



Heard & Seen "By Buff"

As a result of a paragraph in this column maybe we'll be able to find the oldest person in Chowan County. During the week we've learned that at least four more people are nearing the century mark. They are Sophia Paxton Jernigan, Mrs. Ruth Morgan, Mrs. Bessie Bass and Arthur H. Jordan.

"Aunt Sophia" Jernigan, who lives at 221 East Freemason Street, tops the list. She was born May 10, 1876 so that she will be 100 years old this coming May 10.

The next oldest on the list is Mrs. Ruth Morgan, who lives in the Cowpen Neck section. She was 98 years old on February 19. She is the widow of Jim Morgan, who died about 27 years ago, and enjoyed good health until recently when she fell and broke an arm.

Following is Arthur H. Jordan, who lives in the Ryland community. He was born on April 22, 1882, so that he will reach his 94th birthday this coming April. He is the father of Mrs. Evelyn Jordan, who says he is in very good health, one of those people who does not show their age, and is able to be about and even works in his garden.

The youngest on the present list is Mrs. Bessie Bass, who lives in the Rocky Hock section, of the county. She will be 93 years old in September. She is the grandmother of Graham Bass and is rather feeble being obligated to get around in a wheel chair.

Well, that's the list of Chowan County's oldest citizens up to date, which goes to show that Chowan County is a very good place to live and here's congratulating each one on their long life.

Some restaurants have very interesting place mats on the tables, and one picked up over the weekend is very unusual. It was titled "Granny's Remedies," and a few of the remedies listed are: Dirty socks tied around the neck will drive away sorethroat. A flannel shirt soaked with lard and turpentine cures chest congestion in the winter time.

To cure rheumatism, carry a potato in your pocket, the rheumatism is absorbed by the potato when it becomes hard later on.

Then three headache cures are listed as follows: (1) Tie a flour sack around your head; (2) Bind wilted beet leaves on the forehead; (3) When you get your hair cut, gather the clippings and bury them under a rock and you'll never get headaches. And one says: Carry an onion in your pocket to ward off fits. This one and the garlic remedy to get rid of dandruff might also be a remedy to ward off friends. Anyway, that's some of Granny's remedies if you want to try 'em or not.

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To Open Park

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Museum, the historical exhibits will be open to the public from 12-noon until 7 P.M. on April 8 and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. the following day. Admission is free.

All students in Edenton-Chowan Schools will visit the vans.

The Edenton visit will be among six stops the caravan is making across North Carolina.

The four tractor-trailer units, one representing each branch of service, will present "The History of the American Armed Forces and Their Contributions to the Nation". It is not a recruiting effort.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps vans are walk-through displays while the Air Force van is a mini-theater.

The Army van covers that service's wartime role; contributions during periods of military government; community assistance; science, medicine and technology; exploration; and current achievements. Displays include a short filmstrip, a multimedia slide show, an electronic question and answer board and an operational computer-controlled "bionic" arm.

Exhibits in the Marine Corps van depict the "Heritage of the Corps" in five sections: Revolutionary War, the Century of 1798 to 1898, the Marine Corps Band, the 20th Century and Marines Today. Utilized in the display are short movies, paintings and models of Marine Corps aircraft.

The Navy exhibit portrays that service's role in America's first 200 years with emphasis on the Navy's contributions to knowledge and Navy-developed products and processes which have improved the life of the average American. Included in the display are: a short-wave radio tuned to the time signal transmitted from Fort Collins, Colorado (.001 of a second accurate), an operational radar system and a display demonstrating the principles of sonar.

The Air Force, though only 28 years old, has been an essential factor in military history. In its mini-theater, 15 slide projectors, five screens and a stereo sound-system are used to present a 17-minute, multi-media program. This unique production won the Gold Medal as Best Multi-Media Documentary at the International Film and TV Festival of New York in November, 1975. Showing over 700 slides, the story describes the development of aviation and the history of the Air Force.

These unique exhibit vans are expandable from eight to 14 feet wide to provide additional exhibit space. Employing the most modern audio-visual techniques, the automated exhibitry makes the displays entertaining as well as educational.

