

A Final Look Back At Beginnings And Endings In 1981

By Jeffrey W. Winslow
1981 was a year of many happenings and changes for Chowan County. New businesses opened, while others closed. Personnel changes and new residents in the county were all a part of the year. January started 1981 with a 9.5 per cent wholesale increase from Vepco. This increase cost Edenton an additional \$221,000 annually, and Edenton officials discussed a surcharge to be put on customer bills until the new town budget became effective on July 1. This increase was not considered to be a very good way to start a new year, and Vepco was strongly opposed all the way by

groups such as Operation Overcharge. January also brought bad news to the Edenton-Chowan school system. A motion was made to freeze accounts "as they presently stand" to ward off a \$30,719 deficit. Cable TV fans received good news during the month, however, Don Vicini of Compass Corp. in Pennsylvania announced that construction would soon begin on an earth station and receiving tower in Edenton. February began with the Vepco-induced surcharge accompanying it. The Edenton Town Council, faced with a possible \$98,000 shortfall in the utility fund due to

Vepco's wholesale increase, approved a seven per cent surcharge on electric rates. Expansion was noted by two Chowan County facilities. Chowan Hospital, Inc. filed notices of intent for proposed acquisition of nuclear medicine services, as well as EEG services, with a project cost of \$338,777. David Henson, the hospital administrator, described EEG as a diagnostic service known as electroencephalogram. This was included in their long-range expansion plan. ElderLodge of Edenton also announced a 64-bed expansion. This was announced by officials of Cape Colony Haven, Inc., the

owners of the facility on Paradise Road. February also brought good news to the Edenton-Chowan school system. They found that by collecting outstanding bond forfeitures and fines, which by law is considered as revenues for the school system, they could obtain possibly \$30,000. March came in with a change of ownership close behind. Edenton Broadcasting Company assumed ownership of the WCDJ Radio station on March 11 from Albemarle Broadcasting Co., Inc. The 50th anniversary of Peoples Bank and Trust Co. was also celebrated.

In April a much criticized Reduction of Force Policy was passed by the Edenton-Chowan School Board, incorporating nine of twelve recommendations set forth by a Teacher Advisory Committee. ElderLodge received approval for 34 beds in their 64-bed expansion, which will include 30 home for the aged (rest home) beds. Chowan Hospital also received approval from the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency to operate an electroencephalogram, a device which measures electric activity in the brain.

The Edenton Town Council was able to breathe a sign of relief in April. The Federal Regulatory Commission ruled that the 1978 wholesale rate increase by Vepco was excessive, and municipalities, such as Edenton, who purchase electricity from Vepco for resale were due a refund. In May, Food Town and TG&Y announced intentions of opening in the summer at Edenton Village Shopping Center. July 2 was set as the target date for TG&Y's opening. May also brought the unexpected resignation of W. B.

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Rep. Walter B. Jones

Getting Stronger

We want to be among the first along the Public Parade to publicly endorse the candidacy of Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville. The congressman announced last week that he would seek his ninth consecutive term from the 21-county First Congressional District.

Walter Jones is so solid in the First Congressional District and Washington, D. C., that even this newspaper's endorsement can't be of hinderance. We have a special affinity for the congressman, if for no other reason than he has been our most consistent winner in the political arena. But as politicians are quick to point out when questioned about certain endorsement, he can always say: "Well I can't help who is for me." We would like to think, however, that he would rather go down with his friends than win without them.

Sec. of State Thad Eure has called it the "mighty first" and it will continue to be headed by the mighty Walter Jones. There is not even a hint of opposition to Rep. Jones from within the Democratic Party of the GOP counterpart. This speaks well of the dedication of North Carolina's most influential Democratic voice in the U. S. Congress.

There is no one in the entire U. S. Congress with a better record and/or reputation for constituent service than Walter Jones. A lot of heads were turned in 1966 when the newly elected congressman selected politically unknown Floyd Lupton of Belhaven as his administrative assistant. People continue to marvel at the dedication and unwaivering loyalty of Mr. Lupton to "the boss" and to the people of the "mighty first."

