



The Public Parade

TEXT OF MERGER BILL
—When the General Assembly convenes early next month, one of the first local bills to be introduced from the First District will be of great interest to the people of Edenton and Chowan County.

Reps. Phil Godwin of Gates and W. T. Culpepper, Jr. of Pasquotank, have agreed to co-sponsor a measure calling for a referendum on the merger of our two school administrative units. This measure is of utmost importance to those who meander along The Public Parade. The conditions for merger, as well as this piece of legislation, have been approved by both the Chowan County and Edenton boards of education.

The school boards are so determined for the citizens to know the facts about this proposed merger and today sponsor an ad in The Herald in which the entire bill is printed. This can be found on page eight, section two.

We call it to your attention here because we feel this ad, while lengthy and technical, should be read, clipped, saved and re-read between now and the time the merger vote is held.

The school boards are doing their utmost to provide a better degree of education for all the children of our county. To remain uninformed and unconcerned about such an important progressive step in local education borders on the criminal side.

THE STARS ARE COMING
—Put a big red circle around Saturday, January 28th?

That is, if you have a strong heart and a warped sense of humor.

For, you see, that is the date set aside for a Womanless Wedding to benefit the Chowan County Heart Fund. Mrs. Martha Britton and Mrs. Nell Jones, co-chairmen for this hilarious benefit, have recruited the finest talent in the area as members of the all-star cast for this performance. However, some will be making their theatrical debut which might, more than likely, turn out to be a finale.

In addition to being charged with the responsibility of obtaining the cast, Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Jones are required to outfit such superstars as Bill Gardner, John Mitchener, Spec Jones and others too comical to mention. And they can't find sufficient costumes for the

lot. Therefore, the ladies along the Public Parade to come forth with large size shoes and old dresses for members of the cast. They assure us the items will be much safer on the participants than clothing worn by members of the audience since this is not expected to be the most serious production of the year.

If you have some rag rags which can be borrowed for this low-budget show, please call Mrs. Britton or Mrs. Jones.

Then, if a little laughter won't cause you to have a heart attack, make plans to attend the benefit. The Heart Fund needs your support.

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR — The time for making resolutions concerning the New Year is past. It is now time to try and keep them.

When our thoughts turn to the New Year they are often clouded by our own inability to strike the true tone of balance in what is really important. The individual has an awesome responsibility to himself as well as his fellow man as he goes about this business of making life worthwhile.

One of the best pieces on thoughts for the New Year which has passed over our desk was from R. S. Carr. It comes from the Mutual of New York reading publication. After reading it you will know the message does not apply to us but maybe there is something in it for others who meander along The Public Parade.

Here is the prayer:
"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

"Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by, I dare not ask grace enough
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ELMORE HONORED BY JAYCEES—Alton G. Elmore, right, Tuesday night was named winner of the Distinguished Service Award for 1966. The award was presented by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., second from right, for Edenton Jaycees. Others are, from the left, Bill W. S. U. S. Jaycee president; Bob Waller, president of the Edenton club; and Mrs. Elmore. Approximately 300 attended the annual banquet held this year at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Jaycees Honor Alton G. Elmore

Edenton Jaycees Tuesday night honored a competitor by presenting him their most coveted citation, the Distinguished Service Award.

Named recipient of the DSA for 1966 was Alton G. Elmore, president of Edenton Rotary Club. The 13th annual award was presented

by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., for the local Jaycees.

Elmore, who resides at 107 South Granville Street, is manager of Belk-Tyler's.

Keynote for the DSA, Bosses' and Ladies' Night banquet at Chowan Golf & Country Club, was Bill W. Suttle of Tulsa, Okla., presi-

dent, U. S. Jaycees.

Suttle, a native of Marion, who was a Greensboro banker at the time of his election to the national Jaycee post, lauded the local Jaycees for their work in the community. He said Jaycees across America are concerned about the onmunity as a whole and are actively

working to make the country a better place in which to live.

The young, dynamic leader said complacency is one of the greatest dangers facing the world today.

In order to tackle the problems of any community, there is a need for big, able, strong, bold and capable men and women willing "to meet the challenge of change."

"The world is crying out today for young men and women willing to carry the ball," he said.

