

## More Right Than Wrong

The greatness of this country continually amazes us, and we believe it is time for all of us to regain our perspective and look at what's right with America, rather than just focusing on the negative side.

Everybody realizes that we have some problems, and it's no use to bury our heads in the sand and hope they will disappear. We must of necessity recognize these problems and work toward solutions.

But what's right with America?

Let's look at the record...which clearly shows that never in the past has a society offered so much prosperity for so many of its people. For example: 50-million people own their own homes, 94-per cent of American families own at least one television set; 53 per cent of all cars in the world are on our highways; our factories produce as much goods as Soviet Russia and all of Western Europe combined; with fewer than 4 per cent of our people farming, we produce food and fiber for 200-million Americans plus 100-million in other lands.

True, these are all materialistic things; however, there is another side to the majority of Americans. Last year the people of this country -- voluntarily, as individuals -- gave \$15-billion to worthy causes. Over half the people in America attend church regularly.

The citizens of this country are the best fed, clothed, educated, medicated, treated of any place in the world. We have done more to help other peoples of the world than all the rest of the nations on earth. We have a greater capability to solve our internal problems than any country.

The rest of the world would settle for our problems in a minute. We may not be at the peak of our form for the present; but we are not falling apart either. We must get on with the solving of problems to the best of our ability without losing sight of what's right with our country.

## Conformity Needed

The new draft of a bill to allow Chowan County commissioners assessment authority over certain road paving projects seems to be pleasing to the majority of those involved. Rep. Vernon James has had the bill written to suit himself, the Department of Transportation, Chowan County commissioners and property owners in rural subdivisions.

As we predicted earlier, the authority is so necessary that calm was restored and the bill is making its way through the legislative process.

The new draft, however, still omits one item which we feel is quite important. That is a petition from at least 51 per cent of the property owners on a road to be paved and where assessments are to be made.

This provision is required in a portion of the measure where improvements are to be made to bring it up to state standards in order to get it on the state system. It is not reasonable to omit it from the next phase, which is putting

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REV. WILLARD LAMPE

## New Minister Arrives Here

First Presbyterian Church will be welcoming a new minister this week, Rev. and Mrs. Willard Lampe from Omaha, Neb. The entire fellowship is looking forward to introducing Willard and Charlotte to Edenton and Northeastern North Carolina.

Mr. Lampe arrives fully prepared for his work as our minister—he already has his Tar Heel license tags! "Kidding aside, we are excited that he will be leading our worship Palm Sunday and many Sundays thereafter," a spokesman said.

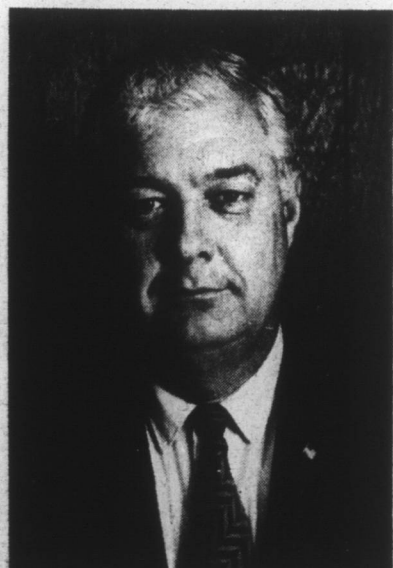
Until recently, Mr. Lampe was on the staff of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for the United Presbyterian Church, USA. His work covered the State of Nebraska as he consulted with and assisted Presbytery Committees on Mission, Strategy, Ministerial Relations and Ecumenical Relations. Much of this effort dealt with "the role of the small churches", an issue of interest to denominations other than Presbyterians.

Prior to that time, Mr. Lampe was minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice, Neb. That 20-year ministry followed his three years as a

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## Capt. Howard

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager Edenton office of the N. C. Employment Security



CAPT. ALFRED HOWARD

## Board Seeking Alternate Plan

FLYNN SURREATT considering pushing for a bond referendum, pared 2.6-million, the Edenton Board of Education voted to defer with state representatives on renovation of existing facilities to accomplish as nearly as possible the educative goals that would have been felt with a new consolidated high school.

At a special meeting last Wednesday night, the board reckoned with the rate of inflation of the next 25 years versus the county's ability to handle the debt of a successful bond referendum.

