



**NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**—Chowan Democratic Women elected a new slate of officers at a luncheon meeting held last Wednesday at Edenton Restaurant. Pictured above, from left to right, they are: Mrs. Carrie Earnhardt, recording secretary; Mrs. Hurley Winborne, treasurer; Mrs. Gahl Stevens, president; Mrs. Imogene Byrum, second vice president; Mrs. Lane Kinion, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Snooky Bond, third vice president. Not pictured is Mrs. Neysia Kataveck, second vice president.

## Letter To The Editor

How much proof does one need? "A picture is worth a thousand words" is an old adage which has again proven to be so true. I am referring, of course, to the enclosed picture of one Emily G. Amburn and her five "school-attending" children which appeared in your newspaper last week. I could not help but think how lucky the voters of Chowan County and Edenton are to have such vivid and conclusive evidence of genuine interest in young people, education, and community spirit. Certainly this evidence would help make a prima facie case. In addition,

the fact she is running for a seat on the Board of Education would substantiate that interest in young people, education, and her adopted community. More especially, when we have the impressive record she has already established in your community as a mother of five fine children, a wife, a nurse, a civic worker, a church participant and an incumbent member of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. I am now an "outsider looking in" since I am no longer a resident of Edenton, but I can assure you that my interest in Edenton-Chowan affairs has

been nurtured intact through the years. I feel compelled again to caution our qualified voters against apathetic good intentions about voting. If one so qualified as Mrs. Amburn offers herself to public service, then I urge each and every voter to do no less than to give priority to his and her privilege and responsibility on election day and VOTE.

I wish I could cast my vote for Emily G. Amburn on May 7th for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

WILLIAM C. BUNCH, JR.

## Tar Heel Spotlight

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES  
Grace J. Rohrer, Secretary

### ODYSSEY OF THE ARCHIVES

The nationally-known and extensive state archives collection located in Raleigh in the Archives and History-State Library Building wasn't always so—it hasn't always been nationally-known or extensive or located in Raleigh.

The first official record of North Carolina was created in 1663 when Charles II granted to eight Lords Proprietors the Carolina Charter, now displayed in the lobby of the Archives and History-State Library Building.

Later, as immigrants arrived to settle, and a colonial government grew, records accumulated as the legislature moved from town to town, assembling in Edenton, Bath, New Bern or Wilmington. Royal Governor Gabriel Johnston wrote in 1748 that the papers and records were so dispersed that he had to send from one end of the province to the other for them. "This situation was owing to the want of a town where all the offices could be kept," he wrote. The site for a fixed capital was disputed for years, with the records being hauled around in carts from town to town—wherever the General Assembly met.

The most central coastal town, New Bern, was finally selected, with the palace for the royal governor completed in 1770, almost of the eve of the Revolution.

During the Revolution, the records fared very well, except during the last year. In May, 1781, as troops marched up the coast from Wilmington, the archives were evacuated under military escort into Virginia and thence into what is now eastern Tennessee.

For almost 20 years after Independence, the General Assembly continued to move—from New Bern to Tarborough, Halifax, Cross Creek (Fayetteville), Kinston, Smithfield and Wake Court House. Movements of the archives which followed the officials can be traced through the records of payments to wagoners who transported the papers.

Despite the war and the nomadic life of the legislature, a large collection of records survived. And from time to time the lawmakers tried—with bills introduced into the General Assembly—to select a permanent capital which "would greatly tend to the preservation of the public papers thereof."

Finally, in 1792, the archives appeared to have found a home: land was purchased in Wake County from Joel Lane, with 400 acres laid out for a town. Construction began on a state house and late in 1794 the General Assembly held its first session in the new State House in Raleigh.

After a fire scare in 1816, the Secretary of State, who was in charge of public records, requested the General Assembly to provide for the construction of a fireproof building to safeguard the archives.

Because of this foresight, when the Capitol was destroyed by fire in 1831, with the loss of the Canova statue and over 1,000 books in the State Library, the public records in the office of the Secretary of State were spared.

When the new Capitol building was finished, the archives were moved in—a permanent home at last!

Then came war again—though enemy troops occupied much of the coastal areas, the capital

city was spared until toward the end. As General Sherman marched toward North Carolina, Gov. Zebulon B. Vance was advised to evacuate the state's valuables. By mid-march of 1865, some of the older records were on the train for Salisbury. As the Union troops moved closer, other archives moved by wagon to Durham and thence by train to Greensboro, with the more valuable ones being placed in a bank vault.

As soon as the Union forces were in command at Raleigh, negotiations were begun to permit Treasurer Jonathan Worth to return with the archives. Within a month, most of the public records were back in the Capitol.

Undoubtedly some of the records were lost or stolen from the trains or wagons that carried them to both safety and confusion—over the years some have been returned. Yet, the overall loss from the war was apparently slight.

Early in the twentieth century the General Assembly established an unsalaried Historical Commission with an appropriation of \$500 for collecting and publishing historical documents. Later, the Commission was given broader authority and a larger appropriation to permit it to preserve public and private papers. The first head of the agency, R. D. W. Connor, whose office initially was in the Capitol, became the first Archivist of the United States in 1934.

