

## Amburn Elected Chairman Of Advisory Council

WASHINGTON, D.C. — L.F. Amburn, Jr., editor and publisher of The Chowan Herald in Edenton, N.C., has been elected chairman of the National Extension Advisory Council. He succeeds John Haas of Larned, Kansas.

Amburn headed a new slate of officers elected at the second annual meeting of NEAC at the National 4-H Center last week. He had served as secretary of the organization of lay leaders from 41 states.

Mrs. Frances McConnell of Colorado was elected vice-chairman; John Thomas of New York, secretary; and Harold Balsters of Illinois, at-large. Haas

becomes an ex-officio member of the NEAC Executive Committee. Officers serve two-year terms.

More than 500 lay leaders of the Cooperative Extension System (Agricultural Extension Service in North Carolina) attended the first multi-region conference. Twelve people attended from North Carolina.

Following workshop sessions Sunday evening and Monday, the leaders spent Tuesday visiting members of the U.S. Congress.

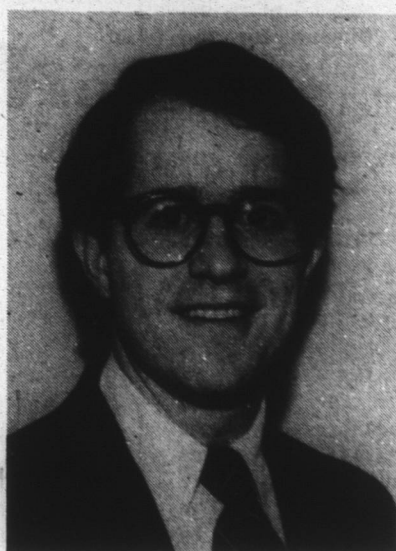
Amburn was among five leaders of NEAC invited to testify Tuesday afternoon before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture. He said as chairman of the N.C. State Advisory Council he represents some 60,000 volunteers who give more than 2-million hours of their personal time each year for the well being of North Carolinians through the four major program thrusts of the Agricultural Extension Service - agriculture, 4-H, home economics and community and rural development.

Amburn cited the development of a countywide water system in Chowan County as a good example of how the Extension Service provides leadership to coordinate programs beneficial to the entire community. Rep. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) was particularly interested in the testimony and singled out the project to laud.

The witness also testified that strategic planning is a habit in North Carolina. He cited several long-range planning efforts by Extension and emphasized that in every case the planning process begins at the grassroots.

The fall meeting of NEAC will

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Thomas B. Brandon, III

## Candidacy Is Announced

An attorney from Martin County has recently declared his intention to be a candidate in the upcoming primary for the First Congressional District seat.

Thomas B. Brandon, III, a Democrat, plans to file against Rep. Walter B. Jones, and stated that eastern North Carolina will need aggressive leadership in Washington in the future if the area expects to retain its place among other progressive areas of the state and nation.

Brandon stated that eastern North Carolina needs a congressman who will actively speak out to protect its agricultural interests and who will

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## Special Olympics Set For March 27th

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," is an oath that will be repeated frequently in the minds and hearts of special people participating in the Special Olympics planned for March 27 in Chowan County at Hicks Field.

The Chowan - Edenton Optimist Club will sponsor this year's event and looks forward to

county-wide participation by not only competitors, but also supporters from area volunteer groups and civic organizations.

Mrs. Betsy Kelly has been named by N.C. Special Olympics, Inc. as Chowan County's coordinator. Mrs. Kelly extends an invitation to the public to attend. According to Mrs. Kelly, "Chowan County's second Special Olympics



CANCER SOCIETY CONFERENCE — Joe Hollowell, left, and Pam Stallings, right, of Edenton are pictured with well-known stage and screen stars Darren McGavin and wife, Kathie Browne, at the recent statewide Mid - Winter Crusade Training Conference of the American Cancer Society, North Carolina Division. The meeting, which more than 300 volunteers from across the state attended, was held Feb. 18 at the Sheraton - Crabtree in Raleigh. Joe Hollowell is the Area Crusade Chairman and Pam Stallings is the Crusade Chairman for Chowan County.

## Grimsley Addresses NRCD Supervisors

The Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors were honored at their last meeting by having as their guest, Secretary Joe Grimsley of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Mr. Grimsley accepted the Supervisor's invitation to attend their regular District meeting and talk on some of the area's resource management problems as well as the future programs of NRCD. Lloyd Bunch, District Chairman, presided over the meeting.

Gilliam Wood, an avid supporter of resource conservation and a community leader in Chowan County, introduced Grimsley to the group of around 30 people including County Commissioners, County Managers and District Supervisors from the five county Albemarle District. Also attending the meeting was Assistant Secretary of NRCD, Jay Langfelder, and Senator Melvin Daniels from Pasquotank County, a strong supporter of the District's programs.

Grimsley's main topic of con-

cern was the water quality problems in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. "The cause of these problems is far reaching and complex," Grimsley stated. "It includes pollution originating all the way to the headwaters of the Chowan and Roanoke Rivers - both of which are shared with our neighbor state of Virginia. We believe that the best way to protect our interest in North Carolina is to work together with our neighbor state. We will be making a strong effort in 1982 to move ahead toward mutually beneficial solutions," he continued.

