



**HONORED BY SENIORS**—Mrs. Anne P. Asbell, center, a member of the faculty at Chowan High School, here receives the yearbook dedication from Mary Privott, left, editor, and Brenda Bunch, associate editor. The first copy of the 1966 school annual—the Chowan Chief—was presented to Mrs. Asbell last Thursday.

## The Public Parade

**TIME RUNNING OUT**—Little more than two weeks remain for candidates to file to run in the May 28 Democratic Primary in Chowan County.

Very little interest has been shown thus far in the elections this year, and this is not a healthy sign.

Five seats are open on the County Board of Commissioners. Two incumbents have filed and the other three are expected to follow suit shortly. There is not even a hint of opposition.

Two of the five members on the Chowan County Board of Education are up for election. N. J. George has filed for another term. The other incumbent, who must face the voters, Frank Williams, hasn't made known his plans.

The rumor mill has turned out some comment on a school board race, but no one has put his name on the line.

Mrs. Lena Leary is running for another four-year term as clerk of court and Sheriff Earl Goodwin has filed for a new term.

Coroner Carroll Boyce must run this year if he wants another term, but he hasn't expressed his desires.

While people are not interested enough in their local government to seek election, they are always cocked and primed with brickbats for those who are willing to give of their time and talents to the business which must be done.

Those who feel they can do a better job than is now being done can take a crack at the incumbents. From the

## City Electricity Outage Sunday

All of the electric customers of Edenton will be without electricity for a three-hour period Sunday morning, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

This outage is necessary to enable the electric department personnel time to safely replace aged cross arms and equipment on the main feeder line to the Freemason Street Plant.

It has been 10 years since the department has found it necessary to have such a curtailment of service as this. While the department regrets this inconvenience to its customers, it feels that its record of continuity of service warrants a degree of pride by all its citizens.

During the past 10 year period the use of electricity by the citizens of Edenton has increased 120 per cent, and the 10 year estimate of future increase is 160 per cent. These increases have, of course, been accompanied by system expansion and betterments, requiring new equipment and methods.

The Electric and Water Department is presently engaged in an upgrading and replacement of street lighting throughout the Town in an effort to make Edenton a safer and more attractive community.

In recent years the Department has installed a sewage disposal facility, as well as expanded both water and sewer systems.

## 'Chowan Chief' Is Circulated

Seniors at Chowan High School have dedicated the 1966 yearbook—the Chowan Chief—to Mrs. Anne P. Asbell. Mrs. Asbell is an elementary teacher at the school.

The dedication of the handsome annual was made on Thursday by Mary Privott, editor, and Brenda Bunch, associate editor.

The annual staff this year chose a theme for the yearbook for the first time. This theme was "Nature" and the 16-page introduction, and other sections of the yearbook have the theme illustrated appropriately with photographs.

The forward states: "We, the class of 1966 will soon be leaving the halls of Chowan. We have chosen nature as a theme for this annual because it helps portray our role in life.

"Throughout our years at Chowan we have been growing as a sturdy tree; tall, straight, and strong. As the old leaves on a tree begin to wither and fall, new ones are growing to take our places. As the new replaces the old, we see the fulfillment of the Supreme Plan.

"We leave with you, in this 20th edition of the Chowan Chief, some of the memories we have shared together here at Chowan while preparing ourselves for the changes that will be ours in the future."

Miss Catherine Aman was sponsor for the staff. Kaye Ward was business manager and her staff consisted of Linda Forehand, Linda Goodwin, Glenda Bunch and Ronny Berryman.

Sports editors were Margaret Lynch and Billy Nixon while Sandra Nixon and Wayne Briggs were social editors.

Art editors were Rose Marine Lane and Bobby Bass. Marcella Ward and Joe Ward were proofreaders with Ann Toppin, Fahey Byrum and

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**BAKE SALE**

The Rocky Hock Community Center will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday, April 9th in front of Belk-Tyler's Store in Edenton beginning at 9:30 A. M. Cakes, pies, cookies and candy will be on sale. Anyone wishing a special cake can call Mrs. Sherion Layton at 482-4037 or Mrs. Marvin Smith at 482-3026.

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# 'Freedom Of Choice' Approved For Students In School Systems

## Rep. Earnhardt Blows Whistle On State Agency

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan, this week said "apparently we are breeding a dangerous bureaucracy" in the State of North Carolina.

