

Have you taken the time to gaze skyward recently? If so, did you happen to see stretched out between the North Star and the Big Dipper a banner proclaiming: "Skipper Elected Governor"?

Raleigh astrologist David G. Jarrell has. And the release of his copyrighted forecast has injected something into politics which we had just as soon not be tampered with—the heavens.

In his analysis, Jarrell dealt with the planetary make-up of Skipper Bowles' personality at the time of his birth and the direction ascertained from influence of his past life. And as if that wasn't enough, the astrologist found Bowles' present life manifestations were influenced by the lunar and solar eclipses which occurred respectively on August 6 and August 20, 1971.

Jarrell admittedly has never met the candidate on whose star he hangs his hat, if not his reputation as the June Dixon of Tar Heelia. But those who meander along the Public Parade can make a shorter connection this afternoon. The real life Skipper Bowles will be at the Municipal Building from 5 until 6 o'clock.

And without either a solicited or unsolicited astrological briefing we predict he will appear sans halo and wings. Go see for yourself!

That Woody, Again

Well, we knew if we managed to weather a sufficient number of storms our day would come. What we didn't suspect was that Woody Copeland, of all people, would play savior.

Over the years, proud fathers and an out-of-state doctor have about kept "Buff" in cigars, as well as fillers for his "Heard and Seen" column. And we have managed to live with the neglect.

Almost everyone knows Woody. He's the husband of Phyllis, who is the mother of his son. He attempts to make cute puns from behind the podium, and he hangs around Peoples Bank & Trust Company. That is where we ran into Wednesday morning.

The kid is making a valiant attempt to keep up with the men in town by growing a beard for the 250th anniversary of the Town of Edenton. It was from behind this fuzz that we noticed a gleam in his eye; in his hand was a cigar. It was labeled: "It's a Girl." She was born Tuesday, he proclaimed.

Phyllis and baby daughter are reportedly doing fine. Woody? Well...

Survey Needs More Opinions

Recreation admittedly is not one of the strong suits along the Public Parade. Except for an organized summer program, which has increased in quality and participation in recent years, there is little for the young and old alike to do, save go fishing.

This, however, does not have to be the case. Town Council recognizes the

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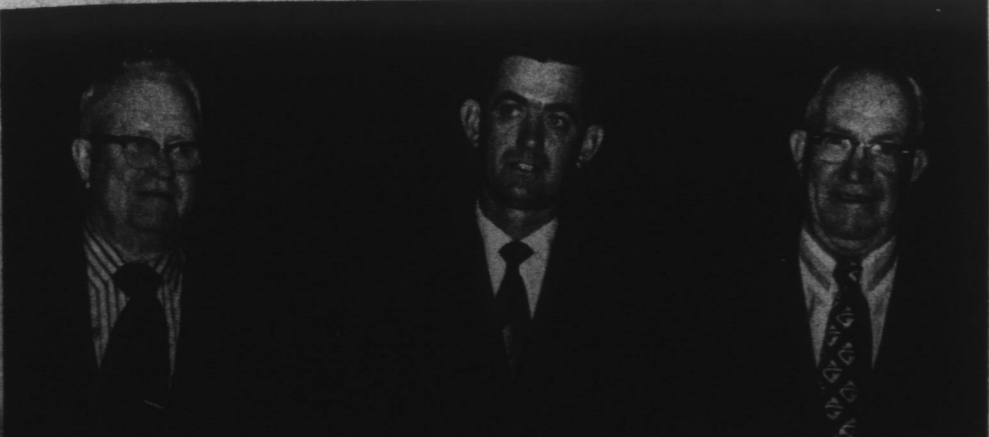
Blood Is Needed

An urgent call has been issued for 175 volunteers to donate blood Friday when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its final visit of the fiscal year to Chowan County. This amount of blood is needed to meet the annual quota for this county.

