



Leave Well Enough Alone

Well, it seems as if everything has to go "mini" these days. Even Gov. Bob Scott has started holding miniconferences each Monday.

At the conference this week a reporter inquired about progress of an SBI investigation of the activities of Golden Frinks, one of the minist of those who meander along the Public Parade.

Gov. Scott replied that interviews were being made and to his knowledge there had been no evidence of any wrong doing.

The SBI, Gov. Scott, reporters and everyone else would be better off to leave Mini Golden alone. We haven't seen him in weeks and as a matter of fact, haven't lost a minute's sleep over it.

The Helping Hand

Never being one to brag, we really hate to bring this up. But the people who meander along the Public Parade have been so generous and we are getting credit for their generosity. And we have just enough ham in us to like it.

In the December 25th issue of The Chowan Herald we announced that Edenton Police Club had voted to contribute \$100 to Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. The policemen recognized the valuable service these volunteers were rendering the public and wanted to help out.

Soon afterwards, Capt. Bob Roberson, who when not answering rescue calls is State Probation Officer hereabouts, ask if we would publish a list of donors to the fund. We readily agreed.

As of this printing, some \$2,729 has been donated, which amounts to nearly one-half of the campaign goal. A lot of it has come from members of the squad who constantly donate valuable hours of time and talent.

If you haven't contributed thus far, please hurry up and do so. We want them to say we did at least one good thing for the community.

Review Not Repeal

In a recent statement, maybe sorta tongue-in-cheek, Gov. Bob Scott said he would favor repeal of the one-cent soft drink tax if the wholesalers would repeal their four-cent hike in price.

Sam Whitehurst, spokesman for the industry took the governor seriously and issued a statement which Gov. Scott later called a "positive approach".

Before the ink got dry on both statements, our Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates, Speaker of the House of Representatives, chimed in, he too, favored repeal if it was shown the money really isn't needed.

A long, hard look should be taken at the so-called crown tax before the 1971 General Assembly.

If the tax did anything, not to mention the revenue it is putting into the state treasury, it made party chairman Jimmy Johnson sick. So sick, in fact, he charged the entire party with being ill. This brought on a study of the Democratic Party of this state which has now gotten rid of the soft drink executive as chairman and more of his gliberal friends.

Our fuss with Jimmy, who was a neighbor of this writer in Statesville before he got to be a big shot in Charlotte, is that he knew when he managed Bob Scott's campaign for governor such a tax would be necessary to raise sufficient revenue to support the governor's program. The General Assembly agreed and it was this pill which started all the sickness.

The crown tax was just too long in coming. Had it not been excluded when the general sales tax was extended to cover food items just look at how much more could have been done for Gov. Terry Sanford's quality education program.

The mistake made was the liberal interpretation of the law by Commissioner I. L. Clayton of the State Department of Revenue. This can and should be reviewed.

Soft drink manufacturers took the one-cent tax and went up five. In so doing they have nearly made beer the "poor man's drink".

So long, however, as we are taxed from the cradle to the grave; so long as we pay tax on milk for our babies which

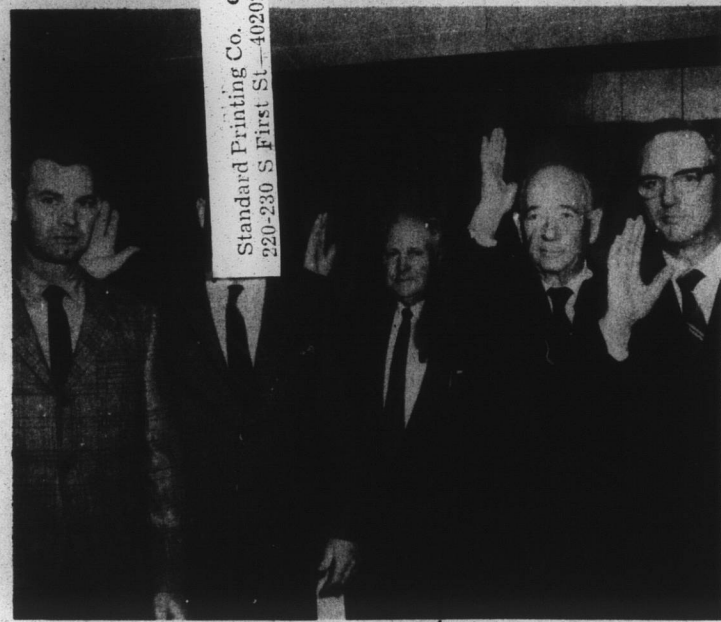
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Cancer Crusade Sets New Record

