



Heard & Seen "By Buff"

Maybe I should send a buck or sumpin' to Mrs. Elizabeth Tynch McRae way out at Canoga, California. Most everybody, no doubt, likes a little flattery and that's what is included in a letter this week from Mrs. McRae. Her letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Buff: I am so thankful you are doing so well after your surgery. The Chowan Herald would not be the same without your column. You are truly the pillar of Edenton and The Chowan Herald, which was the first newspaper I ever knew. I am so pleased to be coming to Edenton on a holiday vacation around the 12th of December. My husband is from Kansas and has never seen Edenton. We will be so pleased to see our family and friends again in Edenton and Chowan County. I have not seen my mother, Mrs. Melvin Ingraham and father, Jim Tynch, since May, 1972 when I came home for the passing of my precious sister. Looking forward to seeing each and every one of ya at The Chowan Herald. God bless and a very Merry Christmas to each of ya and your families."

Then Mrs. McRae adds a footnote: to the effect that her father will have lived in Chowan County for 74 years on his birthday, December 5.

Edenton's Christmas decorations are now in place and ready for the annual Christmas parade this (Thursday) afternoon. And according to the weatherman there'll be a lot of shivering folks watching the parade. Anyway, the weatherman predicts that there will be no rain but it means that anybody along the line of march of the parade better bundle up good to prevent a lot of shivering and chattering of teeth. Anyway, the parade should usher in the Christmas spirit even if it is about a month before the holiday. Maybe it will make some people a little more cheerful for a longer period of time.

And speaking about the weather it almost made a fellow shiver the other day while watching a football game played in Cincinnati. So much snow fell during the game that it was necessary to shovel it off so that the goal line could be seen. And even before the next play could be executed the goal line was just about covered with the white stuff. In fact it sort of made a fellow feel chilly just to watch the game—but glad that he was not among the thousands who had to fight the snow to get back to their homes.

There's no doubt that there are some honest and some half honest people in Edenton. One day last week a certain young lady left her handbag on her desk and when she went for it the thing was missing. It was sort of a mystery what had become of the bag, but later it turned up at the Chowan Medical Center. Where the half honest comes in is that only the money was taken out but the culprit didn't bother any other of the contents. So maybe if he or she was not half honest the possibility is that the bag and all of the contents would have been disposed of. Anyway, the young lady is glad that her bag and what was in it (except the money) is now in her hands.

Next Saturday will be the first Saturday in the month so that the Methodist Men's Club will put on another pickled herring breakfast. The meal will be served at the church from 7 to 9 o'clock and the "boys" are hoping a large crowd

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be those who grow tired of hearing and reading about the 1976 School Survey. There will also be those who will never have heard of any such animal or what it birthed. Nevertheless, if the school board continues to promote a people's program informed citizens should overshadow the ignorance of some, which will surely be a disturbing factor.

Worthy Project

That is quite a unique and worthy project the Jaycees along the Public Parade will conduct Saturday. Bottles for the needy might turn some people off since, in most cases, the type of bottles most might think about is the last thing these people need.

Empty soft drink bottles are a horse of a different breed. That's what the Jaycees want.

Alton Clark, Jaycee president, said reaching a goal of 10,000 bottles Saturday would mean at least \$500 would be available for the club's annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. The goal represents less than one bottle from every person in Edenton and Chowan County and isn't as unrealistic as it might appear on the surface.

Instead of trying to sell something or seek donations, the Jaycees are giving area citizens the opportunity to clean out their pantry or help clean up the landscape.

This is a community project for a good cause. It deserves the fullest support of all the people.



ALUMNI GATHER—Alumni of N. C. State University from 17 counties gather Monday night at Angler's Cove to meet Dr. Joab Thomas, second from left, the new chancellor. Pictured with him are C. A. Phillips of Chowan County, left, George Wood of Camden and Neal Griffin of Edenton. (Photo courtesy The Perquimans Weekly.)