Later the speaker asserted that the hour is late and the need great for leaders. He said true leaders must:

1. Do their homework. Become familiar with the work and go out and get it done.

2. Refuse to accept local complacency. "We have got to see the big picture," he added.

3. Must be politically conscious.

4. Refuse to accept mediocracy on any level. Excellence is the only source of progress.

"Big people," Suttle proclaimed, "are the answer to big problems, big government, etc."

The speaker was introduced by Jack Evans, banquet chairman.

Bob Waller, Jaycee president, was master of ceremonies and the invocation was presented by Rev. Hubert Morris.

Wayne Rawls, first vice president, introduced special guests and Oscar White recognized 11 of the 12 past DSA winners who were at the banquet.

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The DSA winner is married and the father of three children.

2-A Basketball Race Getting Sticky

Coach Jim Kinion will send his Edenton Aces against Ahsokie here Friday night and the winner will probably gain first place in the 2-A Albemarle Conference.

Following Tuesday night's contests, a three-way tie existed for the conference lead. Edenton, Ahsokie and Williamston were knotted for the lead after the Aces defeated Plymouth and Northampton lost.

The Aces were impressive in their 71-56 victory over arch rival Plymouth and enjoyed a nine-point, 35-26, lead at intermission.

Thomas Willis had a fine night, scoring 23 points. He was followed by Wes Chesson, who scored 18 points in the first game he has played since the holidays. Billy Wallace had 14 points.

Jeffcoat, Pinner and Manning were the leading scorers

for the Plymouth five. The Aces were soundly defeated by a fast breaking Plymouth team, 46-19. The locals, with Beth Moore as high scorer with seven points, managed to get only nine points in the first half.

Ruth Askew had 18 for Plymouth while Sara Small had 14.

Last Wednesday at Williamston, the Aces were defeated 56-52 in an overtime. In that game, Billy Wallace led the scorers with 18 points. Rusty Bootwright came in second with 14 tallies.

Batts and Hardison each had 18 for the winners. The Aces traveled to Scotland Neck Friday night and came out with a 62-42 victory to post a conference record of 5-2.

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INKS GRANT IN AID—Wesley Chesson, center, last Wednesday signed a grant in aid to attend Duke University in Durham and end speculation as to where the star athlete at John A. Holmes High School would be playing college football. Representing the university was Hal McElhane, standing. With Chesson are his father, left, and Coach Marion Kirby. Chesson will play football at Duke although he has lettered in four sports here and made All-East in two of them.

Chesson Is Given Duke Scholarship

Duke, Carolina and 13 other colleges and universities — including the U. S. Military Academy — courted Wesley Chesson for several months and it was only last Wednesday that the John A. Holmes High School star made his choice.

Chesson, a four-sport athlete for the Aces who has made All-East in two of them, made his decision Tuesday night. He immediately called Coach Bill Doolley at Chapel Hill to inform him that he had just lost his first encounter with Duke. Then Wednesday, Hal Mc-

Elhane, an assistant to Coach Tom Harp, came to Edenton to get Chesson's signature on a full athletic scholarship. He said the Blue Devils expected Chesson to be a valuable member of the university grid squad in the years ahead.

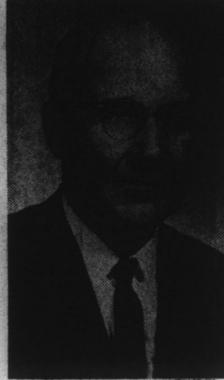
Chesson's father, on hand for the signing, said he left the decision entirely with the athlete as to where he would attend school. "He has wrestled with this for some time," the elder Chesson said.

Chesson has been termed the finest high school athlete ever to attend the local school. He had become the most sought-after football player in Tar Heelia.

The honor student has earned 14 letters playing with the Aces and is a student leader off the playing field. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as Student Body president.

Also at the luncheon was Sheriff Earl Goodwin, Chesson's grandfather, Coach Marion Kirby, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., local attorney and Duke graduate, and members of the press.

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ARCHIE T. LANE, SR.

Lane Nominated By Democrats

RALEIGH—Archie T. Lane, Sr., of Hertford, last week made a political comeback when he was nominated by House Democrats to be sergeant-at-arms for the 1967 session.

