

Rep. Jones: Durable

There are certain things which you think you will never forget. Things like birthdays, anniversaries, Halloween, Valentines, Christmas, etc.

Then there are things which you hope you can forget. Things like when a congressman takes office and political wags entice you to make a long journey to witness the grand event.

We, therefore, had almost forgotten that 10 years ago Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville took the oath in the U. S. Congress to represent the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

Elsewhere in today's paper he calls attention to the fact. It was on February 10, 1966, just over a year after we came to meander along the Public Parade, that we participated in the event. Had we not been intent on impressing the local "power structure" we doubt that the trip would have become a reality for us.

Rep. Jones is humble. He is also a sentimentalist. If there was ever a man who cared more for his friends . . . and only God knows how widespread they are . . . than he, we don't know them. Therefore, we enjoyed being included in those invited to this special event a decade ago.

The symbols for a 10th anniversary are tin and aluminum. They are as diverse as Rep. Jones. Webster defines tin as a "soft-white, soft metal easily rolled out and melted." Aluminum is defined by the same source as "a durable metal which does not rust."

Rep. Jones, like aluminum is durable and will not rust. Unlike tin, he won't ever be easily rolled and melted.

Maybe that is the character we recognized in the man and enticed us to make the journey to Washington 10 years ago . . . the power structure notwithstanding.

On Revenue Bonds

Probably the most important piece of health legislation ever presented to the voters is Constitutional Amendment No. 1, which if approved on March 23, will permit the State of North Carolina to sell revenue bonds to finance hospital improvement projects.

No tax money is involved in this amendment, and there will be no tax increase if this amendment is approved and such bonds are subsequently sold.

Passage of this amendment will help hold down hospital costs by enabling lower interest, tax free revenue bonds to be used for financing the building of new hospitals or additions to replace existing obsolete facilities, construction hospital-owned doctors offices and clinics, and building or modernizing of laboratories and other hospital facilities.

All public (city and county) and community nonprofit hospitals, including church affiliated hospitals, and some state hospitals will be able to use tax free revenue bonds. Each hospital's board of trustees will make the decision if they want to use this financing mechanism.

The wording of the ballot is somewhat lengthy, but the ballot will be entitled: "Amendment No. 1." In part the ballot reads: "For or against, Constitutional Amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize the state, counties, cities or towns, and other state and local governmental entities to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance for any such governmental entity or any nonprofit private corporation, regardless of any church or religious relationship, the cost of acquiring, constructing and financing health care facility projects."

The word "hospitals" doesn't appear on the ballot, but they are the main category of health care facilities in the state that are expected to take advantage of this new method of financing.

If the Amendment No. 1 is approved by the voters, hospitals using revenue bonds to finance new construction projects will

County Seeks HUD Grant

ELIZABETH CITY—Chowan County commissioners are making application to HUD for a \$400,000 block grant to purchase a site for a new courthouse-jail complex in Edenton. The pre-application was given A-95 clearinghouse approval here Thursday night by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

The application is being developed by Albemarle Associates, an Edenton consulting firm employed by the county to seek funding for the complex.

Mayor John Bell of Elizabeth City, ARPDC vice chairman, presided at the meeting where Pasquotank County physicians objected to the manner in which regional representatives were named to the Health Service Agency board.

A representative of the four-county medical society was critical of the procedure and made an issue of the fact that no physician from the area was placed on the board. "The largest hospital (Albemarle) and the largest medical society was not asked to give input," he said.

After considerable discussion a resolution was presented by Bell which called for further expansion of the HSA board in order to have more physician representation. W. B. Gardner of Edenton suggested that since the HSA board was holding a meeting in Greenville at the time no hasty decisions should be made.

Gardner's motion that future appointments by the region be given widespread publicity and have input from every area was unanimously adopted.

