



To Promote 'Two Five O'

"Fancy Facial Filaments Found Flowing Fansomely" was the suggested headline for a little ditty to be passed along the Public Parade concerning the 250th anniversary celebration of Edenton's 1722 charter.

Although it wouldn't fit the space, it did fit Jim Robinson's announcement of the contest being promoted. "The best and the mostest beard contest is really growing apace," he reports. We thanked him and sent him back to his research desk to turn out more fitting copy.

Anyway, the anniversary pins have arrived to explain why some are bearded and some are not. But most especially to promote the "Two Five O" which is coming in June. Those who for reasons of health or happiness can't compete, can at least participate—to the tune of two bucks. For the men in the crowd the price is \$1.

Beginning next week The Chowan Herald will capture photographically a cross-section of burgeoning beards in competition for the Jaycee award, as a warm-up exercise for a page in our special anniversary edition coming June 8.

Columbia's Secret Weapon

Citizens in the Town of Columbia continue to wait and hope that emergency measures taken to keep sewage moving will last until help arrives. All the while, papers are shuffled by bureaucrats; politicians chant and no one seems to be able to locate scissors adequate to cut the red tape.

The Economic Development Administration has had no less than two officials personally inspect the crisis in which Columbia finds itself. They have both shook their heads in almost utter disbelief.

Their reports and recommendations have been added to the voluminous documentation. Maybe by this time the application has landed in Washington, where more often than not decisions are made on the basis of political expediency rather than human need.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District and Sen. B. Everett Jordan have been unsuccessful in their attempts to obtain the \$260,000 federal grant needed to repair and expand the town's waste disposal and water system.

This week they were joined by Rep. Nick Galifianakis who wired the Department of Commerce asking approval of the grant. He said: "Eastern North Carolina has been neglected by the federal government."

Since Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission staffers are not allowed to engage in politics, we are sure they haven't yet used Columbia's secret weapon—the fact that the mayor is a card-carrying Republican.

Supt. Britt Moves Up

The selection of Supt. Bill Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools to head a regional office of the State Department of Public Instruction speaks well of both the man and the department. The combination will prove to be compatible and will improve relations between Raleigh and local administrative units in Eastern North Carolina.

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Phil Godwin Is On Campaign Trail

House Speaker Phil Godwin campaigned in Chowan County Tuesday in his bid for election to the State Senate. He is seeking one of two seats allotted the First Senatorial District.

Godwin is in a three-man race with two other political veterans from different sections of the district—Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston and Ashley Futrell of Washington.

Speaker Godwin has discovered two things:

1—The 14-county district is too big; and
2—He is getting a late start politicking.

Because of his continuing duties as House Speaker, Godwin has been unable to campaign as much as he desires. Also, he has been trying to hold together



County-wide Water System Advances—C. A. Phillips, right, chairman of Chowan County Board of Commissioners, discusses preliminary plans for a county-wide water system with George W. Lewis, left, chairman of the county planning board, and Pete Thompson, county extension chairman who has been aiding in the project. Commissioners plan to study and make application for the system.

Water System Eyed

The Chowan County Planning Board recommended to the Chowan County commissioners at a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon of last week to investigate and install a county-wide water system if at all possible.

The request came after three sections of the county had begun steps to have

sectional systems installed. Farmers Home Administration had been contacted by a section for financing the non-profit water system.

After hearing the discussion the commissioners approved the recommendation and stated they will study the proposal and make all preliminary applications necessary to get the system underway.

No figures as to the cost of the system were known at the time, but Paul Parks, representative of Farmers Home Administration, stated the only requirement for making the application was to prove there was a source of water and to contact an engineer to make the study.

An engineer can be retained on a contingency basis or through money that may be available from a state grant for water systems.

Parks stated money was possibly available through several sources, including the state, if the Clean Water bill is passed in May, Economic Development Association and Farmers Home Administration.

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Work Is Urgent At Barker House

By Patricia M. Arnold

The Barker House, serving as the visitor center-museum of historic Edenton since 1968, is in danger by a structural failure. The front supporting sill has decayed so badly that the flooring in the hallway is beginning to buckle and large cracks are appearing in the plastered walls.

A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., restoration supervisor with the State Department of Archives and History, stated, "In studying the problem of the structural damage I believe that it is so severe that there is a possibility that the visitor center-museum may have to be closed in the near future unless new timbers can be inserted soon underneath the front wall."

He commented that the problem was noted last year but due to lack of funds, Historic Edenton has not been able to correct the problem.

The Barker House has been designated by the National Park Service to be

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Blood Is Collected

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile last Friday collected 129 pints of blood in Edenton. A total of 162 people appeared to donate blood toward a quota of 175 needed to meet the annual quota.

Roy Forehand, Jaycee volunteer chairman, said there were 30 new donors.

Also, Forehand pointed out that 29 employees from United Piece Dye Works donated blood. The company gave the employees an hours' pay for the time spent at the bloodmobile.

Chowan Hospital employees donated 20 pints and Chowan Veneer personnel donated 12. Many small businesses, according to Forehand, had up to 80 per cent participation.

his lucrative law practice in Gatesville. Godwin says that redistricting will continue to weaken the political power of the less populous counties. It is more important than ever to keep strong voices in Raleigh, he adds.

