

Public Parade

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naming Dr. Howell to head one of the top campuses in the 16 - university system.

Dr. Friday and the ECU Search Committee was wise to select Dr. Howell to become the eighth chief administrator in the institution's 75 years.

It was a rare pick, however, for except at UNC-Chapel Hill, Dr. Friday has been reluctant to recommend the promotion of someone already onboard to the chancellorship. It is a good sign and one which can well be followed in the future.

Dr. Howell, a native of Five Points, Ala., has served as ECU Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs from 1973 to 1979. And since joining the faculty at ECU in 1957 he has held academic posts as dean of the Graduate School, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the Department of Political Science.

ECU has enjoyed decades of strong leadership. In Dr. Howell the institution continues in this tradition.

Important Meeting

A majority of the members of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina will pass along the Public Parade this week enroute to a meeting in the Isle of Pasquotank. We hope some of them find time to meander hereabouts during their trip into Northeastern North Carolina.

The board will be meeting at the Elizabeth City State University for the second time since the expansion of the higher education system in Tar Heelia. And they will learn, if they don't already know, that they are in an atmosphere of cooperation.

ECSU is making great strides under the leadership of Chancellor Marion Thorpe. One of the reasons is Dr. Thorpe's broad vision and his dedication to contributing to the solution rather than being a part of the problem.

Dr. Thorpe and Dr. Parker Chesson of the College of The Albemarle are friendly competitors in the academic arena in the Albemarle Area. Neither is possessed with greed and each realizes the need for the broad agenda each can offer. Because of this type cooperation both institutions of higher learning enjoy a good audience.

One of the newest projects in which ECSU and COA are cooperating is the Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow undertaking. This citizen - oriented project is designed to focus attention on the many assets of this region of the state and hopefully attract economic growth.

The Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow approach is new to the region and has caught the fancy of some top leaders in education. For this reason, the Board of Governors will devote a good deal of time learning more about us than they would have under other circumstances. So, this is an important meeting of the board and we know they will go away refreshed, if not from the meeting from the visit with Walter Davis at the Outer Banks.

Signal Of Trouble

The American farmer today, including a bunch of them along the Public Parade, is in deep trouble. While he is by far the most

Dr. Flood To Address Graduates

Dr. Dudley Flood, Assistant State Superintendent for Student Services, will address the second graduating class of the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School. The formal graduation for the Class of '82 will begin at 8 P.M., June 11, in the D.F. Walker cafeteria.

Dr. Flood is a native of North Carolina. He received a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina Central University, a Master's Degree from East Carolina University, and a Doctorate Degree from Duke University. Dr. Flood has taught at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. He has also served as principal of a school covering grades one thru twelve. He joined the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in 1970, and in 1973, was promoted to the position of Assistant State Superintendent for Student Services, the position he still holds.

Mrs. Clara M. Boswell, principal of the Alternative School,



Dr. Dudley Flood

productive in the world, the cost-price squeeze is playing a death-like role.

And there doesn't hardly a day pass that there is not a new signal of trouble. Among the latest is a report of decline in farmland values.

U.S. farmland values fell an average of 1 per cent from February 1, 1981, to April 1, 1982. This decline follows increases in farmland values of 16 per cent in 1979 and 9 per cent in 1980, according to the N.C. Crop & Livestock Reporting Service.

While average U.S. farmland values slipped 1 per cent, the consumer price index gained about 8 per cent, causing the real value of U.S. farmland to drop 9 per cent.

In North Carolina the decline was from \$1,331 per acre in February, 1981, to \$1,284 per acre in April, 1982. This is a bad sign.

The decline in farm profits is directly tied to the economy, but the decline always starts ahead of the others and the recovery comes a long time afterwards. Therefore, there just doesn't seem to be any good news in this area.

Local governments continue to look to the land as the prime source of tax revenue. And the land has about absorbed its limit! That is why a proposal to allow local governments to levy an extra penny of sales tax looks ever better at this time than ever before.

The sales tax is an equitable tax. It is paid by everyone, regardless of whether or not they own property. And whether or not one owns property is not a test for them receiving services provided by taxes.

will present awards to seniors and undergraduates. Dianne Overton will address her fellow classmates on the importance of being a good citizen. Lisa Franks will also be a participant in the platform activities. Introduction of the guest speaker will be made by Denise Stallings. Presentation of diplomas and certificates will be made by the principal and Eugene Jordan, Chairman of the Board of Education.

Recommendations

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conditions are improved at that time.

Last year's Medicaid budget was \$102,744. This year the County is budgeting \$129,690 as recommended by the State.

An increase of 5 per cent is proposed for the schools. Present funding is \$887,715. With a 5 per cent increase, funding will be \$927,091. This approximately \$17,000 less than requested but the Finance Committee felt that with the proposed freeze on salaries by the State, the schools could easily absorb this small reduction in requested funding. These figures do not include the \$90,000 capital outlay funding. Including this money, the proposed budget will increase school funding by more than 15 per cent.

Monies are included for completing the Gliden rescue squad building and for lighting at the Chowan School ballfield.

Improvements

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August of 1983.

T.S. Land of the George Smart Architect Firm in Raleigh discussed the plans for building the renovations. Now the bidding war begins on who will receive the building contract.



