

The Public Parade

Dear Friend

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter.

It is apparent from the contents that you went to a lot of trouble digging up facts, not to mention the time you spent arranging them in a clever manner. 'Tis a shame you didn't go a step further and sign your name. For you see, we just don't publish anonymous letters.

This is the rule and we all must play by it. You know who we are when we put our opinions in the paper. Therefore, why should we allow you to enjoy a state of anonymousness?

You may have a point other than method in your madness. But in order to express it along The Public Parade you must make yourself known.

Family Affair

Elsewhere in today's Herald is a story about the annual peanut banquet at which Edenton Chamber of Commerce recognizes the top 50 producers in Chowan County.

All of the farmers who make this club are to be congratulated. They each have a different story as to how it happened. However, the story of how Fred Castelloe became the top producer in the county is unique. We'll let Charlie Overman, County Extension Chairman tell it:

"Determination of a family in spite of the husband's illness resulted in top peanut award for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castelloe, Advance Community of Chowan County.

"In the spring of 1967 Fred Castelloe became ill. With the help of his wife, Jackie and two young sons, Tommy and Jerry, Fred was able to get the crop planted and cultivation started before entering the hospital. Then it was necessary for Mrs. Castelloe and the boys to take over the crop.

"Mrs. Castelloe and 15-year-old Tommy operated the tractor and 12-year-old Jerry assisted with hoe work and other jobs. Their crops consisted of peanuts—19 acres, tobacco—seven acres, corn—30 acres and soybeans—25 acres.

"Their average peanut yield of 3,327 pounds per acre was determined to be the top yields of all peanuts grown by a Chowan County producer in 1967. For this accomplishment they were awarded a trophy by the N. C. Peanut Growers Association and a plaque by

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Beef Cattle Tour

Directors of the 10-county Albemarle Area Beef Cattle Association have announced plans for a beef cattle tour to be held on March 1. The tour will start at 10 A. M., at Tommy Jones' farm in Hyde County.

Jones' farm is located two miles east of Fairfield on the Engelhard highway. The tour will include stops to show different systems of wintering stocker cattle, cow and calf producers, a cross breeding program and cattle feeding.

Directors of the beef association promise this will be a very interesting as well as educational tour.

Dr. R. L. McGuire, beef specialist; Clint Reese, beef specialist; Jack Parker, area livestock specialist; and Steve Barnes, area soils specialist; will be on the tour to make comments and discuss the different systems of cattle farming and their adaptability to the area.

A barbecue beef lunch will be served to those attending. All farmers interested in beef cattle production are invited to attend.



CANDIDATE IN CHOWAN—Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, center, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, spoke briefly Monday morning at Chowan County Court House as he brought his "program for progress" campaign into Northeastern North Carolina. The candidate is shown here with former Rep. B. Warner Evans, left, and Thomas Shepard.



ADMIRE TIE—Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, left, paused during a campaign swing through Chowan County Monday to admire the brown tie being worn by James C. (Pete) Dail. He had good reason, too, since it was autographed: "Bob Scott."

Chowan Is Visited By Lt. Gov. Scott

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, Democratic candidate for governor, Monday set the tone for his campaign in Northeastern North Carolina during an informal talk at Chowan County Court House.

He talked about education, local government, roads and law and order.

He made two pledges to the people. First, he said he will work hard to get elected (which he expects to do) and will work hard "with you" for four years. And, "I will serve you in a way that will reflect credit on you as North Carolinians."

The candidate called on the voters to assist him as he "builds, implements and executes a "program for progress" in the state.

Scott repeated an earlier statement that his campaign will be short on promises. He said he does not believe the voters of this state will fall for "this pie in the sky approach". Although tempted to make rash promises about this and that, Scott said: "This is not the way I operate."

During the past few years he has visited every county of North Carolina several times, he stated, and has gained a great appreciation of our people and

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Lloyd E. Griffin Honored By Class

Lloyd E. Griffin walked briskly down Granville Street Sunday morning to Edenton Baptist Church. He was on his way to teach the Men's Bible Class.

He was welcomed by 109 members. He was asked to cut the lesson a bit short since the class has some special business to take up. He was also advised that a member of the class wanted to tape Sunday's lesson.

All of this made the teacher a bit nervous. And it was not until the class got down to the "special business" that he really realized what was happening.

Sunday marked the end of the 45th year that Lloyd Griffin had taught the class. The tribute to the veteran, dedicated teacher was paid by Rev. R. N. Carroll, who at the conclusion presented him a portable stereo tape recorder, a gift from the class.

In his remarks, Mr. Carroll noted that it was in 1923 that a young Edenton lawyer was invited to organize and teach a new Sunday School class at the Baptist Church. "Like most good lawyers and judges, he did not respond immediately but took the matter under advisement, which meant, among other things, that he wanted to talk it over with his wife," Mr. Carroll noted.

