

## Heard & Seen

By Bull

Of course, with the energy crisis upon us and the prospect that it will become even worse, many changes are being made in order to conserve energy. Some working hours are being reduced or changed, various businesses are lowering the hours of operation and citizens are being urged to lower the thermostat in homes to help in conserving oil and cutting down on the use of electricity. And at least one organization has been called upon to do its bit in energy conservation. The local tribe of Red Men this week received an emergency proclamation from Gary John Sontag, Great Inchoonee of the Great Council of United States, Improved Order of Red Men, of Columbus, Ohio. Acting with the powers in him vested Mr. Sontag granted a blanket dispensation to all tribes that are within the 12 state devastated area to dispense with regular or special tribal meetings from February 1 through March 15, 1977. In his proclamation Mr. Sontag also said: "If each of our members use conservation measures in their homes with each helping one another and putting our needs aside to insure a brighter future for others, we will come through this trying time together."

And, of course, members of the local Red Men tribe plan to comply with the request of the "heap big chief."

And one of the local Red Men, John Lewis in particular, went the "second mile" one day last week. Friend John, upon retiring, shoved the thermostat down to around the 60 mark and went to bed with some degree of satisfaction that he was doing his bit to conserve the oil in his tank. But sometime during the early morning hours John was awakened due to becoming cold. And crawling out of bed and shivering in his nighties he inspected his furnace and found that it had cut off but that the fan was running full blast and was forcing air conditioning instead of warm air in his bedroom. He wasn't shivering too much to be able to push the relay button on the furnace so that heat soon was warming the bedroom and John and the Missus fell into the arms of Morpheus to enjoy the warmth of the room and pleasant dreams and the fact that the cranky furnace resulted in saving a little bit of oil.

Tuesday of last week was Groundhog Day and it will be recalled that the sun was very bright all day, so that Mr. (or Mrs.) Groundhog apparently saw his or her shadow and scooted back into a hole which, they say, means that we'll have a spell of more real winter weather. Well if the sun was shining or not on Groundhog Day, and with the weather as cold as it was, who can blame the critter for crawling back in a hole and remain there until Old Sol warms things up quite a bit?

A supper will be served tonight (Thursday) at the Masonic Temple which is for "belly" Masons as well as all other members and their wives. The meal will be served at 7 o'clock, prior to the regular meeting of the lodge. The chief cooks, Bob Hutchison, Clarence White and Willie Spruill, as well as some other assistants, are planning a first class meal, so that a large crowd is expected to be on hand even if it is a "dutch" treat. J.D. Elliott, master of the lodge, is especially hopeful that many Masons and their wives will turn out for the affair.

## Workshops Set

The Industrial Extension Service's Rural Development Program announces the last two of its workshops planned for firms in Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, and Perquimans counties.

The first workshop, "Motivational Techniques" (with four, three-hour sessions) will be given on March 7, 8, 9, and 10 from 9 A.M. to 12 noon at the annex of the Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

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Albamarle Human Resources Development System. Now, after unknown thousands of dollars have passed us by and an unknown number of citizens have gone without the collective services, available to them there is an agency grab to pick up the pieces.

It is past time for the local governments to reassess the Economic Development District concept and look with a new sense of seriousness at the formation of a Council of Governments in the 10-county Albamarle Area.

Such action would solve the question raised just this week by the commissioners in the Isle of the Pasquotank. And it would cause member governments to more readily accept responsibility for the agency which represents them on the state and federal levels.

## The Neglected Dozen

We read in our favorite morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade where the State Department of Transportation is about to spend some \$460,000 on improvements to U. S. 158 in Currituck County. This is a progressive move.

There are a lot of dangerous sections of the highly travelled route between Tidewater Virginia and the Outer Banks—the upper Outer Banks, that is. While it has been labeled a "death trap" and a 19-mile "madhouse", the real neglected road is Highway 12 from Whalebone to Ocracoke Island.

It could very appropriately be called "the neglected dozen."

Tommy Gray of Buxton, chairman of Dare County commissioners, and his colleagues have been working through DOT and Rep. Walter B. Jones in efforts to get Highway 12 upgraded. Each time they are faced with a brick wall, better known as the National Park Service.

