

HEARD AND SEEN

By "BUFF"

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Like a bad penny, "Heard and Seen" is back again. Thanks to all those who have expressed an interest in this column and a hope that it would be revived. So here 'tis:

The first thing to "hop" on is the weather. Yep, sort of warm lately. And while working on another paper recently some bird telephoned the editorial rooms, asking if they wanted a report on the weather. "Sure," came the answer from the newspaper office. "Well," came the reply, "you can put in your columns that with as hot weather as we're having lately, hell can't be far away." The "tip" never reached the composing room.

Anyway with such hot weather as we've had already this summer, I can't see what kind of folks our preachers are. I've gone to church quite regularly through it all, and bless my soul, unless I've gone to sleep at times, I've never heard one of them yet say, "Men, if you're uncomfortable, take off your coats." That would be welcome news, but then there's another thing to be considered—a fellow would have to put on a clean shirt every time he went to church, and what about we fellows who have only one Sunday shirt?

The busses are doing a big business these days, but there's no telling what a fellow will run up against while riding in one of the things. For instance, on one occasion a lady sitting in the seat in front of me wanted the window raised to get a little breeze. Naturally, being accommodating to the lady I raised the window for her. But the bus hadn't gone very far until the lady sitting back of me wanted the window pulled down, whereupon I tried to please her and yanked the window down. But before I had chance to sit down the first lady jumped up and said, "Say, will you please open that window and let it open?" And at the same time the lady in the back said "Close that window, it's too much breeze in here." Well, in desperation I got up and shouted to both of them: "I no speeka da Engleesh," and found a seat back near the colored section.

The umpires at the baseball games sure catch the dickens for some of the decisions. With all this trouble about umpiring I don't see why some guy don't invent some kind of a light that would light when the runner's foot touches the base and when the baseman catches the ball. It would be easier to see which one of the bulbs lighted first. I haven't gone very far in the matter, and I don't reckon I will because what would a baseball game be without nagging at the umpire once in awhile?

It will not be so very long now until hunting season opens, and I've found out the best way to prepare a possum. The recipe goes something like this: Skin and clean thoroughly, roast to a nice brown. Then open the window and throw it in the garbage can.

We've had to buy a typewriter at the Herald office, and in looking over some ads we saw this one: "Typewriter for sale. Writes good but not a good speller." We didn't buy that one!

I felt sorry for a companion not so long ago. He and I attended an evangelistic meeting, in the course of which the evangelist was making a plea for five dollar donations to be used toward the expense of the campaign. Some sort of a bug lighted on the neck of my friend, and for fear the preacher would see him raise his hand, he allowed the bug to bite and scratch until the offering was over. But come to think of it, he was in a bad predicament because that preacher sure could see the hands as they went up.

Right much has been heard this summer about the disease "Devil's Grip." I don't know how the name originated but it's not so new, for by the looks of things the devil has had a mighty grip now for a long, long time.

Doctors generally have a fine sense of humor. Not so long ago a man, thinking that he was suffering with low blood pressure chased into a doctor's office and all excitedly said, "Doc, what in the world can I do for my low blood pressure?" The doctor giving him the "once over," calmly replied: "About the best thing I know is to get on your knees and thank the Lord that you don't have high blood pressure."

Edenton surely has a bunch of religious yellow flies, mosquitoes and flies. And the bad thing about it I believe the most of them are Methodists. Of course the yellow flies must have got-

ted religion because you see very few of them in the Methodist church here lately. However, the flies and mosquitoes still attend quite regularly. And even Sunday before last a bat attracted right much attention sailing back and forth in the church at the night service. But I don't see why folks don't like to be bitten by mosquitoes. Gosh darn, just notice how good it feels when you scratch a mosquito bite.

The other day I was riding with a local business man who had stopped smoking just a short time before. He told me that at that particular time he would give a dollar for a cigarette, but that he would not smoke one for a dollar. I can't quite figure it out.

Although the front and back yard at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Pat Bell in the middle of Chowan Bridge is the waters of Chowan River, I'll bet a ginger cake that the flower beds in front of the house have called for more compliments than any flower garden hereabouts. The space in front of the house is covered with beautiful varicolored flowers, which have been blooming now for quite a while, and rarely does a bus pass over the bridge but that you hear: "My oh my, aren't those flowers beautiful?" And to be truthful, they are beautiful, due, no doubt, to the care given then by Mrs. Bell.

The chances are that we will have to hire a colored boy around our printing office, which reminds me of one I heard about in a nearby town. The colored boy was telling a group of friends how much work he had been doing, in fact he said he did everything at the office. One of the other employees heard him boasting, and said: "Do you mean to tell the folks that you do everything down at the printing office?" "Yowsah," replied the boy, "dat is everything but readin' and writin'." We'd like to get hold of him for our shop.

