



Mrs. Lena M. Leary

Mrs. Lena Leary Leads State Clerks

Mrs. Lena M. Leary of Edenton has been elected president of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court of North Carolina. She is the second woman to serve as head of the association which includes court clerks in the 100 Tar Heel counties.

Mrs. Leary, veteran Chowan County Superior Court clerk, has been an officer in the organization for six years. She moved up for the post of first vice president at the 52nd annual conference held August 2-5 in Wrightsville Beach. She succeeds Alton Knight of Durham County.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Leary during the next year were:

Ralph Knott of Franklin County, first vice president; Marion Pearson of Cumberland County, second vice president; Everett Barbee of Onslow County, treasurer; and John Skeen of Randolph County, assistant secretary. The Institute of Government in Chapel Hill serves as secretary.

Sixty-five court clerks answered the roll call at the conference in The Blockade Runner Hotel. Banquet speaker was Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadesboro.

'70 Tax Valuation

Chowan County has a taxable personal and real property valuation of \$35,159,230. The county taxes on 50 per cent of the actual valuation.

A breakdown of the valuation was distributed to county commissioners at a recent meeting. It showed the following totals for 1970:

1970 TOTALS			
	Personals	Estate	Grand Totals
1st Township	5,001,005	3,543,770	8,544,775
Corporations	1,241,740	4,148,670	5,390,410
A - H	1,373,795	4,928,495	6,302,290
I - Z			
Fire District	\$4,899,785		
1st Grand Totals	\$7,616,540	\$12,620,935	\$20,237,475
2nd Corp.	601,590	783,510	1,385,100
A - Z	1,269,125	3,199,700	4,468,825
Chowan Beach	30,890	181,020	211,910
Ar. Central	4,280	77,320	81,600
Ar. Beach	66,365	938,525	1,004,890
2d Grand Totals	1,972,250	5,180,075	7,152,325
3rd Corp.	38,660	218,355	257,015
A - Z	1,032,460	2,200,630	3,233,090
3d Grand Totals	\$1,071,120	\$2,418,985	\$3,490,105
4th Corp.	93,425	55,465	148,890
A - Z	310,310	1,416,370	1,726,680
Cape Col. Corp.	728,670	500,925	1,229,595
C. C. A-Z	184,355	989,805	1,174,160
4th Grand Totals	\$1,316,760	\$2,962,565	\$4,279,325
Grand Totals in All Townships	\$11,976,670	\$23,182,560	\$35,159,230
Grand Total Fire Districts in All Townships			\$19,821,540

Aces Rebuilding; Opener August 28

It isn't a lengthy process for Coach Marion Kirby to describe the 1970 edition of Edenton Aces. This is "far and away" the least experienced of any team to suit up at Hicks Field in Coach Kirby's six years at John A. Holmes High School.

Nevertheless, the mentor hastens to point out, what the boys lack in size and experience they appear to be making it up in enthusiasm and dedication. "They realize they have a tremendous job to do," he said Tuesday afternoon. "And I have confidence they will put forth every grain of effort to get it done."

When asked bluntly what he thought would be the outcome, he humorously reported: "When we make our initial first down we are going to halt the game and have the ball bronzed." The smile on his face and the devilish twinkle of his eyes gave him away, however.

How do you field a team to defend an Eastern 2-A championship when you have eight boys returning? Coach Kirby admits it isn't easy. "We'll show up

Public Parade

Sen. Sam's Plain Talk

Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U. S. Supreme Court laid it out in St. Louis Monday in a speech before the American Bar Association. He solicited the aid of American attorneys to streamline the courts—especially the federal judiciary.

Now Chief Justice Burger was using the right words and they were heard by the right people. In our system where attorneys make the laws, prosecute, defend and judge the accused, they are the logical ones to do something about a "cracker barrel system in a supermarket age".

It has been contended for some years that there is nothing wrong with the courts that lawyers couldn't cure. And this is exactly what Sen. Sam Ervin, Jr., said on a CBS analysis of the Burger speech.

He said they talk about detention of suspects, etc. His remedy for the courts is simple. Get sufficient numbers of judges and district attorneys. Then detain the attorneys in their offices long enough to prepare the cases and detain judges in the courtroom long enough to try the cases. It's as simple as that.

Where it takes 14 "support personnel" for each federal judge, lost motion is costly.

A case in point is a recent "term" of U. S. District Court in Elizabeth City. Judge John Larkins of Trenton was presiding. Attorneys for the government and defendants were called, so were the defendants, witnesses, jurors and the other "support personnel".

Court convened Monday morning. At 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, Judge Larkins was seen passing through Edenton. It can be assumed he was on his way back to Trenton rather than coming here to see how our schools are operating under his orders.

The "term" of court had apparently "broken down". This often happens. Without the proper planning, administration, etc., they will continue to run on less than four wheels, and considerable less power than eight cylinders.

Sen. Sam, you go ahead and tell 'em.

