

The Public Parade

Still In Vogue

Those who have begun to believe that old fashioned whippings are out of step with modern punishment practices would have been shocked here Tuesday.

Judge Fentress Horner is one who believes a good whipping can be the best punishment, still.

A juvenile appeared in Chowan County District Court, charged with the theft of some \$1.60 from the pocketbook of a spectator during a basketball game at Holmes Gymnasium.

Judge Horner told the embarrassed parents he was willing to dismiss the charge if the father would agree to "paddle" the juvenile. "That's really what he needs," the jurist stated. "Don't let up on him but give him 10 or 12 good licks," he added.

A belt was substituted for a paddle at police headquarters where Chief J. D. Parrish witnessed compliance with the judge's order.

As a parent we must plead guilty to being somewhat reluctant to apply the hand low enough and hard enough. Our parents weren't; how well we remember it!

We can't recall whether or not our mother parts her hair on the left or right side, but we can remember that she was an authority on keeping 11 children in line with punishment such as Judge Horner believes in.

The able jurist from Pasquotank has spoken loudly: Whippings are still in vogue.

Ain't We?

"We ain't getting our share!"

This has been the favorite battle cry of Eastern North Carolinians for decades. Those who meander along The Public Parade have often times been in the forefront, putting out the biggest yell.

The call was also heard in Western North Carolina. It was heard first. They named their baby Appalachia nearly three years ago. The East remained the red-headed stepchild.

All signs point to the fact that our voices have finally been heard. The governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina and the governor of Georgia overheard. Then all three talked straight to the powers that be in Washington and Coastal Plains Regional Commission was born.

Chowan County commissioners were told Monday this commission will ask Congress for \$169-million to develop this region economically. The commissioners were also told a new highway development plan would be pleasing to local eyes—ultimately pocketbooks.

Chowan is being asked to join seven other Northeastern North Carolina counties in forming a multi-county district. With a qualified staff planning could be advanced to action.

This may be another calculated step toward abolition of some counties. Nevertheless, if our commissioners pass up this opportunity to join in something as big and as promising as the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, they will be doing the citizens here a great disservice.

To cry about not getting our share is one thing. To be unwilling to do our part is another. By expressing a willingness to cooperate with neighbors Chowan can again demonstrate an unselfish interest in total development of Northeastern North Carolina.

We have already gone too far to turn back.

Two Promoted By Peoples Bank

Peoples Bank & Trust Company has promoted one teller to assistant cashier and elevated a local director to membership on the executive loan committee.

Mrs. Marjorie Britton, a teller at the Consumer Loan Branch, was promoted



W. B. Gardner Mrs. Marjorie Britton



"HAMS" IN SPOTLIGHT—The annual membership campaign of Edenton Little Theater is now underway with a goal of 200 set by J. H. Conger, Jr., right, membership chairman. Getting a kick out of discussion of a forthcoming production with the chairman is John Becker, Little Theater president. Becker will direct "The Odd Couple" which will be presented in April during the tour.

Little Theater Seeks 200 Members

"The Edenton Little Theater has made great strides during the past several years, growing stronger in number by increased membership and therefore being able to plan, encourage, promote and practice the various dramatic arts to the end that the enjoyment, education and enlightenment of its members and the interested public may be served."

This is the opening statement of J. H. Conger, Jr., membership chairman, as the local amateur group launches a drive to corral a record 200 local citizens in 1969.

The present membership is 186 but Conger has expressed confidence in boosting it to the two century mark.

Big Gains Noted

Edenton Savings & Loan Association continued to exceed past records during 1968 and its president has told stockholders he expects another banner year in 1969.

J. Clarence Leary, president, reported to stockholders Monday night that total assets at the end of 1968 stood at \$5,563,636, which is an increase of \$532,897 over 1967.

"Our total savings stands at \$4,974,194 which is an increase of \$467,797 over our savings of a year ago," he said.

The association paid the largest dividend on record during the year—\$203,536, some \$10,456 over last year.

"In our efforts to assist the families of our community to own their own homes, we made 162 loans which amounted to \$913,438 and brought the total mortgage loans to \$4,691,149," he added.

Leary said the thrift and home financing services are vital to the welfare of all communities and it is a source of considerable pride that this institution makes an important contribution in this area.

"We look forward to 1969 as another successful year and we invite your continued support as we move to serve the needs of our rapidly growing area," he told the stockholders.

James C. (Pete) Dail is executive vice president of the association.

to assistant cashier at the bank's annual stockholder's meeting in Rocky Mount Friday. The announcement of this promotion was made by W. H. Stanley, president.

At the same time, J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of Peoples local board of directors, announced the promotion of W. B. Gardner to the executive loan committee. This committee is composed of six directors of the local board.

