

The Public Parade

A Man Big Enough For The Job

The 1967 General Assembly of North Carolina will be an unusual one. It will be the first session held since reapportionment which realigned senate districts and established districts for the House of Representatives.

In the case of the senate, realignment did no real harm to the majority of incumbents.

However, this was not the case with the house. By taking several counties and lumping them together in districts 20 counties lost full-time representation. In other words, they were placed in multi-county districts and given fewer representatives than the individual counties had previously.

Citizens of Northeast North Carolina felt the full impact of this reapportionment. Six counties — Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck — each with full-time representation, were lumped into one house district and given only two representatives. This cut down four legislators.

The Second District, to our south, and the far western 49th District, were the next hardest hit. There they took five and four counties respectively and gave them two

and one representatives. This means 20 incumbents won't be going back next year.

A check of the house membership in 1965 shows 43 representatives — or one third of the total — were freshmen. This has generally been the case as old timers retire and others are defeated at the ballot box.

Therefore, turn over in incumbents and reapportionment makes it conceivable that nearly 50 per cent of the 120 legislators will be freshmen in 1967.

Due to reapportionment — which automatically limits the number of incumbents in both bodies of our 1967 General Assembly — it is more imperative than ever before that the voters of North Carolina send dedicated and tireless men to Raleigh.

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan County is such a person.

As a freshman legislator, Rep. Earnhardt earned the respect of his colleagues through hard work and keen attention to proceedings. He was not an eager beaver who started to drag when the luster began to fade. It is at these times that the gentleman from Chowan shines.

A member of the General Assembly said Rep. Earnhardt was one of the best informed members of that body. "He has the reputation of keeping up with what is going on, reading the bills, attending various committee meetings, and being thoroughly informed when matters reach the floor of the house," the legislator said.

Those who know Chowan's man in Raleigh aren't surprised by such praise. They know he puts everything he has into whatever task he undertakes. They have watched him as a young, thorough attorney. He was an able prosecutor in Recorder's Court. He just doesn't do things halfway.

He knows the importance of industry and tourism to the Northeast and will work diligently to see that it is expanded.

During the 1965 session, Rep. Earnhardt introduced 11 local bills and Chowan is not considered an "active" county. He not only listened to elected officials, but spent untold hours discussing issues with and seeking answers from Mr. Average Citizen.

He knows Northeastern North Carolina and the thinking of area folk. He was born in Elizabeth City 34 years ago, son of Wiley J. P. and Carolina Virginia (Miller) Earnhardt. He attended Edenton schools, graduating in 1949.

Rep. Earnhardt entered Duke University and received a degree in business administration. In 1960 he graduated from Duke University School of Law and began practicing his profession in Wilmington.

In Wilmington he met and married Judy LaRue Horne who has carved her own place in Tar Heel as a promoter of our state at various exhibitions throughout the United States and Canada.

Rep. Earnhardt served in the U. S. Navy and holds a reserve commission of lieutenant commander.

He has been active in local, district and state Democratic Party affairs for many years. The Earnhardts are Episcopalians.

Jimmy Earnhardt is a young lawyer. Likewise, he is a young husband, legislator and dedicated middle of road North Carolinian.

Being a representative of the six-county First District is going to take all the energies of the man elected. It is going to be a real sacrifice as the affairs of this district must come first to the man elected.

The General Assembly took four legislators from the six counties. The voters are now challenged to see that the two remaining representatives are men who recognize the job to be done and who have the knowledge and ability to go out and do it.

Jimmy Earnhardt is such a man.



GIFT TO HOSPITAL — Commander Mack Rogerson, right, of William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280 VFW, here presents W. P. (Spec) Jones a wheelchair for use at Chowan Hospital. The chair was purchased with proceeds from turkey shoots earlier in the winter.



SEN. J. J. HARRINGTON Position Sought By Harrington

LEWISTON—Farm Machinery Executive J. J. (Monk) Harrington will seek a third term in the State Senate, he announced Wednesday.

Sen. Harrington is the first Democratic candidate to announce for the two-seat Senate race in the re-established 10-county First District.

The district is composed of Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Washington, Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties.

Sen. Emmett Winslow of Hertford is the other incumbent senator in the newly formed district.

Sen. Harrington based his bid for re-election on having previously served all counties of the district except Washington. And of Washington County he said, "I have close ties there among my many business acquaintances."

The candidate was first elected to the State Senate in 1962. At that time the First District was made up of eight counties—the present district minus Northampton and Washington. In the 1965 session, serving a second term, Sen. Harrington represented the Bertie-Northampton-Hertford district.

In the last session Sen. Harrington was chairman of the labor, manufacturing and commerce committee, vice chairman of highway safety

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Morehead Grant Goes To Pruden

CHAPEL HILL — James Norfleet Pruden III, son of Mrs. Helen G. Pruden of Edenton, has received a Morehead Award to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was announced today, March 3rd.

The announcement is made by Norman A. Cocke of Charlotte, chairman of the board of trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Pruden is a student at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. He is one of 102 boys to receive the awards this year. The awards are worth \$5,800 to North Carolina residents for four years of study.