Moore Heads Committee

George Moore has been named chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. He is manager of Belk Tyler.

At a committee meeting Monday morning it was decided to have a pre-Christmas promotion the weekend of December 16-18. Last year 24 merchants participated in this promotion and it was considered one of the best of the year.

An advertising supplement will appear in The Chowan Herald on December 16 and be widely

distributed to boxholders in Chowan and surrounding counties. The committee also recommended that local business establishments close Christmas Day and New Year's Day for the holiday.

At the same time it was recommended that stores remain open until 9 P.M. from December 16 through December 23 and close at 7 P.M. on December 24.

The following people are being asked to serve on the committee: Claude Griffin, Bill Norvell, director in charge; George Drawdy, Caswell Edmundson, Terry Jones, Byron Kehayes, Warren Hibbard, and Larry Roberson.

Of course, an election was held in November but there'll be another election tonight (Thursday). At their meeting tonight members of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., will elect officers for the year 1977. But unlike the recent election there have been no speeches, handshaking nor a lot of promises made. Anyway, Jimmy Yates, the outgoing master of the lodge, hopes many members will be on hand to have a say-so who should be elected to the various offices.

Not so long ago sugar was almost worth its weight in gold. Now, according to some grocery stores, sugar has dropped to as low as five pounds for 19 cents. Of course, this price is contingent upon the purchase of a certain item or at least \$7.50 worth of other groceries. But it takes a precious few other groceries to cost \$7.50. So if some other kinds of food would drop like sugar maybe the dollar would go a bit further.



VANDALS WARNED—Sheriff Troy Toppin has issued a stern warning to vandals who make a sport out of knocking over highway signs and mail boxes. The sheriff said a wreck occurred on Base Road last week at an intersection, above, where the stop sign had been knocked over. Only a short distance down the highway another sign had been pulled up and the sheriff is pictured as he puts it back in place. Furthermore a mail box in the same vicinity was knocked over. Sheriff Toppin said the latter is a federal offense. He warned that vandals apprehended for these violations would be prosecuted.

Forerunner To Round-Up

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weight." "Those of you who have never served under a Democratic governor just don't know how good it is" was the encouragement given by the Speaker of the House the Democratic members nominated. Youthful and handsome, Carl Stewart, Jr., got his nomination without any of the wrangling and bickering often attributed to Democrats in session anywhere. That doesn't mean, of course, there won't be some of that when the in-fighting starts during the new session. But, a Democrat in the governor's mansion set a

tone of jubilation among members, some of whom had been named only a few weeks ago to their first elected office.

The black leather swivel chairs along the back row were conspicuously vacant and, even when the 1977 session gets underway, they won't be all filled. The General Assembly of North Carolina is overwhelmingly Democratic.

"The Republicans are already saying that anything that goes wrong in state government the Democrats will now have to take the blame. Well, I want to tell you now, the Democrats will also take the credit for things which go right in state government," Stewart told his colleagues. In this connection, in his brief but statesmanlike acceptance address, he predicted that the 1977 legislative session will have to deal with some of the most serious problems ever and that the leaders will be expected to respond with courage and responsibility.

Rep. Edd Nye of Elizabethtown, who served in the Senate during the 1975-76 sessions, is representing his district this coming term in the House of Representatives and former Rep. R. C. Soles, from the same district, was elected to the Senate. The Gentleman from Columbus had the opening prayer for the caucus. Former Rep. Larry Eagles of Tarboro, who was defeated in the Democratic primary, was back on the scene and was nominated to serve as sergeant-at-arms, replacing Graham Tart who did not seek re-nomination.

It was a lovefeast, all right, but there surely must have been some serious conversations as a few huddles developed and the discussions centered around committee appointments and bills proposed for introduction. Some of the members were already soliciting votes for their favorite bills which they declare they will toss in the hopper the very first day of the new session.