Mrs. Britton has been employed by Peoples Bank & Trust Company either part-time or fulltime since 1954. For the past three years she has been assigned to the Consumer Credit Branch. W. H. Easterling is vice president in charge of this branch.

The new bank officer is married to Earl Britton and they reside with their three children at 922 North Broad

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Board Told Of Planning Within Area

Chowan is one of eight Northeastern North Carolina counties being asked to join in a multi-county district of Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

County commissioners were briefly introduced to the program Monday and told the purpose of the program is to assist areas of sparse population to develop economically.

Three states—North and South Carolina and Georgia—have joined together to establish the commission and three multi-county districts in this state have already been funded. There are five proposed districts in North Carolina.

R. E. Timberlake of the State Planning Task Force, said commissioners are being asked to study the proposed district and make a decision as to whether or not to join.

W. E. Bond, chairman of the board, asked about the county's cost in the project. Timberlake said in the three functioning districts it had averaged seven cents per capita.

Dr. James Stone, associate coordinator of the state agency, said the districts were based on economic growth areas. "We hope the state will not dictate to you which counties you want to work with," Dr. Stone said.

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Bank Buys Notes

Peoples Bank & Trust Company has purchased the \$100,000 hospital bond anticipation notes from Chowan County.

The sale was confirmed Tuesday by the Local Government Commission.

Peoples was among five bidders on the notes and was low with a net interest of 3.480 per cent. The high was 4.993 per cent.

The notes mature in three months and will be paid from the sale of \$1-million in hospital bonds. Chowan County is currently advertising for bids on a 61-bed new hospital to be located on a 25-acre tract west of Chowan Medical Center on Highway 32.

County, state and federal money available for the project is \$1,708,000.

Waller Directs Chowan Heart Fund

Bob Waller will head the 1969 Heart Fund Campaign in Chowan County, it was announced by Mrs. Clarence Britton, president of the Chowan County Heart Association.

Waller reminds the public that "Heart disease is still the leading killer in North Carolina, the nation and the world." "Last year," he said, "in North Carolina alone 23,000 persons died from cardiovascular disease."

He said, "the best way we can stop this killer is by contributing to the Heart Fund."

Working with Waller for a successful



James C. Dail

Mayor Names Dail To Housing Post

James C. (Pete) Dail, 206 South Cakum Street, this week was appointed to Edenton Housing Authority. His term expires October 1.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., appointed Dail to replace Merrill Evans, Jr., who recently resigned. Evans resigned when he was chosen to do the authority's legal work.

Jack Habit is chairman of the local authority which is working to bring low-rent public housing to Edenton. The local authority has been allocated 100 units and preliminary work is now being done.

In addition to Habit and Dail, authority members are C. A. Benson, George W. Lewis and A. C. Hudson. The authority will meet at 9 A. M., February 18 to discuss entering into a leased housing project which could put at least 50 additional units in the area.

Dail, executive vice president of Edenton Savings & Loan Association, is among the area's most active young business executives. He is a past director and treasurer of Edenton Chamber of Commerce and is active in Edenton Jaycees.

In 1964 he was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and has headed many area fund raising campaigns.

campaign will be Clarence Shackelford as benefits chairman.

Rural Heart Fund directors are Mrs. Cotter White and Mrs. Albert Ward, and for Negro communities, Mrs. Robert Bemby.

Treasurer and memorial gifts chairman is Mrs. Fred Keeter and special gifts, Mrs. Earl Goodwin. Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., is chairman of public education.

Special activities planned for the month include Heart Sunday, Balloon and Tag Day, Teenage Dance, as well as business solicitations.

The first benefit will be a Country and Western Show at 7:30 P. M., Saturday. Shackelford said the two-hour program will be staged in Swain Auditorium.

Jesse Harmon, local banjo player, will be a featured attraction with Roby Huffman and his Blue Grass Cut-Ups.

The Billy Olds Band, Rocky Hock Cavaliers and the Lonely Boys round out the program. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Dickerson Is Low

Dickerson, Inc., was low bidder for improvements on U. S. 17, near Edenton Marina.

The Monroe firm's low bid was \$56,951.

The work includes 0.227 miles of grading, bituminous concrete base and surface on improvements on U. S. 17 in Edenton from about 900 feet east of Pembroke Creek Bridge, southeast, for 0.226 mile.

This project was among bids totaling \$12,976,540.20 received Thursday by the State Highway Commission. The low bids will be reviewed by the commission when it meets in Raleigh on Friday.

There were 32 projects in 31 counties involving more than 79 miles of road construction in this letting.



HEART FUND LEADERS—Mrs. Clarence Britton is flanked by leaders of the 1969 Heart Fund in Chowan County. At left is Bob Waller, campaign chairman, with Clarence Z. Shackelford, benefits chairman, at right. Mrs. Britton is county chapter president. The first benefit will be at 7:30 P. M. Saturday in Swain Auditorium.