As a student, Pruden's activities include being president of the senior class; editor of the yearbook; and treasurer of the National Honor Society.

The Morehead awards were first presented in 1951.

Payrolls In Chowan Increased Greatly Over Past Five Years

A new, county-by-county tabulation of the nation's business population shows that Chowan County supports a greater number of business firms than do many localities of its size.

Locally, according to a Federal report, there are some 186 separate business establishments—small, medium and large—in operation.

The vigor of the business community has been growing in the past five years or so, despite mergers, automation,

strong competition and consolidations.

This is evidenced by the gain achieved in employment, in size of payrolls and in overall business activity.

The facts and figures come primarily from reports released by the Census Bureau, which utilized data supplied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

They were based on tax reports filed by employers in 1956 under the social security program, listing tax-

able payrolls for the previous year.

In Chowan County, they show, payrolls reached the highest point over, \$4,728,000.

This was 33.2 per cent more than in 1959, when a similar survey placed the total at \$3,548,000.

The increase was greater than that chalked up in most parts of the United States, the average being 30.6 per cent in the period.

The figures take into account all persons receiving

wages and salaries from private, non-farm employment covered by social security.

The number of people so employed locally comes to 1,642.

This is exclusive of domestic workers, members of armed forces, civilian employees of Federal, state and local governments, farm workers and certain others.

Although Chowan County has a sizeable number of businesses that employ 20 people or more, smaller-size concerns are firmly rooted

and constitute the bulk of the business community.

The breakdown released by the Census Bureau shows that there are 94 local establishments that have from one to three employees each, 36 with from four to seven and 41 with eight to 19. The rest are larger.

Those with fewer than 20 employees comprise 92 per cent of the total number.

The five-year growth local-ly coincides with the nation's big boom, which has just celebrated its fifth birthday.