Chairman Wallace Evans announces that the 1969 Cancer Crusade exceeded its \$2,800 goal by \$152. Three hundred dollars of this was in the form of memorial gifts.

Chairman Evans praised the work and cooperation given by all individuals and groups assisting in the campaign.

Special praise was given Mrs. Ruth Frinks, president of Woman's Club, and the members of her organization for their efforts. Their group's solicitations more



CONSERVATION ACTIVITY—Five members of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors were sworn into office January 13 at the regular district meeting in Elizabeth City. The supervisors will serve for a three year term. Taking the oath of office from left to right are: Ralph Sawyer of Camden County, A. Leonard Madre of Pasquotank County, M. E. Doney of Currituck County, Joe A. Webb, Jr., of Chowan County and Carroll Williams of Perquimans County. The supervisors also chose to reelect Lloyd Bunch as chairman, Al Etheridge as vice chairman and M. K. Berry as secretary-treasurer for the coming year. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of Goodyear plaques to the 15 supervisors in the district for their achievement as second place winner in the state in the 1968 Goodyear contest. Shown in the right photo, Willis Owens, Goodyear dealer from Elizabeth City, and A. K. Lawrence, Goodyear Company representative, made the presentations. Shown are the chairman from each county in the five county district along with the Goodyear representatives. From left to right are: Owens, Al Etheridge of Pasquotank, Joe Seymour of Camden, Floyd Mathews of Perquimans, Lloyd Bunch of Chowan, Richard Poyner of Currituck and Lawrence.



Long Wait, But Talk Set On By-Pass

The long sought after Edenton by-pass of U. S. 17 is getting closer to reality.

The State Highway Commission has set February 23 as the date for a public hearing on the proposal. The 2 P. M. meeting will be held in Chowan County Courthouse.

D. W. Patrick, division engineer, said all interested parties will be heard at this time.

Joe Nowell of Winfall, state highway commissioner in this area, has said repeatedly this project would be given top priority while he is on the State Highway Commission.

Nowell was successful in getting the project on the state's priority list at an estimated cost of \$3.8 million.

Boyce, Candidate For Sheriff, First Out

Heat Being Applied To Political Pot

The frigid weather hasn't affected the political pot which is beginning to simmer in Chowan County and across Northeastern North Carolina.

District Court Judge W. S. Privott of Edenton said Tuesday he will file for re-election to a four-year term on the bench. His colleague, Judge Fentress

Horner of Elizabeth City, has already done so.

The first to announce his candidacy for a local office was Carroll A. Boyce. Boyce said he will run for sheriff of Chowan County.

Boyce announced four years ago his intention to run against then Sheriff Earl

Goodwin, but later withdrew from the race. Sheriff Goodwin died last year and Troy Toppin, a veteran deputy and ABC officer, was appointed by Chowan County commissioners to fill the sheriff's unexpired term.

Sheriff Toppin has made no formal announcement but has indicated he will

seek a full four-year term in the May primary election.

History will be made in the May election when seven members are nominated to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Since the administrative units of Edenton and Chowan County schools were merged the combined boards have served.

There has been no indication as to who on the present board will seek election. N. J. George has said he will not be a candidate.

Prior to the merger of the administrative units the city board was appointed and the county board elected.

