

Public Hearing

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recognition. They rank among the top 40 home economics extension agents in the entire state.

Also, Mrs. Josephine Patterson was recognized for 30 years of service. Mrs. Patterson retired recently as Northeastern District Chairman, a post she has held for five years. A search committee has been named by Dr. Chester Black, state director, to recommend nominees to replace Mrs. Patterson. The job will be tough.

Directly related to the amount of time volunteers spend in extension activities is the quality of the professional staff. North Carolina has a highly respected Lay Leadership System in extension because North Carolina has a highly competent professional staff.

We're glad to be the token Tar Heel associated with them.

Bad Leadership

Loretta M. Martin, president of the N.C. Association of Educators, had a "lapse in judgement" in Washington, D. C., last week which has rendered her services useless. She should follow her public apology with her resignation.

The Associated Press reported that the NCAE president was among some 200 state and national leaders in a two-day conference Thursday of the National Education Association. The group was discussing the NEA's \$1.3-million in political contributions and the lobbying tasks ahead in Congress and statehouses.

Good reports were being given, but the one from North Carolina took the cake. The president said 93 per cent of candidates backed by NCAE won, including Rep. Ike Andrews of the Fourth Congressional District, who pleaded guilty to drunken driving, and related charges immediately prior to the election.

Here's how the Associated Press reported the events:

"The odds were really stacked against us because Jesse Helms is from my state," she said, and Helms' Congressional Club contributed heavily to conservative Republican candidates, including Andrews' opponent, William Cobey, Jr.

"Our teachers said, 'You know, I guess, Jesse Helms' clone named Cobey is going to be a Jesse Helms clone for the rest of the year, and Ike's only going to be a drunk part of the time, so we got to help this man,'" she said to loud laughter. End of AP quote.

The attention the report was getting was too much, it seems. If the "clone-drunk" bit was not bad enough, she had to make her story even better. Back to AP:

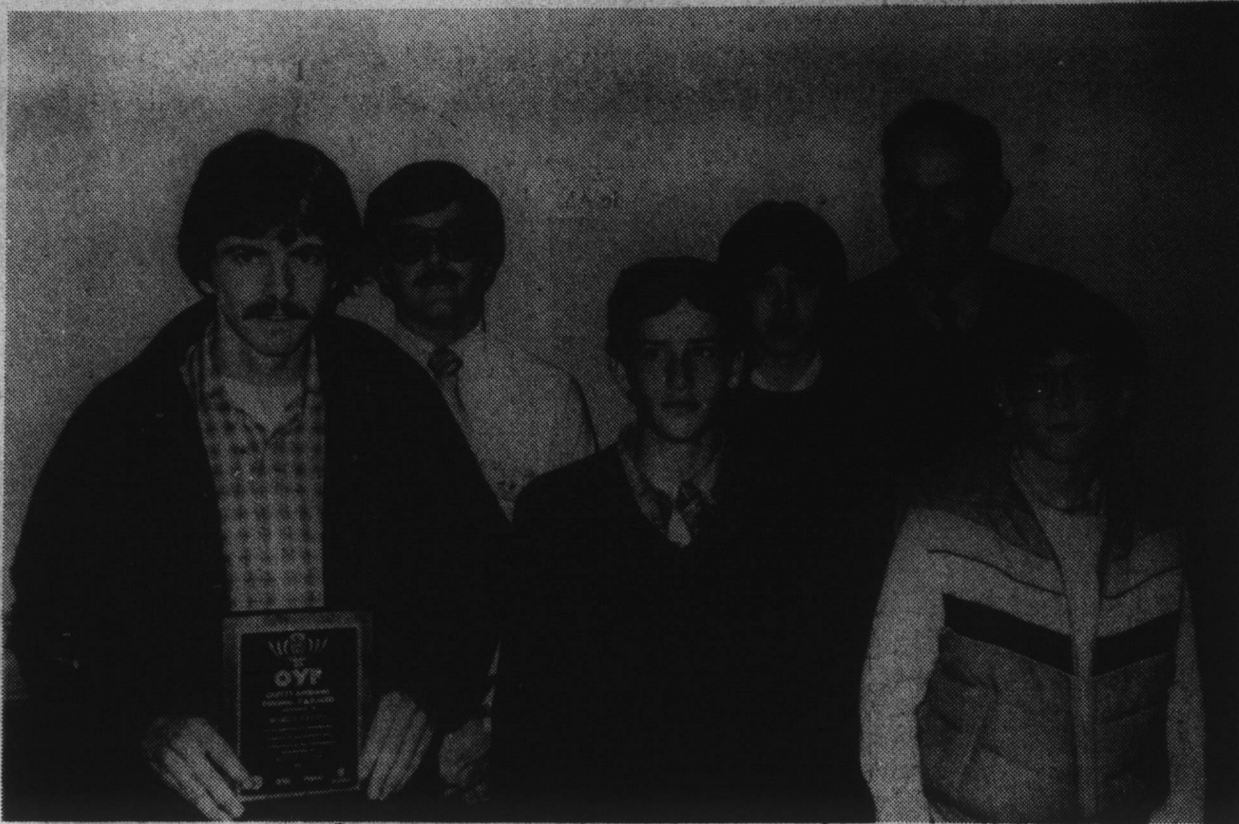
"And help we did. He didn't have much of a campaign. We became that man's campaign. We wrote his speeches. He delivered them at the wrong places, but we wrote his speeches. We produced his fliers. We shook all the hands. We did the phone banks. We did the whole thing," she said. End of AP quote again.

