

Harry B. Litchfield, Jr.

Recognition, like water, will eventually seek its own level! Harry Litchfield almost drowned in the stuff. But he never had the opportunity to flex his community muscles along the Public Parade.

About all he was able to do was keep body and soul together. He fought a brilliant battle with cancer, only to succumb to the disease Saturday morning, at a time when he was coming up on his 47th birthday (March 17) and his second anniversary along the Public Parade.

He was humble in service, valiant in deeds. He came to meander along the Public Parade with a wealth of knowledge, energy and a leadership ability that most desire but will never attain.

But about all he was able to do here was by a loyal Methodist, a devoted son, husband, father and employee; eat with the Rotary Club at noon on Thursday, and give wise counsel. He wasn't stingy in any sector.

Shortly after moving here he button-holed us about supporting the establishment of a Community Chest type organization to give financial aid to groups which have very little popular appeal. We promised to help but the organizer has now gone to greater rewards.

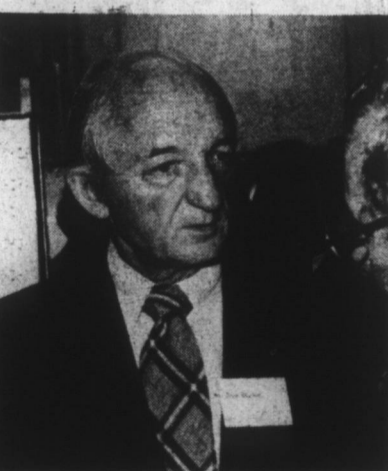
Harry Litchfield possessed a persuasive trait he used in motivating people to improve their station in life. He was an easy man to converse with, always pointing out positive things rather than dwelling on the negative. He was totally honest.

He migrated from Beaufort County to Lincoln County via Chapel Hill, the U. S. Coast Guard, Sinclair Refining Company and First Citizens Bank & Trust. But he returned to his native section of the state in one jump after the Peoples Bank hierarchy sought him out to become senior vice president and city executive in Edenton.

While in the Piedmont he worked diligently for the Methodist Church, the Boy Scouts, as a member of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and in numerous other community activities. He had grandiose plans and aspirations for his adopted hometown and county. While the Almighty had more far-reaching plans, Harry Litchfield never lost faith.

Somewhere there must be an acceptable explanation as to why there are not more Harry Litchfields. Also, why those like him aren't allowed to live longer.

While we are searching for the solution to the puzzle we can make a healthy contribution to mankind around us by trying to cultivate his traits, which Harry Litchfield did so well, and that endeared him to those who knew him along the Public Parade and elsewhere.



Mr. Tough Talks Tenderly
Tough, But Good!

The "tough man" who makes a "tender chicken" came to Northeastern North Carolina last Friday to view, with members of the media, his firm's nearly \$20-million investment. It isn't chicken feed (but an ingredient in his feed is credited with giving his chickens a yellow customer appeal) but evidence that Perdue Farms, Inc., has come to stay.

Frank Perdue of Salisbury, Md., is president of the firm which had sales in excess of \$170-million in 1975 and is heralded as the largest privately-owned integrated poultry processing company in the industry.

He is also the firm's public relations czar who has become a household word in three major

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FESTIVAL LEADERS—Among the more than 30 unit leaders in the forthcoming Edenton-Chowan Bicentennial Arts Festival are those shown here with J. Clarence Leary, Jr., chairman. Pictured at the Confederate Plaza are, left to right: Leary, Rita Carver, Sandra Boyce, Otis Strother, Mary Rhea Gardner, Edna Hathaway, John Schroeder, Vivian Taft, Shelby Strother, Betty Bissette and Lanie Layton. The four-day festival open April 8.

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Damages Sought

A jury Tuesday heard testimony in the case where A. Caswell Edmundson is seeking damages from Albemarle Builders Supply, Inc., for breach of warranty.

The case involves building materials Edmundson purchased from the Elizabeth City firm to construct a cottage on the Outer Banks.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman is presiding over the term of court. Five divorces were granted Monday. They were:

Alexander Hottey from Daisy Morris Holley; William A. Sexton, Jr., from Maybelle P. Sexton; William Haywood Williams from Deborah Bond Williams; Frankie Lynn Parrish from Deborah Babb Parrish; and Edward Carl Blount from Regina Collins Blount.

