

New Chowan Courthouse Step Closer

A Presidential Candidate?

Terry Sanford, former Tar Heel governor who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, is scheduled to meander along the Public Parade Friday afternoon.

Word was received here early Wednesday afternoon that the Duke University president would be at the Municipal Building from 2 P. M. to 3 P. M., on his swing through Northeastern North Carolina.

Both friend and foe who desire to see just how serious a candidate he actually is will have an opportunity to hear it straight from the "horse's mouth."

Know Feeling

Our heart goes out to the editor of Foster's Daily Democrat up in New Hampshire. The victim of typos without number in the past, we know exactly how he feels.

What's a typo? Well, it's when a word that's supposed to be spelled one way shows up in print another way. Like when you say you are "now convinced" and a typo tells the world you're "not convinced."

Anyway, writer Natallie Kelly had correctly spelled the names of 50 birds, but this is what Foster's Daily Democrat did to them:

"Turned a great cormorant into a great cornenut; called the horned brebe a hooone grebe; impolitely treated the common goldeneye as a common goldemaye; indiscreetly slandered the surf scoter and the common scoter, called them the surf seater and common sector; injudiciously maligned the common grackle as the common crackle, and just plain miserably termed the house sparrow the mouse sparrow."

Well, we'd better stop there or, next thing we know, we'll be writing Miss Kelly an apology for lousing up the Democrat's gremlins. That's a sin we cannot afford to commit just now.

Those Water Bonds

There will be other issues than the nomination of candidates for office on the May 6 primary ballots along the Public Parade and elsewhere in North Carolina.

For one thing, the people will, for the first time, be asked to approve a \$150-million bond issue to provide state funds for water and sewer services in the local communities.

The state has been in the education and road building business for a long time, assisting cities and counties shoulder the burden of these two public services. In recent years, the importance of clean water and air become more widely recognized than in the past; and the people have a right to say whether they want the state to become a partner in helping solve the problem.

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Voters Increase

There are 4,699 registered voters in Chowan County, according to a report released by Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections.

Approximately 600 new voters registered with 373 being between the ages of 18 and 20. Election officials have purged the books and removed the names of deceased and people who have in registration is 425.

Of the total number registered, 4,346 moved. Therefore, the overall increase are Democrats; 315, Republicans; eight, American; 20 Independent; and 10, no party affiliation.

There are 3,434 white registered voters on the county books and 1,265 Negroes. The Town of Edenton has 2,288 voters—1,293 in East Edenton and 995 in West Edenton.

Registration according to precinct includes:

East Edenton, 1,497; West Edenton, 1,497; Rocky Hock, 453; Center Hill, 385; Wardville, 499; and Yeopim, 368.



First Boat Completed — Employees of Grampian Marine Ltd., are shown beside the first 23-foot sailboat to be produced at the local plant. Henry Overton, extreme right, is plant manager. The boat works is operating in temporary quarters on Base Road.

By Patricia M. Arnold

The county commissioners have taken the first big step in making a new courthouse facility in Chowan County a dream come true.

They gave Melvin Bunch, planning director of the Albemarle Law and Order Association, the go-ahead to make an application from his organization through the Department of Justice for money to construct the building.

Money from the Department of Justice is available for construction, fixtures, architectural fees and more. Money is not available for land acquisition through the law and order organization.

Though the commissioners hope

receive a grant from the Department of Justice, they have not stopped looking for other sources of money.

The proposed courthouse-jail complex will cost approximately \$700,000 not including the purchase of land, it is estimated at this time.

If the grant is approved, the project will be included in the 1973 budget of the Law and Order Association and will be funded over a period of several years.

After the application is approved, plans for the complex next must be approved by the Governor's Committee on Law and Order.

Though the application is in the making, no site for the new facility has been chosen or land purchased.

From lack of discussion and a motion, the commissioners made no decision whether to support the College of the Albemarle financially, as six other nearby counties have pledged.

A resolution by the Edenton Jaycees was read asking that the commissioners give the matter due consideration and support if money was available. A letter from E. N. Manning, president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, relating recommendation of the chamber Education and Executive Committees, was read also in support of giving financial aid to the college, if money is available.

