

Race For Top Begun By Wood



George Wood

George Wood of Camden is a Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina. His announcement made Wednesday morning a press conference in Raleigh.

He becomes the serious candidate for the Northeastern North Carolina race J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Pennsylvania was elected in 1932.

In seeking the governorship Wood abandoned a pre-announced bid for lieutenant governor. Seven Democratic candidates are already in that race.

"I'll be a good governor," Wood pledged in his prepared statement. He said his decision to run for the post was aided by the withdrawal of one of the major candidates (Hargrove Bowles of Guilford). Wood said this "created a vacuum."

He went on to say, "A large number of Democrats feel they have no candidate for governor. A poll done a month ago shows over a million voters undecided." At another point he declared that the people want a choice for the state's top position.

His statement his hard to point out his background in agriculture, business and in government. "(It) has equipped me to effectively deal with the complexities of our state's business," he continued.

Wood pointed out that while it would be a short campaign for him

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Firm Hosts Open House

Jimbo's Jumbos held open house at its new plant on Peanut Drive in Industrial Park last Thursday to show local businessmen the facility and production techniques.

Harry A. Gard, president, and J. Tilmon Keel, vice president, were on hand to conduct a guided tour. The tour began outside as Keel explained the bulk handling system and 500,000 pound storage tanks.

The plan has a continuous roaster which turns out 4,000 pounds of processed peanuts per hour. The peanuts are roasted at 325 degrees and it takes 35 minutes to complete the process.

Jimbo's Jumbos has also hit it big in the peanut butter market. The plant can now produce 3,500 pounds of the product per hour.

The firm also makes granulated peanuts for use in making ice cream and candy apples.

Keel pointed out that the company could almost be called a custom processor and packer. "There is no more than a day's production on the floor at one time," he said.

The firm was started in Edenton in 1946. The plant began operations in an old potato house on Badham Road. First packaging was done by hand. Five of the most modern high speed packaging machines are on the production lines.

The continuous roaster is a car cry from the first peanut cooker—an old coffee roaster that cooked

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GIVEN TOP JAYCEE HONOR—In a surprise presentation last Thursday night Oscar E. White, right, was presented a life membership in the Jaycee Senate, one of the top honors afforded a member by the international organization. Here he shares the certificate with Woody Copeland.



NEW JAYCEE PRESIDENT—Alton Clark, left, is congratulated by Jim Ollis of Laurinburg after being installed as president of Edenton Jaycees. Jim Ellis, immediate past president, looks on.

High Award Given White

Oscar E. White of Edenton has been named a life member of the Jaycee Senate, one of the most coveted awards a member can receive. The surprise presentation was made Thursday night at the annual Installation and Ladies' Night Banquet.

Jim Ollis of Baurinburg, a past

Jaycee state and national officer, was keynote speaker and inducted the new officers. Alton Clark, president, said he looked forward to the greatest Jaycee year ever.

In his speech Ollis made a pitch for Woody Copeland, local club member who is seeking the state presidency. He said the Edenton chapter is among the top chapters in the state and deserves to have Copeland elected.

The speaker said the Jaycee concept makes a difference in America. He called the Jaycees "gatekeepers of opportunity" and encouraged club members to get involved. "You must succeed or you fail," he added. "Be a part of the solution or you will be a part of the problem."

Ollis said there has never been a greater need for constructive, positive leadership. "Competition is what makes us go," he continued. "This is the basis of the free enterprise system."

The speaker said no community in North Carolina is greater than Edenton. The people here have the enthusiasm to get things done, he concluded.

Talent Show Set

Chowan County's annual 4-H Talent Show will be held Tuesday at 8 P.M. in Chowan High School Auditorium. Vocal solos, duets and groups will be on the program. There will also be instrumental numbers and acrobatic numbers.

The top three numbers will represent Chowan County in the district talent show to be held on June 16 in Greenville. The Edenton Rotary Club will offer a \$5 prize to the three numbers selected to go to the district show and the alternate number. This is the fourth year the Rotary Club has sponsored awards for the 4-H Talent Show.

Judges will be outside of extension service and probably outside of the county. A small admission will be charged. Everybody is invited to attend.

Public Parade

Report (?) From Dare

Once a school teacher asked the child of a newspaper editor how her father got topics for his column. "It depends on what he did this past week," came back a quick reply.

At this point in time this writer isn't too comfortable with the child's answer. It would appear that we should write about the "Northeast" down in Dare County last weekend. But there is more we would like to keep to ourselves than share with those who meander along the Public Parade.

Nevertheless, the First Congressional District bash is worth repeating. The fellowship was exceptional, the atmosphere superb, the company disarming, the music smooth, and the conversation lively.

One should not go to Dare County and not mention the weather, especially when it is good. Saturday was a perfect day on the Outer Banks. The sun was bright and warm. The breeze was relaxing. We are told by our forerunners who went down a day (or two) early to scout out the place, that Friday was equally as acceptable. This could be evidenced by the burned eyeballs which greeted us.

Down at the Carolinian things were happening. Not in comparison with group discussions at the cottage where we were among the guests, but it was happening. We haven't seen so much political maneuvering in our brief stint with the science.

We do, however, defend the sponsors against the accusation that the entire thing was designed by Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt to embarrass George Wood in Wood's own neighborhood. If that was the plan it was a complete failure.

In our judgment it was more of a tribute to Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville than a vehicle for any one candidate in the forthcoming election.

Outside the host county, Chowan probably had the best attendance. Some 30 people from along the Public Parade paid the price to

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Pierce, Hylton Picked For Governor's School

Two students from John A. Holmes High School have recently learned of their selection to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina this summer.

Kenneth Pierce, a sophomore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur G. Pierce, who was chosen to participate in the academic area of social science.

