

**Hoard
& Seen
"By Buff"**

Mrs. Elizabeth Tynch McRae, who lives way out in Sepulveda, California, was among those who sent in renewals to The Herald this week, and with it was the following note:

"Please find enclosed a check for \$7.00 for the renewal of The Chowan Herald for another year, which when I read it sometimes makes me so very homesick for my wonderful family. Mr. Jim Tynch is my father and since this is Father's Day, I pray for all wonderful fathers in Edenton and around the world because a good dad is hard to come by.

I have lived in many places in these United States but there is but one Edenton. May it never change too much. May God bless Edenton, for a lot of good people have come out of Edenton because only of its high standards and strong religion."

To be sure there are a lot of flowers growing in the Cupola House garden and quite a few beautiful flowers of one kind or another have been are now in bloom. And while the plants apparently have little trouble in growing to maturity and sending out blooms of many kinds, the grass, too, keeps up with the flowers. So that somebody is kept real busy pulling up weeds and grass which in some instances creates a problem to determine which should be pulled up and which is not. But then this grass and weeds problem is the cause of a lot of worry and work in any garden or field where crops of various kinds are growing. At any rate, who in the dickens knows the names of all the flowers in the garden?

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caffee are spending a vacation way up in New York State, where they lived before retiring and coming to Edenton to make their home. Friend Caffee wrote on a postcard that the weather up that way was not too good, and that he and his wife, Helena, "prefer yours."

Somebody placed a newspaper clipping on my desk in which was recorded the death of Dr. Oscar W. Ward in Hampton General Hospital Saturday. The article stated that Dr. Ward was born in Chowan County on February 4, 1882, that he was a physician for 65 years and up until August, 1975, was still keeping regular office hours, including night schedules three days a week, making hospital rounds and otherwise following the best traditions of his profession. During his long career he traveled on horseback, by bicycle, by horse drawn buggy and by boat in visiting his patients in what was then Elizabeth City County and York County, Virginia. His father gave him a farm, but it was turned back to his father in order to become a college student. Of course, that was before my time in this neck of the woods, and things have changed considerably since then for doctors nowadays do not get about to see patients like Dr. Ward did back in those days.

Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held a covered dish supper Friday night at Mrs. Willie Bunch's cottage down along Chowan River. And if anything good to eat was not spread out on the tables, here's one who hardly knows what it could have been. A large crowd was on hand so that after a while with some going back for seconds, just about all the food had vanished, included a wide

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Education In Economics

A first-time visitor from outer space to the United States would, without doubt, quickly reach the conclusion that, in many ways, we are a strange people.

Consider: the people in the USA are, by and large, the best educated and informed people in the world. We have more people going to school and college, more money invested in education, and more educational facilities — buildings, classrooms, and equipment — than any other country in the world.

Our visitor from outer space would also quickly observe that the American people live like kings and queens. We have more food, more clothing, more private homes, more automobiles, more swimming pools, more bathtubs, more radios and television sets (and today, more CB transmitter-receivers!), and indeed, more of many things than almost all of the rest of the world put together.

Our mythical visitor from space would probably assume that the American people, as a whole, are fully and accurately informed concerning the marvelous "money machine" (called the Capitalist or Free Enterprise System) which makes our superior standard of living possible.

Unquestionably, our "visitor" would be shocked to discover the truth: the "average American" is not only woefully uninformed but actually misinformed about the very system of economics which makes our superior standard of living possible.

One obvious result of this sad lack of information is that it makes it easy for the demagogue, the pro-Soviet propagandist and the left-wing college professor to spout the most outrageous lies about American and get away with it.

Surely the solution is plain: that no one be permitted to graduate from public school without first having completed a thorough course of study concerning our free enterprise system, what it is, and how it works. Better yet, why not a comparative course which would include a hard-hitting study of the Socialist Soviet system of want and poverty?

A great time to start would be now, in our Bicentennial year; and a good place to start would be right here in our local schools.

Wedding Bells

Well, we have been over to the Isle of the Pasquotank so much in the past few days we feel like we should be made an honorary citizen. God forbid!

The occasion of the Mayor of Nags Head coming to Elizabeth City to claim his bride afforded us the opportunity to meet a host of new people as well as a renew friendships. And even the weather cooperated.

For the record, Charles Evans of Nags Head and Becky Aydtell of Elizabeth City and Arlington, Va., were married Sunday afternoon in an impressive ceremony at First Methodist Church. The mayor looked so pure in white it is hard to believe that he was among those who increased the tax rate in his municipality. The bride was somewhat uncomfortable by the bridegroom's cronies, but everything went off without a hitch.

During the three-day round of activities, in which we took part, we were impressed by a number of things. People in Elizabeth City, Nags Head, etc., have discovered that the folk from the Cradle of the Colony are real. By the same token, they are impressed with what our Town Council did in improving the downtown.

But the most impressive thing is that they openly express their astonishment at the "attitude" which abounds along the Public Parade. This, again, is something which we take for granted. Since we live in a fish bowl others can view it more objectively.

