

Gov. Hunt Is Guest Speaker

ELIZABETH CITY — Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr.'s speech here on February 12 for the kick-off meeting of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow is open to the public organizers of the event announced today.

The speech will come during a banquet at Elizabeth City State University beginning at 5 P. M.

Some 60 persons asked to serve on the NNCT board, county commissioners, and mayors from the 16 county Northeastern Region received special invitations to the dinner. Executive committee members emphasize however that the dinner is open to anyone who makes an advance registration.

Registrations may be made through Dr. Jimmy Jenkins at ECSU; Dr. Ed Wilson at Roanoke-Chowan Technical College, Ahoskie; Bill Abeyounis, Washington Chamber of Commerce, Washington; Webb Fuller of Currituck; Bill Owens and Floyd Spellman, Elizabeth City; or from the county Democratic chairman in the 10 Northeastern counties sponsoring the Albemarle Democratic Ball which follows the dinner meeting.

Dinner reservations are \$7.50 each.

Also on the kick-off meeting program with Gov. Hunt are Rep. Walter Jones and Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development Joe Grimley.

Others making brief remarks will include Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, Northeastern legislative caucus chairman; Dr. John Neville, executive secretary of the 40th anniversary celebration; Marc Basnight, board of transportation member; and Charles Fitts, board of economic development member.

Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow is planned as a regional umbrella organization to champion regional causes at the state and federal level.

Vaughan Is Named To 3-Year Term

HERTFORD — Roland H. Vaughan, Jr., has been named to a three-year term on the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) County Committee, it was announced today by Larry W. Godwin, FmHA state director. He succeeds Marvin Evans, Route 1, Edenton, whose term expired June 30, 1981.

In making the appointment, Godwin said, "The Farmers Home Administration County Committee is a vital link to local conditions. The agency counts on their judgment, experience, knowledge of people and agriculture in their communities in selecting applicants who have a reasonable chance of success."

The FmHA County Committee assists the agency in determining the eligibility of applicants for FmHA farm loans. They also act as an advisory committee on FmHA Farmer Program implementation. The Committee is made up of three members, two of whom must be farmers deriving the principal part of their income from farming at the time of their appointment. Other members are C. T. Rogerson, Route 2, Hertford and Nathan Zackary, Route 3, Hertford.

Vaughan is a graduate of University of North Carolina and is owner of James E. Wood & Company, a peanut brokerage company with offices in the Edenton Bank of North Carolina Building.

FmHA, a credit agency of the department of Agriculture, makes farm loans for real estate and production purposes as well as for nonfarm enterprises that supplement family income. The agency has, over the years, enabled many farm families to stay on the land and succeed in farming.

During the past fiscal year, FmHA provided some \$8,000,000 in loans and grants for farm, housing, community, and business programs in Chowan and Perquimans Counties. The County Office located in the ARPC Building on Church Street Extended, Hertford, is headed by Melvin E. Howell, county supervisor.

Now He Remembers
An enthusiastic golfer came home to dinner. During the meal, his wife said: "Willie tells me that he caddied for you this afternoon."
"Just think of that," said Willie's father. "I knew I'd seen that boy before."

Upgrading Of Fire Insurance Results In Lower Rates

Many of the insured commercial properties within Edenton have probably noted a decrease in their fire insurance rates effective Feb. 1. This is a result of the recent upgrading of Edenton's fire insurance classification from Class 6 to Class 4 Insurance Services Office.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a Raleigh-based company which evaluates and rates 335 districts across North Carolina. They recently spent two days here checking and evaluating Chowan County.

According to Luther C. Parks, Edenton's Fire Chief since 1970 and a 41-year veteran of the Fire Dept., "The Fire Dept. and the Water Dept. are the main things they check. The amount of alarms received and answered, training facilities and how they are used,

the number of firemen who respond to alarms, the type of apparatus and the manner in which it's maintained and tested; all of this has a bearing on their decisions."