T. R. Spruill, chairman, had named a Plymouth physician to the board when a vacancy existed. This was questioned by Alphonza Nixon of Pasquotank. Wesley Cullipher, ARPDC executive director, said the notice of the slot came late and he (Spruill) could not have contacted the board prior to the deadline.

Mel Bunch, executive of Albemarle Law & Order Association, said the merger with

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Theater Classes Being Offered

Having reviewed the interest demonstrated in the recent Edenton Little Theatre-Chowan Arts Council survey, the Arts Council is announcing that it will be offering classes in directing and scene design during the month of March.

Directing classes will be offered every Tuesday evening from March 2nd through the 30th. Scene design classes will be scheduled for every Wednesday evening from March 3 through 31st. All classes will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will last for 1½ to two hours. Class meetings will be held at the Shepard-Pruden Library.

Both courses will be taught by William Springer, the Chowan Arts Council's 3rd Century Artist. There will be a \$5.00 fee charged per course, to cover expenses and all special materials required will be furnished.

Application and course information has been mailed to those who indicated interest in such classes on the recent survey. If you did not get a copy of this information, copies are available at the Library or by contacting Mr. Springer and Mrs. Louise Darby.

Each course must have a minimum enrollment of 3 persons in order to be held. The maximum enrollment for the Directing course will be 5 and for the Design class will be 7. If you are interested act now and enroll now. This will be the only time that these classes will be offered before the 3rd Century Artist funding runs out and Springer will be leaving.

Contractor Has Final Word

The contractor for U. S. 17 By-pass, Dickerson Construction Co., has the authority to deny permission to cross rights-of-way with pipe for the Chowan County water system, a Department of Transportation official told the Chowan County commissioners Monday afternoon. And he added that the department has no authority to make them do it.

District engineer F. W. Atkins from Ahsokie told the commissioners that until the project is completed and

accepted, it belongs to Dickerson and the county must have their permission to cross the rights-of-way. Whether or not the water system work would affect by-pass construction is immaterial in the matter, he said.

At present, the commissioners have hit a snag in that the water system lies in two parts separated by a seven mile section of the by-pass. The county would like to cross the by-pass now, rather than have to wait for the project to be completed and responsibility

given to the state. On two occasions, the commissioners have requested permission to cross the rights-of-way, and Dickerson has turned them down.

Atkins added that if the request were granted, the state would not inspect any of the work until the by-pass project is complete.

"You mean to tell me", commissioner N. J. George said, "that the state will not give us aid or assistance?"

Atkins replied, "We will give you aid or advice in telling you what should or should not be done, but we cannot say that the work has been done according to the contract, that is Dickerson's responsibility."

He added the the state would provide all information necessary to correctly perform the work, if permission were granted, but DOT would not put an inspector on the job. They do not have the right.

Earl Moore, another DOT official, explained that if a third party encroachment had been secured when the by-pass was begun, this problem would not exist.

It was Moore's suggestion that the county post a bond to cover the work in the event something were not constructed properly.

Commissioner George noted, "We've got to sell Dickerson on the idea that crossing the by-pass is in their best interests as well as the interests of the people in the county and state."

The commissioners will meet with Dickerson representatives

next Wednesday afternoon at 2 P.M., and Atkins said they will have a DOT representative present. He again emphasized that the representative can only serve as an interested party, with no official authority.

Construction and grading of the by-pass should be finished in September but Dickerson has asked for an extension. Atkins said that this is customary, and added that contracts for paving have not been made yet.

He said that the highway will not be open for traffic until late 1977.

Permission to construct a bridge across Pembroke Creek has not yet been given. Atkins reported that the request "is in Washington on an admiral's desk."

Notice

Thomas M. Surratt, president of Chowan Hospital, reported Wednesday that due to the high number of influenza cases in the community, and because of a concern for patients, visiting hours will be temporarily restricted.

During regular visiting hours, which are 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 8 P.M., visitation will be limited to one member of the immediate family at a time. No visits, except by special permission, will be allowed at any time other than regular visiting hours.

