

Wives Lauded At Banquet

The Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire Department held their annual supper honoring the wives of the firemen Friday night.

The highlight of the evening was a special presentation to Mr. E. N. Elliott, who is lovingly known as



Mrs. E. N. Elliott

the wonderful Firelady of the Center-Hill-Cross Roads Fire Department. Mrs. Elliott was presented a picture of the Chowan County Courthouse and the Edenton Teapot.

As a special tribute in honor of "Miss Liza" the board of directors of the fire department and the firemen announced that a scholarship to be known as the Eliza Elliott Scholarship would become an annual award to a worthy senior of the Chowan High School.

The firemen also showed their appreciation of their wives by presenting each of them with a special gift.

Other guests included the Chowan County commissioners and their wives and the chairman of the board of directors and his wife.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Delores Fulcher, Betty Jean Hollowell and Joseph Hollowell.



FOUNDATION HOLDS AREA MEETING—Area residents had the opportunity last Friday to discuss agricultural matters with several administrators from N. C. State University in Raleigh at a meeting here. Miss Frances J. Ratcliff, president, N. C. Agricultural Foundation, and Mrs. Carlton Perry of Chowan County are shown with local and state leaders. Left to right they are: C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Dean J. E. Legates of NCSU; Dr. George Hyatt head of Agricultural Extension Service; and Pete Thompson, Chowan extension chairman (Staff Photo by Asbell).

Perdue Planning Expansion

LEWISITON—Poultry could become a major industry in Northeastern North Carolina with an announcement here last week that Perdue Farms, Inc., would build an \$18-million chicken processing plant near here which will employ 400 workers.

For some time Perdue, a

Salisbury, Md.-based firm, has been entering into contracts with farmers in six are counties to construct broiler houses. More than 30 houses have been built in Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Bertie, Hertford, and Northampton counties. The magic number is 300.

At the same time the firm has under construction a \$2-million feed mill near Cofield. When completed the mill will produce 5,500 tons of feed per week and store more than 600,000 bushels of grain.

Frank Perdue, Gov. Jim Holshouser and Commission of Agriculture James A. Graham joined in announcement of plans for the processing plant, which should be in operation by March, 1976. It would have an annual payroll of \$2.5-million.

The plant will be located on a 230-acre site on Highway 308 between Kelford and Lewisitons. It will process half a million locally-grown chickens per week, increasing the firm's broiler production by 30 per cent.

Also, Perdue said the firm will soon announce plans for a \$1-million hatchery and regional office complex to supply local contract growers.

He said the processing plant, with 100,000-square-foot of space, "will have the most modern facilities available in the United States and will meet all local, state, and federal environmental regulations."

Perdue said the firm was "really excited about being here," primarily because "the people of this state, and most particularly of this specific are, want us here." He added: "We need to be wanted and we appreciate that we are."

Gov. Holshouser noted that Perdue is the type corporate citizen the state welcomes.

Commissioner Graham said he was particularly pleased to see the firm make the optimistic expansion move in view of the pessimistic attitude towards the nation's economy.

Perdue, with a sales volume of \$100-million this year, the largest, privately held, integrated poultry processor in the United States.

Noted And Passed

Judge John T. Chaffin presided over the District Court session along the Public Parade Tuesday morning. Those in attendance at the trial of the last few defendants witnessed some of the new

poetry on the bench. A mad charged with assault was that provoked him into a dash to the magistr

"Wom folks can be the mild-mannered jurist obs or slap. "But you can't hit drinking just adds fuel to th

The defendant received a six-month active sentence. A word to the wise should be sufficient, even for those with aggravating women folks around.

Repeat Performance

A second grader could write a simple heading for this piece. But since it actually started the day before we couldn't honestly call it "Our Trip To The Hospital".

It was late Wednesday afternoon. After a miserable day we finally became concerned enough with our health to throw caution to the winds and go to the doctor. We walked into Chowan Medical Center and in response to a look from Mrs. Helen Perry confessed: "I feel like Wilbur Mills, I'm all worn out."

"And for the same reason?" she asked without hesitation. Touche!

With this began what now seems to be our biennial trek to Chowan Hilton North with mysterious symptoms which fortunately abate in our favor.

The fear was gall bladder infection which turned out to be diagnosed as a severe virus, causing acute abdominal pain.

