



# Heard & Seen "By Buff"

James Vernon White, a native Edentonian now living at Clearwater, Florida, sent in his renewal to The Herald and in a note he asked a question: "Would it be any cheaper for me if you left out the advertisements in the paper, for they are of no value to me down here in Florida?" Well, Friend Tom (as I know him) is now retired and, he says, he reads every word in The Herald. Well, maybe because he doesn't like to read the advertisements is the fact that he had to put them together when he worked on the old Edenton Daily News way back in the 1920's. And besides if there were no advertisements in The Herald Friend Tom would not be receiving the paper.

Miss Beulah Perry recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Pearly Baumgardner who now live at Waterford, Va. Pearly will be remembered by many Edenton friends for many years ago he was a school teacher here and served as captain of the local National Guard unit. Anyway, Friend Pearly told Miss Perry that he also reads every word in The Herald and especially this column. Then, too, he asked Miss Perry to tell yours truly that when I get to be 110 years old he will write me a letter. Well, if he knew the ordeal I'm going through in having a new house built and the job of moving from a site after living there for 50 years, he might as well chop off quite a few years from the 110 mark. And now being retired I'm told that about all Pearly does is take care of a large yard and play golf — something which was not available in Edenton when he lived here.

And while on the subject of age reminds me of a question read the other day: "Why is it that those who look young want to look old, while those who look old want to look young?"

Members of the local Eastern Star Chapter held a picnic Wednesday afternoon up at Arrowhead Beach in honor of Bob Morris, founder of the organization. Here's one who was unable to attend but I'll bet a stumped down good stogie that just about everything good to eat was spread out on the tables. And it's also a good guess that some of 'em admitted that they ate too much.

And speaking of eating, J.D. Elliott, master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., says that a chicken supper will be served at the Masonic Temple tonight (Thursday). The meal will be served at 7 o'clock prior to the lodge meeting at 8 o'clock. A feature of the meeting will be the presentation of an award to D.M. Reaves for 60 years continuous membership as a Mason. Then, too, a 50-year award is scheduled to be presented to Johnny Curran and I.J. Moran. A special dispensation has been granted to hold the lodge meeting on the first floor so that the "has beens" will not have to climb the stairs. Then, too, Leslie Gardner, past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, is scheduled to be on hand to present the awards, so that Mr. Elliott hopes there will be a large turnout for the chicken supper and the lodge meeting.

With time rapidly approaching to move from my home on East Church Street, archaeologists are now digging all around the place

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## Work Remains

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ties with this newspaper. If there is a single person more responsible for Monday's "happening" in Pitt County than ECU President Leo Jenkins it is Rep. J.P. Huskins, D-Iredell. Over the past decade he has moved from a member of the State Board of Higher Education into the sacred halls of the Legislative Building. This concern for development of additional medical manpower has been strengthened in the face of much adversity.

It was a bit awkward at the Williamston meeting of the Medical Manpower Committee of the General Assembly that we represent the Albemarle Area Development Association. But we told it "like it is" as Friend Jay would not only expect this but demand it. Out of that, and other hearings across Tar Heelia, recommendations were presented to the legislature which led to the continued funding of the ECU medical facility.

But why a legislator from the western edge of the Piedmont as a savior for the east? Knowing the legislator as we do we can assure you it was a matter of principle. The question of a Carolina graduate bucking the tide, or making waves in favor of ECU surfaced continuously. In a large measure it was because of his steadfast support, with no ulterior motives attached, that the funds for ECU Med School remained in the budget when the state faced financial problems.

The actions of Rep. Huskins were set in concrete facts and need rather than manufactured loyalty or emotions. For this reason, he is the best qualified to address the ECU Med School opening, as he did in the following article which appeared Friday in his "Down In Iredell" column of the Statesville Record & Landmark:

STORY THAT COULDN'T BE — "ECU Med School Opens" headlines the Greensboro Daily News.

That, of course, was the headline that could never be written. For 10 years or more, the Greensboro Daily News, along with other major newspapers in the state, opposed the establishment of a medical school at East Carolina University.

They opposed it with all their resources, not the least of which was the exaggeration of costs. It became almost a habit with the Charlotte Observer to refer to it as a \$200 million project. On occasion, the figure rose to \$250 and even \$300 million.

Besides that, they contended, another medical school was not needed.

As a legislator and former member of the State Board of Higher Education, we were destined to play a major role in the ECU med school controversy.

While on the Board of Higher Education, we served as chairman of a committee which recommended against establishing a full, four-year medical school at East Carolina. We proposed, instead, that the first and fourth year be offered at ECU, with the second and third year being provided by the medical school at Chapel Hill — an arrangement being followed in Indiana.

The legislature approved that idea and authorized East Carolina to accept first year students, with the understanding that they could transfer to Chapel Hill for their second and third year, then return to ECU for their fourth year and residency in hospitals having AHECs.

After a while it became apparent that the Chapel Hill school was determined not to co-operate in the program, raising one stumbling block after another and, we always felt, influencing the decisions of accreditation authorities.

