



NORTHEAST DEMOCRATS RALLY—Representatives from most counties last Thursday joined in on the Pasquotank Booster Banquet to honor Jones presented an award to Sheriff Thompson naming him "Mr. D. Harrington of Lewiston is flanked by State Reps. Bill Culppepper of Elizabeth City and Phil Godwin of Gatesville. Rep. Godwin is speaker of the State House of Representatives. The crowd prompted Godwin to comment: "There is so much enthusiasm here you would think there was a rural mail route open."



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Rep. Jones pauses for a few words with Tom Shepard, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee chairman, just prior to the banquet. In the picture at extreme right, State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston is flanked by State Reps. Bill Culppepper of Elizabeth City and Phil Godwin of Gatesville. Rep. Godwin is speaker of the State House of Representatives. The crowd prompted Godwin to comment: "There is so much enthusiasm here you would think there was a rural mail route open."

Public Parade

Gospel and Bologna

Over the years, much guidance and comfort has been derived from the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The recent gospel according to Grant leaves a great deal to be desired.

As an individual, Marse Grant is entitled to his opinion. As a Democrat, Marse Grant is entitled to his opinion. As editor of the highly respected Biblical Recorder, Marse Grant is entitled to his opinion. He professes to be all three and with his opinions in these fields we can find no fault.

However, it was disappointing to receive a copy of his letter of February 4 to Robert Bingham of Boone, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina. Written on stationery of the journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Mr. Grant attacks Mr. Bingham's statement concerning balloting on local option liquor by the drink. Then at the bottom he writes: "P. S. You will note that this is a personal letter and not for distribution in the press or elsewhere."

What bologna! But if that was all the bologna Mr. Grant dwells on in his letter we could, in good conscious file it along with 90 per cent of the junk mail we receive.

Mr. Grant, intentionally or unintentionally, squarely put the Baptist Church in politics with his "personal letter". He not only threatened to marshal the forces, or speak for, one million Baptists, but 500,000 Methodists.

He wrote Sam Johnson out as a prospect for lieutenant governor and put U. S. Rep. Jim Broyhill in the mansion on Blount Street. Our line isn't as direct apparently as Mr. Grant's, but we didn't know Mr. Johnson was interested in the No. 2 tag in North Carolina nor that Rep. Broyhill, an able GOP congressman, wants to give up the security of his Washington post.

Mr. Grant is a clever, experienced and highly respected editor. Now he has distinguished himself as a letter writer. Politics, though, appear not to be his cup of tea.

He lost some stature with this writer some months ago when he allowed an anonymous release concerning an Edenton minister to make the print. Now, he has added more "grist for their mill" and less respect by going beyond his license of opinion as a Democrat and Biblical Recorder editor.

If he is going to state his opinion's as an individual then his name needs to be erased from the masthead of the Recorder as well as from their stationery.

The gospel according to Grant just ain't got it.

Change In Countryside

In a speech in Raleigh earlier this week, Gov. Bob Scott challenged rural electric co-ops to do the same in the field of housing as they have done in lighting up the rural communities across Tar Heelia. That was a pretty big order.

This job can be done in many ways with many agencies cooperating. One is the entrance of counties into the public housing field. Another is through Farmers Home Administration. And there are others.

Chowan County commissioners have asked Edenton Housing Authority to make recommendations concerning a public housing project in the rural area. The commissioners have indicated an interest in a home-ownership program for low income families who cannot qualify for FHA or conventional loans.

Elsewhere in today's paper, Melvin Howell reports that rural housing loans are available for low to moderate income families. Because of population, these houses can be built within the town of Edenton.

Howell says his office is able to handle applications as they come in. And there are builders in the area who are interested.

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Senior High Consolidation Topic Hearing Is March 23 On School Issue

A State Department of Public Instruction survey team has recommended consolidation of all senior high school students in Chowan County at Holmes High here next year.

But a recommendation for long-range planning called for construction of a new school to house grades 10-12. "... there are two possibilities for a new secondary

school that merit consideration: (1) a three-county senior high school located on a central site to serve the senior high school students from Chowan, Perquimans and Gates counties, or (2) a senior high school on a new site to serve only the senior high school students, grades 10-12, of Chowan County," it was stated.

"We think the first possibility is both feasible and possible," the report concluded.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education said the county is in no position to get into a school building program. They did, however, call a public meeting for 7:30 P. M., March 23 at Chowan High School to discuss consolidation of the

senior high schools in 1970-71.

Dr. J. L. Pierce, director, division of school planning, will be in attendance to discuss the recommendations of the survey team he headed.

The report stated that many of the existing school buildings did not meet minimum fire safety standards. N. J. George, a board member, said this is of utmost concern. "Getting the students out of the buildings (in case of fire) should be our first order of business," he said.

Supt. Bill Britt said the Advisory Committee at Chowan High School recommended that students in grades seven through 12 be allowed to vote via secret ballot on the consolidation question.

