

Women's Equality Day Prompts Review Of Progress, Failures

R. Graham White, Jr.

"Roses are red, violets are blue; and if you overdraw I'll tell on you!"

This is a note our eldest daughter received from Peoples Bank & Trust Company when she opened a checking account before leaving to study at St. Mary's College, near the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina.

She had opened the account through R. Graham White, Jr. Roses are red, violets are blue. She overdrew and he told on her.

"RGW" in the corner of a document floating around Peoples Bank & Trust Company was a mark of distinction. It meant one had passed the test; not only convincing the banker of the need, but showing a reasonably certain means of repayment.

Our first experience with the "RGW" initials came in mid December, 1964. We had worked along the Public Parade for about six weeks and always had a sinking feeling every time we passed the bank office at the corner of King and Broad streets. We didn't have sufficient money to open an account since we had a wife and three and 8 tenths children back in Statesville.

As it turned out we rented a home on North Granville Street, went to Statesville to supervise the packing and returned to Edenton with our family. The next day the movers arrived. We were hard at work at The Chowan Herald upon being informed by the lady of the house that we had a problem. "The men (movers) say they aren't to open the door until the bill is paid," we were informed. "But we were assured we would have 30 days to pay," I replied. The second call brought the same information. No money, no belongings.

We marched across the street to share our bad news with Mr. White and George W. Lewis, another bank executive. To make a long

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"Women's Equality Day, August 26, is a day for all women in this country to be celebrating," said Lueta Sellers, Chair of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus.

"It is the anniversary of women winning the right to vote. On this day, 61 years ago, the 19th Amendment became a part of the United States Constitution. Without this Amendment women could not have enjoyed the small progress made toward equal level rights since 1920. It is also doubtful that women would be allowed to vote in all of our states. North Carolina didn't ratify it until 1971 and Mississippi still hasn't ratified it. On this day of celebration, I hope women will consider what their personal lives would be like if they weren't allowed to vote and did not have the benefits of the progress made toward equal legal rights," commented Mrs. Sellers.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell has issued a proclamation of Women's Equality Day in which urges all the citizens of Edenton to work to guarantee full equality, full citizenship, for women and all people of the United States.

"Since 1920, women have made considerable progress toward equal legal rights and protections through the legislative process on the federal and state levels. However, in 1981 we are seeing that progress being diminished by the Reagan Administration," continued Mrs. Sellers, leader of the North Carolina feminist political organization. "In their zeal to decrease inflation and stimulate the economy, the Administration has lost sight -- if they ever had it to begin with -- of the fact that women are a viable force in our economy. The Administration through budget cuts and possible elimination of civil

rights regulations is clearing the way for more and more women and children to sink into financial poverty. Today in North Carolina, women make up 55 per cent of the paid work force. Thirty-three per cent of families in North Carolina, which are headed by women live below the poverty line, while only five per cent of families headed by men are below the poverty line. Almost 66 per cent of the elderly North Carolinians who are poor are women. This situation in which the Reagan Administration and legislators on all levels of government continue to ignore and negate the needs of women, The Majority, is difficult to comprehend. With some legislators, it is clear that they hate women. I regret that North Carolina has its share of such legislators," added Sellers.

"With the clear message from the Reagan Administration that

women's and children's rights, protections and concerns are of no significance to them, I hope that others who have supported women gaining equal legal rights through the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment will actively join us to make sure it is ratified in North Carolina in June, 1982. I also hope that women, who have been against us getting equal legal rights through the ERA may begin to realize that they have been

enjoying the fruits of our 'labor of love' and that we all may be in the losing together. All are welcomed to join us as we fight to maintain that which we have achieved since 1920 and in our future battle for the ratification of the ERA. We will never enjoy the security of full equal legal rights, as we do our right to vote, until we have the Equal Rights Amendment as part of our United States Constitution," concluded Mrs. Sellers.

Reserve Seat Tickets

Reserve seat tickets to the home games of the Edenton Aces are now being sold at John A. Holmes High School, according to Mrs. Ethel Lavoie.

People who have had the same seats and desire to keep them should contact Mrs. Lavoie at Holmes High as soon as possible. After a reasonable length of time reserve seat tickets will be opened to the public.