"You folks have the attitude which allows you to put it all together," an elderly gentleman

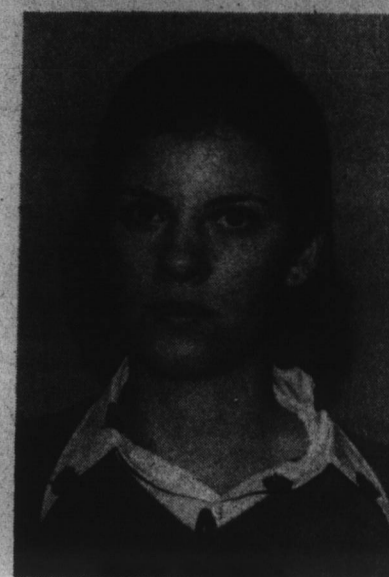
variety of desserts, among which was one of Mrs. Toss White's famous multi-layer chocolate cake, which soon disappeared from the table.



Bill Culpepper



Ken Kinion



Maru Amburn



Ray Tew

Chowan Teen Dems Lauded

Chowan County Teen Dems, Maru Amburn, Ken Kinion, Luke Amburn, Ray Tew and Bill Culpepper, adult advisor, attended the Teen Dem Convention this weekend at Fayetteville. The Chowan County Teen Dems and their advisor received many honors at the convention.

Culpepper was presented a plaque as The Most Outstanding Teen Dem Advisor in North Carolina. Kinion was presented a trophy as Most Outstanding Teen

Biggs On Trial

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all-white jury and sentenced to die.

As of Wednesday morning, the following cases had been heard by Judge Peel:

Walter Harold Dean, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended \$100 fine and costs, and ordered to surrender operator's license.

William Tripp, assault on a female, six months, suspended, \$50 fine and costs, and ordered to make restitution.

Joel Benjamin Perry, Jr., speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

Joseph Bunch, breaking and entering and felonious larceny, two years, suspended, \$125 fine and costs, and placed on probation for three years.

James Roberts, excessive speed and drunk driving, 60 days, suspended, \$200 fine and costs, ordered to surrender operator's license.

Herbert Winn, malicious damage to real property, malicious damage to personal property, and assault on a female, six months, suspended \$200 fine and costs, and pay \$215 restitution.

Lloyd Edward Bond, assault on a female, eight months, suspended, costs, and probation for three years.

Erie Lee Jordan, left of center, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended, \$200 fine and costs, ordered to surrender operator's license.

Thomas White, worthless check, 60 days, suspended \$15 fine and costs, pay \$25 in restitution.

Thomas White, worthless check, 60 days, suspended, \$15 fine and costs, pay \$10 restitution.

Roads Funds Allocated

State Secondary Roads Councilman Kenneth H. Roberson of Robersonville announced today that \$55,000 have been allocated for improvements to secondary roads in Chowan County for next fiscal year.

This allocation is part of a \$30-million statewide appropriation enacted by the last General Assembly and became effective July 1.

The 1976-77 fiscal year allocation of secondary road construction funds for Chowan County was approved by the N. C. Board of Transportation in its last meeting held in Plymouth.

"The Chowan County share of the funds is based on a formula that puts all counties on an equal footing by considering estimated local construction costs, the number of unpaved miles of secondary roads in any given county and the relationship of this mileage to the overall mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the State," Roberson explained.

There are 39 miles of unpaved secondary roads in Chowan County and the average cost of construction a single mile of roadway in Chowan County is estimated at \$47,250.

Roberson will coordinate the planning and selection of construction projects within Chowan County that will be financed by the \$55,000 allocation. "We will be working very closely with local and county officials in determining what projects to present to the Secondary Roads Council for its final approval," concluded Roberson.

confided in us one evening. If only people along the Public Parade could get a handle of the likes of this then we would swim out of the swamps into the mainstream.

If it takes weddings to do it, then there are plenty of eligibles around to provide the forum. And if Martin Parker can participate in a band playing mood music then it isn't unreal to believe that we can realistically be what others think we are.

Dem in North Carolina. Maru Amburn was selected as one of the top ten N. C. Teen Dems.

Kinion was also elected first vice president of the N. C. State Teen Dems Association and Ray Tew was elected third vice president.

"I couldn't be prouder of our young people. At these conventions they are placed in a position of comparison and competition with teen-agers from all across the state, and they just plain out clean the field in all respects. They are a credit to themselves, their families, and their community", Culpepper remarked.

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official three-day period for recording traffic collisions, deaths and injuries begins at 6 P.M. of July 2 and ends midnight July 5.

Powell said July 4 traditionally opens the summer vacation season and highways will be very crowded. According to statistics of the Traffic Records Section of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles 22 persons lost their lives 780 persons were injured in 1,164 traffic accidents over the three-day weekend in 1975.

This year there will be more vacationers traveling in July as a salute to the Bicentennial. Powell said, "Last year out of the 1,164 traffic accidents over the holiday weekend there were 1,058 driver violations, and drivers must take time to observe the traffic safety rules of the road. This means that drivers should be alert at all times and make their own driving habits safe by obeying all the traffic safety laws."

