



DISCUSSES CHANGE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY—State Sen. George Wood of Camden County, center, was guest speaker last Thursday at Edenton Rotary Club. He is shown with W. B. Gardner, left, club president, and W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., program chairman. Sen. Wood, who is unopposed for another two-year term, said while urbanization had taken the people and gotten the majority of representatives, there is still a lot good about the General Assembly. He said the 1969 assembly was the most liberal in history—a drastic change from 1963 when he first went to Raleigh as a state representative.

Public Parade

Party Without Guests

The current controversy over consolidation of the top three grades at Chowan High School with John A. Holmes High School is like preparing for a party, then having difficulty in obtaining guests.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has spent practically all available capital outlay money on a spacious addition to Holmes School. When costs prohibited building the addition and a cafeteria at Walker School, the board added two more classrooms at Holmes in order to eat up more of the funds.

Now they propose to consolidate the top three grades from throughout the county. Holmes, now with facilities for 500, can handle 750 when, and if, the new structure is completed.

The folks up in Third Township, and parts of Second, don't want to lose their school. They have allowed emotions to overshadow good reasoning, economy and education.

Over the years we have supported what we considered best for every child, regardless of where he happened to live. We argued for equal treatment and still believe merger of the two administrative units was a step in this direction.

The school board, over the objection of at least two members, has now made its bed in the form of additions to Holmes High. They must now sleep in it, if even until December.

Squire of Clement Hall

How do you write a memorial to a man who lived such a full life, and whose good deeds rear their pretty heads at your every turn?

"Winks" Bond was such a man. He has now been called to do greater things, and preside over greater things.

Although Mr. Bond was a sick man for years, he had an uncanny ability to hide his pain in his work and look on the sunny side of things. He handled the county's business in the same way.

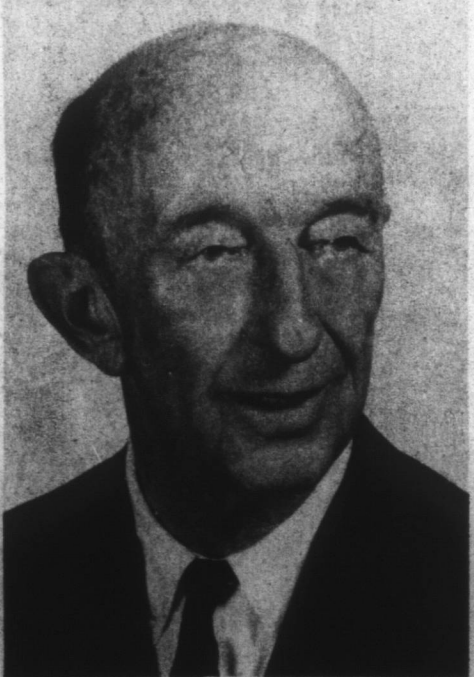
This is by no means to say he was a push-over. He was a tough, but fair, administrator. He kept in mind that he was working for everyone who meandered along the Public Parade. His actions, decisions, and votes, were always for what he considered to be the best interests of his constituents.

He was stubborn when it was required, meek when the best could be realized

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Extended Illness Fatal To Mr. Bond

W. E. (Winks) Bond, retired farmer and chairman of Chowan County commissioners since 1958, died Friday night at Chowan Hospital after an illness of several months. He was 63.



W. E. Bond

Chowanian Again Voted Top Honor

The CHOWANIAN, student newspaper at Chowan High School, has again been awarded All American rating by the National Scholastic Press Association at the University of Minnesota.

Of the 1,600 school newspapers entered in the contest, the CHOWANIAN was one of a few which received the highest honor bestowed.

This is the third time that the CHOWANIAN has been named All American, but this year's staff has acquired the highest total score of any other staff.

Newspapers published from September through December of this school year were judged on coverage and content, writing and editing, editorial leadership, physical appearance, and photography.

