



The Public Parade

Unnecessary Lines

It's now time to shell out for state and town license plates. It's also time to question having to stand in two lines to get the chore accomplished.

Mrs. Goldie Niblett at Edenton Office Supply is contract agent for N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles. She handles the renewal cards which are complete with addresses.

A vehicle owner goes to Mrs. Niblett and purchases the state tag. Then he must cross Confederate Plaza and into the Municipal Building to buy the town tag. Often times this means standing in two lines.

Also, if Mrs. Niblett was allowed to sell the town tag more would be sold because she would note from the address whether or not the vehicle owner lived in town and needed the tag.

This is not only a question of convenience for the citizens but a matter of being practical. It just doesn't stand to reason that a vehicle owner living inside the corporate limits must meander all over the waterfront to be relieved of 12 bucks. There's a less painful approach.

Spark Smothered

One foolish, thoughtless act can provide the spark which ignites an explosion that is felt for years to come.

This could have been the result last week in Chowan County had we not had cool, efficient, impartial law officers such as Sheriff Earl Goodwin.

His telephone rang late, as it often does, Friday night. When he picked it up he had not the faintest idea what to expect.

He was told that someone had shot into a home on Paxton Lane, a Negro community off Old Hertford Road.

Sheriff Goodwin and his deputies went into action. In a short period of three hours they had made an arrest. By deliberate, but swift, action, Sheriff Goodwin reassured every citizen that

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Nixon Sentenced

Ralph F. Nixon, 20, 105 South Oakum Street, was sentenced to a total of six years in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to five counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one of malicious damage to real property.

The charges grew out of a shooting incident Friday night on Paxton Lane where a shotgun blast ripped into the home of a Negro family.

Nixon, on probation for breaking, entering and larceny, also had his probation revoked and a two year sentence invoked by Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City in Chowan County District Court. The sentences imposed in the new cases were to run consecutively.

The defendant gave notice of appeal and his bond was set at \$5,000. He had not posted bond Tuesday afternoon.

Judge Horner told Nixon he is lucky he was not up for murder since the home of Oliver Bonner was occupied by five people at the time the incident occurred.

"All across this state such shootings are taking place as people try to create discord between the white and Negro races," the jurist lectured. "The situation over here (in Chowan County) has been good and you come along and try to stir up something. You are going to have to pay for it."

During the testimony of Bonner, the defendant interrupted to say: "I'm sorry

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Farm Income Drop Noted

Chowan County farmers experienced a sharp drop in gross income in 1967 primarily due to something which they have no control—the weather, says C. W. Overman, county extension chairman.

Overman, busy gathering information to make his estimate of gross farm income for the year, said the 1967 figure would probably be \$500,000 less than 1966's \$7,128,049. Most of the loss was in peanuts, he added.

With 68 per cent of the marketing cards in on peanuts, Overman said average yield is off some 20 per cent. "This could mean more than half a million dollars to our farmers," he said. "That comes right off the top and it hurts!"

Most of the loss was caused by extremely wet conditions in July and August, the chairman explained. "Growers in general applied their knowhow pretty well," he continued. "They went out to do a good job but the weather conditions kept the yields down and our goal will not be realized."

The same is pretty much the case for soybeans, he continued. However, the overall soybean income will be increased because farmers who lost their cotton came back to harvest a crop of soybeans.

Speaking of cotton, Overman sees 1968 as a crucial year for this important crop. "What we do in 1968 will depend upon rejuvenated interest generated among our growers," he stated. "Cotton can be one of our best crops if weather conditions are favorable and growers follow

Sale Of Tags Brisk

Lines formed Tuesday at Edenton Office Supply and the Municipal Building as owners of vehicles began purchasing 1968 state and town license plates.

Mrs. Goldie Niblett, contract agent for N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, said business has been brisk since she handed out the first tag at 9 A. M., Tuesday.

