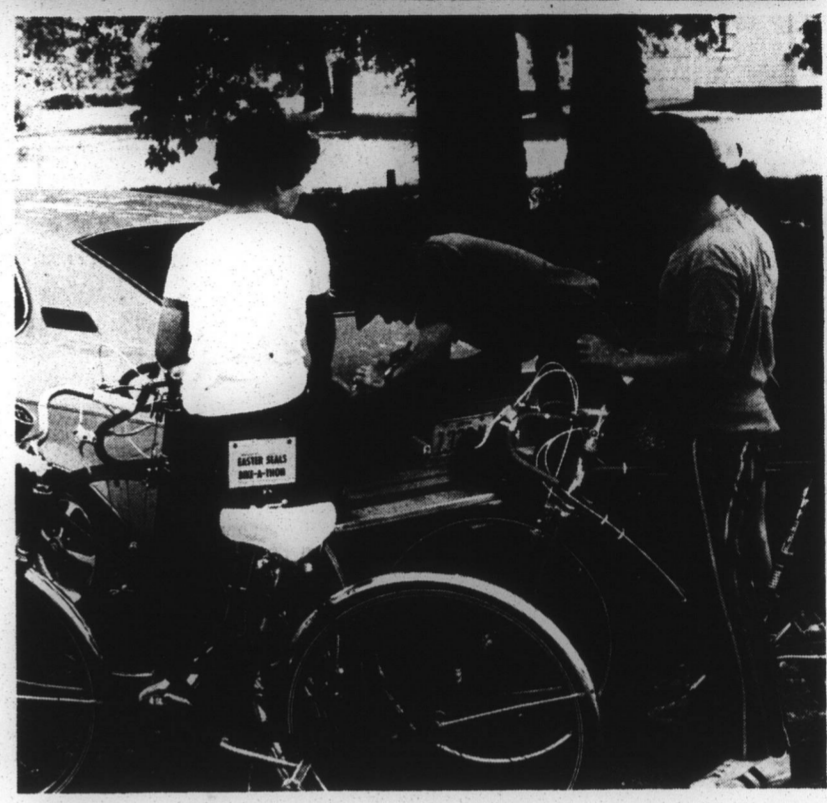




READY TO RIDE—Above, some 72 participants in Sunday's Easter Seals Bike-A-Thon sit awaiting the starting signal while Rudolph Dale assists Mrs. Emily Amburn in preparing to join the

other riders. At right, National Guardsman Steve Davenport signs validation cards at checkpoint seven while bikers take a short breather before taking to the highway again.



Bike-A-Thon Is Successful

By FLYNN SURRATT
Both in and out of town, on streets and highways, a lot of people were taking advantage of that glimpse of summer Sunday afternoon peddling around on their bikes. It could hardly have been a more perfect day.

Warm enough to work up a healthy sweat, the occasional gentle breezes kept the temperatures from becoming oppressive. Just the kind of day that is right for a Bike-A-Thon.

By 1:30 in the afternoon, most of the riders for the Easter Seals Bike-A-Thon had completed registration procedures and were sitting on their wheels in a big cluster at the end of Woodard Street beside the National Guard Armory. A few riders were still

arriving, a couple of men sporting cassette recorders looked official while a camera-man for WAVY-TV moved through the crowd shooting a few feet of film here and there.

Now and then a young voice would cry out, "Hey buddy, take my picture!" The staccato crackle of National Guard radio-telephones, tennis shoes, gym suits, bermuda shorts, sun glasses, and hectic organizers made up the festive scene.

Half an hour later, just as a few signs of impatience were beginning to show, the signal to start was given. The more youthful riders on 10-speeds leaned forward and pumped hard, while some of the adult participants carefully pushed off with one foot, gained control of the wobbly front tire, and shot spectators a big impish grin.

One hundred feet down and 23 miles, 5,180 feet to go!

National Guardsmen manned the 10 checkpoints along the route, validating the bikers' cards and providing a drink of water before moving on down the road.

The route, itself, extended out N. C. 32 south, bore left at Hoskin Harrell's store, crossed Highway 37 at Les Jones' through Yeopim down Nixon's Beach Road, running back across Highway 32 to the tail end of Base Road leading

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Strictly Personal

It is difficult to believe that four years have passed since in this column we advised those who meander along the Public Parade that we would vote for a woman for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

This time around we are compeled to be more specific. We will say we vote for our wife, Emily Amburn, in Tuesday's Democratic primary election. She has earned a new term. She has worked tirelessly, often times neglecting what some of lesser qualities would consider more important, in order to carry out her responsibilities as an elected official.

