



Rep. Charles Evans

Charles Evans BPW Speaker

Representative Charles D. Evans of Nags Head will be keynote speaker for the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club annual Bosses Night and Woman of the Year Banquet, February 21.

The banquet will begin at 7 P.M. in the Edenton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Evans, a native of Dare County, is a partner in the law firm of Kellogg, White and Evans of Nags Head and Kitty Hawk, and is a former mayor of Nags Head.

Evans received a bachelor's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to earn his juris doctorate from the UNC School of Law.

He is married to the former Rebecca Aydtlett of Elizabeth City. They have one son.

Donation Given To Cupola House

A wooden knife basket, a portrait, and a contribution toward the purchase of furnishings for the Cupola House were recently given to the Cupola House Association by the will of Mrs. Walter Gordon of Richmond, Va., the widow of Norman Elliott of Edenton.

The knife basket and the portrait belonged to Miss Tillie Bond, the last resident of the Cupola House, who sold the house to the Association in 1918. Both the basket and the painting were part of the household furnishings at the Cupola House for a number of years.

The portrait, done by the early 19th Century American painter, Felix Sharples, depicts a young woman wearing a white Empire dress. She is believed to be Miss Tillie's grandmother, Penelope Barker Dickinson, who married Nathaniel Bond in 1809. A portrait of her brother, painted by William Joseph Williams, now hangs in an upstairs bedroom of the house.

Members of the Cupola House Association hope that everyone will come and see these new additions to the Cupola House.

Little Says Citizens Angry

WASHINGTON — "There's a new set to the jaw. It's concrete block hard and it's juttied out like it's never been before."

That's the way J. Larkin Little, Chairman of Operation Overcharge described the demeanor of Northeastern North Carolinians this week as they concerned themselves with higher electric bills.

"Northeastern North Carolina is as mad as a wet hen," Little emphasized today. "Those electric bills they have just received blew the lid off," Little said.

The Operation Overcharge leader says members of the Executive Committee of his organization are receiving more complaints from residents of the region right now than they have in any previous period since the group was formed by the region's Chambers of Commerce back in 1978.

Little warned the people of the region, however, that the worst is not over. He said bills will be a little lower in February than they were for January, will stabilize for March, and will then jump upward to their highest level, beginning in April, if Vepco's recent fullcharge request is approved.

Retail customers served by

More For Less

In this day of energy conservation, every little bit helps. So it was interesting to note that the Southern Railway System had installed pressure sodium lighting in its huge new Spencer switching yard.

It has been known for a long time that sodium lights used less electricity than mercury vapor, but they had not been widely used because of the color of the light. Southern seems to have solved that problem to provide "improved lighting at lower cost."

At Spencer, 300 sodium lights of varied wattage are doing the job that would have required 1,200 mercury vapor lights, resulting in an installation savings of \$500,000 and an energy cost savings of \$70,000 a year.

Many cities light their streets with mercury vapor installations. It is possible to retro-fit sodium lights into the mercury vapor systems and some cities are doing that. But all cities ought to consider using sodium lights instead of mercury vapor in new installations.

This is one of the rare examples where it is possible to have more for less.

Not Exactly

Gov. Jim Hunt was walking down the Fayetteville Street in Raleigh the other day when he encountered a school group on tour.

One little fellow informed the governor he had just learned something about him in history class.

"What was that son?" the governor asked.

"I learned you will be the first governor in history to repeat himself," the boy said.

"Not exactly," the governor replied.

Cost Of Commitment

We want first to lift a few paragraphs from the current issue of the NCAE News Bulletin and then to cost out the various items for the benefit of readers along the Public Parade who soon will be cast in the role of voter.

Here is the way the News Bulletin sums up:

"Gov. James Hunt electrified the PACE State Steering Committee with a pledge on January 19 that educators will receive a double-digit salary increase from the 1980 General Assembly which meets this May.

