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North Carolina some fine talent and the state can ill afford for the drain to continue.

The press recently pointed out that the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill had lost top people because officials were unable to give promised salary increases from non-public funds. The same thing has happened in other schools, including the School of Agriculture & Life Science at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Private industry for years has been endowing professorships, etc., on college campuses. Lately, some foresighted administrators have kept some funds available to make salary adjustments in case of a situation like the freeze now in effect. What wasn't anticipated was such a solid freeze which prohibits any and all salary increases for state employees, regardless of the source of funds.

If the economy of the state doesn't improve to the point where the freeze can be completely lifted, a case can certainly be made for allowing it to thaw enough to shut off the drain of top talent.

### Futrell's Service

Former State Sen. Ashley Futrell closed another chapter in his book of Golden Deeds last Saturday when he resigned as chairman of the board of trustees of East Carolina University. He will continue on the board until his term expires June 30, 1983.

The Washington newspaper publisher cited "personal reasons" for his surprise announcement. He was first appointed to the ECU board in 1969 by then Gov. Bob Scott and had been chairman since August, 1981.

Sen. Futrell served the ECU position with distinction, as he does everything he tackles. When he was running for his first of three State Senate terms back in 1964, he recalled Saturday, "I said often that our destiny and our future were inevitably tied to the progress and service of East Carolina College, and I felt we must seek and nurture closer ties with this institution. It did not seem to be much of a political issue, and it really was not. But our people began to think more in terms of East Carolina College."

And it became a political issue. The ECU Medical School is testimony to the accomplishment of getting people thinking about the university.

Sen. Futrell is a low-key leader. But like E.F. Hutton, when he speaks (or writes) people listen because he enjoys credibility among the vast majority of the people in Eastern North Carolina.

Eastern North Carolina in general and East Carolina University in particular have profited from his service.

### Escheat Owners Hunt

State Treasurer Harlan E. Boyles has launched a concerted effort to locate the lawful owners of unclaimed and abandoned property which was submitted to his office this past year under the provisions of the Escheat and Abandoned Property laws of North Carolina.

Boyles reported that on October 4 there were two escheat owners residing in Chowan County. They were identified as: David E. Holley of Tyner, \$64; and Grace S. Sawyer of Edenton, \$56.78. In order to claim the funds they should contact the N.C. Department of Revenue, Assistant Director, Accounting Section, P. O. Box 25000, Raleigh, N.C. 27640.

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**MERGER FINALIZED**—Shown here are Mr. C.B. Smith and Roland Vaughan shaking hands while the office workers and staff look on.

## Merger To Expand Services To Peanut Industry

C.B.S. International announced on December 1, that James E. Wood and Company has merged with it, expanding and strengthening their service to the peanut industry.

The James E. Wood and Company was founded in 1952 by James E. Wood to engage in the brokerage of peanuts in Edenton. Mr. Wood started the Company after working for several years with the Edenton Peanut Company where he sold peanuts. Mr. Wood worked actively as a broker for his own company until 1974 when he retired at the age of 75 and moved to Kitty Hawk. He presently writes a column for a local paper there.

Roland Vaughan joined the James E. Wood and Company in

February of 1974 as a broker. Mr. Vaughan is a native of Edenton and was a stock broker prior to his employment as peanut broker. He joined Mr. E.P. Devlin who had worked as a broker all of his life.

CBS International was founded by C.B. Smith in January of 1980. The Corporation is a broker of peanuts and tree nuts throughout the United States and around the world with international sells to the European market and Japan.

Mr. C.B. Smith, founder and president of C.B.S. International worked at Seabrook Blanching 18 years prior to his entering the brokerage field as the Vice President of Public Relations.

The C.B.S. International staff after its merger with James E.

Wood and Company consists of:

Mr. C.B. Smith who has 18 years experience in the peanut development.

Chuck Smith who has worked with Seabrook Blanching for four summers and two years full-time in the manufacturing area of the peanut industry.

Mr. Roland Vaughan formerly of James E. Wood Company with 11 years experience in the peanut industry as a broker.

Finally Mr. E.P. Devlin who has been a peanut broker all of his life.

The combined experience of the staff of C.B.S. International is well over 30 years and they expect to be able to answer any and all questions that their customers may have.

## New Leaders Elected To Board Of Commissioners

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been an enjoyable tenure and challenged his successor to do the very best job she can.

Cliff Copeland, county manager, said four years ago the county was not financially sound. He said the Finance Committee members have been fortunate to see the fruits of their labors. He thanked them for their unwavering support of the manager's office.

Elmore and Mrs. Ward also lauded the outgoing pair. They said the board members had not always agreed individually, but had made the best decisions after looking at all the options.

In the first official act after the reorganization, the board split 4-1 over a motion to change the time of regular meetings. Hollowell opted for a schedule of night meetings to make the board "more accessible to the people."

Mrs. Clara Boswell agreed saying the people need an opportunity to respond. This was echoed by Mrs. Ward, who said she would like to see the board go a step further and have some meetings out in the county. "It won't take long to find out if it attracts more participation," she added.

