

It was about 8:30 A.M. Sunday. The telephone rang, We had been at work so long we thought it was the top sergeant reminding us to come home for lunch.

What it was, as Andy Griffith would say, was Steve Stevenson of Hertford. When he identified himself we thought what always comes to mind when a banker rings — overdrawn or a note past due.

Since we have never "hung paper" at Peoples Bank in Hertford, let alone have garnered sufficient cash to have more than one bank account, we listened with interest at Steve's proposition.

Seems that some quarter of a century ago the forerunner to Peoples Bank in Hertford and Winslow Oil Company sponsored an annual fishing trip to the Outer Banks. One of the 12 participants had to cancel out this year because of a serious illness in the family.

The bed, board and boat was paid, and like any good banker Steve didn't want to forfeit anything. He felt it was just the right tonic for the day before's father of the bride.

We accepted and had a ball!
Julian E. Winslow, Jr., was on
the reception committee and was
fully entrenched in the dugout
upon our arrival.

Also on hand was Tillman Cooley of Jackson, a Peoples' man we were acquainted with through telephone bills and correspondence generated by the disc jockey in our family.

Walter Harlow of Bank of North Carolina, N.C., was just beginning to recover from a severe case of Hatteras "fever" and stopped over enroute to Hobbsville, where he can sometimes be found.

Later in the evening in came Buster Bell of Raleigh, retired from Branch Bank & Trust Company and a former co-worker with John Campbell, whose wife now resides in Edenton.

J. Mac Duff, First Union's man over on the Isle of Pasquotank, and Bill Gaither of Atlantic Credit who is headquartered thereabouts, joined Leigh Ballance of Rocky Mount and Mike Patterson of Wilson, both with Peoples Bank, to round out the money bags in attendance.

Tony Hornthal, an attorney, appeared as out of place as us. We later found out why he was invited. (To rule on close plays at the House of Cards and be a credible witness in a wager between Duff and Gaither. Seems like bankers don't even trust each other.

Thomas Johnson of Albemarle Chemical Company in the "Land of Beautiful Women" came in from Yankee Stadium. He admitted that petty cash was pretty well depleted so he found the couch more comfortable than the hot seat in which most of us found ourselves.

There was a lot of talk about

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STATE DIRECTOR IN CHOWAN—Robert Ward, second from right, state director of Social Services, and other members of his staff are shown with Mrs. Hazel Elliott, second from left, director of the local department. At left is Ted Linford, director of the Eastern Regional office in Greenville with Lillian Gaskill, an assistant state director, at right.

### Foster Children Get Emphasis

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Robert Ward said here last Thursday that when the courts put a child in the charge of DSS then the state automatically becomes a "second parent", in a sense. To place the child in a foster home and forget him, in Ward's opinion, would be gross negligence for which prosecution could result.

Ward is taking his philosophy of administration and management directly into county DSS offices in an attempt to gain a better un-

### Norvell Heading Local Delegation

W.L. Norvell, immediate past president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, has been named chairman of the Chowan County representatives to the Governor's Volunteer Energy Conservation Corps. The announcement of the local committee was made today by N.J. George, chairman of the county commissioners.

Named to serve on the local committee with Norvell were Cecil Fry and Lester T. Copeland. Fry is running unopposed in the general election for Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Copeland is a county commissioner.

The energy corps is being formed by Gov. Jim Hunt in an effort "to provide the people of North Carolina with factual information on how they can save energy and money for themselves, their businesses and their govern-

Gov. Hunt is asking each county to appoint three representatives to the corps in hopes that some 300 people might attend the Governor's Energy Awareness Conference in Raleigh December 7-9. derstanding among employees at the local, regional and state levels. Chowan was the 50th county he has visited in his goal to get into all 100 as quickly as possible.

The director is also pushing a program of employee exchange. In the program employees in Raleigh exchange places with local employees for a week. "This has been a revelation," he admits. "I have picked up a lot of good information this way as well as on these trips."

Ward has been surprised at how many different ways people do the same thing and "do it well."

Also, the director urges county directors and employees — there are more than 7,000 of them in the state — to pay particular attention to welfare fraud.

Furthermore, Ward boasts that North Carolina has been service oriented for years, being well ahead of other states. And he thinks Gov. Jim Hunt is extremely interested in human service delivery.

"Most governors focus on economic development," he adds. "Economic development brings on social problems so there should be a good blend like what we have in North Carolina."

Traveling with Ward was Lillian Gaskill, assistant state director for regional administration; and Ted Linford of Greenville, director of the Eastern Regional Office.