Lane, a veteran of three terms in the General Assembly as representative from Perquimans County, defeated former Rep. Carson Gregory of Harnett County, 55 to 37. It was the only contested election by the Democratic caucus.

The nominee ran third in a five-man race for the two seats allowed the First District in the course of reapportionment. Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates, one of the successful candidates, nominated Lane for the prestigious position in the House.

Seconding Lane's nomination was Rep. Sam Ervin, Jr., of Morganton. Rep. Ervin said: "By supporting him we can show tangible concern for a section of this state that by reason of reapportionment feels it has suffered at our hands."

However, Lane made it clear he will avoid trying to occupy himself with legislation. "I just value the contacts I have with legislators and hope I can be of some value in liaison to the folks back home," he said.

In the position as sergeant-at-arms, Lane will receive the same pay as members of the House. They receive \$15 a day and subsistence for 120 days of the session.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

Tommy Privott, chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile for the Edenton Jaycees, urges everyone to go out and contribute a pint of blood Monday, January 16, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 5 P. M., at the Edenton National Guard Armory.

If it were not for this program you would have to buy blood at a cost of around \$50 a pint, whereas now it is free. All the costs now are associated with administering the blood and not for the blood itself. Privott says the quota for this bloodmobile visit is 100 pints and it cannot be obtained unless the citizens accept our civic responsibility and go out to contribute.

All persons are given a medical examination and if they are not up to par physically their blood is not taken. So you get a free medical examination and also refreshments.

Actually a person could come on their lunch hour and contribute.

Privott says the people of Edenton and Chowan County have made our chapter the most successful one in the Tidewater. Blood program and this is the record everyone wants to maintain. Contribute or send someone to contribute blood in your place Monday, January 16 from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., at the Edenton National Guard Armory, Privott says. This program is sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees.

RED MEN WEINER ROAST MONDAY NIGHT

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will hold a weiner roast at its meeting Monday night in the Red Men hall. The affair will begin at 7 o'clock, prior to the regular meeting of the tribe at 7:30 o'clock. Officers will be elected at the business meeting, so that a large attendance is requested.

Anti-Litter Laws Put On Books; Jail Discussed

Edenton Town Council Monday night adopted three anti-litter ordinances and authorized the police department to take steps to make two detention cells in the Municipal Building safe for keeping prisoners.

Promoted by the Downtown Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, the anti-litter ordinances prohibit the distribution of handbills and other forms of advertising, allows the city to remove abandoned vehicles from the streets, and prohibits the throwing of trash on the streets.

The matter of the detention cells arose when Police Chief James H. Griffin told the council the door to one lock-up had been knocked open by a young prisoner.

Chief Griffin said since the county had stopped accepting female prisoners, he often found it necessary to hold a woman as much as seven days.

J. Edwin Bufflap, mayor pro tem, asked if it isn't the county's responsibility to maintain adequate jail facilities.

Chief Griffin said that was his understanding but the jail inspector had instructed the county not to put females in the Chowan County jail.

The chief said he doesn't want to get into the jail business but the city does need a safe lock-up.

Town Attorney W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., was asked to talk with county officials about the situation.

Chief Griffin was instructed to obtain cost estimates for making the cells safer for keeping prisoners.

The council was informed that the state had run into difficulty in obtaining the Triangle Restaurant property and the proposed revamping of the traffic pattern at the intersection would be held up.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., said work was temporarily

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Pharmacy Bills Exceed \$1,200

A report filed with Chowan County commissioners last Wednesday shows that pharmacy bills authorized by the local welfare department averaged more than \$10 each.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, in her monthly report to the board, showed that 144 pharmacy bills were paid in December at a total cost of \$1,248.95. All of the money came from state and federal funds.

Mrs. McMullan recently explained that the report does not reflect the number of pharmacy bills authorized during a particular month since the state office is running behind and often groups months for the purpose of payment.

The welfare department report showed that the agency had 509 cases in which financial assistance or service was rendered. Included in this were 78 service cases. There were 306

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CONSERVATION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED — W. E. Bond, right, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, is pictured as he receives a copy of the long range conservation program for the Albemarle district. Making the presentation is Lloyd C. Bunch, head of the Soil and Water Conservation program in this county. (Story on Page 5, Section 2).