Phillips disagreed. He restated his opposition to night meetings of deliberative bodies.

The motion to have meetings on the odd months, beginning in January, at 9 A.M. on the first Monday and the even months at 8 P.M. on the same day of the month passed. Hollowell and Mrs. Boswell were successful in getting a campaign promise on the books.

"This county is in the best financial condition I have seen it in some time," stated J.P. Timberlake of the firm of Timberlake & Sykes in presenting the 1982 audit. "You have come a long way in four years and you are to be commended for it."

Timberlake said while the county's General Fund had a "good" fund balance on June 30, it is not sizeable considering the budget and the needs of the county. He warned the county against relying on state and federal funds in the future.

At the same time, the auditor said the county has an impressive tax collection record and on income from investments. He noted that the \$127,000 in interest earned on investments is equal to more than six cents on the tax rate.

Timberlake also predicted that the new computer system is going to have many long-range benefits for the county.

In other matters, commissioners reappointed Mrs. Lois Lassiter to the board of Shepard

Pruden Memorial Library and named Mrs. Jane Mabry Williams to replace Mrs. Marguerite Burch, who asked not to be reappointed.

### Local Retailers Are Enjoying Good Sales

Local retailers report good business around the Christmas holiday.

Gladys Griffin, manager of Popes, said that a variety of everything is selling well.

M. Lane, manager of P.H. Rose, says that his best sellers are Smurf and E.T. items, Air Jammers, Strawberry Shortcake items, Stompers and new Ten Wheel Drive toy vehicles. Bedding and kerosene heaters are also good sellers.

"Even with the weather, warm outerwear like sweaters and coats are selling good," says George Moore, manager of Belk Tyler. "Jordache jeans, ladies blazers and skirts, and Izod shirts were all early sellers." An obvious best seller is the Brooke Shields doll, according to Moore. "Business started full swing the day after Thanksgiving," he said.

David Mertz, the manager of Macks, says that his best sellers consist of warm domestics, such as sheets and blankets. Atari and toys are also selling well.

"Better than last year," said Willie Whittington, manager of TG&Y. "I'm very pleased." TG&Y's best sellers are electronic toys like Stereos and T.V. computers.

Betty Dixon of Montgomery Ward said that her very best seller is Microwave ovens. Coleco Vision is another good seller because "no one else carries it," said Mrs. Dixon. And, of course, the good ole Smurfs and E.T. are good sellers. Their best selling electronics are portable stereo radio with headphones and television sets. Jogger suits and ski jackets are their best selling clothes.

### Beaman Presides

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found guilty of speeding to elude arrest, driving under the influence (second offense), driving while license revoked. He was given six months suspended for 3 years (two years are under supervised probation). His fine, \$600 plus cost of court, must be paid under the direction of his probation officer. He must also attend the Albemarle Mental Health Center.

Eric Lee Anthony's motion to dismiss was allowed.

## Barham Has Purchased Funeral Home From Swindell-Bass

Marvin Barham, owner of Williford-Barham Funeral Home, announces his recent purchase of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home property on Virginia Road.

After renovations and redecorating he plans to move from the location on Albemarle Street to the new location on Highway 32 North. An announcement will be made later on the date.

Barham also stated he is making this move for future expansion and did not have the needed space at his present location. He would like to express his appreciation to the people for their patience during this

period of transition and it will be done with as little inconvenience as possible.

Since Swindell-Bass Funeral Home is no longer in operation the Williford-Barham Funeral Home will honor any pre-arrangement contracts that may have been made with either Swindell-Bass Funeral Home or formerly Colonial Funeral Home. If you have such a contract or if we can answer any other question please call Barham, Mary Ann Barham or Paul Miller at the Williford-Barham Funeral Home any time and they will be more than glad to counsel with you.



**RECEIVES AWARD**—Rev. Walter Hitchcock, 1982 State Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society, N.C. Division, presented an award to Joe Hollowell, Dist. 8 Area Crusade Chairman, for the most contributions per spendable income in any area. This award was presented at the N.C. Division Annual Meeting, Oct. 30-31, 1982 in Raleigh.

## Rescue Squad Unit II Moves To New Location

The Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad has a new home as of November 30. The new Rescue Squad building is located across from Blanchard's store in Gliden.

Cliff Copeland, county manager, presided over the dedication and ribbon-cutting. In his opening remarks, Mr. Copeland thanked the Rescue Squad members for their assistance in obtaining the building and in doing the finishing work after the county constructed the basic building.

Murray Ashley, head of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, spoke next and talked about how long it took to get a home for Unit II in the county and how, after five years of work, the squad found a location to build. Construction was

slowed somewhat by bad weather.

Mr. Ashley pointed out the need for the unit in the county when he said, "If a serious injury were to happen out here, the unit based in town would be unable to get out here and back to the hospital in time to save that person."

Mr. Ashley also hoped that Unit II and its new building would serve as a source of pride for the community and help to bring more members into the squad.

