

happy new year

Public Parade

Move Into 1978

You are holding in your hand the 677th edition of The Chowan Herald we have been responsible for publishing. Although we aren't much for resolutions we do want to resolve to continue to publish a family newspaper along the Public Parade of equal quality to the community.

At times it appears to be difficult to keep up. Like every other business, or our way of life, we have to run like the devil just to keep pace. This in no means is because our love for the Albemarle Area and its people is on the wane. Such will never happen!

Last Wednesday night those who attended the Albemarle Area Development Association's 16th annual banquet must have been impressed, as we were, at the address of Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of the House of Representatives.

Without pencil or note he spouted out history, statistics, and challenges which are food for thought for even the faint hearted. He lauded the past, marveled at the present, and put forth challenges for the future.

We were fortunate to head the AADA for 27 months; are well aware of many of the area's needs; but take comfort in the leadership which abounds here. The Albemarle is up to the task of a well planned, developed future. To some, like Speaker Stewart, it is difficult to put a finger on what we have going for us because they come from an area of accelerated development.

As he noted, whatever North Carolina is, its beginnings are here. And it behooves us all to see that the future is likewise set in concrete, not quicksand, for we are the last frontier of Tar Heelia.

We want to contribute to the solution, not be a part of the problem.

Not Yet, Joe

We read in our least favorite morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade where Joe Hollowell of Edenton is receiving strong encouragement to attempt to unseat veteran Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

About the same time we received a letter from a Hollowell supporter in Wilson. It appears elsewhere in today's newspaper.

Joe Hollowell is a young man on the move. In fact, sometimes he moves too fast, which in our opinion is the case now. He is just off a highly successful year as president of the N.C. Jaycees, which gave him a lot of exposure throughout Tar Heelia.

Nevertheless, we don't think the voters in the 21-county First Congressional District are in a mind to turn their representation on Capitol Hill over to the Jaycees.

Plug Up Dam

U. S. Sen. Robert Morgan has introduced legislation which would end the Social Security exemption congressmen and Capitol Hill employees now have. The Tar Heel legislator said "the people do not understand why we have chosen to exempt ourselves. And for that matter, neither do I."

Senator, neither do most people are aware of the fact. That was a sensible question you asked when you said: "How can we tell the people that they must take part in a program while those who set its policies and those who administer it do not?"

If the legislation is like most which might cause lawmakers to eat their own soup, it will become so watered down by the time it lingers on Capitol Hill so even Sen. Continued on Page 4

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INDUSTRY HONORED — C.B. Smith, center, represented Seabrook Blanching Corporation at the December 21 banquet of Albemarle Area Development where the first among 10 from the area to be recognized. With him are Ed Brown, left, chairman of AADA's Industry Committee, and N.J. George, chairman, Chowan County commissioners.



GREET SPEAKER — Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of Gastonia, right, exchanges greetings with Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., left, and J. Clarence Leary, Jr., at the AADA banquet. Dr. Lucas arranged Stewart's visit and Leary is chairman of Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee.

Health Care Hearing Slated

HERTFORD — Hundreds of people interested in increasing medical manpower in six Northeastern North Carolina counties are expected to crowd into Perquimans County High School Auditorium here January 5 for a public hearing. The hearing has been called by the Project Review Committee of the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency.

The subject of this hearing, which begins at 7 P.M. and is limited to two and one-half hours, is a proposal by Northeastern Rural Health Development Association (NRHDA) to establish a primary care project in Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties. Three of the counties — Gates, Perquimans and Tyrrell — at this time do not have physicians.

NRHDA has made application for a \$220,000 Health Underserved Rural Area Grant, available to non-profit groups, to establish three satellite clinics in the service area.

In a special notice of the meeting being published this week, it is stated that written testimony will be accepted by the committee and made a part of the official record of the meeting. Persons wishing to officially be scheduled to present information should call or write the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency by 4:30 P.M., January 4, at P.O. Box 7306, Greenville, N.C. 27834, phone, 758-1372.

Physicians and pharmacists in the area opposed the project at a December 1 meeting of the Project Review Committee meeting in Greenville. They contended that the plan was hastily drawn, ill-conceived, and would lead to duplication, competition and waste.

The public hearing had earlier been set for Greenville. However, T.B.H. Wood, of Edenton, president of the association, pointed out to Mrs. Ruth Cherry, committee chairman, in a recent letter that such a meeting would not be legal since it would be in violation of the committee's established policy of holding such hearings within the general area of the project in question.

The association was formed under the guidance of Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., a family practice physician in Edenton, and Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr., an Edenton dentist. Dr. Lucas has recently opened Albemarle Family Practice, Ltd., at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Highway 37 in Perquimans County.

NRHDA's objective is to promote primary health care services to the underserved area of the Albemarle region. Each of the six counties to be served is represented on the 20-member board, and all members are consumers.

Centers are proposed in the general location of Columbia, northern Perquimans-southern Gates and Midway in Bertie County. Medical and dental services would be provided in each center and the clinics would not dispense drugs.

