

Public Parade

Judge W. S. Privott

It didn't take the Chief Judge long to make the decision to put District Court Judge W. S. Privott on His bench. And while the sting of death is ever so painful, especially coming so suddenly, the fact that it came in the manner in which it did is comforting.

Also, the fact that the Chief Judge chose a time when our beloved jurist had completed a successful hunt is symbolic of the life he lived.

Judge William Scott Privott strived for success in his every undertaking. He quietly went about his daily life—both public and private—doing good deeds for his fellow man. And he didn't want much fuss made about it.

The work he did for his church, Edenton Baptist Church, is well-known. His ability as a Sunday School teacher, with a particular style which caused members of his class to think positively, is also known.

His work in the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, the American Legion, the Boy Scout movement and the district and state bar associations are just as well-known. So is the fact that he served his country in the U. S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean War.

But he never let these interfere with his responsibility to his wife and son. He was a devoted family man.

Judge Privott was also a great outdoorsman. Any type sport was his type sport. We recall in November, 1964, just a few days after coming to meander along the Public Parade, he and this writer took on Hec Lupton and Albert Byrum in a golf match. We do not remember who won but we remember being impressed with the judge's enthusiasm for the sport.

Traveling the First District Court Circuit kept him busy but he never missed an opportunity to get outside and do something—golf, hunt, fish, or watch competitive sports.

During the time we covered his courts we were impressed by the lack of criticism aimed at the judge. We once received an anonymous letter—which of course never saw print—critical to the point of labeling him the "Hanging Judge of the 1960's". He got a hearty laugh out of it.

He has passed his last earthly sentence. But we hope if we ever pass by a jurist in judgment William Scott Privott will be on the panel. For, you see, we know he was kind, honest and fair.

Yea, Let's Be Great

It is almost beyond comprehension the way the enthusiasm of Dr. Leo Jenkins of East Carolina University is shared by his associates when they talk about the potential of Eastern North Carolina.

Recently, Tom Willis was here for an area meeting talking about regional development.

Tuesday night, Dr. Jenkins sent his athletic forces to meander along the Public Parade. They wasted no time in pointing out the benefits of supporting the regional university.

"Become identified with the regional university," said the new head football coach, who happens to be Jerry McGee's brother, Mike. He said ECU was already well identified with this area in the persons of Billy Wallace, Dwight Flanagan and Mike Ervin, all of whom will gear-up with the Pirates this fall.

But then the advance case of Jenkins came out in the Elizabeth City native. "The concept of the Big Four (Duke, Carolina, State and Wake Forest) is dead," he stated. "It is now the Big Five". Later he said it could become the Big One and the Little Four if the ECU program gets proper support.

ECU Athletic Director Clarence Stasavich said he hoped the young coaches being brought into the institution's athletic program could develop the type winning combination the people in this area need.

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PREPARE FOR ANNIVERSARY EVENT—Dr. Clifford Bair of the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City and director of Albemarle Choral Society, is shown with two soloists from Edenton who will be participating in one of the Fifth Anniversary concerts in March. They are Mrs. Bruce F. Jones and W. M. Sanford. Concerts will be held in Elizabeth City on March 15 and Edenton on March 16.



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2 Perjury Counts Sent Up; Other Cases Are Heard

Two young Negroes waived preliminary hearing on charges of perjury Tuesday and were bound over to Chowan County Superior Court under \$500 bond each.

Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City set the bond after David Biggs and Johnnie K. Leary, Jr., both entered pleas of guilty to making false affidavits when applying for a driver's license.

No testimony was given.

Thomas Edward Parker, III, was given a total of 18 months on the roads after entering guilty pleas to two counts of violation of restricting driving privileges.

Parker was tried January 20 for drunk driving. He was given a six-month suspended term and Judge Horner restricted his driving to allow him to keep his job.

Edenton Patrolman T. G. Miller said he arrested Parker on the afternoon of February 8, a Sunday, and the early morning of February 9, a Monday.

Judge Horner invoked the suspended sentence and gave the defendant six months each on the new charges. The terms were to run consecutively.

Parker gave notice of appeal to Superior Court.

Solicitor Wilton Walker prosecuted the docket and the following other cases.

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Dedication Slated

Chowan Academy, now in its second year, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The private school, with grades one through eight, is located at Rocky Hook.

Carroll Evans, chairman of the board of directors, said Rev. R. N. Carroll of Edenton Baptist Church will be the dedication speaker.

The public is invited to attend this special program.

Library Support Sought

With the endorsement of the N. C. Library Committee, Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., named John A. Taylor as Chowan County chairman of the committee which will direct local participation in the observance of National Library Week, April 12-19.

The week is the focal point of a year-round program designed to stimulate life-time reading habits as well as citizen support and use of their library facilities, Taylor stated. It is expected that the drive will result in extensive gains in library circulation as well as impressive support of public library services.

The committee will include Mrs. San-

dra Phillips, librarian, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library; Tom Shepard, library trustee; Mrs. Hiram A. Weeks, president, Friends of the Library; Mrs. Harry Venters, school librarian; Mrs. John A. Taylor, Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce, Mrs. J. H. Horton, Mrs. W. W. Bindeman, Mrs. W. H. Winborne, Mrs. Joe Webb, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Rev. Warren Nance, Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., and Pat Flanagan.