Encouraged by his wife, Griffin became teacher of the Young Men's Sunday School Class.

"Several years ago his work took him

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Science Fair Open

Students at John A. Holmes High School this week put on display their exhibits in the annual Science Fair. The gymnasium will be open to the public today (Thursday) from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M., and 7 P. M., to 9 P. M.

Students in grades seven through 11 are participating, under the supervision of Mrs. Clara M. Boswell, Mrs. Cornelia Sharpe and David Shelton.

On display will be projects in both the junior and senior division of biological and physical science.

The top three winners in each division will receive complimentary savings accounts in First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. The prizes range from \$5 for first place to \$2 for third place. All top three winners will be given a free trip to the District Science Fair at East Carolina University in Greenville on March 22.

Judging of local exhibits was done Wednesday afternoon by out-of-town judges.

Mayor Mitchener Is Not Candidate

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., indicated Tuesday night it will take a strong draft to get him to seek re-election in the May, 1969, Municipal Election.

While saying: "I do not choose to run," he left the way clear for a change

of heart. He added: "I will not close the door nor will I lock the window."

Mayor Mitchener is now at mid-point in his fifth term. He served eight years on the Town Council before becoming Mayor.

Johnson Elected

Gilbert Johnson has been elected captain of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad to succeed James P. Ricks, Jr., who was an organizer of the squad and served as captain for three years.

Johnson, who is a charter member of the squad, is a hospital corpsman with the Coast Guard Reserve and is employed by Seabrook Blanching Corp.

Other officers elected were for the Edenton Unit No. 1 were Bob Weintraub, First Lieutenant, and George Ward, Second Lieutenant and for the County Unit No. 2 were Robert Casper, First Lieutenant and Harry L. Winslow, Second Lieutenant.

Re-elected secretary-treasurer of the squad was Bob Roberson and Murray Ashley as operations and training officer.

The installation of officers will be held February 29 at 7:30 P. M., at the Chowan High School cafeteria with the dinner to be prepared by the Ryland Home Demonstration Club.

He quashed rumors that he would run for office on the district level by saying he will not be a candidate in the forthcoming primary. He did say he will continue to be extremely interested in the affairs of Northeastern North Carolina.

Mayor Mitchener said he will do everything possible to promote better highways in the area as well as other projects of general improvement.

Fielding questions from newsmen at an informal dinner at Edenton Restaurant, Mayor Mitchener said he is announcing his plans for 1969 now because there are "those in the community who should come forward and say what they can do and if they are willing to do them."

He added that he will not try to dictate who will succeed him. He did say he knows of two people who could do the job. But the question is whether they are willing to do it on an area and state level, he said.

Mayor Mitchener said he arrived at his decision after much thought. "I have

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PRINCIPALS AT PEANUT BANQUET—Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, second from left, was principal speaker Friday night at the annual Top 50 Club banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, honoring peanut farmers in the area. Fred Castelloe, second from right, was named top producer for 1967. Others are W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., chamber president, left, C. W. Overman, county extension chairman, center, and T. C. Byrum, Jr., chairman of the agriculture committee, right.

Castelloe Wins Top Peanut Award

Fred Castello, Route 3, Edenton, Friday night was named top peanut producer in Chowan County for 1967. Castelloe's yield was 3,327 pounds per acre.

Castello and the other 49 local farmers in the celebrated Top 50 Club were honored at a banquet at Rocky Hock Community Center, sponsored by Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

The top award was presented by T. C. Byrum, Jr., chairman of the chamber's agriculture committee. Certificates were handed out by W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., chamber president.

Recognition of the ever closer bond of interest between agriculture and other segments of the economy was further evidenced at the banquet, Agriculture

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Commissioner James A. Graham said in his principal address.

"It is good that the Edenton Chamber of Commerce sponsors this meeting in recognition of the importance of the peanut farmer to Edenton and Chowan County," he said. "Traditionally, peanuts have accounted for about half of the value of crops produced in the county and, together with hogs, account for a major portion of its total farm income. As businessmen, you are wise enough to realize that the millions of dollars of farm income these commodities bring into the county circulate through many hands and mean much to the total economy of this area."



BAPTISTS HONOR VETERAN TEACHER—There were 109 in the sanctuary of Edenton Baptist Church Sunday to answer the roll of the Men's Bible Class. Later they honored Lloyd E. Griffin, who last week completed 45 years as teacher of the



class. Following the service the men posed with Griffin on the steps of the church for the group picture shown above. At right, Griffin, and Rev. R. N. Carroll admire handsome portable stereo tape recorder presented the teacher by class members.