



DEDICATION CEREMONY — Dedication of a plaque honoring James Iredell took place Saturday afternoon in the cemetery at Hayes Plantation. Framed by the American Flag and the Iredell Monument are Lloyd E. Griffin of Edenton and retired N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Bobbitt. In the picture at right is Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Elmore of Edenton, a direct descendant of Iredell who unveiled the plaque placed by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Officials Deny Playing Politics

Top state officials denied here Thursday night that anyone is playing politics with the Chowan River algae problem. Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development said the river is "too important to play politics with" and pledged that he does not intend to mislead the public.

At the first quarterly "report" meeting here, Sec. Lee and his associates pled with the hostile audience to give the state a chance to perform. He said he accepted no responsibility for what has happened in the past, but emphasized over and over that the Hunt Administration has an unqualified commitment to clean up the river.

He said he did not come to the meeting with any magic answers, nor absolute solutions. "But I can assure you that we are not talking about any further studies," he said. "We are prepared to go after the problem."

At another point, the secretary said he is seeking more than \$500,000 in additional state funds to implement a program with adequate fulltime staff. "We intend to stay with the problem until we

clean up the Chowan River," he added.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has mandated a plan by July 15 to clean up the river. Lee said this deadline would not only be met, but a project would be well along in the implementation phase by that date.

"We're going to clean up this river," he said with emotion.

Dr. Neil Grigg, assistant secretary, outlined the plan of action. "The message has gotten to us of the seriousness of the problem," he said. "We have identified point sources of pollution and firm, concrete actions are going to be taken," he added.

Dr. Grigg said the state is prepared to see what can be done about the point sources as quickly as possible. "If they don't turn the valve down then they will have to be regulated," he noted.

"We're going to ask everyone to sacrifice, to cut back, cut back and cut back. We are no longer engaged in a project of business as usual."

Deputy Secretary Walton Jones said he "feels real good about what is going on now. We want to make believers out of the people...not only that but get the people to participate in this project," he said.

In reply to a charge that "each report says the same thing" and the people "continue just to get words", Sec. Lee asked for the people to be patient a while longer as his department takes affirmative action to restore the river to a healthy state.

At the meeting it was disclosed that a Chowan River Implementation Group is being formed with representatives from Chowan, Northampton, Bertie, Hertford and Gates counties to

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Plaque Honors Local Patriot

A special event during the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside was the dedication of a plaque honoring James Iredell. The program was held at 2 P.M. Saturday at the cemetery at Hayes.

Retired Chief Justice William H. Bobbitt of the N. C. Supreme Court said in his keynote address that Iredell's judicial opinions are "characterized by his clarity in writing." Also, he said the U. S. Supreme Court justice was greatly complimented for his service to the nation.

"At the age of 38 he sat with the first justices of the U. S. Supreme Court," Justice Bobbitt told his audience.

The speaker expressed disappointment that specimens of Iredell's writings are not found in the Iredell House here.

In accepting the plaque, J. Gilliam Wood pointed out that four generations of his family have resided at Hayes. Wood recognized his two sons, John and Edward, who will follow him as owners of the plantation.

The plaque, unveiled by Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Elmore, a descendant of Iredell, recognized the revolutionary patriot as "a leader in the cause for independence."

The program was arranged by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughter of American Revolution, and Mrs. Wood Privott presided.

Mrs. Marguerite Burch led the pledge of allegiance after an assembly call by representatives of the John A. Holmes High School Band. Rev. Frederick B. Drane gave the invocation and Mayor Roy L. Harrell welcomed those in attendance.

The speaker was introduced by Lloyd E. Griffin, retired executive vice president of the N. C. Citizens Association.

The plaque was dedicated by Mrs. Roger E. Leeper, chapter regent, with the assistance of Mrs. C. P. Shulhafer, chaplain. Guests were recognized by Mrs. J. D. Elliott, past state DAR treasurer.

New Physician

Dr. Lee DeVine, a board certified family physician will be joining the Albemarle Family Health Service effective May 21. Dr. DeVine will assume a major role in bringing more adequate health services to the citizens of Northeastern North Carolina, especially in Tyrrell and Perquimans counties, it was stated.

Dr. DeVine, originally from Ohio received his B.S. in botany in 1972 from the Ohio State University where he received academic honors, including the

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Public Parade

R. Hector Lupton, Sr.

J. Edwin Bufflap and R. Hector Lupton were co-founders, co-publishers, co-equals and co-workers of the best newspaper along the Public Parade. The birthing of this new enterprise was on August 30, 1934.

For a year prior to the entry of The Chowan Herald on the local scene they had been associated at Buff's Printing House. But even before that their compatibility had been established with other enterprises.

"Buff" came from Pennsylvania and "Hec" came from Hyde County. Their agreements outweighed their differences and they proved to be an effective team.

In January, 1965, ownership of The Chowan Herald changed. There was a new publisher, but the influence and good will of the former owners was predominant. Both "Buff" and "Hec" have remained as an integral part of this newspaper through the years, although their responsibilities changed.

One of the co's was called to higher rewards on April 19. It is somewhat ironic that Rufus Hector Lupton, Sr., died on a Thursday — the day on which this newspaper has been published for more than 44 years.

When partnerships are formed there is always the risk of hitching up in a manner where one or the other might shoulder more of the load. This was not the case in the Bufflap-Lupton arrangement — one handled the news and typesetting, while the other was responsible for the advertising, job printing and press work.