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Gov. Hunt To Be Guest Speaker

Gov. Jim Hunt will be the speaker at a dinner meeting of top county government, industrial development and legislative leaders from Northeastern North Carolina September 9 at 6:30 P.M. at the Chowan Golf and Country Club.

The dinner meeting is an outgrowth of a discussion the Northeastern legislative caucus had with Gov. Hunt near the end of the last General Assembly.

Major topic at the meeting will be economic development. Officials of Virginia Electric and Power Company will also be on the program to review some of the changes underway within that company. N. C. Secretary of Commerce D. M. Faircloth and other state industrial development officials will also attend.

The Department of Commerce has invited approximately 100 persons from the area to attend the dinner.

"The key players in expanding economic growth in Northeastern North Carolina will be the Governor, legislators, local government officials, local industrial developers, and the power company. This meeting will put all the players together for the first time in recent years," said Alvah Ward, Jr., N.C. director of industrial development.



NEAR TRAGEDY — Jean Tribou Chappell of Tyner was driving this 1979 Chevrolet Monte Carlo early Saturday morning when she was involved in a near fatal accident. The car ended up wrapped around a tree, with the chassis bent at approximately a 30 degree angle. Miss Chappell was charged with reckless driving by investigating State Trooper M. J. McArthur.

Miss Chappell Injured In Midnight Car Wreck

At approximately 12:05 A.M. on August 15, a 1979 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven by Jean Tribou Chappell, Route 1, Tyner, was involved in a near tragic automobile accident.

The vehicle was traveling north on the River Road near Dillard's Mill when it ran onto the right shoulder, travelled nearly 100 yards, crossed the road and flipped onto its top as it clipped down a telephone pole, then crashed into a large tree. The vehicle wrapped around the tree, bending the chassis at approximately a 30 degree angle.

Miss Chappell sustained a very severe laceration to her leg and slight lacerations all over her body.

She fought her way out of the upside down car and walked to the residence of Collin Forehand. Forehand called Sheriff Troy Toppin who arrived in a very short time and administered expert first aid.

State Trooper M. J. McArthur arrived and assisted Unit 3 of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad as they transported Miss Chappell to the Chowan Hospital, where she is now a patient.

Due to the extensive damage to the vehicle, Trooper McArthur raised the controversial question of the use a seat belt would have provided.

Democratic Committee Meeting Set

The Democratic Executive Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 25 at 6 P.M. at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

The business meeting will include determining goals for our County party and initial planning for meeting our goals. All precincts should be represented to have a voice in this process.

The meetings are open to all Democrats. Please encourage to attend.

To make your reservations for the dinner meeting, call Deborah Goodman at 482-2138. The dinner will be \$6.50 and can be paid at the door. Reservations need to be in by August 21, 1981.

I'm looking forward to the fellowship with you and the progress we will make for Chowan County through our team work," it was stated.

"I would be surprised if Miss Chappell would have lived had she been wearing her seat belt," said McArthur.

Illness Claims Mr. White, 55

Graveside rites for R. Graham White, Jr., 113 West Church Street, were held at 3 P.M. Monday in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Rev. Raymond Storie officiated.

Mr. White, 55, died Sunday in Chowan Hospital following an extended bout with cancer.

He was senior vice president and trust officer with Peoples Bank & Trust Company. He was also active in community, regional and social activities.

Robert Graham White, Jr., was born November 28, 1925, in Chowan County, son of the late Robert G. and Leila Major White. He was married to Mrs. Mary Anne Rose White, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: Robert Graham White, III, of Arlington, Va.; and George Rose White of Edenton; and a sister, Mrs. Samuel B. Teague of

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Short Docket Completed During District Court

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on August 18.

Edward Alexander White was found guilty of failing to comply with restrictions on his drivers license and given 30 days suspended for 2 years, a \$75 fine and cost of court.

Francis W. (Buddy) O'Connell was found guilty of larceny in three instances and given a nine month sentence suspended for 2 years, a \$200 fine and cost of court. An appeal was noted for all three cases.