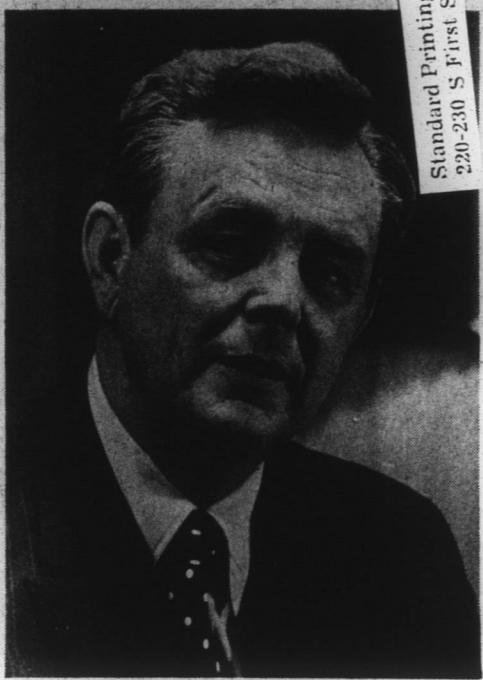
The bloodmobile will be at the Fellowship Hall of Edenton Baptist Church from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Roy Forehand, bloodmobile chairman for Edenton Jaycees, said the quota for regular visits is 95 pints. However, this quota has not been met on several visits and efforts are now being made to secure the additional donors so the fiscal year will end with the Chowan County quota met.

"Unless we meet our quota the services of Tidewater Blood Center will be curtailed," Forehand said. He pointed out that residents of this county receive more blood than is given and this works a hardship on other areas.



Chowan Cooperative Exchange Meets — S. C. Layton, center, president of the exchange, greeted Jim Hastings, left, and Carmel Moore, at the annual membership meeting held last Thursday night at Rocky Hock Community Center. Hastings and Moore are executives in the Laurel (Del.) Market.



Hargrove Bowles

Bowles To Visit In Edenton Today

Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro, hot on the heels of his campaigning daughters, brings his bid for the Democratic nomination of governor to Edenton today.

The former state legislator will be at the Municipal Building from 5 P. M. to 6 P. M., according to A. B. Harless, Jr., his Chowan County manager. Harless has issued a blanket invitation to citizens throughout the area to meet the candidate.

This will be Bowles' first visit to Chowan County in his current campaign for the top state position. He is the last of the front-runners to campaign here. The Bowles daughters, on their Murphy-to-Manteo jaunt, were in the area Monday. Earlier this year Mrs. Bowles addressed the annual BPW banquet.

Bowles, who headed the Department of Conservation and Development in the Sanford Administration, resigned his State Senate seat to run for governor. He is a Greensboro businessman-politician.

Co-Op Event Held

Carmel Moore, manager of the Laurel (Del.) Market, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange last Thursday night at the Rocky Hock Community Center.

Moore has been the manager of the produce market in Laurel, Del., for over 30 years.

Also on the agenda was Jim Hastings, president of the market.

In Hastings' remarks, he said you need five things to make a successful market. They are dedicated and determined farmers; produce that attracts buyers; good managers; and cooperation from all concerned.

In Moore's address to the farmers, he stated that in 1948 he and a few other farmers had come to Edenton to see how to sell in bulk and had gone from there and now have a very successful market.

He described the market as a non-profit organization with over 1,300 members from seven counties and that it is not affiliated with any other corporation.

Moore commented that it is controlled by its members and that they are 100 per cent farmers. The director is elected by the officers and manager and the policies are set up by the directors.

The Laurel Market is open usually for about 10 weeks and on an average they sell 650 to 700 loads of produce a day with 100 sales per hour. This past season they sold over 2.4-million watermelons and 1.4-million cantaloupes. These sales were considerably larger than 1970 sales.

Moore stated that the melons sold

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Census Info: Farms Here Show Drop

Chowan County showed a total of 430 farms in the 1969 Census of Agriculture, according to figures released by the U. S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census, a part of the Department's Social and Economic Statistics Administration (SESA).

In the last previous Census of Agriculture (1964) the number of farms reported in the county was 448.

Of the county's total farms in 1969, 282 are reported as selling \$2,500 or more of agricultural products in the year, as compared with 300 in 1964.

The report also shows average farm size in the county was 137.4 acres, and average value of these farms (land and buildings) was \$50,492.

Other figures from the report are:

1. Value of all farm products sold in 1969, \$7,292,226; in 1964, \$5,291,650.

2. Value of all crops sold in 1969, \$4,487,957; in 1964, \$3,890,016.

3. Value of all livestock, poultry, and their products sold in 1969, \$2,706,866; in 1964, \$1,355,581.

Reported for the first time in an agricultural census is information on the extent to which the corporate structure is being used by operators of farms from which agricultural products totaling \$2,500 and over were sold. Including family farms using this type of business structure, eight of the county's \$2,500-and-over farms are incorporated.

