



Public Parade

Wes, A Go-Go

For his all-around outstanding play in Duke's 27-20 opening loss to South Carolina, junior Wes Chesson of Edenton has been awarded the first 1969 Hatchet Award at Duke. This award, given each week by the Blue Devil coaching staff, is for the most outstanding offensive performance of the week.

The citation reads: "The Hatchet Man blocked well at the point of a back and had seven catches for 69 yards and one touchdown. He punted five times for 33.6 yard average and rushed the ball five times for 28 yards, one on a key fake field goal for a first down."

Wes thrilled the fans a few years ago along the Public Parade. He is now doing the same thing in the Atlantic Coast Conference. We wish him well in eight of the nine remaining games of the season.

When the Tar Heels invade West Durham on November 22, though, we hope the hatchet is dull.

Letter To Santa

It is our belief that the jolly old gentleman who controls the airspace of the world each 25th of December should be allowed the utmost discretion as to what gifts are most appropriate for each person along his delivery route.

However, we should like just this once to add our opinion and ask the little man in the red suit to grant a request. The Zanesville (Ohio) Times Recorder received the following letter for Santa from a GI in Vietnam:

"Dear Santa:
"I'm sending my letter early just in case I'm not around at Christmastime.

"This year I ask only one present. Since there is no snow here in South Vietnam, you can't land, so just wrap it. I'm sure the postal service will take care of delivery.

"Santa, can you imagine the joy on my face when I open your gift and find the one thing I want most in the world—an anti-Vietnam war demonstrator!

"At least I'll have something all mine, to share my excitement and experiences with, and Santa I promise I'll take special care of him.

"I'll give him a haircut, but I can't promise to keep him clean, because baths are pretty scarce over here. Besides, dirt seems to be a prerequisite for protesters, so he should feel at home.

"I'll share my bunk with him, and my incredible food. I'll share the diseases and the impossible jungle heat with him. I'll even share the heartbreak of seeing my buddies blown apart.

"I'll share the misery of trying to identify the mutilated and tortured bodies that the Cong leave behind. I'll let him sit beside me for hours, waist deep in mud-and-water-filled foxholes; . . . I promise to give him his own way as long as he lives. Of course that won't be

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Ray Will Speak To Cancer Society

L. L. Ray of Charlotte, noted business and civic leader, will be the principal speaker at the Dutch dinner meeting planned to kick off the 1969 Cancer Crusade in Chowan County. The meeting will be held at the Edenton Restaurant at 7 P. M., on Tuesday.

Ray served as 1968 State Crusade Chairman and is assistant to the executive vice president of Duke Power Company in Charlotte. His activities have included serving as the executive vice president of the N. C. Dairy Products Association, teaching agriculture, extension work, and serving as director of development at N. C. State University. Products Association, teaching agriculture, extension work, and serving as director of development at N. C. State University.

The meeting is open to all campaign

Campaign Backed To Tell Tax Story

Chowan Commissioners and Edenton Town Council met informally Wednesday morning to discuss a comprehensive information campaign to secure a favorable vote on November 4. The hurriedly called meeting in Williamston Tuesday of

District I, N. C. Association of County Commissioners. Town Council was represented at this meeting.

After hearing the issue discussed by John Morrissey, association general counsel, and Jerry Elliott, director of public information, those in attendance voted unanimously to support a favorable

vote in the referendum.

Chairman W. E. Bond and Mayor George Alma Byrum will each name two members to a special committee to direct the five-week campaign. Mayor Byrum said the committee would solicit the active support of as many interested individuals as possible.

"Active public support is needed," the mayor said.

Commissioner J. Clarence Leary suggested an organizational effort in every community in the county.

It is estimated that \$144,000 annually would be realized by the town and county from a one cent addition to the sales tax. This would be split with the town getting \$34,000, and the county getting \$110,000.

Discussion indicated both boards would stress in the campaign that the money realized from the additional sales tax would be used to relieve the burden now placed on the property tax.

"People are looking for economy by the commissioners," said Commissioner Al Phillips. "We must assure them we will work to the greatest extent to relieve the property tax burden."

