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widespread.

"The third point is most important. It has been the sustained momentum that citizens of the Albemarle Region brought to bear that led to action taken by State Government. You must maintain a strong coalition for clean water and insist that every future administration make the Albemarle a high priority.

"The Chowan River and Albemarle Sound are too important to ignore, and even when we have no blooms we must continue to work on improving water quality. In my opinion this is the most important economic as well as environmental issue in the Albemarle region."

Guest Editorial

One of the challenges that we face here at the beginning of the New Year is how to offset the cutbacks in federal funding of social programs designed to meet the needs of the state's less fortunate citizens.

If we are going to continue to provide services for the needy among us, the private sector, individuals and agencies are going to have to assume more responsibility. The situation calls for the collective strength, talents, energies and skills found in our volunteers.

Volunteers have long been a mainstay of American life. Long before there were government social service agencies, people were helping one another as volunteers. This kind of spirit needs to be rekindled.

If the needs of people are real and immediate then what is lost in federal money and programs has to be made up thru the ingenuity and energy of those special people called "volunteers".

Capitol Broadcasting Co. Inc.

Fountain Presides

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remanded to District Court, where he received 60 days suspended one year, \$100 fine and cost of court, and ordered to surrender his operator's license.

Charlie Walter Paylin, charged with 70 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, reckless driving, and DUI, had his case remanded to District Court where he received six months suspended three years, on unsupervised probation, \$200 fine in each case, cost of court, and ordered to surrender his operator's license.

James Linwood Phillips, charged with 101 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, was found guilty and received 60 days suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court, and told to report to the Sheriff of Chowan County Jan. 22 at 5 P.M. and remain confined in Chowan County Jail until 5 P.M. Jan. 24, and ordered to surrender his operator's license.

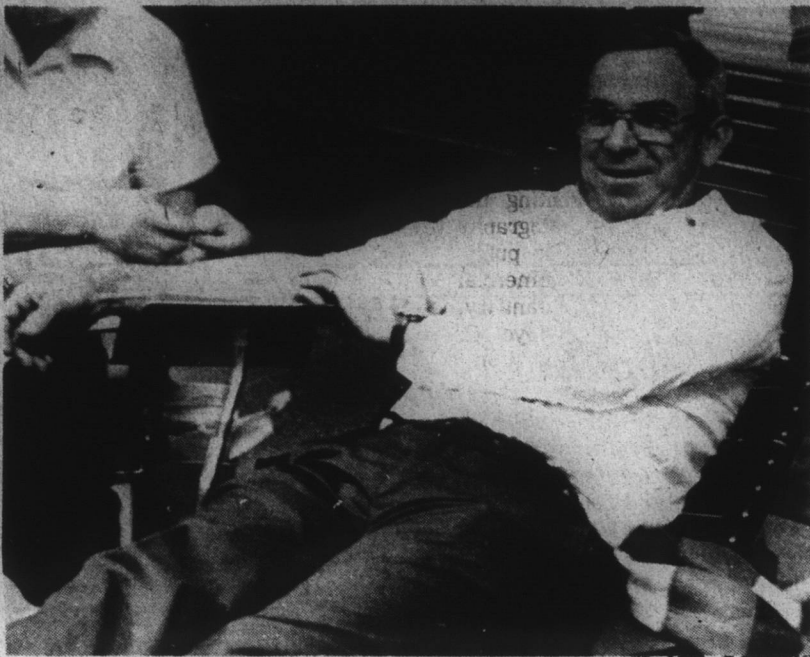
James Robert Boone, charged with 45 MPH in a 55 MPH zone and no operator's license, was found guilty and ordered to pay cost of court.

David Thomas Nixon, charged with murder, was found not guilty by the jury.

Residents Urged

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nesday-Saturday, or at the Crossroads Fire Dept. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The deadline for listing in Jan. 30 at 12 noon, with a 10 per cent penalty after that.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER DONATES — J. D. Peele, vice-chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, donated a unit of blood at Tuesday's Bloodmobile. The Bloodmobile received 161 units of blood from 185 donors, surpassing their quota of 150 units.