Dr. Edward G. Bond walked into th room Thursday evening and remarked that we were back "in the same stall." It was the first time we realized that it was "2021" which followed "two-Five-O", little more than two years ago.

Later Dr. Landis Voigt came around to remind us that the pills prior to x-ray might cause a few problems. This actually meant they could just as well have kept the sleeping capsule.

Without solid food since dinner Tuesday we had grown accustomed to ginger ale and water. But about 4 A.M. Friday they took away the water. Before we were wheeled down to be confronted by Dr. Joe Lee Frank we attempted to trade a specimen for a glass of ice water but found no takers among the staff.

Now Dr. Frank, the genial radiologist with base headquarters in Ahoskie, is a different man from the one we lodged with last year after going to Raleigh to get the ECU Medical School question straightened out. The difference is he has more hair on his upper lip than on his head. That however, we were assured, doesn't interfere with his expert radiological abilities.

Everyone who has the misfortune of being hospitalized along the Public Parade is a special person once admitted to Chowan Hilton North. However, we lay claim to having the prettiest papar girl. We anxiously await the final billing to see how Tom Surratt hid the service charge.

Chowan Hilton North at its worst
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Griffin Retires From Office, Succeeded By Sammy Morris

A. C. Griffin retired Monday as chairman of the Chowan County ASCS Committee, a post he had held for 20 years. He has a total of 31 years of service on the committee.

Griffin was not eligible for reelection due to an administrative ruling nine years ago by the U. S. Department of Agriculture which limited a committee to three consecutive three-year terms. He will be eligible for election after staying off the committee for one year.

At the county convention Monday, the delegates elected Sammy Morris as chairman and John Butler Byrum as vice chairman. Leonard Hare was elected to serve as a regular member. Alternates to the county committee are H. I. Ward, Jr., and Harold Lloyd Bunch.

H. O. West, executive director, announced that the recent peanut referendum on marketing quotas and price supports for 1975, 1976, and 1977, was approved in Chowan County by a vote of 233-3. He said 61 per cent of eligible farmers voted.

Griffin, who oversees 275 acres of cropland, said he had enjoyed being "down here for all these years. We've had a few tight times."

Speaking of Griffin, the executive director said they had

"been through some thick and some thin" in programs and program implementation. He said he had enjoyed working with Griffin as chairman, making special note of his interest in fair implementation of farm programs.

Mrs. West At Convention

Mrs. Patsy West, kindergarten teacher at D. F. Walker School, recently attended the Democratic National Convention in Kansas City, Miss. Mrs. West and State Sen. Livingston Stallings from New Bern, were the two delegates elected from the First Congressional District to represent North Carolina at the convention.

This convention was referred to as a "mini-convention", in that it was scheduled during an off year, for the purpose of adopting a charter identifying what the Democratic Party is, what it stands for and setting up specific guidelines for electing representation to attend further conventions.

The convention was historic in that this was the first time any political party has attempted to adopt such a charter. The most important overall significance of the convention was that the Democratic Party was once again united, with a new charter open to all people, it was noted.

"Aside from the business of adopting a charter, there was glamour and excitement of seeing and personally meeting some of the most important political figures in the Democratic Party, such as Sens. Edward Muskie and Edward Kennedy," Mrs. West said. All potential Democratic candidates for the 1976 national election were at the convention, with their campaigns in full swing.

Mr. West stated that she was "glad to have had the opportunity to take part in future plans for the Democratic Party. The experience of seeing so many people come together and work toward a common cause was most rewarding."

Project Ends

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. has closed out one of the largest youth work experience projects ever undertaken in the Albemarle Area. On December 10, -12 the accounting firm of Benson, Farmakis and Hazel of Atlanta, Ga., completed an audit on the last phase of a \$5-million youth program that began as the Neighborhood Youth Crops in December of 1965.

The EIC was commended for the fine manner in which it had administered the finances of this project.