The Chapel Hill group wanted, instead, to expand its Area Health Education Centers from three to eight and farm out its med school graduates across the state for

and even under the house in search of something historical. So I'm hoping to move out soon for fear, maybe, the whole works will cave in.

The chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission believes the major tasks of implementation of the Coastal Area Management Act are basically done and not being one for "routine" he is quitting. This is a shame.

Without the steadfast labors of David Stick the clout of CAMA would only be faint. Setting up the mechanics of the act have not been popular. In fact CAMA has been one of the more controversial measures to come out of the legislative mill since the Speaker Ban Law.

The likes of David Stick though, once given the responsibility for development of a land management plan for 20 coastal Tar Heel counties, accepted the challenge and have produced something workable.

A stickler for detail, Mr. Stick was not the most popular member or chairman of a commission. In the early stages he was so vocal that a man of less patience than the late Tom Eure of Morehead City would have exploded.

However, Mr. Eure and the other commission members recognized the sincerity of their colleague and appreciated his efforts. As a writer, Mr. Stick is a near genius. As a speaker he often times finds his spoken words coming out different from what he intended.

As a member of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, representing Chowan County, we have become a student of Professor Stick in his CAMA course. We have found need from time to time to question his judgment, but never his motives.

We, therefore, disagree with Mr. Stick's assumption that the major tasks of CAMA are basically done. We believe as implementation and enforcement continues there will be nothing "routine" about the commission's work. There will still be a need to promote understanding and leadership at the

their residency training in AHEC hospitals.

While this was going on, we headed a medical manpower study commission, authorized by the General Assembly, which went from place to place over North Carolina, holding hearings on the need for more doctors.

Convinced that there was a serious shortage of doctors in many areas, this commission recommended that a second year of medical training be added at East Carolina, with its students being permitted to transfer to Chapel Hill, and that the expansion of the AHEC program be funded.

To that end, the next session of the General Assembly appropriated \$15 million to provide necessary facilities at ECU and \$28 million to fund the AHEC expansion.

While accepting the \$28 million in AHEC money, the Chapel Hill group stiffened its opposition to the two-year school at East Carolina. But, in the face of determined legislation support, the university board of governors finally recommended that, instead of a two-year program, the state establish a full four-year program at ECU.

But, instead of the \$200 million that had so freely been kicked around by opponents, the board of governors recommended that \$38 million be appropriated to provide facilities for the ECU med school.

This, of course, resulted in a delay of a year or two in implementing the medical education program at East Carolina. But the legislature went along and put up the \$38 million, a bargain for the state inasmuch as Pitt County had just completed a new General Hospital which, with slight modifications, will serve as the school's teaching hospital.

Now the school has been accredited, its first class of 28 students admitted, and on Monday, August 22, the school that couldn't be will be officially opened. All the students are North Carolinians, drawn primarily from rural areas. Eventually the class size will be increased to 60, to 75 or 100 as the need justifies.

We suspect that the verdict of history will support the action of those who had to overcome great opposition in attempting to provide medical education opportunities for more young North Carolinians.

grass roots.

As a former elected local government official, Mr. Stick steadfastly maintained that CAMA must be developed from the ground up and not from a central staff down. He wanted, and was successful in getting, control of CAMA for local governments. Maintaining this will be something less than routine.

CRC is composed of 14 other sincere, dedicated, hard-working members. Nevertheless, it will be a difficult task for any of them to pick up the gavel left by Mr. Eure and Mr. Stick.

And as Author Stick returns to his first love, serious writing about the Outer Banks, all who have known and respected him in the public sector will wait with baited breath his treatment of CAMA in his manuscripts.

## David Stick Now Author

David Stick of Kitty Hawk plans to put down the gavel and pick up the pen next month. He has resigned as chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission and is already at work on a book he has been planning for two decades.

Stick, an initial appointee to the commission as vice chairman, was named chairman last year by Gov. Jim Hunt. And it was to the governor that he gave notice in a letter of August 12 of his plans to resign.

Gov. Hunt will seek nominations from all local governments in the 20 coastal counties included in the Coastal Area Management Act. The nominee must be a land developer to fill the occupational category in the commission's make up.

Dr. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City is vice chairman but Gov. Hunt can designate the chairman from among the 15 members on the commission.

Stick said in a telephone interview that with the adoption of Areas of Environmental Concerns he felt the major tasks of the commission are basically done. "And I'm not just one for routine," he stated.

## Dr. Hornthal

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announcement to make prior to the official filing date.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell, an employee of the N.C. Employment Security Commission here, has made no statement about his future political plans. He has, however, pushed a referendum on "ward voting" for councilmen, and whether or not this will affect his campaign for possible reelection is not known. The proposal has solid opposition from the council.

At the same time, Councilman Hornthal has been the most vocal among councilmen in opposition to the return to ward voting. He has raised the question of compliance with the voting and civil rights of citizens as well as ward boundaries.

Councilman Hornthal, who said he had found solid opposition to the "retrogressive" action of Mayor Harrell regarding the referendum, would not comment on the merits of the issue. "If I become a candidate for the office of mayor of Edenton you can rest assured that it will be an issue-oriented campaign and not one based on personalities," he said.

