

## Thompson Is Good Choice

Democratic Party representatives from the First House District will gather in Elizabeth City on Tuesday night to name a nominee to replace Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., who resigned last week due to poor health.

The eight counties in the district have a voting strength of 57 votes, according to computations of the State Democratic Executive Committee. These votes will be cast by two representatives from each county, who in the Spring were named to the First District House of Representatives Executive Committee.

This is something new in the Democratic Party organization. And apparently every precaution is being taken to make sure it is properly done.

When State Chairman James R. Sugg of New Bern named W. L. Thompson of Elizabeth City chairman of the committee he demonstrated the state organization's intent to fairness.

Sheriff Thompson, who retired several years ago, possesses one of the keenest political minds in Northeastern North Carolina. His character and reputation qualifies him for the tremendous responsibility handed him by Mr. Sugg.

The chairman has the ability and temperament to keep the ship on course and a sense of fairness without peers.

Three men are actively seeking the nomination. Pasquotank County, although the home of Rep. Culpepper, let it be known early that they would not have a candidate for the nomination. This obviously was a move toward harmony with the seven smaller counties in the district.

While Pasquotank has 15 votes, it certainly cannot wag the dog in this case.

We view the contest for the nomination to be an open race and the appointment of Sheriff Thompson as chairman insures that fair play will be the name of the game.

## Vaughan Center Supported

Two weeks ago it was announced that a Respiratory Care Center was being established at the Chowan Hospital as a memorial to Dr. Roland H. Vaughan. A committee has been named to handle contributions and oversee the purchase of necessary equipment for the Vaughan Center.

The establishment of a Respiratory Care Center in a hospital the size of the one serving those along the Public Parade and throughout the area is a very ambitious undertaking. And it is entirely fitting that one would be named in honor of the late Dr. Vaughan, who gave so unselfishly of his time and talent to this community.

The proposed center received a \$1,000 contribution from Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell to get the memorial fund established. Several other smaller donations have been made in memory of Dr. Vaughan.

While it will be necessary to have small donors to insure the success of this project, it never hurts when the "big buck" rolls in. The following letter states it much better than we ever could:

"At our September meeting of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, we unanimously agreed to give \$1,000 towards establishing the Respiratory Care Center as a memorial to Dr. Roland H. Vaughan.

"The auxiliary is anxious to encourage residents of Chowan County and surrounding areas to contribute to this unique facility. The service will provide out-patient care, as well as acute and chronic respiratory patient care. The hospital already has trained personnel to operate the highly technical equipment. Dr. Landis Voigt will be doing chest surgery, and this sophisticated equipment is an absolute necessity.

"When the Vaughan Respiratory Care Center is established, it will mean that patients with respiratory problems will not need to be moved to Norfolk or Wilson. Our hospital patients can then be given more specialized care.

"Thank you for all your help in informing our community of this much needed facility."

(MRS.) JUDY EARNHARDT.

Member Chowan Hospital Auxiliary.

## Sports Report

Sports and politics must rank among the most frustrating of hobbies or avocations. And not necessarily in that order.

The May primary election wasn't exactly what one could call an excuse for us along the Public Parade to celebrate. Now before we knew it the long, hot summer is over and the gridiron has beckoned.

The Edenton Aces, always favorites hereabouts, managed a tie with a strong Bertie in the opener. Last Friday they weren't as fortunate against Murfreesboro, going down in defeat.

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## Fiberfoam Buys Chris-Craft Property



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## Board Splits On Matters At Meeting

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Among the important items of business discussed by the Chowan County commissioners Monday was the school system, landfill project, revaluation, and the board of directors of Chowan Hospital. Each of these was also the object of stormy debate during the four hour meeting.

Dr. Edwin West, superintendent of schools, in his monthly report to the board, stated that the \$35,000 debt owed to the commissioners for the loan to cover expenses incurred during the 1971-72 school year, would be paid as surpluses accumulate. Commissioner N. J. George immediately quizzed him regarding some \$9,000 which had already accumulated but had not been paid to the commissioners.