During the nine-year life of the project more than 7,500 boys and girls of the Albemarle Area received training experience to aid them in the world of work. Many of these boys and girls stayed in school and graduated as a direct result of the NYC
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Kathy Byrum

Miss Byrum Given Title

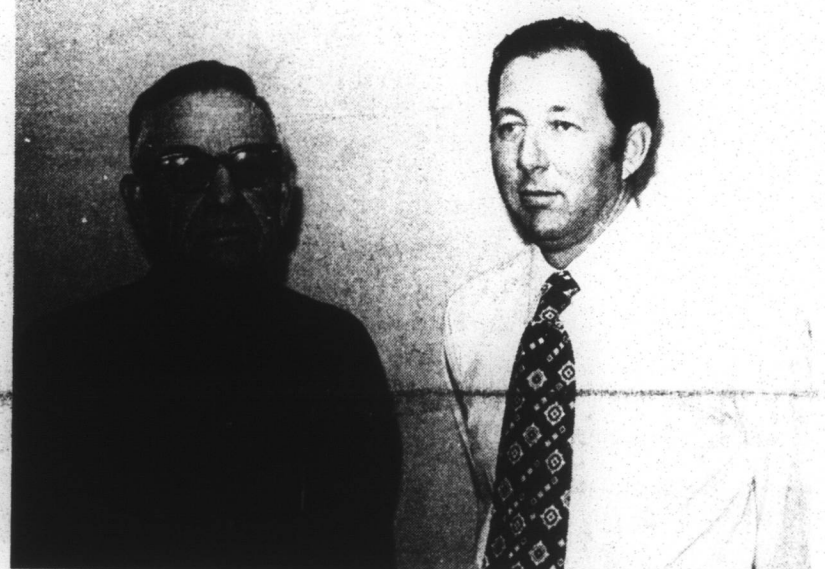
Kathy Byrum was recently chosen Miss Chowan High School over tow other contestants, and students elected the 1974-75 Homecoming Court with Jill Hendrix as queen.

Marcia Nixon and Peggy Bass were nominated by high school students along with Kathy, who is an active member of the Library Club and a member of the Bulldogettes.

Named to serve with Jill in the Homecoming Court were:

Susan Taylor, senior attendant; Robin Langley and Janet Felton, Junior Class; Kim Hare and Lorraine Dillard, Sophomore Class; and Evelyn Privott and Mandy Kirk, Freshman Class.

Homecoming festivities have been set for January 31, 1975.



VETERAN FARM LEADER RETIRES—A. C. Griffin, left, a member of the Chowan County ASCS Committee for 31 years and chairman for the past 20 years, has retired from the board because of an USDA administrative ruling limiting the terms of committeemen. He is pictured here with H. O. West, county executive director.

Tyrrell County Gets Honors

Philip Quidley of Manteo was elected president of the Albemarle Area Development Association for 1975 and Tyrrell won top county honors for total progress this year at the annual AADA banquet here last Thursday.

Top winners in community development contest for the year were Gum Neck in Tyrrell County and Hudson Grove in Chowan. And, Perquimans' Clarence Felton again was named the area's gardening champion.

The principal address for the banquet, which attracted some 200 area residents, was delivered by Dr. Walter A. Guntharp, administrator of rural development services with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Quidley, a Dare County realtor, will succeed L. F. Amburn, Jr., as

president of the organization. The three vice-presidents elected were Mickey Thompson, Pasquotank, eastern region; Leon G. Ballance, Hyde County, southern region; and Eddie McDuffey of Gates Co., western region.

The new officers will elect a secretary-treasurer at an organizational meeting in January.

Committee chairman elected by acclamation, as were all the names presented by the nominating committee, were; agriculture, Joe Landino, Tyrrell; industry, W. P. (Spec) Jones, Chowan; Community Development, Ms. Lillian James, Washington Co.; travel and recreation, Amburn, fine arts, Ms. Nellie Sanders, Washington Co.

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AADA BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS—Dr. Walter A. Guntharp of Washington, D. C., left, is pictured with C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, and Phil Quidley of Manteo following last week's 15th annual banquet of Albemarle Area Development Association. Dr. Guntharp was the principal



speaker and Quidley was elected president of the 10-county organization. Trophy winners are also shown. From left: Joe Landino of Tyrrell County, first place; Carlton Perry of Chowan County, second place; and M. K. Berry of Pasquotank County, third place.

Notice
The Chowan Herald will print early next week due to the Christmas holidays. The newspaper will be printed on Monday and distributed to mail subscribers in the area on Tuesday.
All advertising copy must be submitted by Friday afternoon and all news articles by 10 A.M. on Monday.
This early schedule is designed to give local merchants Christmas Eve advertising and allow our employees a deserved holiday.