

Public Parade

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by the present manager, George Moore.

But what it is all about is something we write about often in this column. There seems to be absolutely no value to human life anymore. The death last week of Luther Anderson Bailey at the young age of 56 is yet another tragedy which should have been avoided.

Equity

Money is THE word is the 1983 session of the General Assembly. There is one cause during the 1983-85 biennium which deserves more than passing interest. It comes from the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In a recent PR piece distributed to the media and the General Assembly there was a section on Equity. It deserves discussion here:

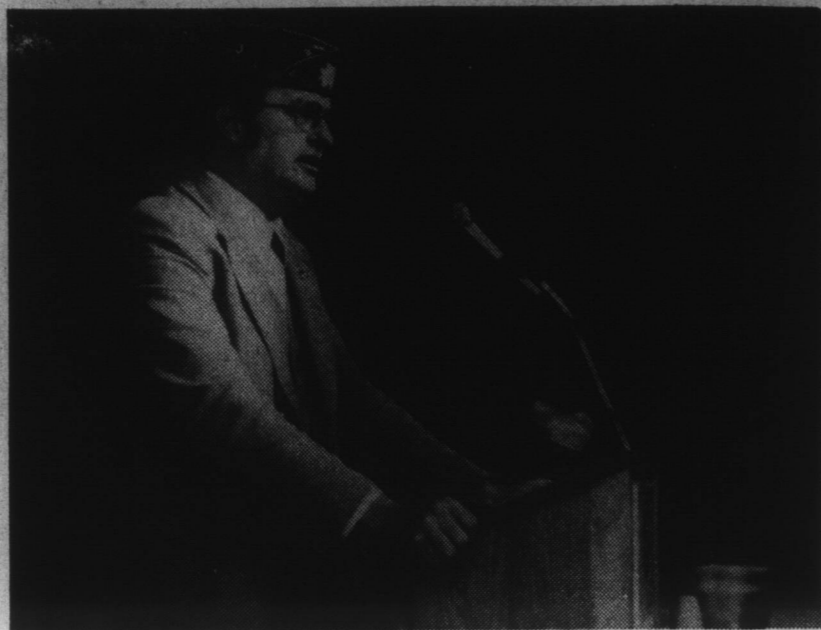
The people of North Carolina support many different types of colleges and universities for their young people and, increasingly, for adults who desire to return to higher education or seek its benefits for the first time. All institutions receive their support directly or indirectly through a mixture of tuition, state and federal appropriations (either to the institutions or through direct student aid), and grants from private sources. Citizens of North Carolina who choose to attend public institutions are fortunate to have the state defray approximately 90% of the cost of their educations. Citizens who attend independent institutions, on the other hand, pay a majority of the cost of their educations through tuition. The benefit to the state is the same: an educated citizenry.

North Carolina is an unusually low tuition state in its public institutions. It is also a state with low tuition in its private institutions where tuition and fees are approximately 10% below the national private college average. Yet private colleges have been forced to raise tuition each year to maintain operations at current levels and to provide programs to meet the changing educational needs of their students. In the public sector, inflationary increases have been met largely by increased tax revenues; in the private sector, students and their parents have had to bear this burden. Tuition grants were established to address this situation.

The General Assembly took an important step forward in 1981 when it recognized the need for a yardstick by which to measure the tuition grant. That yardstick is "a reasonable per-student funding level compared to the per-student State appropriation during the preceding fiscal year for the institutions under the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina." Let us see how the tuition grant has fared given that yardstick. Chart I shows appropriations for in-state students in the public sector compared with appropriations for students in the private sector for the past 5 years.

It can be seen that while appropriations for students in the public sector have increased by nearly \$1,000, private college students have received only a \$250 increase. The public figures do not include capital outlay and other significant costs to the state, e.g., the General Administration of the University, which are not included in the regular session FTE calculation.

The public/private ratio has stayed at approximately 22-23%. In this same 5-year period, tuition in



E.C. TOPPIN CONDUCTS FIRST MEETING—Pictured above is E.C. Toppin of Edenton conducting his first meeting as Commander of the North Carolina Veterans Council.

Toppin New Veterans Commander

E. C. Toppin of Edenton conducted his first meeting as Commander of the North Carolina Veterans Council in Southern Pines, N.C.

Toppin was State Commander of The American Legion last year, which automatically qualified him as a member of the Council, and he was unanimously elected Council Commander recently. The N.C. Veterans Council is composed of top officials of the five major veteran organizations in the State, The American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Veterans of World War I.

Toppin's chief concern and

number one project is to help solve the unemployment problems of North Carolina's veterans. He has already met with Governor Hunt, Employment Security Commission Chairman Glenn Jernigan, and State Director of the Veterans Employment Service Marvin Burton.

Toppin urges all veterans who are employed to watch for job openings at their place and then urge hiring officials to call the local job Service office for assistance in filling the positions. He also urges industry to hire the veteran whenever possible stating that "we should not expect the veteran to start his life and career over and over again."



STUDENT DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS — Many students from John A. Holmes High School were at Chowan Hospital to help and to donate. (Photo by Clay Roberts)

Bloodmobile Visited Edenton

The Tidewater region of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Chowan Hospital Tuesday. One-hundred and sixty people gave and 101 of these were acceptable donors according to Bruce Wackelin, Jaycee Blood Chairman and County Blood Chairman. Thirty-one of the donors were from

public institutions has increased by slightly more than \$100, while tuition in the private sector has increased by \$1,265. The striking similarity between the increase in the per-student appropriation in the public sector and the tuition increase in the private sector clearly demonstrates that whereas taxpayers have assumed the increased costs in the public sector, students and their families have borne them in the independent colleges and universities.

