

When it comes to special events, time changes, etc., we manage to always be somewhere out in left field. In the past we have done no less than get people to celebrate Halloween on the wrong night, arrive an hour early for the Christmas parade, and an hour late for church.

Because of all this, we vowed not to call to the attention of those who meander along the Public Parade such things as the semi-annual Daylight Savings Time change.

However, this year we have it on good authority that at 2 A. M. Sunday you must advance your time pieces one hour. If you go to bed before this magic hour, don't forget that you lose an hour's sleep during the night and must wait until October (?) to get it back.

Our authority this year is Rev. Paul Hawkins at Immanuel Baptist Church. Since our youngest attends Mrs. Hawkins' kindergarten we are led to believe anything that comes from Immanuel is gospel. And if this thing about Daylight Savings Time doesn't conform, then the hour you lost will be on Brother Paul.

Color It Incomplete

Edenton Jaycettes are continuously in competition with their male counterparts for the limelight in community service. The fact that they remain about neck-and-neck is a wholesome realization.

Recently the Jaycettes held an annual banquet where new officers were installed, club members were recognized for service, and Mrs. Lena M. Leary, popular Chowan County Clerk of Court, delivered a scholarly address about the proper role of the fairer sex in the public forum.

Through pictures and type we did justice to two of the three aspects of the banquet—the officers and Mrs. Leary. What managed to slip by was the two highlights of the year—announcement of the Jaycette-of-the-Year and recipient of the President's Award.

Mrs. Bonnie Overton received the clubwoman award and Mrs. Frances Boyce was chosen by Mrs. Diane Dail to receive the president's top honor. What makes it even more difficult to explain away is that the Jaycettes are social news correspondents for The Herald and that Bonnie and Frances have had the honor and privilege (?) to make the weekly treks to this office.

You might say you could color that story incomplete. Sorry, girls!

Spring Fair Week

This could almost be dubbed "Fair Week" along the Public Parade and throughout the Albemarle Area. While one generally can't generate much interest in fairs this time of year, saving all the excitement until the fall harvest season, there are two important events going on at this time.

We are speaking of the Housing Fair, which opens at Edenton Municipal Airport at 10 A. M., Friday, for a three-day run, and the Jobs For Veterans Fair being held today at National Guard Armory in Elizabeth City. They are both new "animals" to us and we hope you are so curious as to take a look for yourself.

Neighboring Bertie and Hertford counties join the Albemarle Area Development Association counties and Agricultural Extension Service in sponsoring the Housing Fair. About two years of planning and hour upon hour of hard work has resulted in some 50 exhibitors of everything imaginable concerning housing; from advice to product selection.

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HOUSING FAIR DISPLAY—A portion of a display of frontier days building tools are displayed here by Rev. Edwin Williams of Hertford. This will be one of some 50 booths at the Albemarle Area Housing Fair opening at 10 A. M., Friday at Edenton Municipal Airport. The fair, free to the general public, will also be open Saturday and Sunday.

Gale Street Housing Site Work Is Set

Edenton Housing Authority has been authorized to spend \$31,149.91 for improvements to a three-acre tract south of West Gale Street, between the new construction and Filber's Creek.

Jack Habit, chairman, said the new work will be added to the contract of Kirkpatrick & Associates, Inc., of Greensboro, general contractor for the 100-unit low-rent public housing project.

Additional drainage will be installed in the swampy area which will be cleared, filled and seeded. The area will be finished to provide a playground and park facility.

The Department of Housing & Urban Development earlier denied a request for inclusion of this work in the existing project. A new plan was developed by Sheetz & Bradford Architects, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., following a recent conference in Greensboro.

Mayor George Alma Byrum, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Habit, Scott Harrell, housing authority member, and L. F. Amburn, Jr., executive director, pointed out the need for the work to be done before the present project is completed.

Banks Will Merge

HOBBSVILLE — Initial steps have been finalized for a merger of the 61-year-old Bank of Hobbsville into the Bank of North Carolina, N. A., it was revealed in a joint announcement released here today.

L. W. Hathaway, president and chairman of the board for the \$5-million Gates County bank, and J. Hugh Rich, president of the statewide Bank of North Carolina, N. A., with headquarters in Jacksonville, said boards of directors for both institutions now have approved the merger arrangement.

Stockholders for the two banks are expected to meet simultaneously in the near future to formally ratify the merger arrangement before requesting final approval from the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington.

Hobbsville is located some 15 miles from Edenton, where Bank of North Carolina has maintained a successful branch operation for the past five years.

The Hobbsville bank already has received approval for establishing a branch at nearby Hertford.

Following the joint merger announcement, BNC's President Rich commented:

"The Bank of Hobbsville has, since 1911, succeeded in earning widespread and enviable recognition throughout the North Carolina banking community as an example of how a community bank can work hand-in-hand with its customers.

"The Bank of Hobbsville has done much through these past 61 years to further the growth and prosperity of the people in the area it serves, and we at Bank of North Carolina are honored and proud that this good bank's board of directors has elected to join our banking system."

President Hathaway of the Hobbsville bank, in commenting on the merger, pointed to the exceptionally rapid growth of BNC since it was founded less than 20 years ago. He also emphasized that greater financial strength will be made available to Bank of Hobbsville's customers and the entire community through the Bank of Hobbsville's merger into the larger bank.

Loan Is Approved

Rep. Walter B. Jones announced Wednesday that a participation loan has been approved by the Small Business Administration to Chowan Area Development Corp., in Edenton. Richard H. Bryant is president.

