

W. P. Jones

Jones On Board At First National

W. P. (Spec) Jones, 111 Pembroke Circle, this week was named to the Edenton board of directors of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Jones is the first person to be added to the local board since First National opened an office here last summer. The board now consists of nine members.

Announcement of Jones' selection to the board came in the form of a statement from other board members.

"We are very happy to have Spec Jones join us on the local board of First National," the statement said. "He has a wide knowledge of local people and business and will be a valuable member of our board."

It was also stated that the selection of Jones by the local board has the enthusiastic endorsement of the bank's top management.

Jones is administrator of Chowan Hospital, president of Spedic Vending, and Chowan County tax supervisor. He is chairman of the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of that organization.

The new bank director is also a member of Chowan Golf & Country Club and is active in numerous community projects.

Cato's Loses \$981

Police here were continuing their search at press time for a middle-age Negro couple wanted for questioning about a \$981.12 theft from Cato's on Saturday afternoon.

Police Chief James H. Griffin said an investigation into the theft is being pushed but no additional clues have been turned up.

Mrs. Ruth Lane, Cato's manager, reported to police at 6 P. M., that a night deposit bag containing the money was missing. The deposit had been prepared earlier in the afternoon and the bag placed under a counter.

Mrs. Lane said a suspicious looking couple was in the store just prior to discovery of the theft.

The brown deposit bag contained \$681.12 in cash and \$300 in checks.

The Public

Trade

Rattling The Cans

March winds sometimes blow extra hard. That was the case here recently when unusually high gales swept through the area. The wind trimmed trees, kicked up a lot of dust, and graphically illustrated to all those willing to look, the need for removing garbage containers from our streets.

In many instances wind, dogs or other culprits beat our efficient street department crew to the garbage cans which line our streets six days each, and every week.

The town and chamber of commerce appears to be interested in this problem, up to a point. That is, there is talk in some quarters about a solution, but that is as far as it gets.

Naturally, everyone wants to put forth a best foot when it is a known fact that thousands will be coming our way to meander with us along The Public Parade. This, however, should be a matter for regular concern—not just every two years when the Woman's Club gets for Edenton publicity the community could not afford to buy, even if it was for sale.

The recently organized Garden of Eden Club has a project of trying to get back-door pickup of garbage. Now, the Beautification Committee of the chamber of commerce has joined the fight.

The timing for such a project could not be better. After all, it is election time, tour time, and budget making time. You, as an individual citizen, can rush this along by expressing yourself to town officials. This is a small thing, but one which should be done so time can be spent on tasks of greater magnitude.

Unusual Talent

There are those in our society, yes even in this community, who are constantly beating their gums about how the younger generation is going to the dogs. Others, who know this isn't a fact, can take heart in what some of these very young people are doing in self defense.

Those who meander along The Public Parade will be interested in an essay being printed in The Herald this week. It is not plabum. The writer of this essay knows her subject and puts her thoughts down on paper in an interesting manner.