Chairman W. E. Bond and Commissioners J. C. Leary and C. M. Evans also have terms expiring this year. Three commissioners run every two years with the two top vote-getters being nominated for four years with the low man having a two-year term.

Other local officials up for election are the clerk of court and county treasurer.

Members of the General Assembly will also be elected in 1970. Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates, one of two representatives from the First House District, is an un-

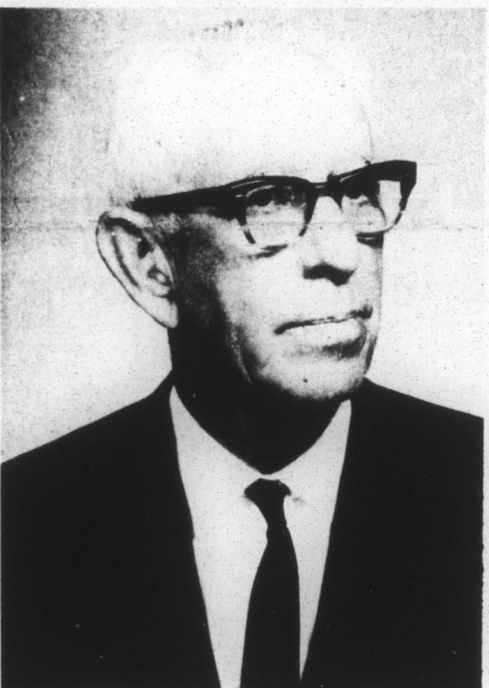
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More On Swine

The second in a series of tri-county swine meetings will be held at the Center Hill Community Building on Monday, January 26 at 2:00 P. M.

Ray Woodard, Extension Livestock Specialist of N. C. State University at Raleigh will discuss selecting breeding stock.

All swine producers are urged to attend these series of meetings.



Judge W. S. Privott

Jaycees To Honor '69 Man Of Year

Tonight (Thursday), for the 16th consecutive year, Edenton Jaycees will honor a young man in the community for outstanding service.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented by Mayor George Alma Byrum, who received it himself in 1961. To be eligible for the award a young man must be between the ages of 21 and 35.

Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates, Speaker of the House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker. He will be introduced by W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator.

Wayne Ashley, Jaycee president, will preside at the meeting which begins at 7:30 P. M., in the Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. This will also be a Ladies' Night function.

Gardner, who won the award in 1968, and all former DSA winners will be special guests at the banquet. James P. Ricks, Jr., won the first locally presented award in 1954.

Two Face Break-In Count

Edenton Police Department has booked a second suspect in the Saturday morning break-in and theft at Broad and Church Texaco.

Chief J. D. Parrish said Wednesday

C&D Area Event Set Here Friday

A local development-team concept aimed at improving local efforts to attract quality industry is being explained by officials of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development during a series of meetings across the state.

Edenton Chamber of Commerce will host the final meeting Friday at Chowan Golf & Country Club. The meeting begins at 2:30 P. M., with representatives from 15 Northeastern North Carolina counties invited.

Representatives are expected from Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Roy G. Sowers, Jr., C&D director, said: "This is a major new effort of our agency and it is a key feature of Gov. Scott's total program for economic development in North Carolina."

He went on to say, "One of the goals of the Scott administration, and this department, is to help local communities prepare themselves for industrial devel-

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AID TO PILOTS—Amateur pilots in the area are now engaged in a Ground Instrument Flight Course being taught at Edenton Municipal Airport through the College of the Albemarle. Buck Evans, FAA instructor, is shown at right in both pictures as he first discusses the course with N. J. George, chairman, Education Committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, and West Byrum, Jr., and Carlton Jackson, two of the 28 students in the class. Jackson is chairman of the class and he and Byrum are co-owners of a plane. Evans said once the course of instruction is completed the FAA test will be given here. This will be the first time the test has been given away from a FAA office. The chamber committee proposed the course and the community college offered to furnish the instructor.

