

Service Vanishing

There is a sign posted in the Edenton Post Office advising patrons that effective April 3 window service will be discontinued on Saturday. This is another step towards removing the service from the U. S. Postal Service.

Postmaster James M. Bond is bound to be on the receiving end of a host of complaints about this cut in service. However, he has no control over the quotas placed on the local office.

There is a nation-wide effort to improve the financial condition of the postal service. The liberals thought once it became an independent agency of the federal government all the problems would be solved. Not so. The problems have been compounded.

In the name of economy, the service is trying to reduce the number of business mail deliveries per day in the big cities and the number of days per week in the residential areas.

We applaud the first, but abhor the second.

We do not understand, in the first place, why there should be three deliveries of business mail a day in New York City when users in other large cities are restricted to two deliveries, and one along the Public Parade.

Is the mail more important or more urgent in Gotham than in Podunk?

We doubt it. And with the closing of the window service on Saturday sometimes urgent mail will pile up from Friday until Monday and those who rely on the mail businesswise will be severely handicapped.

Although the cut in service is proposed in the name of economy, we are inclined to go along with Rep. David Henderson of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who says the proposed retrenchments would not save money anyway.

According to him, the three-year labor contract which the postal service signed with its 700,000 employees has a provision which prohibits layoffs. Consequently, very little can be saved by cutting down on service if you cannot at the same time reduce personnel.

The local post office employees work hard in an effort to get all first class mail in the boxes by 8 A.M. Curtailing the Saturday window service won't help this situation, but will reduce the service offered postal patrons.

Maybe we are old fashion, but we still believe that no dollar value can be placed on service. By the same token, we resent some areas getting too much of a good thing while others suffer.

By increasing prices and curtailing service the U. S. Postal Service may just be on the brink of pricing itself out of the market. God forbid!

Play By Rules

In our mail Tuesday afternoon was a letter headed: "About to lose (sic) more service." It was signed: "Taxpayer".

The letter was well thought out, well constructed, well within the length desired for publication, and on the same topic of another piece in this column. Except for the signature, it passed all our requirements to be circulated along the Public Parade.

And what makes it more difficult, the writer's thinking was in tune with ours. Nevertheless, when letters are sent for publication in this newspaper they must bear a genuine signature.

In particular cases we will withhold the name, but we must know who the author is. The reason is simple—protection.

Our policy then is by no means designed to discourage letters from concerned or unconcerned citizens. To put it pure and simple, we just have to know who is the force behind the pen.

Therefore, no matter how much we agree with the content, unsigned letters won't "show" in this newspaper. While the rules are simple everyone who plays in this arena must abide by them.

Cutting Down Wrong Tree

Ned Cline has done another hatchet job on the East Carolina Medical School and his editors have applauded without checking

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Carter, Reagan Win At Polls

Two former governors, Ronald Reagan of California, and Jimmy Carter of Georgia, lead balloting in Chowan County Tuesday. Reagan, a Republican, and Carter, Democrat, were the choice of their respective parties

the first Presidential Preference Primary here. The two constitutional amendments and the higher education bond issue were heavily favored in this county. Twenty-one per cent of the

registered voters cast ballots in the election, 16 of who voted absentee. Except for Wardville the rural precincts voted a higher percentage of registered than did East and West Edenton. The heaviest vote was in

Yeopim where 29 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots. Twenty-four per cent voted in Rocky Hock and Center Hill, 12 per cent in Wardville, 16 per cent in West Edenton and 17 per cent in East Edenton. Twenty per cent of the registered Democrats voted while 30 per cent of the Republicans cast ballots.

Carter out distanced George C. Wallace in the Democratic Primary. He garnered 438 votes to 347 for Wallace. There were 50 no preference votes, 43 for Henry Jackson, 10 for Fred Harris and seven for Lloyd Bentsen.

President Gerald Ford trailed Reagan 54 to 68 in the Republican Primary. There was one no preference vote.

Reagan carried four of the county's six boxes but failed to get any of the six GOP votes in Center Hill. He beat President Ford 10-8 in East Edenton but picked up 28-18 in the West Edenton precinct.

On the Democratic side, Carter received heavy votes in the two Edenton precincts but lost in Rocky Hock, Center Hill, Wardville and Yeopim.

The health care amendment carried 545 to 282, carrying all but one precinct—Wardville.

The tax-free industrial bonds were approved here, 521 to 271, but also was voted down in Wardville.

The higher education capital improvement bonds were approved in all six precincts for a total vote of 522 to 297.