A few standing committees went into session following the 90-minute caucus and then at 3 P.M. the whole bunch, including spouses, was invited to a reception at which Jim Hunt, governor-elect, was host. He stood at the



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most improved tennis award. Various members of the athletic department at Holmes participated in the presentation of awards.

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among the most sought after in the state.

At Holmes, Hylton is a member of the Student Council, Executive Council, Student Advisory Committee to the Superintendent, Monogram Club, Yearbook Staff, ESAA District Advisory Committee, School Chorus, Music Masters, and was chief marshal.

A Life Scout he is also active on the Youth Bicentennial Commission for Chowan County and served on a youth mission to the Navajoes in Arizona. He is active in his church and its Sunday School.

Hylton is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.

Serving on the county Morehead Award Committee with Hollowell are: Dr. Edward G. Bond, John Graham, Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan and Mrs. Anne Hines.

door and told everyone how much he appreciated the work done for his election and that he would depend on the support of all of them for his program.

He got some promises and he made a few, too.

Yes, we were in our usual place in the gallery. It was a little like old home week. Most of the observers were in their same places. Wives were on the side of the gallery where they could see their husbands in action... lobbyists on their perch identifying the old and the new... receptionists and staff people also familiarizing themselves with their future bosses and, of course, just the people.

Yes, the people were there. Down there were their representatives.

Wassail Bowl Party Slated

The Cupola House Association has announced that it will host its second annual Wassail Bowl Christmas party December 15 from 5 until 7 P. M. The many families attending last year's celebration will recall that the Wassail Bowl offers an opportunity to aid the association's fund raising efforts in behalf of the preservation of the Cupola House, while at the same time providing a festive holiday gathering in an historic atmosphere.

The Wassail Bowl is being organized by Mrs. R. N. Campbell, the Cupola house fund-raising chairman. Receiving hostesses at the affair will be Mrs. Nelson Crandall, Mrs. William B. Rosevear, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. J. Gilliam Wood, Mrs. John Becker, Mrs. Hood Ellis, Mrs. Hobart Truesdell, Mrs. Tom Shepard, and Mrs. Roland Vaughn, Jr.

The Edenton Choral Society will offer a medley of traditional Christmas carols, before and after which the Wassail Bowl and other refreshments will be served. All residents of Chowan County are invited to attend.

In the months following, the Cupola House plans several different fund raising activities to be conducted in concert with cultural and historic themes. On April 15, the association will sponsor a Sidewalk Art Show to coincide with the biennial Edenton Pilgrimage. Mr. and Mrs. John Becker have agreed to act as chairman and co-chairman for this event.

Local and regional artists are being invited to exhibit their works, which will be shown along the fence bordering the Cupola House. Also on Friday and Saturday, the association will operate food concession stands—serving sandwiches, cakes and beverages at key points along the tour.

In the works is a helpful garden tips booklet featuring hints for those concerned with growing a beautiful garden, with particular concern for problems and assets of this area of the state. Mrs. Terry Boyle is chairman and coordinator of this project. It is hoped this booklet will be available next fall.

Bottle Drive

Edenton Jaycees will conduct a bottle drive Saturday in an effort to raise money to put on the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. The goal is 10,000 bottles.

Alton Clark, club president, said the goal represents less than one soft drink bottle from every man, woman, and child in Chowan County. "With a successful drive the Jaycees could have the finest Christmas party ever for these selected children," he added.

The drive will be conducted from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. throughout Edenton and Chowan County.



COURTHOUSE COLLEAGUES VISIT—Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, left, Chowan County Register of Deeds, was feted by county employees Tuesday afternoon in the Panel Room of the courthouse. Here she pauses to talk with Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, who becomes the "dean" of county employees upon Mrs. Bunch's retirement this week.



RECEPTION HONORS LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE—Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, standing, this week rounds out 52 years of service to Chowan County. A reception Tuesday afternoon honored the veteran register of deeds and among those attending was her sister, Mrs. Varina Harrell.