

Though with the passing years the line gradually becomes thinner and thinner, a group of war veterans marched down to the Confederate Plaza Friday to celebrate Veterans Day with a brief but interesting program. All too many do not remember or even realize what many of those surviving went through while in the service. However, those who can still breathe the air of freedom remember all too well many of their harrowing experiences while on war duty and each year, until all have passed from the scene, will no doubt pay homage to those of their comrades who fell and those who were wounded and crippled while fighting for their country.

-0-The above paragraph brings to mind a rather appropriate poem sent many years ago by the late Rev. Walter E. Isenhour of Taylorsville. Here 'tis:

THERE'S AN EMPTY TENT HERE TONIGHT

There's a vacant ramp on the runway;

There's a place in our squadron that's quiet; One crew went down o'er the

target: And there's an empty tent here

tonight. We took off at sunrise this morn-

ing Prepared to meet fighters

and flak. Nine planes were sent from

our squadron, But we had only eight to come back.

The planes flew close in

formation; We had but a few miles to go; But just in sight of the target, Hell broke loose down below. Flak came up in barrages, Making clouds of smoke all

And I saw the plane right beside us

around:

Burst into flame and go down.

The nose turned up when it hit them;

Then she spinned and went into a dive;

knew the ten men that were on her; And none could have come out alive.

Somewhere on the shore of Italy, A bomber crew died for what's right;

They went down like hundreds of others,

So there's an empty tent here tonight.

Those boys were at one time civilians, Happy at work and at play; But along came the war

with its sorrow, And they died for their country today

There's hundreds of others that's fly r tarc

n bomber crews; out civilians; ney're fighting

are sweating out

BCLS; And it's all for the American way; They're facing the flak and

fighters; So the least you can do is to

pray. I'd like to ask every civilian, And Christian who tries to

live right, To remember, while praying

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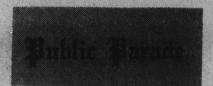
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Continued From Page 1 be more in command and maybe a little less visible. The latter is most difficult for political figures but the attorney general is capable of having the best of both worlds.

Then he will have built on a solid foundation from which he can propel into bigger and better things.

The Judge

Judge William Z. Wood of Winston-Salem has been meandering along the Public Parade this week. He is presiding over a civil term of Chowan County Superior Court.

It was Judge Wood's first opportunity to preside here. We were pleased to arrive at the courthouse Monday morning and find him listed on the calendar.

We knew the amiable jurist as a young Democrat whose feet were set in red clay, before we had the pleasure of covering his court. He was aggressive, dedicated, fair and firm with issues and candidates he chose to support. He moved from the smoke filled rooms of the township to the Legislative Building, serving a term in the General Assembly with W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Edenton.

When he moved onto the bench he carried the same qualities, he even expanded on them. He had an enviable reputation for conducting political "prayer meetings" and he included a prayer in opening court Monday.

Judge Wood said the Supreme Court had not held, "and I don't think it ever will hold", that a judge cannot open court with prayer. Those who might be offended were invited to step outside. None did.

The jurist would have liked to be Governor of North Carolina, and he would have made a good one. Unfortunately, he came along at a time when there were about as many Democrats wanting to move to Blount Street as want to go to Washington, D.C.

Bill Wood was an able lawyer and legislator. Judge Wood is also an able jurist. It is good to have men of his qualities on the bench. It is even better for the Democratic Party that he carried his politics with him.

Help Protect

Violaters of drug laws suddenly appear to rival drunk drivers for top billing in court along the Public Parade. This should be a cause for public concern.

The use of drugs, like alcohol, is not limited to those with a particular station of life. It is a community problem, not a law enforcement problem. Therefore it is the responsibility of the entire

to Heaven. That empty tent here tonight.

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One thing for sure tonight (Thursday) is that the local Masonic Lodge will have a very busy meeting. At that time four candidates are scheduled to have the third degree conferred upon them. Due to the time required, the lodge will convene at 7:30 o'clock instead of the usual 8 o'clock hour. And it goes without saying that J.D. Elliott, master of the lodge, is hopeful that a large number of members will turn out to help with the degree and witness the ceremony. He says the "goat" is all ready for action so that, besides being lengthy, it should be a very interesting occasion.

With archaeologists scraping and digging at where 104 East Church used to be (but for some reason there's another 104 East Church Street across the railroad) it appears that some Yankees were in this neck of the woods back in the 1700's. The other day a Connecticut coin was found dated 1787. And in digging a garden and planting any number of bulbs and flowers over a period of 50 years not a thing was found by the Bufflaps. Then, too, a pecan and walnut tree put out a bumper crop last year, but this year nary a nut appeared on either tree. So maybe the trees, too, are mourning e of the change in the entire

Economic Growth, Development Discussed

Continued From Page 1 and improving the quality of education in order to provide a lucrative work force. He added that intensified reading programs and competency tests are a must for North Carolina to develop the

talents and abilities of the people.

