

Heard & Seen

By Bull

My good old friend, the late Eddie Spires, was connected with just about everything that went on in Edenton and "migrated" from Elizabeth City just a short time before I, too, "migrated" from the same place. Eddie did a lot of writing, some of which was a very complete history of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., which required a great deal of research. However, I didn't know that he wrote poetry. But Mrs. Spires handed me a clipping from the old Edenton Daily News dated February 12, 1931, and here 'tis:

AS SEEN THROUGH ADS OF YESTERDAY
Cecil Byrum has fresh meat, So does the Junior Order. If you don't use Vicks Vapor-Rub, It seems you surely au-to. C. L. Russ does plumbing work While Mitchener sells prescriptions, And the 5-cent Cremo cigar Is superb beyond description. The Bay View Barber Shop cuts hair, And charges just a quarter, While Dr. Julian Selig's specs Stop eyes from running water. Now Henry Ford's new "buggy" Can "step" a lively pace, And Taylor's moving pictures Bring smiles to every face. If one has constipation, Take Thedford's Black Draught Pills, But Quinn's new funeral parlor Is a cure for every ill.

Masons in Edenton and Chowan County were grieved to learn early this week that Nelson Banks of New Bern suffered a heart attack last Thursday while enroute to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas in Charlotte. He is a patient in the Lenoir County Hospital in Kinston, and according to latest reports his condition has improved. Mr. Banks is a frequent visitor to Edenton and takes a very active part in Masonry, Scottish Rite and Shrine affairs. He has for a long time had an affinity for Chowan County Masons and clean down to every last one of 'em admire and love him. Just included this item because, no doubt, his Chowan County friends might want to send him a card while he is out of circulation.

One of the best services banks provide nowadays is to have the names of depositors printed on checks. Were it not for this service it would be little less of a miracle to figure out who signed their name on the check. One check came in The Herald office the other day which looked like a chicken came out of some mud and scratched along the bottom of the check.

Apparently many people have complied with the suggestion of postal officials to mail Christmas cards early this year. No doubt some of us have received these Christmas greetings a month or even longer before Christmas. Anyway, that's one of the many holiday jobs that has been put off until the last minute.

8 Shopping Days till Christmas

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Drunk Driver With No License Given Stern Warning

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grip. They can now, however, turn this thing around and restore the Albemarle to its rightful place in the scheme of things. And where the region is concerned the focus will be on Perquimans County since they have made a clean sweep of the marbels of positions. R. L. Spivey is the veteran chairman of the Albemarle Law and Order Association; R. S. Monds, Jr., is chairman of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission; R. L. Stevenson is president of Albemarle Area Development Association; and now Mayor Cox heads AACT.

Perquimans, translated means "the land of beautiful women", is taking on new dimensions of leadership. If those put into high positions will now get their second wind they will find scores of people from the remaining nine counties running right along with them.

Precious Scene, Darling Story

"Once upon a time in the Christmas season of 1976, the mother of three-year-old twin boys was, with the help of the boys, decorating the house for Christmas.

"On the porch beside the front door they arranged a manger scene. The manger was complete with wisemen, shepherds, angels, sheep, donkeys, oxen, Mary, Joseph, and the Baby.

"As the boys and their mother admired the scene, one of the twins went into the house. He soon returned and placed another baby Jesus in the manger in front of Mary. Mary now had twins like Mama."

The contributor of this pre-Christmas story has requested to remain anonymous. However, she attached this footnote:

"Merry Christmas! This actually happened and it seems it would be nice to share. It really shows that the birth of Christ means something special and we see it in a special way. "God is good! Blessings!"

On The Inside

There is a 14-page supplement to today's newspaper. It represents one of the best efforts of local merchants to attract business to Edenton—the original shopping center of the Albemarle.

The supplement, which has been given greater than average distribution in Edenton, Chowan County and surrounding towns and counties, has 22 advertising participants. Because of this our regular section is much, much less than could be expected for this time of year.

We recommend that you not only scan, but carefully study, the entire paper as we feel you will discover it is better to shop at home. Will see you among the throngs who rush to Edenton!

Noted And Passed

Elsewhere in today's newspaper is a picture of three men, each one with his mouth in the talking position. Which is the politician?

If you answered, "All three," you can go to the head of the class. Lt. Gov.-Elect Jimmy Green, State Sen. Melvin Daniels and Mayor Roy L. Harrell were all caught talking at the same time. Even the photographer wasn't listening. He was too busy trying to get his camera in focus.