Statement of Policy

Styles and policies, along with format, give a newspaper distinction. They are all vital to the success or failure of a publication. Policies which apply to everyone are most important.

For this reason we are compelled, from time to time, to state certain policies—not so much in our own defense as to

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Court Term Set

Judge Robert Rouse, Jr., of Farmville, a recent appointee to the N. C. Superior Court bench, will preside over the September Term of Chowan County Superior Court.

Judge Rouse has notified Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk, that the court would take a holiday on Labor Day, September 7, and convene at 9:30 A. M., on Tuesday, September 8.

Mrs. Leary said anyone who has business with the court should attend the opening session.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket. The names of prospective jurors will be released next week.

Two Miles Programmed County Road Fund Is Slack

Chowan County's share of secondary road money for 1970-71 is \$17,000. With unallocated funds this will be sufficient only to start work on the two-mile Yellow Hammer Road (SR 1311) in the northern part of the county.

Chowan County commissioners, meet-

ing Tuesday with Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell of Perquimans and division and district personnel programmed this road for grading, draining and stabilizing. In the action commissioners expressed the intent to pave the road when additional money is available.

Commissioner Nowell said the State Highway Commission was placing emphasis on the primary road system, therefore only \$10 million was available statewide for secondary roads.

It was reported that four projects programmed last year — Cofield, Sewage Plan, Macedonia and Smith roads—would be ready for paving in the spring.

County Commissioner C. A. Phillips made a strong plea, armed with support from the Town of Edenton, to have Country Club Drive in Cape Colony added to the state system. He said it was no longer a private road and was used extensively by the public.

Thomas Cheers, local attorney, spoke as a property owner as well as counsel for other property owners along the road. He said the road met all SHC criteria except number of houses on the one-mile stretch which connects two paved state roads.

"County Club Drive has lost its exclusiveness as a private road," he argued. Continued on Page 4



Thomas M. Surratt Hospital Administrator Bruce White Management Engineer

White Takes New Post At Hospital

Bruce White began his duties as management engineer at Chowan Hospital. The announcement of the new position was made by Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator.

Surratt said the addition of a management engineer would strengthen the hospital's organizational plan and prove to be of great benefit in the future. He said while this is a relatively new concept in hospitals, it has long been used in industry to develop means to supply services and materials at a lower cost.

The administrator said with the rising costs of medical care it is more important than ever that every avenue be explored to maintain or reduce costs. "This adds further to the basic plan of physical facilities to economize and develop more efficient work patterns," Surratt added.

"We are fortunate to have available in the community a person who qualifies for this position," he stated.

A hospital management engineering program has three major functions. First is the provision of staff services to hospital administration. Second is staff ed-

ucation. Third is research.

White, 30, formerly was associated with Chris-Craft Corporation in the field of production control. Prior to his position with the local boat works, White worked in electrical design at Newport News Shipyard.

A native of Edenton, the new management engineer is married to the former Barbara Divers of Hertford and they have two children. The Whites reside in Montpelier Acres.

Work On Building

Painting and re-decorating the front and lobby of the county office building is expected to be completed this week. Albemarle Paint Company is doing the work.

Commissioner C. A. Phillips has been assigned this property by Chairman J. Clarence Leary. Phillips assigns space to various agencies as well as being responsible for upkeep of the building.

He announced at a recent meeting that the Chowan County Department of Social Services will soon move to the second floor in offices formerly occupied by W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., attorney. The commissioner said he is also studying plans for combining offices to provide better use of the building.

AADA Meeting

"How to Sell Your Community to an Industrial Prospect" will be the program topic tonight (Thursday) at a meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association at Edenton Restaurant. The dinner meeting starts at 7 o'clock.

Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City, AADA president, has issued a special invitation to county commissioners, mayors, city managers and the press to attend. Representatives from the State C&D Department and the Industrial Development Team from Elizabeth City will present the program.

Union Camp Gives Site To Edenton

Union Camp Corporation of Franklin, Va., has donated a half-acre site on the waterfront back of Municipal Building to the Town of Edenton for beautification.

Deed to the property, formerly Camp's woodyard here, was presented to Mayor George Alma Byrum this week by Joseph H. Stutts, community relations manager, and Glenn Mabe, formerly of Edenton who is now assigned to the Franklin headquarters.

Union Camp has purchased a site on Albemarle Sound near Edenton Municipal Airport for use as a woodyard. Barges are loaded at this site and taken to the Franklin plant.

In presenting the deed to the valuable downtown property, Mabe noted that it concluded an extensive project on the part of Union Camp to move its barge operations to a site outside Edenton. He said the local operations are valuable to the company and the new site allows a more flexible operation.

Mayor Byrum thanked the company for its generous gift and commended Union Camp for a fine spirit of cooperation in community pride, beautification and recreation.

It was noted that this is the first area of waterfront property to be secured by the town as a part of the plan recommended by Edenton Planning Board.



Joseph H. Stutts Glenn Mabe Mayor George A. Byrum Robert W. Moore



Coach Marion Kirby

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