Her decisions have often times gotten her into trouble at home but it nonetheless hasn't affected her unwavering dedication to the position of trust to which she was elected.

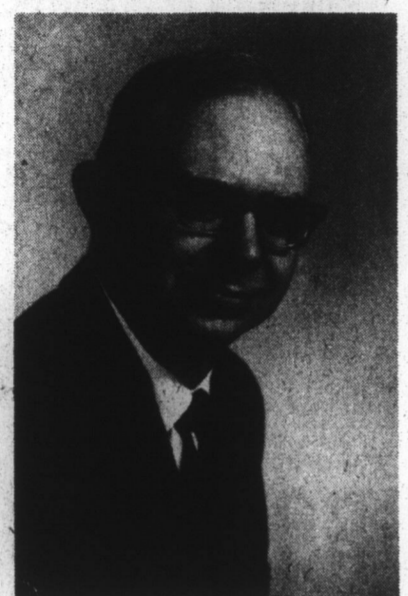
Four years ago we broke from tradition in a primary election by announcing that we would vote for the woman running for a seat on the board of education. Then she was elected we withdrew from personal coverage of board meetings, leaving that to a reporter on the staff in order to keep down cries of bias, etc.

It has been our goal to look at the board of education objectively. If we have not done so it has been by accident rather than by design.

We have had an understanding from the start. We would not tell her how to carry out her responsibilities as a member of the school board and she would not tell us how to run the newspaper. We have not abridged this agreement.

While this is strictly personal, it must be said. We know of no one more dedicated, more aware of the awesome responsibilities of the office, and more willing to work unselfishly or more objectively for the purpose she deems right than

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CHARLES M. HARRELL, JR.

Mr. Harrell, 53

HERTFORD—Charles Manning Harrell, Jr., 53, civic, church and business leader of the Albemarle Area, died suddenly Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital. He lived at 109 Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Harrell owned and managed Harrell's Inc., in Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City as well as the Culligan Albemarle Water Conditioning Service.

His parents were the late Charles M. and Joyce Brattain Harrell.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its Administrative Board, a member and past president of the Hertford Lions Club, a former president of the N. C. LP Gas Association, a past president of the Albemarle Area Development Association and a member of the American Legion.

He was instrumental in organizing the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, serving as its first president. He was currently serving as assistant

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Light Voter Turnout Is Predicted At Polls

North Carolina primary elections will be held on Tuesday for the first time this year and May 7 is the day. Previously primaries have been held on Saturday and the switch is expected to result in a lighter vote in some areas.

Chowan County Board of Elections has prepared for a big vote although interest has been almost non-existent in most races. The 10 new voting machines have arrived but will not be used in the primary.

The elections board decided there was not sufficient time to educate the poll officials and the general public prior to the other primary. They will be used in all six precincts in November.

The polls will be open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday. The voting places are: East Edenton, Chowan County Office Building; West Edenton, Edenton Municipal Building; Rocky Hock, Chowan Rescue Building No. 3; Center Hill, Center Hill Community Building; Wardville, Wards Community Building; and Yeopim, Municipal Airport.

Curbside voting will be allowed from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. only. There are no write-ins allowed in the primary.

Democrats will vote four ballots. There are three races for posts in Chowan County. Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, incumbent member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, is being challenged by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd, the only Negro in a local race.

Two are to be elected to Chowan County Board of Commissioners. N. J. George, an incumbent, is being opposed for the First Township seat by Woodrow Lowe of the Advance Community. In the Second Township, two newcomers are seeking the seat being vacated by C. M. Evans. They are J. D.

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Cases Remanded

The cases of some 46 demonstrators arrested here last summer have been remanded to Chowan County Superior Court for trial. The action came Monday in Elizabeth City as U. S. District Court Judge John Larkins denied a petition to have the cases tried in federal court.

Judge Larkins stated in his memorandum opinion that there was no evidence that the defendants could not get a fair and impartial trial in Chowan County.

"In this instant case the petitioners have baldly alleged that the state statutes in question are either unconstitutional or unconstitutionally applied," he wrote. "They do not contend, let alone offer proof, that the law in question will inevitably deny them

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Budget Approved

A \$509,200 budget for manpower programs for the next fiscal year has been approved by the Region R Ancillary Manpower Board, according to John T. Biggers, chairman.

The prime sponsors are Employment Security Commission and Economic Improvement Council, Inc. ESC will receive 24.6 per cent of the budget and EIC the remaining 75.4 per cent.

Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission will be the alternate sponsor for manpower programs.

Biggers said Neighborhood Youth Corps which told the lion's share of the manpower budget in past years, has been changed to a Youth Program that will operate similar to NYC but with more flexibility.

