

Mrs. Vaughan First Woman DSA Winner

Falling Behind

Chowan County reached only 80.5 per cent of its Savings Bond goal in 1977. This represents one of the poorest years in recent history for the program along the Public Parade.

While investors here were finding other places for their money, Tar Heels generally were purchasing the federal bonds at a record-breaking peacetime clip.

Savings Bonds are one of the many good things about America, and one of the best ways for Americans to save money.

1977 was not a good year for the program along the Public Parade but this could again become Savings Bond country in the months ahead.

Closing The Gap

All things being equal there would have been more speakers on the program than spectators in the audience at festivities Monday morning formally "turning the earth" to begin construction of a new courthouse and detention facility along the Public Parade.

The project has not been without controversy. It was evident that those who might disagree with Chowan County commissioners over their priorities didn't let the sub-freezing weather keep them away.

We are speaking of the strong supporters of education. Two members of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, along with Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, were among those in attendance.

The commissioners waited six years for their day with regards to their top priority item. The school board may have to wait just as long, but if they get their act together, like the commissioners, they will be ready to fry the fat while the skillet is hot.

The best prospect for improved educational facilities along the Public Parade was nearly 12 months ago. It was at the February meeting of commissioners that announcement was made of a \$1.8-million federal grant for the courthouse-detention facility project.

The sanitary land-fill is highly successful, primarily due to a two-county arrangement. The county-wide water system is equally as successful and has, or will have, innerconnections with neighboring Gates and Perquimans counties as well as the Town of Edenton.

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PROUD DSA WINNER — Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan, the first woman in North Carolina and probably the nation to win the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Jaycees, proudly displays the award to, from left, Fred Morrison of Raleigh; Morris Small, Jr., local Jaycee president; and Mayor Roy L. Harrell.



HAPPY COUPLE — Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan clutches the DSA plaque presented to her last Thursday night by Edenton Jaycees in recognition of her volunteer service in the community. Pictured with her is her husband, Roland.

A young Edenton housewife and community leader last Thursday joined the ladies who held a tea party here more than two centuries ago in making history. Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan became the first woman in North Carolina, and probably in the nation, to receive the coveted Distinguished Service Award presented by the Jaycees.

Edenton Jaycees started the DSA program in 1954 and since that time the honor has been presented to men in recognition of their unselfish service to the community.

Therefore, the audience was as surprised as the recipient when the announcement was made by Mayor Roy L. Harrell at the banquet held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

"This is wonderful," was Mrs. Vaughan's expression as she accepted the prized award.

Mayor Harrell cited her many accomplishments in community, education, social and church activities. She was co-chairman of the second annual Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival in 1977, is president of the D.F. Walker School PTA, and the instigator of the Parent Volunteer Reading Program in the public schools.

The wife of Roland H. Vaughan, Jr., Queen Anne's Place, she is the mother of two young children. The Vaughans are active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Fred Morrison of Raleigh, former N.C. Jaycee president and counsel to Gov. Robert Scott, was the keynote speaker. He called the DSA one of the most outstanding awards given by any organization in recognition of service above self.

"It is a citation for those who have served humanity," he declared.

He lauded Jaycees in general

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Racing Draws Active Terms, Confiscation

Two local Negroes were given active prison sentences and a 1970 Plymouth confiscated Tuesday afternoon in Chowan County Superior Court.

Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro gave William Bond and Joseph Columbo Privott eight-month terms after they entered pleas of guilty to pre-arranged racing. Bond's car was confiscated but Privott was driving his sister's car and no order was issued in that case.

Bond and Privott were among five people arrested by Sheriff Troy Toppin on November 13 after he observed racing on a rural paved road in the Cisco area of the county.

The other three defendants also entered pleas. Two—Arthur William Privott and Raleigh Percy Warren—were given eight months, suspended and placed on probation for three years upon

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Courthouse Nearer Reality



SIGNAL START OF CONSTRUCTION — Chowan County commissioners put on hard hats Monday morning at the conclusion of a ceremony which officially launched the beginning of the courthouse-detention facility project on North Broad Street. Left to right are: Alton G. Elmore, C.A. Phillips, Chairman N.J. George; Lester Copeland and J.D. Peele.

The need for a new courthouse and detention facility for Chowan County had been the topic of conversation for more than two decades. Six years ago the commissioners bit the bullet and began diligently to pull it off.

They got their due Monday morning as speaker after speaker stood before some 100 shivering souls at the official ground-breaking for the project on North Broad Street.

The audience huddled under funeral tents as "A Dream Takes Shape" was traced, under the direction of N.J. George, chairman.

Resident Superior Court Judge Herbert Small of Elizabeth City took pride in being the only "outsider" asked to appear on the program and lauded local leaders for moving ahead with the project at a time when everyone seems to have their own list of priorities.

He noted that the present courthouse was built in 1767 and nine years later Joseph Hewes was among those who signed the Declaration of Independence. "And the courthouse preserves the equality of mankind in this nation," he declared.

