

Noted And Passed

It's not an item usually found around the house these days, but there is bound to be a wooden tating shuttle somewhere along the Public Parade. And Mrs. Ima H. Asbell needs it.

Mrs. Asbell wants to borrow the shuttle for a demonstration being put together for the observance of the Edenton Tea Party later this month. She'll be glad to hear from someone in possession of the item. Her phone number is 221-4665 or write her at Route 1, Box 31, Tyner, N. C. 27980.

Expensive Secret

The Wake County Hospital System has lost a three-year fight to keep secret an out-of-court settlement with emergency room doctors. It turned out to be an expensive secret, costing the authority more in legal fees than the sum total of the settlement.

The Wake County authority paid \$61,733 in legal fees to keep a lid on a settlement with emergency room doctors which totaled \$52,500. The basis for the withholding of facts about the case from the press and public was a promise by the authority. It was a promise that shouldn't have been made because it couldn't be kept. And this fact has prevailed.

There is a lesson for public officials in this exercise. Public officials are accountable to the public for their actions. If they find themselves in an unusual, even unpopular, situation, public support and understanding can best be obtained at the outset—not three years down the road.

Credits Mounting

There's a young Edentonian down at the University of Florida in Gainesville who is making quite a name for himself in the performing arts. J. H. Conger, III, is in his second year as director of musical theater on the UF faculty.

Jo-Jo, as he is affectionately known along the Public Parade, is also a favorite at the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville where his credits are mounting. He has just completed his fourth season at the Parkway, where he was a member of the director-choreographer-acting faculty.

He was director-choreographer of the Parkway production of "Camelot" which had an eight-performance run in July. At UF he has successfully directed Mozart's "Impressario"; and Puccini's "Sister Angelica", "West Side Story", and "Man of La Mancha".

Jo-Jo also often works in New Jersey for the Glassboro Summer Theater where he directed two recent productions: "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Hello Dolly!"

Before moving to Florida, he was a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland. His professional credits also include directing for educational TV, choreographing for musicals, opera and outdoor dramas.

For the record, he is the son of J. H. Conger, Jr., of Edenton, and Mrs. Ruth B. Conger of Charlotte; and the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Bond of Edenton and J. H. Conger, Sr., of Southern Pines.

Plan For Safety

How can a family along the Public Parade turn its observance of Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9) into added security and peace of mind or years to come? The Insurance Information Institute

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The Chowan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 4, 1982 at 9 A.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order, and the Commissioners entertained a proclamation dedicating the year as the Year of Courtesy in Chowan County. The proclamation was so ordered.

The Commissioners next gave preliminary acceptance of the assessment for improvements to Montpelier and Surfside Drives in Cape Colony; which the Department of Transportation have just completed. The Department of Transportation assessment was \$3.24 per foot. Final adoption of the assessment will await a public hearing that is to be held at the November Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The Board appointed Mr. Phillips, Mr. Elmore, Mr. Copeland and Mr. Louis Belfield to the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, next.

The position of Child Support Agent I was changed to Child Support Agent II as per the State's

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The Board Of Education Meeting Notes Are Released

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 4.

The first order of business was to consider the various reports that were presented. Dr. Dunn presented an official report to the Board that the county commissioners had approved funding for the proposed construction at Holmes High.

The next report was presented by Maxine Britt. It dealt with the accreditation of Walker, Swain, Chowan and Holmes. Mrs. Britt noted that the Accreditation Board read the five year reports and has decided to accept them favorably. She also noted that there were several ten year self studies coming soon, in the spring 1984, for Chowan, White Oak, and the Alternative School. The entire school system will be updated again in 1986 to bring all the schools into the same timetable

for accreditation.

The Band it was reported won first place in the Virginia State Fair Band Contest.

The Peanut Festival report followed and was given by Allen Harless. Mr. Harless in his report mentioned that all the schools were represented with floats in the parade and that two schools had placed winners: White Oak, first place and Holmes Library, third. He wished that it be noted that Rob Boyce helped the Band Parents extensively from the beginning of the school year and that he would like to thank Mr. Boyce for his help. Mr. Harless also thanked the Board for their support and asked that it continue in the future.

The last report was on the suspensions of students who were not immunized according to the requirements of the law.

The second order of business was the "Public Speaks" at this time Roy Harrell asked that the

board go into executive session to discuss a personal matter and his reaction to it.

The third order of business was to decide on delegates for the North Carolina School Board Association's Convention; James Taylor and T. P. Griffin were appointed by the Board's Chairman, E. N. Jordan.

The last order of business dealt with things that the Board had to take action on. The Board first approved the minutes of the last school Board meeting. They next approved the transfer of a student's assignment.