In reply, Dr. West said that this money had already been used to cover operational expenses for the month of August. Following that answer, George demanded that an attorney be called in or the Grand Jury be asked to settle the loan "mess" once and for all. According to him, either a mistake had been made or someone had not reported the truth to the county commissioners.

In fiscal 1971-72, \$417,000 was budgeted for the schools of which only \$318,000 in revenue was collected. The resulting deficit, as has been previously reported in The Herald, has been the continuing subject of heated debate for several months.

A report of revaluation showed that farm land was valued only slightly higher than in 1964. On the basis of 100 per cent valuation, farm land was valued at \$400 per acre in Chowan County. Although the commissioners approved the valuation report, Commissioner George questioned the basis of the revaluation. Because "too many questions have been left unanswered" he voted in opposition to the report as it read at this time.

Melvin Howell of the Farmers Home Administration along with Commission-

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**Candidates Meet House Official**—Archie Lane, Sr., of Perquimans County, former state legislator and currently sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives, is shown at right with Joe Nowell, state highway commissioner of Winfall, and John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton during a gathering at Elizabeth City last week. Mitchener and Nowell, along with Stanford White of Manns Harbor are seeking nomination to the House since Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., resigned.

## Thompson Given Post

ELIZABETH CITY — W. L. Thompson, retired sheriff of Pasquotank County, has been named chairman of the First District House of Representatives Executive Committee which meets at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday to name a Demo-

cratic Party replacement for Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr. The appointment was made by James R. Sugg of New Bern, state party chairman.

The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

Thompson is one of two members from Pasquotank County on the district house committee.

Each of the eight counties has two members on the committee but balloting on the nominee will be according to the one-man, one-vote plan with a total of 57 votes to be cast. W. B. Gardner and J. Gilliam Wood are Chowan's representatives on the committee.

The State Democratic Executive Committee has ruled that the counties will have the following voting strength:

Camden, four; Chowan, eight; Currituck, six; Dare, five; Pasquotank, 15; Perquimans, six; Tyrrell, three; and Washington, 10.

Three men are actively seeking the nomination. They are: John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton, and W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor, both candidates in the May primary; and Joe Nowell of Winfall, state highway commissioner.

Rep. Culpepper recently resigned because of poor health. Vernon James of Weeksville is the other Democrat nominated in the two-seat House District.

## Road Money OK

RALEIGH — The State Highway Commission has allocated over \$1-million to purchase right of way for the US 17 bypass of Edenton. Commissioner Joe W. Nowell of Winfall has announced.

Meeting in its regular monthly session, the commission approved the expenditure of \$1,041,050 to finance the purchase of property for the 7.5-mile project.

Nowell said he was extremely pleased by the action because "this gives this project a big push forward."

The bypass will be a 24-foot roadway with eight-foot shoulders. Generally, a project can be let to contract within a year after right of way acquisition begins.

## Hobbsville Bank Merges With BNC

HOBBSVILLE — Following approval by the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency, the Bank of Hobbsville Monday merged into the Bank of North Carolina, N. A., at a formal ceremony held in this Gates County community.

Participating in the formal dedication in addition to bank officials from the system's Central Office in Jacksonville were Rev. William E. Carter; Lamar Benton, chairman, Gates County commissioners; and Rep. Philip P. Godwin, speaker of the house. The response was made by Walter Harlow, BNC vice president and former Bank of Hobbsville officer.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hare, assistant cashier, participated in the unveiling

Fiberfoam, a division of U. S. Industries headquartered in Spokane, Wash., has purchased the 100,000-square-foot Chris-Craft boat plant in Edenton and is expected to begin production December 1.

Announcement of the purchase of the East Coast production facility was made at Fiberfoam's eastern dealer group meeting at its Spokane plant.

William Bongers, executive vice president of Fiberfoam, will direct the organization and initial production at the Edenton plant which will serve the growing Fiberfoam dealer organization established in the East during the past two years.

Fiberfoam, the largest fiberglass boat builder on the West Coast and one of the largest in the United States, manufactures a complete line of ski boats, runabouts, camper style boats and cruisers from 14 to 28 feet.