Bloodmobile Exceeds Its Quota

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the American Legion building in Edenton Tuesday. The Bloodmobile began at 12-noon with a quota of 150 units and, upon ending at 6 P.M., had received 161 units from 185 donors. This is the second time in a row that the Bloodmobile has surpassed its quota in Chowan County.

According to Bruce Wackelin,

Tax Estimated At \$1.7-Million

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Vepco will pay about \$1.7-million in North Carolina state and local taxes in 1981. This includes \$9.9-million for taxes on gross receipts and about \$1.7-million for property taxes.

Chowan County will receive \$19,318 while the Town of Edenton's take is \$2,772.

Of the 1981 property tax payments made on December 31, 1981, Northampton County's \$344,759 was the company largest. Halifax County had the second largest bill at \$288,602. The Gaston and Roanoke Rapids hydroelectric facilities are located in the two counties.

Other counties receiving checks include Martin, \$95,212; Hertford, \$75,406; Dare, \$158,539; Currituck, \$56,608; Washington, \$32,950; Bertie, \$72,476; Edgecombe, \$33,442; Warren, \$31,514; Gates, \$35,581; Pasquotank, \$33,671; Perquimans, \$27,593; Pitt, \$25,334; Nash, \$13,120; Tyrrell, \$10,227; Beaufort, \$11,814; and Camden, \$9,130.

The City of Roanoke Rapids received \$70,671, and the Roanoke Rapids School District and the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District received \$24,503 and \$6,195, respectively. Elizabeth City received a check for \$8,986. Other cities receiving checks include Greenville, \$11,032 and Washington, \$4,396.

The largest town check of \$37,915 went to Kitty Hawk. Other towns receiving checks included Williamston, \$25,463; Ahoskie, \$10,236; Plymouth, \$12,876; Murfreesboro, \$4,807; Nags Head, \$10,198; Manteo, \$13,112; Tarboro, \$3,720; Kill Devil Hills, \$11,646; Weldon, \$3,941; Winfall, \$2,727; Aulander, \$1,919; Belhaven, \$1,372; Bethel, \$1,097; Columbia, \$1,962; Gaston, \$1,352; Winton, \$1,389; Whitakers, \$1,271; Robersonville, \$1,643; Conway, \$1,799; Jackson, \$1,303; Kelford, \$1,787; Rich Square, \$4,834; Seaboard, \$3,867; Southern Shores, \$2,716; and Woodland, \$2,553.

Bloodmobile chairman, special thanks should be given to the American Legion for donating the building and to the following volunteers, groups, and businesses who contributed to the Bloodmobile's success: Edenton Jaycees, Jerry Hendee and Kathleen Jethro of the Chamber of Commerce, Nancy Morgan, Phyllis Swain, Mike McArthur, Thelma Smith and the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, Maggie Stokes and the American Legion Auxiliary, David Ambrose, Gail Johnson and Ida Harris and the Chowan County Emergency Medical Services, Mary Louise Phelps and the Edenton Jaycees, Claire Mills and Chowan Hospital, Dr. L. E. DeVine, Terry Williams and WCDJ Radio, Jeffrey W. Winslow and the Chowan Herald, the staff of WBXB Radio, Rob Boyce and the staff of Holmes High School, Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Pert Labs, W. T. Culppepper, III and Farm Bureau Insurance - for providing the canteen, A. C. Hudson, Rosa Rountree Davis Jewelers, and Edenton Cotton Mills.

Caution Urged In Referendum Vote

(Editor's Note: This story of interest in Edenton and Chowan County first appeared in The Virginian - Pilot on January 18.)

By Harry Stapleton

Some peanut quota holders in Virginia and North Carolina could be voting themselves out of business in the Jan. 25-29 referendum on the federal price-support program.

