

Board Eyes 'Temporary' Structure

Cucumbers And Politics

The Democratic Party has lost a colorful member in the departure of R. Frank Everett of Hamilton.

This writer has fond memories of Frank. He's the type fellow one makes up his mind about at first meeting.

Our association was casual and through mutual friends, mainly, but once on a trip back to Statesville from Edenton we stopped in at his implement place for a soda.

Frank appeared glad to learn we were moving to Edenton. He murmured something about politics and the fact that the East was real Democrat country.

In two sessions in the General Assembly, Frank made many friends. But he seemed to lose his grip in politics at home and his state-wide influence was not sufficient to get his candidate for governor elected—either in 1960 or 1964.

We hear Frank sat in on some top-level conferences in a particular campaign headquarters before Dr. I. Beverly Lake turned his supporters loose in favor of Gov. Dan K. Moore. Whatever Frank wanted in the Moore Administration he didn't get.

In true form, Frank went after his own headlines. He crawled all over the State Highway Patrol because they were "picking on" him. His most recent flare was over the East Carolina College University status mess in the General Assembly. He said the Democratic Party had left the Democrats and advised his followers(?) to bolt the party.

Frank Everett was always a man of his word. He has done as all good doctors do—taken his own medicine.

Frank hasn't departed this earth, just the Democratic Party. He did it in fine fashion, with a press conference in Greenville. Frank certainly won't be the GOP candidate for governor. The played-out Democrat will be a colorful addition, though. He didn't get the attention he wanted in the political party in which he belongs. Maybe the Republicans will be able to correct this wrong.

So, Frank Everett is gone, real gone. We hope the bushel of cucumbers he sent our chef three years ago won't obligate us to follow suit.

Something Needed Besides Lullaby

In the past week there has been a hint that Chowan County commissioners might be seriously considering plans for an administration building.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, has been talking with the commissioners about suitable facilities outside the schools for the superintendent's office. He says there are none.

However, he told board members at a special meeting Thursday night the county commissioners might agree to "temporary" housing. Too, he said there is a possibility that the commissioners might be willing to set aside funds for the next few years for a new administration building.

We hope the commissioners are foresighted enough to veto the first proposal while taking definite action on the latter.

Chowan County needs an administration building. The schools do not need to contract for a \$12,000 "temporary" office building.

Chowan commissioners have the responsibility to furnish office space for county agencies. This includes the schools. The county's entire bonded indebtedness—\$359,000—is for schools. If more bonds are needed for an administration building for all agencies, the commissioners should say so.

To allow the board of education to put up a "temporary" structure anywhere would not be in the best interest of the county. It would be money wasted at a time when everyone is trying to hold the line on taxes.

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Edenton-Chowan Board may become the first putting up its own office. This was discussed at a night at a called meeting Dr. Edward G. Bond,

Education agency Thursday board, man, re-

ported that no existing county property was suitable for the superintendent's office. This includes the county-owned Hotel Joseph Hewes which now houses many county agencies. Supt. Bill Britt gave the board infor-

mation on buildings which could be built in 30 days. Such a structure would be temporary in nature and could be heated and air conditioned. The building Supt. Britt proposes is 24 by 60 and could be put on a semi-

permanent foundation. Location of the building could be behind the Boy Scout Hut or in front of Hicks Field, facing North Broad Street.

Supt. Britt said funds for the structure, some \$12,000, could come from the existing school budget and ESEA Title One money. Therefore, the county would not have to put up any additional money.

Dr. Bond said a temporary structure could be used now to get the superintendent's office out of John A. Holmes High School. Too, he said county commissioners might well be agreeable to the proposal and there is a possibility that the commissioners might be willing to set aside funds for the next few years for a new administration building.

Board members who expressed themselves on the subject wanted it made clear that this would be only a "temporary" measure.

The board also accepted the resignations of Thomas I. Sharpe and Geneva B. Porter from the faculty of D. F. Walker High School.

Bruce F. Jones, O. C. Long, Dr. A. F. Downum and West Leary were appointed to a committee to study the present recommendations for the board's policy on use of school property.

Also, it was agreed that the school funds from each school be placed in First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina for the next year with the board of education's funds to remain in Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Rotary To Hear Speech On Fund

A staff member of the North Carolina Fund will address the Edenton Rotary Club today (Thursday) at 1 P. M., according to Jack Habit, president. He will discuss the work of the Fund and other agencies in North Carolina's War on Poverty.

Why is the federal government using our tax money to give handouts to lazy poor people?

John E. Murray, public speaker for the North Carolina Fund, hears the question almost daily. His reply is most poor people aren't lazy; they are born into poverty, receive inadequate education, and therefore are unequal to find jobs which would enable them to rise above poverty.

