

Mrs. Lillian Leary

There must have been a need for a grande dame in Heaven. Mrs. Lillian Webb Leary was called to fill the spot last week, moving from a long and useful life along the Public Parade.

When we came to meander along the Public Parade she was a member of the Edenton Board of Education. That public body had grown accustomed to meeting in private. We disagreed. After a couple of editorials, we were admitted into the otherwise closed society.

After the first meeting we attended out at John A. Holmes High School, Mrs. Leary turned to us, placed her hand on our arm and said with a twinkle in her eye: "Now, Bud, we aren't as bad as you suspected!" She was merely a member in any group in which she was cast, she was a leader.

Mrs. Leary was slow in seeing the wisdom of a consolidated board of education. However, once convinced she moved into the transition with the same vigor and determination for success as she displayed everywhere. When it came time for the board members to be elected, Mrs. Leary's children had long ago moved from the classroom into positions of leadership in business and community, so she chose not to run. The politician in our family was encouraged by her to seek election, which she did. And after 10 years on the board she, like Mrs. Leary, felt her effectiveness on the decline and stepped aside.

Mrs. Leary, the wife of J. Clarence Leary, contributed greatly to almost everything progressive in the community, not the least being a good bridge game now and then.

She was past president of the Women's Missionary Union, Parent - Teacher Association, Edenton Garden Club, among the titled positions. But she was first a good wife, mother, grandmother and lady of great grace and dignity.

If anyone had offered a wager at that first school board meeting on Mrs. Leary's age (then 61) they probably would have won themselves a newspaper. She could have been labeled a senior citizen even then, but she wouldn't accept what the term implied. She shouldered her responsibilities well, right to the end.

In June of this year she and Mr. Leary celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. And it was something she didn't want much made of, and to have done so would have been completely out of character for this grande dame whose absence will be felt forever, not just by her family and friends, but by all who meander along the Public Parade.

18th Anniversary

The Tar Heel State is gearing up for its 400th Anniversary. We are just as excited about our 18th Anniversary of meandering along the Public Parade.

Just like this week, it was the Sunday before the 1964 general election that she checked into the "Horton Hilton" (Joseph Hewes Hotel), which was to be our residence for some six weeks. A lot of algae has bloomed in the Chowan River since then.

After nearly two decades as an Edentonian we still get a thrill out of crossing the Chowan River or Albemarle Sound - entering, of course.

Just this past weekend we had another fine experience which we always enjoy as we meet new people from across Tar Heelia and beyond. Up at St. Catherine's in Richmond, Va., we visited with the Frank Holdings of Smithfield, as an example.

"You have to have a reason to go to Edenton," Ella Ann Holding was telling some parents from South Carolina. "Smithfield, well, you go through from any direction." But it is a Holding daughter who has locks on interests along the Public Parade. And it centers around the Dixon family, mainly Sambo.

Later we visited with the Henry Dowdys of High Point. Corinne Dowdy visited Edenton when rain drove her and the children inland from vacationing on the Outer

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CHAMBER MAKES PLANS—Shown above are Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce President-elect for 1983 Tom Shepard and Chamber Executive Jerry Hendee as they discuss plans for 1983.

Chamber Membership Drive Under Way

Realizing the need for improved local economy the Chamber will be concentrating their major efforts toward bringing additional industry and business to Edenton. Substantial progress has been made in the past few months through the implementation of improvements to our sewage disposal system and an annexation of properties along Route 32 N. Both undertakings will open the door to new businesses and industry.

In recent weeks meetings have been held with top officials in the

North Carolina Department of Commerce to initiate steps to bring prospective industrial and business clients to Edenton.

None of these efforts are possible without the participation of existing area businesses and industry through their membership in the Chamber. The 1983 Chamber membership November 5th when membership teams will begin personal visits to both existing and prospective members for 1983 participation.

Ground Breaking Ceremony November 9th

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on November 1. The meeting was opened with an Invocation which was followed by "Good Things". The "good thing" reported on at this meeting was that most of the boilers at all the schools had been worked on and brought up to an acceptable state of repair. The repairs had been made by the School Systems maintenance staff at many of the schools. The "good thing" report was given by Hubert Byrum the School System's

Maintenance Supervisor.

It was announced to the Board that a Ground Breaking Ceremony was to be held on the ninth of November at nine in the morning for the construction of the new cafeteria at John A. Holmes High School. Construction is expected to be completed on August 9, 1983; at which time renovation will begin on the existing cafeteria to convert it into science labs. The renovation work is expected to be completed by December 17, 1983.

The Pupil Population Projection

was another report of interest given. The Projection showed that the decreasing enrollment at the Chowan County Schools should soon halt and be replaced by a gradual increase which is expected to last at least until 1992.