The town is now faced with a bond issue of at least \$500,000 for water system improvements, etc. Town Admini-

strator W. B. Gardner said it is not unrealistic to believe such an issue could be re-paid with the money derived from the sales tax.

Mayor Byrum warned those in attendance a hard sell will be needed if success is to be realized. "No need to sit back and think it will pass, because it won't," he stated. "The public must be sold."

Morrissey said at the Williamston meeting this is a do-or-die thing for local government. "You so desperately need an expanded tax base and if this thing fails you will never have an opportunity to get any sales tax money," he said.

Elliott said it is remarkable the General Assembly allowed the voters to pass on the issue. "It is the thinking of state government not to give up what they have," he said of the sales tax.

(Gov. Bob Scott has said he does not favor the issue but will not work against it. He said he feels it is taking a source of future revenue away from the state.)

"If state government is to put more demands on local government then they must give some extra means of getting funds to meet these demands," Elliott said.

Elliott, former press secretary for ex-Governor James Holton, said.

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SUPPORT LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX—County commissioners and town officials from the 14-county District I, N. C. Association of County Commissioners met Tuesday morning in Williamston to discuss the November 4 referendum on Local Option Sales Tax. John Morrissey is shown in center of picture at left talking with J. Clarence Leary and C. A. Phillips of the Chowan County board. Mayor George Alma Byrum, at right in other picture, is pictured as he and Mayor N. C. Green of Williamston discuss the benefit of the one cent extra levy for local government.

Albemarle Area Arts Group Meets

Albemarle Area Arts Council is working toward a program in eight North-eastern North Carolina counties which can be presented as a package to secure additional funds.

Mrs. Thomas Cheers of Edenton, AAAC executive director, said at the first annual meeting last Wednesday night that prospects for funding of a comprehensive arts program for the Albemarle are good.

Keith R. Hundley of Plymouth was named president of the AAAC. He is manager of public relations for Weyerhaeuser.

Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Miss Bertha Louise McKann, and Mrs. Julian Winslow were named vice presidents; Mrs. L. Polk Williams, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. T. B. H. Wood, treasurer.

A concerted effort is being made by local arts councils, working with the school to bring live music, dance and drama to the schools. This has already been accomplished by Chowan Arts Council.

Mrs. Cheers said such cooperation between local councils and school administrations is needed if a comprehensive arts program is realized.

Councils with active councils reported on activities during the year. In Chowan it was reported that ballet classes, under direction of Mavis Ray of East

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Edenton Goes After Fourth Victory

The Edenton Aces keep the show on the road tomorrow (Friday) night when they travel to Scotland Neck for a 2-A Albemarle Conference tilt. The Aces are undefeated in three outings, having beaten Bertie, Camden and Williamston.

In the toughest game of the young

Charge Reduced

A woman charged with driving under the influence of narcotic drugs entered a plea of guilty to a lesser offense in Chowan County District Court Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie Riddick Perry of Windsor entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving, a plea accepted by Solicitor Wilton Walker. She was also charged with having an expired inspection sticker.

Judge W. S. Privott suspended judgment upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Other action taken during the regular session of court included:

Jesse Melvin Jones, no liability insurance, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs; traffic violation, costs and pay \$105.57 in damages to Nelson Crandall.

John Thomas Spivey, driving after his license had been suspended, six months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Linda Kay Hollowell, traffic violation, \$10 fine and costs.

Lewis Elbert Jernigan, traffic violation, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Ethel Winslow Riddick, traffic violation, not guilty.

Leslie Ray Nixon, non-support, no pros.

Connie Holley Bonner, traffic violation, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Arthur Privott, assault on female, not guilty.

season, the Aces opened the conference race at Williamston with a 10-0 win. The Green Wave is defending conference champions.

Although the Aces posted 10 points on the board, the rugged defensive play was the talk of the town.

Edenton scored in the second period on a 13-yard pass from Fred Keeter to Earl Chesson. Joe Bunch added a 30-yard field goal in the fourth period to wrap up the game.

