



**Heard
& Seen
"By Buff"**

Bill Harris turns up at just about every Red Men meeting, but he missed two successive Monday night meetings. As an excuse for not being present at these two meetings, Bill said he and the Missus had spent about two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Florida. And to prove his point he brought me a bag full of oranges and grapefruit. And because this fruit cost me nothing, it seems to taste a lot better than that which I must pay for. Then, too, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson also just returned from a visit in Florida. Friend Tom didn't bring back many oranges, but he did bring back a nice Florida sun tan.

A fellow just cannot believe all that he hears. For instance, I was told that Jake Hobowsky had gone out of the shoe repair business. And it turns out that he is not. In fact Jake is moving his shoe repair equipment out to the former Quinn Trailer Park, on Highway 17, about two miles north of Edenton. So he'll soon be back in business in the building Henry Quinn used as an antique shop. So you cannot believe all that you hear—nor all what you read.

Tonight (Thursday) local Masons will observe past master's night. Usually at this meeting all of the has-beens occupy the various stations and places in the lodge and it is then that it is discovered how easy it is to forget a lot of what all of 'em memorized in years gone by. Yours truly happens to be the oldest living past master of Unanimity Lodge, so that as presiding officer, there's no telling how and when the meeting will come to an end. Anyway, Jimmy Yates, master of the lodge, is hoping a large attendance will be on hand to watch and hear the old-timers perform.

Saturday, March 6, is the first Saturday in the month, which means that the Methodist Men's Club will serve another pickled herring breakfast. The meal will be served from 7 to 9 o'clock, and the "boys" hope that a large crowd will turn out to partake of their cooking.

And with the Methodist Church in mind, the Peace College Choir will present a concert in the church tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The choir is on a tour and Edenton is the first stop. And from advance reports a treat is in store for all music lovers who attend.

Who in the dickens can complain about the wonderful weather we've been having lately? Well, nobody unless it might be the folks who sell oil for heating, for the thermostat surely can be turned way down or off altogether. And with this pleasant weather flowers are turning up on every hand. And in the Cupola House garden quite a few flowers are peeping out, so that this garden is becoming more beautiful and attractive with each passing day. So with the flowers and trees coming alive again, with beauty all around us and the sweet early morning singing of the birds, every bloomin' one of us should be glad and thankful that we are still alive to enjoy it all.

Well, the Lenten season is here and no doubt quite a few people will give up this or that for the sake of self denial in order to test their fortitude. But, like New Year's resolutions, there's a probability that some of the intentions will go by the board. Anyway, if Ernest Kehayes would

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Frinks

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abet in assault on the jailer. Several other charges against Armstead were dismissed.

At conclusion of court Tuesday afternoon a jury was hearing the case where Golden A. Frinks is charged with drunk driving.

Earlier a jury convicted Clarence A. Stallings of drunk driving and he was sentenced to 16 months in prison.

In other cases heard during the first two days of court this week, the following action was taken:

Otis Randolph Chappell, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Shelton Gray Nixon, drunk driving, second offense and driving while his license was revoked, six months. Work release was recommended. In another case where he was charged with driving while his license was revoked he was given 12 months, suspended for five years upon payment of costs.

Raleigh Percy Warren, reckless driving and driving while his license were revoked, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. A resisting arrest charge was dismissed.

Murray Goodwin, traffic violation, \$10 fine and costs.

Joseph Earl Rawles, forgery and uttering, three to four years. On a second count he was given 12 to 18 months, suspended upon payment of costs and attorney fees.

Mary Roughton Jones, speeding, six months, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs.

David Walton, drunk driving, second offense, six months, suspended upon payment of \$225 fine and costs.

Thomas Ray Slade, no operator's license, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Rosa Marie Holley, aid and abet in no operator's license, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

William Edward Skinner, breaking and entering and larceny, five to seven years.

Jennings Dozier Edge, improper passing, \$25 fine and costs.

William Carroll Harrell, hunting violation, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Frank Rawls Lassiter, hunting violation, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Jackie Lee Leary, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs.