Marks of Distinction for superior achievement may be awarded in each of the five categories and a paper must receive at least four such credits to be rated All American.

The CHOWANIAN was awarded Marks of Distinction in the first four categories.

H. S. Stensaas, NSPA judge, remarked, "The CHOWANIAN has exceptionally thorough, well-balanced coverage of all aspects of school."

He continued, "It contains exceptionally well-written editorials of local im-

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Easter Holiday Set

Be a good egg this Easter and don't crack up in one of the 1,400 traffic accidents which, the N. C. State Motor Club cautions, could snuff out 24 lives and injure 850 others on the state's streets and highways during the extended weekend.

The extended weekend is not only for accident count purposes, but will be a sort of spring vacation for many workers.

Chowan County offices, with the exception of the courts, will be closed Monday. A term of Superior Court is planned for Monday so that arm of government will continue to function.

Edenton Municipal Building will be closed Monday, giving additional employees an extended weekend. There will be no trash or garbage collection Monday but the Street Department will

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High School Move Faces Big Protest

Patrons and students of Chowan High School publicly and officially voiced strong opposition of the proposal to consolidate grades 10-12 into a single high school in the county and close White Oak Elementary School. This was evident from the outset of a public hearing held in the school auditorium.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has proposed that all grades 10-12 in the county be housed at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. The proposal also calls for moving grades one through four from White Oak to Chowan, thereby closing the school.

Supt. Bill Britt moderated the hearing and Dr. J. L. Pierce, head of the Department of School Planning, State Department of Public Instruction, reviewed the study made by his group. Dr. Pierce called the board's proposal both feasible and practical.

Steve Burch, a Chowan graduate who now has a law practice in Windsor, represented a group of Chowan patrons. He presented a petition signed by 562 people in the community and added that students voted last Tuesday on the issue with more than 90 per cent voting against the proposal.

"These should weigh heavily on your decision," he told board members seated on the stage.

Burch said the Chowan facilities are adequate and the staff is competent. He compared the student-teacher ratio at

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Leary Is Chairman Of County Board

Chowan County commissioners have reorganized and decided not to fill a vacancy on the board until after the May 2 Democratic Primary.

J. Clarence Leary, 219 West Queen Street, has been named chairman to fill the unexpired term of W. E. Bond. Mr. Bond, chairman since 1958, died Friday night.

Leary was serving as vice chairman. At the called meeting Wednesday morning, commissioners also named C. A.

Philips to the post of vice chairman.

The salary of the chairman had been \$3,000 per year with Mr. Bond devoting the majority of his time to the post. The board set the new chairman's salary at \$50 per month plus \$20 per meeting. He will also be reimbursed for travel expense.

At the same time the commissioners found it to be in the best interest of the county to wait until after the primary election to appoint someone to the board. Mr. Bond's term expires in December, 1970, and a nominee will be chosen in the forthcoming primary. There is no Republican opposition for the seat.

Commissioners authorized resolutions of respect for both Mr. Bond and Judge W. S. Priott, who died since their last meeting.

Glenn Perry was appointed custodian of the courthouse, a post Mr. Bond also held. Perry is deputy sheriff and jailer. Mrs. Bertha Bunch, register of deeds, will continue as assistant custodian.

Leary, president of Leary Bros. Storage Company, is commissioner-at-large from First Township, one of two seats allotted this area. He has been on the board for 10 years and is completing a four-year term. Earlier he served 18 years on Edenton Town Council.

C. M. Evans, commissioner from Second Township, is unopposed for re-election and Commissioner David Bateman of the Third Township has two more years to run on his four-year term.



J. Clarence Leary



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Stage Is Set For Battle By Democrats

Some Democrats are home free. Others face primary battles. Only one has Republican opposition in November.

This is the word from Chowan County Board of Elections following Friday's noon deadline for candidates to file.

Just two minutes before the deadline, Robert P. Dail, local civic leader and radio personality, filed as a Republican for county commissioner at large from First Township. He became the first member of his party to file for county office here in more than 50 years.