Christmas Tree Safety

We join with Fire Chief Luther C. Parks in alerting residents about the Public Parade to practice Christmas tree safety again this year. By the end of the week most homes will be sporting holiday decorations.

"Make sure your Christmas tree looks nice, of course, but above all, make sure you use it safely," the chief states.

Following are nine simple suggestions, any one of which is not followed could turn an otherwise joyful holiday season into disaster:

Buy a fresh tree with spiny branches and green, tight needles. Keep it outdoors (if you store it before using and put the trunk in water.

Insurance Rate Hike

Many employers in the Chowan County area can expect to pay higher unemployment insurance taxes during 1977 because the State's unemployment insurance trust fund has dropped by nearly \$352-million since early 1975.

The Employment Security Commission reports that the tax increase is required by state law to restore the fund. The ESC expects the average rate to climb from 1.4 per cent, fourth lowest in the nation, to 1.8 or 1.9 per cent for 1977.

Local ESC Manager Alice W. Bond explains that employers pay unemployment insurance taxes on the first \$4,200 earned by each covered worker, and most employers' tax rates vary depending on employment conditions. The Employment Security law computes a tax schedule for each year. It's derived by dividing the August 1 fund balance by the prior fiscal year taxable payroll and the resultant ratio establishes the applicable tax schedule for the forthcoming year.

Mrs. Bond says she's been informed by the central office that schedule "C" applies during 1977, providing minimum employer taxes of .5 per cent and a maximum of 2.7 per cent of applicable payrolls.

The tax hike, said Mrs. Bond, is the second in as many years. ESC officials explain that taxes have been restoring less than one-half the sums disbursed to unemployed workers.

High unemployment rates and special extensions of unemployment payments during the recession and during the early months of its recovery have accounted for \$446.7-million to jobless workers in the past 20 months.

The law requires a gradual replenishment of available resources.

Committees

Committeemen for three community ASC committees for 1977 have been elected and delegates will attend the county convention at 2 P.M. on December 20. The meeting will be held at the Chowan County ASCS Office, according to H. O. West, executive director.

The purpose of the convention is to elect a county committeeman to a three-year term. The new county and community committees will be effective January 1.

Elected recently were: "A" Community—Harold L. Bunch, chairman; Robert L. Bunch, Jr., vice chairman; and Morris Small, regular member.

"B" Community—Carroll Bass, chairman; Billy Nixon, vice chairman; and J. C. Nixon, Jr., regular member.

"C" Community—Jimmie Ward, chairman; Willie Joyner, vice chairman; and H. Ivey Ward, Jr., regular member.

Saw off trunk with a diagonal cut two inches from the end. Use a water reservoir tree holder and keep it filled. Keep tree away from drying heat including registers, radiators, fireplaces.

Use Underwriters Laboratory approved lights, kept in good repair. Use fireproof decorations where possible. No electrical toys underneath tree; remove excess wrapping and other paper.

Remove tree to outdoors as soon as possible after Christmas. Do not burn it in the fireplace. Help yourself have a safe Christmas!

Christmas Programs Continue

Christmas drama, "Miracles of Bethlehem", will be presented Sunday at 7 P.M. at First Assembly of God Church on U. S. 17 South. Rev. William Tyndall invites the public to attend.

Also Sunday night the Young Macedonians will present a message in song at Macedonia Baptist Church. The service begins at 7:30 P.M.

The choral group consists of Evie Bass, Lou Ann Bunch, Ken Castelloe, Connie Evans, Wayne Evans, Janet Harrell, Elmer Overton, Alan Perry and Pat Perry.

During the musical program, nativity slides from the Museum of Art in Raleigh will be presented. The public is also invited to attend this worship service.

The First Presbyterian Church in Edenton will hold a worship service at 8 P.M. on Christmas Eve. This service will be patterned after the traditional "Love Feast" of the Moravian Church.

The public is invited to share in the service.

Neal Griffin On Board

Neal Griffin, Route 2, Edenton, has been named to the board of directors of the N. C. Agricultural Foundation, a state-wide organization which supports teaching, research and extension programs in N. C. State University's School of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Griffin will serve a four-year term. Elmer R. Daniel, Route 1, Spring Hope, was re-elected president.

James Kenley Leary, drunk driving, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Larry Robert Privott, speeding, mistrial.

Dwayne Spriggs and Butch Spivey, breaking and entering and larceny, three to five years, suspended and placed on probation for five years upon payment of costs and make \$500 restitution each.

Clifton Parker Ervin, aid and abet in breaking and entering and larceny, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

Ernest Holley, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, eight to 10 years; breaking and entering and larceny, four to six years to run consecutively with the earlier sentence. Notice of appeal entered and bond set at \$25,000.

