

Good Track Record

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City was asked when he announced as a candidate for the Resident Superior Court Judgeship in the First District how it would affect his duties as chief prosecutor. He responded by saying he would continue the same work schedule as previously arranged.

Therefore, when the March Term of Chowan County Superior Court opened here Monday, Solicitor Small was in harness. And if there were any fears that he was going to politic via his court position it wasn't in evidence.

Judge Joshua S. James of Maple Hill in New Hanover County and Solicitor Small made a good team. Judge James presided firmly and fairly, with candor and judicial temperament always desired of a jurist but so many times lacking.

On the other side of the bar, Solicitor Small was his usual self. He prosecuted the docket vigorously. By the end of Tuesday he had cleared 15 cases from the lengthy docket without any plea bargaining. There had been one jury trial and a jury was picked for a second contested case.

If other courts recorded such track record it would not be necessary for the state to go to the additional expense of establishing more judgeships. The administration of justice ought not to be handled in a half-hearted manner. While it isn't happening along the Public Parade, many courts are producing only half a loaf.

Technical But Interesting

Progressive Farmer's March edition contained a 36-page "Peanut Profit Guide" which included three different news stories of general interest to the farmer but of particular interest to those who meander along the Public Parade.

Featured were the farming practices of Gilliam Wood at Hayes and A. C. Griffin, along with what's happening to "ground peas" at Pert Labs. All three articles were illustrated with attractive photographs.

Woody Upchurch, a writer for Extension News Service at N. C. State University, did the articles

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Club Reactivated

Efforts to reactivate the Albemarle Wildlife Club began recently with a combination oyster roast-membership meeting at Edenton Marina. At the meeting a new slate of officers were elected and plans made for bi-monthly meetings.

George W. Lewis, who chaired a highly successful Ducks Unlimited meeting here last November, was elected club president. Named to serve with him were: Edward W. Taylor, vice president; Robert W. Moore, secretary; and James E. Darnell, treasurer.

The meetings will be held the first Friday of every other month at Edenton Restaurant.

Project Talks Are Held

Chowan County commissioners were scheduled to meet at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday at Edenton Restaurant. While the agenda was not available at press time it was

anticipated that the members would discuss a site for a new courthouse and jail. Chairperson A. Phillips will preside over the called session, one

of several the commissioners have held to discuss the courthouse-jail project.

Following is an earlier story relative to the proposals:

Location of a new Chowan County courthouse away from the downtown area of Edenton would inconvenience the general public and erode the economy of the central business district.

This was the message carried to county commissioners at a hearing held recently. George Alma Byrum, former mayor, presented plats of six possible sites between Church Street and Edenton Bay for consideration. He said all of the sites provide ample space for a large building, landscaping and parking for a courthouse and jail.

Commissioners are considering whether to purchase a large tract for development of an eventual governmental complex with the courthouse and jail being the first phase, or whether to merely construct a courthouse and jail without adopting the complex plan.

John A. Mitchener, Jr., a former mayor, argued that removal of the courthouse to the perimeter of Edenton would begin a decay of the downtown area which would spread like a malignancy.

He also cited "certain economic factors that would reflect in the treasury of the town and county."

A. C. Hudson, speaking for the Negro community, said there is

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AT IMPACT MEETING—Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, second from left, and Mrs. Jones are shown with area leaders at Friday night's banquet prior to an Impact meeting. Left to right are: S. D. O'Neal, Rep. Jones, Mayor Roy Harrell, Mrs. Jones, Wilbur G. Pierce, and T. R. Spruill.

Rep. Jones Supporting EIC

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has expressed his unqualified support for Economic Improvement Council, Inc., while being highly critical of President Nixon's decision to dismantle OEO at a

time when it was beginning to reach "the pinnacle of service and results."

Speaking at an Impact meeting in John A. Homes High School Auditorium Friday night, Rep. Jones "respectfully" urged county governments in Region R to give careful consideration to EIC's request for local funding. He said in his opinion this anti-poverty agency is worth saving.

(EIC stands to be phased out as of June 30 and has asked local governments to fund a scaled-down program of administration at the \$150,000 funding level.)

In his prepared remarks, Rep. Jones admitted that when he went to Washington in 1966 he had reservations about OEO programs and was critical of many

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Launch Drive

The Perquimans County Restoration Association has announced that the drive for matching funds for continuation of the Newbold-White house project southeast of Hertford will begin on March 15 and continue through May 1. Funds will be used for actual restoration of the oldest brick house in North Carolina.

Heading the campaign the year will be Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Winslow, Jr., of Hertford. Winslow is vice president of Winslow Oil Company of Hertford and Elizabeth City and his wife, Jean, is a director of PCRA and currently serves as its financial secretary.

Appropriations this year will be \$37,500 by the N. C. Legislature and National Park Service. Mrs. Winslow points out that while last year's successful drive produced \$2 for every one, this year's drive will produce \$3 for every one.

Artifacts from last summer's site excavation are being exhibited in People's Bank in Hertford by Herbert Nixon, project chairman. They will be changed every week by Mr. Nixon so the public will have the opportunity to view the many remnants that tell interesting stories of the life and times of the 17th and 18th century farm life.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Winslow, Financial Secretary, PCRA, P. O. Box 42 Hertford.

Pick Chairman

The Chowan County Board of Elections has two new members, including the chairman, who took their oaths Monday before Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court.

Mrs. Byron Kehayes is chairman of the newly organized board; Mrs. George C. Hoskins, immediate past chairman is secretary; and L. Earl Britton is a member. Mrs. Joe Thorud remains as executive secretary.

Mrs. Kehayes and Britton, both are Republicans and Mrs. Hoskins is the Democrat member. Claude Griffin, a Democrat, and J. L. Chestnutt, a Republican previously served on the board with Mrs. Hoskins.