A particularly compelling equitable consideration concerns the support for out-of-state students in the public sector. In 1982-83, the state of North Carolina will provide \$2,808 each above tuition for students from other states to study in the University System. Thus North Carolinians in independent institutions receive only 1/3 of the support that citizens of other states are allowed in our public institutions. In fact, receipts from out-of-state students have declined from 70% of costs in 1973-74 to 45% in 1982-83. Surely North Carolinians in independent colleges and universities deserve a similar degree of consideration.

The essential purpose of the North Carolina tuition grant is to reduce in part the difference between tuition in the public and private sectors. As Chart II shows, the tuition gap has grown markedly each year from \$981 in 1975 to the point of being \$2,051 in 1982-83. In the present biennium, while the tuition grant was increased by \$100, average private college tuition has increased by \$734.

Equity demands that North Carolina's historical policy of low tuition in the public sector be linked to a correlative policy for student's attending independent institutions. That policy is embodied in the Legislative Tuition Grant.

Evans Receives Courtesy Award

Wallace Evans was inducted on February 11, 1983 as the second charter member of the Courtesy Hall of Fame of the Edenton-Chowan Schools. During a brief ceremony and luncheon at Chowan Junior High School, a certificate of membership was presented by John Dunn, superintendent of the schools.

The informal luncheon took place in Chowan's cafeteria. The presentation took place in the library following a Courtesy Slide presentation prepared by Jackie Jennings' class and narrated by Stephanie Flynn.

John Dunn thanked Mr. Evans for his support of the school system and its courtesy campaign. Mr. Evans, who has two children of his own in the school system, said that he worked with the campaign not to receive an award but he thanked them anyway. He also expressed his gratitude to the school system for bringing him back to his old high school for the presentation.

Mr. Evans also said, "I feel that it (the courtesy campaign) has helped to bring grades up," as he expressed his gratitude for being selected and inducted as the Hall of Fame's second charter member.

The Courtesy Hall of Fame will continue to recognize and honor people throughout the balance of the school year as it inducts them as members.

Democrat Meeting

Continued From Page 1 work for a Democratic Victory in 1984 for the Presidency, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. Congress and in races for Governor, Council of State, and legislators they can be assured that they will be fully involved. Their involvement begins at the precinct meeting," Mrs. Sellers said.

"We want to make sure that every precinct in Chowan County is organized and that all Democrats can fully participate in the historic 1984 campaigns," Mrs. Sellers concluded.



STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SYMPHONY—All the students in the Edenton-Chowan Schools from third grade through twelfth are beginning to prepare for the North Carolina Symphony's arrival. The Students pictured here are from Delores Hollowell's fifth grade class at Earnest A. Swain Elementary School and they are playing the bells to the tune of 'The Old North State'.

Students Participate In N.C. Symphony

Every student in the Edenton-Chowan School System, from grade three to twelve will be treated to the music of the N.C. Symphony next week. The Symphony will hold two concerts so that each student will be able to participate.

The concerts will be geared toward school age children, concentrating on the more popular classical music written through the ages. The music will be presented in arrangements that will not only make the concert educational, but also quite enjoyable. The students have been encouraged to participate by learning songs to sing along with the symphony, furthering their understanding of the music.

The students will be presented with classical music not as a substitute for their favorites, but as another form of music to be appreciated. As James E. Ogle, the conductor of the Symphony, has said, every form of music has something to offer, something of

value, therefore he listens to every form. The concerts will give students an opportunity to broaden their musical tastes and to learn something about classical music.

Heart Assn. Holds Bucket Brigade

In the "old days" a bucket brigade was a group of volunteers who stood in a line passing buckets of water along to put out a fire at a neighbor's home.

In a similar manner, the American Heart Association's

60th Anniversary Of Bible Class Is Noted

Continued From Page 1 year — some 3,000 Sundays — to teach and, ironically enough, will be teaching two of the original five members of the class — J. A. Curran and Roy E. Leary. The other three members of the original class, H. A. (Izze) Campen, Willie Morris and J. W. White, are deceased.

Chowan Hospital

Continued From Page 1 undertaken. There will be noise, dust and probably other inconveniences in the months to come. However, it is hoped that the end result will be a hospital which the citizens of this county and the surrounding communities will be proud to call their own."

bucket brigade will be out in front of stores and at local shopping centers on February 19. They will be collecting money to pass along to fight cardio-vascular diseases that may afflict some of your neighbors or even yourself.

WBXB, a local FM radio station is sponsoring the bucket brigade again this year and they along with Tripp Berry, the brigade's chairman, are asking for your support.

The money you contribute to this worthwhile cause will be put to use in two ways; 75 per cent of it will go towards research, community programs and professional and public education. The other 25 per cent will go to cover management and fund raising expenses.

The American Heart Association, through efforts like the bucket brigade, have made substantial contributions to the declining death rate from diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Even so, 40 million Americans, possibly including some of your friends, neighbors and relatives, are still afflicted with these diseases.

When you see the bucket brigade on Saturday, continue the age old tradition of helping your neighbors and contribute generously.

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