The case of Edenton Housing Authority against Dorothy White for ejectment because of nonpayment of rent was heard without the presence of counsel for the defendant. It was later determined that the attorney for the defendant was in Wilson County Superior Court and Judge Beaman refused to sign the judgment in the case.

Cancer Fatal To Local Banker

Harry B. Litchfield, Jr., 103 South Granville Street, died Friday morning following a lingering illness. He was 46.

Death was attributed to cancer.

Mr. Litchfield was senior vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company and city executive of the bank's Edenton office.

Funeral services were held at 4 P.M. Saturday in Edenton United Methodist Church with Rev. E. L. Earnhardt and Rev. Fred Fordham. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stanley Valis, Bryan Litchfield, George Litchfield, Robert W. Powell, Joe Marshall and Frederick W. Hurley.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the Building Fund at Edenton United Methodist Church.

Harry Bonner Litchfield, Jr., was born on March 17, 1929, in Beaufort County. He was the son of Mrs. Angie Leary Litchfield and the late H. B. Litchfield, Sr. He was married to Mrs. Doris Allen Litchfield.

In addition to his mother and wife, surviving is a son, Harry Bonner Litchfield of the home; a daughter, Laura Allen Litchfield, also of the home; and a sister, Mrs. Stanley Valis of Charlotte.

He was a member of Edenton United Methodist Church and Edenton Rotary Club.

Mr. Litchfield was a graduate of Aurora High School and received

Race On For Registrar's Post

Two women this week announced their intentions to be candidates for the office of Chowan County Register of Deeds, thereby assuring a race for the post in the Democratic Primary election in August. They are: Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, 1025 North Broad Street, and Mrs. Jean A. Bunch, Route 2, Edenton.

The Chowan County Board of Elections reports that no candidate for office can file until April 5.

Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, register of deeds for 19 years and an employee in the office for 32 years prior to that, formally announced last week that she will retire December 1.

There has been considerable speculation regarding possible candidates for the post but Mrs. Spruill and Mrs. Bunch are the first to publicly announce.

Mrs. Spruill is an employee in the office at the present time, and is an assistant register of deeds. In a statement she said:

"I solicit the support of the people of Chowan County and if elected to this position I will give my full-time and effort toward continuing the outstanding and dedicated service that has been given by the present register of

deeds. At the time Mrs. Bunch retires I will have approximately two years' experience and I feel that this will be of benefit to the citizens of Chowan County."

Mrs. Spruill, the wife of Roy L. Spruill, has three daughters—Mrs. Jane S. Warlick, Mrs. Kathy S. Bunch, and Miss Pamela Joye Spruill. She was educated in Lenoir County Schools and has



Mrs. Jean A. Bunch

March Court To Hear Suit

The civil suit pending in Chowan County Superior Court challenging the legality of Edenton Town Council's action rezoning a parcel of the Ward property on Highway 32 has been calendared for trial during a term of court beginning March 29.

The council claims a 10-acre tract on the north side of the highway at the U. S. 17 by-pass was rezoned from R-20 to Highway Commercial during the process of adopting a Zoning Ordinance update. At the same time the council rezoned a similar tract on the opposite side of the road from R-20 to Shopping Center.

In November the suit was filed, halting any development in the area until the legality of the council's action was ruled on by the Superior Court. Plaintiffs in the action are Mr. and Mrs. N. J. George, Mrs. Lorraine Burns, James Blount, John A. Mitchener, III, and Byron Kehayes.

The plaintiffs had strongly opposed the zoning change. The council, however, contends it is in keeping with good planning and is contained in a land-use plan adopted several years ago.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard Burroughs are developers, but were not named in the suit. The Town of Edenton and individual councilmen, Mayor Roy L. Harrell, Town Administrator, W. B. Gardner and W. G. Matthews, building inspector, were named as defendants.