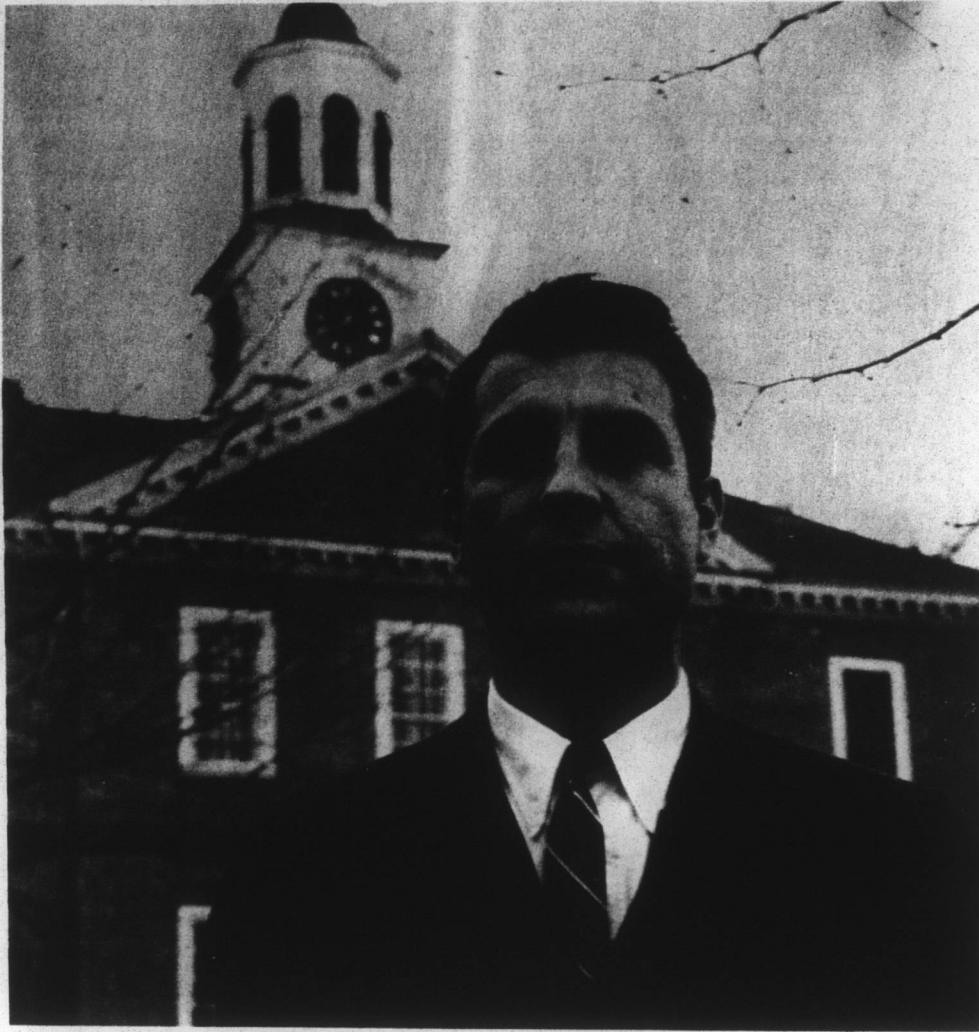
Of course, we refer to Mary Alice Byrum's piece which was the best of more than 3,000 entered in the North Carolina DAR contest. Mary Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Byrum, Oakum Street, is an eighth grade student at John A. Holmes High School.

Mary Alice displays unusual talent and her essay is recommended reading.

Goal Is Reached

The goal of \$2,500 for the Chowan County Heart Fund has been raised, it was announced this week by Rudolph Dale, campaign chairman.

He expressed his appreciation to all who contributed and those who worked to obtain the funds. He credited the Womanless Wedding and Talent Show, which was so well received, for putting the county over the top.



MR. CHAIRMAN—W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., local attorney and former State Legislator, is chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Earnhardt is shown here in front of historic Chowan County Court House, now in its 200th year. His committee discusses legislation affecting this area and keeps in contact with local representatives in Raleigh and Washington.

District Court Grants First Divorce

A divorce was granted in District Court here Tuesday by Judge W. S. Privott, the first such civil case handled in Chowan County since the new court began functioning in December, 1966.

In a mixed session of court, Walter Lee Holley won a divorce from Mary Ogletree Holley. The action was based on one-year separation.

During the trial of criminal cases, Alphonzo Cooper, 20-year-old Negro, 205 East Gale Street, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Cooper was charged with assaulting George Johnson, Jr., with a shotgun.

Judge Privott sentenced Cooper to six months on the roads. However, the prison sentence was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for three years. One of the conditions was that he pay a fine of \$35 and court costs.

In a companion case, Johnson was charged with engaging in an affray. He

was sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Solicitor Wilton Walker called three cases in which Marvin Bond, Leroy Bond and Lloyd Privott were charged with assault. Judge Privott found all three defendants not guilty.

A case against Thomas Payne, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was not pressed and a worthless check count against Douglas Jordan was not pressed with leave.

In other cases called, the following action was taken:

Pete Bryson, resisting arrest and use

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Boyd Talks Here On Beautification

"How to Succeed by Only Trying." That could easily be the title given a talk presented here Monday night by Cedric Boyce of New Bern.