Attn: Craftsmen

Youth and adults interested in participating in the 1976 Craftsman's Fair should submit three craft items to the County Extension office before 9 A.M. April 1.

Adults interested in submitting for membership in the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild may do so at the same time.

Application blanks for the Guild and Fair are available at the Chowan County Extension office.

bonds at no cost to the county or town. The other would permit each of the 100 counties to issue tax-free bonds through local industrial development authorities to help attract new industry and expand existing industry. Again there would be no raid on the local treasury.

The state bond election would allow the issuance of \$43.3-million in State Institutions of Higher Education Capital Improvement Bonds.

We plan to vote for all three without hesitation. It is important that people who feel likewise also cast a favorable vote. It is a known fact that those who are negative to such questions generate sufficient interest to vote. In many cases a true picture is not drawn on the issues because those who are positive are not equally as enthusiastic.

The polls open at 6:30 A.M. Tuesday and close at 7:30 P.M. See you there!



NEW PROGRAM DISCUSSED—Ferd Harrison of Scotland Neck, president of Electricities of North Carolina, is pictured at left with officials of the Town of Edenton during a break in a meeting where formation of an agency to generate power was discussed. They are: W. B. Gardner, town administrator; Mayor Roy L. Harrell, and James Martin, director of utilities.

Electric Agency Considered

GREENVILLE—Edenton and 15 other municipalities in Eastern North Carolina that retail electricity have the opportunity to join an agency which could ultimately result in independent generation of power.

The N.C. Municipal Power Agency No. 2 was explained to representatives of electricities here March 10 and ownership of certain peak shaving generating facilities within the next few years was described by engineers as being feasible.

The adoption of resolutions to form the agency would place no financial responsibility on the municipality, spokesmen for Electricities of North Carolina said. Some \$30,000 in special assessments already collected would get the agency into business but a future budget would have to be met.

It has been estimated it would cost between \$17 and \$18-million to

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function and is perhaps overdue. "In many areas we have been lax in planning," he continued. "In others we are being imposed upon by state and federal government."

The key to any progress made here is the fact that local government is surrounded by highly dedicated volunteers and good professionals, he pointed out. He also touched on several multi-county projects which are brought about because of sparse population.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell outlined some of the town's priorities, as well as giving an overview of differences between town and county government.

Gardner, town administrator, went into more detail. He said the town and county got its real drive in the late 1950's after the air base closed for good. Leadership has pulled together "quite successfully since then" he noted.

Having served as chairman of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission for three years, Gardner warned that there appears to be another level "of government being imposed on us." He added that the agency should remain a planning organization.

He called regionalism "the hallmark for inter-local and inter-county relationships". He declared that "if we didn't get together and accomplish things we would be left at the starting gate."

Gardner also noted that this area pays much attention to the quality of life and historic value.

Amburn, former president of Albemarle Area Development Association, outlined the volunteer's role in total development. He said enough emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of involvement by elected officials and others in leadership positions in the community.

Amburn credited the area's positive approach to program development with the fact that those in leadership positions "pick and choose" programs which will be of true benefit to the people. "This is the reason for whatever degree of success we have experienced," he said.

The group broke up into teams Monday afternoon and began their in-depth study in several program areas.

finance an adequate generator with a saving of up to \$14-million over a 10-year period.

"Veeco has indicated a willingness to have any new generating facilities added to its transmission system," said Robert E. Bathen of R.W. Beck and Associates.

He said the proposed agency's generator would run only a short period of time each year, only to shave the peak loads which are not extremely expensive to municipalities.

The agency would also continue in detail negotiations with Veeco concerning the acquisition of generating facilities now on or to be constructed to the firm's system. Negotiations would also be concluded with Veeco concerning the interchange agreements needed for joint municipal generation.

In answer to a question Bathen said establishment of a municipal generating system will not rule out the purchase of some of Veeco's generating capacity.

The spokesmen said any bonds issued by the agency would be backed by contracts from the members of the agency to purchase power.

