



The Public Parade

ON TAPE—If educational television is as nice as the people connected with it, then it is destined for great success in North Carolina.

Last week about two dozen WUNC-TV employees, headed by John Young of Chapel Hill, director of television, spent the better part of three days along The Public Parade.

The crew was here on behalf of WUNC-TV in Columbia, which will go on the air next month and become the second in a series of stations that make up the statewide network.

Two programs were taped here. One was a 60-minute historical piece designed to tell the colorful story of our area. Another was an in-class history lesson from the famous Barker House.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Alton Elmore, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Robert Moore, chamber executive; and C. W. Overman, county agent, spent most of last Wednesday with the crew. So you can see the Edenton and Chowan County story was in capable hands.

Mr. Young was highly pleased with the results of the local stop, one of several in Northeastern North Carolina. He writes:

"The Chowan Herald and indeed all of Edenton have been very kind to us during our brief visit. I want you to know how much we have enjoyed our stay and how much we appreciate the complete cooperation of everyone we met."

"It is perhaps too much to hope that educational television will be completely understood after such a short visit, but we do look forward to the inauguration of service on Channel 2 next month, in the belief that our brief visit and the programs that we have recorded will be useful in introducing ETV to northeastern North Carolina as well as showing those in the central part of the state something of the heritage and progress of your section of the country."

Thank you, John. Ya'll come back.

SLICING OUR MELON—Two recent tax reductions have been put into effect with great fanfare for the ostensible purpose of helping the economy. But little is being said in the meantime about how this advantage is quietly being eroded away.

First cut, designed specifically to stimulate the economy, was the six billions lopped off the federal income

went into effect over a two-year period.

The second reduction came about a few weeks ago when President Johnson signed a bill repealing various wartime excise taxes.

Both these actions were heralded as great boons to the economy; but almost before the ink was dry, the bureaucrats were figuring out ways to raise other levies enough to wipe out the advantage.

First the social security tax bill back in 1964, which tax base was raised from \$4,800 to \$6,600 and the rate advanced to where it will, within a few years, total 11 per cent. Unlike the income levy, which has its exemptions and deductions, this social security tax applies—or will apply in a few years—against the first \$6,600 received by every wage earner.

And now pretty much the same thing is being proposed with respect to unemployment compensation taxes. A bill before Congress would increase the base from \$3,000 to \$6,600, wipe out the experience rating benefit and broaden the coverage to include all employers of one or more persons.

This would be done in order to increase unemployment benefits to 66-2/3 per cent of the average weekly wage and extend the period of coverage from 26 to 52 weeks.

This is a very insidious piece of legislation, but it has broad-based support in Congress. Take, for instance, the matter of wiping out the experience rating table. Under this system, employers who maintain steady pay rolls can earn a lower rate than firms which periodically lay off help. This has amounted to a saving of \$400,000,000 to North Carolina employers since 1943.

Not only would such savings be impossible under the proposed legislation, but the total cost to North Carolina employers would jump from \$44,000,000 to \$90,000,000 per year.

One other thing. Up to now North Carolina and other southern states have been able to build up large reserves in their unemployment compensation funds; while such states as Michigan, New York and California deplete their reserves as fast as the money is paid in. They look with envy upon the comfortable reserves of other states and want the funds "federalized" so they can get their hands on them. In other words, they want to cut our watermelon, having already enjoyed their own.

Both the social security and unemployment taxes, it will be noted, bear directly upon the employer, who pays all the latter and half of the former. He is the businessman supposed to be "helped" by the widely heralded income and excise cuts.

Hearings on the unemployment insurance proposal began today before the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives in Washington. If you do not want to see the money which has been accumulated against the day you may be out of a job go to someone else, you should communicate your objections directly to members of that committee.

Or, if you are an employer and can see some danger in extending rocking chair payments to 52 weeks at 66-2/3 per cent, you should also let your feelings be known.