From recent reports about abandonment by the federal agency of erosion control methods, coupled with the deaf ear being turned to the road which runs through the national park, it would appear that before long about the only way to get from Nags Head to Ocracoke will be via helicopter.

And even that won't make the wide-eyed conservationists happy. The noise of the helicopter rotors would certainly disturb something.

## Twofold Message

The tributes published in this column come from the heart and without any expectation of praise. Needless to say, almost without fail, we receive response which show appreciation for our thoughts.

It is the general policy of this writer not to share these notes with those who meander along the Public Parade. However, the following carries such a message that we wouldn't want you to miss it:

Dear Mr. Amburn, Ironically, this is a letter that I contemplated writing some year and a half past. A recent event has given a twofold reason for writing you, even though it happens to have been a regretful one.

The recent event of which I write is the passing of my father and the subsequent tribute paid by you in your Public Parade. Reading your column was indeed a proud and uplifting experience for me. Pardon my pride, but I can think of no more appropriate or accurate statements than those made by you. I wish to express gratitude on behalf of myself and

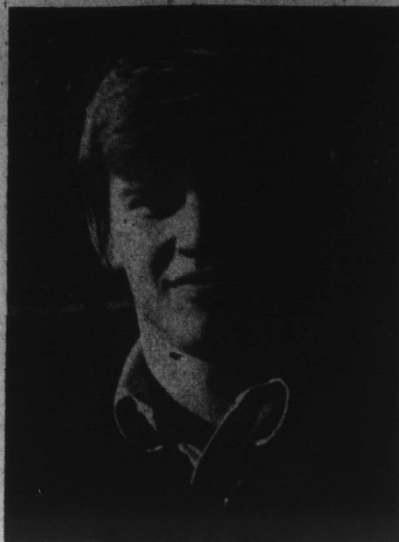
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Morten C. Harr

## Harr To Speak

Morten C. Harr, a Rotary Exchange Student from Norway, is scheduled for two speaking engagements within the week in Edenton. He is studying pre-engineering at Chowan College in Murfreesboro.

Harr will present a program on this history, geography and economic conditions of Norway to members of the Edenton Rotary Club at 1 P.M. (today) and at Edenton Lions Club at 7 P.M. Monday.

He will be accompanied by Roy Winslow, associated dean of students, who was once the director of Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department.

Harr is one of two international students studying in Rotary District 771 through the Rotary Exchange Student program sponsored by Rotary clubs in the district. He is proficient in English, German, and French as well as his native Norwegian language.

"As a student he is conscientious and industrious," said Clayton Lewis, dean of students at Chowan College.

Harr has been well received by students at Chowan. He is interested in modern history and social studies.

our family for your gesture.

As to my earlier thoughts about writing; let me explain. Including time for a college education in Raleigh, and a brief stay in South Carolina; I have been gone from Edenton for some nine years. It has become increasingly evident to me in later years what a proud heritage one has in the Edenton area. Whether the reminder stems from its role in the country's history, some current-day happenings, or even a particular football team of the early 60's; I am continually learning that Edenton is indeed a special place to call home.

Possibly, in the future, I will return to Edenton; but whether that should eventuate or not, I would wish to think that this expresses, in however a small way, the sentiments of many who have left but looked back many times.

Again, thank you personally for your comments about my father. You can rest assured that the column will be saved and treasured.

Sincerely,  
Tony Webb

## Being Prepared

Kidnaping is not a problem along the Public Parade. We read about it in the big city newspapers, news magazines and hear about it on TV. It couldn't become a problem here, we tell ourselves.

The same was true with integration, drugs, etc. The citizenry meandering along the Public Parade is not like that of the metro areas — thank God! Yet, we have conquered integration but almost any teenager can tell you where you can purchase drugs.

Elsewhere in today's newspaper we are printing a lengthy report from the U.S. Department of Justice regarding kidnaping. It will be followed up by six informative articles as to what to do when something happens regarding kidnapings.