This pair has been split. The junior member of the initial partnership went first. In our eyes they remained co-equals, and co-workers until the end. As we stood in the mid-afternoon sun Sunday in Beaver Hill Cemetery we fought back tears of appreciation as we remembered the kindnesses shown by both members of the team during our tenure.

During our formative years, and yes, right up until the end, there was a thread of acceptance, of understanding, of counseling which tended to make the hard decisions easier. Some of the advice, while greatly appreciated, was not taken but it proved to be based on a sound foundation of experience and humanism.

"Hec" Lupton was one of those

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River Clean-Up Requires United Effort

The chairman of Chowan County commissioners Monday expressed confidence in what the Hunt Administration is doing to improve water quality in the Chowan River.

C.A. Phillips said in answer to a question at a meeting of N.C. Marine Science Council here that the area is fortunate that Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has taken an active role in the restoration project. "The particular project requires the governor's active participation," he said in pointing out the "overriding" problem in Virginia.

While he made it emphatically

clear that "the people down here are upset" he said he felt the state could expect citizen cooperation in their latest efforts. "It is going to take all the forces we can muster at all levels to solve this problem," he noted. "We feel that we are now on the way and I have confidence in what is happening."

Earlier, Dr. Neil S. Grigg, assistant secretary, Department of Natural & Resources & Community Development, told council members that state government had moved from a "passive" to "active" policy on dealing with the algae problem in the river.

Also the speaker said in his presentation that action would be taken before scientific certainties are arrived at. "We are going to short circuit as much as possible yet remain on solid legal grounds," Dr. Grigg said.

Going a step further in discussing what steps the state would take on certain point-source discharges of nitrogen that he chose to take at a public meeting Thursday night, Dr. Grigg said CF Industries would be confronted with new data within 30 days and asked what they are going to do voluntarily to solve the problem.

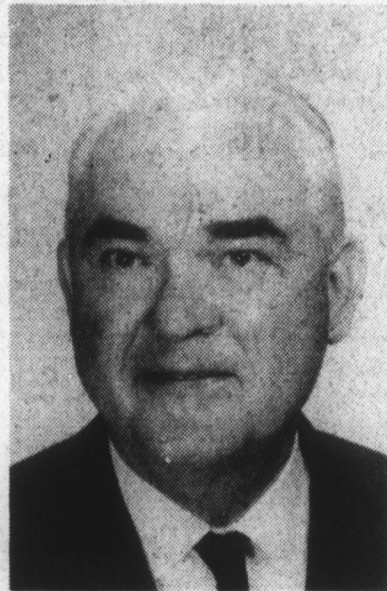
Dr. Grigg said the state also has an action plan for agriculture, another new element in the state's project.

The council, chaired by Phil Quidly of Dare County, voted to keep the heat on the State Department of Transportation regarding access to Currituck Outer Banks. Jerry Hardesty,

county extension chairman in Currituck, likened the problem in economic magnitude to the Chowan River.

Dr. Jay Langfelter of Raleigh, a

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R. Hector Lupton, Sr.

Mr. Lupton, 69 Buried Sunday

Graveside rites were held at 4 P.M. Sunday in Beaver Hill Cemetery for Rufus Hector Lupton, Sr., 111 West Gale Street. Rev. Raymond Storie conducted the service.

Mr. Lupton, 69, died Thursday evening in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness.

He was co-founder of The Chowan Herald. After selling his interest in 1965 he remained with the newspaper as advertising manager. He went into semi-retirement four years ago but until his health failed he remained associated with the newspaper.

A native of Hyde County, he was the son of the late John Allen and Etta Sawyer Lupton. He was married to the former Elizabeth Hollowell who survives.

Also surviving is his step-mother, Mrs. Lydia McKinney Lupton of Scranton; a son, R. Hector Lupton, Jr., of Raleigh; a

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LEE REPORTS ON CHOWAN RIVER — Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, left, is shown with Pete Whitley of Murfreesboro, chairman, Environmental Management Commission, and J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, chairman of the NR&CD board, at a meeting Thursday night. Sec. Lee and his staff outlined steps being taken to restore the water quality in the Chowan River to acceptable standards.

Three Given Active Terms

Active prison sentences were given three people—two men and a woman, who entered guilty pleas to a series of break-ins in and Chowan County earlier this year.

Judge R. Michael Bruce of Mt. Olive presiding in Superior Court, gave Patrick Wayne Kerr, the apparent "heavy" in the clan, a total of 18 years in prison. If the defendant is paroled or becomes a candidate for work release he is to pay a fine of \$1,000 and court costs. Kerr faced a maximum of 100 years on 10 felony counts.

Charles Ray Embrey and Joyce Faye McKown Lane were given identical split sentences. They received four years each but were considered candidates for split probation with six month of the sentence being active. They were ordered to pay a \$500 fine and costs and make restitution of some \$2,000 for merchandise and money stolen from the places entered.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Keith Teague of Elizabeth City told the judge before sentencing that all three defendants had been involved in criminal activity in Virginia. He noted that they moved over into North Carolina when the "heat got on them" and they almost immediately became "bad actors."

The prosecutor said the other two defendants made Kerr out to be the "heavy" in this matter. He added that all three were

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STATE COUNCIL MEETING — The N.C. Marine Science Council met Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning in the Panel Room of Chowan County Courthouse. Officials at the opening session are, from left: Mayor Roy L. Harrell, Phil Quidly of Dare County, council chairman; Sec. Joe Grimsley of the State Department of Administration; C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners and Wanchese Harbor Commission; and J.C. Jones of Raleigh, director of the Office of Marine Affairs.