

Dr. Robert Lee Humber

Edenton and Chowan County have lost a chief cheerleader in the death Tuesday night of Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville. He was 72.

It was reported that Dr. Humber was stricken while attending a movie in Greenville and was dead on arrival to Pitt Memorial Hospital. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Dr. Humber was chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission and a popular figure along the Public Parade. His ties with Edenton were strong and binding and his unselfish service to preservation of our heritage will long be remembered.

Dr. Humber was a principal figure in the founding of the N. C. Museum of Art, and served as chairman of the board of the museum since 1961; was a former state senator from Pitt County and chairman of the board of Pitt Technical Institute.

He was enthusiastic about the future of Historic Edenton, Inc., which grouped several separate associations into one body for furthering tourism in the area. It was at the suggestion of the commission which he headed that such a combination be formed.

While residing in Greenville, Dr. Humber was a prime example of one dedicated to service to his fellow man, regardless of his station in life or where that station was located.

Now, one of Edenton's strongest voices has been silenced. This community is better because he passed this way.

Script Writer Goofs

The Social Security Administration has charged that the script writer for the Dan August series broadcast in most areas October 21 caused one of the detectives to lie.

The search for the friend of a priest who had left the church was ended, the detective remarked because "a friend of mine in the social security office told me where she works."

By law and by regulation, all social security records are strictly confidential and information in those records cannot be disclosed without the express permission of the individual concerned.

"No social security employee would reveal such information, even to a law enforcement official," the release stated. Although the penalty is a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine, or both, there are also some leaks.

Maybe this one got to the script writer.

Big Jim Touches Base

It takes nearly two pages in the N. C. Manual to list the biographical data of James Allen Graham, commissioner of agriculture. Now ain't that impressive?

Jim Graham will tell you in just a few short sentences that he is still a farm boy from Rowan County who is dedicated to the proposition that someone must provide the food and fiber necessary for human existence—and at a profit. While he may not have fathered agri-business, he was surely a tooth on the blade which cut the swath.

The popular Council of State member touched base in Chowan and 18 other counties Tuesday night in a speech at National Guard Armory. It was the annual meeting of Soil and Water Conservation folk.

In a brief telephone conversation following the meeting, he made a statement which is evident that he hasn't outgrown his 10-gallon hat. The tone of his voice changed drastically when he spoke of the hog cholera situation which has been a massive problem in this area since June 3.

He proudly reported that Gates County had been released from the federal quarantine and release of Chowan and other counties would be forthcoming. "All this (the quarantine) wasn't very popular but I just had a job to do," he said matter-of-factly.

He was high in his praise of the work of federal and state officials as well as the cooperation given by the farmers. "Without such cooperation and teamwork we could never have accomplished as much in this period of time," he added.

The hog cholera quarantine decision is not the only difficult one Commissioner Graham has faced in recent years. Two years ago the roof almost came off Dorton Arena at the State Fairgrounds when the decision was made to extend the fair through two weekends—opening on Sunday—so it could be available to

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Memorial Day Event Slated

Jaycees Make Big Plans

By PATRICIA M. ARNOLD

"The Memorial Day Air Festival could be the biggest event that has ever taken place in North Carolina," stated Rep. Walter B. Jones when he was contacted to support and attend the festivities planned for May 28, 29, 30.

The festivities are being sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees. According to E. C. Toppin, chairman of the festival, it is being held "to offset the effects of Love Valley and other gatherings that have been used to disgrace our flag, our country and our American way of life."

"The Edenton Jaycees, with the support and help of the citizens of Chowan County, and the Albemarle Area, will show the nation that we love our flag, our country, and the freedom of a democracy."

The festivities include a beauty pageant, a parade, a banquet, Memorial Day service and air show.

The beauty pageant will have contestants from the 10 counties in the Albemarle Area and will be staged May 28.

The parade is to include all branches of the armed forces, marching bands, drill units, floats, all with a Memorial Day or aviation theme. The parade is scheduled for May 29.

The banquet is to be held on May 29 and it is the hope of the Jaycees to get an astronaut from NASA as the guest speaker.

The Memorial Day service and air show are to be conducted at the airport on May 30. The air show is projected to include planes from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Money to finance the festivities will come from the sale of advertisement in

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Rouse Will Speak

Judge Robert Rouse of Farmville will be the guest speaker at the law enforcement officers appreciation banquet sponsored by the American Legion members in Chowan County, 7:30 P. M., November 24.

To be recognized at the appreciation dinner are the Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Department, SBI, FBI, and ABC officers, State Troopers, Chowan County game wardens, probation and parole officers and fish commissioners.

Spearheading the banquet are Roy Blackley, commander and Sheriff Troy Toppin, past commander.