Those who watch the telecasts of the House now that this area has cable television won't see much of Walter Jones. He chooses to work quietly behind the scenes rather than being flamboyant. You can't argue with success!

When he defied orders from his physicians and went back to Washington to work for revival of a tobacco bill near death he showed the stuff from which he is made. Sen. Jesse Helms of the opposite isle in the Congress called him "the unsung hero" of the event. His influence is that great.

His seniority elevated him to the chairmanship of the powerful House Committee on Merchant, Marine and Fisheries—one which is so very, very important to coastal Carolina. There are but 14 standing committees in the House

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Chamber Orchestra Performance Set

When the North Carolina Symphony Chamber Orchestra performs its 8 P.M. community concert at Ernest A. Swain School Auditorium on January 28, it will already feel at home with the theater's physical surroundings. This will have been the second performance the Symphony has played in this arena on this day, preceded by a rehearsal with the Edenton Choral Society and the John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir the previous evening.

A free, educational, Children's Concert will be provided for all Edenton-Chowan Schools fourth through eighth grade students at 10:30 A.M., January 28 in the Swain School Auditorium. This concert is being made possible through the combined financial efforts of the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony, Edenton-Chowan's Community Schools program, a Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant administered through The Ap-

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Barry Is Killed In Plane Crash

C. F. (Lynn) Barry, Jr., owner of WBXB radio station here died early Friday morning when the plane he was flying crashed near a Florida airport. He was 49. His plane reportedly struck a power line as the experienced pilot was making an approach for landing near the Newport-Ritchie Airport.

In addition to WBXB on Paradise Road, Mr. Barry was a founding partner in WBZB in Smithfield.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jan Earhardt Barry; a son, Trip Barry of the home; three daughters: Mrs. Sarai Daniels of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Leslie Barry of Charlotte, formerly of Edenton; and Miss Lanie Barry of the home; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Barry of Knoxville, Tenn.; and a sister, Mrs. Gay Clapp of Knoxville, Tenn.

A professional fund-raiser for charitable organizations, he was former vice president of institutional advancement at Meredith College in Raleigh.

He had been working recently for the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia, raising funds for a children's camp.

Two years ago Mr. Barry, the son of a Baptist minister, pledged \$500,000 to endow a chair of

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Town Council Is Informed Of Change In Classification

The Edenton Town Council met Jan. 12 in a regular session. After the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Harrell and the approval of last meeting's minutes, the administrative reports were heard.

The date for a joint meeting between the Town Council and the Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission has been changed from Jan. 14 to Jan. 21 at 7:30 P.M. at the Edenton Municipal Building.

A N.C. 2000 planning conference will be held at Holmes High School Jan. (tonight) at 7:30 P.M.

As evidenced by the lease agreement, the tennis courts and Scout Hut located in front of Holmes High School as well as the Oakum Street playground, are leased from the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education rather than owned by the Town of Edenton.

Two additional Town of Edenton directional signs have been erected by the NCDOT at the north and south intersections of US 17 Business and US 17 By-pass.

Edenton's fire classification has been upgraded from a 6 to a 4 as a result of the October inspection of Edenton's Fire Dept. and Water

System. This gives Edenton the same rating as several large municipalities such as Asheville and Kinston.

A report from the Finance Committee was next. The Committee recommended the Council receive bids for all insurance coverage on municipal buildings in June and that coverage be through one carrier rather than the present four. The Committee also recommended that West Byrum be asked to remain agent of record; and if he refuses that Warren Twiddy be asked.

The recommendations were approved.

Approval was also given to the Committee's recommendation that health insurance coverage for Town employees be put out for bids as soon as possible and that dental insurance be included.

Approval was given to the Committee's recommendation that the Town vacation, sick leave, and use of Town property and equipment policies be amended.

It was approved that no further action will be taken on granting the County one-half ownership of

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FORTY YEAR EMPLOYEE RETIRES — Beulah P. White, right, manager of P. H. Rose in Edenton, retired recently after forty years of employment with the company. She was honored at a recent banquet. Her position will be filled by Melvin Lane, Jr., left, who has been with P. H. Rose for seven years.

