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## Public Parade

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It is refreshing to hear people in responsible positions in state government admit their mistakes and direct their efforts toward the future, rather than waste time explaining in scientific garbage the "why's" of a problem.

As the result of a heated meeting here late last month and cooler discussions since, Dr. Cooper and his staff have made certain determinations which point to their responsiveness to the people. And ain't that as refreshing as cool spring water—as pure as it can be in these modern times?

### Right Man For Job

Jack F. Harmon, be he a Democrat or a Republican, is the new Raleigh postmaster. His appointment was effective Saturday, ending speculation which began August 1, 1970, upon the retirement of the late D. Staton Inscoc.

The Raleigh Postal Customers Council has been critical of service since the Postal Reform Act went into effect last July. Wesley Williams is manager of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau and council chairman. He and Mr. Harmon are friends of longstanding and mutually respect each other.

Our least favorite newspaper of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina inserted a paragraph in the announcement to the effect that the new postmaster declined to state his political affiliation. So what?

When we knew Jack Harmon in Statesville he was a Republican—about as good a one with whom we have ever come in contact. Maybe that is because he didn't let the way he marked his ballot affect the efficient manner in which he went about discharging his duties; whether they be the successful operation of a super market, as president of his civic club, as a leader in the Methodist Church, or being a devoted husband and father.

As we see it, what the U. S. Postal Service has done in Raleigh is plant a friend in the "enemy" camp. And if given a decent chance, Jack Harmon and Wesley Williams will resolve whatever differences that exist.

When this happens, your mail entering Raleigh and moving from Raleigh will be handled in a proper manner, not by a Democrat or a Republican but by a man who enjoys the reputation as a dedicated and unbiased public servant, which can't be said for some newspapers published in Tar Heelia.

## Voter Registration Books Are Open

Citizens are reminded that Monday, October 9, is the last day to register for the November General Election, according to the Chowan County election office.

Persons who have moved from one precinct to another must apply for a transfer to the precinct in which they now reside. Registration for Chowan County is from 9 A. M., until 1 P. M., on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the office of Mrs. Pansy Elliott in the County Office Building on East King Street or at the Election office in the

## Hollowell Picked

Joe Hollowell, 11 Westover Heights, has been named Chowan County coordinator of Jesse Helms, GOP candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Hollowell this week announced the formation of a Citizens Committee for Helms here. Named to the committee were: Byron Kehayes, 113 Pembroke Circle; Dr. David Wright, Old Fish Hatchery; Rev. Paul Hawkins, Immanuel Baptist Church; W. A. Whichard, Virginia Road; and T. B. H. Wood, Route 2, Edenton.

He said the purpose of the Citizens Committee for Helms is to involve Democrats and Independents as well as Republicans in efforts to elect the Raleigh TV executive to the Senate.

Hollowell, a young farmer, is an active member of Edenton Jaycees and has worked on many worthwhile community projects.

## Heard & Seen

"By Buff"

It's so nice to receive letters from former Edentonians who still remember and miss the old home town. But this week we received a letter which was not so complimentary of Edenton. William E. Sutton, now living in Mexico, has had some trouble in receiving his Herald, due to almost unlegible writing from the post office regarding change in address. So Friend Sutton, no doubt a little disgusted, sat down and wrote the following letter:

"Dear Sirs: I wrote you some weeks ago that you were not addressing the paper to me correctly. Today I received two copies after a lapse of over two months, still with the wrong address. My mailman tells me that he will not deliver the paper to me any more until it is addressed properly. The correct address as you can see is above. If you cannot mail it to the right address, just don't send it any more. You are only wasting your time. I will miss the paper even though I do get tired of reading about the phoney history and the so-called progress, which you don't have. Every ten years the population is less. It is still the same old Edenton and always will be, I am afraid. Hope that you will be able to get my address correct."

Then Frances and Leslie Morgan, out in Rutherfordton, renewed their subscription to The Herald and in a brief note had this to say:

"Dear Buff: Lots of sad things have happened and many good things since we last sent you our check. Edenton is certainly growing into quite a town. Enclosed is our check for The Herald. Will let you know when our address changes—looks quite doubtful that it will be Edenton for quite some time. Best of luck and good fishing! P. S. Ever been fishing for trout in a mountain stream?"

Anybody have an appetite for a fish dinner? If so, please hold off until Saturday. For on Saturday Chowan County Shrine Club will hold its sixth annual fish fry at the Boy Scout cabin, from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M. The proceeds from this affair is for the benefit of Shriners' crippled children's hospital. So by buying a fish dinner you will appease your appetite and at the same time make some contribution to unfortunate children in crippled children's hospital.

And speaking about fishing, men are not the only ones what can catch 'em. For instance, Mrs. Carrie Earnhardt recently won two prizes for catching the largest Spanish mackerel down along the coast, and she's very proud of her accomplishment.

