

McDonald Dixon Dixon Is Chosen For Directorship

McDonald Dixon of Edenton and Elizabeth City has been named to the board of directors of Edenton Cotton Mills.

Dixon was named during a recent stockholders' meeting. He succeeds Thomas B. Wood who died earlier this month. Mr. Wood had been on the board since 1945.

At the same meeting all other officers and directors were re-elected.

Directors in addition to Dixon are: John W. Graham, J. Gilliam Wood, Frank Elliott, R. Graham White, J. H. Conger, Sr., C. A. Phillips, P. S. McMullan and T. B. H. Wood.

McMullan is president and treasurer of the firm, Edenton's oldest manufacturing organization. Phillips and Graham are vice president, and R. F. Elliott is secretary and assistant treasurer.

The firm was founded in 1898 and now has 125 stockholders, the majority of whom are from this area. Edenton Cotton Mills makes yarn for the general production trade.

In his annual report to stockholders, McMullan reported the company surpassed all previous years in production. He termed earnings during the year as "fair".

Blood Is Collected

The Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 151 pints of blood here Monday, making it the second highest collection in the history of local visits.

Edenton Jaycees sponsored the visit to National Guard Armory and 171 people volunteered to give blood. Seventeen were turned down and three people registered who had been called on for direct blood donations.

Sidney Williams, chairman for the Jaycees, said the club would like to thank everyone who participated, but especially Boy Scouts who worked Saturday and Sunday collecting pledges in a door-to-door solicitation.

The Carter's Ink Company again led industrial plants with employee participation. Nineteen from this plant participated.

"The continued support of the citizens of Chowan County in the bloodmobile program is greatly appreciated," Williams said.

Aid Being Sought

Law enforcement officers have called on the public to assist in apprehension of the person or persons involved in a hit and run March 15 which left a Negro girl dead and her brother injured.

State Trooper Robert Allen said investigation has revealed the vehicle was a 1968 Oldsmobile, medium blue. He said the car would have slight damage to the right front.

The trooper asks that anyone knowing the whereabouts of such a vehicle to contact any law enforcement agency.

Task Force For Education Seeking Wide Lay Support

A "Task Force for Education" is being formed across North Carolina and a four-member steering committee is already functioning in 14 counties in the northeast.

The effort is to involve all segments of the citizenry in the state's public education system. An active lay organization of no less than 10,000 members is one goal of the state group.

Jack Goldstein of Windsor, a Bertie County industrialist, is temporary chairman of District One. Others on the committee are Mrs. R. S. Monds of

Contests Develop For Council Seats

Contests developed this week for two of the three council seats to be voted on in the May Municipal Election. At the same time, no one has filed for one of the seats.

James C. Dail, executive vice president of Edenton Savings & Loan Association, filed to oppose Alton G. Elmore for the councilman-at-large. Henry G. Quinn, incumbent, is not a candidate.

Also, Edward W. Taylor, Jr., local businessman, announced that he would oppose Councilman David G. White in the Third Ward.

Luther C. Parks, mayor pro tem and councilman from the Fourth Ward, has said he would not be a candidate. However, it was learned that considerable pressure was being put on Parks since there has been little activity in the ward

aimed at fielding a candidate.

J. P. Ricks, Jr., incumbent member of the Board of Public Works, filed for re-election to a four-year term. W. J. P. Earnhardt, another incumbent on the board, has also filed. No opposition has developed and there is no speculation as to a candidate for these positions.

The Town Treasurer, James M. Bond, has also filed for re-election. His term

is for two years.

George Alma Byrum, a former councilman who announced two weeks ago for Mayor, at this writing does not have opposition. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., is not seeking re-election.

The deadline for filing as a candidate in the bi-partisan election is noon Friday. Candidates must file with Mrs. George Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Election.

While candidates for council must file from a particular ward voting is at-large. This year balloting will take place in two places instead of the usual four. Legislation has passed the General Assembly to grant balloting in East and West Edenton during Municipal Elections, to conform to the county books.

Both Dail and Taylor are seeking their first public office.

Dail, who resides at 206 South Oakum Street, recently was appointed to Edenton Housing Authority by Mayor Mitchener. He won the 1964 Distinguished Service Award.

