

Third Judge Parker Named To Post

RALEIGH — Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has named J. Richard Parker of Elizabeth City to the third District Court position in the First Judicial District of North Carolina. The district includes seven northeastern counties.

Parker is currently serving as assistant district attorney.

Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts said, while he hates to lose the services

of Parker on his staff, he is complimented by the fact that Gov. Hunt chose his assistant for the newly created post. The third district judgeship was authorized by the 1979 General Assembly.

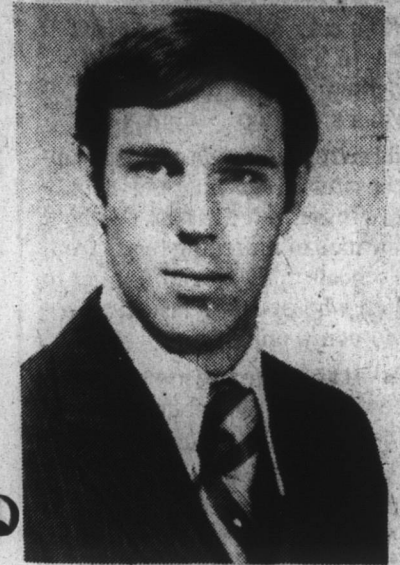
Judge John T. Chaffin is chief judge, while Judge Grafton Beaman is the other jurist in the district.

Parker, 31, is married to the former Margaret A. Stockton of Winston-Salem.

He was reared in Murfreesboro and graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in history. He graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law.

He was a state probation officer, policeman and intern in the DA's office before being admitted to the N. C. State Bar in September, 1974. He has been associated with the DA's office since that time.

Parker said he is most appreciative of the confidence Gov. Hunt has placed in him. He said he will administer justice firmly but fairly, the same he has attempted to do as a prosecutor.



Richard Parker

NRHDA Funds Not Approved By Agency

An application by Northeastern Rural Health Development Association for \$200,000 in federal funds for its second year of operation was disapproved August 8 by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency, meeting in Greenville.

ECHSA's Project Review Committee gave the application conditional approval following a public hearing last month in Windsor. The committee recommended that NRHDA obtain a positive linkage with Tyrrell, Bertie and Perquimans counties.

ECHSA board members, by voice vote, turned down the application after lengthy discussion. The denial was said to be based upon the established criteria requiring evidence of a local support.

NRHDA, with administrative offices in Hertford, has dental, x-ray and health education programs in Tyrrell County. It proposed to open satellite clinics in Perquimans and Bertie counties during its second year of operation.

Andy Martin, NRHDA executive director, has announced that the next board meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on August 27 in the Perquimans County Courthouse. At that time a decision is expected to be made about future plans of the non-profit association.

Also, Walter White of Perquimans County has been named acting president. He fills the slot left vacant by the resignation last month of Frank White of Chowan County.

The acting president has called the annual membership meeting for September 10. "The main point of business will be the election of a new board of directors and admission of new members into the corporation," according to the notice.

Reorganization of the board has been undertaken to give broader representation from counties served as well as involve elected officials and other health care providers.

Heads Hospital

David L. Henson, currently an assistant administrator at a 474-bed Alabama hospital, has been approved as the new hospital administrator by the Chowan Hospital Board of Directors.

His approval was announced today by John Carlisle, who has worked closely with Chowan Hospital as area director for the hospital's management organization.

Henson, who has a masters in health administration from Duke University, will begin his duties later this month, Carlisle said.

"We are pleased to announce the board's selection of Henson," Carlisle said. "I think he has in-depth experience and education

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Highway Rallies Promoting U.S. 17

At a rally here Tuesday night promoting the development of Highway 17, the leader of the effort asserted that adequate highways opening Northeastern North Carolina to the Norfolk Port would "make the region one of the very best areas for industrial development."

William H. (Bill) Page of Washington, president of the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina, called on state transportation officials to develop an overall development plan for Highway 17 from the Virginia border to the South Carolina line.

"Right now, their plan is to build a few miles here and a few miles there," Page said. "When they get finished, we'll have as much confusion and inadequate highway as we do now," he asserted. "It will just be four laned and there will be a driveway every 100 feet and a stop light every three miles."

State Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Pasquotank County, called the route the state's "forgotten interstate" and said it has been brought about through erosion of the area's political power.

Sen. Daniels, who keynoted the first Highway 17 Association rally in New Bern, told his audience not to be discouraged by what the transportation "folks are saying" or be critical of the State Board of

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TRANSACTION COMPLETED — The sale of the Edenton United Methodist Church property on North Broad Street to U. S. Postal Service has been completed. Pictured here are, from left, Rev. Richard R. Blankenhorn, pastor; Dr. Richard H. Hardin, trustee chairman at the church; and Postmaster James M. Bond. A contract is expected to be let in September for demolition of the building. The lot will be used for the expansion of parking at the post office.

