



The Public Parade

R. ELTON FOREHAND—One gray November afternoon just 11 months ago the office door was opened by a smartly dressed man who spoke with a definite eastern accent.

"Hey there," he shouted. "What's going on here and don't tell me there is some new blood coming to The Chowan Herald!"

Rector Lupton told him it was actually happening and turned to introduce R. Elton Forehand.

It is hard to realize that in such a short period of time this prominent local citizen who put his friends above himself, has passed from among us.

We liked Elton Forehand from the start. We soon came to respect him for his intelligence, his ability to get things done as well as his wit.

We especially liked the manner in which he went about his business; quick to joke but even quicker to put you at ease when there was need for seriousness.

In the short time we knew Elton Forehand we counted him as a true friend and cherished that friendship. His personality made this a real joy and made a newcomer feel at ease.

He was a prominent local citizen if one ever lived. He started at the bottom and worked his insurance and real estate agency into a thriving business. He was dead serious about his business, yet giving more than six years of his time and talent to the citizens of Edenton as a councilman from his ward.

We argued with him when he made the decision to not seek re-election. We had some heated discussions about the town's business, but they always ended with Elton reminding us that everyone was working toward a better community. We felt he was making a healthy contribution to this development and wanted to see him remain behind the plow.

He then realized that his health was failing and rather than give just a portion of himself to his community, he decided to step down.

His job and his community activities—to his church as well as the political phases of the area—had taken a great deal of his time and this devoted father wanted to spend more time with his family.

The last discussion we had with Elton Forehand was about a town councilman yet he talked about community projects—such as the new fire station. Although he suffered greatly, he still thought of the community.

R. Elton Forehand has written his last insurance contract, sold his last parcel of land and made his last contribution to the community. He has gone on to greater rewards for his talent was not put under the bushel but was out where it could shine.

LATEST REPORT—The morning mail brought the latest dispatch to The Public Parade from our foreign correspondents—World Traveler and Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, Esq.

Elsewhere in today's edition of The Herald, our globetrotting employees report from Ireland. But that was the first of last week. Now they have taken in Paris and Buff is probably further confused about the money exchange.

From Paris he writes: Seen many wonderful sights in Paris today (Saturday) and go on a tour tomorrow, then fly to London for a day or two. Just having a wonderful time being a 'furriner'. Hope everything is going well.

Yes, everything must be great for the Bufflapps. They are apparently too busy to plan their return trip to insignificant little ole Edenton. Or at least he ain't said a word yet about coming home. That not only has us worried but is driving Pete Manning nuts as he is the one doing all the work.

TOWARD TOMORROW—Just two years ago the voters in Pasquotank turned down a plan for merger of the city and county school systems. A joint statement from the boards this week indicates the same balloon is being hoisted.

Since the issue was defeated at the ballot box a lot has happened. Elizabeth City adopted the closed door policy—only those students living within the corporate limits of Elizabeth City can attend city schools. And the whole country has the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"A broader, qualitatively better instructional program can be offered to all school children, city and county, through joint planning," the statement said.

This is exactly what is being planned in Chowan. While Elizabeth City chose the "closed door" policy, Edenton City School Board formally adopted an "open door" policy. This policy has existed here, except for free transportation, for more than 30 years. It has now been put in writing.

And the Edenton and Chowan County school boards



DIRECTORS—The directors of two one-act plays to be presented next month by Edenton Little Theatre are shown over plans for the fall production. Mrs. Elaine Williams will direct one play while West Byrum, Jr., Little Theater president, will direct the other.

Town Halloween Party Scheduled November 1

Edenton's annual Halloween Party, sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club, will be staged Monday, November 1st, at 5:30 P. M. Preparations are under way for some 1,500 costumed guests.

The party, thought to be the largest free Halloween Party in the state, is made possible by the generous contributions of local merchants.

The gala party is being held on Monday as Halloween comes on Sunday this year. However, the change in day will in no way affect the traditional party with its talking witch, bobbing apples, hayrides, goodies and other treats.

