



# Heard & Seen "By Bull"

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.

The above paragraph brings to mind a rather appropriate poem sent many years ago by the late Rev. Walter E. Isehour 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 morning  
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 around;  
And I saw the plane right beside us  
Burst into flame and go down.

The nose turned up when it hit them;  
Then she spinned and went into a dive;  
I 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'  
in bomber crews;  
out civilians;  
they're fighting

are sweating out  
sweat;  
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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# Economic Growth, Development Discussed

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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

## Play

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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. Andrei 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 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 trafficking of drugs. Only in recent months has there been an 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 name.

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

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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.



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

# Savings Bonds

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Chowan County during the third quarter of 1977 were \$39,243.

January - September sales amounted to \$93,525. This represents 66.2 per cent of their goal of \$141,360, according to Graham Whits, county volunteer chairman.

## Superior Court To Hear Case

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 entering and forgery.

No probable cause or voluntary dismissal was entered in four other cases against Jordan.

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 following action was taken:

Robert Elton Jackson, drunk driving and failure to appear, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs.

Frederick Scott Griffin, speeding, called and failed.

Willie Earl Ferebee, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Anna Faye Hardy traffic violation, not guilty.

Kenneth Nelson Hughes, driving while license revoked, Thomas Fleetwood Hopkins, driving drunk, second offense, and Kevin Conrad Jones, two misdemeanor counts of possession of controlled substance, called and failed.

Charles Roche, drunk driving, second offense, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Robert Alexander Stephenson, drunk driving and no operator's license, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Jeffrey Wayne Wallace, possession of fire works, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs.

Charlie Scott Moring, assault on a female, nine months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Grace Copeland, simple assault, not guilty.

Warren E. Cox, worthless check, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and make restitution.

One divorce was granted. It was John F. Ammann from Hazel E. Ammann.

## 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.

## 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 night.

"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 10-county Albemarle Area.

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

strong commitment to local law enforcement and will not support any move toward centralization.

He cited the department's 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 arrest, arraignment and trial.

"If they (the career criminals) are going to be the best criminals then they are going to get the best in North Carolina," he declared.

Kramer went on to say new laws give women who are victims of rape special rights. "Women have not brought charges of rape because they didn't want to become a searchlight in the courtroom," he said. "This has caused a lot of victims not to press charges."

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 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.