### Commissioners Hold Meeting

Chowan County commissioners met in special session Wednesday night in the Fourth Floor conference of the County Office Building.

Items on the agenda were: consideration of the four-county transportation plan; and, contract with Alliance For Progress Computer Center.

Details of the meeting will be reported next week.

# AEMC Re-Elects Three

Three incumbent directors were re-elected at the annual member meeting of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation held on October 7.

Re-elected for three-year terms were Joseph A. Wiggins of Tyner for District 2 (Chowan County); L.A. Harris, Jr., Route 4, Elizabeth City for District 3 (Pasquotank County); and A.T. Lane, Sr., Route 1, Hertford for District 4 (Perquimans County).

During the meeting, Ed Brown, Jr., general manager of the cooperative, made comments regarding the Vepco's retail rate increase which went into effect September 1 and related that to wholesale power increases which affect members since Albemarle EMC purchases wholesale power from Vepco.

The general manager explained that state officials have no direct control over wholesale rates since these are approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., which is composed of five commissioners appointed by the president. He said, "Any action that any group takes on holding down Vepco's retail rates has absolutely nothing to do with the rates you members pay. But the wholesale rates, approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Continued on Page 4

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# Tea Party Birthday Set

The 204th anniversary of the famous Edenton Tea Party, which was perhaps the first important political action by women in America, will be celebrated on the anniversary date next Wednesday. Following a 4 P.M. gathering at the commemorative teapot on Colonial Square, tea will be served at the Barker House until 6 P.M.

The theme of this joint endeavour by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Historic Edenton, Inc., will be "Buy a brick for the Barker House chimneys, and have a drink on us!" The "drink" will be a high quality tea blend selected especially for Historic Edenton by a panel of tea tasters.

This same tea, named "1774", will be offered for sale at the Barker House, in quarter-pound packages with an attached leaflet telling the story of the original action by the 51 Albemarle ladies. Proceeds from tea sales, and any donations that guests may care to make, will indeed "buy bricks" to aid in the restoration of the Barker House chimneys, which came down in a winter storm in January.

The sponsors of this event hope that everyone interested in the preservation of Edenton's historic sites will come for "a spot of tea" on Wednesday.



IN STATE CONTEST—1977-78 "Outstanding Educator" in PTA District 14, Linda Williams, is surrounded by Fourth Grade students at White Oak School, who agree with her recently bestowed honor.

## Outstanding Educator Named

The highest award which a PTA district organization can bestow upon one of its professional members has been received by Mrs. Linda Williams, a Fourth Grade teacher at White Oak School in Chowan County.

As the recently selected "Outstanding Educator" for 1977-

78 in the district, Mrs. Williams will be honored with other North Carolina district winners at the State PTA Convention on November 10 in High Point.

Mrs. Williams, her husband Ed Williams and Mrs. Sylvia Bunch, White Oak PTA president, will Continued on Page 4



**Terry Jones** 

#### Jones Cancer Unit President

The Chowan County Unit of the American Cancer Society began its fall crusade against cancer this week. Terry Jones of WCDJ Radio will serve again this year as its president.

Last year was the most successful year, exceeding the \$5,400 goal with a total of \$5,823. This year a higher goal has been set at \$5,800.

Mrs. Yates Parrish will lead local volunteers in a community-wide effort to help "wipe out cancer in your lifetime by research and education".

"Our volunteers will urge their friends and neighbors to help win this goal by supporting the society's life-saving programs with a check-up and a check," she said.

In addition to Jones and Mrs. Parrish local leaders include: W.L. Robertson, first vice president; W.P. (Spec) Jones, second vice president; Robert L. Bunch, secretary; Mrs. Jack Jordan, treasurer; and Dr. Richard Hardin, medical advisor.

Also, Mrs. W.J.P. Earnhardt, memorial chairman; Mrs. Harry Gibson, professional education; Continued on Page 4



#### From Vineyards To Bottle In Chowan

There is a bumper crop of grapes being harvested this year in Chowan County. This is a rapidly growing industry and local interests are busy taking the grapes from the vine to the bottle. This pictorial shows the process at Deerfield Vineyards and Wine Ceilars, Inc. George Wood and Hugh Rice of California, (back to camera), talk with a field hand as he prepares to put Wood's design of an automatic harvester to work. In the second picture, Paul Williams operates a highly technical model, At Wine Cellers, where an old barn is now a winery, the grapes are crushed and put into tanks, shown behind Frank Williams and Joseph Bradley of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury. Mrs. Nan Edmunds proudly reaches for a bottle of the finished product which is retailed at the winery.







