



BEST BOOTH—Of the many attractive booths on exhibit at Chowan County Agricultural Fair this week, the entry of Edenton-Chowan Alternative School was judged the Grand Champion. "Deal Yourself a Winning Hand in The Game of Life" and "Don't Gamble On An Education" are themes for the attractive booth. Pictured with the prize winner are E.C. Toppin and W.A. Perry, fair and American Legion officials.

Gordon Sentenced

William Henry Gordon, 47-year-old Tyner Negro, was given an active sentence of not more than four years after pleading guilty to manslaughter and second offense of drunk driving Monday in Chowan County Superior Court.

State Trooper M.J. McArthur testified about the August 5 investigation of an accident near Cisco which resulted in the death of Earl Booker Privott.

Sheriff Troy Toppin arrested Gordon after a short chase a short time after the incident.

Hit and run, reckless driving, and speeding charges were dismissed by Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts.

Judge Herbert Small, viewing Gordon's record, recommended work release.

In action Tuesday morning, Judge Small sentenced Johnny Bowling to from two to three years on a charge of obtaining drugs on a forged prescription. In a companion case, Cheryl Lee Gentry was sentenced to four years, suspended and placed on probation for four years upon payment of \$1,500 fine and costs. Miss Gentry admitted taking blank prescription forms from the office of Dr. Clement Lucas and writing three for Bowling, in the name of Hubert Freeman.

Dist. Atty. Watts asked for continuance of cases involving insurance law violation and other counts against Clarence L. Badham, George Raymond Rowsom, Joseph Earl Dixon and Wilbur Lawrence Allio. He said the cases would be transferred to Perquimans County for trial with other cases next month.

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Patrons Sought

The Edenton Little Theatre group is beginning a new season with its annual patron membership drive. This year the group plans to have 2 productions.

The first is to be presented Nov. 26-27. "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown", will be directed by Hugh Dial, who is the new drama teacher at John A. Holmes High School. Tryouts will be held Tuesday, at 7:30 P.M. and Wednesday at 3 P.M. in Holmes Auditorium. All interested persons are asked to attend.

The second play will be presented sometime in the spring. Ross Inglis has agreed to do the directing, and has hinted at an old-fashioned melodrama.

Last year's group had a successful year due to lots of encouragement and participation from our audiences.

Ingram Visit Set

Mrs. John Ingram, whose husband is the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, will be the guest of Chowan County Democratic Women at a luncheon today (Thursday) at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. The event begins at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Ingram will appear on behalf of her husband, who is North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner.

Those seeking to attend immediately call Mrs. Lane Kinion, Mrs. Edward G. Bond, or J. Clarence Leary, Jr., for reservations.

Board Of Education Still Firm On Reorganization

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in special session Tuesday night to reaffirm a commitment to reorganize schools within the system. The meeting was just one week after a \$3.5-million bond referendum was defeated, thus squashing plans for consolidation through a new high school.

Board members unanimously backed a proposal by Chairman Eugene Jordan to appoint a committee to work with the administration to reorganize the schools "fashioned after what we have to work with."

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn and Thomas Paul Griffin, along with Jordan, will serve on the committee. However, the chairman said every member of the board will be asked to become deeply involved as the process moves forward.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., who heads the Concerned Citizens Committee for Better Education, pledged the continued support of the committee "until this thing is brought to a successful conclusion."

"We shall not desert," Leary promised. In his brief remarks, Leary noted the absence of those who opposed the bond referendum.

Mrs. Mary Nixon, a staff member, told the board: "Thank you for your

honest concern for the children of Edenton and Chowan County." And Joe Hollowell added: "Our committee has a vested interest in what you are doing."

Jordan thanked Leary and members of the committee for "a real fine effort" and said "so many more people are now aware of our needs."

Supt. John Dunn expressed pleasure in the way the story was told. Mrs. Amburn said the board made a commitment in May to follow a certain plan and she didn't think it could be accomplished without doing something permanent — like adding classrooms.

Gil Burroughs, a teacher-coach in the system, expressed the opinion that any reorganization plan would not be successful if it is not structured at the teacher-student level. He made other suggestions which Jordan said would definitely be considered by the board in the weeks ahead.

Another teacher, Mrs. Shelby Strother, said the faculty is interested in the time frame within which the school board will be working. Jordan said this information will be "forthcoming very, very soon."



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Public Parade

Getting Around

Earlier this month Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., meandered along the Public Parade and across the Albemarle Sound in Washington County. Earlier in the day he tended to business in his office and held a press conference.

One would think that to be a pretty busy day.

But look at his schedule for tomorrow (Friday):

9 A.M. Conference on Raising a New Generation, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

11:15 A.M. Appalachian State University — Dedication of Winkler Building in Boone.