Grimsley further pointed out that these efforts will work hand and hand with the on-going 208 or the Agricultural Non-point Source Pollution Control Program which is voluntary. "The Albemarle District has always been a leader with your education and information program," he told the supervisors. "That is why we are depending on you to continue to help us coordinate educational efforts for farmers which emphasize good farm management and the installation of best management practices. This program is dependent upon technical assistance from the

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WATER QUALITY DISCUSSED — Secretary Joe Grimsley, left, discusses the trends and management needed to help the area's water quality problems with County Commission Chairman, Al Phillips, center, as Gilliam Wood and Earl White look on.

## Questionnaire Being Issued

Chowan County residents will have a chance to say what they want the state to be like in the year 2000, through a questionnaire being distributed here and throughout the state during March.

As a public service, the questionnaire is reprinted on page 4-A of this issue of The Chowan Herald.

The questionnaire is part of North Carolina 2000, a long-range planning project now underway in Chowan County and across the state. According to Pete Thompson, chairman of the Chowan County NC 2000 Committee, citizens are being asked to identify what they value most about the state now and what they think needs most improvement.

Throughout the month of March, the NC 2000 Committee will be placing the questionnaire in public places such as libraries, banks and offices and distributing it through community organizations.

"We see this as a way to get more people thinking about the problems and opportunities of a new century", said Thompson. "We want them to bring their own goals and values to bear on decisions made by leaders at all levels - decisions that can mean a better life for our children and our communities in the years ahead."

Chowan's committee is part of a network of county committees responsible for making sure local citizens and leaders have a voice in the statewide planning effort. The committees are feeding information into a state-level Commission on the Future of

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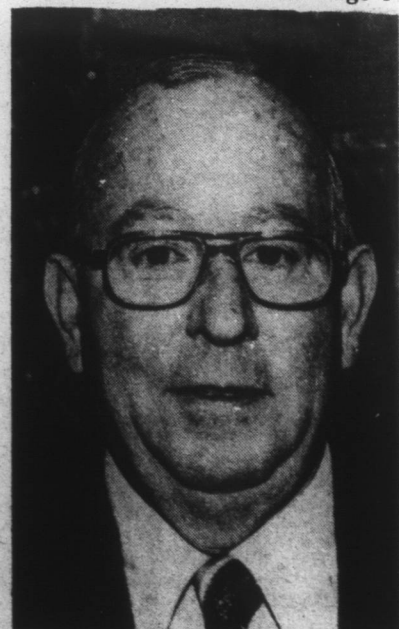
## Mr. Byrum Is Merchant Of Month

Editor's Note: In an effort to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Edenton's many merchants, The Chowan Herald established a monthly series beginning in January entitled "Merchant of the Month". The purpose of this series is to focus attention on one merchant each month, giving the reader some information as to how this particular merchant attained his or her present position.

The Merchant of the Month for March is George Alma Byrum of Byrum's Hardware.

George Alma Byrum, an Edenton native, started working full-time at Byrum's Hardware after graduating from college in 1948, but has been involved with

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George A. Byrum

## Two Arrested On Drug Charges

Robert David Howard, 30, and Vicky Lynn Monds, 21, of Box 24, Route 1, Edenton were recently arrested by the Chowan County Sheriff's Dept. on drug-related charges. The arrests came after a lengthy investigation by the Sheriff's Dept.

Howard was arrested March 5 on five charges of possessing a controlled substance. These counts include two counts of selling and delivering marijuana, manufacturing by packaging marijuana, possessing with intent to sell a controlled substance and possession of a large number of methaqualone tablets, which is a controlled substance. He is presently in Chowan County jail under a \$150,000 bond.

Monds, also arrested March 5, was charged with possession of

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## Not All Political

When Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company decided it was time to put a woman on its board of directors they didn't settle for the second best. And while the appointment of Mrs. Betty McCain of Wilson has more than a tad of political overtones, the sterling qualifications of Mrs. McCain will lay them to rest.

Granted, Mrs. McCain has been closely associated with the Democratic Party in general and Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., in particular. But she is not all political. Furthermore, she is smart enough to effectively walk the fine line separating the political from the private sectors.

Most of her political laurels have come as a result of her ties with Gov. Hunt. However, she has never been so close to the forest that she can't see the trees. This is a compliment to both the lady and the causes she represents - or more accurately, spearheads.

As Carolina Telephone moves into a greater leadership role in Tar Heelia, the company needs to identify with people and programs dedicated to finding solutions, rather than being satisfied with the problems. The company has shown exceptionally fine judgment in the selection of Mrs. McCain for a board seat, because she is a doer of the first order.

## Weekend Trip

The need for blood along the Public Parade and throughout the country doesn't abate on weekends. In fact, a lot of weekend activity results in the need for extra blood.

Also, not all businesses allow employees to take time off from their jobs to donate blood during the week. The traveling public doesn't find it convenient to visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile at all. Then there are the others who use "inconvenience" as an excuse.

All of this is being put in the shade along the Public Parade this week. Chowan County's first scheduled weekend bloodmobile visit is to be Saturday.

Tyner Jaycees, following the lead of their mother club in Edenton, are sponsoring the visit at their building on Highway 32 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. The quota is 50 pints.

As you plan your weekend, plan a trip to the Tyner Jaycees Building Saturday. It may be one of the most beneficial weekend trips you will ever make.

## Dear Pork Lover

Each week more news releases go into the found file along the Public Parade than get into the newspaper. The editor tries to make judgment decisions on local interest items. While they all don't

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PLANNED — Mrs. Betsy Kelly, Chowan County's coordinator for this year's Special Olympics, and Mike McArthur, President of the Optimist Club, stand behind four of the participants for this year's event. The Optimist Club is sponsoring the Special Olympics, which is planned for March 27, with April 3 being the rain date.