

Christmas Parade Begins At 3 P. M. This Thursday

Welcome, Sec. Lee

We want to welcome Sec. Howard N. Lee of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources & Community Development here for a meeting to discuss coastal affairs. Unlike most state officials he is no stranger along the Public Parade.

He visited here as a candidate for lieutenant governor. Now as a member of Gov. Jim Hunt's cabinet he is proving that his interest in our area of the state was not short lived.

Sec. Lee has become one of the busiest leaders in the Hunt Administration. He has chosen to mingle with our people, learn what our needs are, and hopefully develop programs which will be of great benefit.

Some of his colleagues in state government appear to be following suit. Sec. Tom Bradshaw of the Department of Transportation seized the opportunity to come for the dedication of U.S. 17 by-pass of Edenton.

Then just before the November 8 election the Hunt team could have held a mini-cabinet meeting here for Secs. Lee and Bradshaw were joined here by Sec. Phil Carlton of the Department of Crime Control.

This is a good sign, not only for our coastal area, but for state government. Too often those in positions of leadership and decision making have chosen to sit in Raleigh and tell us what we needed, not bothering to ask for our input.

So, Sec. Lee, we hope you enjoy your brief visit along the Public Parade and will continue to keep a ear tuned to the grass roots. That's the way we like it.

Guest Editorial

A lot of conversation has developed over "tentative" selections as a source of water for South Hampton Roads in Virginia. The Chowan River is among the list and those who oppose the withdrawal from this and other Tar Heel waters have some heavy weights on their side.

The Roanoke-Chowan Herald in Ahoskie had this editorial comment in an edition last week:

The hearing in Roanoke Rapids on Monday night has convinced us more than ever that the only acceptable alternative still under consideration for solving the long range water needs for southside Hampton Roads is withdrawal from Lake Genito on the Appomattax River in Amelia County Virginia southwest of Richmond. The other three alternatives are all in violation of both the laws of man and God.

As several speakers at the hearing pointed out any other alternative is borrowing water from one water basin to solve problems in another. As Governor Hunt's statement of state policy read at the hearing points out forcefully this is in violation of the common law doctrine of riparian rights for all downstream property owners on the Roanoke and Chowan rivers.

In addition to the legal problems involved there is a moral question about taking Roanoke or Chowan river water to supply future needs in the James River basin. As Mayor Sam Oakley of Weldon brought out, if God had wanted the Roanoke or Chowan to flow into the James, He'd have taken care of it without the help of man. The line was received with good humor but there's considerable food for thought in the Mayor's comment.

The proposals are all aimed at solving the Southside Hampton Roads water problems through the middle of the next century. Each has the stated purpose of withdrawing 70 million gallons of water per day. During the hearing process it has already been revealed to an unaware public that since World War II 48 million gallons per day has been being withdrawn from the head waters

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CHRISTMAS PARADE THURSDAY—Edenton's downtown Yuletide decorations are in place and awaiting their official lighting at the conclusion of the Christmas parade scheduled to move out from Coke Avenue at 3 P.M. on Thursday. The annual event will include about 38 units featuring Santa Claus in his season debut. School will let out at 1:30 P.M. and buses will operate on an early schedule. Sponsoring organizations are the Edenton Jaycees and the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Shown above are Bill Blackwell, Jaycee parade chairman, left, and Bob Moore, chamber executive director. Blackwell reported that floats and marching units from civic clubs, scout groups, and representatives of the various organizations in Edenton-Chowan Schools and Chowan Academy will highlight the parade.

Felton Most Valuable Player

"Moose" Morris, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes addressed a near capacity crowd out to honor outstanding athletes from Holmes High School during the Fall Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the Edenton Aces Athletic Association, Tuesday night. The banquet was held at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

John Felton, Edenton Aces All-Conference senior quarterback was recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award, presented by head coach Jimmy Addison. He noted that aside from Felton's impressive passing record, he amassed a total of 1,470 yards rushing and scored three times. In addition, Felton was unanimously selected for the All-Conference designation.

Michael White was named Outstanding Offensive Back with Robert Brown earning the Most

Outstanding Offensive Lineman award. Outstanding Defensive Back went to Kelly White and Allen Bunch received a trophy as Outstanding Defensive Lineman.

Richard Taylor was recognized as the Most Improved Player on the Aces squad and Kenny White was presented the Sportsmanship Award. David Dail was recipient of the Most Inspirational Player trophy.

Coach Addison cited senior leadership and team determination in building their successful season. He also remarked that the past season was the fastest he had ever coached.

In the Aces' Girls Tennis awards Lee Cheers was named their Most Valuable Player. Wanda Bunch received the Most Improved Player Award and Katherine Harless received the Sportsmanship Award. The presentations were made by coach Linda

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ATHLETES HONORED—Nine members of the Edenton Aces football squad were honored for their outstanding participation during the Fall Sports Awards Banquet, Tuesday night. From the left, first row, they are: John Felton, Most Valuable Player; Richard Taylor, Most Improved Player; Kelly White, Outstanding Defensive Back; Allen Bunch, Outstanding Defensive Lineman; Michael White, Outstanding Offensive Back; and William Bonner, recipient of an appreciation award for his dedication as team trainer. Second row: Robert Brown, Outstanding Offensive Lineman; Donald Rankins; Kenneth Harris, Sportsmanship Award; and David Dail, Most Inspirational Player.