A native of Chowan County, Dail served in the U. S. Coast Guard. He has been active in the Jaycee movement, serving as local president in 1964-65 and was named by the state organization as one of the four outstanding local presidents.

He is a past member of the board of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, serving two years as treasurer. He headed the Heart Fund campaign and was president of the local unit. He has also participated for many years in the March of Dimes drive.

Dail is chairman of the finance committee of Edenton Baptist Church and serves as Sunday School secretary.

He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Harrell and they have three children.

Taylor, who is 35, is owner of Bridge-Turn Esso Servicenter and Tastee Freez. He is a native of Bertie County and has lived in Edenton for the past seven years.

He, too, is active in the Jaycee organization as well as Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

Taylor is married to the former Stella Esno and they have two sons. The Taylors are Baptists.

The candidate said he is seeking public office because he is interested in the betterment of the community.

Coastal Company Is Given Contract

Coastal Concrete Company of Windsor and Edenton has been awarded the contract to build an addition to Chowan Academy at Rocky Hock.

The addition will provide seven new classrooms at the academy and make room for grades one through eight for the 1969-70 school year.

A spokesman for the academy said the faculty for next year is under contract and will be announced in the near future.

The registration period for next year is now underway and will continue through April 15. John H. Woolard in Edenton and J. C. Lewis in Rocky Hock have registration forms.

They report several of the classes nearing the 25 student maximum and urge parents who are considering enrolling a child in the academy to do so in the immediate future to insure a place in one of the classes.

Public Parade

Shot Who?

When Ted Rollins was dean of Continuing Education Division of the College of the Albemarle he prided himself in offering almost any course for which he could muster up 25 bodies. He's gone on to higher rewards in Raleigh and Ed Cox appears to be filling the big void.

A recent news release from CED read:

"Okay ladies, you have asked for it—here it is—just for you, a Slimnastics Course for women.

"The aim is to promote physical fitness (the ability to supply body demands) through the use of isotonic, isometric, dance, modern movements, and recreational activities."

We intentionally didn't run this item before the class started on March 13 because we have a slimnastic nut at our house. She cooks everything fattening and then refuses to weigh. She talked about jogging to the point that she tried it. Once.

Out of bed at the sound of the alarm. Down the steps, out the backdoor and through the yard. We chuckled.

Moments later it was back into the house, crawling up the steps, falling out across the bed. Why? Three laps around the lot back of St. Ann's Catholic Church!

We chuckled no more. Was too busy fixing breakfast for the children while the jogger made up her mind whether or not to live.

But had she known "modern movements" was among Ed Cox's aims we'd have lost her for sure.

Need For An Answer

Juries in Chowan County Superior Court next week will probably get a belly full of exposure to drivers who drink. And when the curtain rings down on the term, more will have been freed than convicted, if past experience can be used as a yardstick.

This situation is not unique along The Public Parade. While on our highways the drinking driver is becoming more and more a danger, this type violator enjoys the sympathy of those in the jury box.

The "benefit of the doubt" has a way of working its way into the decision-making, more so than the breathalyzer reading. The majority of our citizenry has a natural urge to shy away from taking anything from anyone.

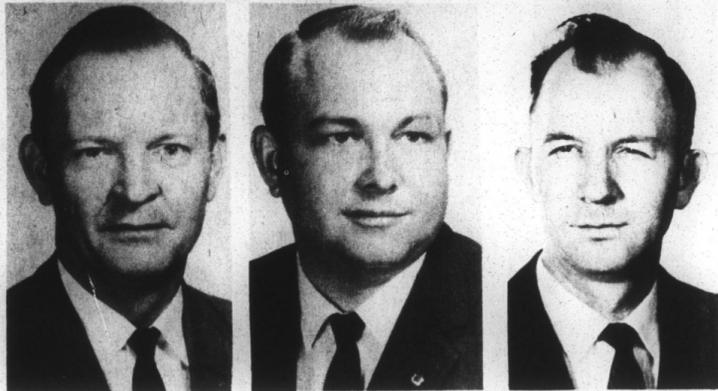
In the case of capital punishment it has reached the stage where even Gov. Bob Scott says it should be abolished. Taking a man's life because he is convicted of one of the three capital offenses in this state has become old shoe.