He explains that his experience as presiding officer in the House in the 1971 General Assembly created contacts in state government which would be most beneficial in the senate.

Although he is a familiar and popular figure in Chowan and surrounding counties, the candidate said he would spend considerable time in the area within the next few weeks. "I am not taking anyone for granted," he contends. "I am not going to be able to see as many people as I would like, but I want them to know I appreciate their past support and need it again if I am to win."

Takes Regional Job Supt. Britt Resigns

Supt. F. L. (Bill) Britt of Edenton-Chowan Schools has resigned to take a position with the State Department of Public Instruction. The resignation is effective June 30.

The State Board of Education is meeting in Elizabeth City today (Thursday) and is expected to name Supt. Britt to head a new regional office for Eastern North Carolina. The Chowan Herald learned from a reliable source. The office will be located in Greenville and will be one of two such regional operations in the state.

The N. C. General Assembly has appropriated funds for the State Department of Public Instruction to de-centra-

lize some of the functions now centered in Raleigh.

Supt. Britt is a close personal friend of State Supt. Craig Phillips.

For the past five years Supt. Britt has headed the local school system.

His resignation was given at a called meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education held Wednesday night.

In his letter to Chairman Eugene N. Jordan, the superintendent wrote:

"I would like to thank the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and the people of Chowan County for giving me the privilege of serving as superintendent for the past five years. I am particularly grateful to the Board of Education and my staff for the support they have given me and the interest that they have shown in education in Edenton-Chowan Schools."

While he said he left with regret, he looks forward to "serving education in a different way in Eastern North Carolina."

He came to this county from Elizabeth City where he had served as head of Pasquotank County Schools until a merger with the City of Elizabeth City. He had earlier been a principal in Bertie County.

Mrs. Britt is director of the College of the Albemarle Learning Resource Center in Swain School.

Open House Set

Open house will be held Sunday afternoon in the demonstration unit of the low-rent public housing project located on West Gale Street, off Twiddy Avenue. The 100-unit project is being developed by Edenton Housing Authority.

Brief ceremonies will be held at 2 P. M., with Mayor George Alma Byrum, Jack Habit, authority chairman, James Kirkpatrick of Greensboro, builder, and others participating.

A two bedroom unit has been decorated and furnished by Chowan County Extension agents in cooperation with Economic Improvement Council and Chowan County commissioners. Mrs. Gladys White has been in charge of the project.

The demonstration unit will be used to instruct tenants in the proper care and maintenance of their new homes.

Each unit in the total electric project is furnished with range and refrigerator.

The public is invited to visit the demonstration unit between the hours of 2 P. M., and 6 P. M. This is the first public showing of a portion of the project which has recently been completed.

Sans Grand Jury

The grand jury will not convene during the April 10 session of Chowan County Superior Court, according to Jim Kin'ou, foreman of the jury.

Bowles Renews Friendships, Makes Pitch For Support

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

done a damn thing for the section of the state east of US 301. We're depending on you!"

Houghton Ehringhaus had set the tone for Bowles' first campaign swing into Chowan County. And he had put it straight to a friend of long standing. (Ehringhaus and Bowles were classmates at the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill).

Bowles was quick to respond. "Yes, I know, up in Gates County they tell me they haven't had but two miles of road paved in the last four years." (Later in his remarks the candidate admitted that if he lived in Eastern North Carolina he would feel like a second class citizen, where highways were concerned.)

Moving into the building, Bowles was trailed by Frank Wyatt, a campaign aide who used a pocket tape recorder to get the names of those the candidate met. Wyatt was almost stumped by little Martha Scott Harless, seven-year-old daughter of Bowles' campaign manager in Chowan. But after he got it straight he remarked: "Now you'll get a letter."

Bowles was almost overcome with joy upon finding among the audience Dr. and Mrs. Fred Drane. "Seeing them brings back many fond memories," he said. "No one in Monroe, other than my Daddy, had a greater influence on my life than did Dr. Drane," he said of the retired Episcopal minister.

He explained that Dr. Drane was his Boy Scout leader in Monroe.

Touching briefly on his busy schedule, the candidate said he was not seeking sympathy. "No one talked me into running for governor. It was all my idea."

He said he wanted an open forum type meeting where those present "can see what is inside Skipper Bowles" and asked that no one leave "having any doubt" about his desire to improve the quality of life in North Carolina and how he plans to go about doing it.

Not once in his appearance here did

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Meeting Delayed

The regular monthly meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association has been postponed from April 13 to April 20 because of conflicts in arrangements. The meeting will still be held at Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City.

Joe Landino of Columbia, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, will be in charge of the program which begins at 7 o'clock.



Skipping With 'Skipper' — Martha Scott Harless, seven, was one of the Bowles Girls on hand Thursday afternoon to distribute campaign literature on behalf of Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro, center. With them are his Chowan County managers, A. B. Harless, Jr., and W. H. Hollowell, standing. (Apoth picture on Page 4-B).