



TO OUR VALENTINE

Never having been one to excel in verse or poetry it is difficult to write fancy niceties about our Valentine. Always a bit shy at such times it is equally as difficult to boldly, bluntly claim our Valentine.

Too, we share her with five children, Chowan Hospital, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, Edenton Methodist Church choir, WSCS, and Sunday School, Albemarle Choral Society and Garden of Eden Club, to mention the major suits.

She has a heart which knows no limits; an unequalled desire to contribute to the solution of today's ills and not be a part of the problem; a mind alert to things to help her fellow human beings and the ability to motivate.

It is far too seldom that we take the time to give just credit to our Valentine. The cards we have observed are too stereotype, too trite and are in no way adequate to express our innermost feelings.

This doesn't either, Emily. But you'll still be our Valentine, won't you?

IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO

Since we are the last of the celebrated journalists to come to meander along the Public Parade we have grown accustomed to resting on our laurels while guests from the press are being introduced, ahead of us.

It is custom hereabouts to first recognize Mrs. Jackie Ricks, because she is a lady.

Then comes Pat Flanagan of the local airwaves; with Bill Cozart, the dean of the corps, next because the sage would pout over being recognized last. And we have grown to accept his more often than not uncomplimentary remarks of the local Fourth Estate.

This we could take. Honestly! But Woody Copeland is too much!

At last week's DSA banquet he did pretty well following the script as he introduced guests. He got the order correct but recognized this writer as the "Mild Mannered" representative of The Chowan Herald. (Woody is a Clark Kent-Superman fan).

Once, however, we put our "mild mannered" mind to it we discovered Woody's problem. It isn't all his fault. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Copeland; the husband of Phyllis; the father of Kevin; Jaycee veep under Robert Dail; March of Dimes treasurer under Warren Cramm; and apprentice banker under George Lewis and Graham White.

We had rather not discuss in this high-level column what little identity he has gained on his own. But we are willing to share with him some of ours—most of which aren't deserved, either.

THE HEART FUND

The performance record of the Heart Association in the fight against heart and blood vessel disease has established it as being worthy of our community's fullest support.

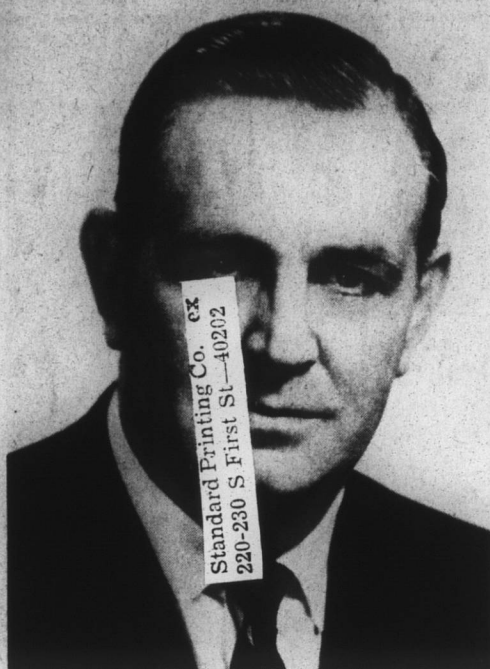
The facts speak for themselves. Since the onset of massive heart research programs in 1950, following the first Heart Fund Campaign in 1949, there has been a decline of about 20 per cent in the cardiovascular death rate for Americans under 65.

The improved mortality picture grows chiefly out of a dramatic reduction in the death rate from high blood pressure and the heart disease it causes, as well as in the death rate from stroke. It is an overall improvement. In heart attack, the number one killer of our time, the improvement has been only about 2 per cent since 1950.

Yet let no one assume that victory is close at hand. Heart and blood vessel disease, at all ages, is responsible for about 53 per cent of all deaths in the United States. Those who read this paper's obituaries will note continuing references to the death toll taken by cardiovascular diseases in this community.