A provision of the peanut section of the 1981 Farm Bill permits the secretary of agriculture to withdraw the allocation of quota holders who have leased or rented their farm's poundage to another grower for cash in two of the past three years, 1979-81.

Grower associations in the two states say a strict interpretation of the section means farmers in the lease-rent category would lose their historic quota, the poundage that receives the high price support of \$550 per ton this year.

Russell Schools, executive secretary of the Virginia Peanut Growers Association, said it did not appear that the provision applied to quota holders who leased out their entire farm or rented their poundage on a profit-sharing basis instead of taking cash.

County officials of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers the program, said they had not yet received guideline rules and regulations interpreting the new peanut bill for the crop years 1982-85.

Schools and Fleetwood Sugg, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, said they had appealed, through congressmen in the two states, to the secretary of agriculture to modify the section.

The section was included, according to Sugg, in the last hours of the debate on the peanut bill in a conference committee of the House and Senate. He said the industry only learned of the section about two weeks ago.

The committee's chore was to resolve differences in the House and Senate legislation on peanuts. The House had voted to kill the program while the Senate bill continued allotments and price supports.

Watts Files For Re-Election To DA Post

District Attorney Thomas S. Watts announced his filing as a candidate for reelection with the State Board of Elections, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 4, 1982. Watts has served seven years as District Attorney for the seven county First Judicial District which includes Chowan County. Prior to assuming his present office as chief criminal prosecutor he served for four and one half years as an Assistant District Attorney and as District Court Prosecutor.

In announcing his candidacy, Watts pledged to "continue to vigorously prosecute those persons who violate our laws in an impartial manner without fear or favoritism." Watts further stated that he would, "maintain the highest possible level of efficiency in both courtroom and office operations, consistent with our prime objectives of fairly and fully representing the interests of individual crime victims and society and advising the law officers of the District."

Watts, 42, is a graduate of Davidson College and received his law degree from Wake Forest University. He is a member of the National District Attorneys Association and the North Carolina District Attorneys Association as well as local, state and national bar associations. Watts has held numerous offices within the North Carolina District Attorneys Association, including serving as the organization's President in 1979-80.

Watts has attended training courses conducted by the National College of District Attorneys and has lectured on criminal law at schools and training seminars conducted by the State D. A. Association, the N. C. Justice Academy and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

In addition to numerous charitable and civic activities, Watts is a past President of the Pasquotank Young Democrats

Club and served as a Democratic Precinct Chairman.

In 1968 Watts was recognized as one of the Five Outstanding Young Men of North Carolina and also received the Distinguished Service Award presented annually by the Elizabeth City Jaycees. He was recipient of the first annual Outstanding Service Award awarded by the Elizabeth City

Phone Co. Pays Whopping Tax Bill

Carolina Telephone's 1981 Chowan County tax payment here amounted to \$50,555.65.

The company's check makes it one of the largest taxpayers in the county.

T. F. Daniels, Carolina Telephone's district commercial and marketing manager in Elizabeth City, said that the company's total tax bill within Chowan County, including all city taxes, is \$67,580.15.

"The taxes reflect Carolina Telephone's continuing investment in buildings and equipment to help meet the high demand for telecommunication service," said Daniels.

Carolina Telephone's total operating tax bill for 1981, including all state and federal taxes, is expected to come to nearly \$56.9-million.

This figure does not include almost \$5-million in two per cent federal excise tax payments which were billed to telephone users by the company. The excise taxes are remitted to the federal government upon collection.

The company has applied for a general rate increase which would increase its intrastate operating

Fraternal Order of Police in 1972.

Watts is married to the former Marguerite Peters of Richmond, Va. and has one daughter, Kathy, age 17. Mrs. Watts is active in civic and charitable endeavors and presently serves as President of the Albemarle Hospital Auxiliary and the Pasquotank P.T.A. Council.