Prizes will be awarded for the best, most comical and most original costumes for boys and girls.

The parade preceding the party will leave the Green at 5:30 P. M., with the children in costumes marching to the music of the John A. Holmes High School Band, up Broad Street to the playground. At the playground the multicolor canopy of lights will go on over an enchanting and bewitching evening of entertainment. All booths, rides and food will be free.

On hand to be sure everything is as it should be will be "Izzy" Campen—Father of the Halloween Party. It was "Izzy" who originated the idea of the party when he gave an elaborate Halloween party for his daughters.

All Band Parents are asked to return their cards to Mrs. Burns.

Band Parents again ask local citizens to be generous with their contribution for this project.

Band Tag Day To Be Saturday

Mrs. Teddy Burns, 810 Johnston Street, is chairman of Tag Day being sponsored by the Band Parents in downtown Edenton Saturday.

The annual tag day solicitation began Monday and will be concluded in the area Saturday. Merchants and friends of the band will be contacted by the Band Parents with contributions going toward the purchase of instruments, music and uniforms.

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Big \$2 Million Peanut Crop About Harvested

Overman Sees Record Yield Of 2,500 Pounds

About 90 per cent of what is hoped to be a \$2 million peanut crop in Chowan County has been harvested.

C. W. Overman, county agent, said this week will about complete the combining of peanuts in this area. He estimates that about 90 per cent of the peanuts are being combined.

"Things look mighty good in our entire area," Overman said. He added that it could well be the best yield year in the county's history.

With reports coming in of quite a few 3,500-pound-per-acre fields, Overman is hopeful that the countywide average of 2,500 pounds per acre can be realized.

Farm records indicate the 1963 crop averaged 2,487 pounds per acre, a county record. Last year fall rains hurt the crop and the average fell to 2,447 pounds per acre.

With 6,200 acres of peanuts planted this year in Chowan County and an average price of 12 cents per pound, it would put the crop over the \$2 million figure if the 2,500-pound-per-acre figure is realized.

Overman credited a good harvesting season with giving the farmers a good peanut year. He said farmers have been slipping up on the 2,500 pound average by good farm practices.

The county agent said farmers have found they must properly test their soil, use the right chemicals, and place their peanuts closer together in the rows.

Combining is becoming an increasingly more popular manner of harvesting each year. This has brought the local crop into the drivers at a fast pace over the past 35 days—some farmers even working Sundays to harvest the crop.

Murray Tynch of Valhalla Produce Company is typical of area farmers who have prepared for the influx in combining of peanuts. He has expanded his operation

County placed third in the state tractor driving contest at the State Fair.

He was awarded a trophy for his driving excellence.



INSPECTS PEANUTS—Charlie Overman, Chowan County agricultural agent, is shown inspecting some of what may be a record-breaking yield of peanuts in this county. The county agent says a 2,500 pound-per-acre yield is possible this year.

Local Officials Pleased With Survey Response

Superlatives are flowing freely throughout the area. This was the first survey of this type ever held in the survey which in spite of short notice saw 1,350 peo-

ple respond. A big modern industry, which makes small appliances, is interested in locating a plant in Edenton if sufficient labor is available for staffing. Therefore, on Friday, October 8, company officials requested a labor survey and set the date as October 14.

Aces To Host Hertford In Homecoming Game

Bertie is the latest victim of the powerful Edenton Aces and the local gridders hope to add Hertford to that distinguished list of scoreless teams at Homecoming here Friday night.

The Aces take a perfect record this year in seven outings and 19 straight victories into the tilt at Hicks Field. Game time is 8 P. M. and a record crown is expected to be in attendance for the festivities.

Coach Jerry McGee hopes to have Quarterback Wes Chesson back in form for the Hertford contest, although the junior star has been on crutches all week. Chesson injured his foot in the Elizabeth City game but played another outstanding game in the 21-0 victory over Bertie last week. In that game he further hurt the foot and a team physician put him on stilts for the week.