Boyce used facts, figures, humorous stories and color slides to describe how New Bern succeeded in a homemade beautification program. Boyce is director of Public Works in the Craven County seat.

Speaking at an open meeting of the Garden of Eden Club, held at the Municipal Building, Boyce said the key to a successful program on anything is "enthusiasm".

He explained that seven years ago the City of New Bern had a budget item of \$300 for beautification. "Now some will ask what can be done with \$300," he stated. "Well, with that created a lot of conversation."

Boyce said the program has progressed to the point where this year the city spends \$22,000 for beautification.

He cautioned those who desire to promote such a program to be sincere and select people who will work and be progressive. "There are too many people who will do nothing", he added.

Boyce explained that too many people don't stop and evaluate the need for a beautification program. Later he said: "The people who overlook little things on their own will have to be told."

The speaker said shrubs, flowers and trees can cover up many ugly spots and make any town a better place in which to live.

Mrs. F. A. Jordan, club president, presided at the meeting and Boyce was introduced by Mrs. West Byrum, program chairman.

Quiet Easter Observance Set In Area

Easter will be observed here Sunday with special services at most churches and Monday with most citizens having a second day of rest.

Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said it is the recommendation of this group that stores in the area observe Easter Monday as a holiday. He said indications are that most stores will be closed Monday.

All financial institutions will be closed Monday. They include: Peoples Bank & Trust Company's main office, Consumer Credit Branch, and North Edenton Branch; First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina; Edenton Savings & Loan Association; and the Bank of Hobbsville.

All municipal, county, state and federal offices will be closed. The term of Chowan County Superior Court, scheduled for next week, will begin on Tuesday.

Students at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School and John A. Holmes High School get an extended spring vacation. They are out of school Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Those attending Chowan High School, D. F. Walker High School, and White Oak Elementary School have off Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Typing Class Set

An adult typing class is being organized at John A. Holmes High School and the first meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Hiram J. Mayo, commercial teacher at the school, said the class can accommodate 26 students and they will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Mrs. C. W. Overman, left, was guest of honor at the March meeting of Edenton BPW Club and cited for being chosen Woman of the Year. Mrs. Roy M. Hassell, club president, presents Mrs. Overman with an orchid. Looking on are Mr. Overman and Miss Catherine Aman. Mrs. Overman was out of town last month when the annual BPW banquet was held.

Edenton Rotarians Elect Jack Habit President

Edenton Rotarians have elected Jack Habit president of the local civic organization for the next year.

Habit, local civic leader, is in the real estate and insurance business. In addition to being active in Rotary, the president-elect is a district leader in North Carolina Jaycees.

Habit will succeed Alton G. Elmore as head of the club. New officers will assume their duties July 1.

Elected to serve with the incoming president were:

McDonald Dixon, vice president; R. E. Cheek, secretary; C. A. Benson, Britton Byrum, Dr. Richard Hines, Jr., and W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., directors.

Ross Inglis was reappointed club treasurer.

Island Fire Is Out

John's Island, a haven for most everything except those fearful of snakes, caused a lot of attention over the weekend as fire swept over more than 150 acres of the 2,000-acre tract.

Roger Spivey, local forester, said the blaze apparently began Friday and was first reported the next day. He said it has not been determined how it began.

Heavy equipment from Elizabeth City and Fairfield was brought to the scene in an effort to control the blaze in the marshy area. A forest service plane circled overhead and kept the ground crews aware of developments.

Spivey said workmen were successful in efforts to clear a circle around the burning forest.

The area is owned by J. Clarence and R. West Leary.



CHEERING CAST ALONG—Glenn Mabe, center, president of Edenton Little Theater and director of the forthcoming production, "Never Too Late," gets set to give a cheer for members of the cast. Reading clockwise are: Logan Elliott, Marsha Grandall, Joe Conner, Jr., Mabe, Genee Bumgarner, A. B. Harlow, Jr., West Byrum and Jo Ann Collins. Two other members of the cast, J. D. Elliott and Chuck Benson, were absent when the picture was made. The play will be presented in John A. Holmes High School auditorium, April 12-14.