Dail will face incumbent J. Clarence Leary, who is automatically the Democratic nominee since he has no primary opposition.

Mrs. Sadie Hoskins, chairman of the elections board, said names of candidates without opposition will not appear on the May 2 ballot.

A three-man race for the other First Township commissioner's post developed Friday morning when J. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., Route 3, Edenton, filed. He was in a race with incumbent Chairman W. E. Bond and N. J. George. However, Chairman Bond died at 8:10 P. M. Friday.

Mrs. Hoskins said since the chairman died prior to the time the ballots were printed his name will not appear, although he had filed for re-election.

The most interest, however, as far

as the number of candidates for a single office goes, is in the First Township race for seats on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

This is the first time the combined boards have been up for election and eight candidates are running for the four seats in First Township. There also developed Friday a contest in the Second Township.

Thomas Paul Griffin filed for the race in the First Township Thursday and Charlie Morgan and Mrs. Emily G. Amburn filed Friday morning. Four will be elected from this township and one each from the other three.

Nominated without opposition were incumbent Eugene Jordan, Third Township; and Morris Small, Fourth Township. This is Small's first time to seek an elective post in Chowan County.

The line-up, as reported by the elec-

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Meeting Changed

Edenton Town Council's April meeting has been moved up one week in order to allow the council to host an area meeting of the N. C. League of Municipalities.

The council will meet Tuesday, April 7 instead of April 14. The meeting time is 8 P. M.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and vice president for the league, said the meeting on April 14 will be from 2 P. M. to 6 P. M., at Chowan Golf & Country Club with representatives of 37 towns being invited.



Robert P. Dail



J. Wallace Goodwin, Jr.

Court To Convene On Easter Monday

The March Term of Chowan County Superior Court will convene here Monday morning although all other county offices will be closed for the Easter holiday.

Judge Howard H. Hubbard of Clinton will preside. Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, has released the calendar which is some seven pages in length. It is one of the longest dockets to face a judge here in many terms.

Twenty-one drunk driving cases are calendared for trial. Also on the docket are perjury counts against Jerry Wallace Wells, Jack Williams, and Judson Curtis Wells growing out of a drunk driving trial in District Court.

Jurors have been instructed to report at 9:30 A. M., Monday.

VEPCO Computer To Aid Service

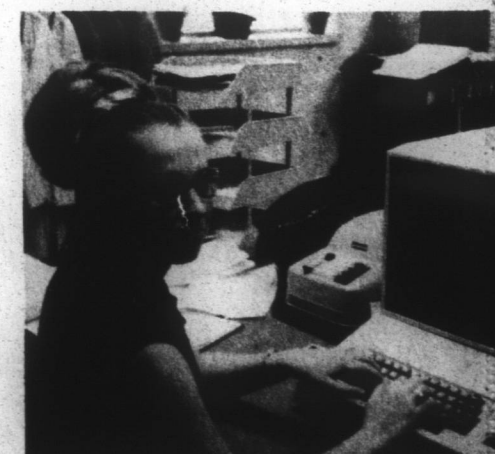
The Virginia Electric and Power Company office at Williamston, has become computerized with the installation of the IBM 2265 Teleprocessing display unit.

Resembling a television screen resting atop a typewriter, the display unit is connected to the computer system's "memory". After typing in a customer's name or account number, the display unit flashes a picture on the screen with the complete history of the customer's account.

It shows meter readings, credit history, kilowatt-hour consumption, rate schedule, forwarding address and any special conditions pertaining to a given customer.

"This will enable the Williamston office to answer customer inquiries concerning service and billing information within seconds after typing in the name or account number," J. R. Haden, Albemarle district manager said. "This is another way we are trying to improve our service for our customers in this area."

There are 29,000 meters in the Albemarle District served by Vepco. The firm has more than 1-million accounts on the computer system at the present time.



Mrs. Judy Phelps at Keyboard