Chairman Taylor said, "Our committee with the already visual cooperation of the Library Board and the Librarian look forward to enlisting the support of all the citizens."



State Rep. W. T. Culpepper



State Rep. Phil Godwin



John F. White

Race Develops For Judgeship; Godwin, Culpepper File

An Edenton attorney seeking a seat on the District Court bench is one of four candidates in Northeastern North Carolina to announce this week for public office, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 2.

John F. White, a man with 44 years of legal experience, filed with the State Board of Elections Thursday for the post left vacant by the death of Judge W. S. Privott. Just before the deadline at noon Friday, District Court Solicitor Wilton Walker of Currituck also filed for the post.

This created one of the few races expected in the primary.

Also, State Reps. Phil Godwin of Gates and W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Pasquotank filed for re-election in the First

Jones Sets Visit

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, announced from Washington today (Thursday) that he will be available at Edenton Municipal Building Friday to meet with constituents.

Rep. Jones will be at the Municipal Building from 2 P. M., to 3 P. M.

"I look forward to this opportunity, while in Northeastern North Carolina, to meet with friends or any other individual who might have some questions," Rep. Jones said.

House District.

Incumbents in the State Senate, J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston and George Wood of Camden, said last week they would seek re-election.

White represented Chowan County in the General Assembly for his first session in 1931. He served a total of nine reg-

ular sessions thereafter.

He has practiced law since April, 1926, in the state and federal courts. His specialty has been in the field of criminal law.

"I feel that through experience and knowledge of the law I am able to carry

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Judge W. S. Privott Dies Suddenly

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Judge W. S. Privott, 113 Pembroke Circle. He was 60.



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Judge Privott, one of two jurists in the First District Court, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon while on a bird hunting trip with William Easterling, an officer of Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Easterling said the jurist became ill near the end of the hunt and he rushed him to Chowan Hospital where he was dead on arrival.

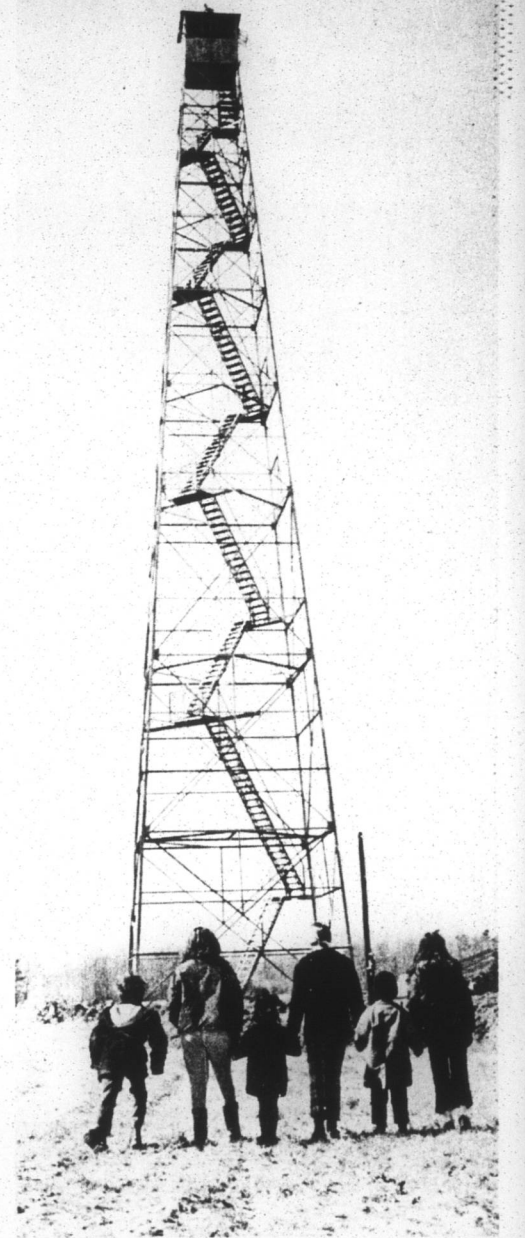
Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Judge Privott had already announced his intention to seek re-election to a four-year term on the District Court bench.

William Scott Privott was a native of Chowan County, born May 7, 1909, son of the late William Scott and Cora Banks Privott. His marriage was to Mrs. Elene Everett Privott, who survives.

Also surviving is a son, Willard Scott Privott of the home; and two sisters: Mrs. Catherine P. Sledger of Gadsden, Ala.; and Mrs. Ruth P. Bell of Rocky

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OBSERVATION TOWER — The N. C. Forestry Service now has in operation in Chowan County a fire observation tower. The tower is located north of Edenton on Highway 32. The tall structure dwarfs the children in the foreground. Roger Spivey, local forest ranger, said the tower will be of great benefit in allowing woods fires to be spotted quicker and result in saving timberland in the area.



SPORTS BUNDLE—Some 70 people attended the East Carolina University Century Club luncheon Tuesday night at Edenton Restaurant. ECU athletic officials were on hand to discuss the forthcoming football program. Shown, left to right, are: Chuck Bellman, ECU athletic director; Marion Kirby, John A. Holmes High School athletic director; and Jerry McGee, former coach of the Edenton Aces, who is now on his brother's staff at ECU.