Grants Are Made

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton will share in a \$285,000 HUD grant to local governmental units for planning and management assistance. This was announced by Charles W. Bradshaw, Jr., secretary of the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

The state department provides technical service for both the town and county planning boards.

Edenton will receive \$4,000 while Chowan County will receive \$3,600. The local share of the program is one-third.



Campaigning For Father — Martha Bowles and Holly Geil, second and third from left, were greeted upon their arrival in Edenton by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harless. The sisters have been on the road since February 14 campaigning for their father Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles who is running for governor. Edenton was one of three cities the girls visited Monday.

'Daddy's The Man' Proclaims Duo

By Patricia M. Arnold

For the past two months campaigning for their father, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Democratic contender for governor, has been a full time job for the Bowles sisters, Holly Geil and Martha Bowles.

As part of the girls' Murphy to Manteo trip they have been on the road four days a week visiting three towns per day, hoping to impress upon the public how "great of a governor our father will be".

The sisters had traveled over 2,800 miles when they arrived in Edenton on Monday and had just left Gates County, with which they were very impressed.

Upon their arrival here around 12:30 P. M., they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harless and later ate lunch with Mr. Harless, Herbert Hollowell and Frank Roberts.

After lunch they went to the local radio station, WCDJ, and taped a few remarks about their father and gave their reasons for voting for him "even if he wasn't our Daddy".



Working Towards Center — Mrs. Jo Ann Foreman of Elizabeth City, area coordinator of the N. C. Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, spoke on Sheltered Workshops last Thursday at an organizational meeting of the AADA - Help the Handicapped Committee. Speaking with her at the conclusion of the meeting were Charles T. Skinner, Jr., co-chairman of the committee and Bert Hughes, committee member.

Workshop Need Is Aired

Mrs. Jo Ann Foreman of Elizabeth City, area coordinator for the N. C. Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, spoke about sheltered workshops at an organizational meeting of the AADA - Help the Handicapped Committee on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Foreman stated the need for a sheltered workshop in this area is great because about 5 per cent of the total population are mentally retarded. She commented that the percentage would be greater if one included all the handicapped people of this area.

As part of her program, Mrs. Foreman brought several different kits which mentally retarded people had completed in a sheltered workshop in Norfolk, Va.

These people are paid for their work on the basis of how much work of the same type a normal person can do in the same length of time.

Clients at the sheltered workshop in Norfolk have learned to make coat hangers, stuff and address envelopes, weigh

nails and place them in boxes, assemble hospital kits, and place knife, fork and spoon in a plastic bag and seal it for the American Airlines to be used when serving food.

The shop also trains the clients for jobs on the outside world as service station attendants, laundry services, and they are adding a food service program which will train them as waiters, dishwashers, etc.

The Tidewater Vocational Center, or sheltered workshop, was an old Colonial Store which was converted for this use.

Mrs. Foreman stated that the clients in the workshop are usually 16 years

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Books Will Close

The books will close for registration for the May 6 Primary Election at 1 P. M., April 7, according to Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections. This leaves only five and one-half days to register or transfer to the correct precinct.

In order to register, a voter must be a resident of North Carolina for one year by the date of the November General Election.

"If you have moved to a different precinct since you registered you will be required to change your registration to the proper precinct if you wish to vote," Mrs. Hoskins warns. However, those persons who are living in temporary quarters until their houses are ready will vote where they are now registered.

The election office will be open for registrations Monday through Friday from 9 A. M., to 12 noon and 1 P. M., to 5 P. M.

Aid For Students

The PACE Program, designed to insure college bound high school graduates and college students job opportunities during the summer months, will be coordinated again this year by the Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

Fentress Morris, project coordinator for E.I.C., said last Wednesday, PACE, Inc., (Plan Assuring College Education) in North Carolina, places students, interested in working during the summer months with local human service agencies. The students work 42 hours per week at a rate determined by the college. The user agency obligates itself to pay a matching fee of approximately \$225.00 plus provides the supervision for the students. Most students work approximately 10 to 12 weeks.

In order to qualify for the program, the students must be currently enrolled in one of the approximately 50 participating colleges or be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to matriculate and participate under the PACE Program, Morris said.

Students wishing to apply for the program may obtain application blanks from the E.I.C., Inc., administrative office in Edenton or Elizabeth City, or the local Economic Resource Centers, local Social Service Departments, high school guidance counselor or participating colleges.

The E.I.C., Inc., in coordination with the PACE Office in Raleigh and the participating colleges, has the responsibility for program coordination and student placements.