Your Heart Association has won the confidence, respect and gratitude not only of the medical profession but of the public at large. It has become the world's largest non-governmental sponsor of research that is now paying off. Its work in the field of education and community service is bringing the bene-

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Rep. Walter B. Jones

Rep. Jones Gets Important Post

WASHINGTON, D. C. — North Carolina Rep. Walter B. Jones, Democrat of Farmville, was designated today as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Oilseeds and Rice Subcommittee.

Selection of Rep. Jones for the position was made and announced by Chairman W. R. (Bob) Poage, D-Tex., of the full committee as the Nation's lawmakers organized to carry out their legislative responsibilities during the two-year period of the newly convened 92nd Congress.

In making the appointment, Chairman Poage, who is sixth in seniority among the 435 members of the U. S. House of Representatives, said:

"During Mr. Jones' years of service on the committee we have had an opportunity to learn his dedication to agriculture and observe his ability to represent the people of his own district."

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Club Schedules April Pilgrimage

The biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be held April 23-25. The pilgrimage is a project of Edenton Woman's Club.

Several private homes, some still owned by descendants, are open to the public only during the tour. Among these is Beverly Hall, which was originally one of the three State Banks of North Carolina. Built in 1810 as a bank dwelling, the great vault of the bank remains in the house.

Also on the tour are the Paxton House, a three-story house built in the 1790's by a local merchant. The gardens of this house are also on the tour; Mulberry Hill, a plantation established in 1684 on the Albemarle Sound; Wood Hall, built in 1853, this ante-bellum home has double galleries front and rear; Paradise, built in the 18th Century and restored in the past year by the present owners; East Custom House, built in 1801 as a law office and eventually used as a custom house.

Other major attractions are the Cupola House, ca. 1725, noted for its Jacobean architecture; the James Ire-dell House, 1759, home of the first Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; the Penelope Barker House, ca. 1782, the home of Mrs. Barker, who, according to tradition, presided at the famed Edenton Tea Party in 1774.

Also, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1736, the second oldest church in the state; the Chowan Courthouse, 1767, considered the finest Georgian Courthouse in the South; Yeopim Church, ca.

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Before



Banquet Honors Ray — State Rep. Jim Beatty of Charlotte, right, is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ray after Ray was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented by Edenton Jaycees. In the background are Mayor George Alma Byrum and Robert Dail, Jaycee president.

Hatchery Official Is DSA Winner

A Jaycee drop-out has been named recipient of the 1970 Distinguished Service Award presented by Edenton Jaycees. Robert H. Ray was honored last Thursday at the annual DSA-Ladies' Night banquet held at American Legion Hut.

Ray, assistant manager of Edenton National Fish Hatchery, found that he could not be active in Edenton Jaycees and at the same time do justice to the Boy Scout movement. He chose scouting and is Scoutmaster of Troop 156.

When presented by Mayor George Alma Byrum, Ray took little time to use the occasion to solicit more adult participation in Boy Scouts. He said a simple "Thank you" for the award, after recovering from the surprise. Then he stood firm, speaking with conviction which has resulted in a strong troop here and challenged the men present to become active in the organization.

Ray, the father of four, is also active

in Edenton Methodist Church.

Mayor Byrum quoted from the nomination form: "... he goes about in his quiet way, serving the community without receiving or seeking credit."

State Rep. Jim Beatty, D-Mecklenburg, "invaded the East" to speak on the seriousness of the drug problem throughout North Carolina. As head of a legislative study committee on use of drugs, Rep. Beatty demonstrated an unusual knowledge of the problem and said "no one has a bigger stake (in the question of use of harmful drugs) than Jaycee-age people."

The speaker pointed out that in the past drugs had been associated with the arts culture. "In the last five years the use and abuse of drugs has spread throughout our society," he stated. "There is no single area, family or segment of the population immune to drugs. The trafficking in drugs has been exploited so fast we have no means to react to it."

Rep. Beatty called the use and abuse of drugs the "single most frightening reality in society" because youths are experimenting with them. "They are looking for instant escape," he asserted.

