

It was just a week ago that R. Frank Everett of Martin County went up to the holy city in Wake and announced he would oppose Rep. Walter B. Jones in the First Congressional District.

Now, Wake isn't in the 19-county First District so the only conclusion which can be drawn from Mr. Everett's announcement from that location is that we are in for a real circus-type campaign.

We have felt since Switch Everett got disgruntled with the Democratic Party the Republicans deserved him. But he is now gaining support which we don't think even Switch deserves.

Golden Frinks makes this newspaper for the third time in five years this week since he said he will produce a combine of "black, labor and liberal" votes to elect Switch. Mini-Frinks is another disgruntled Democrat who, like Switch, has been loyal to the GOP since he changed his registration.

Switch has gained considerable prestige in the past few years. Most of it has come from his ability, like Mini, to come up with programs which attract the liberal press. He is always good for at least one story at any given time.

The fact that he "hints" of the appearance of either President Nixon or Vice President Agnew to boost his stock is evidence of his standing in the party. The President may have "elected" a Republican governor of Virginia, but he had more to work with in the Commonwealth.

Switch, in his announcement, said he would oppose Rep. Jones on the basis of his voting record in the Congress. This means he will have to team with Mini to get the "black, liberal and labor" vote since Rep. Jones has been consistent to vote along the lines of thinking in his district. Never are they black, liberal or labor.

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Bank Promotions

C. A. (Chuck) Benson and Jack Padgett of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina in Edenton have been promoted through action of the bank's general board of directors in Jacksonville, it was announced here this week.

J. Hugh Rich, president of the \$100-million banking system which now has 30 branches in 19 cities across the state, revealed that Benson was promoted from assistant vice president to vice president, while Padgett was elevated from assistant manager to assistant vice president.

Also it was emphasized that both promotions were "the result of dedicated and thoroughly capable efforts which have contributed greatly to the successful growth of First National in the Edenton area."

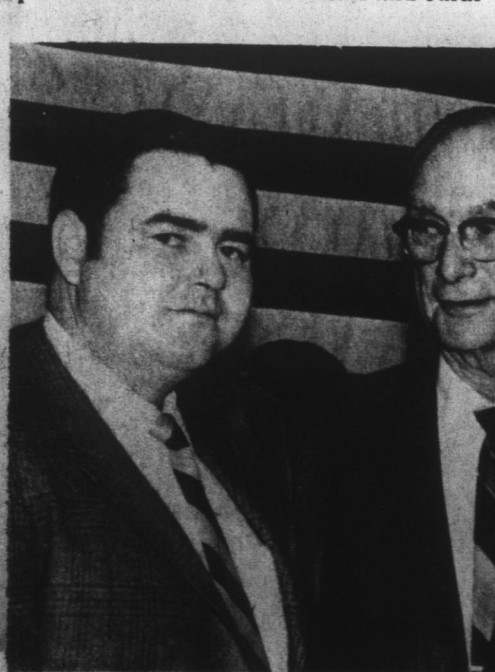
Bunch Receives Chowan Farm Title

A young man whose name is synonymous with good farming has been named Outstanding Young Farmer in Chowan County for 1969. He is Harold Lloyd Bunch, Route 1, Edenton.

Bunch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Bunch, was presented the award last Thursday night during a banquet at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Charlie Overman, retired extension chairman, made the presentation.

He noted that Bunch, 32, has five children and has been active in farming and community affairs all of his adult life. Overman said he began good farming practices with 4-H projects and now farms more than 300 acres.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, was kenoter for the banquet. He used his few minutes of speechmaking to impress the importance of a cooperate attitude between urban and rural



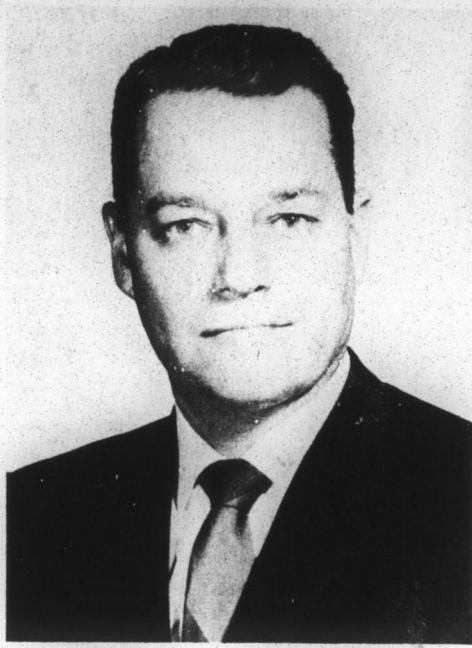
YOUNG FARMER HONORED—Harold Lloyd Bunch, left, last Thursday was named Chowan County's Outstanding Young Farmer for 1969. Shown with him are other principals at the banquet held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Left to right, are: Bunch, C. W. Overman, retired extension chairman; Wayne Ashley, Jaycee president; David Bateman, past OYF winner who introduced the program, and Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, who was keynote speaker.



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Mrs. Lena M. Leary



State Sen. George Wood



State Sen. J. J. Harrington

Three Incumbents Seek New Terms

Three veteran political figures in Northeastern North Carolina today announced their intentions to seek reelection in the May 2 Democratic Primary.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of Chowan County Superior Court, filed for election to another four-year term. In separate announcements, State SENS. George M. Wood of Camden and J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston said they will seek another two-year term in the First Senatorial District.

Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Election, said two candidates in county races who had previously announced their candidacy paid their filing fee. They are N. J. George, a candidate for commissioner from First Township; and Carroll A. Boyce, a candidate for sheriff.

Mrs. Leary has been associated with the clerk's office since 1949. In 1960 she moved up from assistant clerk and has held the position since. She has been active in the state association of Clerks of Superior Court and now holds the position as president-elect.

The wife of Leon G. Leary, the clerk

is active in the Business and Professional Women's Club and other organizations in the county. She is a former Woman of the Year as well as BPW Clubwoman of the year. She was listed in Who's Who of American Women in 1966.

The First Senatorial District is composed of 10 counties—Gates, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Washington, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

In announcing his candidacy for another term, Sen. Harrington stated it has been a pleasure to serve the 10 counties in the largest senatorial district in the state and, if re-elected, he will serve all the people and all of the counties fairly and to the best of his ability.

Sen. Harrington has served two terms as chairman of the Public Roads Committee and a prime project has been aimed at getting the State Highway Department to greatly minimize the use of cement traffic islands "which in so many cases are a waste of money and a hazard to the public."

He has served three times on the Appropriations Committee, being appointed

all three times to the Sub-Appropriations Committee. He served as vice chairman of the Courts and Judicial Districts Committee.

Sen. Harrington was also a member of the following committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Higher Education, Public Utilities and Wildlife.

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New Mail Delivery Plan Approved

Rep. Walter B. Jones has announced a major new postal service program that will for the first time expand home deliveries to a large number of postal patrons throughout the First District.

Under the program, persons living

more than a quarter mile, but less than half a mile, from a post office that does not have city delivery are now eligible to receive the delivery at home. Previously, they have been compelled to go to the post office for their mail.

Since these patrons live less than half a mile away from a post office, or near a post office that does not have city delivery service, they have not been eligible to receive rural or city delivery service prior to the new order, the Congressman explained.

Rep. Jones stated further that he had been advised that the Postmaster General is issuing instructions in the Postal Bulletin Thursday making the new service available to those families living in the eligible areas.

The only requirement to obtain the service is that it must be requested of the postmaster, and a majority of those living in the area must desire the service.

Postal facilities affected by the order include:

Bertie: Aulander, Colerain, Kelford, Lewiston, Merry Hill, Powellville and Roxobel.

Chowan: Tyner.
Gates: Corapeake, Eure, Gates, Gatesville, Hobbsville and Sunbury.

Perquimans: Belvidere and Winfall.
Tyrrell: Columbia.

Washington: Creswell and Roper.



CITED FOR BOND DRIVE—Chris-Craft Corporation has been presented an award by the Treasury Department for recent efforts in the U. S. Savings Bond Program. W. M. Sanford, general manager, seated right, accepts the award from R. Graham White, local volunteer chairman for the bond program. Standing are L. G. Deyton, left, personnel director, and Henry Overton, a foreman who was among those who signed up 78 per cent of the firm's employees in the program.

Chris-Craft Employees Buying Bonds

Christ-Craft Corporation has been recognized by the Treasury Department for signing up 78 per cent of the company employees in the Payroll Savings Plan for U. S. Savings Bonds.

R. Graham White, local volunteer chairman, has presented a handsome certificate to W. M. Sanford, Chris-Craft

general manager.

White said the participation of this local industry in the Savings Bond program was one factor which resulted in Chowan County meeting the 1969 quota. He also pointed out that the high percentage of employees enrolled in the program is a credit to the top management of the firm.

Sanford, in accepting the certificate also paid tribute to the Chris-Craft employees. "I am very pleased our employees are aiding the government through the purchase of bonds and are also benefitting themselves through this savings plan," he said.

Henry Overton was the foreman at Chris-Craft signing up the greatest number of employees.

L. G. Deyton, personnel director, said five foremen joined the 100 per cent ranks by enrolling every employee in his department. They were: Harold Wooten, William A. Bass, William W. Adams, Mallie L. Watkins and Paul Stearns.

Legion Seminar

Two Northeastern North Carolina sheriffs, both American Legion post commanders, will attend portions of the state-wide spring conference in Greensboro this weekend.

Chowan Sheriff Troy Toppin is head of Edward G. Bond Post 40, and Perquimans Sheriff Julian H. Broughton heads the William P. Stallings Post 126.

Some 500 legionnaires and auxiliary members are expected to attend the conference.

Duke Grant Given

CHARLOTTE—Appropriations amounting to \$1,829,264 are being paid to hospitals and child care institutions in North and South Carolina this week by The Duke Endowment.

Chowan Hospital in Edenton received \$4,760.

Announcement of the distribution was made Wednesday by James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care sections of The Endowment.

The amount distributed is for operating expenses, based on \$1 a day for each day of free care for the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1969, and for participation in Hospital Administrative Services and Professional Activity Study of the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities.

There were 129 hospitals in North Carolina assisted by The Endowment in this appropriation.

The Endowment has also made a substantial gift to the new Chowan Hospital which is now under construction. The hospital will have 61 beds and allow the existing 35-bed facility to be turned into an extended care unit.