N. J. George stated that he wanted to see actual figures before he would consider the request.

The request was tabled until time to discuss the 1972-73 budget.

Commissioner David Bateman is very much enthused with the possibility of having a recreation area from the present Dillard Millpond near Cannon Ferry.

Bateman and Chairman C. A. Phillips stated the area is excellent for fishing, duck hunting, picnics and other recreation.

At present the millpond is about 75 acres with about 75 additional acres available for expansion. The site is a boundary for the first and second town, ship, near Tyner.

The commissioners will check with the Soil Conservation Service, Albemarle.

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Repair Funds Sought

The seriousness of the structural decay of the Barker House and the critical need for money to pay for necessary repairs have prompted Edenton Historical Commission to launch a funds campaign. The commission will seek \$10,000 to be matched two for one by the state, and agreed to transfer its entire savings of \$1,400 to the fund.

The Barker House, located on Edenton Bay, serves as a visitor center-museum for Historic Edenton, Inc. A concrete porch on the east side of the historic

structure, which was recently approved for listing in the National Register, has caused permanent damage to the building. Unless immediate steps are taken to repair the structure, the visitor center-museum will be forced to close.

Historic Edenton has been attempting to raise \$15,000 in order to obtain the \$30,000 matching grant authorized by the 1971 General Assembly. Funds donated to the Barker House emergency project qualify, an official stated. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., commission vice chairman, said matching funds must be obtained on or before July, 1973, for capital improvements.

"It is imperative that repairs be made immediately, within days, or we shall have to close the doors and terminate the greatest service to our touring visitors and educational groups, also the use of it as headquarters for our 250th anniversary celebration of the incorporation of Edenton will be impossible," she said.

A Letter-to-the-Editor from Mrs. Earnhardt concerning the Barker House emergency appears elsewhere in The Chowan Herald.

Hunt Hits Hard At Goals, Policies

Jim Hunt of Wilson, a candidate for the Democratic nomination as lieutenant governor, has called for an adequate transportation system and better balance between agriculture and industry to be included in the new state program of goals and policies.

Speaking at Edenton Lions Club Monday night, the candidate, in a "non-political" speech, said a four-lane highway is needed through Northeastern North Carolina. He said the highway is needed to connect the area with Tidewater Virginia and interior North Carolina. "This must be said in the development goals of the state.

"They (highways) are a means to an end," he noted.

Also, Hunt said the state should work for continued and improved balance between agriculture and industry. This too must be spelled out, he stated, so not to lose the character of the beautiful countryside.

"Balance between agriculture and industry keeps a lot of people here where they want to raise our children in such a wholesome environment," he said.

Hunt spoke out strongly for improved methods of manpower development—the matching of the people and the job. He went so far as to state:

"We can see that a woman with a fourth grade education isn't being exploited when she is given training that can fit her for a cut-and-sew job that will let her add \$84 a week to earnings to the poverty level income of her family.

"The need to face this situation is one more reason why our effort to develop our own state plans and programs is so important. Because we can recognize that it isn't 'immoral' to tolerate and even encourage what are called 'low pay' industries so long as we continue to intensify our search for high-wage industries at the same time."

He said the basic training program and other features of the community college

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Pageant Repeat?

By James M. Robinson

The coming celebration of Edenton's charter of 1722, planned June 11-18, the 250th official birthday, may bring to mind for some a previous and very memorable celebration held on the Courthouse Green exactly 40 years ago this month.

The occasion was the George Washington Bi-Centennial and the presentation of the Joseph Hewes Monument. The unveiling of the monument, it may be recalled, was by Hon. M. L. Hewes of Hartford, Conn., direct descendant of the Hewes family.

While there were at the celebration, a brigadier general, a rear admiral, U. S. Senators, a Supreme Court Judge, a bishop, a Naval Band with a gas dirigible overhead . . . as well as the 12th Coast Guard Artillery primed for a night-time spectacular, as far as popularity was concerned, all events took a back seat to the "Mammoth Historical Pageant on the Courthouse Green, which depicted important events in the life of Joseph Hewes and the Revolutionary period." A total of 150 persons took part, all in authentic Colonial costumes. The entire day's exercise was a resounding success.

Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, applauded with words of praise which were immediately echoed by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Bishop of North Carolina, sitting next to him on the barrel and board settee.

Rumor has it that another historic pageant may become "best of show" during the celebration coming in June. This report undoubtedly contains the seeds of truth. After all there is much of history to re-enact in Edenton, born as a town 10 years before George Washington was born.

In connection with the 250th anniversary of the incorporating of Edenton, the

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Prepare For 'Clean Sweep' — J. Stanley Peel of Elizabeth City, second from left, and Mrs. Leon Ballance of Engelhard, right, are co-chairmen of the Albemarle Area Development Association's "Clean Sweep" project planned for May in cooperation with the Governor's Beautification Committee. Shown with them at a recent meeting in Elizabeth City are Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, Chowan County coordinator, and Cedric Boyd, eastern leader who spoke at the meeting.

Plans Being Made For 'Clean Sweep'

Hundreds of volunteers are being recruited to participate in a "Clean Sweep" of Northeastern North Carolina during May. This is part of a state-wide cleanup campaign being sponsored by the Governor's Beautification Committee.

At a meeting in Elizabeth City last Thursday, Cedric M. Boyd of New Bern, described accomplishments in his

town which have not only removed unattractive things but have generally beautified the town. Boyd is on the Governor's Committee and is directing "Clean Sweep" efforts in Eastern North Carolina.

Speaking to representatives from all 10 Albemarle Area counties, Boyd said "Clean Sweep" is nothing new. "We see what litter and pollution is every day," he stated.

Boyd said there are scores of volunteers available to work on such projects and he encouraged his audience to work with all groups, especially the youth. "You will have a much more successful campaign if you obtain community involvement," he said.

The speaker pointed out that abandoned automobiles are a real problem in every area. In New Bern, between 300 and 400 have been buried in recent years and more than 500 are now at the town land fill.

Addressing himself to the difficulty in obtaining support from elected officials, he said: "Litter is something you won't find in any municipal or county budget."

J. Stanley Peel of Elizabeth City, Albemarle Area Development Association vice president; and Mrs. Leon Ballance of Engelhard are co-chairmen of the area campaign. They have coordinators in each county who are being assisted by county agricultural extension chairmen.

Mrs. Ballance noted that some of the greatest opportunities lie in community development organizations. She said in every rural area there are some organizations.

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Everett Is Picked

Charles Everett, a junior at John A. Holmes High School, has been selected to attend the N. C. Governor's School for the Gifted at Winston-Salem for the 1972 summer session. He will study in the field of social science.

His selection was based upon academic and mental ability.

The Governor's School is a seven-week residential program on the campus of Salem College for 400 intellectually gifted students.

Everett is an outstanding academic student in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Advisory Committee.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett.

Area Housing Fair Will Feature Services, Materials

"Your Dream, A Better Home", is the theme for the first Housing Fair ever to be held in Northeastern North Carolina. The inaugural event will be staged April 28-30 at Edenton Municipal Airport.

The primary hanger at the old military base will be handsomely decorated with exhibits from national, state, regional and area companies. Arrangements have been made to have professional booths installed for exhibitors.

George W. Lewis, executive vice president, Peoples Bank & Trust Company here, is general chairman of the Housing

Fair. The event is being sponsored by Albemarle Area Development Association, Cooperative Agriculture Extension Service, Bertie and Hertford counties.

Lewis, who heads AADA's Housing Committee, explains that the purpose of the exposition is to give people a chance to compare the latest ideas and materials for building and remodeling.

He said the Housing Fair will have exhibits featuring the latest concepts in home building, major components and related services which will benefit those seeking advice on a new home

as well as those who contemplate renovations.

The Fair has scheduled exhibits on house plans, financing, building sites, landscaping, plants and accessories as well as every aspect of construction and major furnishings.

The Fair will open at 10 A. M., April 28 and remain open that day until 9 P. M. The hours on April 29 will be 1 P. M., to 9 P. M., and on the final day 1 P. M., to 6 P. M. Exhibitors will have representatives at the various booths to inform those attending the Fair of their particular materials and services.