

Heard & Seen "By Bull"

Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day and despite what may have happened there is not a single person who has not had something to be thankful for during the past year. So it behooves each one of us to observe the day for which it was intended and give thanks to a kind Providence, not because of any merits of our own, for His goodness toward us. George Washington made the Thanksgiving proclamation back in 1789 and thanks to Preston Cayton the proclamation follows:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection, aid and favors.

"Now, Therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

Rape Hearing Is Postponed

A probable cause hearing in the case where Johnnie Ray Harris is charged with first degree rape was postponed early Tuesday afternoon in Chowan County District Court.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman postponed the hearing at the request of Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Overton who said the prosecution's case had not been completed. It is expected that the case will go before the grand jury at the December 5 session of Superior Court.

Judge Beaman took the following other action:

Andrell Webber Henry, speeding, \$15 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Jimmy Louis Bateman, drunk driving and carrying a concealed weapon, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$110 fine and costs.

Jerry Clinton Ward, reckless driving, \$25 fine and costs.

Linda Chappell White, reckless driving, \$65 fine and costs.

Oliver Windex Vaughan, no liability insurance, \$35 fine and costs.

Robert Young Wilson, drunk driving and violation of a stop signal, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$136 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

John A. Smith, assault on a female, not guilty.

William Edwin Dilday, possession of controlled substance; Henry Blount Vaughan, speeding; and George Steven Everett, speeding, dismissed.

Planning Board Slates Meeting

The Chowan County Planning Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 P.M. Monday in the County Office Building. George W. Lewis, chairman, has encouraged all members to be present.

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Superior Court Is December 5

Two capital cases are calendared for trial during a criminal term of Chowan County Superior Court which opens here December 5.

Desi (Poor Dog) Pierce faces a count of first degree burglary with intent to rape and Johnny Ray Harris faces first degree rape. In the last session of Superior Court here Pierce was tried for first degree burglary but a mistrial was declared when the jury could not reach a verdict. He was arrested shortly afterwards on the new count.

Seven drunk driving cases, two of which are third offense, are calendared for trial.

J. Richard Parker of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket. Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, said Monday afternoon that a judge had not been assigned.

Achievement Program Set

The annual Chowan County 4-H Achievement Program will be held on December 5 at the Center Hill Community Building at 7:30 P.M. This is the night county winners in projects will be announced and other special honors will be awarded.

The program this year will feature reports on out-of-state events. Carroll Perry, Bill Jordan, and Bob Jordan will report on their trip to Texas to attend the American Institute of Cooperation.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Parrish will tell about their trip to the Southeast Regional 4-H Leaders Conference at Eatonton, Georgia.

Bobby Dail will report on the Southeast Regional Engineering Conference at Richmond, Va.

The club with highest percentage of parents and 4-H'ers will be recognized.

The 4-H trophies for best all around 4-H girl and boy for 1977 will be awarded.

Academy Nets \$6,500

Last month's Halloween Carnival at the Chowan Academy in Rocky Hock netted the school \$6,500, the most ever made from the yearly affair.

"I want to thank everybody who worked at the carnival and those who visited," said Mrs. Nancy Perry, co-chairman.

A good part of the profits came from an auction, described by Mrs. Perry as "very successful. We appreciate the donations and the help we got with that."

She also thanked the many people that donated the food for sale and those who worked the booths and tables.

Canned and frozen goods, candies, cookies, cakes, and pies were sold, games were played, and a raffle was held.

The money will be used for needed equipment by the academy.

Tax Funds Received

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have received a total of \$71,260.23 from the third quarter distribution of sales and use tax collections from the 1 per cent local option tax.

The county received \$53,971.76 while the town's share amounted to \$17,308.47.

More than \$38-million was distributed throughout the state. The State Department of Revenue was paid some \$324,245 for collecting and distributing the money.

The amount distributed to other Albemarle Area counties was:

Camden, \$16,466.34; Currituck, \$44,867.57; Dare, \$330,817.32; Gates, \$18,002.75; Pasquotank, \$249,994.07; Perquimans, \$38,967.20; Tyrrell, \$15,210.53; and Washington, \$82,578.55.

Two Charged With Racing

Two Negroes have been charged with pre-arranged drag racing and three others with participating in the violation following an investigation Sunday afternoon by Sheriff Troy Toppin.

Sheriff Toppin identified the defendants as:

Joseph Columbo Privott, 22, Route 3, Edenton, and William Bond, 32, Route 1, Edenton, both charged with racing; and Thomas Coffield, 24, Route 1, Edenton, William Arthur Privott, 29, Route 1, Edenton; and Raleigh Percy Warren, 24, Route 3, Edenton, aiding and abetting.

The arrests took place at 4:30 P.M. November 13 on Cisco Road after Sheriff Toppin received a complaint about racing in the area.