Jerry Norman Townson, speeding, \$20 fine and costs. William Henry Holley, breaking and entering and larceny, two to four years, suspended and placed on probation for five years upon payment of \$25 fine and costs; assault, 20 days, suspended upon payment of costs; assault on a female, dismissed.

David Lee Parks, drunk driving, second offense, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and placed on probation for three years.

James Nathaniel Blount, speeding, \$20 fine and costs. Kenneth Drew, reckless driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

William Charles Whitehurst, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Surratt

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him will be: Jesse Harrell, C. A. Phillips, W. Earl Smith, Dr. Robert Earl Lane and W. P. Jones.

The entire committee expressed considerable concern and deep regret at the loss Surratt's decision would represent to the hospital and to the community. Appreciation was made and recognition given to the vast improvements in health care that have taken place in the nine years since Surratt became administrator.

Wood pointed out that not only had a new hospital building been completed, but due to the efforts of Surratt considerable savings had been effected and untold thousands of dollars had been saved the taxpayers of the community by his efforts and management techniques.

Surratt is expected to take the new position in Carteret County within 60 to 90 days. He pledged that he would be no "lame duck" leader here although he had decided to take another position. He said he would put forth his continued best effort toward accomplishment of several goals and directions in which Chowan Hospital is now embarked.

The chief executive office said his work in Chowan County has been "most gratifying and has been a very rewarding experience." He said he feels he has done "a very creditable job for this community and the community has been most kind to us."

Surratt also wrote in his letter of resignation: "It is with deep regret that this decision became necessary but I believe in view of all the various circumstances leading to this conclusion, it is a necessary one."

Surratt, 47, came to Chowan County in December, 1967, from Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury. He also held positions with hospitals in Pinehurst and Siler City.

He has been active in health care circles on the regional and state basis. He currently serves on the board and Executive Committee of Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency and also the Eastern Area Health Education Center and of the N. C. Hospital Association.

In the area he served on the board and as chairman of the Albemarle Human Resource Development System and Albemarle Health Planning Council.

He has been active in the Methodist Church and Rotary.

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Carolina has reached a moment of truth with regards to property tax. He made a strong plea for unity.

Rep. White called for a "team" effort among the legislators and local elected officials.

Rep. James said he sees many things of importance coming up in the next General Assembly session. He added that he has asked to be on the Transportation Committee since he sees secondary roads of great importance.

All the representatives agreed that in Gov.-Elect Hunt the Northeast Region will have a friend in the Governor's Mansion.

Proposal

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counties, plus \$173,236 from the Governor's Law and Order Committee, and \$23,240 from the State Department of Social Services.

Haste High

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can be avoided in the future by using the information that has been gathered in the land-use plans. These plans not only contain technical data, but reflect the desires of the people regarding the future land uses in their areas."

In Chowan County and Edenton measures to implement the plans and guide new growth have already been adopted. Both areas have subdivision regulations, and Edenton is now enforcing a zoning ordinance.

In Perquimans County objectives are set forth in the land use plan to adopt a set of zoning ordinances, strengthen the existing subdivision regulations, adopt a set of building codes, and mobile home ordinances. Similar measures are now being implemented in most coastal communities as a result of land use planning activities under the Coastal Area Management Program.

Meanwhile, the members of the Coastal Resources Commission have been examining a list of environmentally fragile areas which may be in line for special management and designation as Areas of Environmental Concern. The commission will consult with local government officials and citizens in each of the twenty counties before they make final decisions next summer.

Haste is concerned that local officials and coastal citizens may not be aware of the philosophy of the members of the Coastal Resources Commission. "We feel that we do not represent state government, but, rather, local people; we feel it is our responsibility to be a liaison between the state and coastal citizens so that the commission forms the link that can help us, on the coasts, solve some of our planning problems;" offers Haste.

For the more distant future, Haste is aware that the commission's work on coordinating the complex permit letting procedure run by state and federal agencies will be of "prime importance." He hopes that something close to a one-stop permit-shopping arrangement can be set up. Then any individual wishing to develop in an area that requires more than one permit could go to one office in their county, fill out a minimum of paperwork and receive a response on the total project within a designated time.

Although originally opposed to the Coastal Area Management Act, Haste has obviously changed his view. As more control has been placed in the hands of local governments, he has witnessed immense benefits to the coastal communities. Haste is confident that the Coastal Area Management Program will have as many satisfying accomplishments in the next few years as it encountered in the first two.