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Short Course Delegate Picked

Bankers in North Carolina are continuing their award-winning service to agriculture through the sponsorship for the 26th year the annual two-week short course in modern farming at N.C. State University, set for January 30 - February 10.

Scholarships for 2,729 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have been provided by the hometown banks of this state since the Short Course began in 1953.

This week, the County Key Banker for Chowan County, W.L. Robertson, announced that banks in this area will send young farmers to Raleigh for the Short Course. All expenses will be paid

by the banks.

Attending the short course from this county will be Lee Sundstrom.

An enrollment of around 115 is expected for the 1978 Short Course. While in Raleigh these young farmers from all sections of North Carolina will learn to recognize and evaluate technology in a changing agri-business environment. The program covers broad areas of interest to agricultural leaders and specific commodity information.

Robertson was appointed County Key Banker by John A. Forlines of Granite Falls, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. Robertson is City Executive Officer of Bank of North Carolina, N.A. in Edenton.

Jury: No Work

Eighteen members of the Chowan County Grand Jury had their shortest day in court Monday. They had no work to do.

Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro selected W.T. Elliott, Jr., Route 2, Edenton, as foreman after he and eight other new members joined the panel.

They were then sworn in by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk.

When Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Parker said he had no bills of indictment to send to the panel, Judge Fountain dismissed them for the term.

Mrs. Leary said it was the first time to her knowledge that such had occurred in Chowan County.

While the grand jury has broad investigative power, in recent years the panel's work has only included passing on bills of indictment sent up by the District Attorney's office.

In addition to Elliott, those new members drawn to serve are: Stanley E. Roman, Nettie Hardy, Willie Mae Stallings, John Haywood Smith, Robert Lee Ricks, Priscilla W. Lewis, Grover Cleveland Williams and Sarah West.

Booster Club Meeting

The Booster Club at John A. Holmes High School will meet at 8 P.M. Tuesday. The meeting will be held in the library at the school.

As many members as possible are urged to attend as plans will be discussed for the spring sports award program.



BRAVE COLD — Chairman N.J. George of Chowan County commissioners, standing center-right, and other speakers at Monday's ceremony face some 100 local and area citizens who turned out in sub-freezing weather for the event. The commissioners had waited some six years for the occasion.

Elizabeth Stevens Second Alternate

CHAPEL HILL — Elizabeth Stevens of Edenton has been named second alternate in District I in competition for 1978 Morehead Awards to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Selection of the finalists — six nominees and two alternates — was based on academic achievement, and potential evidence of leadership and service, character and physical vigor.

Miss Stevens, a student at John A. Holmes High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Stevens, Morgan Park.

Jones Enters Race For Post

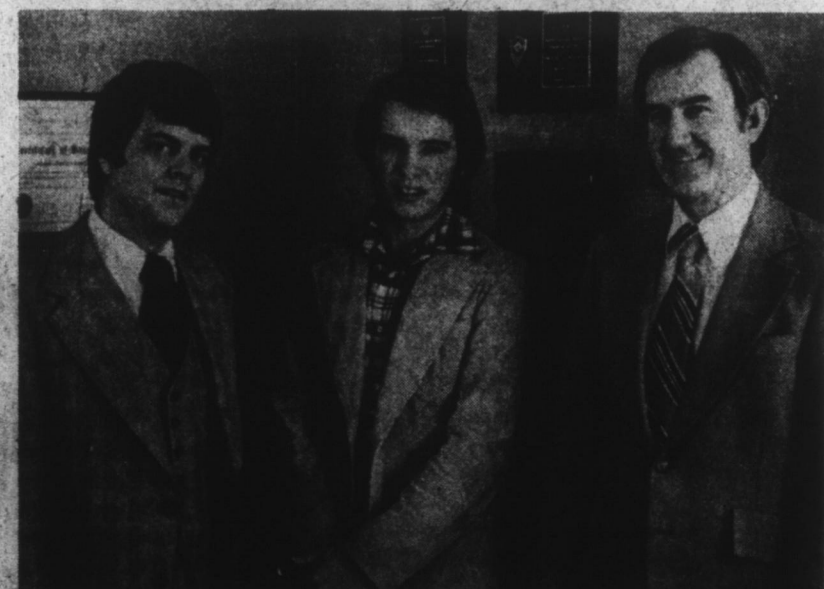
A race developed for the Chowan County commissioners' First Township seat with Monday's announcement by George E. Jones, Morgan Park, of his filing as a candidate in the May 2 primary. He will be seeking to unseat Chairman N.J. George, resulting in the second contest to develop for seats on the board.

The deadline to file with Chowan County Board of Election to run in the election is 12-noun Monday.

Former Chairman C.A. Phillips of the Fourth Township is being challenged by another political newcomer, Mrs. Lueta Sellers, while J.D. Peele runs unopposed for his second term as



George E. Jones



OFF TO SHORT COURSE — The two banks in Edenton are sponsoring Lee Sundstrom at the two-week short course in modern farming at N.C. State University. Left to right are: W.L. Robertson of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., Sundstrom, and Vann Johnson of Peoples Bank & Trust Company.