

Chowan Fair Opens Next Week

Next week, as in years past, the American Legion Post 40 will welcome young and old alike to the annual Chowan County Agricultural Fair. The week's festivities are scheduled to begin Monday and run through next Saturday.

For those who revel in the bright lights and cotton candy, the fair will be the largest ever in the county.

C. W. Slades, coordinating the various activities, stated that Loudon Amusement Company will feature 15 thrill rides on the midway and special entertainment for the week will be

provided by the Fowler Family.

In addition to the innumerable booths and exhibits that will be featured, there will be 4-H talent competition each night from youths in Chowan County and the surrounding area. The fun will be highlighted by a fireworks display.

Two "kids' days" will be observed, falling on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We are making every effort to present good clean entertainment for the public," remarked Slades.

Perquimans Is Defeated

The Aces of John A. Holmes High School posted their second consecutive victory of the season against the Perquimans Pirates in Hertford, Friday night. They tallied 25 points against the Pirates 12, but it was a contest plagued with fumbles and penalties.

The Aces return home Friday night to meet Gates County. The contest will begin at 8 o'clock at Hicks Field.

The Pirates rallied for an early lead in the first quarter. Pirate Hurley Perry grabbed a fumble by Jimmy Fleetwood on a pitch-out to race almost 70 yards for the score. They did not get the extra point, however.

A couple of plays later, Edenton gave up the ball on another fumble deep in their own territory. Perquimans' drive for another score was stopped by the Edenton defense after only five yards gained on the series.

Edenton then traversed the field only to lose possession on the Perquimans nine yard line. Later, as the Pirates were unable to sustain a drive and yielded the ball, Fleetwood picked up 12 yards in addition to another 15 yards due to a penalty against Perquimans.

From the 20, Arnold Brothers footed it to pay dirt to post the first score of the game for the Aces. Ralph Garrett split the uprights to give Edenton a 7-6 lead.

On the following kick-off, Percy Twine scooped up the ball to put Edenton in scoring position again. The Aces lost ground, though, and a field goal attempt by Garrett was unsuccessful.

Moving on to the second half, Perquimans ripped off a quick TD set up by a 40 yard return on the opening kick-off. Four plays and one Aces' penalty later, fullback Oliver Felton moved the ball the one yard needed for the score, and again Perquimans lead the Aces.

It didn't take Edenton long to come back. A 57-yard drive, featuring David Norris and Brothers as leading ground gainers, was topped by a four yard carry by Norris for the score.

In the latter part of the third quarter, Garrett made off with the Pirates' pigskin booty. Garrett's fumble recovery set up the Aces' ensuing score which was marked by a 32-yard aerial display from quarterback Gerald Hall to Thomas Slade. Norris made the score from four yards out.

The final touchdown of the evening occurred in the fourth period when Norris made a 38-yard punt return and Willie Holley carried it in from the two yard line.

Sales Tax Report

Net collections from the local option 1 per cent sales tax exceeded \$8-million in Tar Heel counties in August. According to a report issued by J. Howard Coble, secretary, Department of Revenue, net collections in Chowan County amounted to \$12,401.70.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties were:

Camden, \$2,689.62; Currituck, \$6,267.10; Dare, \$67,576.52; Gates, \$4,350.64; Pasquotank, \$26,655.09; Perquimans, \$10,000.00; Tyrrell, \$3,707.02; and Washington, \$12,280.00.



GEORGE ALMA BYRUM

To Seek Re-election

The first contest in the November Municipal Election in the Town of Edenton develops this week when incumbent Mayor George Alma Byrum announced that he had filed for re-election.

Last week Councilman Roy L. Harrell, a three-time loser for the office, announced that he would again seek the post.

Indications are that James C. Dail, mayor pro tem, will seek another four-year term as councilman-at-large, and that Councilman David G. White will also seek re-election. Word has circulated recently that Councilman Clyde Hollowell will not be a candidate for re-election.

No word has been heard from Treasurer James M. Bond.

The deadline for filing is noon October 12.

In a brief statement, Mayor Byrum stated that it had been a privilege to serve in this capacity for the past four and one-half years and that he was pleased with the progress that had been made in many areas of town government.

Mayor Byrum further stated he would run an active campaign on his record as mayor and as a Town Councilman for 12 years.

He promised to continue to give the time, energy, and leadership necessary to complete many projects already planned, and to honestly and earnestly work with the Town Council for a better Edenton of tomorrow.

James C. Dail Is Named Chamber President

James C. Dail will be installed as president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce at the annual membership banquet Tuesday night. Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will be the keynote speaker.