"Hunt also endorsed a new salary schedule based on a percentage increment, came out solidly for longevity at 10 years for teachers and supervisors, and said he will actively help the NCAE achieve pay roll deductions for association dues...About the only thing Hunt said 'no' on was collective bargaining.

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Postal Service Sets Schedule

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule on Monday, February 18, 1980, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. Other services will be determined by the local Postmaster dependent on local customs and conditions.

According to James Bond, postmaster in Edenton, only P.O. Box service will be provided that day.

Farm Income Nears \$19-Mil.

In spite of several unstable factors, income from agriculture in Chowan County rose to hear the \$19-million mark. Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, has recently compiled the record which shows estimated income up nearly \$500,000—not including \$43,069 in government payments.

Only a few years ago farmers received hundreds of thousands of dollars through government. The 1979 figure is nearly one-third the total as in 1978.

Thompson explained that a lot

more hogs was a real factor in pushing the income level upward as well as an increased yield in soybeans—up approximately \$1-million.

At the same time, Thompson said there is "no money in hogs at the present time."

Corn yield was down an average of 10 bushels per acre which is 15 per cent lower than in the past year. There was an increase in cotton.

Tobacco was off some \$300,000 which is equal to 20 per cent for

this particular crop.

Hogs were up in number—40 per cent in feeder pigs and 8 per cent in top hogs. At the same time the income from hogs was down \$100,000 because of prices paid at the market.

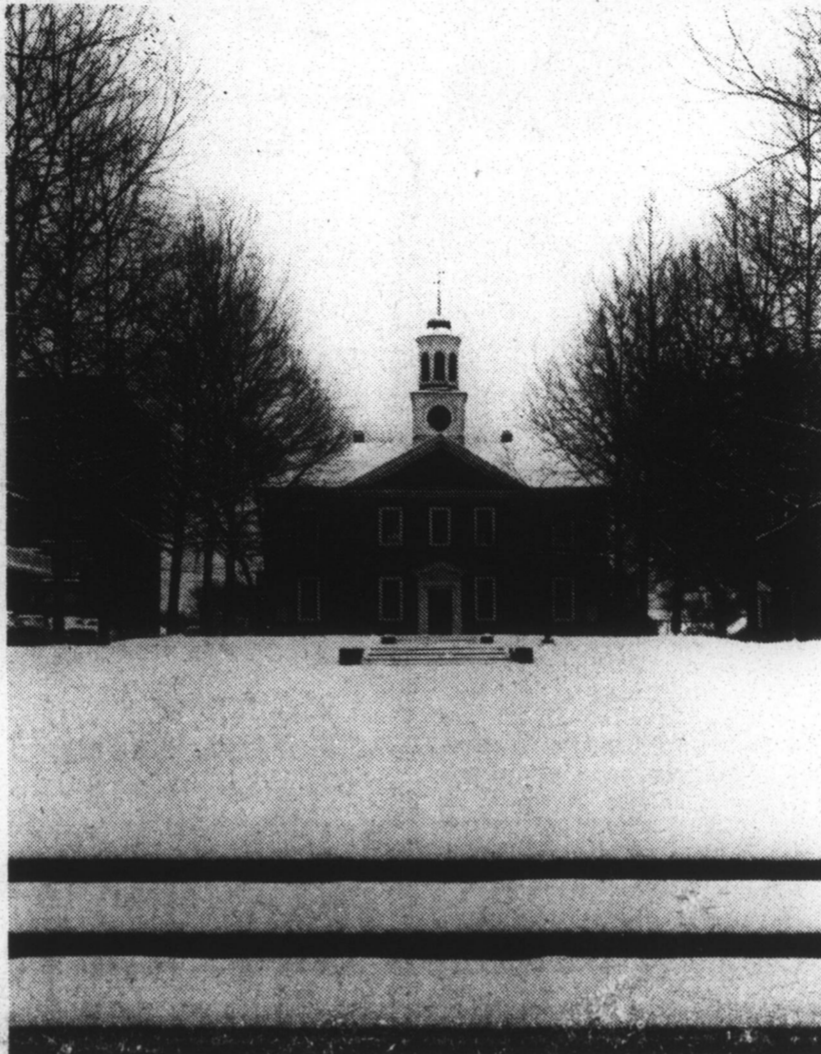
Thompson said cattle is not a strong suit in Chowan County, however, the income from this source almost doubled.