The Board listened to and considered the audit that was done on the School System by J.P. Timberlake, next. The audit showed that the school System had money on the plus side of the ledger but the Board was cautioned

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Election Results		East Edenton	West Edenton	Rocky Hock	Yeopim	Wardville	Center Hill	Absentee	Total
House	Jones	401	501	133	161	111	135	11	1453
	McIntyre	33	74	28	50	12	8	2	207
	Emory	7	7	2	2	0	3	0	21
Judge Court of Appeals	Eagles, Jr.	328	416	106	142	85	114	11	1202
	Pearce	32	54	29	41	8	8	2	174

ELECTION DAY RETURNS—In the election that took place on Thursday, November 2, Congressman Walter B. Jones was re-elected to another term in office with 1,453 of the 1,681 votes cast or 86 per cent of the votes. In the only other contested race, Engles took 1,202 of the 1,376 votes cast in the race for Judgeship of the Court of Appeals or 87 per cent of the vote. There were no other races contested.

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COMPLETES TERM—W. Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank County, left, is recognized upon completion of a two-year term as chairman of the 10-county Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. Presenting him with an engraved plaque is Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford, who succeeded Carver at last Thursday night's annual meeting.

Regional Cooperation Discussed

"Agriculture has been to North-eastern North Carolina what the Research Triangle Park has been to the Raleigh - Durham area," said N.C. Sec. of Commerce D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth.

Faircloth spoke Thursday night of last week at a meeting of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission at Soundview Restaurant in Washington County.

W. Raleigh Carver, ARPD chairman for the past two years, was succeeded by Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford. Carver is chairman of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners.

Faircloth said that Northeastern North Carolina has become an important area for the growth of soybeans, corn and peanuts and a major truck farming center.

He said that in 1980, cash receipts from farming in the Albemarle region counties rose to nearly \$200 - million dollars or a 40 per cent increase in two years.

In September, unemployment in nine of the 11 counties was significantly under the statewide unemployment average of 8.7 per cent.

Faircloth said that farmers in the Northeast had shown that North Carolina farmers could successfully produce and compete in other areas of agriculture.

"While tobacco has gotten the

headlines, North Carolina's farmers are moving toward making this state one of the nation's greatest food producers. We've

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Townwide Sale

A townwide Fall Harvest sale is being conducted in Edenton today (Thursday) through Saturday. The event is designed to attract customers from throughout the Albemarle Area through competitive prices, courteous sales personnel and adequate parking.

The Chowan Herald, in cooperation with the merchants Committee of Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce, has printed more than 14,500 copies of a tabloid sales edition.

Participating merchants include: Macks, Parker - Evans Hardware, Western Gas, The Elliott Company, Ben Riddick Jewelers, Tarkington's, Jackson's Radio and T.V. Service, Edenton Furniture Co., Byrum Hardware Co., Winn Dixie, Quinn Furniture Company, Belk Tyler, A&P, The Betty Shoppe, Cuthrell's Department Store Carpet and Appliance Plaza, Inc. and TG&Y.

Land Owner Questions Property Tax Assessment

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 1, at 9 A.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The agenda was opened with a public hearing on the assessment roll of property which connects with the newly paved road at Cape Colony. The assessment is \$3.24 per foot and is figured on the number of feet that connects with the road. The assessment is used to pay for the cost of the road. There was one question brought to the Board's attention where the owner believed the footage of land he owned connected to the road was different than the number of feet that he assessed. The property was

measured and it was found that the land owner was correct; his assessment was adjusted. The assessment of other properties were lowered because of differences in the footage represented on the plats and the actual footage. There were

Parker Presides Over Felony Hearing

The District Court of Chowan County was in session on November 2 with the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding and the Honorable Kenneth Patterson prosecuting.

Carl Davidson had a probable cause hearing on a felony larceny charge. He presented a waiver of probable cause and was bound over to Superior Court. His bond was modified to \$1000.

Kimberly Kay Heal had a probable cause hearing on a felony

no other questions brought up, so the public hearing was brought to a close. It was moved that the assessment be accepted and the motion carried. Assessments must now be paid within 30 days if the

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Marching Aces Win Competition Trophies

The trophies listed below were won by the 1982 Marching ACES from John A. Holmes High School of Edenton. The band started their preparation in late June when they attended the Mid - Atlantic Band Front Camp which is held at Ferrum, Va. The band is under the direction of Otis Strother and assisted by Shelby Strother.

The first competition entered was held at Virginia State Fair on September 28 and was sponsored jointly by the Fair and Virginia Commonwealth University. The band was entered in the Class A competition and won: 1st Place

Rifle Squad, 2nd Place Drum Major, 1st Place Flag Corps, 1st Place Drum Line and 1st Place Band in Class A.

The second competition entered was held at Chowan College on October 16. The band was entered in Class AA competition and won: 1st Place Drum Majors, 2nd Place Rifle Squad, 1st Place Flag Corps and 1st Place Drum Line.

The band was also awarded the Wade Duncan percussion trophy for the most outstanding percussion section of the day, first place Band in Class AA and won Band of the Day. At this com-

petition they were awarded \$500 from the Belk Stores of Eastern North Carolina.

The third competition entered was held at East Carolina University on October 23. The band was entered in Class AA competition and won: 1st Place Flag Corps, 1st Place Rifle Squad and 1st Place Band in Class AA. They also won 3rd Place in the Grand Sweepstakes.

The Marching ACES have had a great year and one to be remembered for a long time. Congratulations, ACES!



SUCCESSFUL YEAR—Members of the NROTC hold up the trophies won by the John A. Holmes Marching Aces over the past several months.