Don Lassiter, director of instruction, also revealed that regardless of how the board approached the idea of driving ahead with a referendum, if the Chowan County commissioners did not back the issue, the Local Government Commission would never approve issuance of the bonds.

Supt. E. L. West, Jr., presented a plan for cutting the asking down to \$2.6-million. It would include the elimination of some 15,000 square feet resulting in a basic school facility without football, baseball, softball, or track fields, a smaller auditorium, and fewer new furnishings.

"We looked at the plan and made cuts a equitably as possible," he said.

With this plan, sports events and stage productions would be held at the existing facilities, and Supt. West said the architect may be able to design a small auditorium of several hundred seats that would also serve as chorus and band room. They gym may be acoustically designed to be suitable for school assemblies.

It was the feeling of the board that this would defeat the purpose of a new school.

At that rate the board moved to have investigated just how much truly adequate renovation would cost. An off the cuff estimate put costs in the \$1.8-million range, it was stated.

## New At ESC

Commission, announces the appointment of Capt. Alfred M. Howard, U. S. Navy, (Retired), as a member of the local staff.

Recently the Employment Security Commission joined the N. C. Manpower Council in a program to provide improved services to Disabled Veterans. Under the program ESC will recruit a number of retired military personnel who wish to work for their community on a volunteer basis. The volunteers will receive four weeks for orientation and training in a local Employment Security Commission office in order to become familiar with commission operations such as placement interviews, selection and referral procedures, counseling procedures, and the activities of

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## Students Will Design Chowan County's Flag

A committee has been organized to promote the design and creation of a Chowan County flag. The flag will be designed by students in the seventh through 12th grades of local schools.

The students are asked to keep in mind the bicentennial celebration and to create a flag with some local, historical and-or geographical theme, according to Mrs. J. Scott Harrell, Jr.,



WORK ON COUNTY FLAG PROJECT—Mrs. J. Scott Harrell, Jr., left, has been named chairman of a committee to work on creation of a Chowan County flag as part of the bicentennial observance. Other committee members pictured are Mrs. R. D. Dixon, Sr., Dr. L. P. Williams, Sr., and Mrs. D. L. Spruill. (Staff Photo by Asbell).

## County Sponsored In Senate

A rewritten bill to allow Chowan County commissioners assessment authority for road paving in certain areas is making its way through the General Assembly in Raleigh. The measure, first opposed by the Department of Transportation, passed the House Monday night and was sent to the Senate.

Rep. Vernon James of the First House District introduced the bill, which would allow the county to assess property owners for pavement of roads already on the state system but which do not qualify under secondary roads standards, and later had it redrafted when DOT officials said it was putting the county in the road building business.

Commissioners requested the local legislation after property owners in subdivisions developed prior to the county's subdivision ordinance was adopted were told by DOT they must pay for the paving of streets. Since there are some absentee owners, the only way this could be accomplished was through assessments.

The bill says that on unimproved rural subdivision or residential streets that are a part of the state highway system, the county can

levy special assessments for improvements. No petition from these property owners would be required.

Chowan board chairman C. A. Phillips notes there is a mechanism for paving roads by the DOT, with property owners contributing \$4 per foot. The balance would come from the county's allocation for secondary roads.

Rep. James had an added section put in the new bill. If the landowners on one of the county subdivision or residential streets want to bring a road to state standards to get state maintenance, they could petition under the bill. In this instance, before action could be taken a petition would have to be signed by a majority of property owners, representing a majority of the land area fronting the street.

The bill does not give the county any responsibility for the streets or any liability.

The initial measure, which drew DOT opposition, caused Rep. James to have a heated exchange with state transportation officials. But he now states that he is "satisfied" and is unaware of any opposition to the bill.

## Holy Week Services Planned

Holy Week services will be held beginning Monday at Providence Baptist Church on West Church Street. The services will begin at 12-noon and last for approximately 30 minutes.

Father Kenneth I. Parker, rector, of St. Anne Catholic

## Judge Cowper To Preside

Judge Albert W. Cowper of Kinston will preside over the civil session of Chowan County Superior Court which begins April. The court was originally set to open on March 31 but has been delayed one day because of Easter Monday.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, said all persons notified to appear for prospective jury duty should report at 10 A.M. on April 1 instead of March 31.

