



Speaker Phil Godwin

## Public Parade

### Goodbye, Mr. Speaker

Before the ink dried on a committee approved plan to redistrict the state House of Representatives, Gates had jumped the Chowan River and Washington had successfully crossed the Albemarle Sound. One of the odd things about the rapid shift is everyone appeared to be happy.

If there is no more jumping around, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties will join the First House District. The Gates seat held by Speaker Phil Godwin will be gone and the Dare seat, held by Rep. Archie Burris will be added. Therefore, there will be no clash of incumbents.

In gin rummy it is sometimes beneficial to split a pair. It will remain to be seen whether or not it was wise for the Gates commissioners to ask to be placed in another district which split a pair of legislators like Speaker Godwin and Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr.

While the Fifth House District of Bertie, Northampton and Hertford is still part of Northeastern North Carolina, we do not see any advantage to be gained by an Albemarle Area county hooking up with the Roanoke-Chowan Area.

It is apparent, though, Speaker Godwin has his sights on greater things and would not be a House candidate regardless of where Gates is placed. And we want to be among the first to endorse Godwin for whatever statewide office he seeks, be it lieutenant governor, attorney general or anything else.

When the one man, one vote fever hit the General Assembly, the Albemarle Area had to settle for four less representatives in the House. Fortunately, Godwin and Culpepper were the pair to survive. They have been a good pair in the last two sessions and have carried a big stick for Northeastern Tar Heelia.

Speaker Godwin is the first from this area to serve in such a lofty position in the House. He has relied heavily on Rep. Culpepper in committee and on the floor to get important legislation on the books.

While we welcome Washington, along with Dare and Tyrrell, we have mixed feelings about bidding farewell to Gates. Speaker Godwin and Gates County are dear in the hearts of those who meander along the Public Parade.

Our least favored morning dally of general circulation in this area last week accused Speaker Godwin of not possessing the leadership capabilities needed for his job. They said he appears "shaky in the saddle".

Speaker Godwin may have spoken a bit hastily about the higher education question. Nevertheless, from these quarters he sits tall in the saddle. And the gliberals of the daily press won't be able to shoot him down.

### The Real "Sacrifice"

The Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department's anniversary chicken barbecues have rapidly become one of

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# School Board Holds Budget

By PATRICIA M. ARNOLD

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met Monday night until after midnight discussing the proposed school budget as well as other school business.

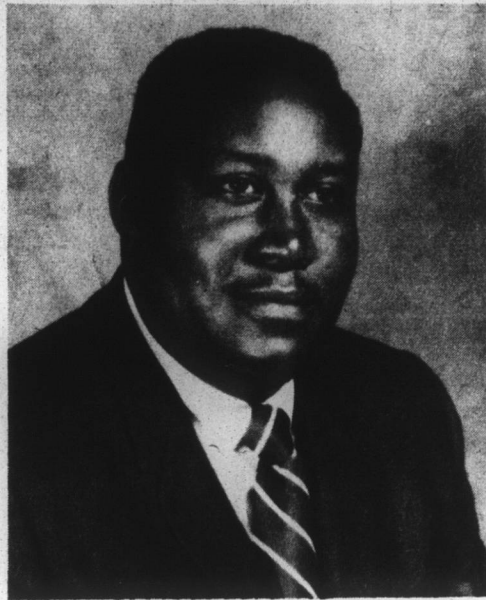
After much consultation and consideration the board members decided that there is no way that the budget can be cut more than \$25,000 and even this figure was not agreed upon by all members.

It was the unanimous decision of the members to take the budget before the Chowan County commissioners again just as it was proposed the first time.

The board of education and the Chowan County Commissioners met jointly May 10 and a proposed budget of \$476,763.64 was presented. The budget was not accepted by the county commissioners and they asked that the proposal be cut down to \$120 per student instead of \$166 per student.

The cut would be some \$131,000 less than the proposed budget and a reduction of \$43,000 from the 1970-71 budget.

In a desperate attempt to cut the  
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Ralph V. Cole

## Cole Is Promoted

Ralph V. Cole has been named principal at Swain Elementary School for the next school year. He was promoted to the position by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night.

Cole was recommended for the post by Supt. Bill Britt.

He will succeed Ernest A. Swain, veteran Edenton educator who plans to retire.

Cole is a native of Elizabeth City. He is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and has done graduate work at N. C. Central University at Durham. He is presently pursuing a master of education in administration degree at East Carolina University.

Cole came to the Edenton schools in 1962-63 and taught sixth grade at D. F. Walker School. He assisted the coach after school hours in coaching football, basketball and baseball. He has also taught driver education during the summer. He has served as assistant principal at Swain School for the past two years.

Cole is 30 years old. He is married to the former Joyce Boone of Woodland. They reside on School Street.

## Sports Banquet

Henry Trevathan, second year assistant football coach at East Carolina University, will be the guest speaker at the All Sports Banquet for John A. Holmes High School on Monday at 7 P. M. The affair will be held at the American Legion Hut.



Trevathan

Trevathan, prior to going to ECU, was head football coach at Wilson Fike High School. While at Fike, he became the first coach to win three successive 4-A State Championships. He has coached two high school All-Americans: Danny Talbott, who was All-American at Carolina and Carlester Crumpler, who is now at East Carolina.