And then he explains that the federal government, through the anti-poverty program, does not give "handouts"—i.e., wads of cash—to the poor. Instead, it tries to provide them with the kind of education and job training which will prepare them for earning their own way in the world.

Since February of 1966, Murray has been on a speaking tour of North Carolina, providing information to the public.

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John E. Murray

Phthisic's Closes

Phthisic's Super Market, 202 South Broad Street, will close at the present location at 8 P. M., Saturday and will be out of business until a modern new building is completed on U. S. 17.

Reopening is anticipated for October 1. McKay Phthisic, store manager, said the firm is being forced to vacate the downtown building. The lease on the building has expired and negotiations for an extension until the new super market could be finished were unsuccessful.

Phthisic's has operated at the location since July 1, 1958.

The new building will have 7,000 square feet of sales area in a structure which measures 80 by 120 feet. There will be parking in front of the building for 60 cars. The building will be of brick and block construction.

Structural steel for the new super market is already in place and Phthisic says that unless some hitches develop in construction the new store will be opened by October 1.

Farmers Get ASCS Funds

Chowan County farmers this week are receiving final payments in the feed grain and cotton programs of the ASCS. Total payments at this time are in excess of \$180,000.

H. O. West, ASCS manager here, said the checks represent about 90 per cent of those to be received by participating farmers.

The feed grain program checks amount to \$109,283.43 and are going to owners of 250 farms.

In the cotton program, 365 farms are involved and final payment of \$71,598.11 is being made. An advance payment of \$20,280.41 has already been distributed to the farmers who are participating in this program.

Bond Confirmed As Postmaster

The U. S. Senate Friday confirmed the nomination of James M. Bond as postmaster at Edenton.

Bond's confirmation followed by some 18 months his appointment as acting postmaster at the U. S. Post Office here. Bond replaces J. L. Chestnutt, who retired.

Senators Sam Ervin, Jr., and B. Everett Jordan wired Bond offering their congratulations. Bond's appointment was recently sent to the Senate by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Bond became acting postmaster here December 30, 1965, after the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee had recommended him to the two U. S. Senators from North Carolina.

A change in the post office takes place Saturday when R. T. Harrell, Jr., becomes rural carrier on Route 2. Harrell was recently recommended for the appointment to the position by Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District.

Harrell's father is a retired carrier on this route. Bond's father was a postmaster here many years ago.

Youth Film Showing Is Saturday

"Lost in the Crowd", a new teen-age documentary film is to be shown at the John A. Holmes High School auditorium, Edenton, at 8 P. M., on Saturday. Admission is free.

Filmed at Daytona Beach, Florida, "Lost in the Crowd" takes an extremely frank look into the morals of a representative group of college students who migrate each year to the beaches of Florida in search of sun, sand, surf, suds and sex. The film sparkles with glittering photography and raucous sound as it reveals the tortured strivings and mad exuberance of youth unrestrained.

As the film progresses, the camera moves in close to take a more intimate look into the lonely solitude of trapped and troubled teenage hearts which have

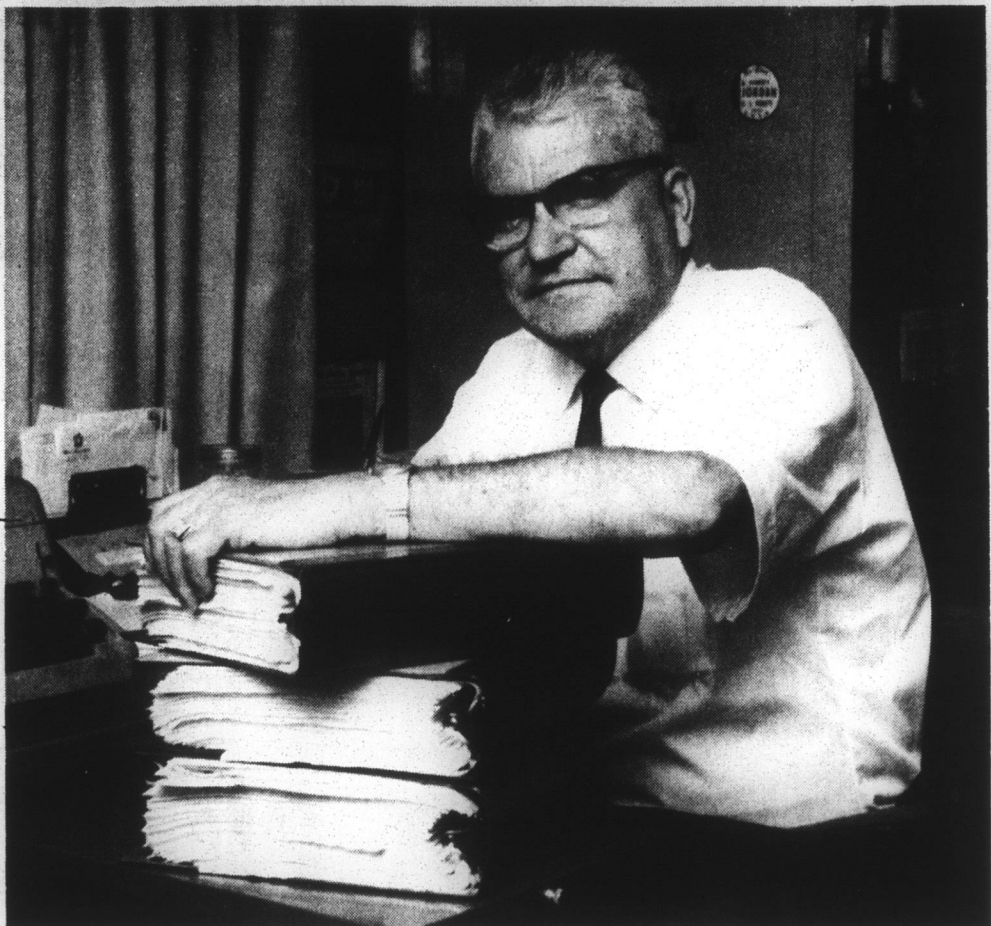
been left unsatisfied by raw pleasure while scarred for life. Right here is the reason for the film.