Public Parade

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always be on the top of the list when inquiries are made regarding business and industry locations.

While we have everything, in our opinion, required by the program for designation, the judging required that it be properly assembled. Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce chose Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan as project coordinator and she has done an exceptional job.

Mrs. Vaughan surrounded herself with some of the finest talent in the community. In a short period of time they have put together a presentation which is impressive, to say the least.

As we said, we think this

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School Board Seeks Funds

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has instructed Supt. John Dunn to search the school budget to see if \$3,000 in matching funds can be found to provide a music teacher for Chowan and White-Oak schools. The decision was made following Friday

morning's joint meeting with Chowan County commissioners. Fines and forfeitures from Chowan courts will be more than budgeted and will be a source for the additional funds.

The motion to search for the matching funds was made by Thomas Paul Griffin and seconded by Wilbur Ray Bunch. They voted against a motion at the regular board meeting Monday night which could have left the rural schools without any cultural arts program.

Chairman Eugene Jordan presided at the meeting and Cecil Fry was the fourth board member in attendance.

Prior to going into Executive Session, Mrs. Chester Stevens commended the board for its quickness of action in seeking funds from the commissioners as voted upon in its regular August meeting. She also personally offered to work to help in any way or going to the people if necessary to find money.

Mrs. Sarah Tynch, advocate of students in the upper end of the County, stated that it is "just as important to have cultural arts in K-8 as it is in high school" and requested that the board not "forget White Oak as it locks for funds."

Following the executive session, the board was also informed of the administrative personnel

reassignment of Mrs. Mary Nixon from K-6 supervisor to a Title I reading resource teacher at Ernest A. Swain School.

An earlier story follows:

If Edenton-Chowan Board of Education can supply \$8,000, the Chowan County commissioners will match it with an equal amount

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Morgan To Visit

Sen. Robert Morgan will make an appearance at 4 P.M. Friday at the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission Building in Hertford.

Archie T. Lane, Sr., chairman of the Perquimans County Democratic Executive Committee has extended an invitation to citizens of surrounding counties to attend the informal reception for Sen. Morgan.



Dr. John A. Allen

Edenton Baptist Posts Are Filled

Edenton Baptist Church has recently called two staff members. Dr. John A. Allen has accepted to serve as pastor, and James H. Hyatt has assumed duties as minister of music.

Dr. Allen will deliver his first sermon as pastor on Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship service.

A native of Norfolk, Va., he is a graduate of Old Dominion College, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

The Allens moved to Edenton on Wednesday and will reside at 119 Blount Street. Mrs. Allen is the former Carolyn Cooke, and they have two sons, Billy and John.

Hyatt started serving Edenton Baptist Church last February as interim music director. On August 1, he accepted a call from the church to serve as full-time minister of music.

Hyatt is a native of Ahsokie, and is a graduate of East Carolina University in Greenville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He resides at 307 North Granville Street, Apt. 1.

Boats Reviewed

The introduction of the 1980 models to the Fiberform dealer organization took place this past week in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Tom Dugall, general manager of the Edenton plant, attended the meeting and reports that dealer acceptance of the new product was excellent. Orders for fall shipment were very good.

Initial production of the 1980 models began this past week in the lamination department and production line employees are being recalled on an as needed basis. It is expected that the entire plant will be back into full swing within two to three weeks.

Carlton Layton, Eastern sales coordinator, also attended the meeting and stated that the current order backlog was very strong and anticipates that fall and winter schedules will run at a normal rate production.



PAVEMENT BEING APPLIED — Employees of the State Department of Transportation this week surfaced the new extension of West Hicks Street which ties into Virginia Road near U. S. 17 by-pass. The new street, a portion of which was paid for by local developers, provides rear access to the Emergency Room at Chowan Hospital as well as two driveways to the new Edenton United Methodist Church.

Suspected Thief Is Arrested

Marked money was stolen Wednesday from the pocketbook of Mrs. Hazel Elliott in the County Office Building. The next day it showed up in deposits from two local businesses and before midnight Sheriff Troy Toppin had arrested a suspect in Bertie County.

The same day, money was stolen from Mrs. Pansy Elliott, county finance officer, and Mrs. Mary Rhea Gardner, an employee of Edenton-Chowan Schools. Mrs. Elliott's Second Floor office is just down the hall from that of the director of Social Services while

Mrs. Gardner's office is on the Third Floor.

Charged with the theft is Ada Holley Leary, Route 1, Merry Hill. She has been identified as the person who used a marked \$1 bill to purchase a record at LaDall Distributors on North Oakum Street. She has also been identified as the person who used a marked \$20 bill to purchase gasoline at the Etna Station on North Broad Street.

This was the third time in recent months that money has been stolen from pocketbooks in the County Office Building.