



Opening Shots — Rep. Phil Godwin of Gatesville last Wednesday became speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives and the pictures here show some of the opening day activities. Top left shows Speaker Godwin with Sgt.-at-Arms Archie T. Lane, Sr., of Perquimans County, right, and Rev. Lamar Eiland, pastor of Gatesville Baptist Church. Charlie Winberry, president-elect, state YDC, is shown in bottom picture with Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, right, and Mrs. J. P. Huskins of Statesville. Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Sr., is shown greeting Mrs. Godwin just before the oath-taking ceremonies and Rep. Godwin is shown with Judge Walter W. Cahoon of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Amburn is shown at right with Rep. and Mrs. Huskins outside the State Legislative Building.



Public Parade

Power Of Suggestion

Time: Present.
Scene: Chowan County's historic courthouse.

Characters: Judge J. William Copeland, presiding; Solicitor Herbert Small, prosecuting; John F. White, defense counsel; a Negro defendant in a drunk driving case who recorded .21 on the breathalyzer (.10 is considered "passing"); a jury of 12; a packed courtroom.

Mr. White: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, you and I know people who have to take two or three drinks just to be normal . . . that breathalyzer doesn't prove a thing."

Solicitor Small: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if you don't want the law enforced in Chowan County you can say so by turning this man loose."

(Tuesday morning they followed the solicitor's suggestion:

The final scene does not show Sheriff Troy Toppin, Police Chief J. D. Parrish and State Troopers packing up. They are going to stay around. Thank goodness!)

How Sweet It Is!

Well, we went up to Raleigh last Wednesday to witness opening of the N. C. General Assembly. For the first time in modern times there was a definite Northeastern flavor in the activities. And how sweet it is.

Those who meander along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern Tar Heelia are a proud people. We are dedicated to the proposition that everything good doesn't necessarily have to happen west of Rocky Mount. But it takes the festivities of one of our own being sworn in as Speaker of the House of Representatives to make us more aware of our heritage, our culture, and our loyalty.

And it takes a man of Phil Godwin's character and sincere dedication to fair play to smother with kindness those who have deprived us of our just role in state government and just share of state revenues. He committed himself to this in his acceptance speech.

Speaker Godwin's colleague from the First House District, Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., was appointed by Secretary of State Thad Eure, a Gates County native, to be head "pallbearer" to deliver the new speaker to the front of a wildly applauding House membership and packed gallery. (It was the largest crowd ever on opening day, a tribute in itself to Speaker Godwin).

It was the first time a convening official (Eure) has passed the gavel to a Speaker from his native county.

In addition, the session's opening prayer was given by Rev. Lamar Eiland, pastor of Gatesville Baptist Church. The Speaker's oath of office was administered by Walter W. Cahoon of Elizabeth City, resident Superior Court Judge of the First District; and further, former

Continued on Page 4

Mrs. Harrell, Evans Lead Heart Fund

Mrs. J. Scott Harrell, 108 West Church Street, has been appointed president of Chowan County Heart Fund and Wallace Evans has been chosen as vice president and campaign chairman.

February is Heart Month and a campaign goal of \$3,500 has been set for 1971 in Chowan County.

In addition to Mrs. Harrell and Evans, officers of the county organization are: Mrs. Fred Keeter, treasurer; Dr. Edward G. Bond, medical representative; and Miss Sue Bunch, public relations chairman.

Chairmen of the various fund committees include:

Mrs. Earl Goodwin, special gifts; Howard Collins, business days; Mrs. Keeter, memorial gifts; Mrs. James Blount, balloon and tag days; Mrs. Gladys White, rural director; and Mrs. Carlton Jackson, Heart Sunday.

The 4-H Clubs throughout the county will work closely with Mrs. White and Mrs. Jackson in obtaining the goal for Heart Sunday.

Edenton Jaycees will sponsor special events in a special effort to aid in realizing the \$3,500 goal.

Volume XXXVIII—No. 3.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 21, 1971

Single Copy 10 Cents



THE CHOWAN HERALD



Farmer Honored — Richard Lowe, right, Thursday night was named recipient of the Outstanding Young Farmer Award presented by Edenton Jaycees. Shown with him are, from left, Jim Liles of Greenville; Robert W. Dail, club president, and Bill Hamilton, OYF banquet chairman who made the presentation.

Lowe Wins Edenton Jaycee Award

Edenton Jaycees have honored Richard (Dick) Lowe as Chowan County's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1970. Lowe and other nominees were guests at a banquet held Thursday night at the VFW building on Old Hertford Road.

William L. Hamilton, Jaycee OYF chairman, announced the winner. He said Lowe, who resides in the Advance Community, won because of his farming operations, progress in the past year, following recommended practices and for efforts in civic, religious and fraternal activities.