Local Physicians On Committees

RALEIGH—The appointment of two Edenton physicians to membership on important public service committees of the State Medical Society has been announced by Dr. E. Harvey Estes, society president.

They are C. Clement Lucas and Edward G. Bond.

Dr. Lucas has been reappointed to the Committee on Communications and the Committee on Legislation. Dr. Bond has been appointed to the Committee on Legislation.

Net Collections

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during September amounted to \$25,362.87. Collections throughout the state exceeded \$12.9-million.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties were:

Camden, \$5,717.92; Currituck, \$15,189.92; Dare, \$123,648.04; Gates, \$5,945.86; Pasquotank, \$85,358.04; Perquimans, \$13,957.06; Tyrrell, \$5,398.21; and Washington, \$30,151.76.



CHOWAN QUEEN—A smiling Mary C. Overman of Edenton is crowned Chowan College's homecoming queen by Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker. The Braves defeated Hudson Valley of Troy, N.Y., 37-0 in a Coastal Conference football game at Murfreesboro. A sophomore, Mary is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School.

Christmas Concert Set

The Edenton Chorale Society will present its annual Christmas concert on December 4, at 4 P.M. at the Edenton Baptist Church.

The program consists of a variety of Christmas numbers. The stately, well-known Bach chorale "Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" and the brilliant Mozart "Gloria" are two Christmas favorites to be presented. The bright carols "Oh, How Joyfully!" and "He Is Born" (French carol "H Est Ne") will be

recognized as lively favorites.

With a monastical chanting sound are "Hodie Christmas Natus Est" and the familiar "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Several other numbers complete the program; some will be familiar, and some will be enjoyed as new additions to Christmas music.

The concert is open to all who wish to join in this musical celebration of the opening of the Christmas season.



REPORT FROM
U.S. Senator
JESSE ★★
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WASHINGTON—Years ago, I remember taking note of the regular reports from the late Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, whose distinguished son is now a member of the Senate—and one of my best friends. In fact, Senator Byrd, Jr., is my next door neighbor in the Russell Senate Office Building.

Harry's father, for years, released regular reports concerning the number of federal employees, and the growing federal debt. It was astonishing to see how both totals increased, month after month.

And it's still happening.

EMPLOYEES—At the end of October, the number of people on the federal payroll had increased by 52,401 since January of this year. That is equivalent to the population of a fair-sized city.

On January 1, 1977, there were 2,772,599 federal employees—not counting the military, nor the employees of Congress or the federal judiciary. At the end of October, the total had grown to 2,825,000.

The national debt as of late October was \$697,094,408,293.02. On the same day in 1976, it stood at \$637,011,887,108.85—an increase of more than \$60 billion in 12 months time.

I realize that those figures are so enormous that few citizens can comprehend them. But you may want to bear them in mind, because they are a direct cause of inflation.

PANAMA—In early November, one of the nation's leading authorities on U.S. constitutional law appeared before a Congressional subcommittee to comment on the constitutional aspects of the proposed Panama Canal treaties.

Frankly, I wondered beforehand what Dr. Raoul Berger of Harvard Law School would say. I had been informed that he looks with favor upon the giveaway of the Canal. I was immensely pleased, needless to say, to note that he emphatically supports the view that the United States cannot constitutionally ratify the proposed Panama treaties without the approval of both houses of Congress—the House of Representatives as well as the U.S. Senate.

President Carter's spokesmen have been claiming that only approval by the U.S. Senate is necessary. I am a party to a lawsuit, filed some weeks ago, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to affirm the position that Dr. Berger took in his testimony before the Separation of Powers Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary—that Senate approval alone would be unconstitutional.

Calling the treaties a Presidential power grab unique in history, Professor Berger said: "The Panama cession will constitute a landmark which, should the State Department prevail, will be cited down the years for 'concurrent jurisdiction' of the President in the disposition of United States property."



RECEIVES RECOGNITION—Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., president of College of The Albemarle, presents a plaque to Thomas W. Willis, director of the East Carolina University Regional Development Institute, in appreciation of the dedicated assistance which he gave to the college in preparing the application for a federal construction grant in the amount of \$1.6-million which was recently approved by the Economic Development Administration. Gerald F. White, board chairman, is in the foreground. (COA Photo)

Funds Project Is Announced

The Chowan Arts Council has launched a campaign to raise \$1,000 to match a state grant. Allan Asbell is the membership chairman.

The local council will receive a dollar of state aid for each dollar raised up to \$1,000. This is the first time the council has participated in this type program.

Asbell said while the council has participated in many local projects a variety of new endeavors will be undertaken if the funds drive is successful. They include a major musical comedy by Edenton Little Theater with the use of an orchestra; a major work by Edenton Choral Society, also using an orchestra; recitals, dance performances, arts and crafts for senior citizens; a baroque ensemble in concert; and an accessibility to the arts for all residents.

Membership range from \$6 for a single to \$100 for a business.