This corporation is going to assist the Albemarle Marketing Association, Robert W. Moore, chairman, in a pig auction barn project. This is in conjunction with Albemarle Cooperative, an 11-county feeder pig association in Northeastern North Carolina, a project of N. C. Rural Fund For Development.

The financing consists of a loan from SBA in the amount of \$25,000; \$20,000 from a local bank, and \$5,000 from Chowan Area Development Corp., for a total project cost of \$50,000.

Rep. Jones said the funds will be used to purchase land, construct a building, and purchase machinery and equipment to operate the new business which will create seven new jobs.



Souvenir Items—Commemorative ash trays and glasses have arrived and are being sold in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the Town of Edenton. Jack Harris, chairman of this portion of the extensive birthday celebration, reports the peanuts in the glasses come as a bonus, but the number of glass sets is limited. Expressing her approval of the items in this picture is Mrs. Barbara Stille, a secretary at the Municipal Building.

Tentative Birthday Program Is Out

The schedule of events for the June celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Town of Edenton is taking shape, reports Alton G. Elmore, general chairman.

The "Two-Five-0" celebration will be held from June 11 through June 18 with hundreds of people participating. Edenton merchants plan a three-day sidewalk sale June 8-10.

Elmore released the following tentative program:

Sunday, June 11
Water Carnival; ski show; log-rolling contest, in Edenton Bay and Pembroke Creek.

Discount Rate Set

Chowan County commissioners have adopted a discount schedule for the pre-payment of 1972 taxes, according to Mrs. Elizabeth H. Goodwin, tax collector.

Mrs. Goodwin reports the rate as follows: June, 2 per cent; July, 1½ per cent; and August, 1 per cent.

Area Concern Expressed Over Parks, Inlet Project

ELIZABETH CITY—Albemarle Area Development Association has called for a feasibility study before decisions are made on establishing parks in Northeastern North Carolina and asked for a conference to determine the status of the Oregon Inlet Project.

Resolutions on these subjects were adopted last Thursday night during the regular monthly board meeting held at Holiday Inn here.

Phil Qu'dley of Manteo, chairman of the Travel & Recreation Committee, presented a resolution which stated that great interest is being shown in the creation of State Parks in the Albemarle Area. Among these points of interest being Jockey Ridge, certain swamp lands including portions of the Great Dismal Swamp and certain ocean properties.

The resolution states that it is wise and prudent that hasty action without proper feasibility studies not be taken.

"The AADA requests that no public funds be spent or allocated until a complete feasibility study of the entire Albemarle Area be completed, presented and accepted to the people of the Albemarle," it is stated. Also, the N. C. State Parks Commission is requested to take immediate steps to complete the study.

Alvah Ward, seafood industries specialist with the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, briefly traced the history of the "Manteo Shallow Back Bay (Oregon Inlet) Project" in Dare County with those present.

It was noted that this project holds the key to seafood and marine related

State Bonds Would Help Local Plans

Voter approval of the issuance of \$150-million Clean Water Bonds would mean an immediate savings of \$150,000 for taxpayers in the Town of Edenton.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, Board of Public Works, estimates this to be the cost of enlargement of the sewage disposal plant being faced by the town. Also, monies would be available to help pay the cost of increasing municipal water supply and to help the county finance a county water system.

Mayor Byrum and Harrell have endorsed the referendum and urge voters here to vote "for" the Clean Water Bonds on May 6.

Approval of the bonds would be the first state help for local governments in the field of water supply and sewage disposal systems.

Meanwhile in Raleigh, State Treasurer Edwin Gill, who is ex officio director of the Local Government Commission, issued the following statement regarding the Clean Water Bonds and

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Ollis Is Keynoter

Jim Ollis of Laurinburg, vice president of Junior Chamber International, will be keynote speaker and install new officers of Edenton Jaycees at a special banquet here tonight (Thursday). The banquet begins with a social hour at 6:30 o'clock with dinner served at 7:30 o'clock.

The banquet will be held at Jaycee Community Building on Base Road with Jim Elount as banquet chairman. New officers to be installed are: Woody Copeland, president; Roy Forehand, first vice president; Wayne Sawyer, second vice president; Jacob Jordan, secretary; Wallace Evans, treasurer; Louis Craddock, chaplain; Mac Privott, board chairman; Joe Hollowell, state director; and Carlton Layton, Harry Spruill, Al Partin, Melvin Copeland, James Eli's and Bill Norvell, directors.

Spark Plug and Spoke awards will be presented and Privott, who has served as president this year will announce the recipient of the Key Man Award.

Wayne Ashley, state vice president, will introduce Ollis.

Ollis, a college educator, has been active in Jaycees since 1961 and has served as state president and U. S. Jaycees director. Last year he was the chief delegate of the U. S. Jaycees to the JCI conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and attended three World Congresses.

Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission was directed to act as project coordinator, to call a conference and to:

- 1—Determine current status of the project;
- 2—Define obstacle to funding;
- 3—Develop a specific plan of action to accomplish appropriations and construction.



Area Development Meeting—Joe Landino of Columbia, left, painted a bright picture for agri-business in the Albemarle Area and Alvah Ward of Raleigh, right, discussed hang-ups in the Oregon Inlet Project during last week's meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association in Elizabeth City. L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president, is pictured with them. Another story on page 7. (Photo Courtesy The Daily Advance).