Mayor Byrum Cites Service By Vets

In observance of Veterans Day and in honor of the soldiers who have died to save their country, the VFW, a National Guard Unit, American Legion, and Chowan County Sheriff's Department marched and placed a wreath at the base of the statue on the Confederate Plaza. Speaker for the occasion was Mayor



Mayor Byrum Lloyd Bunch
James A. Graham

Graham Praises Work Of Group

By PATRICIA M. ARNOLD

The annual conservation rally of the N. C. Association Soil and Water Conservation, Northeastern Area, was held Tuesday night at the Edenton National Guard Armory. The guest speaker for the occasion was James A. Graham, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture.

During Graham's address he stated the conservation programs operated by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the state, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service, were getting things done.

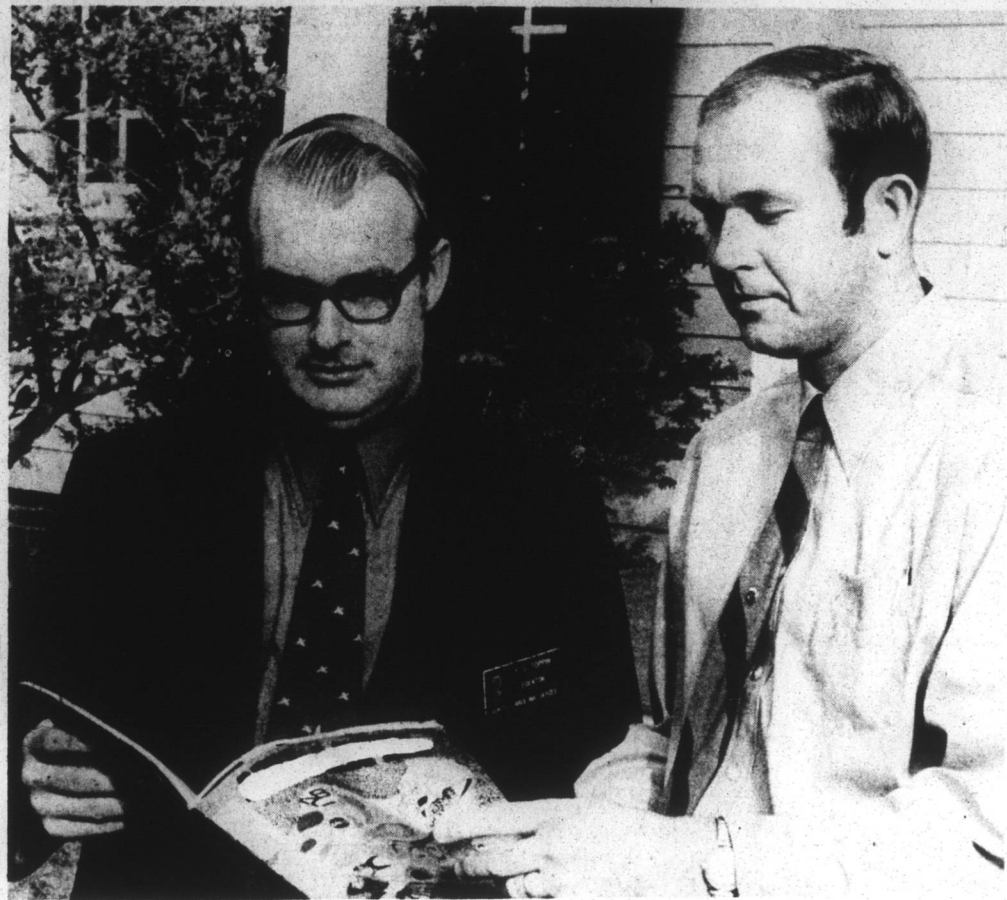
"Our people, both farmers and city folks, are interested in environment. They want to keep the state in the same condition their grandfathers enjoyed. This is dramatically brought out by the fact that people cooperate with their soil and water conservation districts in increasing numbers, even though the number of functional farmers grows slightly smaller each year," continued Graham.

According to Graham, during the past year the soil conservation service professional employees assisted 130 groups of landowners some 608 items. He stated that the technical assistance made available by SCS can be a big help to public officials. "It makes the best use of our soil and water resources and it means professionalism of the SCS program is recognized," commented Graham.

Graham pointed out to the guests that the latest accomplishment in the field of land use was that a Land Use Planning Conference was held. From this conference the N. C. Land Use Congress was born to help formulate policy in future years.

"Your association showed great vision in inaugurating the watershed program

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E. C. Toppin

Ray Midgett

Stamp Program Begins Sixth Year

Chowan County's food stamp program is five years old this month.

Since the program opened in November, 1965, it has racked-up an impressive record of service to low-income families, says Robert Hendrix.

In the five years, it has:

—Provided more than \$532,000 worth of food assistance to eligible clients.

—Increased their food buying power by over \$302,000—the value of the bonus U. S. Department of Agriculture food coupons given those taking part.

—Boosted the entire local economy, through increased food sales, by the same amount—over \$302,000.

—Helped low-income families, in many instances, learn something about good nutrition and its importance.

The program is administered nationally by the U. S. Food and Nutrition Service—a USDA agency.