Retiring Manager Honored At Banquet

A banquet was held on December 29 at Boswell's Restaurant in honor of Beulah P. White, who retired as manager of P. H. Rose in Edenton. Several visiting company officials were in attendance.

Mrs. White, a native of Edenton, has been a Rose's employee since 1942. In 1976, Mrs. White was honored as the District and Regional Manager of the Year, and has twice been voted the Outstanding Manager of the Month.

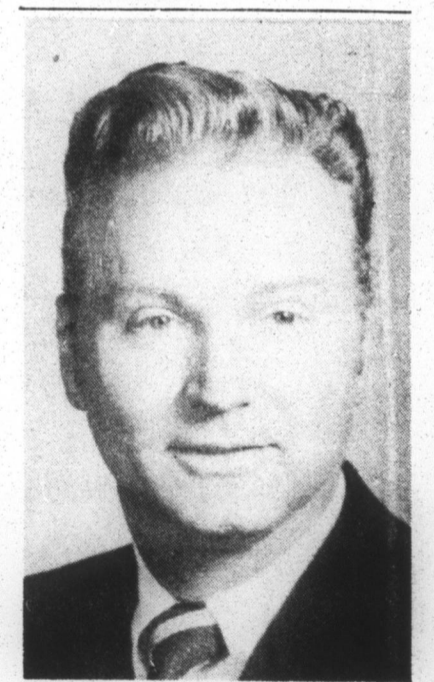
Mrs. White also attended a banquet for retiring employees held at the Henderson Country Club on December 19.

The position of manager will be

Schedule Changed

The Coinjock bridge repair schedule has been changed. The bridge repairs will begin on Jan. 13-15, with one-lane traffic going through. On Jan. 18-22, the bridge will be closed from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. to both road and water traffic.

filled by Melvin Lane, Jr., who has been employed by Rose's for seven years. Lane has been named the District Assistant Manager of the Year three times, an in 1980 was named as one of the three finalists at that position. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lane, Sr. of Edenton.



George Moore

Moore Outstanding Merchant of Month

Editor's Note: In an effort to acknowledge the outstanding background qualifications of so many of Edenton's merchants, the Herald begins a series this week which features a merchant each month. For January, the Herald is proud to focus on George Moore, manager of Belk Tyler of Edenton.

George Moore has been the manager of Edenton's Belk Tyler store since 1970. His selection was justified by his previous work experience with the Belk-Tyler store.

Born and raised in Williamston, N. C., Moore has been with Belk-Tyler's for over 30 years. His first job with them in 1948, when he

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Girls Tennis Team Is Recipient Of Three Sports Banquet Awards

The annual Winter Sports Awards banquet, sponsored by the Edenton Aces Booster Club, was held Tuesday night at the American Legion Building.

Three awards were presented on the girls tennis team. Recipient of the Most Valuable Player award was Elizabeth Hornthal. The award for Most Improved Player went to Missy Underkofler. A new award, in memory of Bob Noneman, for the Most Dedicated Player, went to Patricia Flanagan. The award will be given annually by the Allen Hornthal family.

Reggie Ward received the Student Trainer of the Year award, which is given by the Advance Ruritans.

On Edenton's varsity football squad, the Outstanding Defensive Player award went to Ernest

Mrs. Shelby White Is Award Winner

Shelby White of Edenton was honored Monday night as the 1981 District Secretary of the Year by the N. C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The award was presented by association president D. R. Huff, Jr., of Aberdeen, at the 39th annual meeting of the statewide conservation organization in Pinehurst.

Mrs. White was praised for "her dedicated service to the Albemarle Soil and Water Con-

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CONGRESSMAN VISITS EDENTON — Congressman Walter Jones, right, attended a Dutch breakfast Wednesday at Boswell's Restaurant. Explaining a point of interest to him are County Commissioners C. A. Phillips, left, and J. D. Peele, center.

Bloodmobile, Tuesday, Jan. 19, American Legion Building Bldg. Quota - 150 Pints