The approval of \$300-million in roads bonds and the clean water referendum were termed "steps for progress" in bolstering local economies. Rose said that while there are \$7-billion in highway needs across the state, the recently approved bonds will cover the most pressing needs over the next five year period. Local economies will be promoted by funds to provide adequate

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Vaughan.

Also Patricia Ashley, Martha Scott Harless, Elizabeth Hornthal, Kevin Strother, Sherri Belfield, Kelly Conrad, Tony Kenney, Tami Dizon, Kim Kenney, Carol Becker, Karen Keeter, Steve Atstupinas, Pam Babb, and Bo Gilliland.

Others in the cast are Annette Partin, Jeff Babb and Joe Towe.

"The Enchanted Christmas Tree" will be followed by "The Cowboys Christmas" by Cecil Broadhurst. The author, Cecil Broadhurst, was a cowboy in Canada in his youth, and is now one of Arizona's finest painters of Western scenes. The play begins with an old gold prospector telling stories to a group of children, who catch him unaware by asking him to tell them the story of Christmas. He can't recall it too well and, in his version, the sheperds are cowboys. The play features some outstanding music by the author.

Andrel Henry plays the prospector.

The three cowboys are played by Jack Brown, Frank Edmunds and John Becker. Others in the cast are Mark and Yvonne Chilcoat. The music will be performed by the Edenton Choral Society, under the direction of 60 Shelby Strother.

These productions promise to provide the audience with one of the most moving and delightful experiences of theater-going and to set the right tone for Christmas-please be there. We wouldn't want you to miss it!

citizenry to seek a solution.

In most cases, parents are like law enforcement officers. Most of what they know depends on what someone else tells them. Sometimes the truth will hurt but no stone can be left unturned in getting to the sore and healing it.

Chowan County has not appeared to have the problem of wholesale trafficing of drugs. Only in recent months has there been and indication that the problem is

getting out of hand. Some will place the blame on lax law enforcement. This not only isn't fair, it just isn't right. Law enforcement can be aggressive, yet not effective. A middle ground has to be found in which the confidence of the people is gained so those who deal in things that

are illegal are brought to trial. Just last week deputies of the Chowan County Sheriff's Department raided a curing barn near the Gates County line. More than a hundred pounds of marijuana stalks, some as much as eight feet tall, were destroyed and a quantity of dried leaves confiscated.

Deputies Glenn Perry and Melvin Evans have made no arrests, but neither have they closed their investigation. Those who might have knowledge of events surrounding this particular case not only have a responsibility, but a duty to come forth with information.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to meander along the Public Parade have a lot going for us. This is the best place in the entire world to live, work and play. We can ill afford to mar this reputation with a blackeye which drugs can quickly give.

Everyone, not just those employed to uphold the law, must dedicate ourselves to do our part. Then, and only then, can those dedicated to public service can effectively protect us and our good

water and sewer facilities. Regan reported that more people are migrating out of large urban areas back into smaller population clusters in states such as North Carolina where there are no truly large urban areas.

He said it will be important to maintain a geographic balance between people and jobs. Regan also stated that low wage jobs are more common than middle income and that the gap between high paying jobs and moderate income jobs must be reduced.

Agriculture continues to be an extremely important segment of the economy and food processing should and could become a vital industry in North Carolina. He also said better marketing technics should be developed for agricultural products.

C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, remarked that statistics can be deceiving. While the state may rate relatively low in per capita income, the cost of living and many goods and services are cheaper here than in other states. In short, per capita income is not necessarily an indicator of quality of life.

He later added that in his opinion, Chowan County has done well in controlling growth and providing a variety of programs in industry, tourism and agriculture.

Rose and Regan both agreed on the point, but added that the problem of income relates to distribution.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, stated that Edenton is seeking small, clean industry to provide competition for local business and to improve the quality of products. He called for continued landuse planning of the type recently completed here with the Coastal Resources Commission.

Gardner said a number of years ago the recruitment of food processing firms was found feasible but that there has been no response from the industry.

Chowan County, he continued, has seen a turn-around in the timber industry which relies..... heavily on the Albemarle Sound Bridge. Since the winter of 1976 when the 3.5-mile span was extensively damaged by ice floes, there has some question as to the soundness of the structure.

Rose assured Gardner that the bridge had been determined to be safe following \$400,000 in repairs.

Farm-City

Continued From Page 1 during November 18-24. It is an observance aimed at promoting better understanding between farm and city residents. Mrs. Ruth Cherry of Rocky Mount is state chairman for activities this year.

This will be the 23rd annual observance. Last year's event, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities.

Activities are coordinated nationally by the Kiwanis organization. The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses. associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups.

He added that it is unlikely the ent structure will ever be present structure will ever be widened since bridge construction practices have changed over the

Savings Bonds

Sales of Series E and H Savings tonds in Chowan County during

January - September sales

the third quarter of 1977 were

amounted to \$93,525. This

represents 66.2 per cent of their

goal of \$141,360, according to

Graham Whits, county volunteer

Probable cause was found

Tuesday in Chowan County

District Court in cases where

Kermit Ray Smith was charged

with possessing marijuana with

intent to sell or deliver and

felonious possession of marijuana

and Orian Lorenzia Jordan, Jr.,

was charged with breaking and

No probable cause or voluntary

Judge John T. Chaffin presided

over the regular weekly session of

court and Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry

Overton prosecuted the docket.

