

September 1 marked the fifth anniversary of the use of breath-testing devices to remove drunken drivers from the streets and highways of North Carolina. Those traveling the highways and highways along the Public Parade are feeling the pinch.

Nineteen drunk driving cases were on Tuesday's calendar in Chowan County District Court. Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, convicted each defendant to come before him as the tests ranged from a low of 13 per cent to a high of 26 per cent. (Ten per cent is "passing" under North Carolina law).

Judge Walker is determined to make believers out of those who come before him charged with drunk driving. He gave two active prison sentences and others were ordered to pay fines in the \$125 to \$300 range.

According to State Highway Patrol Commander Edwin C. Guy, "The testing program has been an extremely effective weapon in our efforts to rid our highways of their most dangerous menace—the drinking driver."

The commander said it is impossible to determine exactly the number of drunk driving convictions resulting directly from the program, but offered the opinion that the number, if available, would be impressive. He said that during the five-year period a total of 123,061 motorists have been charged with drunken driving. Of those, breath tests were administered to 90,818, or 73 per cent.

August, 1971, was the 60th consecutive month that patrol personnel had removed more drinking drivers from the streets and highways than were removed during the comparable month of the previous year. During the month 3,267 drivers were arrested for drunk driving. This represented a 9.5 per cent increase in arrests over August, 1970.

Law enforcement officers, armed with breath-testing devices, and judges, free with stiff judgments appear determined to rid the highways of this menace.

Long And Short Of It

Jay Huskins, writing in his Down In Iredell column in the Statesville Record & Landmark, comments on an incident in Forsyth County which could have state-wide reaction. The new Jury Commission system has been working along the Public Parade but it couldn't stand Judge James M. Long's test. But here is the long and short of it:

Judge James M. Long, 34, yesterday quashed indictments in Forsyth Superior court on the grounds that the

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Public Aid Asked

NAGS HEAD—North Carolina's top cop, Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan, has called for citizen involvement in law enforcement to the point where working conditions for officers can be improved and courts can expedite the administration of justice.

He had an attentive audience for his remarks here Thursday night. His pleas were like music to the ears of law enforcement officers, court officials, along with county and municipal leaders from throughout Northeastern North Carolina.

Morgan, talking like the attorney general and not a potential candidate for a more lofty state office, spoke to some 200 who gathered at the annual meeting of Albemarle Law and Order Association.

In the audience from Chowan County were: Commissioners J. Clarence Leary and C. A. Phillips, Sheriff Troy Toppin, Extension Chairman Pete Thompson, Mayor George Alma Byrum, Councilmen James C. (Pete) Dail and Roy L. Harrell and L. F. Amburn, Jr., of The

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Speaker Godwin On The Move—The N. C. General Assembly is now in recess, awaiting a special session October 26 to handle the question of higher education. However, it is no time for Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates to rest. He finds his schedule extremely crowded. He made his first official visit into the heart of the Piedmont section Saturday night when he attended an Iredell County Democratic Rally in Statesville. In order to make the trip, Speaker Godwin sought the assistance of Bill Townson of Townson Lumber Company, who piloted his firm's plane. At right Speaker Godwin is shown with State Rep. and Mrs. Jay Huskins at Our Dell prior to attending the rally. Speaker Godwin has been rumored as a candidate for lieutenant governor in the May primary election.



Court Hears D.D. Counts In Trial Here

Nineteen drunk driving cases appeared on Tuesday's lengthy calendar in Chowan County District Court and Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, gave two defendants active prison sentences.

Robert Murry Peeples, 28, 110 East Queen Street, was given a six-month term for second offense of drunk driving. He was also convicted of a third offense and given an additional 12 months to begin at the expiration of the other sentence.

Peeples gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and was released under bond.

Louis Henry Short, also charged with drunk driving, was sent to prison for four months when he was unable to pay a fine of \$125 and court costs.

Cleveland Walter Brooks and Toney Clifton Porter were given six months each in four larceny cases. Janice Brooks and Cherry L. Jackson were given identical sentences of six months, suspended upon payment of fines of \$100 each and court costs in four cases.

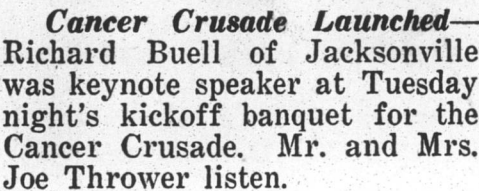
Solicitor Tom Watts of Elizabeth City prosecuted the docket and the following other action was taken:

Della Collins Hurdle, drunk driving, four months, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs.

Clayton Wiggins, unsafe move, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

William Harper Davenport, drunk

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Cancer Crusade Launched—Richard Buell of Jacksonville was keynote speaker at Tuesday night's kickoff banquet for the Cancer Crusade. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thrower listen.