Peanuts, a top money crop in this county, was off \$200,000. Thompson said this reflects less acres and a 200-pound-per acre

yield.

The cost of production weighed heavy in the report. Thompson estimated that the cost of production was up "a good 15 per cent and the fuel charge almost doubled."

The extension chairman foresees much difference in the cost-price increase to be of much comfort for farmers. He said this is a major concern for farmers. "It is a matter of increase production, plus the yield factor as compared to what the crop brings in the market place," he said.



SILENT WITNESS — The historic Chowan County Courthouse has been a silent witness to many snows since it was built over 200 years ago. The photo above was taken after the 13-inch blizzard subsided, last Thursday. (Photo by Luke Amburn)

Snow Blankets Area

What some old timers have called the biggest snow to fall on Edenton in 30 years began last Wednesday, blanketing the county with some 12 to 14 inches before it ended late Wednesday night. A power outage, due to ice laden tree limbs shorting out power lines, lasted for little more than an hour and left some section of town without current.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the Electric and Water Department worked until about 1 A.M., Thursday morning keeping the town with electricity. They were back on the job soon

after daylight.

Gardner commended the Street Department for prompt action in clearing the streets. He said crews were out and on the job before the snow stopped falling.

With the cooperation of the Governor's office, the local National Guard detachment was activated providing transportation to emergency, hospital and nursing home personnel.

The Edenton Police Department reported only two accidents resulting in significant property damage or injury.

Marvin Smith, a Rocky Hock resident who reports regularly to the National Weather Service in Raleigh, reported an accumulation of 13 inches Thursday morning coupled with a temperature of 21 degrees F. Another lighter snow fell Saturday night, and he reported it amounted to three to four inches.

J. H. Conger, Sr., an Edenton resident, measured the Wednesday snowfall at 12 to 14 inches with an additional 2½ inches in town Saturday night.

Overall low temperature through the weekend period was listed at 18 degrees.

Edenton Police reported that Louis Randolph Gilliam, driving a 1971 Lincoln was traveling south on North Broad St. when he was struck by a 1977 Plymouth turning left onto Broad from West Albemarle St. The Plymouth was being operated by Joseph Keith Byrd of 12 Stratford Rd. Damages to the Byrd vehicle were estimated at \$300 and damages to the Gilliam vehicle were listed at \$100.

Patrolman Linard Bonner filed no charges in the accident.

A second accident which oc-

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On Revaluation

Three appraisal companies will meet Monday with the Chowan County Commissioners to discuss the upcoming property revaluation to be on the books in January 1982.

County manager Cliff Copeland said Tuesday the board will be meeting with representatives of Allen Appraisal Company of Laurinburg, Carroll Phelps Appraisal Company of Winston-Salem and TMA of Atlanta, Ga.

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Cable TV Proposal Is Outlined

An ordinance and proposal for cable television service was presented to The Edenton Town Council, Tuesday night, for consideration, and some 27 rules of order for conducting council business were approved during the lengthy session.

Chuck Chester, representing Tar River Communications, a Rocky Mount based cable TV company, offered a plan that could provide up to 23 channel service for viewers within the city limits of Edenton.

He suggested the town attorney review the ordinance and proposal that could include three satellite stations, two religious stations, two sports networks, two movie services, and a commercial free children's station.

Chester stated his was the first company to offer 23 channel service in North Carolina and is the largest cable company in the state.