We don't know of a better public service we could perform. Hopefully, those of use fortunate enough to meander along the Public Parade will not be faced with a Chowchilla, Calif., Washington, D.C., or similar situation. But the best defense is a good offense and we want you to, like a good Boy Scout, be prepared.

## Answer To Impossible Dream

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prepared by Albamarle Associates, a local consulting group headed by James E. Lewis. Since it was completed on November 12, 1976, Phillips has said he didn't believe there would be a more thorough nor professionally prepared application submitted for funding.

Chowan County's application was not approved in December when other local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act projects were funded.

The Town of Edenton also had application in for an addition to the Municipal Building.

The EDA review of the courthouse-jail application began when W.B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, began an inquiry into the process used in determining which projects were funded. It was learned, through Gardner's investigation, that the county's application was "bumped due to an invalid comment during final review."

Rep. Jones and Sens. Jesse Helms and Robert Morgan were successful in getting EDA to reopen the matter since investigation indicated that the reviewers were of the opinion that an office building applied for by Perquimans County would be located in Edenton.

"Undue concentration of funds" reportedly was written across the face of both the town and county applications. EDA officials in Raleigh have admitted that they were aware of the mistake for more than a week, but did not take action to correct it until the local inquiry was made.

EDA officials in the regional office in Atlanta, Ga., admitted an error had been made and, at the request of the congressional delegation, sent Chowan's application on to Washington for review.

"This is the best deal the county has ever had," Phillips told his colleagues after receiving the news from Rep. Jones. A telegram confirming approval from EDA was received by Phillips on Wednesday morning.

One of the primary concerns locally was that options on the property were about to expire—the first on February 9. There had already been an indication that at least one property owner had had second thoughts about the value of his property and if another option had to be negotiated the price would be as much as \$20,000 higher.

John Graham, county attorney, came to the board meeting and was instructed to begin im-

## To Haven

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providing a bright, cheerful convalescent facility. "And we think we have the professional staff with the right philosophy to give the residents expert medical care in a home atmosphere," he added.

Development of the facility, through the Section 232 program of the Department of Housing & Urban Development, took nearly four years and cost in excess of \$1.4-million.

Davidson & Jones, Inc., of Raleigh, was the general contractor and construction financing was through the Bank of North Carolina, N.A.

Cape Colony Haven, Inc., has a Certificate of Need from the N. C. Department of Human Resources to construct a 96-bed facility at Nags Head. Thirty-two beds at the Dare County facility will be for skilled nursing patients and 64 beds for intermediate care residents.

Dr. Corley, who recently resigned from a position with the Veterans Administration, will also serve as medical director at Outer Banks Haven. He resides in Rodanthe.

In addition to Amburn and Lewis, the other local businessmen who are owners of Cape Colony Haven are: Jack Habit, an insurance and real estate executive; and John A. Mitchener, Jr., owner of Mitchener's Pharmacy and considerable other real estate in the area.

mediately obtaining deeds to the property.

The county has been working on the project for five years. J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., a noted architect in historical preservation and restoration, responded to approval of funding in a letter to Phillips. In part, it said:

"First, let me commend you for your untiring efforts - all through the life of the Courthouse project - which started, according to our records, in 1972 when we were first called in to design a new courthouse and jail for Chowan County.

"We believe your final choice of site was excellent. We are confident that we have designed the two structures and placed them on the site with propriety and great sympathy for the environment and perfectly wonderful and distinctive atmosphere and character of Edenton township.

Rest assured that the two structures are functional and meet all the demands of providing and maintaining Law and Order for your community on current levels. Know also that these facilities are housed in an architectural envelope that honors your historical and architectural heritage and will remain in proper scale with their surroundings."

Regarding the release of federal funds, Dist. Att. Tom Watts stated:

## Special Hours Observed

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using a night thermostat setting of 50 degrees, to prevent pipes from freezing and other maintenance problems from arising. "However," Dr. Dunn stated, "all decisions concerning conservation measures in our schools will be made with the safety and well being of students in mind, and at no time will their health be put in jeopardy."

## Historic Edenton

Historic Edenton will be closed Monday and Tuesday until further notice to save energy that is in short supply.