Masons had a very enjoyable ladies' night banquet at the Rocky Hock Community Center last Thursday night, when the Rocky Hock ladies served a stumped down good turkey dinner. And the featured music was just as good as the food. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones and their children of New Hope presented a program which was far better than some of the programs heard on radio and television. Sam Long is to be complimented for engineering such a successful ladies' night banquet.

same building. Mrs. Elliott's office is located on the second floor and the Election Office is on the first floor in the Tax Department.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman and Mrs. J. M. Thorud, executive secretary, will be in the office during the week. They may be phoned at 482-8484, Extension 7. The county is not required to have the office open full time. The hours, set by law, work on a modified basis.

A person may register at the home of the registrar in his precinct by appointment. The registrar should be contacted prior to the visit.

Civilian absentee voting is allowed in the General Election. Persons may apply for absentee ballots by contacting the chairman of the Election Board by mail or in person. The board may receive these requests starting on September 23. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot is 6 P. M., November 1. The deadline for returning these ballots is 12-noon, November 4.

## Bloodmobile Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile hopes to collect 100 units of blood Wednesday during a regular visit to Chowan County.

Bill Norvell, Jaycee volunteer chairman, said the bloodmobile will be at Edenton Baptist Church from 11 A. M., to 5 P. M., and he encourages people in the community to support this effort to keep an adequate amount of blood available for us by area hospitals.

## Towns Get Bigger

### Powell Bill Checks

The Town of Edenton, like other municipalities across North Carolina, will receive a fatter Powell Bill check this month than in previous years. The Edenton check will amount to \$59,839.65.

Reason for the giant increase was the passage of legislation by the 1971 General Assembly which doubled the amount of gasoline tax earmarked for municipalities, from one-half cent per gallon to a full cent.

Each municipality is given its share based on a formula in which population counts 75 per cent and street mileage not on the state system counts for 25 per cent.

The total for the fiscal year 1971-72 in the state, which ended June 30, was \$27,024,222.30—more than double last year's allocation of \$12.5-million which was the largest previous total.

Edenton reports 21.43 non-system miles. Other area municipalities participating in the Powell Bill distribution, the number of non-system miles and the total allocation include:

Creswell, 1.58; \$6,892.99; Elizabeth City, 48.95; \$165,061.81; Gatesville, 1.81; \$4,306.97; Hertford, 7.93; \$23,896.29; Kill Devil Hills, 27.42; \$21,082.77; Manteo, 2.95; \$6,983.63; Nags Head, 9.71; \$10,132.15; Roper, 5.04; \$9,284; and Winfall, 2.58; \$7,059.04.

## Land Is Given

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the proposed park at Merchants Mill Pond in Gates County represents "unique land", the type of which is desired for parks.

Taylor said also that it is the intent of the division to fill the educational and recreational needs of the people through an expanded network of parks.

He was introduced by A. B. Coleman of Currituck County, who has agreed to donate the mill pond site for a park. At a 5 P. M. meeting, Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission approved changes in the by-laws of Area Health Education System and recommended that a Family Planning Task Force proposal, if funded, be handled by AHES.

N. J. George was critical of the changes, saying ARPDC would end up as only a bookkeeping agency and have no control. He was also critical of the delivery of health services in the area.

Macon Johnson of Camden County defended the District Health Department and Howard Campbell, administrator.

W. B. Gardner, chairman, said the intent of the proposal is good. "If we turn this thing down we are only delaying them," he said.

Wesley Cullipher, executive director, said at the present time the family planning program is very fragmented. "The proposed plan ties all ends together and is the only region-wide plan in eight Southeastern states," he pointed out. He predicted funding soon.

## Action Will Protect

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he continued. Dr. Cooper was not optimistic about the river clearing up anytime soon. "Only time and fortunate circumstances of weather can do that (remove the algae)," he said.

"Our efforts are directed toward alleviating the situation in the Chowan next year and preventing it from occurring in Albemarle Sound."

The speaker was also critical of past industrialization efforts. "We have done far too poor a job of assessing the environmental impact of the industries we locate in North Carolina," he said. As the result of legislation passed in 1971, efforts on the state level have improved. "The same thing must be done on the local level," he said as he promised the assistance of his department in working with local leaders.

"So, the message is clear," he concluded. "Insofar as anyone in this room acted to bring FCAI here and did not at the same time try to exact from them absolute promises regarding pollution abatement, he is responsible for what has happened to the Chowan. And until we begin to do differently, the fate of the Chowan waits around the corner for other rivers."

## Materials Needed

The Edenton-Chowan Schools are in need of second-hand sewing machines, cloth and other sewing materials that are utilized in making clothes. These items will be used to teach girls about the skills required by today's modern woman in her dual role as homemaker-wage earner.

Should you have a sewing machine, cloth and other sewing articles around the house, which you would like to discard, the Edenton-Chowan Schools could make good use of them.

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