T. J. Wilder surely has something to be thankful for during the hot summer time. Bre'r Wilder was telling a group of fellows a little while back about a certain room in his home on Eden street. This room, he said was so cool that if a person went in while perspired he would need a coat to keep from getting cold. Don't rush folks, I don't think he will

rent it out. Fact is I wouldn't if I had a room like that. Of course, Mr. Wilder explained the reasons for this cool room, but now I'm wondering if the same room is warm during the winter days.

I've lost track of the membership of my false teeth club. I do know, though, that Harrison Spruill sports a new set of teeth. But Harrison don't try to hide the fact. He's just as liable to carry his teeth in his hip pocket as in his mouth. I think he ought to be careful, lest he sits down and bites himself.

What I'd like to know is, who is the champion watermelon grower this year? A. B. Griffin had one displayed in the window of Leggett & Davis Drug Store near about as long as the cane he uses while walking around town.

The NRA, FERA, AAA, and all the other A's don't bother us so much, but what gives us a fit is the C. O. D.

Recently a couple of young fellows from a neighboring town were involved in a slight automobile wreck just outside Elizabeth City. The other party was a prominent man in Elizabeth City, and after the accident the usual argument arose as to who was to blame. After seeing the town's license plate, the Elizabeth City man roiled something like this: "Why don't you look where you're driving, you ignorant countrymen." The boys sort of resented the remark and asked the man where he might be from. "Why I live in Elizabeth City, if you please," was the answer. Be careful folks, if you go to the big town; don't get lost.

It's no joke about folks eating rattlesnake. C. P. Wales took me along in his laundry truck to the CCC camp near Windsor a little while back and during the day Woodrow Pierce of the Sixth Section killed a 6 1/2 foot rattlesnake. The reptile was brought home, skinned, and the cook fried the meat. A number of the boys were standing around eating the snake meat. It really looked good and one of the boys offered me a piece. It was around supper time, but really I wasn't hungry enough to tackle a piece of it.

I finally got up with Charlie Swanner. He said he's been staying out in sticks. I inquired his address to send him the first issue of our paper, and Charlie said: "Well, just put on 'Charlie Swanner,' because there's no other Charlie Swanner around here—in fact they made only one."



Varsity Football Plaque Winners are Terry Williams, Robert Cofield, Joe Hollowell, Chris Rankins, and Ernest Riddick.

High School Athletes Honored

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proved Award went to Terry Williams, and the Sportsmanship Award was given to Robert Cofield. Joe Hollowell received the Extra Effort Award. Chris Rankin was recipient of the Solid Citizen Award and the Most Valuable Player Award was received by Ernest

Riddick.

E.T., who was present at the banquet, never got a chance to speak or even "Phone home."

Following the presentation of the awards, Rob Boyce, principal of John A. Holmes High School, closed the banquet.

Council Holds Special Meeting

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Rocky Mount. The low bid itself was however, around 33 per cent above the cost that was estimated by the Town.

One of the reasons cited for the difference between proposed cost and actual cost was the need to drive a greater number of well points to draw off water from the excavation sites to prevent collapse of the sides of excavated lines.

The L. E. Wooten engineering firm, which is acting as the consultant firm for this project, recommended to Council that it accept the R and G construction firm's bid and award them the project.

Sam Nobel, Town Administrator suggested to Council that the Town could make up the \$34,512 difference from its financial reserves. The Council moved to award the waste water project to R and G Company. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town received six bids on the street improvement project, which was the next project discussed by the Council. The bids ranged from a low of \$56,555 to a high of \$56,928, some \$10,000 less than Council thought the project would take. The low bidder in this case was C and L concrete works from Elizabeth City. Council voted unanimously to

accept the low bid.

David Holmes, of Anderson, Benton and Holmes, the firm hired by the Town to oversee the planning of the Neighborhood Block Grant Program, announced to Council that \$627,000 of the Grant had been released by the Government for planning and administration. He also announced that the actual renovation in the Block Grant target area could begin as early as March 1 of this year.

Mr. Holmes also suggested that the Town use part of the monies it receives from the Block Grant, to give the 15 homeowners within the target area grants to help them renovate their homes. The amount of the grant to homeowners would depend on the amount of renovation needed and is to be no greater than \$10,000 unless special conditions exist to justify a hardship grant which exceeds \$10,000.

The 11 homes which are investor property within the target area may qualify for a proposed matching grant to be given by the Town if the Council accepts the guide lines proposed by Mr. Holmes.

The Council tabled any action on the proposed guidelines until January 31 when a more complete set of guidelines could be presented to Council.

There sure are some "reckless" gamblers in town. The other day when Edenton was leading Williamston 10 to 1, I heard a fellow in front of Quinn's Furniture Store, while the game was being broadcast, say "I'll bet a quarter Edenton wins today's game." Taking right much of a chance, I would say.

