

## The Public Parade

### From The Mail Bag

Two interesting, and timely, pieces of mail arrived Wednesday morning. Although one was unsigned we want to bend a rule to share it with those who meander along The Public Parade.

The clever, unsigned note read: "How about a look-alike contest? Right now? It should be apropos at his time."

"George Lewis looks like Richard Nixon."

"Ernest Kehayes looks like Hubert Humphrey."

"Who looks like George Wallace? I don't know either, but would like to."

As popular as the Wallace movement is hereabouts there are likely to be those who go a bit further than look-alike but even claim kin. But shucks, Jim Robinson pointed out years ago that President Johnson had deep roots in Chowan.

From Dr. Edward G. Bond came what was titled: Public Relations Tip for October.

"The committee on Eye Care of the State Medical Society considers it appropriate to frequently remind children and parents about the dangers of missile-throwing toys. The air rifle is singled out as the worst offender in producing eye injuries to children, with the committee emphasizing that the air rifle is not a toy but a weapon and should be treated as such. At least one study of eye injuries by missile-throwing toys indicated considerable increase in the incidence of this type injury during the Christmas holidays.

"Consideration of these dangers is particularly appropriate during the fall months when parents are beginning to give through to Christmas present purchases."

We don't know whose public relations gap we are bridging but the remind is timely. Albemarle Wildlife Club is having a gun safety demonstration today (Thursday) at 5:30 o'clock at Cape Colony and while our two Wild Bill's are not of air rifle age (so we keep telling them) the program is going to be a required subject.

But what about George?

## Gun Safety Topic

Albemarle Wildlife Club is sponsoring a gun safety program this afternoon (Thursday) at Surfside Park in Cape Colony and children from throughout the area are invited.

Dr. Richard Hardin, president, said hamburgers and hot dogs will be free for the children attending the demonstration.

All parents who are interested are invited to bring their children, both boys and girls. Adults will be charged a small fee for the cook-out.

Also, there will be a movie and wildlife program at the clubhouse following the cookout.

## Club Saving High

A record number of participants saved a record amount of money in the 1968 Christmas Club at Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president, said the last payment on the current club will be received on October 25. The 1969 club will open on November 18.

Lewis said the bank will distribute checks totaling in excess of \$115,000 to 876 club members shortly after November 1.

## Jaycees Plan Mayor's Night Event

Gaylord Perry of Williamston, a National League pitching ace, will make a public appearance in Edenton October 24 at a special meeting of Edenton Jaycees.

Perry, who hurls for the San Francisco Giants, will address a Mayor's Night Banquet which begins at 7:30 o'clock.

Wallace Evans, club president, said Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., will present a "State of the Town" message to those assembled at the function.

Also, Jack Habit, former local club president and vice president, North Carolina Jaycees, will appear on the program.

Evans said the Jaycees are extremely pleased to have been able to secure Perry for this important banquet. "It is expected to be one of the highlights of the club year," Evans said.

Gaylord Perry



**CAMPAIGN IN CHOWAN**—Lt. Gov. Bob Scott brought his campaign for governor into Chowan County Wednesday morning meeting people here during a three-hour stay. Scott is shown here with local Democratic Party leaders. Left to right are: Thomas Shepard, county party chairman; Mrs. Edward G. Bond, First District campaign leader; James C. Dail, local Scott director, and Scott. The candidate spoke at a six-county rally Wednesday night in Elizabeth City.

## Scott Reaffirms Stand On Roads

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott drove into Edenton from Windsor in a Jeep Wednesday morning to begin three hours of campaigning in Chowan County.

He met people in the downtown area, lunched at Chap's and went out to Earl Smith's Store at Rocky Hock to press his campaign for governor.

The candidate was escorted by Thomas Shepard, county Democratic Party chairman, and James C. Dail, county campaign leader. Mrs. Edward G. Bond, First District campaign official, was at Edenton Marina to greet the candidate when he arrived.

In a speech to hundreds gathered for a six-county rally Wednesday night, Scott pledged an accelerated road-building program.

"As I have said, you don't have to tell a Scott about roads," he began. "I have traveled thousands of miles throughout our state, and I know better roads are needed in every section. Today, 27,000 miles of rural roads are unpaved. There are hundreds of miles of highways that need to be straightened, improved and made safer.

"I will accelerate our road building program. Better roads mean more jobs, more pleasure, more highway safety."

## It's Scott, Wallace

A poll conducted by the Governmental Affairs Committee of Edenton Jaycees indicates a large percentage of Chowan County voters are still undecided about who to vote for in the general election on November 5.

Of those called in a weekly telephone poll Monday night, 33 per cent indicated they were undecided about the governor's race while 22 per cent hadn't made up their minds about the president's contest.

However, Lt. Gov. Bob Scott and George Wallace increased their lead here in their bid for governor and president, respectively.

Lt. Gov. Scott polled 39 per cent; Jim Gardner, 28 per cent; and 33 per cent undecided.

Wallace, American Independent Party candidate, had 53 per cent; Richard Nixon, 14 per cent; Hubert Humphrey, 8 per cent, and 22 per cent undecided.

The Jaycees plan to continue the Monday night poll until the election.

Highway construction and improvements will be a major part of my administration."

The candidate, at home in Northeastern North Carolina, said he has explained his ideas and aspirations and proposed positive and meaningful programs. "I

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## Thomas A. Small Dies Setting Nets

Thomas Alonzo Small, 52, Route 3, Edenton, died Monday while setting his nets in Chowan River.