Joel Hylton, a junior, is the son of Mrs. Frances Hylton of Edenton and Joel Hylton of Annapolis, Md. Joel's area of selection to the Governor's School is in English.

The Governor's School of North Carolina is a six-weeks residential program on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem for intellectually gifted and talented

North Carolina sophomores and juniors. It is an experimental school operated by a board of Governors under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education. To be chosen as one of the 400 students to participate in the school is a high honor. Kenneth and Joel are both academically talented, and quite active in school and community affairs.

Kenneth has belonged to several clubs, held offices and served on many committees during his high school career. He is a member of the Bicycle Club, served as a class officer and Student Government Representative his freshman year, is presently on the Student Government Association Judicial

Committee and SGA Constitution Committee, a former Boy Scout. As a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, he serves as an acolyte, is on the youth advisory board, and is a choir member.

Joel is a member of the National Honor Society, Modern Music Master, Concert Choir, Annual Staff, Junior Class Executive Council and the Order of the Arrow. He is also on the John A. Holmes track team, in the Photography Club, and the Chess Club. He serves on the Student Advisory Committee to the superintendent, is a member of the Chowan County Teen Dems, a Life Scout, and the United Methodist youth Fellowship.

Lack Of Rain Affects Crops

The farm lands in Chowan County haven't escaped the drought conditions while good rains were experienced in Edenton on Thursday and Sunday afternoons. And with the bulk of the county's agricultural lands in the rural area the lack of rain in the area is causing considerable concern.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, said hail was coupled with hard rains late Thursday afternoon and did some damage to young plants in the Edenton area. While the hail beat some tobacco plants and probably some vegetables, Thompson said he didn't think the buds were destroyed.

Thompson said the lack of moisture is slowing up planting, however some cotton and peanuts are going into the ground this week.

In an interview he said the lack of rain also is slowing up development of other crops. "This dry spell is affecting May peas, wheat and oats too. Wheat and oats are really being hard-hit. The price looked good with good prospects for wheat and oats. I'd estimate the crop has been cut in half if we don't get some rain soon," he is quoted as saying.

He called Sunday's rain "spotty". "Up the county and other places it is still mighty dry," he noted. "There are areas that need rain bad."

A Raleigh newspaper reported Tuesday that if present conditions continue State Agriculture Commissioner James E. Graham will seek federal disaster assistance for Tar Heel farmers.

"Present drought conditions are about the most severe on record for this time in the season," he said. "Every day we don't get any rain, crop yields are cut down. What we need now is a million dollar rain—a slow, warm, soaking rain."

Breece Proposes Move

George E. Breece of Fayetteville wants to go into the moving business in Raleigh. First he wants to move Thad Eure out as secretary of state. Then he wants to move the secretary's office in to the Administration Building.

He promises that if the voters of North Carolina will help him successfully reach his first goal he will personally accomplish the second, and at a 2 per cent savings in the department's budget.

Breece, 31, is a state legislator who is a Democratic candidate for nomination as secretary of state. He was in Edenton last Thursday afternoon campaigning and was quick to talk about his program but just as quick not to run down his opponent.

At least twice he said in an interview: "I have nothing but the

Spring Concert Set Thursday

The John A. Holmes High School Music Department will present its Spring concert tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The John A. Holmes Band, Girl's Chorus and Concert Choir, under the direction of Otis and Shelby Strother, will be featured on the program.

A variety of musical selections, including patriotic, classical, popular, folk and tunes from Broadway shows have been planned for the evening. Selections by the Girls' Chorus will include the beautiful "Sanctus" from the Requiem, by Faure. A musical rendition of "The Impossible Dream" by the Concert Choir, accompanied by the Band, will close the performance.

The public is cordially invited to attend this final concert of the school year. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for all students.

greatest admiration for Sec. Eure and commend him for 40 years of service but I feel the time has come for people to have a choice."

He was just as quick to admit his underdog role. "Politicians aren't supporting George Breece in this race. I'm going to the people and by August 17 I'll be there," he said with an almost convincing air.

Breece has long been active in the Jaycees and Young Democrats Club. "It is from these groups that he expects to get the bulk of the \$100,000 budgeted for the campaign. He stated flatly that he doesn't plan to accept contributions from special interest groups.

He recognizes the identity-gap he has pulled out some interesting issues to discuss in his travel around the state.

He is critical of his opponent for remaining in the Capitol with two secretaries while the remaining 26 department employees are more than three blocks away in the Administration Building. Though consolidation there would be increased efficiency as well as reduced cost.

Breece said Eure has the only department which did not receive

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George W. Breece

Service Awards Presented

Rotary in Edenton passed the half century mark Thursday night and the event was celebrated at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Local club members and their

wives were joined by the president of clubs in Elizabeth City, Murfreesboro, Hertford and Columbia, and other guests which included Wade Marrow, past district governor. Two of the living charter members—Lloyd E. Griffin and J. W. Davis—attended. J. H. Conger, Sr., was unable to be present.

Thomas D. Long, district governor, presented the club a plaque commemorating the club's 50 years of active service to Rotary and the community.

Long also presented service pins to members of the club who have 25 years or more of service. Among them are: George Alma Byrum, Thomas C. Byrum, R. N. Hines, Sr., Frank Holmes, C. W. Overman, John W. Graham, and W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr.

Charles L. McCullers of Garner, a former president of the local club and one of the most sought after banquet speakers, gave the keynote address. McCullers entertained the audience with a series of humorous stories before serving up several challenging and thought-provoking ideas.



ROTARY OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY—Richard D. Dixon, Jr., president of Edenton Rotary Club, left welcomes dignitaries of the club's 50th Anniversary banquet held Thursday night at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Charles L. McCullers of Garner, center, and Thomas D. Long, district governor, participated in the program.