Wood said all would be coordinated with existing health care facilities with no duplication. A close relationship would be maintained with local health departments. The centers would provide 24-hour coverage, by specialists in all phases of health care.

"This is a new concept of the delivery of health care in our region and certainly there are those who would question it," Wood stated. "NRHDA is a consumer composed group that is people oriented and with nothing to gain, save a feeling of accomplishment in this vital area."

"No local money will be required to set up the centers and all fees will come to the board to operate them," he concluded.



PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED — Wayne Ashley of Hertford, right, newly elected AADA president, is congratulated by Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of the N.C. House of Representatives at the 16th annual banquet of the association. In the background are Sen. Melvin E. Daniels, Jr., and Rep. Vernon James, both of Pasquotank County.

Ashley President Of AADA

A young banking executive became president of the 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association December 21 and a dynamo in the N.C. General Assembly urged area citizens not to rely too heavily on the past.

Also, communities throughout the area were honored for their

Mr. Copeland, 56

Elbert Hunter Copeland, 56, 140 Morris Circle, died at 12:06 A.M. Sunday in Chowan Hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Chowan County, he was the son of the late Xenophon E. and Alethia Bembyr Copeland and the husband of Mrs. Louise Rush Copeland.

He was the office manager for the Chowan Veneer Co., a member of the Edenton Baptist Church and a WW II Army veteran.

Surviving besides his wife are one daughter, Miss Janet L. Copeland of the home; one son, David Alan Copeland of Edenton; one sister, Miss Mary Lee Copeland of Edenton; three brothers: Wendell Hope Copeland of Edenton; Clyde Xenophon Copeland of Jackson, Miss.; and Hugh Bland Copeland of Ahsokie; and one step-grandson.

Funeral services were held at the graveside Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Dr. Robert E. Gray officiating.

Pallbearers were Leo LaVoie, Johnny Oliver, E.N. (Pete) Manning, E.L. Hollowell, James Darnell and W.C. Skinner. Continued on Page 4

development activities and 10 industries and businesses were cited for their contribution to the area.

Wayne Ashley of Hertford, an executive with Bank of North Carolina, N.A., and who is a native of Chowan County, was unanimously elected AADA president. He succeeds R.L. Stevenson, also of Hertford, who is with Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

James C. (Pete) Dail of Edenton was named western regional vice president; Larry Davenport of Washington County, southern region; and Charles Evans of Nags Head, eastern region. Mrs. Glorius Elliott was re-elected secretary.

Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of Gastonia, speaker of the State House of Representatives who was introduced by Rep. Vernon James Continued on Page 4

Flag Stolen Again

A second American flag has been stolen from the Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, of the American Legion. Commander George Stokes reported Wednesday morning that a \$100 reward is being offered for citizen participation in the arrest of the guilty party.

About two months ago an American flag was stolen from the pole at the post home on West Queen Street Extended.

Any person who has knowledge of either of these thefts are asked to contact Sheriff Troy Toppin.

Townships List Taxes In Edenton

All property, both real and personal, must be listed for the purpose of taxation during the month of January. This year residents of Fourth Township, including Cape Colony, will list in the County Office Building.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax supervisor, said he was unable to obtain a lister or a suitable location for listing in Fourth Township, but felt it would not be a burden on property owners to list in Edenton.

People have through February 3 to list without penalty. After the deadline a 10 per cent penalty will be applied for failure to list.

Six listers will be available at the tax office to handle First Township, Arrowhead Beach and Chowan Beach as well as Fourth Township. They are: Pattie S. Byrum, Myrtle W. Hare, Gail M. Forehand, Jean B. Perry, Norma B. White and Sadie H. Hoskins.

The office will be open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, and 8 A.M. until 12-noon on Saturdays.

Wayne Bunch is the lister in Second Township. He will be at the Rocky Hock Rescue Squad Building each Monday and Thursday nights from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. He will be at Cross Roads Fire Department on January 10 and 11 as well as January 24 and 25 and at the rescue squad building on January 17; and February 3, from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M.

T. D. Berryman, lister in Third Township will be at Ryland Store on January 5, and 19; L.C. Briggs' Store on January 7, 14, 21 and 28; at Byrum's Service Center on January 12 and 26 and at home February 3, from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M.

Filing To Open

Candidates who wish to run in the primaries and election on May 2, 1978, can begin filing at 12-noon Monday. This will be a legal holiday but there will be someone from the Chowan County Board of Elections available if anyone desires to file on the first day.

The deadline to file is 12-noon on February 6.

A person has to be at least 21 years of age to seek public office.

Chowan County offices to be voted on in the primaries are sheriff, clerk of court, and county commissioners from First, Second and Fourth townships.

Two seats on the non-partisan Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will be on the ballot. They are from the First and Continued on Page 4



UNIQUE VIEW OF SWAIN SCHOOL — Within the next two weeks construction of the Chowan County courthouse-jail complex will get underway on this downtown site. From the floor of Peoples Bank & Trust Company one can get this unique view of Ernest A. Swain Elementary School since the block has been cleared of all buildings. Trees on the site are to remain.