Buell Solicits Dues In Cancer Crusade

A new concept in fund-raising was unveiled Tuesday night as the annual Cancer Crusade kickoff banquet was held at Chowan Golf & Country Club. A man who credits the cancer educational program with saving his life called on volunteers to collect "dues" rather than contributions.

And, the local campaign chairman reminded them no one would be calling on them for their dues. He encouraged them to write their check first and to make it for a substantial amount.

Richard Buell, a vice president of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., gave a personal testimony as to the value of the seven warning signals to detect cancer. He said his life had been saved several years ago with "a simple piece of paper."

"It may be that call which you make that saves a person's life," he told his audience.

"There is no such thing as a free lunch or a bargain," he added. "You must go into this crusade knowing and believing that someone within your neighborhood will benefit from paying their dues."

He called the \$3,500 goal in Chowan County a realistic "piece of the action", and asked the workers not to think of the money but to think of a life being saved.

Alton Elmore, funds chairman, outlined the program for October, Crusade Month, and urged the volunteers to pay their own dues before asking someone else to.

One of the events will be to have Cancer Crusade volunteers man the mike at WCDJ October 5 during Radio Day. Beginning with Jim Ricks at 6 A. M., and ending with Bill Norvell at 6:20 P. M., some 24 local citizens in all walks of life will do a 30-minute stint for the crusade.

Mrs. Marion Thrower, county chapter president, presided at the kickoff banquet arranged by Mrs. Faye Hampton. Mrs. Thomas Byrum, regional representative, was in attendance.

Bomb Reported

John A. Holmes High School was searched Friday morning after a bomb threat had been phoned to WCDJ. The buildings were cleared of students and faculty and a search was conducted but no device was located.

Police reports show the call was received at WCDJ at 7:54 A. M., by Robert Dail, announcer on the early shift.



Bob Hutchinson

E. N. Manning

Chamber Membership Drive Begins

Volunteers from throughout the town are now soliciting memberships for Edenton Chamber of Commerce in an annual drive to meet the organization's budget.

E. N. Manning, president, announced that Bob Hutchinson of Coble Dairies has been named membership chairman for this campaign. Manning will assist Hutchinson as co-chairman.

Team captains and workers gathered at 7:30 A. M., today (Thursday) at Edenton Restaurant for a dutch breakfast to kick-off the membership campaign.

Hutchinson noted that the Edenton



Dr. Richard Hardin

Dr. John Marshall

Thomas M. Surratt

Emergency Service Plan Is Working

An emergency service physician coverage has been inaugurated by Chowan Hospital and its medical staff. At present two interns are on duty at the hospital for a 33 hour period between

1 P. M., Saturday and 10 P. M., Sunday. Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, said two additional doctors will join the program in mid-October.

In operation for more than a month, the program has proven to be beneficial to the hospital, its staff and the high degree of service offered to the community, according to the administrator.

Dr. John L. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry of Edenton and husband of the former Phyllis Twiddy of Edenton, and Dr. Leonard S. Spoto of Trenton, N. J., are now participating in the weekend coverage. They will be joined by Dr. Horace Wayne Templeton and Dr. C. Gordon Heckel.

Drs. Marshall and Spoto are graduates of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine while Drs. Templeton and Heckel received their medical degrees from the University of Virginia.

The doctors are serving in intern and residency programs in family practice in Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va.

Surratt said the emergency service physician coverage aids the hospital and its medical staff and allows the young physicians to work in a community hospital environment, outside the teaching hospital.

The administrator points out that the coverage relaxes existing pressures on the medical staff, and therefore, is a joint venture between doctors practicing in the hospital and the hospital itself.

While this type coverage is not a new concept in medical circles, Chowan Hospital, is the only institution in Northeastern North Carolina employing such help.

Physicians participating in the coverage will be limited to emergency services only and will not do routine admissions and treatment of patients in the hospital. However, the emergency coverage includes not only the emergency room but intensive care, obstetrics, and other in-patient services.

Rotary Program

The Duke Endowment is more than money. It's people.

That's the message of a new narrated slide presentation on the endowment's work.

"The Story of The Duke Endowment" will be introduced to Edenton Rotary Club today (Thursday) at 1 P. M., at the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Jon R. Howell, assistant director of management service, Hospital & Child Care Section, will present the program, arranged by Thomas M. Surratt, administrator, Chowan Hospital.

Regional Office To Have Opening

Plans are currently being developed for the formal opening of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission at 102 East Queen Street.

Wesley Cullipher, executive director, said the formal opening banquet will be held on October 21 at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Planned tours and boat rides are being arranged for 10 A. M., to 4 P. M., on the day of the banquet.

Cullipher said ranking officials of the

Huntington (W. Va.) Regional Office, Economic Development Administration, Coastal Plains Commission, as well as state, county and municipal leaders are being invited to attend.

ARPDC serves the 10-county Albemarle region of Northeastern North Carolina.

Cullipher said two staff members, Miss June Myers and Mrs. Arlene H. Copeland, have been assigned to make arrangements for the formal opening.