Eugene Jordan made a motion to allow the request, seconded by Dr. A. F. Downum. It was approved. During discussion George said such a vote should come only after the students are well informed. He said the total educational program should be explained by Principal Kenneth Stalls and/or Supt. Britt.

Speaking about the school patrons, George said: "If these people are given the information they will vote right. It is not a question of busing."

Board members were given a copy of courses offered at Chowan and Holmes school during the 1969-70 school year.

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County Road Funds Set Three Now Seek Seats On Board

Chowan County commissioners Monday set up four roads in the rural area for paving with \$105,000 in secondary road funds.

State Highway Commission representatives said the county had \$59,600 in current funds and \$54,000 from an abandoned project on the Morristown Road. Highway personnel ran into

right-of-way problems on this road. Set to be graded, stabilized and paved are:

Coffield Road, .3 mile, \$11,250 cost. Sewage Plant Road, .7 mile, \$26,250 cost.

Macedonia Road, .7 mile, \$26,250 cost.

Smith's Road, .9 mile, \$33,750 cost.

The total of these projects is \$97,500. Commissioners questioned the cost on some of the projects and decided to maintain a balance in the fund at the present time.

They were told it costs \$37,500 to grade, stabilize and pave a mile of road. Therefore, the county had less than three miles to deal with in the present allocation.

At the same time, Commissioner C. A. Phillips asked the district engineer to look into pavement around Cross Roads-Center Hill Fire Department and the drive at Chowan Academy.

Commissioners approved a resolution requesting federal funds to assist in an initial planning study. George Lewis, chairman, Chowan County Planning Board, said the assistance of the professional planners in the Department of Local Affairs, and a minimum housing study as well as establishment of subdivision regulations are necessary.

The county's cost of the project, with a federal grant, would be \$1,560 during the next year.

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Loans Available

Melvin E. Howell, F.H.A. county supervisor, announced that loans are now available to construct purchase or repair homes in rural areas and small towns with populations of not more than 5,500.

These loans are made to farmers and other rural residents including senior citizens who are 62 years of age and over.

Loans may also be made to urban residents of low and moderate income who are employed in rural areas, and to other urban residents who own building sites in rural areas.

Funds may be used to finance dwellings, building sites, and essential farm service buildings.

Rural housing loans may be used to build, improve, or repair rural homes and related facilities, or farm service buildings, or fall-out shelters, or to provide water for farmstead and household use. In addition to major construction, funds are available to modernize homes—add bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other home improvements, as well as to enlarge or remodel farm service buildings and put in related facilities such as yard fences and driveways.

Loan funds also may be used to buy an existing house and lot or to buy a

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Dinner, Tour Set

Benjy L. Gibbs, Route 1, Tyner, will be honored tonight (Thursday) as the top peanut producer in Chowan County for 1969.

Gibbs, along with 49 other peanut farmers, will be joined by businessmen at a banquet to be held at Advance Community Building. The annual banquet is sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet begins at 7 P. M. Following the turkey dinner awards will be presented and a tour is planned of Seabrook Blanching Corporation by C. B. Smith, chairman of the agricultural committee and a Seabrook official.

It was reported recently that Gibbs' average was 3,861 pounds per acre.

H. O. West, office manager of Chowan County ASCS, reports the county-wide average at 2,637 pounds per acre. This is expected to be the best in the entire state.

Chowan Academy Is Dedicated In Campus Ceremony

Chowan Academy Sunday afternoon was dedicated to the glory of God and quality education in a brief service on

the Rocky Hock campus. At the same time, it was announced that registration is now open for stu-

dents in grades one through nine for the 1970-71 term, which will be the third for the private institution. The ninth grade is being added next year and officials hope to add a grade each year until the full 12 year program is offered.

Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, spoke briefly at the ceremony. He stressed the importance of good teachers.

The minister also said the home, church and school "used to work hand in hand", but questioned this cooperation at the present time. He pointed out that education is more than the three R's. It deals with the entire person.

Carroll Evans, chairman of the board, traced the history of the school which opened in 1969 with 75 students in the first four grades. This year there are 146 students in eight grades. Evans said from the beginning emphasis has been placed on quality education.

Gary Byrum, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum, spoke for the student body.

The Welcome was given by Miss Minnie Hollowell, headmistress, and Jack Eyans, treasurer, gave the benediction. Rev. Thomas Clarke, pastor of Hobbsville Baptist Church gave the invocation and Martha Jo Hollowell, a student at the academy, was pianist.



ACADEMY DEDICATION—Principals in Sunday's dedication of Chowan Academy at Rocky Hock are shown above. Left to right are: Rev. Thomas Clarke, Miss Minnie Hollowell, Gary Byrum, Rev. R. N. Carroll, Jack Evans and Carroll Evans. The private school is now accepting applications for its third term with grades one through nine being offered in 1970-71.