In the case of drunk driving, jurors have proven reluctant to take away a motorist's driving license, although the operation of a motor vehicle in this state is a privilege rather than a right.

At this very moment the General Assembly, composed in majority by lawyers, is considering on the one hand the accuracy of the breathalyzer device, and on the other a mandatory breathalyzer law.

C. H. Shaw, Jr., of Greensboro, an executive in the building trade, is waging an intensive campaign for a mandatory

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J. P. Ricks, Jr.

James C. Dail

Edward W. Taylor, Jr.

Traffic Cases Dominate Court Session

The trial of traffic cases monopolized Tuesday's session of Chowan County District Court. Judge W. S. Privott presided.

One drunk driving case was tried. Thomas Rufus Holiday was found guilty and sentenced to six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and not drive for 18 months. Notice of appeal was entered and his bond was fixed at \$250.

Solicitor Wilton Walker prosecuted the docket and the following other action was taken:

Oscar J. Bunch, Jr., failure to comply

with a former court order, six months, suspended upon payment of \$35 per week for support.

Charlie Coston, violation of probation, continued probation for one year.

Namon Alex Spruill, driving after license had been suspended, four months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered and bond set at \$300.

James Darrell Miller, speeding, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$40 fine and costs.

Charlie Benjamin Sessoms, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.

Willie Patrick Harrell, speeding, \$5 fine and costs.

Treasa Ann Rhodes, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$11 fine and costs.

Ernell Junius Bond, spinning tires, five days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Oliver Vanderbi Frady, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Alfred Perry Bateman, Jr., larceny, prosecuting witness taxed costs of court.

Daniel Louis Moring, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Calendar Drawn

The calendar for the March Term of Chowan County Superior Court was released this week and includes 21 drunk driving cases. The offenses run from first to third.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary said court will begin Monday at 10 A. M., with Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor presiding. Solicitor Herbert Small will prosecute the docket.

There are a total of 48 cases docketed for trial during the criminal sessions of the mixed term. During the November Term civil cases were continued because of the crowded criminal docket.

Calendared for trial Monday are the cases of Johnnie Gregory and Ronald C. Norman, charged with armed robbery of Mrs. Mamie Parker at her store on North Granville Street.

Rotary Election

Edenton Rotarians have elected W. B. Gardner president for 1969-70.

Gardner and all new officers and directors will be installed in July. Elections were held Thursday at a meeting at which President McDonald Dixon presided.

In addition to Gardner, new officers include: Tom Surratt, vice president and James Bond, Merrill Evans, Dick Dixon and William Sanford, directors.

The Rotary Club meets at 1 P. M., Thursdays at the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

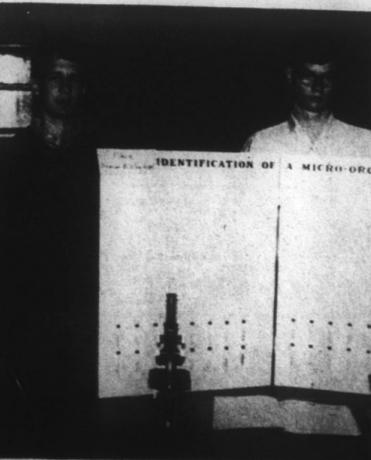
At a two-day meeting in Raleigh, Dr. A. Craig Phillips, state superintendent of public instruction, said the two primary goals of the Task Force would be:

1—Extending a better understanding of the needs of public education to responsible lay people.

2—Increasing the number of people who are able to communicate to decision makers what they want and what they are willing to support in the way of public education.

Nearly 100 committee members from

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HOLMES SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS—The four winners in the annual Science Fair, shown here, will represent John A. Holmes High School in district competition Friday in Greenville. Shown in the left picture are Ed Hassell, senior physical science winner with his project, and Ralph Nixon, junior winner. Tommy Jackson is shown behind his first place entry in the senior biological division. At left is Walter Byrum, winner in the junior division.