Michael Andrew Wills, charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell, was given a voluntary dismissal in the first case while probable cause was found in the last case. It was bound over to Superior Court.

Tony Ronell Armstrong was found guilty of speeding and given a \$10 fine and cost of court.

Roy Nixon was found guilty of injuring personal property and

given a 30 day sentence suspended for 2 years, a \$50 fine and cost of court, and ordered to pay restitution to Rosa L. Lassiter.

William Hardy was found guilty of domestic criminal trespassing and given a 30 day sentence suspended for two years, a \$25 fine and cost of court.

Mrs. Gardner To Coordinate Local Chapter Of N.C. Symphony

The Chowan county chapter of the N. C. Symphony has recently been organized. The organization of the chapter was spear-headed by Mrs. Mary Rhea Gardner, Edenton - Chowan Schools Community coordinator.

The following board of directors has been selected with Mrs. Sally Blount serving as president: one year- Judy Earnhardt, L. P. Hornthal Vendetta Sutton, Pat Weber, John Dunn, and Paul Laughlin; two years- Mrs. Gardner, Jim Hyatt, Otis Strother,

and cost of court.

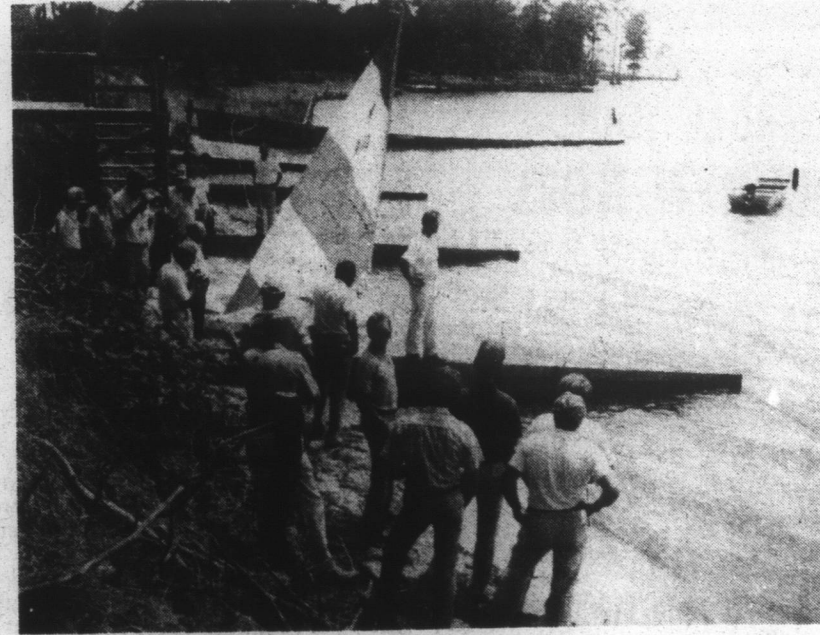
William Brooks, Jr. was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property and given a 90 day sentence suspended for two years, a \$100 fine and cost of court, and ordered to pay a restitution of \$45.50.

Hugh Dial, James Pressley, Marvin Shaw and R. N. Campbell; three years- Mrs. Blount, Terry Wacklin, E. L. Hollowell, Shelby Strother, Bill Gardner, John Donovan and Annette Woglom.

A membership drive has been scheduled for September. The first concerts in Edenton will be in January, 1982. This will include an educational (school) concert and an evening performance at Swain Auditorium. Community participation with this project will be greatly appreciated.



TOUR — District Supervisors, RC&D Council members, and agency personnel from the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the Agricultural Extension Service, The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), and the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, observe shoreline erosion measures on the North River. This was one of several stops on the bus tour of Currituck County. Other points of interest were the Flood Prevention and Drainage Project at Barco and the Currituck Turf Farm.



FIELD DAY HELD — The Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District held its Annual Field Day and Tour in Currituck County on August 11. This was a joint meeting and tour with the 10 county Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. Pictured (from left to right) are State Rep. Vernon James, District Chairman, Lloyd C. Bunch, State Senator, Melvin Daniels, and RC&D Council Vice Chairman, M. E. Knight, as they review resource programs slated for the Albemarle area in Fiscal Year 1982.