



Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Reminisces

Judy Earnhardt's Hobby:

# Telling Tar Heel Story

Promoting North Carolina has become an exciting hobby for Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Edenton.

Being a hostess at a Tar Heel booth in some big city is much more interesting than say, refinishing a piece of furniture. (Which she does between trips).

Judy Earnhardt, wife of Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, has donated three weeks time this year to helping promote tourism in this state. She hopes she will be asked again to assist in this undertaking.

Just back from Toronto where she spent a week at the Canadian National Exhibition, Judy is more excited than ever about the future of tourism in North Carolina. "We found the people extremely interested in our state, especially in the area around Southern Pines and

Pinehurst where nationally known golf courses draw people from around the country," she said.

But in general she feels North Carolina has the advantage over other states because of the well balanced recreational facilities and desirable climate.

The big Canadian exhibition is by far the biggest show Mrs. Earnhardt has attended. "It is held every year for three weeks and it is like the World's Fair every day," she said. The first week, during which she worked at the state booth, 800,000 went through the gate. By the time she left Toronto she felt as if she had spoken to all of them.

While at the exhibition she was assigned to the booth for six hours a day, leaving her ample time to see some of the country.

At the booth she handed out North Carolina maps and answered questions about the state. This was the first time the state had attended this particular show and Mrs. Earnhardt said the people were very receptive.

She said while Canada offers much of the same recreational areas as North Carolina, tourists think about coming here because of the mild weather.

It appears that North Carolina is already benefiting from previous promotions in Canada because a lot of retired people are finding homes in this state, Mrs. Earnhardt said.

Turning to the general work at the exhibitions, Mrs. Earnhardt says it is hard work but it gives her an opportunity to go to places she has never been.

Earlier this year she attended a travel show in



... Then Starts Antiquing



SUPPLY AGENT — Mrs. Mary Gaskins Cowper of Gates County, left, has been employed as Chowan County Home Demonstration Agent for the next 11 months. She will supply for Miss Pauline Calloway, right, who is entering N. C. State University at Raleigh to work on her master's degree. Mrs. Cowper begins her duties September 16.

## Miss Calloway Granted Leave

Miss Pauline Calloway, county home economics extension agent for the past six years, has been granted an 11-month study leave to attend N. C. State University at Raleigh. The leave begins September 15.

At the same time Chowan County commissioners approved the request for leave, they employed Mrs. Mary Gaskins Cowper of Gates County to supply for Miss Calloway.

Miss Anamerle Arant of Raleigh, district home economics agent, asked the commissioners to grant the leave so Miss Calloway can enter the graduate school in Extension Education at N. C. State.

Miss Calloway thanked the commissioners for their full cooperation in the past and promised them she would "study hard and hurry home." She said she left with mixed emotions but looked forward to returning to Chowan County when she completes her graduate work.

Chairman W. E. Bond lauded Miss Calloway for directing a far reaching and effective program in this county.

Mrs. Cowper is a qualified home economist who earned her home economics degree at East Carolina College and has done special work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is no stranger to Chowan County having taught in the Edenton public schools from 1946-1947. She was also assistant home economics agent in Elizabeth

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## The Public Parade

**RIGHT DIRECTION**—Those interested in equal educational opportunities for all the children of Chowan County can be encouraged by two recent developments.

City Supt. Hiram J. Mayo told Chowan County commissioners Friday he felt the local problems would be resolved in a short period of time.

Then Tuesday night the Chowan County Board of Education officially took action to seek a joint meeting with the city board. Thus, the debate over merger of the two administrative units will be taken from the corner drug store to the conference table—where it belongs.

Supt. Mayo's comment came when county commissioners inquired about the school bond money. He said the state had indicated they would not release the money until local problems were solved. That is as it should be. Money for local construction should not be unwisely spent and when you are talking about close to \$300,000 an even closer look should be given building plans.

The superintendent said plans for additions to John A. Holmes High School and D. F. Walker High School were at a point where he and the architect can meet with state officials. This will be done next week. "I can tell you more about the money after that meeting," he told the commissioners.

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding

about the merger of the two administrative units. While some members of the city board feel it is the practical thing to do they don't want it pushed on them.

The point which should be spelled out in big, bold letters at the joint meeting is that nothing can be done until the 1967 legislature meets. More than likely it will be put to a vote and that will take even a longer period of time. Therefore, this is not something that is being pushed on anyone by anyone.

Merger of the administrative units has been a topic of conversation in Chowan County for decades. Recent developments have again brought it into the open and the two boards should discuss it intelligently, giving the citizens of the county the benefit of all available information so they can do likewise.