While the Aces were repeatedly threatening to score, being stopped once on the one, the Green Wave was in enemy territory only four times during the entire evening. They never put together a sustained drive which went past the 30.

Elliott Harrell, a peppy center, had the best game of his career. He recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass and made several key tackles that threw runners for huge losses.

Others singled out for praise in the strong Edenton defense were Sidward

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Powell Fund Up

The Town of Edenton's share of 1968-69 Powell Bill funds increased nearly 20 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

The local municipality's share this year is \$24,600.39. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the town received \$20,860 last year.

State street allocations totaling more than \$11-million will go to North Carolina cities and towns that qualify under provisions of the Powell Bill, according to D. McLaughlin Faircloth, chairman, State Highway Commission.

Faircloth said that 427 cities and towns will receive proportional cash allotments amounting to \$11,224,494. Checks will be mailed from Raleigh this month so they can reach the municipalities by October 1.

The Town of Hertford gets \$10,560.77.

Two Vehicles Demolished In Separate Chowan Wrecks

Three people escaped serious injury in two separate weekend one-car accidents during the past weekend. State Trooper C. T. Thomas said both vehicles were damaged beyond repair.

The trooper estimated property damage at \$3,300.

A 1967 Ford operated by Marion McCoy Frost, Jr., 20, 416 West Queen Street, went out of control on Yeopim

Road, near Highway 37 at 11:25 P. M., Friday.

Frost and a passenger, David Mahaffey, Jr., 21, of Durham, were admitted to Chowan Hospital with minor injuries. Frost was released Saturday and Mahaffey transferred to the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va. Both men are in the U. S. Navy.

Trooper Thomas said the car Frost was operating went out of control on a curve and traveled some 452 feet, overturning twice. He charged the driver with reckless driving.

The trooper said John Isaac Jordan, 27-year-old Negro, 123 West Freemason Street, received no injuries in a wreck at 9:30 P. M., Saturday on Highway 32, seven miles north of Edenton.

A 1966 Ford being operated by Jordan was a total loss.

The vehicle, according to investigation, ran off the left side of the road, climbed an eight foot high bank and struck a power pole while overturning. The car traveled 152 feet out of control.

Jordan did not report the accident until Sunday morning. He was charged

with failure to report an accident and exceeding the safe speed.

There have been four fatalities in Chowan County this year as compared to a single fatal accident in 1968. Trooper Thomas said the drivers and passenger in the two cars which wrecked over the weekend are lucky they were not more seriously injured, considering the extent of damage to the vehicles.



E. N. Manning Carlton Jackson

Manning, Jackson Direct Campaign

The annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 P. M., today (Thursday) at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Twelve hours later—at 7:30 A. M., Friday—a Dutch breakfast will launch the annual membership drive for 1969-70. The breakfast will be held at Edenton Restaurant.

Edward F. Puryear is the new president of the chamber of commerce. He succeeds William H. Bunch.

Roy G. Sowers, Jr., director of the Department of Conservation and Development in North Carolina, will be the keynote speaker.

Puryear has named E. N. (Pete) Manning chairman of the membership committee this year. He will be assisted by Carlton Jackson, vice chairman, and 13 teams of workers.

Workers are being asked to contact prospective members by Tuesday in order that the new goal can be realized without a lengthy campaign, Puryear stated.

Team captains are:

W. E. Bond, James Darnell, Claude Griffin, Wallace Evans, James C. Dail, C. A. Benson, Wayne Ashley, J. H. Conger, Jr., Alton G. Elmore, Marvin Barham, Dr. A. F. Downum, Jr., A. B. Harless, Jr., and Mrs. Anne Burroughs.

Team members are being notified to attend the breakfast and pick up their solicitation cards. If they cannot attend they are asked to contact their respective team captain prior to the breakfast.

Robert W. Moore, executive vice president, said some tickets remain to the banquet. They can be secured from the banks, drug stores or the chamber office.



Place: Yeopim Road — Time: 11:35 P. M., Friday



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