The Board also approved an overnight trip to Washington, D.C. for the Social Studies Classes from Chowan Junior High School. The

dates of the trip are to be October 8 and 9.

A list of the people who have met the schools requirements for substitute teaching was presented to the Board, which they approved.

The Superintendent of the Edenton Chowan Schools, John Dunn, asked the Board to request from the State that the schools be permitted to exceed current statutory class size limits. The Board approved the action.

Dr. Horton then moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss the personal matter with Roy Harrell. The motion was seconded and all spectators and media people were requested to leave.

Two Peanut Businesses Have Merged For Stabilization

Jimbo's Jumbos of Edenton and Gilliam Brothers Peanut Sheller of Windsor have completed an integrated merger designed to stabilize both businesses. Financial details of the two closely held corporations were not disclosed and the firms will continue to operate under both names.

Tilmon Keel, an official of Jimbo's Jumbos, said Wednesday morning that the merger would provide a local flow of product from the farm to the retail shelf. Furthermore, Keel said the transaction will probably result in further expansion of the Jimbo's Jumbo plant on Peanut Drive.

Jimbo's Jumbos is a blancher and roaster of shelled peanuts, a roster of in shell peanuts and a processor of peanut butter. Gilliam Brothers is a buyer of farmer's stock peanuts which they process for both the commercial and seed markets. Gilliam Brothers operates plants in both Windsor and Williamston.

Two of the biggest volume buyers for Gilliam Brothers are Chowan Storage and Virginia Fork Produce, both located in Edenton.

Gilliam Brothers is already one of the biggest seed peanut com-

panies in North Carolina. The combined businesses have the capabilities of being the biggest buyer and sheller in North Carolina, second in the area to Planters in Suffolk, Va.

There will be no change in management of the two companies. Marshall Kilpatrick is executive vice president of Gilliam Brothers.

"We will be their largest customer, although not their only customer," according to Harry Gard, president of Jimbo's Jumbos.

Gilliam Brothers was founded in 1898 and has been operated for 84 years by three generations of the Gilliam family of Bertie County. Six years ago the Gilliams bought the Williamston Peanut Co. to become the largest peanut processor in North Carolina, said Rep. John B. Gilliam III, D-Bertie, a principal owner.

AEMC Annual Meeting Is Set

The 1982 annual meeting of the members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held Saturday, at the Perquimans County High School Auditorium at 2 P.M.

Members may begin registering at 12 noon and all members are encouraged to attend their meeting noted James A. Whitehurst of South Mills who serves as president.

Prior to the 2 P.M. meeting there will be an Energy Van available for members to talk with a representative concerning questions on Energy Management and Conservation.

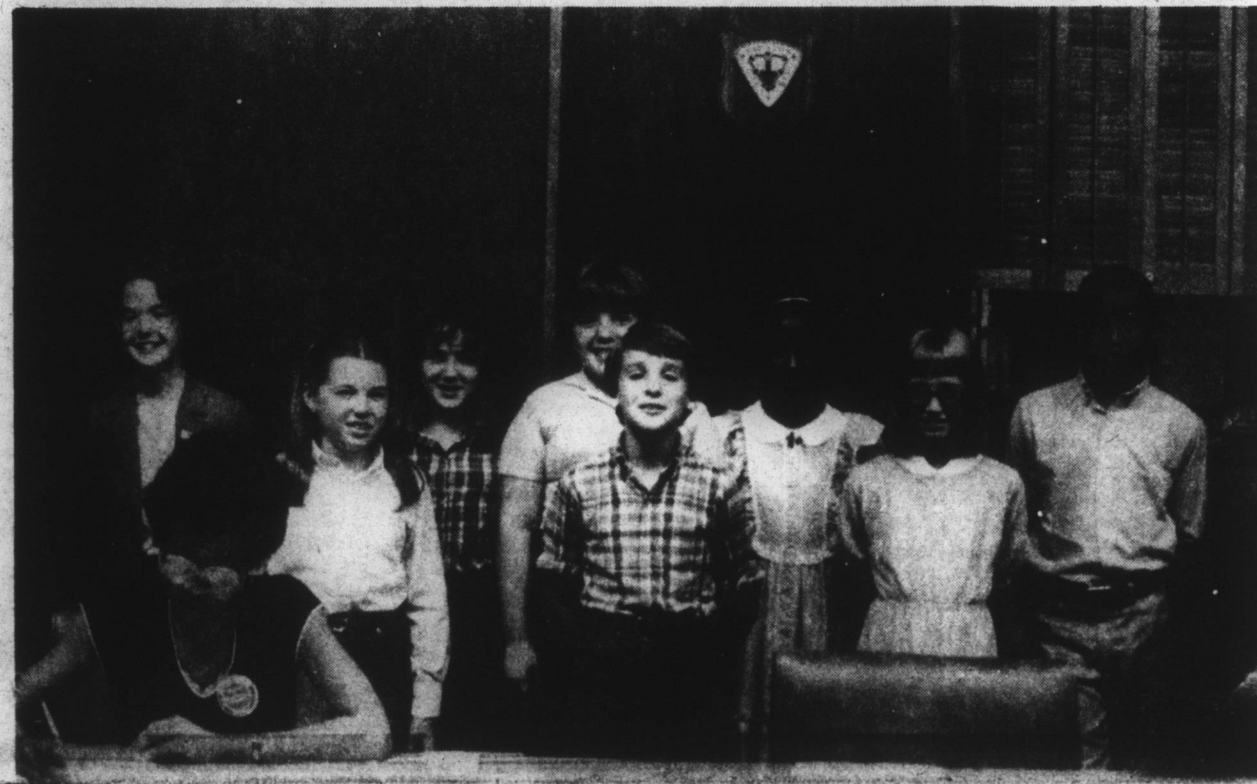
Also, on display on load management will be available for members to observe. Albemarle EMC, along with other EMC's across the state of North Carolina, is studying the feasibility of installing load management switches on water heaters and air conditioners.

