



First National Action

Bank Drops Litigation

"Two wrongs do not make a right," says First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, therefore, they have stopped all litigation designed to halt a third office in Edenton by Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

M. F. Allen, Jr., president of the Jacksonville based bank which has waged a strong bid to open a branch here, wrote Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., last week concerning the dispute.

Allen said a decision to drop litigation concerning Peoples' branch on North Broad Street came as a result of "our deep and sincere interest for Edenton, its people and the area."

At the same time Allen said this action will not affect First National's efforts to establish an office in Edenton.

"We want to have the opportunity of providing expanded banking facilities to the people of this growing and progressive area, and First National is looking forward to such a privilege in the near future," he wrote the mayor.

First National proposed to open an Edenton branch some time ago but the action was blocked by Peoples Bank & Trust Company. Allen said the local bank contended no further banking facilities were needed.

At the time Peoples Bank proposed a drive-in branch on North Broad Street, First National contended this to be contrary to earlier claims with regards of the existence of adequate available facilities.

Allen said now that First National has dropped its litigation "the legal move which Peoples Bank has pending against First National is not in the best interest of citizens of Edenton and the area."

He further states: "In every instance wherein a community has competitive banking, that community has grown at an accelerated pace."

First National was established in Jacksonville in October, 1952, with \$150,000 capital. The bank's December 31, 1965, statement showed resources of \$40,083,337.70.



BANK STOPS ACTION—First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina last week halted a suit to prohibit Peoples Bank & Trust Company from building a third office in Edenton. Explaining the action to Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., is Gene F. Jewell, a bank vice president.

Society Presents Bible On Records

Chowan Convalescent Home has been presented a set of the Bible on Records by the American Bible Society.

Mrs. Thurman W. Allred, Route 2, Edenton, ABS representative, recently presented the records to hospital officials — Dr. Richard Hardin, chief of staff, and W. P. Jones, administrator.

Jones, speaking for the hospital, said he is grateful for the gift and all support given the local institution by churches in the area.

Dr. Hardin said he is sure the records will be a source of enjoyment for those residing at the home.

This statement was released by Mrs. Allred on this occasion:

"This is the 'Year of the Bible' in North Carolina and throughout the United States. Ninety-two Protestant denominations that support the American Bible Society have declared this year 1966 'The Year of the Bible.' This is in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society, and in tribute for the distribution of over 750 million copies of Scriptures they have sold below cost or given away since the

The Public Parade

LEND A HAND—The First Congressional District campaign has been both different and difficult.

It is different because of the short campaign for the nomination. It is difficult to understand some of the reasoning of the GOP candidate.

Walter B. Jones is an experienced legislator. He has been in the N. C. General Assembly four regular terms and several special sessions.

The results of his efforts for the betterment of our state were well in evidence before Dr. John East of East Carolina College even got tar on his heels.

Therefore, the GOP candidate cannot run against the legislative records of Jones. It is too good to tackle.

In order to get himself well known in a hurry, he went the Joneses one better. He took on President Johnson. From the expensive billboards throughout the district it would appear Dr. East is conducting a personal campaign against LBJ.

One has only to tally the Johnson-Goldwater votes in this district to be confused by Dr. East's reasoning in conducting an anti-Johnson campaign.

In the 1964 general election, President Johnson beat Goldwater 3-1. Have enough people switched to provide Dr. East victory. We don't think so.

The record of Walter Jones in North Carolina politics is sufficient to wipe out all doubts of him being a rubber stamp for anyone. He goes into the legislative wars well armed with the facts about what he considers best for the people. Therefore, he has been able to taste victory over such adversaries as Sir Luther, Terrible Terry and Dan the Mountain Man.

Walter Jones is a strong supporter of higher education and especially East Carolina College. He has said good college professors are hard to come by, and he will do all he can to keep Dr. East in the classroom.

We think the people of the First Congressional District should give the Democratic nominee a helping hand on February 5.

ADDED CULTURE—The March winds will blow North Carolina's Little Symphony Orchestra along The Public Parade, thanks to work of the Chowan Arts Council.