Included on the trial calendar are three more condemnation suits involving property for the U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton which is now under construction.

## Special Meeting

A special meeting of Chowan County commissioners will be held at 11 A.M. Friday in the courthouse.

The meeting is being called to discuss the county-wide water system as well as accept bids for well drilling and the discussion of a garbage truck.

chairman.

On the committee with Mrs. Harrell are Mrs. D. L. Spruill, Mrs. R. D. Dixon, Sr., Mrs. Lonnie Sick, Jerry Lawrence, Miss Edna Hathaway and Dr. L. P. Williams, Sr. The committee will select a number of designs to submit to Chowan County commissioners who will designate first, second and third place designs.

The first place design will become the official flag of Chowan County.

The winning designers will receive \$50, first place; \$25, second place; and \$15 third place. The designs must be turned in on or before May 16.

The following people will collect the designs: Mrs. Spruill at D. F. Walker; Miss Hathaway at Holmes; Winston Dale at Chowan; and Mrs. Harrell at Chowan Academy.

## Canterberry Is Promoted

James H. Canterbury, since 1971 area conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service at Edenton, has been promoted to state resource conservationist for SCS in North Carolina. He reported to Raleigh Monday, according to State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks.

He will succeed John B. Hungerford, resource conservationist since 1970, who will move to Athens, Ga., as resource conservationist for that state.

Resource conservationist heads a staff of resource specialists in such fields as biology, forestry, plant materials and agronomy. "While we hate to lose a man of John Hungerford's proven abilities, we're glad that we have Jim Canterbury to take his place. This is a key position on the state staff, and makes a valuable contribution to a variety of programs," the state conservationist commented on the new assignments.

Canterberry is a native of West Virginia, and graduated from West Virginia University with a B. S. in agriculture. He has done graduate work in the field of biological sciences.

He joined the Soil Conservation Service in 1956 in West Virginia as a student trainee and was promoted to several positions of increasing responsibility, serving as district conservationist at Charleston before moving to Edenton.

He is married and he and his wife, Becki, have two children: a son, Scott, 10, and a daughter, Staci, five. They are members of the Edenton Baptist Church. Canterbury has been active in affairs of the Edenton Lions Club, and is also an active member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the National Association of Conservation Districts.



HONORED—James Canterbury, area conservationist, is shown with his wife, Becki, at a dinner honoring them. Canterbury has been promoted to state resources conservationist and reported to the Raleigh office Monday.

## Iredell House Interior Restoration Slated

By JACQUELINE RICKS

The state plans to completely restore the interior of the James Iredell House on West Church Street and to furnish it as a typical Edenton town house of the period 1775 - 1825.

Michael Smith, furnishing curator of the N. C. Department of Archives and History, revealed the long range restoration plans for the home of James Iredell, an Associate Justice of the first U. S. Supreme Court, at the March 12th meeting of Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The historic house was saved from possible destruction by members of the local DAR Chapter in the 1940's. It was later taken over by the state with the chapter members remaining as custodians of the property.

At the present three rooms of the house are open to the public as part of the Historic Edenton tour.

Future plans call for the restoration of the entire house.

Smith said that it would be furnished "not as a display of early decorative arts, but as a home the Iredell family could live and be happy".

Iredell died in 1799, willing everything to his wife, Hannah, but no record of an inventory of the estate has been found. She died in 1826 leaving only a brief inventory.

Smith said, that some pieces of furniture owned by the descendants of Iredell have been located and these along with other inventories of well to do persons of the period are being used as a bases for selection for furnishings for the house.

He noted that when restoration of the interior is completed the present formal parlor on the right of the house will be furnished as a family parlor with the center room, which is the more formal

architecturally to become the main parlor. Across the hall on the left will be furnished as the dining room and it is conjectured that the small room behind this room was a "warming room" for food brought from the outside kitchen.

Smith complimented the DAR Chapter for their contributions to furnishing the house. He is working closely with the Iredell Furnishings Committee composed of Mrs. George Hoskins, chairman; Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, and Mrs. Granbery Tucker.

He concluded that when completed "it will be a very good restoration, one which the DAR and State can be proud to commemorate the memory of James Iredell."

Smith was introduced by Louis M. Hafermehl, local historic sites director.