Sam Noble, Edenton's Town Administrator, recently received a letter from ISO stating that Edenton's classification had been raised to a Class 4. This puts Edenton in the same class as Kinston, Asheville, Lenoir, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, and Wilson, all of whom are listed as Class 4.

Of the 335 rated districts across North Carolina, only eight have a Class 4 rating. Only nine have a better classification.

Resigns Seat

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system. This proposal met with immediate opposition. Councilman Allen L. Hornthal opposed the way the money was to be refunded, saying, "If some people pay only \$50 a month for electricity while others pay \$300, it isn't fair for everyone to receive the same refund."

Councilman Willis Privott countered that of the several possibilities considered by the Utility Committee, this was the best all-around solution. Councilman W. H. Hollowell, Jr. questioned the fact that residential customers and not businesses were going to receive the refund.

This was answered by Councilman Steve Hampton, who said that most of the businesses wouldn't miss the refund, and the refund would eventually make its way back into Edenton's economy. The voting on the issue was deadlocked with the Mayor casting the deciding vote. The issue was approved, with Mayor Harrell saying that in an earlier meeting, the Council had promised the customers a refund.

In new business, the Council approved a final plat on the subdivision of land located on the north side of Mexico Road and just west of Dixie Auto Parts property. At this point, Councilman Hornthal requested a few minutes to address the Council. He said that in the years he had served as Councilman, he had always tried to serve in the public's best interest. He said that he still didn't like the decision of the Council to leave him off the three major committees in an earlier decision.

He said, as follows, "When the people of the community are denied the chance to put input into an issue, it's time to leave. I can no longer be a part of the group of which the majority has a basic motivation involving the base of power. I said once before that absolute power corrupts absolutely. I resign my seat in protest: I oppose this man sitting to my left (Mayor Harrell) in everything he says."

With those closing words, he left the meeting.

After his resignation, the Council continued with new business.

It was approved that the Council declare a 1967 Chevrolet Suburban surplus equipment and sell it by means of sealed bids.

The Council also approved a resolution concerning a stabilization plan for Oregon Inlet. Following this, Spec Jones discussed the U.S. 17 problem with the Council and requested that \$500 be contributed toward it. It was passed.

The Council also adopted a resolution honoring Bertram Byrum for his service to the Town of Edenton.

Chief Luther C. Parks, who will retire from the Edenton Fire Department effective June 25, was commended for his outstanding service to Edenton. The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club also read a letter commending Chief Parks' outstanding service.

Hubert Granby was granted permission by the Council to operate a taxi in Edenton.

Following payment of Town Bills, the Council went into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Symphony

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memberships also helped provide a bit of musical magic for over 1,000 Chowan County 4-8th grade students earlier in the day, when they were treated to a performance aimed directly at their age group. From the opening segment, with Director Ogle explaining that he also likes rock music and roller skating, to the twirling of the basses for the finale of the William Tell Overture, the students were spellbound.

The widely varied children's concert was carefully arranged by Ogle to excite an interest in and appreciation of classical music by removing the stuffiness traditionally associated with symphony performances. It obviously worked, as word filtered back that at least one student, who had been very much opposed to attending "that symphony stuff", commented to his teacher afterward that "That was really all right!"

The orchestra members were so excited by the younger students' response that five members donated their time that afternoon to hold two hour mini-clinics for high school band musicians — something they rarely, if ever, do during their travels. Director Ogle, who devoted his spare time that afternoon to working with the high school chorus members, was most complimentary of Shelby Strother, The Edenton Choral Society and The John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir.

Following the performances, the general community consensus seemed to be that this should become an annual event. Fortunately, this is the purpose of the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony, and board members are already looking toward next year's visit.

Many parents and students have expressed disappointment that more students were not able to attend the daytime performance. If local interest and response remain at the current high levels, one possible goal of the local chapter could be to have more than one student concert next year. This would depend entirely on local contributions and membership sales.

Merchant Of Month

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1, 1965, the Tarkington's opened their own store at 315 S. Broad St. When they bought the store, it had been a children's store.