## Gates Moves; Three New Counties Join First District

Three more Northeastern North Carolina counties would join the First House District in a plan which won committee approval in the General Assembly. Washington, Tyrrell and Dare would join the existing six counties and have two representatives.

Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates and Rep. W. T. Culpepper of Pasquotank now represent Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck. Rep. Culpepper headed one of two sub-committees which studied the realignment of the state's House districts.

Under the plan Gates would move into the Fifth House District with Hertford, Northampton and Bertie.

## Bloodmobile Visit

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Edenton on Tuesday at the National Guard Armory from 11 to 5 P. M.

The quota for this trip is 105 pints. "Help someone live, give a pint of blood," stated a Red Cross spokesman.

## Solid Waste Dump Topic For Meeting

HERTFORD—Chowan and Perquimans County officials will be joined by representatives of municipalities here today (Thursday) for discussion of a solid waste disposal system.

Melvin Howell, area representative, Farmers Home Administration, has arranged the meeting with W. O. Strickland, N. C. Department of Health engineer, and Ed Barnes of the Local Government Commission.

Howell recently told the individual boards a joint system might work to the best advantage of everyone. The boards then called for a survey by health officials.

The FHA official said this is the first major step forward toward a solid waste disposal system for the two counties.

At the Chowan meeting, Howell also discussed, along with Pete Thompson, extension chairman, central water systems for the county. Preliminary work is now underway in Center Hill and Rocky Hock and could be realized within two years if sufficient interest is shown.

Howell said it takes 12 to 15 families per mile to justify a FHA loan and grant for a six-inch water line. He said it could be used for fire protection under recent federal regulations.

Also in the preliminary stage is a water system for portions of US 17, north, and Highway 32, east of Edenton.

Howell said it is hoped that a non-  
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Brenda Smith Charles Dail

## Chowan Leaders

Charles Dail and Brenda Smith received the honors of valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1971 graduating class of Chowan High School.

Dail has obtained a 95.07 scholastic average during his school days and Miss Smith has maintained a 92.50 average.

Dail is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dail of Tyner and plans to attend the University of North Carolina in the fall.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Smith of Edenton and plans to attend Hardbarger's Business School in Raleigh.



Officers Honor Legislators — More than 1,000 law enforcement officers from across North Carolina gathered at National Guard Armory May 12 to honor members of the General Assembly. In the picture at left, Sheriff C. D. Knight of Orange County, second from right, is shown with his counterparts in this area. They are Sheriff Troy Toppin of Chowan, Ed Daniels of Bertie, Knight, and Julian Broughton of Perquimans. Sheriff Knight is president of the N. C. Sheriffs' Association.

Speaker of the House Phil Godwin was among area law-makers at the event and is shown in center picture with Sheriff William H. Eure of Gates County. SBI Director Charles Dunn paused at the banquet to huddle with other area officers. They are, left to right: Harold B. Babb, inspector, License and Theft Division, Department of Motor Vehicles; Dunn; Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish and Joseph Byrum, Chowan ABC officer and deputy sheriff.



Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor

## Taylor Is Speaker For COA Finals

ELIZABETH CITY—Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor will deliver College of the Albemarle's commencement address June 6 at 2:30 P. M. in the gymnasium. There are 72 candidates who will receive either an Associate of Arts or an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Dr. Bruce Petteway, president, will present the degrees.

Highlighting the exercise will be the awarding of the President's Cup. This recognition will be given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service to the institution. Selection of the student is made by the faculty and staff from all the candidates for graduation.

Academic excellence will be recognized for those who will be graduated with honors.

Candidates for the Associate in Arts degree from the Chowan County area are:

Daryl Wayne Ambrose, Lanny Earl Hollowell, Benjamin Larry Knox, Jr., David Edwin Nixon, James Calvin Parrish, Erma Phelps Spruill and Donald Mathias Wiggins.

Among the candidates for Associate in Applied Science degree are: William Albert Partin and Connie Overton West.

Over in the Senate, it is reported that "Northeastern North Carolina" will lose one seat. Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston told The Chowan Herald this is not accurate.

"They (the news media) haven't  
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## Welch's Chapel Church To Re-Build

A funds campaign has been launched to re-build Welch's Chapel Baptist Church which was destroyed by fire

May 9. Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor, said the site has been cleared and plans are moving ahead toward construction of a new church.

The church building, which was 96 years old, was covered by only \$6,000 in insurance, according to Mr. Davis. He said donations began coming in shortly after the fire. Those who wish to contribute can do so by sending their donation to Mr. Davis at 209 East Albemarle Street.

The fire which destroyed the structure started during a severe electrical

storm and it is believed that the building was struck by lightning.

Welch's Chapel was organized in 1866. Mr. Davis has been pastor there for 38 years.

He said several years ago the members purchased the Hudson Grove School building which was used as an educational building. He said worship services will be held in the educational building until a new sanctuary can be constructed.

Mr. Davis said the church owns about four acres and the members look forward to re-building on the present site. There are approximately 150 active members in the church, the pastor stated.