If this thing goes through, you will be reading more and more about that "hard core" unemployment which cannot be reduced. After all, if we could sit in the shade

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Architect's Sketch of New Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on West Water Street

Library Board Lets Contracts For Handsome New Building

Big Percentage Of Students Plan College Future

Supt. Hiram Mayo of Edenton City Schools announced this week that 67.1 per cent of the 1965 graduating class at John A. Holmes High School plan to attend college this fall.

This is more than a 7 per cent increase over students who were graduated from the local high school in 1964. At the same time Supt. Mayo said scholarships and other grants to students in the Class of 1965 amount to \$43,200.

A breakdown of plans by the recent high school graduates shows 35.7 per cent plan to attend four-year colleges while 31.4 per cent will be attending two-year colleges.

There will be 14.1 per cent of the graduates being engaged in trade schools, with 8.5 per cent of these entering beautician school.

The superintendent said the state average for students graduating from city schools who go on to college is 50 per cent.

He singled out the work done by Mrs. James Kinion has had a great deal to do with the percentage of students who receive scholarships and plan to continue their education above the high school level.

Sheriff Goodwin Picks New Jailer

Sheriff Earl Goodwin today announced his selection of Glenn H. Perry as Chowan County jailer.

Sheriff Goodwin said Perry will replace Bertram Byrum, who resigned effective September 1 to join Edenton Fire Department.

The new officer, who will assume his duties September 1, is the son of Mrs. Mattie Knight Perry of Tyner and the late John E. Perry.



STATE WINNER — Wilma Nixon, right, a member of Cross Roads 4-H Club, was named State Senior Dairy Foods Demonstration winner at the recent 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. She is pictured here with her advisor, Miss Frances McCaskill and Homer Sink of Greensboro, an official of the American Dairy Association.

Wilma Nixon Winner Of State 4-H Honors

State 4-H honors have been bestowed on Wilma Nixon, a member of the Cross Roads Club in Chowan County.

At the recent State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh, the Chowan County 4-Her was declared Senior Dairy Foods Demonstration winner for North Carolina. As state winner she received a \$50 Savings Bond from the American Dairy Association.

The winning demonstration was one Miss Nixon had given more than 50 times to 4-H, civic, and Home Demonstration Clubs, as well as

on television. Two other 4-Hers from this county were entered in state competition. They were Donald Bunch in cotton production and Carolyn Leake in the dress revue.

One of the highlights of the State Talent Show was a tap dance number from Chowan County's "The Rhythmic Steppers" composed of Shelia Byrum, Vicki Leary, Chris Hollowell and Robin Hendrix.

Miss Nixon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nixon. She is 1965 Health Queen from Chowan County and was winner of the 1964 Key Award. She has been a county winner a number of times and was district winner in Dairy Foods Demonstration prior to taking state honors.

She has been in 4-H club work for five years and has completed projects in foods and nutrition, home management, home grounds beautification, safety, grooming, safety and automotive.

Miss Frances McCaskill, assistant home agent in Chowan, said she is highly pleased with the record of achievement Miss Nixon has set and is especially delighted over the state recognition the 4-Her received.

\$86,714 Project Will Be Started Within 2 Weeks

Activity is expected to begin within days on the new Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on West Water Street. Contracts which total \$62,525 have been signed by the board of trustees.

Tom Shepard, board chairman, said the completed project will cost \$86,714. This includes, the site, building, furnishings, equipment and fees.

The board received a federal grant of \$45,695 for this project as well as \$20,000 from Chowan County and \$15,000 from the Town of Edenton. The balance was raised locally.

Edenton Construction Company is the general contractor and has workmen ready to start on the job. They are awaiting the go ahead from the architect.

Davis Electric Company of New Bern has the electric contract and White Heating and Sheet Metal in Williamston has the plumbing contract. Heating and air conditioning will be done by Climate Craft, Inc., of Washington.

Shepard pointed out negotiations with the contractors were necessary and some items desired had to be cut out in order to proceed with the project. Therefore further community support will be necessary.