Mr. Small and his young son were the object of an extensive search Monday night. The fishing boat containing the heart attack victim and his son was discovered at 6:55 A. M., Tuesday.

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, N. C. Wildlife Service and the U. S. Coast Guard conducted the search Monday night after the commercial fisherman failed to return home.

C. J. Overton, Wildlife supervisor, said searchers got within 200 yards of the boat Monday night but were unable to locate it because of the haze and the fact the boat did not have lights.

Returning to the scene early Tuesday the boat was located. Young Small was unharmed although he had been in the boat throughout the night.

Investigators theorized that the victim

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## Deadline Nearing

Ninety-seven names were added to the voter registration books in Chowan County Saturday and only two weeks remain for those who have not registered to do so if they desire to cast their ballot in the November 5 general election.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said registrars will be at their respective polling places Saturday and October 26 for the purpose of registering voters as well as giving transfer slips to those who have moved since the May primary.

The chairman urged those who have moved from one precinct to another since May to go to the registrar and apply for a transfer in order to be able to vote on November 5.

Mrs. Hoskins said state residence requirements have been shortened for presidential elections. A person who has been a resident of this state for not less than 60 days prior to the date of the presidential election shall be entitled to register and vote for presidential and vice presidential electors but for no other offices, provided he is qualified to register and vote in this state.

The citizen is to appear in person to register before the chairman of the board of election not more than 20 days before the day set for holding the election and not later than 5 P. M., on Friday preceding the election.

Mrs. Hoskins also said a voter expecting to be absent from the county during the entire period that the polls will be open on election day can make written application for absentee ballots to the chairman. This is to be done not earlier than 45 days nor later than 6 P. M., on Wednesday before the election.

# Housing Authority Grant Is Approved

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District this morning announced approval of a \$40,000 preliminary loan for new low-rent public housing for Edenton.

The funds will enable Edenton Housing Authority to begin preliminary planning for 100 low-rent units. There is an estimated need for 100 low-rent units in Edenton, 30 of which will be designated for the elderly.

Rep. Jones said following completion of preliminary planning the local authority will prepare and submit to Department of Housing and Urban Development a program for construction of the proposed units, including housing sites, sketch plan and an estimate of the total cost of the proposed housing development.

Jack Habit, Edenton Housing Authority chairman, said approval of the

federal grant for preliminary planning will speed up establishment of the low-rent project here.

The authority, established by Edenton Town Council last year, seven months ago made application for an allocation of units.

HUD officials are expected here within a week to view possible sites for the units.

At a meeting Monday morning, the local authority employed West W. Byrum, Jr., as appraiser; Mrs. R. Elton Forehand, Jr., as negotiator; and Charles Wood, Jr., as surveyor for the project. Peoples Bank and Trust Company was designated as depository.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., a member of the authority resigned to accept the post of executive director. He has been temporary secretary since the authority was established.

## Chris-Craft Plans Tours Of Facility

Chris-Craft Corporation Wednesday night will open the doors of its new boat manufacturing facility here to the public.

Open house will be observed at the modern plant between 7 and 10 P. M. Guided tours of the plant, showing boats in various stages of production, will be available.

Don Gilbert, plant manager, encourages all employees' families to view the plant at this time.

Refreshments will be served during the event.

Chris-Craft Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of motor boats, announced last year that they would construct a plant in Chowan County to manufacture fiberglass boats.

The firm purchased 54 acres on Albemarle Sound, near Edenton Municipal Airport, and set up a training program in April, while the main plant was under construction.

Chris-Craft moved into its new local plant in June and the first boat to roll off the assembly line on August 1 was a 27-foot Commander cruiser. Several different styles of fiberglass motor boats are now being built at the local plant, one of the most modern facilities in the industry.

## Play Cast Chosen

The cast has been selected for Edenton Little Theater's fall production—Noel Coward's "Blythe Spirit."

Joe Conger, Jr., producer, said Ross Inglis will direct this play to be presented November 21 and 22. "Blythe Spirit" is a gay and witty comedy.

The cast will include John Becker, Mary Irving, Audrey Walker, Jane Holmes, Nelle Jones, Marguerite Lassiter and Frank Palumbo.

It was necessary to cancel the originally scheduled Arthur Miller play, "The Crucible" due to the lack of male performers.



T. C. Byrum

## T. C. Byrum, 76, Taken In Death

T. C. (Cam) Byrum, 119 West Church Street, died Tuesday night at Chowan Convalescent Home following an extended illness. He was 76.

Mr. Byrum, a leading Albemarle Area merchant from 1914 until his retirement due to ill health, was organizer and owner of Byrum Hardware Company of Edenton and Suffolk, Va., and Byrum Implement Company here.

Thomas Campbell Byrum was a native of Chowan County. He was born May 29, 1892, the son of the late Joseph C. and Ellen E. Byrum. His marriage was to the former Lillian Forehand who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, T. C. Byrum, Jr., and George Alma Byrum, both of Edenton; Mrs. Virginia Truslow of Lumberton; and Mrs. Lillian Askew of Oranock, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Henry C. Goodwin of Edenton, and Mrs. Riddick Chappell of Hertford; and nine grandchildren.

He was a member of Edenton Baptist Church, was a Mason and a Shriner. He was a veteran of World War I.

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**PUSHING FUNDS DRIVE**—Caswell Edmundson, right, chairman of this year's Lions Club White Cane campaign, checks with two fellow members of the club about progress of the event. Seated is Marvin Barham and getting encouragement from Edmundson is Jim Partin. Local Lions are attempting to raise \$200 to aid in the club's program for the blind.