State tags are being purchased this year with a redesigned renewal card. The two-part form was mailed last week to vehicle owners across the state. Mrs. Niblett said if owners of vehicles have not received their renewal card by the end of the week they should make a request for another to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

Surrounding area residents can procure their 1968 plates at the office supply store, 501 South Broad Street, between the hours of 9 A. M., and 5 P. M., Monday through Friday and 9 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday.

Town tags can be purchased at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 A. M., and 5 P. M., Monday through Friday. This office is closed on Saturday.

Crusade Planned

Plans for a cooperative evangelistic crusade in the area are forging ahead with the report that 50 per cent of the churches in Chowan, Gates, and Perquimans counties have already indicated a desire for a crusade to materialize under the auspices of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

John Dillon, Director of Associate Crusades at the new Atlanta-based headquarters of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, has indicated a favorable reaction to the response of churches in the area, and has expressed satisfaction that the crusade can now materialize.

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sound, well tested practices." He expressed concern about farmers dropping cotton. "We have no substitute for it in our farm rotation plan," he said.

Livestock is an area in which Chowan farmers enjoyed a good year. This will continue to help the overall picture of a balanced farm economy, the chairman predicts.

The 1967 report on agriculture and home economics during 1967 has been presented by Overman to Chowan County commissioners. A series of articles concerning this report will be published in The Chowan Herald, beginning next week.

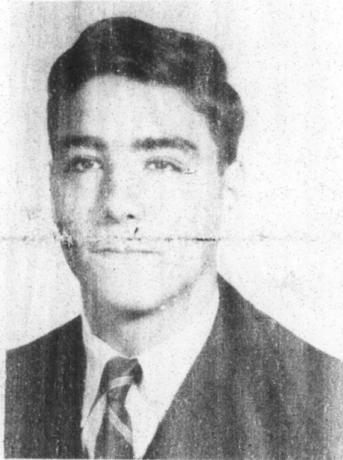
Perry Nominated By Congressman

William A. Perry, Jr., 9 Hawthorne Road, has been nominated for appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has selected the John A. Holmes High School for the nomination and Perry will now take qualifying examinations.

Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry, Sr., is an active member of the Senior Class at Holmes High. He has been active in sports, playing both football and baseball. He is a member of the Monogram Club.

The nominee attended Boys' State. He is also a member of Edenton Baptist Church.



William A. Perry, Jr.

Gov. Moore Reports On State's Progress During 1967

By GOV. DAN MOORE

My fellow North Carolinians:

Another year of record advancement and development is ending in our State. In reviewing these last 12 months, I have been most impressed with the manner in which your State Government has encouraged, assisted and paved the way toward providing even greater opportunities for all who live in North Carolina. I am aware and appreciative of the fact that the State's total effort is but a reflection of the activity and the interest of the people.

The year 1967 has been one of building upon the solid foundations of the past. But, more, it has been a year of emergence for North Carolina. Long sought goals have been realized, and our sights have been shifted to greater goals.



TAX LISTERS BUSY—Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton here goes over tax listing procedures with two of the three listers in First Township as listers throughout the county get ready to begin completing abstracts Tuesday. Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum, right, and Mrs. Mary D. Nixon are shown with Layton. The third lister, not pictured, is Mrs. Sadie H. Hoskins. All property must be listed for taxes between now and February 2 or be subject to a penalty for failure to list.

Tax Listing Underway In Chowan

More than 9,000 tax abstracts will be filled out this month by property owners of Chowan County.

With the coming of a new year comes the responsibility to citizens to list their

property for the purposes of taxes.

Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton said listing began this week in the county's four townships. Those who do not list by February 2 will pay a 10 per cent penalty, Layton stated.

Most property owners list with list takers during January as it is estimated that less than one-half of one per cent pay the late listing penalty.

Layton said the hours for listing have been arranged to make it as convenient on the citizens as possible. He said night listing in the Second Township has been quite popular and will be continued this year.