The local attorney supported his claim by citing recent actions and statements by John L. Sanders of Chapel Hill, director of the Institute of Government.

Rep. Earnhardt specifically pointed to Sanders' activity during the recent reapportionment session of the General Assembly and newspaper stories about the director's plan to increase the Institute's programs in the field of government.

He said Sanders willingly disbursed his advice during the session and even was invited to speak on the floor itself.

Rep. Earnhardt claims Sanders is trying to develop "an agency of the state which is willing to ease the burden of decision-making from the people, and from their duly elected representatives, and substitute computerized theory for the more traditional legislative process that has heretofore been observed in our capital."

He cited a recent article in which Sanders was quoted. Continued on Page Seven

## Two Incumbents Seek New Term

Two of the five incumbents on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners have announced plans to seek reelection.

J. Clarence Leary of Edenton is running from the First Township and C. M. Evans is seeking another term from the Second Township.

The other three incumbents are: Chairman W. E. Bond, Dallas Jethro, Jr., Fourth Township, and C. J. Hollowell, Third Township.

While the remaining three commissioners have not filed with the Chowan County Board of Elections, it is understood that they will seek another term.

Current law requires the board members to file from particular townships but they are voted on throughout the county.

Evans is completing a two-year term on the board. He served earlier but his time was interrupted. Evans is a farmer.

Leary has been a member of the board for four years. He is serving as vice chairman at this time.

Leary is president of Leary Brothers Storage Company and has varied other interests. He is a member of the executive committee of Chowan Hospital.

He is president of Edenton Savings & Loan Association, a position he has held for 10 years. He served for 20 years as a town councilman in Edenton.

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**NEW OFFICERS**—New officers of the Eastern Star were installed Friday night at the Masonic Temple. They are: Front row, left to right, Mrs. Catherine Robey, J. Edwin Bufflap, Mrs. Kate Bufflap, Miss Frances Marshbourne, Raymond Tarkington and Mrs. Myrtle Hollowell. Second row, Mrs. Mamie Parker, Mrs. Mary Leary, Mrs. Ruth Overman, Mrs. Blanche Moore, and Mrs. Pearl Harrell. Third row, Mrs. Ethel Haskett, Mrs. Grace Byrum, Mrs. Clara Boswell, C. W. Overman, Mrs. Caroline Swindell, Mrs. Pauline Oglesby, and J. N. Oglesby.

## Eastern Star Installs Officers

In a very beautiful and impressive ceremony Friday night, a new group of officers were installed for Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star. It was an open installation ceremony, so that many relatives and friends of the officers were in attendance.

The program included presentation of emblems by Elvire Tarkington, Elton Boswell, Jr., Debora Boswell, Susan Reaves and Beth Boswell, which was followed by a solo, "In the Garden of Tomorrow," by C. W. Overman. The Bible was presented by Mary Jo Wozelka.

Another feature of the program was a solo by Betty M. Lewis, sister of Miss Frances Marshbourne. The dedicatory prayer was made by George W. Marshbourne of Spring Hope, father of Miss Marshbourne.

The installing officer was Mrs. Blanche Twiford of Elizabeth City, past Grand Matron. Robert F. Spence of South Mills, past Grand Patron, served as installing grand chaplain; Mrs. Ruby Sharber of South Mills, installing marshal and Mrs. Peggy Holliday and Mrs. Caroline Swindell, installing grand organists.

Officers installed included the following: Miss Frances Marshbourne, worthy matron; Raymond Tarkington, worthy patron; Mrs. Kate Bufflap, associate worthy matron; J. Edwin Bufflap, associate worthy patron; Mrs. Catherine Robey, conductress; Mrs. Myrtle Hollowell, associate conductress; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Leary, secretary, Mrs. Ruth Overman; chaplain, C. W. Overman; organist, Mrs. Caroline Swindell; marshal, Mrs. Pauline Oglesby; Ada, Mrs. Grace Byrum; Ruth, Mrs. Pauline Oglesby.

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## Robert Smith Assumes Senate Committee Post

WASHINGTON — U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D-N.C.) today announced the appointment of George B. Autry as Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, of which Ervin is chairman. Autry succeeds William A. Creech of Raleigh, who resigned recently.