He said some additional supplies and equipment must be bought if the library is to give complete service and take advantage of programs offered by the state and other agencies. These include the purchase of a 16mm movie projector, record cabinets and some other items. Also, drapes for the building and other interior decorations are not included in the cost of the library building. "The library board would certainly appreciate any further assistance given by local citizens and organizations," Shepard said.

He said he is grateful for the cooperation and support given by individuals as well as the two governmental groups.

The building will be of Colonial architecture and will be located on a site purchased from the Cupola House Association behind the Good-year Store and facing the new Municipal Building.

HAM DINNER
The William A. Coffield Post, VFW, will sponsor a ham dinner Saturday, beginning at 6 P. M., at the post home. Take-out orders may be obtained by calling 482-4061.

The Boys' Home Bowl Game is sponsored by North Carolina Jaycees, with proceeds going toward the Jaycee cottage at Lake Waccamaw.

Tickets are available locally from Jaycees or at Hollowell's Drug Store.

Dye Works Sales Jump; Edenton Plant In Gear

United Piece Dye Works reports increased sales for the six months ending June 30, but net income was down considerably.

Charles Blount, Jr., chairman and president, said that a substantial portion of the decline in net was due to start up operations at the new plant in Edenton. He pointed out that net plant investment of United Piece Dye Works had been increased more than 50 per cent since last year.

Blount added that the major break-in problems at the new plant had been overcome.

The report of sales and earnings showed net sales of \$10,187,451, compared to \$9,722,601 in 1964, an increase of 4.8 per cent. Net income after taxes was \$564,253, as compared with \$683,537.

After dividends on the \$5.50 preferred stock, net per common share was 47 cents in 1965 as compared to 60 cents last year.

In a letter to the stockholders last week, Blount said working capital declined to \$874,479 as compared to \$2,149,050, "reflecting the major investment in capital improvements made during the last year."

He added: "Since the spring of 1964 we have completed a major advance in our capacity, increasing the net plant investment of the company more than 50 per cent to the present total of \$8,913,517. The net additions since January 1 amount to \$2,166,563 and are principally

ly accounted for by installations of equipment at Edenton."

The executive said modern equipment, broad experience in textile finishing and dyeing, and a number of proprietary processes, enable the company to give unique service to its customers. He said the firm is now equipped to serve the trade in a larger volume than ever before.

"It may yet be some time before the new plant in Edenton is fully operating," he pointed out, "but the major break-in now lies behind us." He cited machinery delays which extended into June.

Blount said he is pleased with the progress at Edenton and "looks forward to a busy fall and winter season, expecting profitable operation to be attained."

Patrol Stressing Highway Safety During August

Cpl. Lem Meigs of District 2, Troop A of the State Highway Patrol, stated today that the records indicate that during the month of August, 1964, North Carolina experienced one of its worst traffic years since 1930.

Sunday was the most hazardous day of the week with 73 fatalities. Saturday followed with 42 per cent. The total for the two days was 115. Dare was credited with the only fatality in 1964.

The hours in which the most persons were killed was between 1 A. M. and 2 A. M. with 17 persons losing their lives in automobile accidents. The greater number of accidents are still recorded occurring between the hours of 5 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Contrary to our belief, we usually think of the young and the old pedestrians being the ones killed, but in August 1964 pedestrian age group was between 20 and 24 years of age.

Unless there is a trend we can expect from the prior records that 200 people will lose their lives in August, 1965 on North Carolina highways.

The weekend we are approaching, was the worst weekend during the month of August 1964.

Cpl. Meigs and members of the State Highway Patrol have pledged to do their best in curtailing the useless waste of human life on the highways of our state; they

will be out in full force and use all available means to protect motorists and the pedestrian.

The Corporal and the entire patrol solicit your full support in driving carefully and abiding by courtesy and the rules of the road.

It will be utterly impossible to police each driver, however, you can rest assured that if you are not driving as you should a patrolman will be looking at you.