Should more than the budgeted amount be allocated the region, Biggers said the same percentages for programs, will apply.

He also said the summer Youth Program is expected to be funded at a level equal or above last year. There were 516 slots costing \$210,000.

Jaycee Officers Are Elected

Edenton Jaycees installed new officers and passed out club awards last Thursday night at a banquet held at Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Oscar White was installed as president and James Ellis took top club honors. White succeeds Joe Hollowell.

Ellis not only was named Jaycee of the Year but won a presidential award as Project Chairman of the Year. Hollowell named Ellis' "cooking group as committee of the year.

Jacob Jordan was presented the Keyman II award and Bud Spencer was receiptient of the

Keyman I award.

Andy Johnson of Plymouth, 1973 State Jaycee Speak Up winner in the novice division, addressed the audience on Jaycee opportunity. Mehan Mehta spoke briefly of his native India.

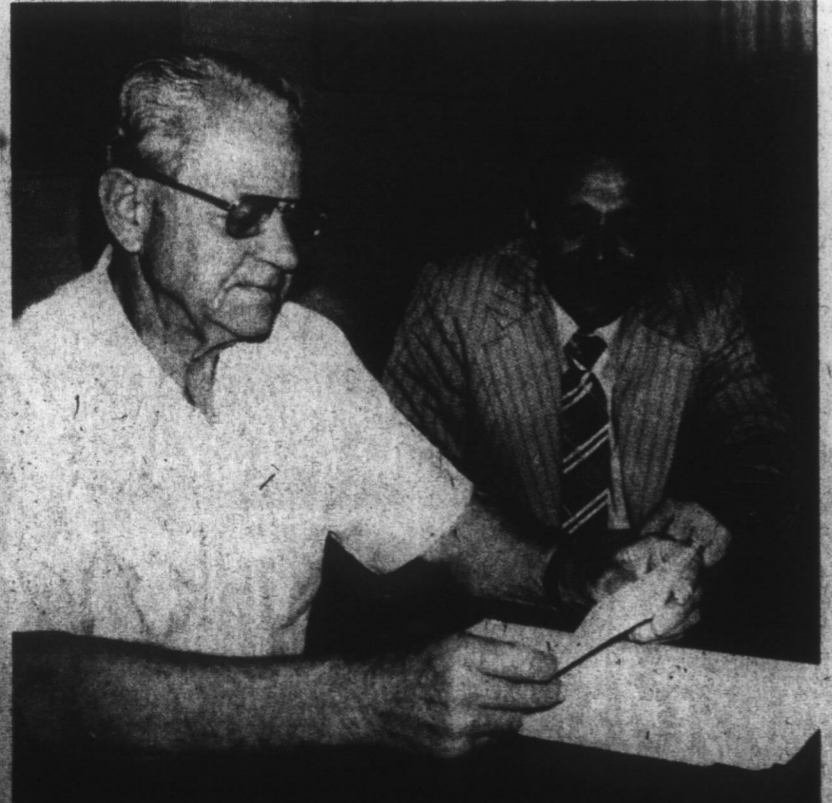
In addition to White, new officers include:

Carroll Forehand, internal vice president; Ray Midgett, external vice president; Woody Furlough, secretary; Mike DeBlois, treasurer; Ellis, state director and Terry Nixon, corresponding secretary.

Directors are: Wallace Evans, chairman; Ken Lowe, Jerry Severson, Steve Sharber, Spencer, Jordan and Henry Overton.



NEW JAYCEE LEADER—Oscar White is shown at left after being installed as president of Edenton Jaycees. With him are Mrs. White, Woody Copeland and Andy Johnson.



RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS—Mayor Clarence Cohoon of Columbia holds a check for \$38,000 which represents the final payment on a \$380,000 grant from Economic Development Administration for repairs to the town's sewage system. Wesley Cullipher, executive director of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission made the presentation. Mayor Cohoon said the system is now functioning again after being shut down for a period in order to make equipment repairs.

Pre-registration

All parents who have children who will enter the first grade in either D. F. Walker School or White Oak School for the 1974-75 school year should make a special effort to pre-register their child at the appropriate school in their attendance district on May 9 from 9 A.M.—12 noon.

North Carolina requires that parents provide a birth certificate and an up-dated immunization record to school officials before a child can be officially enrolled in school. Parents should bring both birth certificates and up-dated shot records for each child enrolled.

To enroll in the first grade in the Edenton-Chowan Schools, for school year 1974-75 the law requires that a child be six years old by October 15 as indicated by a valid birth certificate presented prior to the child's enrollment in school. graders on the above date will be held in the primary library at Walker School and in the library at White Oak School.