The business session will include the election of three directors. A Nominating Committee, comprised of eight members, met on September 9, 1982.

The committee will be presenting the following names to be voted on by the members:

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PROCLAMATION SIGNED — The Chowan County Commissioners were treated to the singing of Delores Hollowell's Fifth Grade Class from Swain. The Commissioners later signed a proclamation.

Youngsters Sing At The Chowan Commissioners Meeting

The Chowan County Commissioners were treated to the singing of Delores Hollowell's fifth grade class during their regularly scheduled meeting. The class which was introduced by Jim Blount Jr., sang the "E.A. Swain Song" and "God Bless America" for the Commissioners. The Commissioners then talked with the youth for a few moments before the students returned to their classes.

The singing served as a preface to Dr. Dunn who presented the Commissioners with the request that they sign a resolution declaring the 1982 - 83 school year as the "Year of Courtesy in Chowan County."

The resolution reads: Whereas, the importance of developing the full potential of each child is recognized, and

Whereas, the Edenton - Chowan Board of Education supports the emphasis of instruction which will enable students to develop and demonstrate respect for self, school, community, nation and world; and

Whereas, the theme "Courtesy Is Contagious - Spread It" will be stressed during the 1982 - 83 school year;

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved

by the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County: That the 1982 - 83 school year is hereby endorsed and proclaimed as the Year of Courtesy in Chowan County.

Adopted this fourth day of October, 1982.

Dr. Dunn identified courtesy and the development of respect with the school saying, "It is our hope that from the schools the students will carry the manners they learn over into the home and other places."

Dunn also pointed to the need for good role models when he said, "I

think it was Fred Astaire who said, 'No wonder children these days don't show any more manners than they do ... they don't see any,' now Fred Astaire may have been saying it in jest but there is a need for good role models."

Al Phillips, Chairman of the County Commissioners responded to Dunn by saying, "You are certainly to be commended ... Anything the County Commissioners can do to support you, we will."

The Commissioners adopted the resolution unanimously.

Hon. J. Richard Parker Presides Over Chowan County District Court

The District Court of Chowan County was in session last week with the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding.

Charlie Walker Paylin requested that the court grant him limited driving privileges. His request was granted.

Calvin Maurice Hill was found guilty of disobeying a stop sign. He had to pay the cost of court.

James Walter Rome was found guilty of inspection violation. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

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Soybean Festival Begins Thursday

ELIZABETH CITY — North Carolina's first soybean festival will open its doors to the public at 1 P.M. Thursday with more than 45 exhibitors in the Albemarle 4-H Livestock Building on U.S. 17 South.

Agriculture Secretary Jim Graham will open the three - day festival which will denote the origin of the commercial processing of soybeans in America at Elizabeth City in 1915.

At noon on Friday, Gov. Jim Hunt will welcome the N.C. Economic Development Board to the festival. The board will convene in town for a two - day meeting to discuss the business development of Northeastern North Carolina. Lt. Gov. Jim Green will join the governor and the developers in town that day.

Television weatherman Joe Foulkes of WVEC-TV will be the guest of honor Saturday at 3 P.M.

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FIRST PLACE FLOAT — White Oak School took the honors of first place in last weeks Peanut Festival Parade. The title of the float was Courtesy is Extra - Terrestrial.



SECOND PLACE FLOAT — The Edenton Fire Department took second place honors with their float "Old Fashion Peanut Harvest" at the Peanut Festival Parade.



THIRD PLACE FLOAT — The John A. Holmes High School Library Club took third place with their float on king cotton at the Peanut Festival Parade.