"I was very pleased with the reception," said Mrs. Tarkington. "I tried to carry quality merchandise at a reasonable price, and our business has grown over the years."

The store was changed from a children's store to a children's and ladies specialty shop under the Tarkington's ownership.

Anita Tarkington is a past Matron of the Eastern Star, a member of Edenton Baptist Church and Treasurer of the Cattillon Club.

Her husband is the local magistrate and Anita's business partner. They have two children, Dr. Raymond Ashby Tarkington, Jr., of Chester, Va., and Mrs. Ellene Newell of Tucson, Arizona.

The Tarkington's reside at 115 W. Queen Street.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONFISCATED — During a recent weekend Trooper M. J. McArthur confiscated these beverages from nine local youths between the ages of 13 and 17.

Minors Facing DUI Charges

During a recent weekend Trooper M. J. McArthur of the N.C. State Highway Patrol stationed in Edenton, confiscated a large quantity of beer, wine, and liquor from nine Edenton youths between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. None were of legal age to possess these beverages, but all had consumed some quantity of them. All of the youths were either driving or were passengers in vehicles owned and insured by their parents.

Charges placed against the youths included misdemeanor under-age possession of an alcoholic beverage, transportation of a spirituous liquor with the seal broken, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, following another vehicle too closely, driving a motor vehicle on the wrong side of US-17, speeding 68 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, and improper equipment on a vehicle.

All of these arrests occurred during one 8-hour shift by one officer. The total number of our under age drinking violators cannot be told. Trooper McArthur expressed deep concern for the safety of these violators and the other innocent users of our public highways. He also questioned why these boys and girls were com-

pelled, or felt the need, to be drinking at such an early age.

Trooper McArthur said, "My job is to enforce the law. Not only is it unlawful for those under 18 to possess and consume alcoholic beverages, it demonstrates poor judgment on the part of the consumer. Enforcement of these and other alcohol-related laws will be accelerated during the upcoming months."

McArthur also requests that all responsible persons who encounter youthful drinking to assist his effort to safeguard lives and property by either counseling or stopping such unwise practices.

Vote Is Pending On Expansion

The president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation has urged cotton farmers to "give careful consideration" to a vote later this month for continuation and expansion of the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

If approved by voters, the program will be conducted for southern North Carolina and all of South Carolina, starting this year.

According to John Sledge, ballots will be mailed out by ASCS for southern areas around February 26 and should be returned by March 8. Other area ballots will be mailed on February 15.

Sledge also has strongly urged cotton growers to attend area meetings prior to the referendum to learn more details about the eradication program. He said cotton's future in North Carolina depends upon "how we handle this program."

Meetings are scheduled to be in Sampson County on February 11 at 7 P. M. at Midway School; Edenton on February 11 at 2 P. M. at the County Office Building; and in Laurinburg on February 23 at 7 P. M. at the County Office Complex.

Sledge pointed out that the three year boll weevil eradication trial in parts of North Carolina and Virginia had been "very successful."

"With cotton making a come back in North Carolina, it is extremely important that growers attend these meetings and then decide for themselves what to do about cotton's number one enemy, the boll weevil."

Pork Conference Set For Tuesday

The 1982 Regional Pork Conference will be held on Tuesday, at the American Legion Building in Edenton. This event is for all pork producers in Northeastern North Carolina and will bring to producers the latest research information and technology on pork production.

The program starts at 9:30 A.M.

Topics to be discussed this year are "How To Conserve Energy While Producing Hogs," Bynum Driggers; "What Determines Hog Prices," Clyde Weathers; "Selection And Management Of The Breeding Herd," Ken Esbenshade; "Farrowing House Management With Emphasis On Milking Problems In Sows," Charles Stanislaw; "How To Reduce Feeding Costs," Dwight Armstrong; "Diagnosis And Treatment Of Swine Dysentery," Dr. Robert Carlson; and "Remodeling Ideas," Jack Parker.

All producers from Northeastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia are invited to attend.

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