"Lost in the Crowd" has a positive answer for all anxious, lonely hearts from the beaches of Florida to the broad streets of the city, for Salvation is also available on the beaches of Florida in the message of redemption through Jesus Christ. This message is taken to the Florida beaches by some of this country's outstanding Christian athletes. Each year, these men give their time and talents in an effort to challenge the thousands of students.

This outstanding teenage film is sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship of the Edenton-Chowan County Area.

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Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., and Some of His Legislative Homework

Assembly Session Educational Culpepper 'Graduates'

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City, is a graduate of the 1967 General Assembly. He and 54 other freshmen legislators got their education during the lengthy session which ended recently.

For Bill Culpepper, it didn't take long for most of his preconceived notions about the legislature to be changed.

He found the members of both the House and Senate "very friendly and cordial" and willing to give an abundance of advice.

The hardware merchant discovered that 99 per cent of the decisions are made before actual debate of an issue

on the House floor.

He discovered that the Dan Moore Administration had a good program for North Carolina which did not require applying pressure to the representatives.

And among other things which enlightened Rep. Culpepper was the fact that lobbyists have been put in a bad light unjustly.

Then he found out that his constituents keep up with what was going on in Raleigh as they wrote many letters and called frequently about things of interest.

All in all, the freshman legislator got a real "education" in the five-month session.

Rep. Culpepper said the mechanics of the General Assembly are well organized. He produced several volumes of "homework" which goes out to each representative the night before bills are to be considered on the House floor. This gave him an opportunity to talk with the interested parties and become familiar with the bills. He then made his decision.

"Only two times during the five months was my mind changed by debate on the floor," he admits.

Being a freshman and a non-lawyer were neither drawbacks for Rep. Culpepper. He said at least one is needed on each committee. But men and women of all walks of life were in the House.

And he feels the seniority plank has become well worn. "Except for getting chairmanship of a committee, this business of seniority was just about thrown out the window," he said. The oldtimers didn't stick together and were willing to assist in any way they could, he added.

The legislator said charges of bad bills enacted into law during the busy session.

4-H Program Set

Three Edenton civic groups — the Lions, Rotarians and Jaycees, will host the 4-H Report to the State August 21.

Five outstanding 4-H'ers have been selected to visit 12 counties in North Carolina. These 4-H'ers will tell about the 4-H program and the opportunities it offers young people. Included in the program will be two talent numbers.

The 4-H'ers will be accompanied by Dr. T. Carlton Blalock, assistant director in charge of 4-H Club Week and Miss Mary Sue Moser, 4-H specialist.

The party will be traveling in the "Cardinal", private plane of Gov. Dan Moore. Other counties to be visited besides Chowan include Craven, Durham, Robeson, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Polk, Burke, Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany.



THERE SHE GOES! Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., center, applies the scissors to a ribbon at Sunday's dedication and opening of Edenton Fire Department's new station on North Broad Street. Looking on are, left to right: Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Fire Chief W. J. Yates; Mayor Pro Tem Luther Parks and Councilman J. D. Elliott. Elliott and Parks were on the new fire station committee. The \$90,000 structure was put into use in December. Hundreds of local citizens toured the facility between 1:30 P. M. and 5 P. M. Sunday.