Joseph James Named Interim HSA Chairman

GREENVILLE—Joseph James, hospital administrator in Wayne County, has been named temporary chairman of the Health Service Area board in Eastern North Carolina.

At its initial meeting here Thursday night, committees were named to establish the permanent organization of the board to decide health care policies in a 29-county area which includes four regions.

Mrs. Ila Gray White of Perquimans County was named to the nominating committee; Thomas M. Surratt of Chowan County, by-laws committee, and Raleigh Carver and Dr. C. B. Jones of Pasquotank County, plans committee.

Fifty of the 53 members named to the board were present for the meeting which ended bickering over its establishment over the past several months.

The HSA program objectives were explained by Lawrence B. Burwell of the State Department of Human Resources. He said the board will be responsible for health fund spending, building new health institutions, approving modernization and changing uses for out-patient health clinics.

The next board meeting will be March 3 in Greenville.



DISCUSS RIGHT-OF-WAY—Officials of the State Department of Transportation are shown discussing with the Chowan County commissioners, the problem of getting permission to cross U. S. 17 By-pass rights-of-way with water system pipes. Dickerson Construction Co., the contractor for the highway construction, has turned down requests from the county on the matter until the by-pass is completed and approved by the state.

Cargo Plane Destined For Earthquake Victims

A cargo plane loaded with emergency medical supplies departed from Edenton Municipal Airport Tuesday morning with a Edenton resident in command. The medical and baby supplies are earmarked for the earthquake victims of Guatemala.

The supplies are a gift "from the People of Israel Aircraft Industry to the people of Guatemala", states the boxes filled with the supplies.

Upon hearing of the dilemma the people were experiencing in Guatemala as the result of the tremendous earthquake that left virtually everyone homeless and several thousand dead, the workers pooled their monies to buy the much needed supplies. The mission of mercy is being carried out by North Atlantic Aircraft Deliveries, based in Edenton with a home office in Miami, Fla.

Joseph L. Logan, Jr., of Edenton, managing director of the delivery service is command pilot

for this delivery. His co-pilot is Tom Brown, originally from the Chicago area and Hiem Ganon of Israel, is the flight engineer.

Logan was on route back to the State after picking up a plane in Israel when he was contacted to make this emergency delivery of supplies to Guatemala. He landed in New Jersey where the supplies were loaded and he made an overnight stop in Edenton Monday before continuing the flight.

The 3,000 pounds of supplies being delivered on this trip is the first of three loads en route to Guatemala. The supplies cost the workers over \$5,000. This amount is considered slight in the States, as far as foreign aid is concerned, but to the Israeli's, it constitutes 10 times the buying power as we know it. Co-pilot Brown commented that the workers don't even make close to \$5,000 annually.

Logan stated that the supplies would be transported to

Guatemala City where they would be unloaded and distributed to the needy people.