Of course, what it all amounts to was an example of bad leadership with a back home "clone-drunk" story which had the big lie attached to it. Either one would have been bad enough alone, considering the position of the speaker.

To show further evidence of her lack of leadership ability, the NCAE president said she didn't know the meeting was being covered by the press. Who's she kidding? Here are 200 of the top leaders (?) of the nation's biggest union gathered in Washington, D.C., talking politics and the press is not expected to be around. Hogwash!

The N.C. Association of Educators is a powerful lobby. The fact that 93 per cent of the candidates the group supported won speaks for itself. This cannot be expected to continue, however, with a president who can explain away a bad joke and a lie by saying she had a "lapse in judgement."

State employees, including teachers, need the best leadership possible, especially in these times of tight budgets, depressed economy, etc. Bad leadership like that displayed last Thursday by Loretta M. Martin is a luxury the teachers don't need, let alone can't afford.



AWARD WINNERS—One of the highlights of the annual Farm-City Week banquet in Chowan County is presentation of special awards. Emmett Winborne, left, was named winner of the Jaycee Distinguished Young Farmer and Rancher Award. Three winners in the 4-H Corn Award program were: Stephen Bass, Mike Pippins and Gregory Bass. Back row left is Allen Mills, president, Edenton Jaycees, with R. M. (Pete) Thompson, Lions Club president, at right.

Cooperation

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of Commerce as announced by Les Fegan, president.

M. (Pete) Thompson, president of the Edenton Lions Club, presented that organization's 4-H Corn Awards. Winners in the three categories were: Gregory and Stephen Bass, sons of Carroll Bass; and Mike Pippins, son of John Pippins.

Wesley Chesson, chairman of Farm-City Week, presided and remarks were made by C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Board of Commissioners, and Mayor Roy L. Harrell. Tom Shepard, president-elect of the chamber, recognized guests and Hoke Roberson, president, Edenton Rotary Club, gave the invocation.



SAFE FORCED OPEN—The home of the Rev. Edgar Bunch was broken into on Thursday, November 18. His safe was removed from the closet where it was stored and forced open.

Bunch Home Burglarized Thursday

Rev. Edgar Bunch and his wife upon their arrival home from a gospel singing in Williamston, N.C. found that their front door was difficult to open. It seemed as if something was holding the door shut from the inside. When they finally got into the house, they found that the safe had been pulled from the closet where it was stored and its top had been hacked open. Debris from the violent safe opening could be found throughout the living room.

Rev. Bunch called Sheriff Troy Toppin 12:20 A.M. The Sheriff arrived at the scene shortly thereafter. After checking the scene of the crime, Sheriff Toppin called SBI agent, Walt House and the SBI's Mobil Crime Lab.

Agent House arrived at the Bunch's home around 1 A.M. and assisted the Sheriff's Department in preserving the scene until the Mobil Crime Lab could arrive later that morning.

The investigation of the crime is far from complete but as of the present time the following appears to be an accurate scenario of the events of the night:

At some time between 4:40 P.M. and 12:20 A.M. two or three people entered the Bunch's home through the front door after jimmying the lock. They proceeded to block the escape of light through the window by use of a bedspread.

The intruders then pulled the safe out and began to hack at it with an axe or a hatchet. After breaking through the walls of the safe they may have taken some old money that was stored therein. The intruders then left through the back door leaving it unlocked.

The Sheriff's Department does not at present have any suspects. Anyone with any information concerning the crime is asked to contact the Sheriff's office at 482-2484 or the SBI.