Tar River Communications, he said, currently serves six cities including Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Greenville, Kinston, New Bern and Washington.

Chester explained they basically offer four levels of service beginning with a 12 channel package without movie service up to 23 channels with both Home Box Office and Showcase as well as three satellite stations operating out of Atlanta, Chicago and New York relayed by Satcom I.

In order to offer cable TV, he said it would be necessary to construct an office, billing and maintenance center as well as tower and earth station. Construction would start about 90 days after submission of the application to the Federal Communications Commission. It would be 9 to 12 months before the service would be on the air and 30 per cent of the viewers would have service within an 18 month period.

Chester told the council that

additional channels could be added through action by the Town Council, and substitutions would be handled largely on the basis of public demand.

Cost of cable TV to the viewer would start at about \$6.95 per month for 12 channel mini-service or \$9.85 per month for 23 channel superservice. One of the movie

channels would be an additional \$9 per month, or an additional \$15 per month to receive both HBO and Showcase.

The four man Procedure Committee presented 26 rules of order approved by the committee and submitted one and a half more for discussion and action by the full council.

Council passed a motion that will require members to vote on as many committee posts as there are to be filled. The rule would not restrict the number of nominees submitted. The board also approved a rule calling for use of Robert's Rules of Order in cases not covered in the Institute of Government plan. The council would have the power to amend Robert's Rules when deemed appropriate.

With the exception of one dissenting vote, the full 27½ item proposal was passed.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, reported that 90 feet of collapsed sewer line has been replaced in North Edenton and that additional sewer line on North Broad St. will have to be replaced due to deterioration. Cost of installing the 8-inch PVC pipe will be about \$24,000.

Upon recommendation of the Planning Board, an update of the town's thofare plan was approved. The update will be conducted by the Department of Transportation free of charge.

Edenton has been cited with the Tree City, USA Award by the Forestry Service, Gardner reported. In conjunction with that award, the Forestry Service will plant trees in Fisher Field on Badham Road on Arbor Day.

Mayor Roy Harrell made four appointments to the Historic District Commission with one left pending. Those appointments included Mrs. Gertrude Rosevear, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Robert W. Moore and Van Johnson.

River Committee Sets Meeting

The bi-state committee working to solve the pollution problems of the Chowan River will hold a one-day meeting in Roanoke Rapids Tuesday, February 19.

The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn on Interstate-95 from 10:30 A.M. to approximately 3:30 P.M.

During the morning session, members of the North Carolina water quality staff will present information concerning the Chowan River restoration plan and describe studies of CF Industries and Union Camp discharges and agricultural effects on the river system.

Following lunch, the Virginia staff will present a description of activities being carried out by that state, and then the committee will discuss joint activities.

The committee, formally known as the North Carolina-Virginia Chowan Technical Panel, consists of six representatives from each state. Dr. Neil S. Grigg, assistant secretary for Natural Resources in the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, heads the North Carolina delegation and is a co-chairman of the committee.

This meeting was originally scheduled January 31 in Emporia, Va., but was postponed due to weather conditions.

Mixed Blessing For Farmers

Some farmers will find our recent weather a blessing in disguise, said Chowan County Extension Chairman Pete Thompson. In a conversation Tuesday, he said melting snow will most certainly raise the water table and will provide some fertilizing action.

"A good water table is worth a whole lot," he remarked, "and snow tends to bring nitrogen down."

While he agreed it may be difficult to measure in dollars and cents how much farmers will benefit from that nitrogen, he added, "it will make some green lawns and gardens."

Tobacco growers who had already seeded beds will be helped somewhat, Thompson says, by the insulation provided by the snow.

On the other end are livestock producers who must contend with the increased likelihood of disease, and higher heating bills in farrowing houses. In addition, the high saturation will work to the detriment of new land farmers.

Some drier weather beginning around the first of March should put work on a good schedule, but he added if this year's weather trend is the same as last, we can expect a wet March and April.