Phone Co. Pays Whopping Tax Bill

revenues by \$47.2-million annually. Should the N. C. Utilities Commission approve the request, federal and state taxes would take a little more than half of the requested revenues. The remaining dollars will be used to continue meeting increased operating expenses, interest payments, depreciation and employee wages and fringe benefits, and to provide a fair return to investors.

Gov. James B. Hunt will be guest of honor at the first Albemarle Ball hosted by Democratic Party organizations in a ten-county area, according to Gwenn Cruickshank, publicity chairman for the event.

The February 12 event will be sponsored by Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. Bill Owens, Democratic Party Chairman of Pasquotank County is chairman of the ball.

Site for the ball will be the Vaughn Center on the campus at Elizabeth City State University. Music will be furnished by the March IV band.

Among prominent Democrats expected to attend are members of the General Assembly, the Council of State, and the Democratic Executive Committee. Tickets at \$35 per couple or \$20 per person can be purchased from county chairmen or directly from the Democratic Party Headquarters in Raleigh.

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IRS Eliminates Walk-In Service

GREENSBORO — The Internal Revenue Service is eliminating walk-in assistance to taxpayers who in previous years have visited the Elizabeth City, Franklin, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Henderson, High Point, Lumberton, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Sanford, and Shelby offices for return preparation and blank forms, the IRS has announced.

Glenn Jones, IRS Public Affairs Officer said, "In our efforts to more efficiently use our limited resources in the taxpayer assistance area and to serve the largest number of North Carolina taxpayers, we are diverting resources to our Toll-Free Telephone System."

Jones said that the toll-free system has always been the most effective way in which taxpayers receive assistance. The toll-free number is 1-800-822-8800.

Jones added that additional forms and publications may be ordered on the handy coupon included in the personal tax forms package, or by telephoning 1-800-241-3860 toll-free. Also, most banks and post offices stock a limited number of the basic tax forms, he said.

Another option, is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. "Free assistance to the elderly, handicapped and low income taxpayers may be available from these local groups of volunteers trained by the IRS," Jones said. The locations and hours of assistance by these groups may be obtained by calling the IRS toll-free number listed in the local phone book.

Jones added that taxpayers will still meet with collection and examination personnel by appointment at the local offices.

Performance Set

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touring symphony orchestra, will bring a wonderful experience of music to all in attendance. Rossini's "Overture to the Italian in Algiers" and Benjamin Britten's "Soirees Musicals, Suite of Five Movements from Rossini, Op. 9" will comprise a major portion of the program prior to intermission.

Richard Fecteau, principal Trombonist with the Symphony, will be the featured soloist during Carl Oestreich's "Trombone Concertine."

Following intermission, local citizenry will be further enraptured by the blended voices of The Edenton Choral Society and The John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir. The beautiful and challenging works of art which these choruses will perform include Holst's "Festival Te Deum" and "Vivaldi's "Gloria."

In honor of visiting musicians, everyone attending the evening program is invited to attend a reception immediately following the concert. The Chowan Arts Council is sponsoring this informal, festivity.

A full schedule is planned for North Carolina's "Cultural Ambassadors" while in Edenton. Following rehearsal with the choral groups on Wednesday night, there will be a free educational concert for Edenton-Chowan's 4th through 8th grade students on Thursday morning.

Conductor Ogle has graciously consented to visit Holmes Concert Choir classes on Thursday afternoon prior to the upcoming evening concert for the community. An informal Tea is planned to honor the genial conductor by the school's Modern Music Masters Club.

The N. C. Symphony is being sponsored in Edenton by the Chowan County Chapter of the N.C. Symphony organized this past summer under the auspices of Edenton-Chowan Schools Community Education Program. Providing an annual concert in the community is a major function of this body.

Advanced tickets to the January 28 evening concert may be purchased at Hollowell-Blount's and Mitchener's pharmacies, The Edenton Chamber of Commerce, or from secretaries at any of Chowan County's public schools. Sections of the auditorium will be reserved for advance ticket purchases and those who have become members of the N. C. Symphony Society.

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