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Legal Actions Are Urged Against River Withdrawal

Local efforts to prohibit withdrawal of water from the Chowan and Roanoke rivers to serve Tidewater Virginia have resulted in strong stands being taken by the State of North Carolina and two congressmen.

The Edenton Chamber of Commerce, along with the Town of Edenton and Chowan County commissioners, passed a resolution which was presented at a public hearing November 21 in Roanoke Rapids.

In a letter to W.L. Norvell, chamber president, Rep. Walter B. Jones emphasized the fact that he "shall oppose this withdrawal at all levels including Congressional authorization." Rep. Jones also voiced his opposition at the hearing.

Rep. L. H. Fountain wrote Norvell of his concern, also saying he had expressed his opposition at the hearing. Then he added: "Count on me to do all I can."

The Chowan River is included in a list of four tentative selections

Peanut Assoc.

Provides NCSU

Research Funds

Tar Heel peanut growers are giving strong support to research and educational work at N.C. State University that could help them with such persistent and costly problems as spider mites, leafspot and late season weeds.

These are three of the five NCSU peanut projects receiving support from grower self-assessment funds through the N.C. Peanut Growers Association. Other projects include an extension seed quality study and a maturity analysis research project.

Funds allocated by the grower association for support of the five

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Career Center Concept Discussed By Board

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has agreed to pursuing a joint meeting with boards and superintendents in Gates and Perquimans counties to open discussions on the feasibility of establishing a three county career center as a means of providing more specialized education as well as expanding on curriculum offerings offered in those area schools. The board arrived at the decision during a special meeting held last Tuesday night.

The idea of a tri-county "specialty and vocational facility" was generated by the Winston Salem-Forsyth County Career Center following a tour of the facility by several board members and educators from Chowan County. Their center provides vocational and extended academic courses to junior and senior high school students, supplementing the high school programs.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, emphasized however, that discussions concerning the career center would not affect current plans toward a consolidated community high school and reorganization of the schools.

From the discussion came the concept of a centrally located facility with participating schools being within a 15-mile radius or about 30 minutes traveling time by bus for the students. Staffed by

considered the "most promising" in meeting the water supply needs of the South Hampton Roads area.

In a statement read to the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Gov. Jim Hunt went so far as to urge "all North Carolina riparian owners along the Roanoke and Chowan rivers to join us in bringing legal action in the event an attempt is

made to implement any of these alternatives."

He said withdrawal from Tar Heel rivers would only act to "increase wastewater treatment costs for our citizens, damage commercial and recreational fishing and disrupt ecological systems already in delicate balance."

Student Injured In Mishap

Thelma Blount, a 16-year-old Holmes High School student, was reported to be "sore but doing well" at Chowan Hospital following being struck by a school bus Tuesday morning in the bus loading area.

Investigating officer Michael Morris of Edenton Police Department said examinations showed some displacement of "the pubic bone cartilage and contusions and abrasions of the right pelvic area."

According to reports the accident took place around 8:15 A.M.

when Miss Blount crossed in front of the bus and paused to pick up a dropped book. Thinking the way was clear, bus driver Charles Littlejohn, 17, was proceeding slowly when he felt a bump.

Miss Blount reportedly tried to roll aside but was caught at the hip by an axle tie rod and was dragged about six feet beneath the bus.

No charges were filed in the incident.

Miss Blount was taken to Chowan Hospital by the rescue squad where she remained overnight for observation.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT—The Edenton Choral Society is shown above in rehearsal for their annual Christmas concert this Sunday at the Edenton Baptist Church. The performance will begin at 4 P.M. under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother. Hugh Dial will be organist.

Sec. Lee Sets Edenton Visit

about 25 teachers, class sessions would be offered in morning and afternoon blocks of three hours. All pre-vocational and one hour classes would continue to be handled by the regular high

schools. The "magnet" facility would serve approximately 550 students per day.

Ken Stalls, three county director of Vocational Education, said such

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Community Leaders From 12

Northeastern North Carolina counties will gather here tonight (Thursday) to discuss coastal affairs with Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development. The public meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. in Chowan County Courthouse.

This is one of two meetings the cabinet member has called to give him the opportunity to learn about community affairs at the grass roots level. Sec. Lee said specifically he wanted to personally discuss the state's Coastal Management Program.

Tuesday and Wednesday he attended the meeting of the Coastal Resources Commission in Jacksonville. He is attempting to set an early date for Gov. Jim Hunt and his cabinet secretaries to meet with the commission and Advisory Council executive board to discuss the state agencies' responsibilities in the coordinated

coastal management effort.

This is the second round of meetings Sec. Lee has had in the field. Earlier in the year he spent considerable time traveling through the coastal region talking with fishermen.



Sec. Howard N. Lee