But again, the papers began to move—this time, however, only around Capitol Square. The Commission and its documents moved into the Hall of History, formerly with the Museum of Natural History, into a new Administration Building, later called the State Library and now known as the Ruffin Building.

As the Commission's services expanded, another space-seeking move was made into the new Education Building in 1939.

Once again, the collection grew and the need for space became desperate; but in 1962, a needed bond issue was defeated. But happily the next year the General Assembly appropriated funds for the Archives and History-State Library Building. Because of delays in construction, it was 1969 before the archives were moved into the new building, erected on land bought in 1792 by William Richardson Davie when one-acre lots were being sold in the new town to finance the building of the State House.

Davie was a hero of the Revolution, a signer of the State Constitution in 1776, a state senator from Halifax County, a founder of the University of North Carolina, and Governor in 1798.

That a man of such significance in the history of the State once owned the land where 300 years of North Carolina's history is now preserved seems entirely appropriate.

In 1943, the Historical Commission's name was changed to the State Department of Archives and History, and under recent state government reorganization, the archives became part of the Division of Archives and History of the Department of Cultural Resources—at long last, finally settled, and available for use by the citizens of North Carolina!

## Wide Diversity Necessary in Outreach Workers

A family planning outreach worker talks about and helps people in more areas than just Family Planning.

As explained by Jim Lewis, Albemarle Human Resources Development System executive director, "Family planning outreach workers are general resource-referral people as well as family planning workers. Other than family planning, their capacity is one of seeking out sources of health needs."

In talking with Mary Belch, Family Planning coordinator, it was learned that the Family Planning Program, under the auspices of AHRDS has one outreach worker per county in Region R, giving the program a total of 10 outreach workers.

Mrs. Belch outlined the requirements and qualifications of an outreach worker stating that "An outreach worker needs a high school education and above all must have the ability to communicate with private citizens and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times."

Outreach workers are a part of an area team consisting of a counselor-team leader, nurse and doctor, which work in conjunction with all agencies to provide better health care for the community. Part of her duties include transporting family planning participants to clinics when necessary, assisting in the clinics where needed, and preparing monthly reports of her activities for the team leader.

In talking with several of the outreach workers it was learned that much of their time is spent in searching out new participants and making home visits to make sure all family planning participants are healthy and happy with the methods they have chosen. Outreach workers also talk with any community groups or organizations that want to know more about family planning, venereal diseases and health care.

Another major qualification expressed by the outreach workers for their job is flexibility—they must be flexible enough and willing to perform any task, even baby sitting, so the people of Region R can receive the health services available to them, especially family planning. Outreach workers are vital to the Family Planning Program. They are people who care about other people. People who love working and are concerned about individual and community health needs.

Albemarle Human Resources Development System is proud of its community representatives in each county and pleased with the success of each outreach worker in the totaled Family Planning Program.

### BIG BUSINESS

Although the U. S. economy has its ups and downs, one aspect of the economy has been going up and up. That's the American Toy business where sales are now reaching well over three billion dollars annually, notes Mrs. Faye Haywood, extension family life specialist, North Carolina State University.



Among some Moroccan tribes, women play ball to bring on rain. That's a lot of RBIs—rains batted in!



**HONORED**—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lane, 221 East Queen Street, were honored at a surprise Silver Wedding Anniversary party April 14 at Macedonia Baptist Church. More than 150 relatives and friends of the couple attended. Hosting the party were their daughters, Mrs. Becki Hughes and Mrs. Linda Cullipher.

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**Important Notice**

See Page 2-B Of This Paper for a complete list of Sample Ballots for next Tuesday's Primary Election. We urge you to study these ballots for familiarization and then go to the polls and cast a ballot for the candidate who, in your opinion, is the best qualified and will do the best job.

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**MAY 7, 1974 — PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**VOTE FOR ELIZABETH L. BYRD**  
— FOR THE —  
**Edenton-Chowan Board of Education**

- ☆ Elizabeth L. Byrd's philosophy of education, training and experience cover the improvement of public education for all.
- ☆ The program of the Edenton-Chowan School Unit has been improved by the implementation of projects written by this candidate:
  - (1) The initial Title III, ESEA Fine Arts-Humanities Project.
  - (2) The initial CSIP—Comprehensive School Improvement Program.
  - (3) The 1966-1973 Title I, ESEA Projects designed for students' improvement and staff personnel development during the regular and summer sessions.
- ☆ In 1972 the Edenton-Chowan School Unit was honored by having the 1972 Title I, ESEA Project selected as the sample project of twenty-five in the First Congressional District. The project, "A Project to Improve the Reading of the Educationally Deprived and a Full Year Kindergarten" was cited in the State Department of Public Instruction Publication, NORTH CAROLINA, TITLE I, ESEA, ALLOCATIONS, (1966-1972) AND SAMPLE PROJECTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Vote  Elizabeth L. Byrd For Board of Education  
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