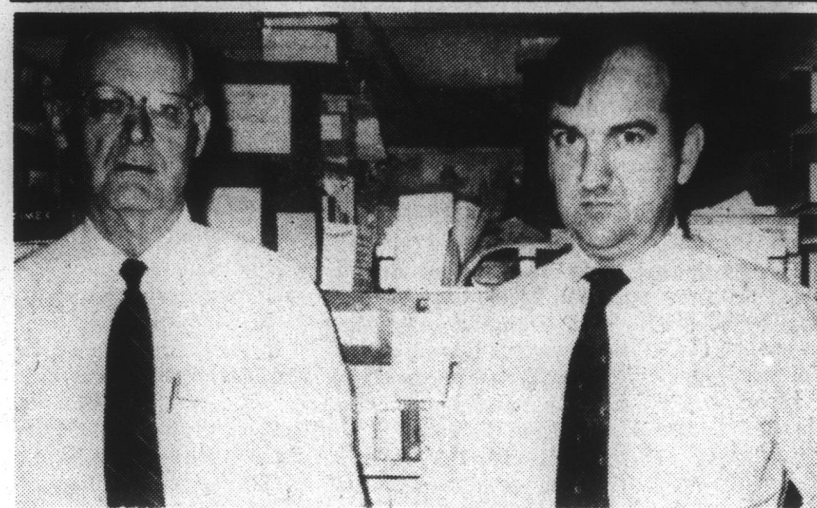
Oscar Duncan, down at the Broad Street Fish Market, must think I "just came to town." The other day I asked him if he was selling eggs, there being quite a few eggs lying on the shelf. "No," said Mr. Duncan, "they're 'fish eggs'." Whereupon, I wanted to know what sort of fish came from those eggs. "Oh, I don't mean that kind of eggs," he said. "I sold fish for eggs, and I call them 'fish eggs'." Well, that's all right. Anybody want to buy a newspaper for some eggs?

I don't know how old this one is, but I heard one of our prominent Baptist deacons relate it just the other day. It is said that in a nearby town the Baptist church was raising money to remodel the church, and one of the wealthy members was put down for \$300 toward the expense. But when informed that he was being called upon for

\$300, he exclaimed: "Oh, no you don't; I'll withdraw my membership, join the Methodist church, and go to hell." Looks sort of bad for we Methodists!

Professor Ruebush, who conducted a music and singing school at the Baptist church, has done wonders, especially with the boys and girls. He is an excellent teacher in music, but it remained for Doc Griffin to tell me the difference between C sharp and B flat. Says the dentist, "If you see a banana peel on the sidewalk and don't see sharp you'll be flat." And then Charlie Wood, who has been attending the singing school, was talking about the different notes and mentioned "H." That's a new note to me, but Friend Charlie explained that he always calls the sharp character H. I'll learn to play my gol darned flute yet!

About the largest congregation in a church that I've seen in a long time was just a little while back when Jim Daniels took his orchestra to play in the Ross church in Bertie County. Despite inclement weather, the entire church and balcony was crowded. It really made a fellow feel that going to church hasn't gone out of style, at least not



W.H. Hollowell and Jim Blount

Hollowell And Blount Elected To Be The Merchants Of The Month

The Chowan Herald is proud to have W.H. Hollowell Jr., and Jim Blount as Merchants of the Month. Hollowell purchased Hollowell's in 1957, though he had been there since 1946. He graduated from University of North Carolina in 1969.

"I first became interested in becoming a pharmacist in my senior year at high school", Hollowell said. He has a B.S. in Pharmacology.

Along with working, he is very active in civic and government activities. He is past District Governor of the Lions Club and past president of Lion Association of the Blind. He is now serving on the N.C. Committee of the Blind. He is also the treasurer of Edenton United Methodist Church. He served 13 years on the Town Council.

He has a wife, Frances and two children, Martha Jo and Fran.

Also with a B.S. in Pharmacy is Jim Blount. Blount also graduated from U.N.C. After graduating, he was the Pharmacist at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville. He then moved to Edenton and became part-owner at Hollowells and they changed the name to Hollowell and Blount.

Blount is in the Rotary Club and has served as its past president.

Currently he is a member of the N.C. Merchant's Association and the N.C. Mutual Wholesale Drugs, among others. Blount is serving as Chairman of Deacons at Edenton Baptist Church, and is a Sunday School teacher for the 10th grade level.

He has a wife, Sally, and two children, Jennifer and Jim, Jr.

The Chowan Herald congratulates Hollowell and Blount for being "Merchants of the Month."

District Court Session

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and Drug Education Traffic School.

Teresa Louise Crew was found guilty of reckless driving after drinking. She was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon payment of a \$100 fine, cost of court and attend Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School.