Larry Lee Bond, speeding, improper equipment and failure to stop for red light, 30 days.

Willie Anthony, malicious damage to personal property, 30 days.

Registered Voters

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Presidential Primary on March 23. Only 134 voters showed up recently while the books were open; 118 to register and 16 to transfer to the correct precinct.

The books closed February 23 and those not transferring to the precinct in which they now live will not be able to vote in the March 23 primary. If a voter has moved to a new precinct since the books closed he may vote in the old precinct.

In the primary only Democrats can vote for those running on the Democratic ballot as goes for Republicans. Those registered to these parties along with others may vote on the Constitutional Amendments and the bond issue.

Absentee ballots are now available for those expecting to be out of the county during the entire time the polls are open on election day (6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.). A voter may apply for an absentee ballot by going to the election office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. All ballots must be returned by 6 P.M. on March 23.

The election board office, on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building, will be closed March 5 due to the board members and executive secretary attending a meeting in Williamston concerning campaign reporting.

The key to business this year lies in purchasing power, and its growth.



PROUD FAMILY—W. Herbert Hollowell and daughters, Fran, left and Martha Jo, are pictured with Mrs. Hollowell after she was honored Friday night at Chowan Academy. Mrs. Hollowell retired as headmistress to devote full time to teaching. The students entertained a large audience with skits "roasting" the honoree.

Humanities Forum Slated

Among the barrage of Bicentennial celebration ideas confronting the American people, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library is offering a different way to celebrate the nation's birthday.

Sitting down and talking it over—where we, as a country, have been, where we are and where we are going—is the idea of a three-part humanities forum to be offered on consecutive Tuesday evenings in March.

New School Heads List

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has remained firm on its stand that the number one priority of Chowan County's tax dollars should be a new consolidated high school complex, with a courthouse-jail following as the second priority.

The informal listing was made at the request of Dr. Norton Beach, director of the Elected Boards Institute for the Alliance For Progress, Inc., and dean of the School of Education, UNC-Chapel Hill, as possible topics of discussion for future joint meetings between AFP and county commissioners.

The Alliance For Progress is a consortium among six school units including members of boards of education and county commissioners. It seeks the development of clear direction for each board and a working relationship between the two boards as one if its major purposes.

With possible reorganization of the school system in mind, the board approved a request by Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, to have a comprehensive survey of the system conducted by the Division of School Planning, which is composed of educators, engineers, and architects.

"This survey, which will involve no expense, will provide state level documentation, not just ours, as to what is needed for our school system," according to Dr. Dunn.

The survey will be conducted in the areas of finance, organization, curriculum, staffing and facilities, and will include long and short range recommendations in its evaluations.

Approved was an application for a federally funded "Right to Read" project for school year 1976-1977. The program would utilize diagnostic testing to determine strengths and weaknesses of each student in kindergarten through sixth grade at Walker and Swain schools. Field trips and resource persons would be used to develop student experiences, which would in turn be used by teachers to integrate the teaching of reading with other language arts as the students learn to listen, speak, write and read about their personal experiences and ideas.

Budget amendments were approved for the transferral of unobligated monies which resulted from the loss of two maintenance employees, to line items necessary for paying bills, and transferral funds from individual school's office expenses to instructional materials was also approved.

The Board was informed that the Edenton-Chowan Schools have been approved as a pilot unit for implementing the Fiscal Control Act.

Dr. Thomas C. Parramore, Meredith College professor, will speak on "The Ideas of America" on March 16.

N. C. State University Professor Abraham Holtzman will tackle "The American Reality" on March 23.

"An American Agenda for the Beginning of Her Third Century" will be the topic of Corbett B. Rushing, associate professor at North Carolina Wesleyan College, on March 30.

Chowan County Courthouse will be the site of the talks which will begin at 7:30 P.M. each Tuesday and will be followed by panel discussions planned to stimulate give and take with the audience.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., will introduce each speaker and preside over the four-member panels composed of area residents.