2 P.M. Speak — Inauguration of Dr. H. Douglas Covington as Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

4 P.M. Final Reports to Governor from Conference on Raising a new Generation, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

7 P.M. Speak, N.C. Wildlife Federation's Conservation Awards Banquet, Hilton Inn, Raleigh.

Such a schedule may very well kill our governor, while lessening the grocery bill at the Executive Mansion.

Still On Course

Voters in Chowan County defeated the \$3.5-million school bond referendum last week and at the same time expressed their opinion on how schools along the Public Parade will be structured in the near future.

While obviously shaken by the size of the "no" vote, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education isn't letting it alter their course of

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PEANUT HARVEST UNDERWAY—Peanut combines are very much in evidence now throughout Chowan County. R.M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman, Friday visited a field being harvested by Sherlon Layton and found the peanuts to be well above the average. Insert shows some of the matured peanuts. Dry weather has hampered much of the crop but in certain areas Thompson believes good quality and yield will be experienced.



White To Head NRHDA

Frank White has been elected president of the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association. He succeeds T.B.H. Wood, who asked not to be considered for re-election.

At a meeting in Perquimans County Courthouse Monday night, three other officers were re-elected. They are: Robert E. Lee, vice president; Mrs. Fran Voliva, secretary; and Ollin B. Sykes, treasurer.

White, speaking for the board of directors, thanked Wood for what he did during the first year of NRHDA. Later Woods said it could not have been done without the determination of Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., and Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr. He described the physician and dentist as "two dedicated people going out to do something that we needed."

Andrew Miller attended his first board meeting as executive director. He joined the association in mid-September, coming here from West Virginia.

Dr. Hines reported that everything is set to begin dental operations in Columbia by January 1, 1979. He said some delay is being experienced in receiving equipment from suppliers.

NHRDA has a \$200,000 federal grant to establish health services in portions of Chowan, Bertie, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties. The association is contracting to Albemarle Family Health Services and has employed a health educator-patient advocate.

Jurist To Speak

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright of Greensboro will be guest speaker at the Eighth Annual Appreciation Banquet for Law Enforcement Officers here. Sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, the event is set for October 19.

Tickets for the banquet can be obtained at the Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

County Manager Eddie Dick will introduce the speaker and Sheriff Troy Toppin will recognize law enforcement departments represented. Commander Carl Freese will preside.

The recognition of the recipient of this year's award will be made by E.C. Toppin, past vice commander.

Past recipients are: R.E. Evans, N.C. Wildlife Commission; Capt. C.H. Williams, Edenton Police Department; W.E. Godley, Jr., State Bureau of Investigation; W.G. Mizelle, Edenton Police Department; Sheriff Toppin; and Robert Hendrix, juvenile probation officer.

Get Ready For Festival

"Pea Pickin's" will be plentiful at next week's Third Annual Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival, boasts Mrs. Linda Keel, chairman for the Band Parents Association event. A full round of activities are planned for all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon of next week.

Distribution of a 68-page souvenir program began this week. Designed and compiled by Mrs. Debbie Boyle, Mrs. Carol Sick and Mrs. Laney Layton, the program was printed by The Chowan Herald, Inc.

In addition to many interesting

Voter Deadline

The last day to register to vote in the November 7 general election or transfer in case you have moved recently is 5 P.M. October 9. Mrs. Corrine F. Thorud, supervisor of elections, said the books will close at that time.

Those who will be out of town on election day may apply at the Board of Election office for an absentee ballot prior to 5 P.M. on November 1.

Registration hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the election office on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building. At other times people can register with Mrs. Myrtle Hare in the Tax Office, or with any of the registrars or judges in your precinct or with any member of the Board of Election.

facts about the festival in particular, and the "ground pea" in general, the program carries many pages of advertisements from local and area businesses who support the Band Parents in this fund-raiser.

The Goober Gazette is incorporated in this year's souvenir program, edited by Pete Peanut. The following is borrowed from an editorial under the head, "Peanut Parade":

Organizing such a large fund-raising event as the Peanut Festival requires the unselfish efforts of many individuals, club and businesses, with contributions of time as well as dollars and cents. These efforts and the money they raise for our bands do not amount to mere "peanuts", if you will excuse the pun.

The 1977 Peanut Festival received gross proceeds of over \$12,000 which, after expenses, were put into the Edenton-Chowan Band Program. The youth bands are an important part of community education and enrichment.

A benefit of equal importance brought by the Peanut Festival is the opportunity for recreation — for the sheer enjoyment of observing and participating in the traditional American activities of this event. We, like all the world, love a parade and a holiday atmosphere, and fun and games, especially when the event is uniquely your own.

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