	REPUBLICAN					DEMOCRATIC				
	Ford	Reagan	No. Pref.	Wallace	Carter	Jackson	Udall	Harris	Bentsen	No. Pref.
East Edenton	8	10	0	91	115	9	3	4	1	8
West Edenton	18	28	0	80	181	14	13	4	4	25
Rocky Hock	3	6	0	63	34	5	0	0	0	6
Center Hill	6	0	0	44	36	2	0	0	1	7
Wardville	7	3	0	23	22	4	1	0	0	1
Yeopim	12	20	1	45	40	6	4	2	1	3
	54	68	1	347	438	43	22	10	7	50

	AMENDMENTS					
	Health Care		Anti-Pollution		Gen. Construction	
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
East Edenton	128	58	133	47	120	67
West Edenton	207	98	197	93	197	102
Rocky Hock	63	24	48	28	48	32
Center Hill	43	35	39	35	46	29
Wardville	23	26	22	23	25	22
Yeopim	82	34	74	37	75	40
	545	282	521	271	522	297



Corbitt B. Rushing

Last Of Series To Be Presented

The American Experiment, a series of Bicentennial forums, will conclude at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday at Chowan County Courthouse with a discussion of the coming century.

N. C. Wesleyan College Professor Corbitt B. Rushing has entitled his talk "An Agenda for Our Third Century". His remarks will include comment on the dim prospects and the bright spots of our world currently at peace, the high and low points of the quest for ecological sanity and a proposal for a 1987 Constitutional Convention.

The forum series is presented by the Bicentennial Committee of the N. C. Library Association and the N. C. Humanities Committee and locally sponsored by Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., will introduce Rushing and preside over the discussion panel which includes Pat Trube, Willis Privott, Swain Principal Ralph Cole, Dr. John Dunn and Gatesville author Frank Adams.

Rushing has studied at Oklahoma Baptist University, the University of Chicago and the University of Oklahoma. Three of his five children are graduates of the Rocky Mount college where he teaches.

The sponsors of the forum series wish to give special recognition to Dr. Robert S. Rankin of Duke University and Dr. Jim Noel of the N. C. Humanities Committee for their wisdom, inspiration and untiring efforts to insure this would be the finest forum effort in North Carolina thus far.

Registration Set

Children who will be five years of age on or before October 16, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 1976-77 school year. Registration will be at White Oak School on April 1 from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. and at D. F. Walker School on April 8 during the same hours.

Please take with you a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of his immunization record. The immunization record may be obtained from the Health Department of your local physician.

Only children entering First Grade that are not presently enrolled in D. F. Walker or White Oak need to register for the First Grade. It is not necessary that the child be present for registration.

Should you have questions, please call the principal's office.

Pact Aids Herring Industry

A bilateral agreement signed March 1, by the Soviet Union and the United States should help the troubled North Carolina river herring fishery, according to Mike Street, North Carolina's representative at the State Department negotiations.

The agreement is timely. When the dogwoods bloom it is time again for river herring to leave the ocean and enter fresh waters to spawn. Last year the historically important N. C. river herring fishery suffered the lowest harvest since 1937.

Street, chief of research and development for the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries, said information gained from a long term N. C. research program figured prominently in the negotiations. The only U. S. offshore data was taken by biologists aboard N. C.'s research-exploratory fishing vessel DAN MOORE. Street said the successful negotiations were the pay-off from a five year N. C. research effort.

Street said the Soviet Union agreement is complex. The river herring agreement (also including flounder, bluefish, black sea bass, scup (porgy), and other species) covers an area of international

waters that extends from the 35 degree north latitude line (offshore Ocracoke) to Long Island, N. Y. The menhaden clause gives protection down to Jacksonville, Fla. The agreement areas are within 200 miles of U. S. shores.

The main agreement, Street said, was establishment of a closed area offshore Little Machipungo Inlet, Va., to offshore Ocracoke (from the international boundary 12 miles offshore of about the 100 fathom curve). The area will be closed during

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Funds Allocated

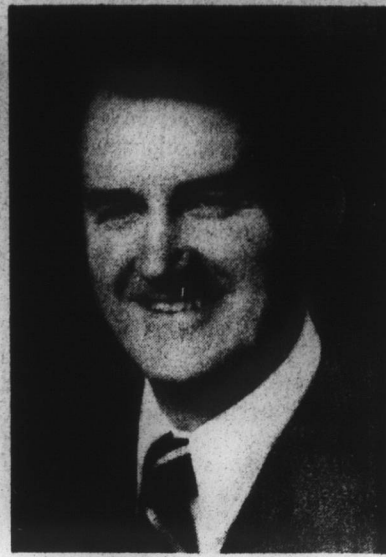
Edenton-Chowan Schools and 12 other administrative units in the First Congressional District are getting HEW funds to provide assistance for schools in federally affected areas.