Ervin also announced that Robert Bland Smith, Jr., of Edenton will assume the post of chief counsel of the Senate Subcommittee on Revision and Codification, a position now held by Autry. The Senator is also chairman of that subcommittee. In appointing Smith, a native of Edenton, and now counsel to the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, Ervin said, "I am delighted that Robert Smith has accepted this post. He has rendered outstanding service as counsel to the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee for several years, and is extremely knowledgeable about many areas of the law."

"At the same time, I feel the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee is quite fortunate in securing the service of George Autry as chief counsel. Since he served as counsel on that subcommittee for three years and as chief counsel of the Revision and Codification Subcommittee for over a year, I consider him an expert in constitutional law matters."

Robert Smith received his

COMMISSIONERS

Chowan County commissioners will meet at 9 A. M. Monday in regular monthly session. They will meet at 2 P. M., as a board of equalization and review.

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## City, County Boards Sending Parents Letters

Parents of school-age children in Chowan County and Edenton will be given a choice of the school for their child to attend for the 1966-67 term.

Letters to parents residing in the Edenton City administrative unit went out Wednesday afternoon from the office of Supt. Hiram J. Mayo.

Residents of the Chowan County unit Friday will receive letters explaining the desegregation plan.

This marks the second year area schools have chosen the "freedom of choice" plan for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Letters to parents are being sent by first class mail and in addition to a cover-statement concerning the plan in general, a four-page explanation is enclosed.

Also, a choice of school form is sent along with a return envelope addressed to Supt. Mayo. The cost of mailing this information is 10 cents per letter.

During 1965, official boards of the two administrative units adopted an "open door" policy concerning students. Therefore, any student residing in either administrative unit can choose to attend a school in another.

On the choice form is listed Edenton Elementary, White Oak Consolidated, John A. Holmes High School, Chowan High School and D. F. Walker High School.

These forms must be returned to Supt. Mayo, either by mail or other means, by April 29. The students will be assigned to a school for the 1966-67 term on the basis of information gathered during the next 30 days.

Unlike the 1965-66 plan, a choice is required from every parent this year in order to have children assigned. The letter states no preference will be given for choosing early during the choice period.

The choice of schools is left entirely to the parent under this plan. No principal, teacher or other school official is permitted to influence anyone in making a choice. "No one is permitted to favor or penalize any student or other person because of a choice made," the

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## Statement On Progress Issued By Good Neighbor Council

A state race relations official and the majority of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council are highly pleased with progress the group has made in the past week.

At a meeting Monday afternoon, D. S. Coltrane of Raleigh, head of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council, lauded the local group for the "tone" of their meeting. He said this "denotes real progress is being made."

Following reports of sub-committees working in the field of job relations, education and anti-poverty, the council approved a motion assuring "the public good

progress was being made and the council was working in good faith.

The motion was made by W. P. (Spec) Jones of the public relations committee. Only Rev. F. H. LaGarde voted against the motion.

Earlier in the meeting Mr. LaGarde said he didn't think the council was "making good faith negotiations."

Other Negro members of the council disagreed.

Dr. Johnnie Horton, vice chairman of the group, said the group had scored "many pluses during the past week" but at the same time there were some minuses to the 15-point demands of two civil rights organizations.

"Yes, I would say, generally speaking, much has already been accomplished and I am confident more progress will be made in the future," he told the group.

Earl Jones, another Negro council member, said progress made to date makes him proud to be a member of the county-wide group.

Rev. E. C. Shoaf said a Tri-County Ministerial Association was being formed on a bi-racial foundation.

Activities of committees included:

Presidents of civic clubs, home demonstration clubs, community development organizations and others attended the meeting and were

asked to assist in educating the public as to the objectives of the council.

George Alma Byrum said eight Edenton merchants had written letters to the council, stating adoption of a non-discriminatory employment and advancement policy.

Dr. Horton said child development and family planning programs were getting underway under the Economic Improvement Council's direction. He called for more participation in all anti-poverty programs by lower income white families.

Mayor John A. Mitchener reported the appointment of Dr. James L. Slade, local

Negro physician, and Rudolph Dale, insurance man, to the expanded Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said a Bi-Racial Recreation Committee had been formed. It is composed of Councilman Henry G. Quinn, James Kinion and Robert Shields.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo traced school integration in Edenton City Schools and said this unit will continue to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Rev. Robert Harrell, chairman, presided at the meeting and the group set April 4 as the date for the next session.



CLARENCE HARDY