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Santa Scheduled To Arrive At 4 P. M. Friday

The Public Parade

Line Forms Here

Recently Gov. Dan K. Moore made one of his final appointments. He rewarded his legal counsel during the past four years with a comfortable seat on the Superior Court bench.

One of George Ragsdale's duties was to clear appointments to the many boards and commissions. Some would argue that he pulled the old military trick by placing his own file on top as he presented candidates for appointment to Gov. Moore.

But such was not the case. George R. Ragsdale of Raleigh had impressed Gov. Moore with his ability and untiring devotion to duty. The governor predicted at the time his appointee would make a splendid jurist. And no one knows better than Gov. Moore the burdens and responsibilities of such a position in our court system.

Therefore, he had the fullest confidence in this appointee.

Monday, Superior Court Judge Ragsdale, the newest and among the youngest jurists in the state, walked into historic Chowan County Courthouse to preside. Little was known of the man behind the horn-rimmed glasses.

But before the folds of the judicial robe fell into place he had set some at ease and put fear into others. He was proper, strict and at times a bit witty. He demonstrated firmness and mercy, in whichever order he felt best fitted the situation.

He made it plain he would be a working judge. He will return Friday if the court calendar is not cleared prior to Wednesday's recess for Thanksgiving.

And he plainly accepted for himself as a judge, and for other judges, more than a little of the responsibility for the slaughter on our highways. He said judges must move "strongly" to arrest this situation. "And that I intend to do," he said with conviction.

It was most appropriate that such should come just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year, in spite of the beefed up activities of State Highway Patrol, 1,755 accidents were investigated.

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Career Discussion Set For Students

College and Career Day will be held at John A. Holmes High School on December 9, from 1 until 3 P. M., in the gym. Junior and Senior students at Holmes and Chowan high schools will attend this function.

Invited representatives include approximately 80 junior and senior colleges, business schools, nursing schools, IBM schools, technical, and industrial schools. Representatives of the Newport News Apprenticeship School and the Armed Forces will also be present.

Students will have an opportunity to investigate general college information, business careers, data processing, various levels of nursing, machine shop, electronics, marine technology, cosmetology, automotive mechanics, refrigeration, air conditioning, marine diesel mechanics, radio and television, welding, drafting, instrumentation, chemical technology, agricultural and biological technology, forestry technicians, poultry and livestock technology, grounds management technician, engineering technology, dental hygiene, auto-diesel, electrical

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Holiday Is Slated

Local citizens will join others throughout the nation Thursday in the traditional celebration of Thanksgiving.

This is a general holiday in the area with all but essential services coming to a complete halt. All municipal, county, state and federal offices will be closed. There will be no mail delivery on this day.

The area's financial institutions will be closed for the holiday, including First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, the three offices of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton Savings & Loan Association, and the Bank of Hobbsville.

The Chowan Herald published a day early this week to give advertisers advertising space.

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Davis Lauds Cooperation In Northeast

ELIZABETH CITY—A bright future of Northeastern North Carolina was predicted Monday by one of the nation's leading bankers.

Archie K. Davis of Winston-Salem said at a press luncheon here that the area has a balanced base on which to predicate progress. Davis is chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company and past president, American Bankers Association.

Wachovia this week is having formal opening activities for a new \$750,000 main office in downtown Elizabeth City. Davis said this structure is tangible expression of Wachovia's confidence in this region.

Davis said steady progress has been made and predicted even greater things in the future.

He cited population gains during the past decade and additional economic opportunities as being important in the area. He said the value of manufactured products in the area increased 68 per cent during 1958-63 while statewide the average was 48 per cent.