The executive board of Historic Edenton has decided that Historic Edenton should close on Mondays and Tuesdays until we are over the hill of the energy crisis. The thermostat will be turned down to 55 degrees when the buildings are not in use and to 62 degrees when the staff is working.

Historic Edenton is interested in helping in any way it can to save fuel.

We apologize to the out of town tourist for the change in working hours, but we feel that we must comply with the governments recommendations to conserve energy, a spokesman said.

## ESC Policy

The Employment Security Commission in Edenton will be closed Monday and persons filing claims for unemployment benefits on that day will be rescheduled to file later during the week.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager, said Friday that her office will shut down in compliance with the Governor's recent declaration closing state facilities for one day a week to conserve energy.

In Edenton about 70 claimants will have to be rescheduled.

The ESC manager said her new hours of operation will be from 8 A.M. to 6:30 P.M., Tuesday through Friday. Claimants reporting on days other than

"I share the delight of all of the citizens of Chowan County at receiving this very good news. The new courthouse facility will be of maximum convenience to jurors, witnesses, litigants, court officials and all of the citizens of the county who are required to conduct business at the courthouse. I particularly commend the Chowan County Board of Commissioners and Rep. Walter B. Jones for their perseverance in obtaining this federal funding under adverse circumstances."

"Now the current, history-filled courthouse structure can rightfully retire from active use and be transformed into a governmental and judicial museum of significant importance to historic Edenton."

At Tuesday night's meeting of Edenton Town Council, Dr. Allen Hornthal, a councilman, called special attention to the role Gardner played in getting the Chowan County Courthouse-Jail Project reviewed and ultimately funded.

He noted that this showed to a great extent the splendid spirit of cooperation existing between the county and municipal governments and "credit must be placed to a great extent where it is due."

He added that Gardner played a major role in calling an injustice to the attention of the proper federal authorities and then following through to the point where funding resulted.

Monday will maintain their regular filing schedule.

According to Mrs. Bond, she was informed Thursday of the new hours of operation.

In Raleigh, the Employment Security Commission expects only slight delays processing unemployment insurance checks due to the shortened workweek. The agency estimates that approximately 35,000 jobless workers across the State will be rescheduled.

The new hours will remain in effect until the emergency guidelines are lifted.

## Consolidation

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facilities would be enlarged.

D. F. Walker School would also house K-6 students, and that building was deemed adequate as is.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, commented, "This is not the ultimate plan and it is not what we desire; but it accomplishes consolidation."

Mrs. Emily Amburn, a board member, was more direct, calling it a "make-do" situation barely adequate for what the schools are seeking to accomplish.

Another board meeting was scheduled for February 21 to decide which plan will be implemented. A final decision is to be made in June.

Assistant principals Rob Boyce and Louis Belfield reviewed possible bus routes for the consolidation plan.

Dave Holton, Edenton Aces head coach, presented the rough draft for a summertime Sports Camp for children, ages 9-15. According to Holton's proposal, athletic and recreational activities would be offered on a day camp basis with one or more week-long sessions offered.

Major instruction would be offered in baseball, football, basketball, and gymnastics

## Community Calendar

THURSDAY, February 10th.

9:00 A. M.—Picture Framing Workshop, Kitchen, 4th floor County Office Building

10:00 A. M. - 3 P. M.—Pork Conference, Jaycee Building

1:00 P. M.—Edenton Rotary Club, St. Pauls Parish House

3:30 P. M.—Chamber Board of Directors Meeting

7:30 P. M.—Jaycee Regular Meeting, Jaycee Building

SATURDAY, February 12th

10:30 A. M.—Chowan Ruritan Club Community Auction Sale, Valhalla Produce

7:30 P. M.—Dinner and Sweetheart Dance, Jaycee Building

SUNDAY, February 13th.

Attend Sunday School and Services at the Church of your choice.

4:00 P. M.—Belvidere Quartet of Baltimore, Maryland Edenton Baptist Church, Chowan Arts Council

MONDAY, February 14th.

Valentine Day

7:00 P. M.—Lions Club, Edenton Restaurant