The defendants filed a motion

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April Bicentennial Festival To Feature Local Talents

A Bicentennial "bash" with something of interest to everyone is scheduled here April 8-11. If that sounds like a line from a barker's cry at the carnival, the reader will have the spirit being generated for the Edenton-Chowan Bicentennial Arts Festival.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., general chairman of the local Bicentennial Committee, says it is "just fabulous what talent will be presented" to illustrate the quality of life in this area. "Equally as exciting is that all major events will be staged in Edenton's naturally beautiful outdoor setting and in its nationally known historic buildings," he added.

"This is going to be the greatest display of talent ever witnessed in the entire area," the chairman predicted. He also lauded the cooperative spirit of numerous groups (some 30 to be exact) who have been working overtime to put together an exciting, educational, and entertaining program.

Leary paid special tribute to Mrs. Mary Rhea Gardner, school-community coordinator for Edenton-Chowan Schools. "It is just fantastic what she has been able to do in seeking out participants for a host of activities that will be of interest to people of all ages," he said.

A prelude to the official opening of the festival will be a crafts display and sale on South Broad Street, put on by Chowan County Extension Homemakers. This portion of the festival begins at 9 A.M.

Another pre-opening festivity will be at 9:30 A.M. in Chowan County Courthouse when all Ninth Grade students attend the staging of the Repertory Theater Courtroom Drama, "The Death of Candace Winger," which is based on a fatality that occurred in Wilkes County in 1893.

The Barker House Visitor-Center Museum will be the scene of the 12-noon official opening of the four-day festival. Opening fanfare will feature "A Bicentennial Salute" by the Mt. Olive Singers, under the

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been a resident of Edenton for 28 years.

She is a member of Edenton Baptist Church, is a Sunday School teacher, GA leader and serves on several committees. She is a past member and officer of Edenton Woman's Club and Brownie Scout leader. She has been active in the Democratic Party, having served as registrar and judge at the polls.



Mrs. Anne K. Spruill

Mrs. Spruill previously worked for the late Mrs. Goldie Niblett, state license agent; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Company; and Byrum's Gift Shop.

Mrs. Bunch is employed by Colonial Broadcasting of Edenton.

She is a 1961 graduate of John A. Holmes High School and graduated, with honors, from Pan American Business School in Richmond, Va.

She has 14 years of administrative related experience, including more than seven years with the Town of Edenton.

Mrs. Bunch is familiar with Edenton and Chowan County, having lived here all her life. She is the mother of three sons and is married to Alvin Bunch. She is the daughter of Mrs. Myrtle S. Adams of Edenton and the late Clyde S. Adams.

She is a member of Edenton Baptist Church, where she serves as a department director in Sunday School and is director of Mission Friends.

Cars Collide During Pursuit

By Patricia McCleney

Quick thinking and team effort from local law enforcement officers aided in the capture of two suspects wanted for suspicion of armed robbery and numerous other charges after a collision of two highway patrol cars at the intersection of Broad and Queen Streets Monday at noon.

Corp. Billy Spruill and Officer Chuck Alexander of the Edenton Police Department, Deputy Sheriffs Glenn Perry and Melvin Evans and Wildlife Protector A. D. Dowdy all gave assistance in pursuing the 1975 Corvette that came speeding through Chowan County traveling well over the speed limit. According to reports, the car was traveling 120 miles per

hour at times.

State Trooper Y. Z. Newberry, stationed in Perquimans County was on routine patrol Monday morning when he spotted a 1975 Corvette at Proctor Truck Stop. Officer Newberry stopped to talk with Sgt. J. E. Farmer from the Highway Patrol Headquarters in Elizabeth City about his sighting and went back to the truck stop to investigate further. The car had left the truck stop and Officer Newberry knew it had not passed him on Highway 17 traveling North.

Officer Newberry then went in pursuit of the car and overtook it at the "Y". The car did not stop

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IN THE LINE OF DUTY—Two patrol cars were damaged Monday at noon as a high speed chase halted for a few minutes in downtown Edenton when at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets the two cars collided. Neither Patrolmen Newberry or Waters were injured in the mishap. After getting matters in order from the accident, they proceeded after the armed robbery suspects.