Marshall Lancaster, executive director of Electricities, said a similar agency was formed by Duke Power Company municipal customers in North Carolina recently and 22 of the eligible cities have joined.

Legislation to allow municipalities to individually or jointly establish generating facilities of the nature described was approved by the 1975 General Assembly.

Fred L. Harrison of Scotland Neck, president of Electricities, presided at the meeting at which Mayor Roy L. Harrell, Town Administrator W.B. Gardner and Director of Utilities James Martin, represented the Town of Edenton.

Places Third

Melanie Morris of Hertford placed third in the N.C. Department of American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. The state finals were held last Wednesday at East Carolina University in Greenville where she had earlier been selected to represent the First Division.

Miss Morris, a freshman at Chowan Academy, represented Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 in Edenton in district competition.

Bill Phillips, oratorical contest chairman for the Edenton Post, said there was "terrific competition" in the department contest and "Melanie did very, very well."

Boat Courses

Two boating courses have been scheduled by the Edenton Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 16-3. The courses will be presented free of charge to all. Those interested in boating are encouraged to attend.

The first course, beginning Tuesday at 7:30 P.M., will deal with principles of safe sailing.

Another course on charts, compass and piloting will begin on March 25, also at 7:30 P.M. The classes will be held in Room 125 at John A. Holmes High School.

For additional information for these family-oriented courses contact Warren Hibbard at 482-3214.

Suit Awarded

A Chowan County District Court Jury last week awarded A. Caswell Edmundson a judgement of \$873.55 against Albemarle Builders Supply, Inc., of Elizabeth City.

Edmundson had brought suit against the firm charging a breach of warranty on some building materials purchase for a beach cottage on the Outer Banks.

Two other cases calendared for trial were dismissed. They were Gainesville Steel Products, Inc., against Townson Pallets, Inc., and Charlie Nathaniel Boyce against Calvin Lee Roberson and William Gregory Berryman.

Divorces granted by Judge Grafton G. Beaman and not reported last week included:

Barbara D. White from Bruce N. White, Jr.; Darrell Riddick Sharpe from Gloris Anne Sharpe; and Ross Edward Privott, Jr., from Shirley White Privott.

Child Abused

An Edenton woman was given a suspended sentence in Chowan County District Court Tuesday after being convicted of assaulting an eight-year-old child who allegedly had struck her young son.

Mrs. Helen Rhymer Robinson was sentenced to 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs after pleading no contest to the assault charge.

Mrs. Erma Slade told Judge Grafton G. Beaman that her son was on his way home from D. F. Walker School when Mrs. Robinson stopped her car, got out and carried the Slade child across the street and struck him. It was brought out that another child, not the one Mrs. Robinson struck, had been involved in the disagreement.

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the U. S. Armed Forces in conflict, the conflict over spending money and a new balance between the President and Congress.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., will introduce Dr. Holtzman and serve as moderator of the discussion panel which includes John Taylor, Pam Amick, D. F. Walker and Clarence Stallings, Jr.

The Bicentennial Committee of the N. C. Library Association and the N. C. Humanities Committee are presenting the American Experiment which is locally sponsored by Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Dr. Holtzman did his undergraduate and master studies at U.C.L.A. and received his doctorate from Harvard in 1952. He served as staff assistant to the chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1954 and was a Fulbright Professor in Italy from 1968-1969.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. and end not later than 9:30 P.M. Ample time will be allotted for questions and discussion after the lecture and panel response.

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setting meetings and expressed concern over the Personnel Policy.

When questioned about the grievances, Mrs. Hester said they were suggestions which had previously been put in writing "but nothing has been done."

The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to recommend a policy for dealing with requests from consultants for information accumulated by ARPDC staff. Beckler said it appeared that some consultants wanted the agency to do their work for them.

W. B. Gardner, past agency chairman, said he felt that anyone representing a member unit of government should be given all the information available. This should not be the case where consultants are on a "fishing expedition."

Bill Hartman, who recently resigned as Pasquotank County coordinator to become county manager in Washington County, said staff time involved for non-member representatives should be charged at cost.

Routine reports on programs were submitted.