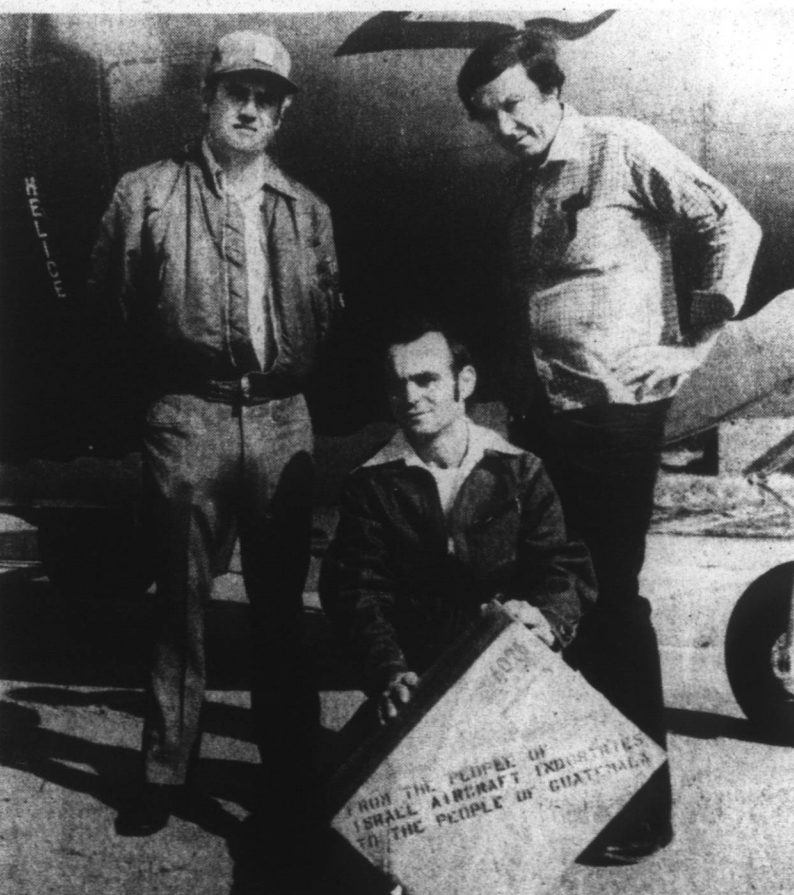
Logan generally makes at least one major trans-ocean flight a month, covering all parts of the world.

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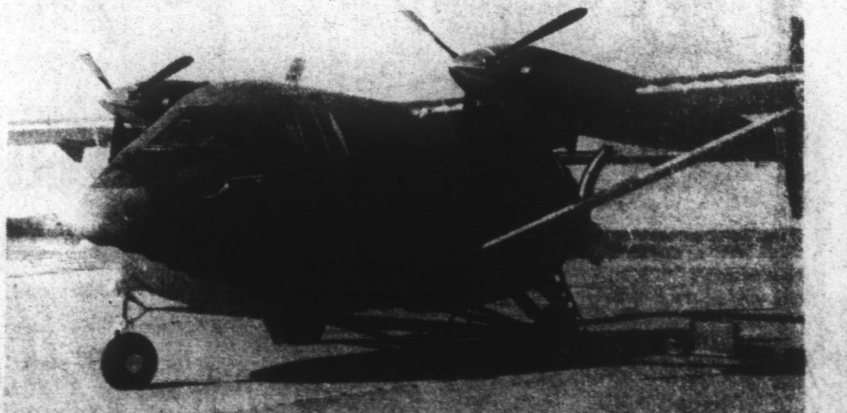
Florence Berryman, a Chowan Academy junior has been nominated to Governor's School for 1976, it was announced by Mrs. Frances T. Hollowell, headmistress.

The Governor's School is a six-week summer program for 400 gifted and talented high school students from N. C. secondary schools. It is operated by the Board of Governors under the Department of Public Instruction of the N. C. Board of Education. A staff of about 65 has been chosen for the program. A number of instructors from outside the state have been employed, but the majority of the staff are among the best qualified available in public and private schools in this state.

The session will be held from July 5 through August 14 on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem. The program attempts to introduce and to stimulate critical inquiry and thought for student application in continuing education. The final student selection will be announced April 12.



MISSION OF MERCY TO GUATEMALA—Joseph L. Logan, Jr. of Edenton, standing left, is piloting the cargo plane loaded with emergency medical supplies which is now en route to the earthquake leveled country. The other crew members are Tom Brown, co-pilot, standing, and Hiem Ganon of Israel, flight engineer. The supplies are a gift to the people of Guatemala from the people of Israel Aircraft Industries.



ISRAELI BUILT PLANE CARRIES SUPPLIES—The cargo plane was loaded with 3,000 pounds of emergency medical and baby supplies when it landed at the Edenton Municipal Airport Monday evening. The flight resumed Tuesday morning and was expected to land sometime late Wednesday at Guatemala City.