The GOP gained the majority on the elections boards throughout the state upon appointment from the State Board of Elections from nominees submitted by the two political parties.



FARM BUREAU DEDICATION—The new headquarters of the Chowan County Farm Bureau was dedicated Sunday with Mayor Roy L. Harrell cutting the ribbon. The office is located on U. S. 17 North, across from Seabrook Blanching Corporation. The small crowd attending enjoyed refreshments following the brief ceremony. Pictured above from left to right are: D. T. Bateman, Chowan County commissioner and member of the Farm Bureau board of directors; Jimmy Parrish, President of Chowan County Farm Bureau; John Sledge, assistant to the North Carolina president, Farm Bureau Federation; Mayor Harrell; and Elbert Phelps, area field agent, Farm Bureau Federation.

Hospital, AHRDS Join In Program

Chowan Hospital has entered into contracts with Albemarle Human Resources Development System to house phases of two regional programs—speech and hearing and detoxification. While both programs are designed to become self-supporting it does not mean anyone in need of service will be turned away because of inability to pay.

Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president at the hospital, said the pledge to provide services without regard to ability to pay is written into the hospital's bylaws with which regional programs must conform.

Surratt said the hospital is extremely pleased to be able to cooperate with AHRDS in these programs. He said they would aid the entire 10-county region as well as provide a needed service at the hospital.

The operating room suite at the old hospital has been renovated to house the Albemarle Speech and Hearing Center, which also has a center in Elizabeth City. Some \$20,000 in equipment has been installed and David McGraw, speech pathologist-director, said open house will be held soon so the community can view the facilities.

An in-service training program for those involved in the

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CONTEST WINNERS—Pictured with Lloyd C. Bunch, chairman of the Chowan Board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, are first and second place winners in the Chowan County Conservation Poster Contest. They are: front row, Patti Haste and Wendy Hare; middle row, Karen Evans and Charlene Evans; and back row, Bruce White and Lin Harrell.

Local Poster Winners Picked

The Chowan County Conservation Poster Contest, sponsored annually by the Chowan Board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, was held recently at Chowan High School, reports Lloyd C. Bunch, county chairman.

Winners in the contest were: Fourth grade: Patti Haste - first place, Chowan Academy, and

Wendy Hare - second place, Swain Elementary; Fifth grade: Karen Evans - first place, Chowan Academy, and Charlene Evans - second place, Chowan High; Sixth grade: Bruce White - first place and Lin Harrell - second place, Swain Elementary.

The event is the climax of a course on conservation conducted in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades during the month of February. The students study conservation and then prepare individual posters on any sound conservation idea at the end of the course.

The posters were judged on how the conservation idea was presented, 50 points; originality, 25 points; artistic ability, 15 points; and neatness, 10 points.

Cash prizes of \$5 were presented to the first place winners and \$3 to the second place winners. \$2 prizes were also presented to room winners for those rooms not having a county winner.

The county winners will compete with the winners from Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties in the Albemarle District Poster Contest

The local Board of Supervisors wish to express their appreciation to the students and school officials for a job well done and for making this event possible.

Posters are on display at Peoples Bank and Trust Company.

Litchfield Gets Bank Post

Peoples Bank and Trust Company today announced the appointment of Harry B. Litchfield as senior vice president and city executive of the bank's Edenton office.

President of the \$200,000 bank, W. H. Stanley, said of the appointment, "We are indeed very pleased with Mr. Litchfield's association with Peoples Bank. He has an outstanding background in banking and his past experiences in banking will greatly benefit our Edenton office." Stanley further stated, "We are sure that Mr. Litchfield, through his

experiences in banking and business and his interest in civic affairs, will be a real asset to the people of Edenton and the surrounding area."

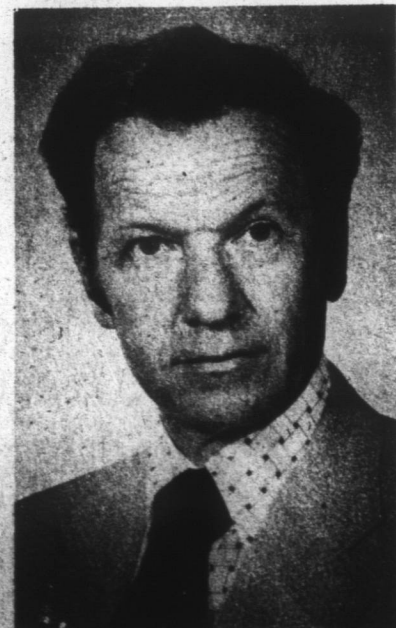
A native of Aurora, Litchfield graduated from Aurora High School in 1947 and received a B. S. Degree in business administration from U. N. C. at Chapel Hill in 1951. He served in the U. S. Coast Guard for three and a half years and in July, 1954, joined the Sinclair Refining Company as a sales representative.

Since 1961, Litchfield has been employed by First Citizens Bank and Trust Company serving in a variety of lending and general management positions. He comes to Peoples Bank from the First Citizens office in Lincolnton, where he served as vice president and city executive.

Litchfield has been an active member of numerous associations and civic organizations. He has served two terms as president of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and has served as president of the Lincolnton Kiwanis Club. He also received the "Man of the Year" Award in Lincoln County in 1968.

In 1970, Litchfield was elected as county commissioner for Lincoln County. He has also served on the advisory board of the Gaston

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HARRY B. LITCHFIELD



Chowan County agricultural extension staff was recognized for outstanding work among the county staffs in the Northeastern District at the recent N. C. Extension Conference in Greensboro. Left to right are: Judith Walker, Murray Goodwin, and Paul Thompson.