While he said the state is interested

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Students Out Sick

Colds and flu have swept over the area leaving many school children in bed making many seats at their schools vacant.

Supt. Bill Britt stated that the absences for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were extremely high with a total of over 1,300 students out for the three days.

Supt. Britt stated that the epidemic had not moved into the county as yet so attendance at Chowan High School and White Oak Elementary School is about normal.

Sunday Law For Edenton Put To Rest

Proponents of an ordinance to limit Sunday business activities in Edenton suffered a set-back Monday night. Town Council voted to table the matter after Mayor George Alma Byrum gained support of only one councilman for a public hearing, the next legal step toward a Blue Law.

Councilman J. D. Elliott was recorded as voting "no" on the question to table.

During the discussion, Elliott said most of the people had had talked with favored such an ordinance. "So do I, for many reasons," he stated. The councilman then added that some businesses need to be open, including service stations and drug stores.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner reported that a recent straw vote of merchants by Edenton Chamber of Commerce revealed 31 for, 21 against and 20 not responding.

The assault on consideration of such an ordinance was led by Councilman Leo Katkavek. "The information I have is that we will have more problems than it is worth," he noted. "At this particular time I don't think we should pass one (a Blue Law)."

Councilman David G. White asked: "What will it be?"

Gardner responded that some stores would be able to stay open but certain items couldn't be sold.

Councilman James C. Dail said while he is a firm believer in keeping the Sabbath holy he doesn't see that much of a problem in Edenton. Councilmen Clyde Hollowell and White agreed.

Mayor Byrum had posed the Blue Law question last month on behalf of "some merchants" who are interested. He asked councilmen to study the situation for 30 days.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., executive director, Edenton Housing Authority, reported on progress made toward development

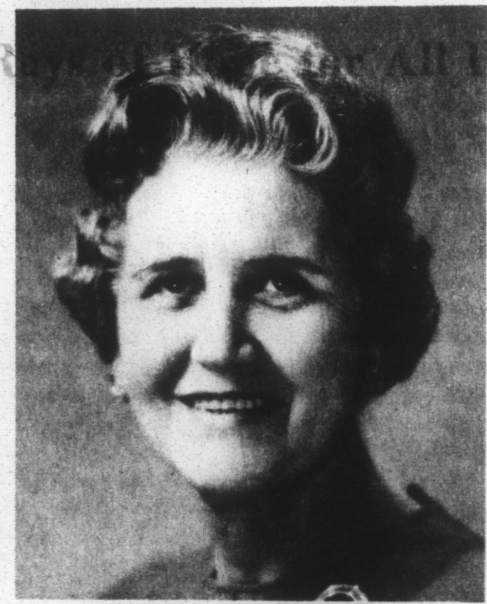
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Cancer Clinic Set

Plans are now being made for an oral cancer detection clinic, sponsored by Chowan's unit of the American Cancer Society.

The clinic is set for April 3. It will be held in the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Tyson To Address BPW Event



Mrs. Bert G. Tyson

Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will announce the winner of the 1970 Woman-of-the-Year next Thursday at a banquet at Edenton Restaurant. It will be the annual Bosses' Night affair.

Mrs. Beulah Boswell, club president, said the banquet will be held at Edenton Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Mrs. Bert G. Tyson of Greenville. She is a past president of the N. C. Federation of BPW. Mrs. Tyson is currently with the N. C. Division, American Cancer Society, working with the professional education and service program.

The Woman-of-the-Year is chosen from among the outstanding women of the county and town for her active participation in home, religion, civic and community affairs, as well as her professional and business activities.

After



Change In Appearance — The Hobowsky property on East King Street has undergone a drastic change in appearance in recent weeks with the Town of Edenton cleaning up the site with charges being placed against the property. James C. Dail, town councilman, is shown looking at the success of the project and the other picture was taken before work began. Ninety-nine loads of trash, tin and steel was removed at a cost of about \$2,000. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner commended the Street Department for a good job.