The council announced this week that, for the first time in many years, Edenton has



RECEIVES GIFT—W. P. Jones, left, administrator of Chowan Hospital and Convalescent Home, here receives an album of Bible on Records from Mrs. Thurman Allred, representing the American Bible Society. Also pictured is Dr. Richard Hardin, hospital chief of staff, right, and Mrs. Allred.



ROTARY SPEAKER—Walter B. Jones, above, Democratic nominee for Congress, will address Edenton Rotary Club at 1 P. M. Thursday. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., is program chairman. Jones will meet local citizens at an informal coffee hour beginning at 3 P. M. in the Panel Room of Chowan Court House. The public is invited to this event.

Chowan Veneer Is Voted Honor

Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., one of the county's largest industries, has been unanimously selected as the "Employer of the Year for 1965."

E. L. Hollowell, company president, was notified Friday by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped of the honor voted his firm.

James S. Massenburg, executive secretary of the committee, said the company was chosen on the basis of the hiring of the handicapped of organizations under 200 employees.

The company will be represented at an award ceremony that will be held in Raleigh sometime in March. Gov. Dan K. Moore will make the presentation.

George Bissette, secretary of the local Mayor's Committee, said Chowan Veneer Company has six handicapped people on the payroll. He said the entry of the local firm in state competition was instigated by the Mayor's Committee of which Rev. E. C. Sheaf is chairman.

While a special week in October is designated to promote the hiring of handicapped persons, local officials point out this is a year round program. Last October alone saw 20 handicapped persons employed locally.

VISTA Work Begins In Area

Elmer C. Evans and Loren F. Haker, VISTA, Volunteers In Service To America, have moved into the former L. W. Belch homeplace at Center Hill.

They will donate their volunteer services to civic and community leaders of Chowan and Gates counties.

They will be under the direction of William A. Penuel and Roy Lowe of the Economic Improvement Council.

Privott Seeks Area Judgeship In May Election

William S. Privott, veteran judge of Chowan County Recorder's Court, is a candidate for one of two district judgeships in the May Democratic Primary.

Privott, 56, said in announcing his candidacy that he feels his background as solicitor and judge in Recorder's Court as well as in the general practice of law qualifies him for this office.

Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City, judge of Pasquotank County Recorder's Court announced earlier that he will seek one of the judgeships.

The district court is part of the state-wide court reform program and allocates two judges to seven north-eastern counties. Counties in the district area: Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare.

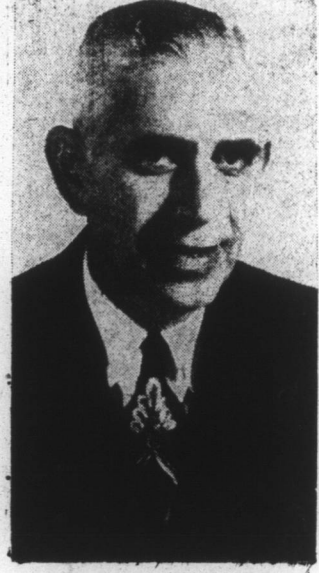
Privott has been judge here since December, 1961, and earlier served as substitute judge as well as solicitor of the court for many years.

A native of Chowan County, he was educated at Wake Forest College and received his LLB degree from Wake Forest Law School. He was admitted to the bar on his 21st birthday—May 7, 1930. He has been engaged in the practice of law in Edenton ever since, except for time spent in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Privott rose to the rank of commander in the U. S. Navy.

He is a director and attorney for Edenton Savings & Loan Association, a charter member and first president of Edenton Lions Club, an active member of Edenton Baptist Church and has been attorney for the Town of Edenton since 1956.

Privott is married to the former Elene Everette and they have one son.



W. S. PRIVOTT
Rotary Jamboree Chairmen Picked

Plans for the forthcoming Pancake Jamboree, being sponsored by Edenton Rotary Club, are taking shape, according to an announcement today from H. E. Bass, chairman.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said Coach Kirby will also be track coach and teach driver education as well as social studies.

The local superintendent said Edenton is fortunate to have a man of Kirby's ability on the staff and expressed extreme pleasure in being able to gain the services of Bumgarner.

The new assistant coach was co-captain of the 1964

Plans Are Made For Heart Fund

Local Heart Fund officials are making plans to kick-off the annual campaign here next month.