It appears that we are now at an end to the period during which personalities have been discussed more than issues. At long last the course is charted in the right direction.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**—Rev. George B. Holmes has again pointed out several traffic situations which he considers of sufficient danger to warrant action.

He has written 30 people in Edenton seeking assistance in getting something done about current conditions.

Writing as a private citizen, Mr. Holmes expresses great concern over the safety



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## Aces In Familiar Role With Win; Ready For Gates

The Edenton Aces face a much improved Gates County grid squad Friday night after rolling to an easy 45-0 victory in their first outing of the 1965 season.

Coach Jerry McGee said the Aces have shown marked improvement in drills this week following the romp over Pasquotank Central last week.

Scouting reports from Gatesville indicate the team is primed and much improved this season. They beat Northampton, 7-0, in last week's opener.

The game this week will be played in Gates. The stadium is located on highway 158 between Gatesville and Sunbury.

Edenton completely outclassed the Gates team last year, 65-6. Coach McGee emphasized that the Aces realize they will have to be "up" for the game as teams in the conference are out to knock the locals from the undefeated ranks.

Ikey Davis, strong fullback who raced to three scores against Central, is still suffering from a bad back. However, he will be in the lineup Friday night.

Coach McGee said the Aces came out of the encounter last week without an injury. Speaking of the game, in which the Aces at times looked like anything but a championship contender, McGee said the boys proved they have a real desire to play and speed.

Edenton didn't waste any time in giving fans at Hicks

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## Police Officer Resigns Position

Patrolman Melvin W. Griffin has resigned from Edenton Police Department effective September 11.

Chief James H. Griffin said the veteran officer has accepted other employment.

Patrolman Griffin joined the police force on September 10, 1961, and has attended several police schools, including the academy at East Carolina College. "He has been a good officer and served the department well," Chief Griffin said.

Applications are now being accepted for the vacancy.



**CANCER SOCIETY OFFICIALS** — Dr. L. Polk Wilhams, president of the Chowan Unit, American Cancer Society, poses here with Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., secretary of the organization. They were making plans for the unit's annual meeting scheduled for 8 P. M., Monday at the Municipal Building.

## Stamp Plan Approved

Chowan County is among 74 counties in 24 states added to the food stamp plan.

President Lyndon B. Johnson announced Sunday the extension of the program for low income families.

In the announcement from Johnson City, Tex., President Johnson said Bertie is the only other North Carolina county to be added to the program.

The President said he hopes this program, which he considers "a vital part of our work to break the cycle of poverty" can be extended to one million people by next June.

The food stamp program permits low-income families to buy food coupons, with which they can purchase goods in local food stores worth much more than the price of the coupons.

W. E. Bond, chairman of Chowan County Commissioners, said preliminary work is already underway in the Welfare Department to implement this new program. "We feel it will be quite beneficial during the winter months," Chairman Bond said.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan, welfare director, said at least

one employee would be needed in the department to handle the work load brought on by the food stamp plan.

County commissioners approved the plan some months ago.

Under the plan, persons certified by the welfare department can purchase the food stamps at the local bank. They then spend the stamps just like money at local food stores and the stores redeem the stamps at the bank.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company here has agreed to cooperate with the county in carrying out the program.

## Busy Week Set For High Court Starting Sept. 13

Chowan County Superior Court will convene here Monday with Judge Rudolph I. Mintz of Wilmington presiding.

On the criminal docket are two hearings for prisoners and a new trial for a man who has been in jail here for over a year.

Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk of court, said Van R. Paige, serving time for armed robbery, has filed a writ of habeas corpus and a hearing on the matter has been set by Solicitor Walter Cohoon.

Ernest Vaughn, Jr., now serving a prison sentence for murder, has requested a post conviction hearing.

Both Paige and Vaughn claim their constitutional rights were violated.

The State Supreme Court granted James Clarence Hall a new trial following his appeal from a conviction last year of auto larceny. He has been lodged in Chowan County jail for more than a year awaiting the outcome of his appeal and now the new trial.

Also on the calendar is two cases against W. H. Crecy, principal of White Oak Elementary School. The Negro educator was indicted in the spring by the Grand Jury on charges of procuring false attendance reports and making false attendance reports. The action came after an investigation into attendance records at the school by State Board of Education officials.