The banquet will be held at Chowan Golf & Country Club. It will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Dail, Edenton mayor pro tem and executive vice president of Edenton Savings & Loan Association, heads a new slate of officers who will direct the activities of the chamber for the next year.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks was named vice president; Mrs. Edward G. Bond, secretary, and Alton Clark, treasurer. Jack Harris, immediate past president, will be an ex-officio member of the board.

The six new board members include: Mrs. Bond, Paris Clark, Max Busby, Warner Perry and Pete Thompson. Others on the board are: Mayor George Alma Byrum, R. D. Dixon, Jr., Wallace Evans, Joe Hollowell, Byron Kshayes, J. Clarence Leary, Jr., and George C. Moore.

Robert W. Moore is executive

From The Bench

Judge J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro is following the practice of other Superior Court jurists in conducting a brief class in court procedures of jurors and spectators. In his remarks prior to dismissing the jurors Thursday of last week, the popular judge stated:

It is rather difficult to hold court because of so much bookkeeping involved. This is required by Court of Appeals.

Court is costly. In Chowan County it runs about \$500 per day.

He would support necessary changes in North Carolina law to allow defendants to waive jury trial and let the judge hear the case.

A lot of things about court procedure rub people the wrong way. But like baseball, we must play it by the rules. Therefore, there is no use to become upset about it.

And later, when giving the oath to Keith Teague of Burlington, new assistant solicitor in the district, Judge Copeland noted that the law says the assistant solicitor must be a lawyer while there is no such requirement for the solicitor or judge.

Regardless of these bits of wisdom, there still remains much unanswered about the judicial process along the Public Parade and throughout the country.

Youth Center Hailed

Those who have long felt an adequate recreation program is a prime ingredient of a balanced community can applaud the announcement of plans for the Edenton-Chowan Youth Center at National Guard Armory.

Roy Winslow, the first full-time recreation director to meander along the Public Parade, displayed unusual organizational ability and dedication to duty when he arrived on the scene in June and put together the best summer program ever seen in Edenton.

As an encore he has made elaborate plans for the youth center for boys and girls eight to 17 years of age. Games and activities that will be conducted are pool, ping-pong, cards, chess, checkers, etc., juke box, TV, and basketball, etc.

He has designated different sections of the spacious building for various age groups and has designed the program to best utilize the facility.

Too, the center will operate at hours when previously the youth of this community complained of having nothing to do.

There are community buildings scattered throughout Chowan County that can also be turned into

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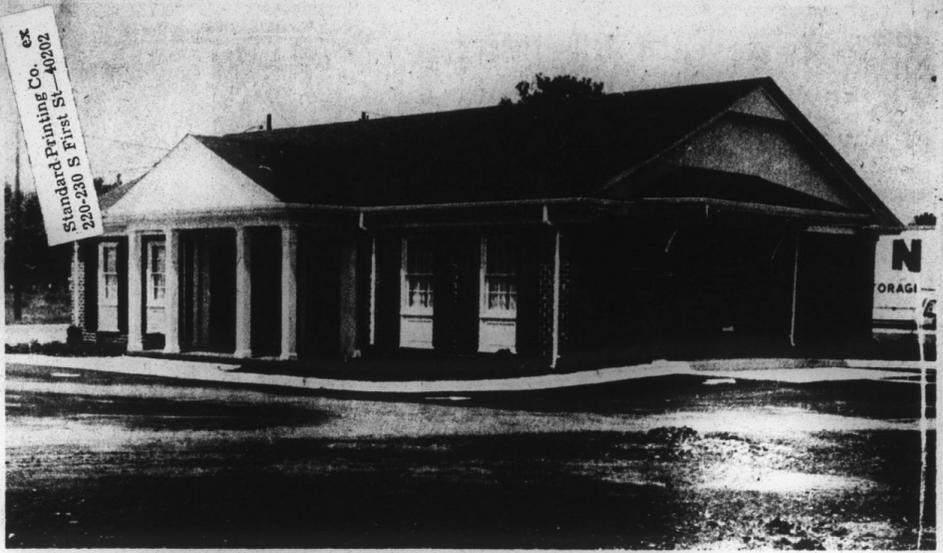
vice president and Mrs. Brenda Hurdle is office secretary.

Lt. Gov. Hunt, a Wilson native and popular public official, will be introduced by Jack Evans.

Rev. Bob Gray, Parks, Harris, Moore and Dail will also have roles at the banquet. Mr. and Mrs. Gray will provide the entertainment.