Al Phillips, outgoing chairman of the County Commissioners, agreed with Mr. Ashley that the building was a long time in coming. He also commented that the building stood as a symbol to bring the community together.

Mr. Phillips when speaking of

the County Commissioners' role in the construction of the new building said, "Many times you are limited in money and can't do what you feel is needed."

He continued his comments by saying that the county pulled together in constructing the building and that the act of pulling together has built a stronger Rescue Squad unit, community and a county that is second to none.

In closing, Phillips concluded by congratulating the Squad for its accomplishments and pledged to give the Squad all the assistance that the County Commissioners could.

The program then moved outside where Mrs. Barbara Ward, newly elected vice-chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, cut the ribbon, officially opening the Unit's new building for business.

## Board Of Education

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school calendar is available to provide children 180 days instruction each year.

In the event of school closing for the above stated reasons, the first three days shall be made up as follows:

\*Day 1 - School will open on Friday after Easter.

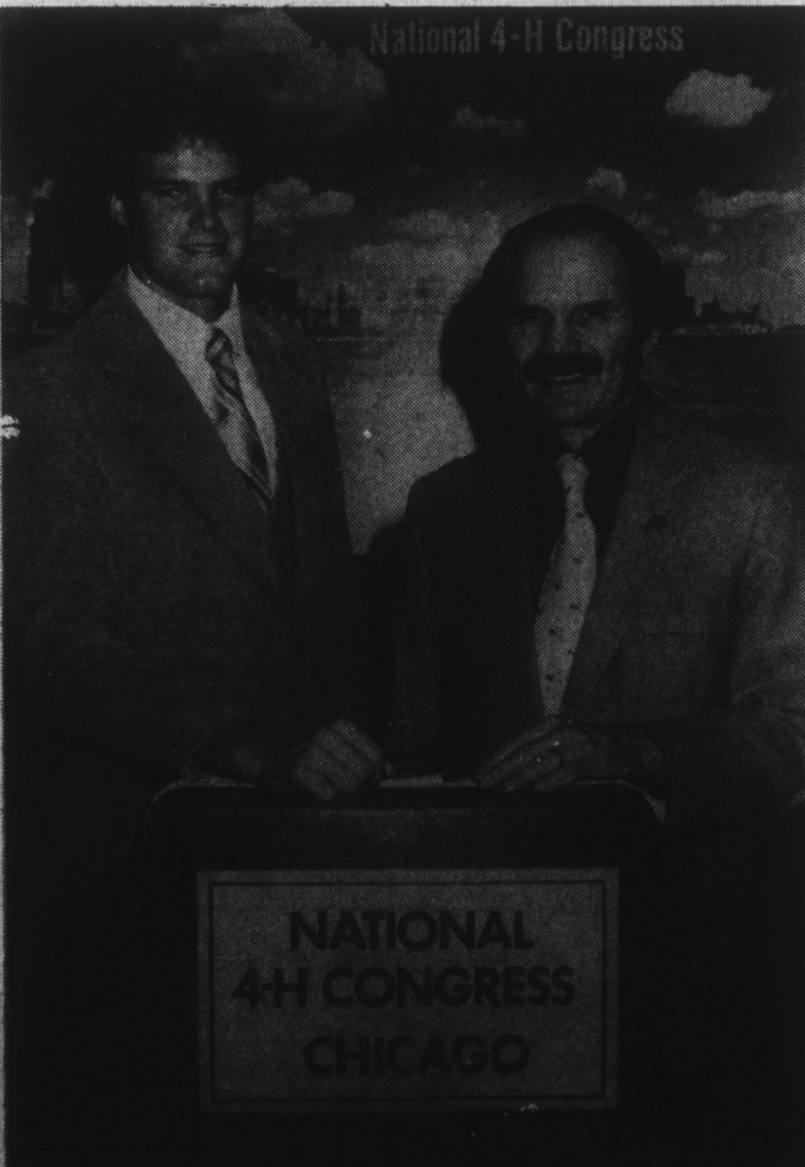
\*Day 2 - School will open on Thursday after Easter.

\*Day 3 - School will open on Wednesday after Easter.

If schools are closed for more than three days, the Board shall then excuse the next five days lost as permitted by the above stated amendment.

The Board decided in its meeting to put the impact aid funds that have been received unexpectedly into the Boards Contingency Fund—to be spent as the Board sees fit. The \$3197.80 received by the School Board was unexpected and such were not budgeted for.

The Board of Education thanked its three retiring members, Dr. Edward G. Bond, Thomas Paul Griffin and Wilbur Ray Bunch through Resolutions of Appreciations.



**IN CHICAGO**—David Jordan, Route 2, Edenton, left, was one of 35 North Carolina 4-H members who attended the 61st National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Ill., November 28 - December 2. He is shown with Lathan Smith Jr., 4-H program leader with the Agricultural Extension Service at N.C. State University. Jordan received his trip from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission as state winner in the 4-H wildlife project.

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