Approximately 3,000 abstracts have already been mailed to property owners living outside Chowan County. The bulk of these people own lots at developments such as Arrowhead and Chowan Beaches and Cape Colony.

Because of development of property on the water in Chowan County, the total number of taxpayers has increased sharply. Just three years ago it was estimated that 6,000 abstracts were completed. Layton said this year's total could exceed 9,500.

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DSA Event Set

The 14th annual Distinguished Service Award, Bosses' and Ladies' Night banquet of Edenton Jaycees is scheduled for January 11 at the Jaycee Building on Base Road.

J. C. (Pete) Dail, banquet chairman, said the event will begin at 7 o'clock.

H. Patrick Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, former speaker of the State House of Representatives and a candidate for lieutenant governor, will be the principal speaker.

Highlight of the banquet will be presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to a young man in the community. Nominations have been received and a committee is currently making the selection.

This annual function is a high point in the Jaycee year throughout the country.

We have faced the complex problems of social and economic change, not in a haphazard manner, but with deliberation and determination. And, in 1967, we have looked ahead to the North Carolina of the next decade to plan for greater utilization of our resources.

Our population passed the five million mark in the early fall. Our economy continued to expand, causing more North Carolinians to be gainfully employed than ever before. Nonfarm employment reached a record high of nearly 1.6 million in November. Another 800,000 were employed in agriculture. Wages continued to climb. During the first half of 1967, wages and salaries for workers covered by unemployment insurance increased more than 9 per cent. While figures are not available, I believe our per capita income increased substantially during the year.

This economic growth has brought new advantages within the reach of more of our people. New homes are in evidence throughout the state and automobiles are in abundance everywhere. In our 36 cities of over 10,000 population, construction permits through November

exceeded \$409 million, up nearly 4 per cent. Another 33,000 rural consumers joined REA programs. Some 121,000 of our people installed telephones from investor-owned utilities. Another 18,000 became gas customers, and there were 47,000 new electric customers.

The strength and vitality of our private economy is reflected in the operating programs of the 160 state agencies, departments and institutions. Recognizing the tremendous potentials of these times, my administration proposed a most ambitious and forward-looking program to the General Assembly when it convened in February. The Legislators were equal to the challenges presented them and enacted into law a program of service to the people unsurpassed in the history of North Carolina.

The budget provided for the biennium, which began July 1, totaled more than \$2.7 billion. This money — provided largely through your income, sales and gasoline taxes — is being utilized for services which benefit in numerous ways every North Carolina family. In addition, it is providing greater individual

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Four Peoples Bank Officials Retire

Four veteran officials of Peoples Bank & Trust Company's Edenton operation retired last week and were praised for their great contribution and loyalty to the financial institution.

Those who retired under a recently instituted personnel policy and their years of service were:

J. W. Davis, vice president and director, 11 years; George C. Hoskins, cashier, 37 years; J. H. Conger, Sr., director, 30 years; and A. C. Boyce, director, 10 years. Their combined years of service to the bank totals 88 years.

J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the local board, said the services of these

four men will be sorely missed. "Each man has rendered distinguished service not only to the bank but to the community as well," Wood said. "They have been loyal, dedicated fellow workers and we will miss them."

A function was held in the bank Thursday afternoon in honor of the men who retired. They were each presented handsome watches by Wood.

Bill Bunch, representing fellow employees, presented a gift to Davis and Hoskins.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company last year instituted a retirement policy calling for regular employees to step down at 65 and directors to retire at 70.



FOUR RETIRE AT PEOPLES—J. Gilliam Wood, second from left, chairman of the local board of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, is pictured here with four veteran bank officials who retired at the end of 1967. Left to right are: J. W. Davis, vice president and director, 11 years; George C. Hoskins, cashier, 37 years; J. H. Conger, Sr., director, 30 years; and A. C. Boyce, director, 10 years. They are the first to retire here under a new bank personnel plan.