February is designated as Heart Month throughout the country and is climaxed by Heart Sunday, February 27.

Contributions to the fund support the year round program of research, professional and law education and community services.

Tom Shepard is divisional president, and is planning a number of activities during February.



PREPARE FOR VEHICLE INSPECTION—Thad Jernigan of Edenton, right, discusses progress of preliminary plans for the forthcoming motor vehicle inspection with Roger B. Parker of Raleigh, administrator of the new program. Between February 15 and December 31 nearly 2 1/2 million vehicles in North Carolina will be inspected at authorized stations.

Vehicle Safety Program Begins On February 16

Does your car have ill directed lights? Is the horn out of commission? How about the windshield wipers, is one or both out of whack? Do you have improper brakes? And the steering mechanism, is it faulty? Are the directional signals inoperative?

If the answer is "yes" to any or all of these six questions you are driving an unsafe vehicle. And the new safety inspection program will get you after February 16, if you don't watch out.

Roger B. Parker of Raleigh, administrator of the statewide Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, was in Edenton Tuesday talking with Thad Jernigan, local inspector.

Parker emphatically stated this program is not designed to get people to purchase a better car, but to get vehicles which travel on our highways up to safe standards.

The administrator said this program will not be a burden on anyone, because it is tailored to be convenient on the vehicle owners through the establishment of more than 2,400 neighborhood inspection stations. He said the repair cost of items needed to pass the six-point inspection in most cases is nominal.

However, he pointed out, faulty equipment needs repairing and this program will require it to be done prior to approval for inspection rather than putting it off. He said a lot of the needed adjustments can be done at the time of inspection, therefore, saving the owner a return trip.

Laws have existed in North Carolina for many years requiring a vehicle to be kept in a safe operating condition, Parker said. Up until now there has been no way to enforce existing laws because the State Highway Patrol didn't have the time or facilities to do the job.

"This program will relieve the highway patrolmen of many hours of time spent telling a motorist to get this or that item fixed," Jernigan said.

The men said new and used cars will be inspected before offered for sale. They have found many new vehicles being sold with ill directed lights — even shiny new state patrol vehicles.

Too, Jernigan said the program will curtail the import-

Kirby To Coach Aces; Bumgarner Joins Staff

Marion Kirby has been elevated to head football coach at John A. Holmes High School here and David T. Bumgarner has been employed as his assistant.

Kirby will replace Coach Jerry McGee, who leaves February 3 to become an assistant at Kansas State University. Kirby joined the local staff last fall as McGee's assistant as well as head baseball coach.

Bumgarner, 23, and a native of Hickory, will join the local school faculty on February 28 — three days after he graduates from East Carolina College. He will teach social studies and be assistant basketball coach and head baseball mentor.

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The local superintendent said Edenton is fortunate to have a man of Kirby's ability on the staff and expressed extreme pleasure in being able to gain the services of Bumgarner.

The new assistant coach was co-captain of the 1964 ECC grid squad and played professional football in Canada last year. He also was a member of the track team.

Majoring in physical education and social studies at ECC, Bumgarner is listed in Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is married and the Bumgarners are Baptists. He now resides in Valdese.

"We are fortunate to get such talented young men to join our faculty," Supt. Mayo said.

Coach Kirby, who will direct the Edenton Aces in the 2-A Albemarle Conference, came here from East Carolina College, where he was an assistant coach. He played his football at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

During the past season he was in charge of the line and proved to be a valuable member of the staff.

Action on the coaching staff was made Thursday night by the Edenton City school trustees at their regular meeting. They earlier accepted the resignation of Coach McGee.



MARION KIRBY **DAVID T. BUMGARNER**

Guitar Lessons Will Be Given

Have you always wanted to learn to play the guitar? Here is your opportunity!

The Chowan Arts Council is sponsoring George Weigand of East Carolina College, who will be here February 3 to talk with those interested in guitar lessons.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M. in St. Paul's Parish House.

Mrs. Ross Inglis, arts council chairman, said cost of the series of six lessons will be \$10. Participants will be grouped according to their skill.

Weigand, a student at East Carolina College, speaks of himself as a semi-professional guitarist. He has taught private and group lessons and has appeared on television.

Those who desire further information about these classes should contact Mrs. Inglis.