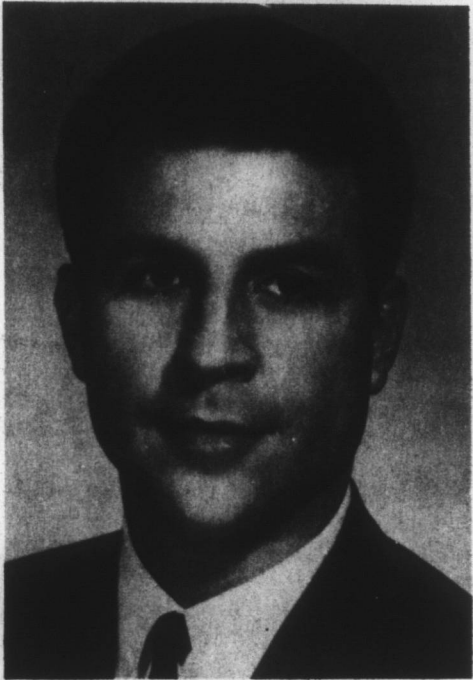
Davis said agriculture has been the economic base here for generations. This growth was about in line with the statewide average. He added that there is great potential in the area for livestock.

Also, he pointed out that this area ranks second in the entire southeast to the land area being cleared.

Agriculture, though, is not without its problems, he said. The biggest of which is inflation. "Something must be done to arrest this inflation," he said.

The balanced base for progress cited

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W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.

Earnhardt Voted District Bar Post

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Edenton attorney and former state representative, Saturday was elected president of the First District Bar Association. He succeeds John T. Chaffin of Elizabeth City.

Attorneys from seven counties in Northeastern North Carolina met at Pasquotank County Court House in annual session.

In addition to Earnhardt, officers include: Gerald F. White, vice president; Sue V. McCown, secretary-treasurer, and Martin Kellogg, Jr., counselor.

Members of the executive committee are: Camden County, Chaffin; Chowan County, John W. Graham; Currituck County, Frank B. Aycock, Jr.; Dare County, Wallace R. Gray; Gates County, Philip P. Godwin; Perquimans County, C. R. Holmes, and Pasquotank County, John H. Hall, Jr.

During the business session, Chaffin recognized John H. Hall, Sr., as having recently reached his 74th birthday. Hall is the father of Mrs. T. B. H. Wood of Edenton.

Resident Judge Walter Cahoon of Elizabeth City, and Judge Chester Morris of Coinjock also addressed the gathering briefly.



YULE PARADE PLANNERS — Final plans for Tuesday's gala Christmas Parade through downtown Edenton are being made by members of Edenton Jaycettes, co-sponsors of the event. Shown during a recent planning session on Broad Street are, left to right: Mrs. John Jethro, Mrs. Larry Williams, Mrs. Robert Bunch and Mrs. James C. Dail. The event begins at 4 P. M. at Hicks Field.

Yule Parade Is Big Event For Edenton

The Christmas season will officially open in Edenton next week when Santa Claus will make an official visit in the annual Christmas Parade.

Plans are nearing completion for the gala parade to be held in downtown Edenton Tuesday, beginning at 4 P. M.

Mrs. Larry Williams and Mrs. John Jethro, co-chairmen of the parade committee, report that approximately 50 units are expected to participate in the parade, including six bands, Miss Connie of "Romper Room", The Albemarle's "Junior Miss", Scout troops from Edenton, "Smokey the Bear", several clowns, and high school queens, princesses and cheerleaders.

The parade will begin at Hicks Field and move down Broad Street to the Confederate Plaza.

Attractive street decorations have been installed by the Electric and Water Department, and the colorful lights will be turned on the night of the parade.

The Edenton Jaycettes, sponsors of the parade along with the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, wish to invite the thousands of people from Edenton and surrounding area who usually view our parade, and they are working hard to see that no one will be disappointed with the performance.

Hornets Playing Hayes Wednesday

The D. F. Walker Hornets have a crack at the 3-A state football crown Wednesday night as they go against E. J. Hayes High of Williamston at Williamston. Game time is 7:30 P. M.

The Hornets, fielding one of the finest teams in recent history, gained the finals with the defending champions by defeating Anderson High of Winston-Salem, 26-7 last Friday night at Hicks Field.

This impressive victory following a 0-0 tie earlier last week with the Hornets gaining the playoff by virtue of offensive yardage.

James Hassell gave the locals the lead at 5:06 in the first period when he burst through the center of the line and raced 51 yards for the score.

John Bonner scored in the second period on a four-yard run; Quarterback Linwood McCloud scored on a 30-yard run in the third period and Michael Lamb posted the fourth period score on a 35-yard punt return.

Anderson was able to push across one TD in the final stanza.