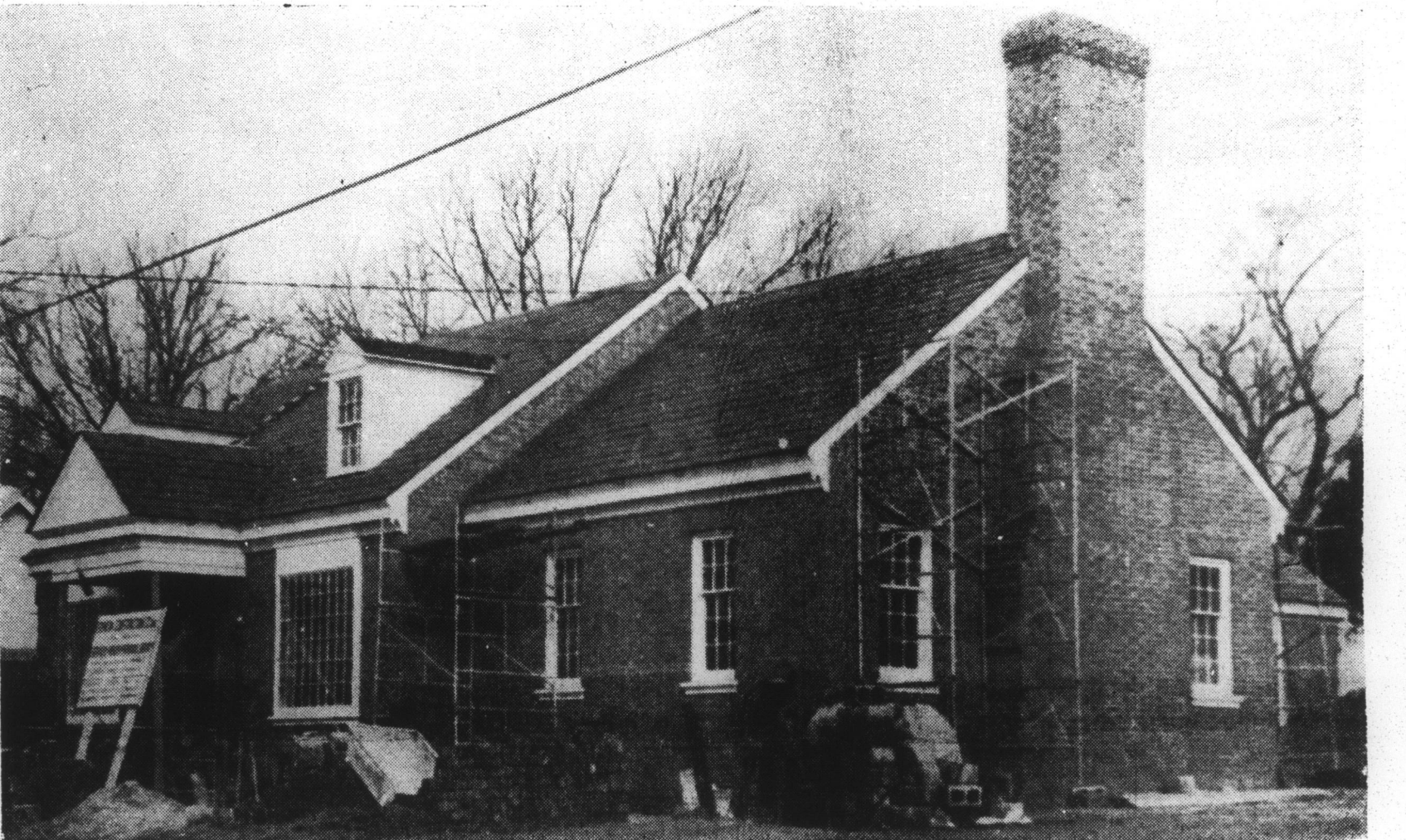


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NEW LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION — Workmen are making progress on the new home for Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on West Water Street. The structure, of colonial architecture, is being built by Edenton Construction Company and when completed and furnished will cost nearly \$90,000. Tom Shepard is chairman of the library trustees and says some

items of furnishings are not included in the bid and hopes local citizens and civic groups will sponsor the things needed. Chowan County commissioners and Edenton Town Council contributed to the building fund so matching federal funds could be received.

Associations Given \$12,000

Two local historical associations have qualified for challenge grants from the Richardson Foundation. Checks totaling \$12,000 were received here last week.

The Cupola House Association was successful in raising sufficient funds to receive a \$10,000 grant from the foundation.

A state-wide campaign for memberships in the James Iredell Association netted more than \$3,000, thereby, qualifying the association for \$2,000 from the foundation.

David Warren, head of the Cupola House group, said the foundation grant will pay off the debt on the real estate bought two years ago.

The new Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library is being built on a portion of the property purchased at the corner of South Broad and Water streets. The remainder of the property will be developed in the future.

Mrs. Wood Privott, president, James Iredell Association, said the \$3,030.48 secured through the membership has been earmarked for furniture. She said a committee will immediately be

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Pancake Feed Coming Again

Several hundred citizens didn't let heavy rain keep them from enjoying a recent pancake supper and breakfast sponsored by Edenton Rotary Club.

Therefore, Ed Bass, project chairman, announced this week a repeat performance—without the rain—has been scheduled for April 1 and 2.

Site of the Friday night supper and Saturday morning breakfast is the Barker House. Those attending can all they want to eat for \$1.

Eye On State Finals

Aces In 2-A District Play

Coach Jim Kinion brought home a pair of trophies Saturday night and sends his Edenton Aces after district honors this week at Wilson.

The Aces won the 2-A Albemarle basketball conference with a perfect 18-0 mark. They then went to Bertie last week and proved

their superiority on the hardwood by winning the conference tournament.

Edenton was scheduled to play Charles B. Aycock at 8:30 P. M., Wednesday in the first round of the district event. If the Aces are successful in this tilt, they will play the winner of the Ber-

tie-Farmville game on Friday night, with the finals coming Saturday night.

A district championship would send the Aces of John A. Holmes High School to Winston-Salem and the state finals.

Last Wednesday night the Aces opened their conference tourney play by handing Williamston a 77-50 defeat. Charles Swanner and Bill Griffin each had 15 points in this contest. Wes Chesson dropped in 14 and Dwight Flanagan accounted for 11 points.

Scotland Neck defeated Northampton in the first round and met the Aces on Friday night in the semifinals.

It didn't take Edenton long to master Scotland Neck and they came away with an impressive 61-48 win.

Chesson led the Aces with 18 points and was followed by Swanner who scored 13. Griffin and Flanagan each had 11 points.

Coach Kinion took his

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Bishop Wright To Visit Here

Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, with residence in Wilmington, will make his annual visitation to Saint Paul's Church Sunday.

Rev. George B. Holmes, rector, will present a number of candidates for confirmation at this time. The Churchwomen are preparing a coffee hour following services at 11 o'clock in the Parish House in honor of the bishop and the newly confirmed.

All parishioners are urged to participate in services Sunday and all acolytes, choir members and Church School members are asked to be present by 10:30 A. M.

Possible Sites Viewed By Firms

The Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has no less than three active prospects and officials are "very much encouraged" by the prospects of a new industry locating in the near future.

J. Gilliam Wood, committee chairman, said at a meeting Tuesday he is confident one or more of the industries now considering Edenton will locate here.

Wood said one firm, which he did not identify, wants to begin operations by September 1. Therefore, a site will have to be selected this month so construction of the plant can begin no later than April 15.

The chairman told committee members another firm wants to pick a site this year and their timetable is to begin operation in 1967.

All of the firms considering Edenton are well established and their new operations would be expansion of existing business rather than complete relocation.

"They all like what they see in Edenton," Wood said. "We expect to have a definite commitment in the not too distant future."

George Alma Byrum said the committee should select additional sites in order to give prospects a variety to choose from. It was agreed that more sites are needed outside the town limits, but with municipal sewer and water facilities.

Wood appointed Byrum, W. B. Gardner and Graham White as a committee to recommend additional sites.

Robert Moore, chamber executive, said two of the prospects who visited Edenton last week "just dropped in from nowhere."

In addition to those already mentioned, committee members at the meeting included W. P. (Spec) Jones, Bruce Jones and Alton Elmore.