Transportation Assoc. Elects Officers

WASHINGTON—William D. Cox, mayor of the Town of Hertford, has been elected president of the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina.

Mayor Cox succeeds William H. (Bill) Page of Washington, who has served as president of the past three years, of the organization that has been working to get Highway 17 four laned through North Carolina.

Cox who has served on the association's Executive Committee since the start, moved up from the vice presidency of the organization. Elected to replace him as vice president was Dick Paul, president and general manager of Television

station WITN in Washington.

W. Bruce Teachey, Mayor of Jacksonville, was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the organization.

In addition to the presidency, Cox was also elected chairman of the association's board of directors and will serve as chairman of the Executive Committee. W. P. Jones of Edenton was re-elected vice chairman of the board of directors.

The retiring president said the highlight of his tenure as head of the organization was the revelation, two months ago, that a study showed Highway 17 needed four laning along its entire route through North Carolina.

The association took a large delegation to Raleigh two years ago to ask Gov. Jim Hunt to call for the study which he did. It was carried out by Kimley-Horn Associates, traffic engineers, for the State Department of Transportation.

Clark Issues Plea For Safe Driving

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single factor. Each year around half of all motor vehicle fatalities can be directly attributed to Alcohol. It is the biggest single cause of fatal accidents. You can protect your life and the lives of your loved ones by taking an active part in combating the drinking driver problem.

"We urge all motorists to support Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.'s campaign to stop DUI by becoming involved in Operation RADD," said Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president

of the statewide motor club. RADD stands for "Report All Drinking Drivers". Anyone who observes a drinking driver is asked to call authorities in his local area and give a description of the offender, his location and direction of travel. Law enforcement officers will be alerted, and the caller will remain anonymous.

"There may be times when one of your friends or a member of your family has too much to drink over the holiday week-end," stated Frazier. "If this should happen, and he insists on driving, take whatever measures necessary to prevent him from DUI. Sometimes it takes courage to be a good friend, but it's worth it."

"A drinking driver behind the wheel of a car is a threat not only to himself, but to everyone else on the road. It is imperative that we exercise responsibility for each other's safety," he concluded.

Other chief causes for the continued high rate of traffic deaths are failure to use safety restraints, and excessive speed.

Total fatalities reported to date in North Carolina this year now stand at 1,090. The motor vehicle driver is the only person able to take measures to protect himself and his passengers from the dangers that may be encountered on the road and help prevent this traditionally festive occasion from turning into tragedy.

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Fishing License

North Carolina commercial fishing boat licenses for 1983 will not be available until January 3, more than a month later than the usual December 1, according to O. B. Lee Jr., director, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries.

Because of the delay, the 1982 licenses will not expire until February 14, 1983. Lee said Marine Fisheries law officers would be on the lookout February 15 to make sure boats have 1983 licenses.

Conservation

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award for conservation efforts on his 11 tracks of land.

Awards were also given for long periods of service. Among the awards given was a plaque for 10 years of service given to Elizabeth Winslow of Perquimans County.

Watson Earl White, a district supervisor from Chowan County, was nominated by Area 5 to run the second vice president of the statewide Soil and Water Conservation Association.

The newly elected chairman for Area 5 is Thomas W. Hill Sr. of Hertford District. Hill will replace M.E. Knight of Gates District.

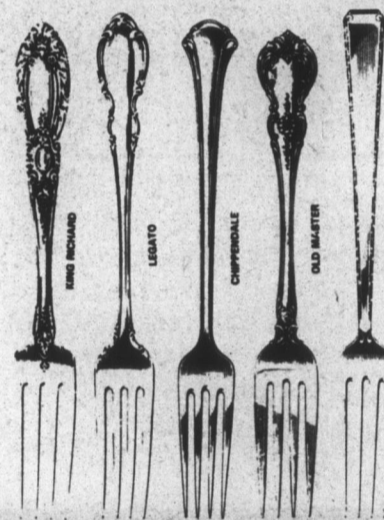
Other officers are: vice chairman, Ralph C. Tucker of Pitt district and secretary-treasurer, Robert Earl Brinkly of Hertford District.

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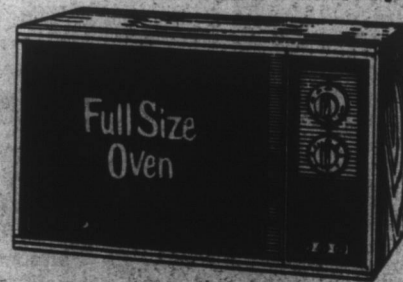
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