Set for trial is Jimmy Ray Rahman, a sailor stationed at Norfolk, Va., on a charge of manslaughter. He was driver of a car in which a companion lost his life on Cannon's Ferry Road. Three Norfolk, Va., men are expected to be tried for grand larceny following the

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## City Schools Purchase Mobile Classroom, New Activity Bus

A mobile classroom has been ordered for use at D. F. Walker High School and a new activity bus will be purchased for use by all schools in Edenton.

The purchase of these two items by Edenton City Schools was approved Friday by Chowan County commissioners.

Supt. Hiram Mayo requested that \$10,000 of a \$10,529.82 surplus from fiscal 1964-65 be appropriated for the purchase of these two items.

He appeared before the board and pointed out that at the present time one class is being held on the stage at the local school. He

added that the school is going through a reevaluation for re-accreditation and would be given a black mark if the class is kept on the stage.

Supt. Mayo said it is anticipated that the mobile classroom would be needed for at least two years at the local school, where space is not available.

The cost of the mobile classroom is \$6,000.

Supt. Mayo said while the cost of the new activity bus is \$8,000, the current budget carries \$4,000 for this purpose.

The new bus will be controlled by the superintendent's office for use by all

three city schools.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board, a motion was passed to do away with all reserved parking on the municipal lot back of Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Seven protest petitions were presented to the board following the placing of 37 reserved name plates on parking spaces.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, appeared and asked the commissioners to reconsider reserving spaces for employees in the courthouse and hotel building.

Gardner told the board the name plates actually presented an un-enforceable situation.

J. Clarence Leary, a board member, said he didn't think it was right to reserve the spaces.

The board's action to prohibit all reserved parking signs on the lot was unanimous.

Chairman W. E. Bond asked Fire Chief W. J. Yates to discuss the formation of fire districts with the board. Chief Yates said it is not wise to form such districts until at least two more rural departments are organized.

Chief Yates said such districts are for areas within a four-mile radius of the fire station and some areas in the county would be left

without protection until new departments are formed.

"We have pretty good fire protection in this county," the chief said. He hailed the fire department at Cross Roads as "excellent" and added action should be taken to interest other communities in this project.

"For eight cents citizens in Chowan County are getting mighty good fire protection," he said. (He was referring to the eight cents per \$100 valuation which persons outside Edenton pay for fire protection).

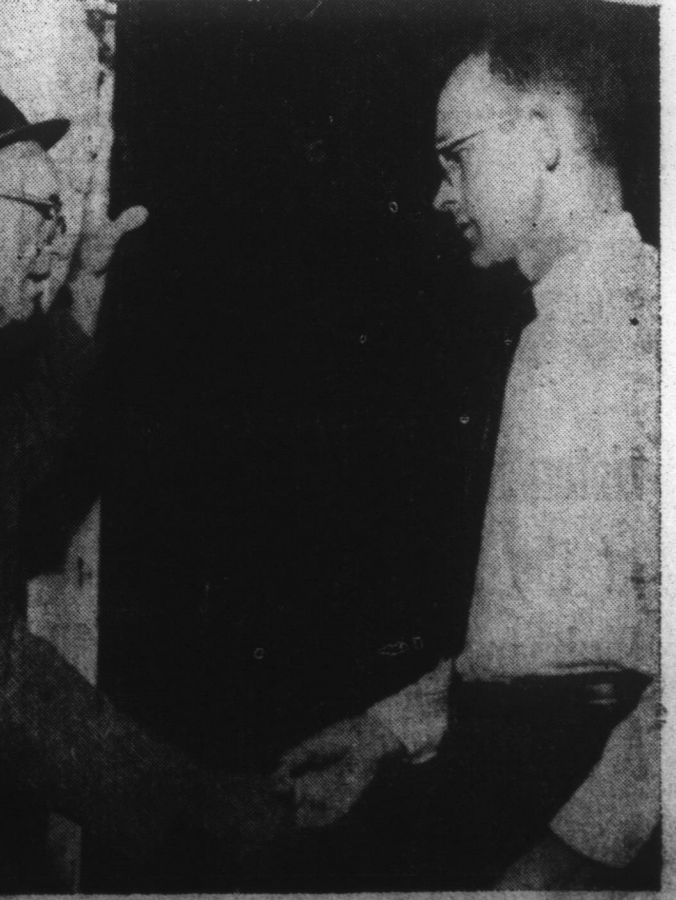
Wilbur Hare, chief of the Cross Roads department, appeared and asked the com-

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**ASSUMES NEW DUTIES** — Glen Perry, right, is the new Chowan County Jailor. He is pictured here with Sheriff Earl Goodwin at the door to the jail yard. Perry assumed his duties September 1, replacing Bertram Byrum who joined the Edenton Fire Department.