest, and diction."

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Dedication planned

The dedication of Edenton Baptist Church's new fellowship hall/recreation facility will take place Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p.m. The facility was built by A.R. Chesson Construction of Williamston, NC. (See details on pages 6-A and 7-A)

Albemarle Chorale
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