Locally in North Carolina, the State Board of Social Services is responsible for program operations, through its county offices.

Chowan County food stamp issuance supervisor Hendrix said eligible low-income families have invested around \$229,000 of their own money in the program in the past five years.

After paying what they can afford to set aside for food, based on their total income and other resources, eligible clients are given USDA food coupons worth more than they paid. The bonus food stamps represent increased food purchasing power.

Rescue Squad Begins Funds Drive

The annual fall Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad Fund Campaign is now being conducted and all residents in the county are urged to contribute to the rescue squad by Capt. Bob Roberson.

According to Capt. Roberson, the fund campaign drive is necessary to help pay the many bills that are required to provide on-the-spot emergency medical care, emergency transportation for accident victims, sudden illnesses or any medical problems that require ambulance service to or from any hospital recommended by members of the medical profession.

"The members of our squad spend many hours in training and planning to give you, the citizens of our area, the most efficient ambulance service possible, but our success or failure in life-saving and emergency care depends on the support of every individual in our area," continued the captain.

A brief summary of activities carried out by the rescue squad from November 1, 1969, through October 31, 1970, included 354 total emergency or convalescent calls, 1,415 man hours in service, 25,330 man hours on night, weekend and stand-by, 18,480 miles traveled on emergency and convalescent calls, and a total operational expense of \$9,182.13.

Anyone wanting to contribute may do so by mailing your contribution to the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, Box 544, Edenton, N. C. 27932.

Court Term Set

Judge Robert D. Rouse of Farmville will preside at the November Term of Chowan County Superior Court.

Defendants set to appear before Judge Rouse include Catherine Elizabeth Bunch for the murder of husband, Willie Leroy Bunch, Sr., on July 5.

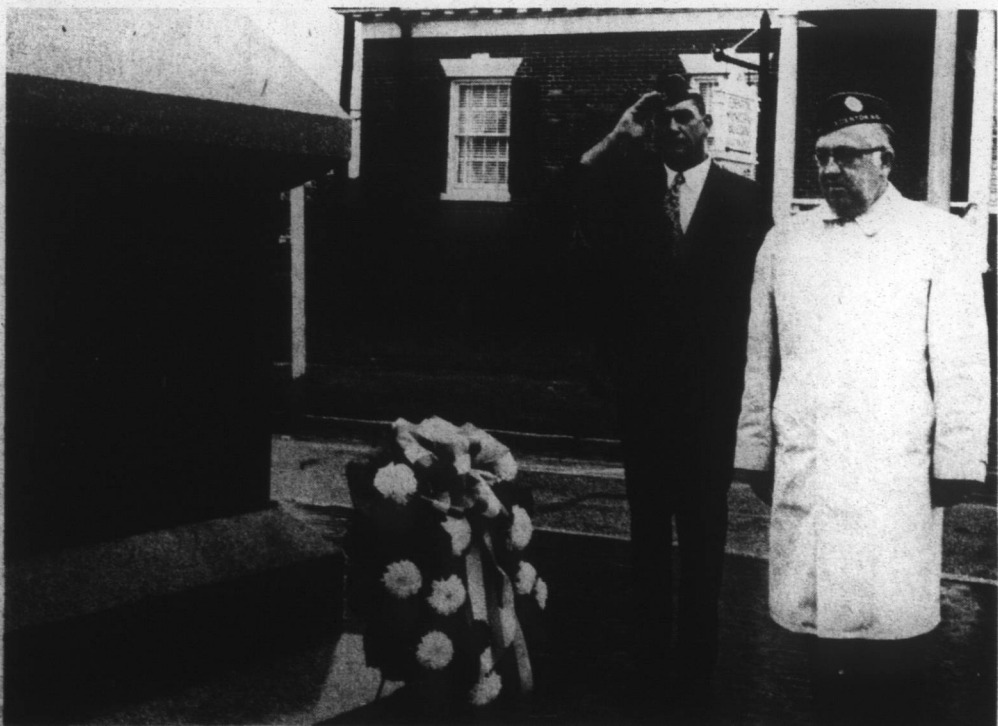
Thomas Hamlin, alias Henry Wilson, Jr.; Jessie Jones, Jr.; and Nathaniel Sills, alias William Henry Sills, four counts of larceny.

Clarence August Stallings, driving drunk, third offense.

Eleven defendants will be tried for first offense of driving drunk and three defendants for driving drunk, second offense.

Six defendants will be tried on speeding charges.

Other charges against defendants include driving while license suspended, public drunkenness, resisting arrest, breaking, entering, larceny and receiving, reckless driving and non-support.



Honoring Veterans — Placing a wreath at the base of the statue on the town green are (left) Commander of VFW Post, Leonard Mitzke, and Commander of the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, Roy Blackley. The placing of the wreath was followed by a gun salute by a National Guard unit and a short address by Mayor George Alma Byrum.

"There is a great debate in progress as to the right and wrong of the Vietnam war, yet the veterans of this war have shown only valor and courage and are proud to have served their country well.

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