Except for bumps and bruises, Chesson's injury is the first one of any consequence this season among the Aces.

At Bertie last week, Fullback Ike Davis came back into his own as he scored two of the Edenton touchdowns and picked up 115 yards in 24 tries. It was a familiar role for Davis who was keyed on the week before by the 3-A Yellow Jacs.

A much improved Bertie squad yielded touchdowns in the first two periods but held the Aces scoreless in the final two—the same number of quarters Edenton has failed to score in six other contests.

Edenton scored on three of the four times they got hold of the ball in the first

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R. E. Forehand Taken In Death

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for R. Elton Forehand, 109 W. Gale Street. The services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. George B. Holmes officiating.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Forehand, 41-year-old prominent insurance executive and former town councilman, died at 2 A. M., Friday at his home. He had been ill for four months.

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Chowan Plays Big Role In Successful 1965 State Fair

Nearly one million people went through the gates at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh last week and the fair was hailed as the biggest and best in history.

Chowan County played more than a passing role in this success.

Two 4-H groups in the county entered exhibits at the fair and both won handsome premiums.

"Good Practices Pay Off" and well they did for Rodney Jordan, a 4-H'er whose sensational yield of 177.5 bushel of corn per acre was the topic for a display and won a fat \$500 first premium at the fair. In the display, Jordan's practices followed to get this tremendous yield were outlined.

The display was first place winner in the field crops special exhibits competition. The prize money was accepted by C. W. Overman, county agent, and will go into the 4-H Fund.

The other winning exhibit was prepared by the Negro 4-H Club members. It won a \$250 meritorious award at this year's fair.

While the 4-H'ers were winning the prize money, H. C. Smith of Edenton was showing his craftsmanship and placed second in the handicraft demonstrations at the Village of Yesteryear at the fair. Smith was showing wood inlay.

Throughout the fair the local craftsmen demonstrated wood inlay carving to the thousands who passed through the display hall.

Mrs. R. L. Pratt, also of Edenton, won third place in the national wool contest with her crocheted afghan.

Mrs. Eddie Nixon, Route 1,

Edenton, won first place in the culinary division for her entry of canned huckleberries. She also won second place for canned fish.

Mrs. W. H. Saunders, also of Route 1, Edenton, won the second place ribbon for her large decorated cake.

Don Evans of Chowan

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CHOWAN AT STATE FAIR—The four pictures above illustrate how well Chowan County was represented at the State Fair in Raleigh, which closed Saturday. A 4-H display, top left, built around Rodney Jordan's 177.5 bushel corn yield won a first premium of \$500 for the county. H. C. Smith, local craftsman, is shown demonstrating his skill in a booth. Don Evans, far right in picture at bottom left, won third place in the tractor driving contest. He is pictured with Walter Newlin of Mebane and Eddie Bennett of Chandler. Another outstanding exhibit at the fair was built by the Negro 4-H'ers in the county and won a \$250 meritorious award.

Bishop Often Visited In Edenton

By GRADY L. E. CARROLL

Pioneer Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury, "greatest of the circuit riders" and virtual Founder of American Methodism, first came to North Carolina for missionary endeavors in June, 1780, and last passed through the state early in 1816 only a few weeks before his death.

In this interval of 36 years, the famed ecclesiastical leader visited the state some 72 times. Nearly always he was accompanied by a traveling companion, sometimes

two.

For all of his persistent efforts to establish and strengthen the Methodist Episcopal Church in America—that was its original name—he has been called "The Morning Star of North Carolina Methodism" by one contemporary church historian.

Bishop Asbury, almost from the time of his arrival in the American colonies from England in 1771 until near his last days, kept a Journal of his many religious activities and leadership. For

many generations, this Journal was out of print and not available.

In recent years, Dr. Elmer T. Clark, eminent historian of The Methodist Church, and other scholars have re-edited this famous literary work and made it available for scholars and others. From this Journal, we learn that Bishop Asbury's itineraries through the state brought him to historic Edenton on several occasions.

The famed itinerant evangelist was traveling through

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