Coach Robert Shields got fine defensive performances from Charlie Pailin, Herman Drew, Bonner, Jasper Parsons, Joe Ford, Boyce and other members of the Walker squad.

Official Asks 'Citizen Involvement'

A state official Thursday called for more citizen participation in law enforcement and was critical of the use of "law and order" themes for political gain.

Myron H. McBryde, director, State Bureau of Investigation, addressed Edenton Rotary Club at 1 P. M. Later in the afternoon it was announced in Raleigh that he had resigned, effective

January 3.

McBryde called "law and order" a tremendous issue and one that is very much with us today. However, he said it is nothing new.

"Would it be best not to use it as a political rallying point?" the speaker asked.

He then called for citizen involvement in checking crime.

"Law and the enforcement of it, tempered with justice, is your alternative to violence," he asserted.

Earlier the speaker said crime isn't new. He said it has become more sophisticated, more prevalent, and better organized. He pointed out that the courts are not responsible for this, but as in any well managed business, crime is being more diversified.

The problem is hard to cope with because of the lack of citizen involvement and cooperation with police officers. He called police departments the most undermanned and police officers the most under-paid segments of our country.

He was critical of the lack of training given officers before they are put to work. In some cases, he said, this reflected on an otherwise good department.

McBryde called the Edenton Police Department one of the finest departments in the state for a town of this size. He also said the Chowan County Sheriff's Department is "doing a darned good job" in this area.

"It is a tremendous pleasure to be associated with them (Police Chief J. D. Parrish and Sheriff Earl Goodwin) in law enforcement," he said.

During a brief question and answer period, McBryde said the greatest crime problem in North Carolina today is dangerous drugs. He said they are being used in junior high schools in some areas and can actually be termed as being in widespread use.

McDonald Dixon, Rotary president, presented the speaker.

Church Services Set For Weekend

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 A. M., Wednesday and Morning Prayer will be conducted Thursday at 10:30 A. M., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Rev. George Holmes, rector, will conduct Morning Prayer and preach Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday the only service is 11 o'clock at which time the Young Churchmen will sponsor a Folk Mass for the Men and Boys' Corporate Communion.

Judge Gets Tough In Traffic Cases

Superior Court Judge George R. Ragsdale of Raleigh declared here Monday afternoon that the automobile is the most lethal weapon in the hands of people in North Carolina.

The young jurist said the existing problem will not get better until judges in the Superior Courts get tough.

Addressing a defendant convicted of driving drunk, Judge Ragsdale said the motorist is lucky no damage was done. "However, you cannot escape the hazard involved," he said. "All the good luck in the world will not remove the hazard."

Judge Ragsdale later said: "The courts have got to move strongly and that I intend to do."

He then sentenced J. Mayon Parker of Ahoskie to 30 days in jail. This sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$300 fine and court costs and on further condition that he not drive for 12 months.

(The minimum fine for first offense of driving drunk is \$100).

A jury Tuesday morning found Eveline Overton Smith not guilty of driving drunk. Her husband, Raleigh Lee Smith, was charged in a companion case with resisting arrest. Judge Ragsdale allowed a motion for non-suit in that case at the conclusion of the state's evidence.

At noon Tuesday trial continued in the case where James Arthur Harris was charged with assault on a female. Judge Ragsdale was prepared to charge the jury after the noon recess.

In other activity Monday, prayer for judgment was continued in the case where Jessie Tann was ordered to appear to show that he was keeping his children in school.

Lane Vies For Legislative Position

Democratic legislators meeting in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon were expected to re-elect Archie T. Lane, Sr., of Per-



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quimans County as sergeant-at-arms for the 1969 General Assembly.

This is one of four positions the Democrats filled during the session which began at 2 P. M. (Due to the early press time this week The Chowan Herald was unable to determine the outcome).

Lane, who served in this position during the 1967 General Assembly, was not expected to have strong opposition for the post.

Rep. Earl Vaughan, who has served as speaker of the house since Lt. Governor Pat Taylor launched his campaign, was set to be officially elected at the caucus.

The reading clerk and principal clerk are the other positions elected by the membership of the House of Representatives.

Lane has 14 years experience in politics on a local, area and state level. He served three terms in the House from Perquimans County before the General Assembly was reapportioned. There are now two representatives from this area.