Patrick Allen Gordon was found guilty of driving 66 in a 55 zone. He has to pay cost of court. He has appealed.

Stan Thomas Carter was found guilty of reckless driving after drinking. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon payment of a \$125 fine, cost of court, and attend Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School.

Carl Eugene Worsley, Jr. was found guilty of improper passing. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Haywood Levon Coston was found guilty of reckless driving. He had to pay a \$100 fine and cost of court.

Linda Ann Bond was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. She was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended and two years of unsupervised probation and she is not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed.

Ervin Ray White was found guilty of obstructing and delaying an officer. He was fined \$50 and cost of court.

William (NMN) Skittlethorpe was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon payment of \$100 fine, cost of court, surrender of license and attend Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School.

Jo Ann Hughes Pierce was found guilty of driving 60 in a 45 zone. She was fined \$20 and cost of court.

William Leon Holley was found

guilty of going 74 in a 55 zone. He had to pay \$40, cost of court and surrender his license.

Shirley Mae Privott was found guilty of one count of driving under the influence and one count of driving without a license. She was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon payment of \$150 fine, cost of court and surrender license for 12 months. She has appealed and was placed on a \$200 bond.

Roy Earl Gregory was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon payment of a \$125 fine, cost of court and surrender license.

David Marshall Allen was found guilty of going 70 in a 55 zone. He was fined \$15 and cost of court.

Kelly Raymond Hare was found guilty of going 65 in a 55 zone. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Joseph Le Roy Wills was found guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, must pay a \$100 fine, \$72.25 restitution to Sarah Wills and attend Albemarle Mental Health.

Edward Charles Ferebee was found guilty of larceny. He was sentenced to 12 months with three years suspended, three years supervised probation, fined \$200 and cost of court.

Richard Welch was convicted of one count each of being intoxicated and disruptive, resisting arrest, trespassing and misdemeanor breaking and entering. He was sentenced to eight months with three years suspended, supervised probation three years, unsupervised probation one year, fined \$200, cost of court and restitution of \$25 to the benefit of Gladys Welch.

everywhere.

What I like about Lindwood Sutton's new drug store is the floor. He has it painted like a checkerboard and all a fellow has to do now is take a pocketful of checkers along and spend the evening on the floor.

The kind of a car makes a big difference. Tother day young Joe Campen crawled out of a high falutin car and was evidently looking at the stars in the broad daylight.

CRC To Meet

The Coastal Resources Commission will hold its regular meeting on January 20-21 in Raleigh to consider a preliminary proposal to expand the oceanfront buffer areas for large, immovable structures such as motels and condominiums. The group will also consider new oceanfront erosion data used to calculate buffer areas and a proposal to allow the construction of beaches along coastal rivers and sounds.

Gov. Jim Hunt and Sec. Joe Grimsley of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development asked the commission to investigate the idea of an increased buffer during NRCD's oceanfront development conference in early December. The buffer is called a setback area and is required under the Commission's rules to protect life and property from storms and long term erosion and to maintain the public's access rights to the beach.

In other business, the commission will consider a report on navigation channels through wetlands, discuss the issue of floating home in North Carolina's waters and review a draft handbook to guide developers in the coastal area.

The Coastal Resources Advisory Council, a group which links the Commission and local governments in the coastal area, met at 1 P.M. Wednesday to review developments in the coastal management program since its August meeting. Among the topics are off-road vehicle management, tax incentives for coastal land donations, full disclosure of natural hazards to coastal land purchasers and legislative and budget updates. W.B. Gardner of Edenton is chairman of the Advisory Council.

The public is welcome at all sessions. Commission meetings begin at 9 A.M. All meetings will be held in the Radisson Plaza Raleigh at 420 Fayetteville Street Mall.

Phillips Named

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brother, when he would co-operate, made up my first class."

During her junior high and high school years she continued her interest in teaching when she gave enrichment programs for the younger grades. As a senior, she was selected to be a substitute teacher.

Her college years were spent at COA and East Carolina University. After which she became a first grade teacher in the Edenton-Chowan School System.

Mrs. Phillips stopped teaching for the system for three years, but continued teaching either as a librarian or as a private school teacher. She returned to the Edenton-Chowan School System and taught second grade. She soon became involved with teaching the learning disabled classes.

Mrs. Phillips feels that "Teaching...is not limited to the time I spend with my students."

"I do not consider my time away from school as separate from my time spent at school. I make myself available to parents and to anyone in our community, to discuss matters related to education; giving (the) advice or direction that is needed."

"By my example, I desire to instill in my students pride and faith in themselves, first, and then in their fellow man."

55 OR OLDER?

Free IRS Publication 554, "Tax Benefits for Older Americans" contains tips about such important topics as exclusion of gain on the sale of your home, tax withholding on your pension or annuity, and whether you need to pay estimated taxes. It's available free from many IRS offices.

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