In his presentation, Hamilton said: "America owes much to the men of agriculture in our nation—the farmer."

The winner is a native of Chowan and a graduate of Chowan High School. He farms in partnership with his father.

Lowe, married to the former Joan

Bill Is In Hopper

RALEIGH — A bill was introduced in the General Assembly Tuesday to allow Chowan County commissioners and Chowan ABC Board to jointly employ a deputy sheriff.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., sent forth the bill, called an "economy measure" since the officer's primary duty would be enforcement of the ABC laws but who could also work for the sheriff.

Copeland and the father of two children, is active in Macedonia Baptist Church, served 10 years as a 4-H Club leader, served two years as president of the county Farm Bureau chapter and this year is a state director.

Jim Leslie of Greenville, active in Jaycee circles, presented a humorous talk.

During a brief business session, Jaycees agreed to investigate a proposed three-day gyrocopter fly-in which would be held in June.

Robert Dail, club president, presided at the OYF banquet and conducted the business session.

Jury Holding Key To Woman's Fate

Late Wednesday morning the jury was deliberating on the case of Catherine Elizabeth Bunch, charged with the July 5 murder of her husband, Leroy.

Judge J. William Copeland, presiding over the term of Chowan County Superior Court, charged the jury on three

counts: second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and self defense.

Clarence Lupton, owner of the farm where the Bunch family lives, stated that Mrs. Bunch came to his home on July 5 carrying a shotgun and said she thought she had "shot Leroy".

Lupton then went to the home and found Bunch laying on his back in the bed. He called Sheriff Troy E. Toppin. When three investigating officers arrived they found the body and called the coroner who stated Bunch had died from a gunshot wound in his back.

Mrs. Bunch was placed under arrest. She testified that her husband had been fighting with her the night before and started again on that morning. She also stated he had fired the gun into the wall and that he had beaten her with a stick.

She stated she did not know why she grabbed for the gun and did not remember it going off. She said she was afraid

Continued on Page 4

Squad Has Home

Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad in the near future will be headquartered in the old Kramer Building on West Water Street. Chowan County commissioners have made arrangements for the building to be leased from Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Company.

Capt. Bob Roberson said squad members are "delighted" with the new facilities and especially so since this will be the first real "home" for the unit since it was organized six years ago.

Squad members plan some renovations to the interior of the building. It is being vacated by Milton Stillely, electrical contractor, who is moving to Edenton Marina on West Queen Street.

Capt. Roberson said the building would provide adequate space for two ambulances, the rescue boat, emergency generator and other equipment. Also, there will be a room for training as well as for communications.

He also made a plea for new members. The squad now has 32 active members and more are needed in order to continue to provide adequate service to the community. Any man over 18 years of age can apply for membership.

Benefit Buffet

An educational benefit supper for the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation will be given on Tuesday at 7 P. M., at Edenton Restaurant.

The supper is being sponsored by the BPW members, according to Mrs. W. L. Boswell, president of the club.

The tickets can be purchased from any Jaycee, Jaycette, or BPW member.

Mrs. Boswell stated it was a good cause and she hoped many people would support the foundation.

Bright Future Predicted For Co-Op; Harrell Honored

Roy L. Harrell, specialist with the N. C. Rural Fund For Development and a founding father of the Albemarle Co-operative Association, Inc., was paid special tribute Friday night at the co-op's first annual meeting. Harrell was presented an engraved plaque in recognition of his work on behalf of the group.

Robert W. Moore, secretary-treasurer of NCRFD, made the presentation.

Raymond Williams, supervisor of USDA's Farmers Cooperative Service, told the gathering at National Guard Armory here the ACA is only one of five such organizations now functioning. He predicted a healthy life for the coopera-

tive because of the spirit which had been demonstrated in the first year of operation.

"You are off to an unusually good start," Williams said. "There are few starting out now with such a solid base of operations." He noted also that the hours of "in-put" has been unique and paid tribute to the successful work of Gene Sutton, FCS consultant who has been on loan to ACA.

Williams said a cooperative is the only approach to help farmers needing additional income. He sees in the future a good feeder pig market here with adequate facilities.

To accomplish this, the speaker said the members must produce quality pigs, produce them in adequate supply, maintain loyalty, understanding and patience.

Williams listed five ingredients to a successful cooperative as being: develop a program where members make a profit farming; have adequate quality animals for sale; have an outstanding market; continue educational program; have the ability to change and grow.

Marcus McClanahan, newly named ACA manager, said he looked forward to working with members toward a greater feeder pig cooperative.

Wayland Spivey, secretary, called attention to the annual report printed in the program.

Sutton paid tribute to the work con-

Continued on Page 4



Raymond Williams

Roy L. Harrell

Wayland Spivey