Rep. Walter B. Jones announced that the local unit has been certified for a \$3,749 payment.

Other Albemarle Area units receiving funds at this time are Dare County, \$20,916; Currituck County, \$45,884; Camden County, \$15,979; Perquimans County, \$11,337; and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank, \$57,668.



RESEARCH TEAM—Mike Street, left, and a fellow scientist look over some fishing gear used to gather data which led to a U. S.—Russian agreement which should improve herring fishing in the Chowan River area. The state's research-exploratory vessel is in the background.



Vann H. Johnson

Johnson Fills Bank Post

ROCKY MOUNT—Vann H. Johnson, a native of Suffolk, Va., has been named Senior Vice President and City Executive of the Peoples Bank in Edenton.

Peoples Bank Chairman and President, W. H. Stanley, said of Johnson's new position: "We are extremely pleased to have a man of Mr. Johnson's vast experience and feel confident that he will provide strong leadership for our bank in Edenton". Stanley added, "His general knowledge of all aspects of commercial banking and his management experience will be vital to our continuing efforts to serve the financial needs of the area. In addition to his banking expertise, Mr. Johnson has been extremely active in community activities in each city in which he has lived."

He replaces Harry Litchfield, who died recently.

Johnson, a U. S. Navy veteran, is a 1957 graduate of Virginia Tech where he received a BS degree in business administration.

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Evans, Perry Enter Race

The race for Chowan County Register of Deeds is getting crowded as two more people announced their candidacy, subject to the August Democratic Primary. They are Mrs. Laura S. Evans, Route 1, Tyner, and William A. Perry, 9 Hawthorne Road.

They join Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, 1025 North Broad Street, and Mrs. Jean A. Bunch, Route 2, Edenton, who earlier announced their intentions to seek the office being vacated by Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch.

Mrs. Pansy A. Elliot, county finance officer, told The Chowan Herald this week that she had decided against seeking the elective office. She said her decision was reached prior to a March 15 meeting of Chowan County commissioners at which time the salary was cut from \$11,400 to \$10,000 and the hours increased from 35 to 40 hours per week.

Six other county offices are up for election this year, according to Mrs. Bryon Kehayes, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections. They are the coroner, two four terms on the board of commissioners (Alton G. Elmore, First Township; and David T. Bateman, Third Township); and three non-partisan seats on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The school board seats are held by Dr. Edward G. Bond and Thomas Paul Griffin, First Township; and Carlton Goodwin, Third Township.

Filing opens at 12-noon on April 5. The last day to file is 12-noon on May 28. Persons must file with either Mrs. Kehayes or Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, executive secretary of the board of elections.

A person may file, pay his fee and then decide not to run. His fee can

be returned if the would-be candidate withdraws before the filing date.

Where there are more than two people seeking the same post, there must be a clear majority, otherwise the second high person could call for a second primary, or run-off.

The filing fee for Register of Deeds is \$100; for coroner, \$29.87; for county commissioner, \$10; and for the school board, \$5.

Mrs. Evans is a legal secretary with 10 years of experience. Currently she is employed as secretary to Max S. Busby of the Earnhardt & Busby, P. A., law firm in Edenton.

In a statement she said: "Integrity, quality service and dedication to her employer are a few of the prerequisites of a legal secretary. If I am elected Register of Deeds, I feel these qualities plus the experience obtained by my affiliation with the legal profession will enable me to bring about a continuity in the standard of excellence set by Mrs. Bunch during her years of service to Chowan County."

"I ask for the support of all citizens of Chowan County in my endeavor to serve them in the capacity of Register of Deeds."

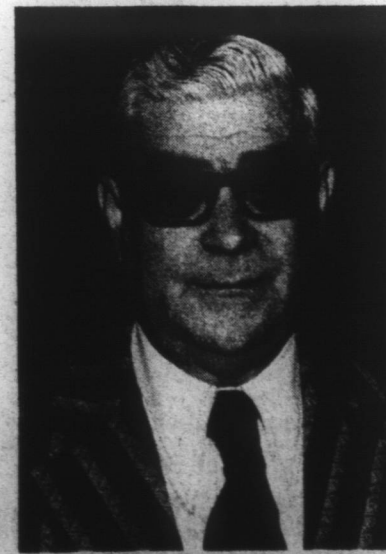
Mrs. Evans is a native of Chowan County. She is the daughter of Mrs. Alma L. Ownly of Capron, Va., and the late W. C. Skinner, Sr., of Chowan County. She is married to Melvin H. Evans, animal control officer of Chowan County.

She has served on the Edenton-Chowan Educational Development Council and was employed for two years as a teacher-clerical aide in Edenton-Chowan Schools. She has prior

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Mrs. Laura S. Evans



William A. Perry