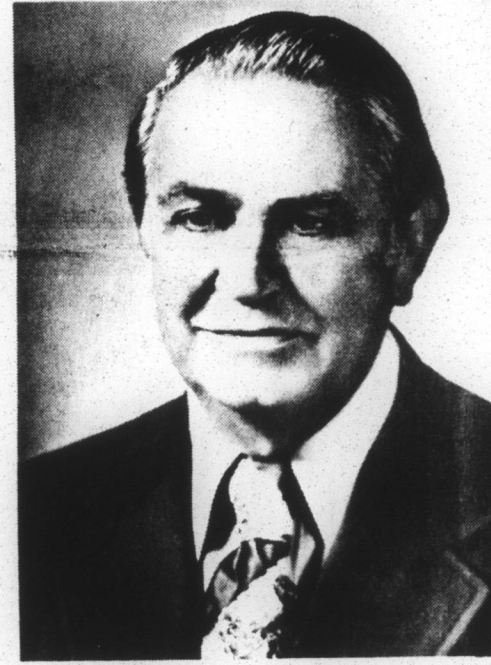
Donald K. Barnes, president, founded Fiberfoam and it was later merged with U. S. Industries, now the 69th largest corporation in this country.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, chairman of the Industries Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, hailed the announcement as being extremely fortunate for the community and especially for "those who have skills in fiberglass boat building and who have had to seek employment outside the county since Chris-Craft closed."

He noted that Fiberfoam has two other plants—one in Spokane and another in Canada—and this is the first move into the East Coast. "They should really do something for us," he added.

Jones said the area is very fortunate to get a firm of this caliber to purchase the spacious Chris-Craft plant. He said employment is expected to be equal or even surpass that of Chris-Craft.

Chris-Craft purchased 54 acres of land on Albemarle Sound and constructed a modern fiberglass boat building plant. The plant opened in 1969 and operated for approximately 18 months before being closed. It has been closed for about 18 months.



Rep. Walter B. Jones

## Jones To Speak

ELIZABETH CITY — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District will be keynote speaker at the annual fall dinner meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association on September 28.

The banquet will be held at Carolinian Motor Hotel in Nags Head, beginning with a social hour at 6:30 o'clock.

Rep. Jones will be introduced by Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon, secretary of the association and a member of the board of directors, N. C. Sheriff's Association.

R. L. Spivey of Perquimans County, association president, will be moderator at the banquet. Others on the program include: Father Joseph Klaus, R. V. Owens, C. B. Barham, III, and Elizabeth City Police Chief W. C. Owens.

Melvin E. Bunch, planning director, said the purpose of the association is to provide the Albemarle with a capable, respectful Criminal Justice System.

Those interested in attending the banquet are urged to contact the association office in Elizabeth City.

## Chowan Fair To Open Next Week

Final preparations are being made this week for the big Chowan County Fair which formally opens Tuesday. The fair will run through Saturday with many special events on the schedule.

The fair is sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, and W. A. Perry is president.

Joseph Byrum, fair manager, reminded those who plan to have entries and exhibits at the fair that the deadline is 6 P. M., Monday with judging to start at 9 A. M., Tuesday.

The David B. Endy Shows will be on the midway, with 15 thrill rides, concessions and shows. There will be free acts nightly.

Also, a 4-H Regional Talent Show

will be held at 7:30 o'clock each night with prizes, ribbons and trophies going to the winners. Those who win preliminaries each night will compete Saturday night for the grand prize and trophy.

The show is under the leadership of Chowan County 4-H Club Council and competition will include bands. The top 4-H talent from Chowan, Bertie, Gates, Perquimans, Washington and Tyrrell will be invited to participate. There will be a screening Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the fairgrounds.

The purpose of the talent show is to provide good entertainment; to increase fair participation and attendance; and

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**Banks Merge**—Lamar Benton, right, chairman, Gates County commissioners, is shown here with area officers of Bank of North Carolina, N. A., at a brief ceremony Monday when the Bank of Hobbsville officially joined BNC. From left are: Walter Harlow, vice president, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hare, assistant cashier of the Gates County branch, and Jack B. Harris, vice president in charge of the Edenton branch.