"The program is a Bicentennial effort on behalf of the N. C. Library Association and the State Bicentennial Forum," Louise Darby, Librarian, explained.

"Thirty libraries in the state are offering the people this unique opportunity to come and talk things over. Williamston and New Bern are the only other libraries in this part of the state that are participating.

"The idea we're trying to recreate is that of the town meeting," Mrs. Darby said. "We want people to speak to their neighbors and talk about problems and hopes of our nation that concern us all."

Parramore, Holtzman and Rushing will be speaking on America's past, present and future respectively.

Parramore's talk will deal with the values and vision of the founders of the republic. Holtzman will concentrate on the extent to which the idea and the vision of America have been abandoned or modified. Rushing will cite possible visions of America that could guide us in our third century.

Office Relocated

The Internal Revenue Service Office in Elizabeth City moved into new quarters at 109 Jordan Plaza Tuesday, the IRS announced today.

The new office will be only a few blocks from the old one and adequate parking is available for persons having business with IRS.

Taxpayer assistance is also available at the Elizabeth City IRS office every Monday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. through April 15. Forms and publications may be obtained in the lobby.

Agreement

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dime." Tom Hargwell, engineer with Rivers & Associates, said without the agreement approximately 225 users would not get water until February, 1977.

Water lines cross the by-pass at three points. It is estimated that the utility contractor will take about three weeks to complete this phase of the work.

At a meeting Monday, Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reported that good progress continues on the water system. He said two elevated tanks are up with material on site for the third.

Hearing Set In Ryland

A public hearing will be held March 15 to discuss a proposed new fire district which includes a portion of Chowan County. The hearing will begin at 8 P.M. at Ryland Community Building.

The hearing was called Monday morning by Chowan County commissioners to allow "all sides to be aired" before the board takes action. It was proposed by Commissioner David T. Bateman.

A volunteer group in neighboring Perquimans County has petition for establishment of a fire district that takes in part of Chowan County now served by Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Department. Commissioners have earlier indicated that conflicting reports about how it will affect residents in this county have been received.

Insurance bids were opened after Commissioner N. J. George asked that every insurance agent in the county be given a portion of the county's business. Chairman C. A. Phillips said in the past an agent of record has been used but putting it out on bids is "a new ballgame".

Farm Bureau submitted a bid for \$4,476 which was low. Other bids came from West W. Byrum Agency, R. Elton Forehand Agency and Nationwide Insurance. The special multi-peril policy covers county property valued at \$1,810,000.

H. B. Babb submitted the high of three bids for a used car being sold by the Sheriff's Department. The bid on a 1973 Ford was \$1,250.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reported that the board would set as a Board of Equalization Review at 2 P.M. on April 5. He also reported tax collections at 91 per cent.

John Taylor was on hand to thank the commissioners for funds used to improve the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

An agreement was signed with W. T. Culpepper, III, to provide legal services to the Department of Social Services.

The board also passed a resolution supporting the approval of Industrial Bonds.

To Retire

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executive position. In making his routine report, Pete Thompson, extension chairman, said: "Mrs. Bunch has been a good influence on all county departments."

Later in an interview, Mrs. Bunch recalled going to work in the office with her late husband, Maurice, in January, 1925. She became registrar in October, 1957, upon his death.

"I want to express my appreciation to the voters of the county for their support over the years," she said. "Chowan County has been good to me and I greatly appreciate it."

She paid tribute to her husband under whom she received her training. "He instilled in me the importance of rendering service to the people through this office," she said.

Mrs. Bunch has been responsible for doing the tax bills for over 30 years. The major portion of this work has now been taken over by the Tax Department.

She has taken time to be active in the N. C. Association of Registrar of Deeds, serving on the state Legislative Committee and is past chairman of the district.

Also, she has been in the America Legion Auxiliary, having served as president for two terms. She is a charter member of the Edenton BPW Club, is active in Edenton Baptist Church, Democratic Women and Enterprise Homemakers Club. She is secretary of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

She is the mother of two children, Maurice of Raleigh, and Mrs. Carlton Webb of Fredricksburg, Va. She has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.