Powell said speeding and drinking drivers contributed to over half of the fatalities that occurred over the 1975 July 4 weekend.

Commissioner Powell said, "Make this long holiday weekend an enjoyable and meaningful one to all motorists. Commit yourself to a safe driving attitude, and have a safe and happy July 4 holiday.

Wisdom comes to individuals in broken doses and few human beings have much of it.

Food Stamp Program Rip-Off Alleged

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives last Tuesday passed the "Emergency Food Stamp Vendor Accountability Act," thereby clearing the legislation for Presidential signature.

The bill, introduced by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Rep. Walter B. Jones (D-NC), addresses the recent scandal within the Federal Food Stamp Program that prompted Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz to order an audit and investigation of the more than 6,700 food stamp vendors nationwide.

The emergency measure was introduced in the Senate by Helms on January 21 and passed that chamber on April 8, by a vote of 71 to 0. The House vote was 407 to 0.

Rate Increase

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The Finance Committee's recommendation had been unanimous.

In the course of the discussion, the Finance Committee chairman stated that a 4.5 per cent per stay for the average patient would result in an increase of \$5 a day for room and general services charges. He further pointed out that the increase in costs for doing business in all businesses was greater than the rate adjustment being recommended. He further explained that the rate of inflation generally is much greater than the 4.5 per cent.

The president in discussing the necessity for the general increase emphasized that regulations and guidelines from the federal programs for Medicare and Medicaid at Units B and C had resulted in considerable increased costs in operation in the past eight months. He stated that the new room rate charges at these units would be in line and generally less than similar units operated by hospitals in other parts of the state.

The new room and general service charges for the hospital will be: Unit A private rooms, \$54 and \$55; semi-private room, \$49; Intensive Care rooms, \$98. The new charges for Units B and C will be: private rooms, \$28; semi-private rooms, \$26; 4-bed wards, \$24.

It was pointed out that Chowan Hospital traditionally by comparison with other hospitals with comparable size and with nearby communities has been very favorable. The new rates will allow the hospital to continue a very favorable comparative position.

A recent study by the N. C. Hospital Association showed that of 129 hospitals reporting, 66 have semi-private rates of \$49 or less.

The president emphasized to the committee members that with the recommendation from the Finance Committee had also come a charge to management to undertake more extensive studies and a plan for action of ways to effect economies in operation and that a report back to the Finance Committee in support of this was to be made on a monthly basis.

The Federal Food Stamp Program costs more than \$6-billion annually, and the vendors took in \$2.6-billion in cash last year alone.

Helms said, "There have been clear indications of massive and potentially illegal uses of these receipts from food stamp sales. Indeed, a preliminary check by Federal auditors and FBI agents indicated that a total of more than \$8.7-million in undeposited receipts had not been accounted for. That examination was made of only 18 of the more than 6,700 vendor offices across the country."

While some funds have been recouped by the government, millions are still unaccounted for. In January hearings, USDA officials acknowledged that existing law was not adequate to deal with the accountability problem.

"Some of us in Congress have repeatedly warned against the fiscal irresponsibility prevailing the entire Federal bureaucracy, and the inadequate accounting practices and financial controls that accompany this waste of millions upon millions tax dollars," Helms noted.

"The tragedy is that the truly needy of our society—the elderly, the blind, the crippled, those who are unable to care for themselves—have been shortchanged by the irresponsibility of the Federal Government in connection with the operation of various welfare programs," Helms said.

The Helms-Jones bill will clearly make the failure of vendors to promptly deposit food stamp receipts a federal crime, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Additionally, the measure will require the food stamp vendors to submit reports of their activities under the program to both the state and federal government. Failure to submit the reports or reporting false information would also be a federal crime with stiff fines and prison sentences.

Helms said, "The enactment of this legislation is an important first step in correcting the abuses that are so much a part of the current problem of reckless Federal spending. By providing a greater level of fiscal integrity to the program, we are better ensuring that the truly needy will be provided for and that federal tax dollars will be properly used."

Ed O'Herron Visit Slated

Ed O'Herron, one of the four Democratic candidates for Governor of North Carolina will come to Chowan County on Wednesday July 7. His announced purpose is to meet and talk with county citizens and help familiarize them with his position on various issues.

The Charlotte businessman is expected to arrive at the Chowan County Courthouse at 4:30 P.M. and invites the general public to be there.

The announcements of O'Herron's plans was made by Jim Earnhardt, Jr., local attorney and former member of the General Assembly. Earnhardt has recently been named County Chairman of the O'Herron for Governor forces.

**Have You
Registered
To Vote?**

Produce Exchange Open

Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange is now open for the current season. Lee Bass is manager.

Toby Williford is auctioneer for the sales which begin at 1 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Paul White is bookkeeper.

The co-op will begin daily sales during the week of July 5. "This year's produce crop looks good and we are expecting both a good quantity and a good quality of produce," Bass stated. Sharon Layton is chairman of the board at the Valhalla exchange which serves produce farmers from throughout the area.