JAMES C. DAIL



Scene of Edenton's First Bank Robbery--BNC's Northside Branch

Bank Robbed; Suspect At Large

A lone bandit, armed with a revolver, Tuesday morning robbed the Bank of North Carolina's branch at Northside Shopping Center. He eluded scores of officers in a chase through Chowan and Gates counties and over into Nansamond, Va.

He had not been apprehended at press time.

Jack Harris, BNC vice president, would not verify for publication the amount of money taken in the 10:26 A.M. robbery. He said it was the policy of the bank not to disclose the amount. He added that this is done for security reasons.

Harris said the white man walked up to the teller's station operated by Morris Small, Jr., and

said: "This is a holdup". He related that Small later faced the gun given a paper bag into which he put the money.

There were two customers in the branch at the time and George Coward and his son of Merry Hill were entering as the bandit fled. The robber sped north on Paradise Road in a 1973 maroon Chevrolet.

No shots were fired and no one was injured in Edenton's first bank robbery.

"He was really getting off," Coward said at the scene.

B. G. Riddle, manager of Macks, and George Dowdy, Winn-Dixie manager, got into Riddle's car and gave chase.

Small sounded the alarm while the man was still in the bank and

police responded immediately. They were joined by Sheriff Troy Toppin and his deputies, members of the State Highway Patrol, SBI and FBI.

The car was chased in the Drum Hill section of Gates County by a detective with Nansamond Police Department. The detective said he saw the car on three different occasions and got a good look at the motorist who was always driving at a high rate of speed on the rural paved roads.

Local enforcement officers were quickly joined by others in neighboring counties to form a dragnet from which the robber ultimately escaped. One officer said at least one of the suspects is quite familiar with the area where the hunt centered.

The airplane of N. C. Wildlife Commission was called into service to join in the search of the heavily wooded area, as well as a helicopter from Virginia State Police.

The robber has not positively been identified, although there are several suspects.

Warner Perry is branch manager and Mrs. Gail Bunch is head teller.

Harris said he is real proud of the employees and the way they handled themselves. Also, he said he is thankful that no one was injured.

The branch bank, located at the intersection of North Broad Street and Paradise Road in the shopping center, officially opened on August 27. It is the first branch BNC has opened outside the downtown area of Edenton.

Hendrix Takes Probation Post

J. Robert Hendrix, Route 1, Tyner is the first juvenile probation officer employed to work in the First District. He was named to the post recently by Chief District Court Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City.

Hendrix resigned as director of the Department Social Services in Chowan County to accept the new position. He will work in Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. Judge Horner excluded Dare County from the new system, leaving the work in that county to be done by the Department of Social Services.

No decision has yet been made on the location of an office. Hendrix will be assisted by a female probation officer and a secretary.

Educated at East Carolina University, Hendrix taught in the schools of Gates County and Suffolk, Va., for seven years prior

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AID IN CANCER DETECTION--Mrs. Marian Thrower, president of the Chowan Cancer Society is pictured above with Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president Chowan Hospital, and Mrs. Ruth Vaughn, presenting a check to the hospital for the purchase of spirometer to be used in the detection of lung cancer and other respiratory diseases. It will become part of the Vaughn Respiratory Center.

Cancer Society Donates Funds

The Chowan Cancer Society has contributed \$450 for the purchase of a spirometer. This will be added to the equipment in the Vaughn Respiratory Center at Chowan Hospital.

The spirometer is a relatively new type of diagnostic equipment

utilized in testing the functions of the lungs. The results of these tests will help to detect lung impairment, to determine the type of impairment and to estimate its severity.

These tests can also be used to follow the course of diseases such as lung cancer, tuberculosis is, asthma, and many others and to evaluate their response to treatment.

Another improvement area of use for this equipment is in preventative medicine. Its use in health screening may lend to the early detection of lung disease.

Rate Decrease

Edenton's Board of Public Works has rolled back one-third of the retail rate increase approved several months ago and dropped the fosel fuel charge, according to Jesse L. Harrell, board chairman. The action was taken September 13 in a meeting with the board's consulting engineers.

The board will absorb some \$25,000 in fosel fuel charges in the next year and the new, lower, rate will cut income by an additional \$50,000, it has been estimated.

The new rate is that as recommended by the State Utilities Commission for retail electric rates in this area.

James Martin, director of utilities, said the next billing (October) will be figured on the lower rate but will reflect the high usage of the hot months of August and early September.

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LT. GOV. JIM HUNT



J. ROBERT HENDRIX