WHAT A CABBAGE — Matthew Perry grew this cabbage in his garden behind his house on N. Oakum St. Perry said the cabbage weighed close to 9 pounds. Now is that a cabbage or is that a cabbage?!!!

SCLC March And Rally Is Held In Edenton

by Richard Williams

Despite the arrest of their national organizer, Golden Frinks and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference went ahead with a march and rally in Edenton as part of the Pilgrimage to Washington as they lobby for an extension of the Voting Rights Act.

The Rev. James Orange, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Change Inc. in Atlanta, was arrested Friday in Williamston on charges drawn against him nine years ago in this town. He remained in jail Tuesday.

"This is clearly persecution," said Joseph Lowery, National President of SCLC who arrived in Edenton late Sunday evening. "But our journey will not end because our leader was incarcerated."

The charge against Orange, "failing to disperse," had been dismissed after the SCLC ended

demonstrations here nine years ago.

Lowery believes the sentence of six months was too stiff "for such a minor offense."

"If I had been arrested for everytime I failed to disperse when an officer said move, I would not be here today," Lowery said.

Community Watch Day Set

Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed June 26 as Community Watch Day in North Carolina.

Gov. Hunt said, "We have come a long way since we started Community Watch in North Carolina. Today, people in more than 10,000 communities participate in that program. I knew Community Watch could be a powerful weapon in our fight against crime. Last year's two per cent drop in our state's crime rate is proof that when citizens and law enforcement work together, crime can be prevented."

"Today, we have a N.C. Community Watch Association. That association is working with our Crime Prevention Division to organize Community Watch in every neighborhood in our state. On June 26, the association will host its first annual meeting here in Raleigh. I join with the association and invite everyone to attend."

"I am proud of the tremendous job the N.C. Community Watch Association is doing to assist us in our crime prevention efforts. Therefore, as governor, I proclaim June 26, 1982, as Community Watch Day in North Carolina and commend its observance to our citizens."

Net Collections For Month Of April Are Noted

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during April amounted to \$37,957.83 while the total collected in North Carolina was in excess of \$18.7-million.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties during the same month amounted to:

Camden, \$7,356.92; Currituck, \$19,405.44; Dare, \$62,692.26; Gates, \$9,627.26; Hyde, \$8,007.38; Pasquotank, \$111,165.75; Perquimans, \$11,261.50; Tyrrell, \$5,846.13; and Washington, \$34,356.07.

"Only a state of Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) would sentence a man to six months for failing to disperse."

According to reports, Orange turned himself in to law authorities in Atlanta in 1974 when he was made aware of the charge against him in North Carolina. Atlanta then contacted N.C. officials and they showed no interest in the case at that time.

Despite Orange's frequent visits to this state, police made no move to arrest him until two days after marches peacefully picketed the Raleigh office of Helms, who has threatened to filibuster against the renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin said he was unaware Orange had been in the state.

"The information that he was in the state was just given to me this past week," Toppin said. "I wished I had known he was in Charlotte (last month). I would have sent an arrest order down there."

Golden Frinks, State Coordinator of SCLC, criticized elected officials who he feels are not representing Blacks.

"Tokenism is no good," said Frinks. "It isn't enough to only hold these positions— just to say, 'I am on the Board of Education, I am on the Town Council.' We must speak up," Frinks said, "for Black concerns."



BIG CATCH FOR LITTLE WOMAN — Anne Asbell of Tyner recently caught this 12½ lb. bluefish while fishing at ramp 14 in Salvo, N.C. The fish was 2 lb. short of a citation catch.

Mrs. Crummey, First Councilwoman

by Richard Williams

Tuesday night Marina Crummey was sworn in on the Town Council, replacing Allen Hornthal who resigned almost four months ago.

Crummey, a Child Enforcement Agent for the Department of Social Services, was given the oath by Clerk of Superior, Lena Leary.

In other business the Council appointed Gayle Gieseke to the Planning Board, replacing Erwin Griffen and named Jerry Morris Airport Manager for a six month probationary period.

Miss Leary praised Crummey for her fine work before having the new council woman, the first-ever woman appointed, to swear in under oath.

"I am very honored to be appointed first woman on the Town Council," Crummey said.

Councilman Steve Hampton nominated Gieseke to fill the void

on the Planning Board. Gieseke was defeated by Miss Crummey in last month's Council seat election by a 3-2 vote. She was also appointed by Hampton for that post.

The airport requested an appropriation of \$12,374 of which \$7,280 would go for possible fencing at the airport.

The Council received a request (by letter) to turn full operations of funding and management over to the County.

Al Howard, Airport Commissioner feels the airport could be more efficiently operated under a single entity. The Town and County currently operate the facility together.

"The County has worked far better with us than the Town has," Howard said earlier this week. "And we believe that it would be best if their was a single ownership."

The Town has one year to reply with the County's request to turn ownership over to the county.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TOWN OF EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The Town of Edenton will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 1982, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on S. Broad St.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the citizens of Edenton with adequate information on the State's Community Development Block Grant Program and to receive citizens views on Community Development needs and to respond to citizens proposals.

The Town of Edenton proposes to submit an application to the North Carolina State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development prior to the July 30, 1982 deadline, requesting Block Grant Funds for neighborhood revitalization. The maximum amount of funds available for a one - year block grant program is \$750,000.

All persons present will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. Written comments are also invited and will be accepted at the hearing.

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