When asked about his reason for considering seeking the office, he stated: "I have grave concerns about the recent trend toward apathy about our local government. We need to work together and move forward with some new and innovative ideas."

Since moving to Edenton some 10 years ago to begin the practice of dentistry, he has been active in various activities within the community. He has promoted youth activities and the development of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department.

Also, he has been an advocate of increased public participation in local government and a broadening of the tax base through economic development.

## Schools Get Federal Grant

Edenton-Chowan Schools have received a grant of \$205,304 under Part A of Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, according to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. This grant will support special education programs during the school year 1977-78.

"Title I funds in the Edenton-Chowan Schools will be concentrated in the area of reading improvement for students, in grades 2-12," according to Cecil Fry, Title I director and associate superintendent. "Title I reading labs have been expanded to include grades 9-12 at Chowan High School and John A. Holmes High School and the 7th and 8th grades at D.F. Walker School, bringing the total number of such labs to eight," Fry added.

There will be a certified teacher and an aide in each. All together, there will be two labs at Chowan. Danny Long, Doris Litchfield, Gloria Powell and Dorothy Cooke will be the teachers and aides there. Maryann Bunch and Mildred Bond will administer to lab students at White Oak, as will Gloria Bryant and Gladys Baxley at John A. Holmes.

Instructing and aiding at Ernest A. Swain School will be Laura Bond, Lillian Roberts, Janie Harrell and Doris Slade. Montrose Hinton and Cornelia Sharpe will be the teachers in the D.F. Walker labs, with Dawn Whitt and Clara Simons as their aides.

Mrs. Mary Horton will serve as reading lab supervisor.

Title I funds, which have been available to the Edenton-Chowan unit since 1966, also include the service of Mrs. Gerry Fry, home-school coordinator and office personnel.

According to Robert Marley, director of the Division of Compensatory Education for the state education agency, "Title I provides funds to local educational agencies for use in helping to break the cycle of poverty through equalization of educational opportunity. These funds must be used to expand and improve educational programs contributing to the special needs of educationally deprived children."

Almost all the school administrative units have used Title I funds to support special reading programs. A few have special programs in mathematics.

For fiscal 1978 North Carolina has been granted a total of \$59,094,099 in Title I Part A funds. This is up, statewide, from the total of \$51,885,667 received during the 1976-77 school year.

## Serious Crimes Show Increase

Serious crimes increased 4.14 per cent in North Carolina in 1976 over the previous year. However, six of the seven serious crime categories reflect decreases.

Chowan was one of two counties in the state to have no murder or rape during the period.

The serious crime categories of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault decreased as a group by over 7 per cent.

This information is contained in "Crime in North Carolina", published by the Police Information Network and released Tuesday by Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten.

Att. Gen. Edmisten stated, "It is especially heartening to see that the violent crimes of murder, rape and armed robbery have decreased significantly. Of course, this would not have been the case were it not for the excellent services of all North Carolina law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement men and women, especially those serving at the local level, are doing an outstanding job in containing the most violent and serious criminal activities."

## Gilliam Wood

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the assistant principal of West Caldwell High School.

Samuel L. Phillips of Spruce Pine is president of Great Meadows, Inc., a real estate company.

James P. Powers of Lumberton is vice president and city executive of the Southern National Bank of N.C.

Mrs. Melba G. Smith of Belhaven is president of the J.D. Dawson, Co., Inc.

Mrs. Lois Winstead of Roxboro is a housewife active in civic and community affairs.

Wood is a farmer and the manager of Hayes Farm. He is chairman of the local board of Peoples Bank, a former State Highway Commissioner, and director of Edenton Cotton Mills.

The Board of Natural Resources and Community Development assists the Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development in the development of major programs and recommends priorities for programs within the department.

The 1976 Annual Uniform Crime Report shows that the total volume of serious crime reported in 1976 was 206,693. This figure computes to one serious crime being committed every two minutes and thirty-two seconds.

## ESC Prime

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pledged their cooperation to see that an effective and efficient program is provided within the region but neither would comment on how it would be pulled off.

Allred told reporters afterwards this was the best of the options faced by ARPDC and would cast ESC and EIC in "a very strong role."

Mrs. Bond, in her presentation, said Floyd Spellman of the ARPDC staff prepared the manpower plan based on statistics supplied by ESC. She argued that her agency's proposal provided lower administrative costs and better spreading of manpower funds (\$401,049).

"ESC promised to deliver more at less cost and this is what the bids are all about," he charged.

After her remarks, R.S. Monds, Jr., ARPDC chairman, admitted that the commission board hadn't exercised responsibilities with regards to prior operation of the program. "Spellman... has been the regional manpower program... we haven't even known what was going on," he said.

Morris said if EIC operated the program it would be directed from a central office rather than several offices as proposed by ESC. He said his agency's prior experience in operating the manpower program would make it more effective and pointed out close contact would be maintained with ESC.

Another strong point made by Morris was that EIC already had a "outreach mechanism in place."

Allred said Region "R" is a unique part of the state with regards to advantages and disadvantages and for this reason it had been selected from the 17 multi-county regions for the pilot program. With ESC and EIC working together it will provide a cooperative activity without duplication, according to Allred.