In other cases called the

Robert Elton Jackson, drunk

driving and failure to appear, 90

days, suspended upon payment of

Frederick Scott Griffin,

Willie Earl Ferebee, drunk

driving, 90 days, suspended upon

Anna Faye Hardy traffic

Kenneth Nelson Hughes, driving

while license revoked, Thomas

Fleetwood Hopkins, driving

drunk, second offense, and Kevin

Conrad Jones, two misdemeanor

substance, called and failed.

counts of possession of controlled

Charles Roche, drunk driving,

second offense, 90 days, suspended

upon payment of \$200 fine and

Robert Alexander Stephenson,

drunk driving and no operator's

license, 90 days, suspended upon

Jeffrey Wayne Wallace,

possession of fire works, 30 days,

suspended upon payment of \$75

Charlie Scott Morring, assault

on a female, nine months,

suspended upon payment of \$100

Grace Copeland, simple assault,

Warren E. Cox, worthless

payment of \$25 fine and costs and

One divorce was granted. It was

John F. Ammann from Hazel E.

strong commitment to local law

enforcement and will not support

any move toward centralization.

continuous push for increased

minimum salaries "to repay those

men for what they contribute to

society" as an example. He also

pointed out emphasis being placed

on the Career Criminal Program

where law violators with certain

records are spotlighted via rapid

"If they (the career

criminals) are going to be the

arrest, arraignment and trial.

He cited the department's

payment of \$150 fine and costs.

payment of \$100 fine and costs.

dismissal was entered in four

other cases against Jordan.

following action was taken:

speeding, called and failed.

\$125 fine and costs.

violation, not guilty.

costs.

fine and costs.

fine and costs.

make restitution.

not guilty.

entering and forgery.

Superior Court

To Hear Case

Gardner commented that the area is popular among retirees, a facet that should continue to be encouraged. He cited the area's close proximity to a large urban center (Tidewater Virginia) as added reason to push the con-

struction of a four-lane highway into Virginia.

The Town of Edenton, he said, will be receiving federal funds for final plans to upgrade sewage treatment facilities. A stipulation imposed by the federal government on those funds will be that all industries must pay their percentage of sewer use. With Edenton being among the first to use those funds, it will put the area at a disadvantage in recruiting industry until other areas in the state follow suit. Gardner added that local industries are being urged to develop their own sewage treatment facilities.

George Lewis, chairman of the Chowan County Planning Board, aired his opposition to water being withdrawn from the Chowan River for use by Virginia cities.

"The fishing industry is more important than we realize and its recreation use is important as well", he remarked.

Lewis called for improved forestry practices, pointing out that over 50 per cent of the cut timberland has not been reforested. He said that the environment must be protected in order to maintain the quality and character of the area.

With Edenton becoming more recognized as a tourist area, Lewis stated that one big problem is that of accommodations and conference centers.

He also added that a region-wide technical institute is needed on this side of the Chowan River.

Monitoring the public meeting was Floyd Spellman of the Albemarle Regional Planning and **Development Commission who** will incorporate ideas expressed into a regional assessment to be presented at a state meeting on economic growth and development called by the governor.

Performance Set

The Edenton Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concert on December 4 at 4 P.M. in Edenton Baptist Church.

A varied program of Christmas music will be presented; several familiar carols will be featured.

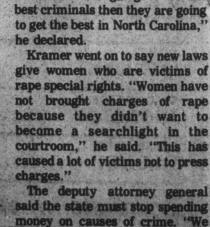
The community is invited to join in this musical opening of the Christmas season.

Ammann. Statewide Police **Opposed**

NAGS HEAD-Atty. Gen. Rufus L. Edmisten is opposed to a statewide police force, his chief deputy told several hundred people at a meeting of Albemarle Law & Order Association here Friday

"We don't want it and we will not have it," declared Howard A. Kramer during a "shop talk" with law enforcement officers, court officials and representatives of towns and counties in the 10county Albemarle Area.

Kramer said the attorney general and the entire N.C. Department of Justice has a



The deputy attorney general said the state must stop spending money on causes of crime. "We can study it to death," he said. "We are ready to start doing something about crime." The speaker was introduced by State Sen. Melvin R. Daniels who

State Sen. Melvin R, Daniels who called him a "man to keep your eye on" in state government.

Police Chief W. Clarence Owens of Elizabeth City, president of the association, presided. The program was arranged by Melvin E. Bunch, director.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District was in attendance and was given a warm welcome by the audience.



BANQUET PARTICIPANTS—Among those participating the annual banquet of Albemarle Law & Order Association Nags Head Friday night were, from left: Howard Kramer, of deputy attorney general; Sheriff Troy Toppin, the Americagion's officer of the year; Chief W. Clarence Owens Elizabeth City, association president; and Rep. Walter B. Jo