



Heard & Seen "By Bull"

With subscription rates for The Herald scheduled to increase as of April 1, quite a few subscribers are extending their subscriptions for a few years hence under the present rate. One of these last week was Mrs. Emily S. Causey of Raleigh. Mrs. Causey is the former Miss Emily Smithwick and before leaving Edenton in 1950 she taught school here from 1936 to 1950, and many of us remember her. "I've been away from Edenton since 1950," wrote Mrs. Causey, "but I still enjoy The Chowan Herald and still see a few familiar names and faces in it." Well, quite a few since 1950 until now are not here any more and on the other hand there are many more in Edenton who were not here in 1950. Time was when a person recognized a goodly part of the population, but with so many newcomers that isn't the case any more.

Things are almost back to normal in the "Cheapside" section these days. And it's because Gashouse Parker is again on the scene. For many years Gashouse worked at the T & T Fish Market but left when the Tynch crowd sold the business to Sonny Jones. But now Gashouse is back at his old job—even though he works only the latter part of the week. Welcome "home," Gashouse!

It's hard to figure out the fickle weatherman these days. First we have freezing cold weather. Then we've had real summer weather for a few days and as of Wednesday morning a fellow would have had a shivering time walking around in his shirt sleeves. Then, too, on Tuesday and Tuesday night the wind was so strong it's a wonder it didn't blow some of us skinny folks away. And on Tuesday it appeared as though all the water in Edenton Bay was rushing to the Bertie County side. But then we are in March, you know, so we can expect about any kind of weather even though spring has made its debut.

We hear a lot on radio and television these days about some of the books and magazines in circulation. Well, there was a time when most people read good books. But apparently they now read books. Maybe one of these days somebody will write a book that will sell itself without a sex stimulus.

These days, when going shopping, one finds that prices on just about everything keep going up and up. So that prices, it appears, have heard that there is more room at the top.

Despite the fact that some other meetings, including the local Baptist revival now in progress, were in conflict, a goodly number were present at Monday night's meeting of the Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star. The occasion was the installation of officers for the new Eastern Star year. Of course, it was sort of a lengthy meeting but not too long to prevent the crowd from devouring a lot of attractive and tasty refreshments before going home.

Cancelled

Due to conflicts, the Chowan County Planning Board meeting originally scheduled for March 22, will be held Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room of the County Office Building.

Subdivision plat review will be the primary topic considered, according to Chairman George Lewis.

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should be curtailed or abolished. But when you put an effective math and reading lab, along with a guidance counselor, in each school you are getting to the core of problems which have existed in public education for a long, long time—the wrong emphasis on what the students not only need, but deserve.

When the board of education meets on April 4 we hope Dr. Dunn will have good news regarding funding for ESAA. If he doesn't, then this will stand as a sterling example for mediocrity among administrative units who show imagination and concern for those who are designed to be served while those who are able to put fancy sounding language in grant requests reap the benefits.

Competition for federal dollars on most every front becomes keener by the day. Nevertheless, the ESAA project in Edenton-Chowan Schools has proof in the pudding and deserves better treatment than it is getting from outsiders, who unfortunately, have the final say as to where the dollars are spent.

Word Getting Out

For nearly three years local units of government have been working on comprehensive land-use plans as required by the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974. These have now been completed in 19 of the 20 coastal counties and 31 of the 32 municipalities.

These are locally developed plans which reflect what the local people want their area to be in the future. A major emphasis is being placed on the synopsis section of the plan which is written for the layman, while the remainder of the bulky document can best be understood by technicians.

In an effort to get out the word concerning what is in the plan, the Coastal Resources Commission is committed to getting a copy of the synopsis in every home in the 20 coastal counties. Nearly 600,000 are being printed at no cost to the county or municipality and CRC is paying each unit of government 10 per cent to get them distributed.

The counties and municipalities are fortunate to have such comprehensive plans for their use without having had to spend a penny for the development.

The emphasis of CRC regarding CAMA has been on local government control. The fact that a determined effort is being made to educate the general public on the land-use plan through widespread distribution of the synopsis, still at no cost to local government, is another example that in CAMA the thrust will come from the courthouse and not the bureaucracy.

Walk-A-Thon

Youths and adults are anxiously awaiting April 2 when they can participate in a Walk-a-Thon for the Eastern Lung Association. The event is being sponsored by Edenton Jaycees with Roger Brickhouse as chairman.

It is a matter of life and breath and walkers of all ages will be eligible to participate. Proceeds will go to aid the association's fight against lung disease.

The Walk-a-Thon will cover a 20-mile, carefully patrolled route. There will be rest stops along the route and food provided for the participants.

Each walker will seek as many sponsors as possible who pledge to pay so much for each mile completed. The walker then takes his validated form back to the sponsor to collect for the association.

Net Collections

The local 1 per cent local option sales and use tax collections in Chowan County for February amounted to \$18,944.23, according to a report released this week by Sec. Mark G. Lynch of the State Department of Revenue.

Net collections in other Albemarle Area counties amounted to:

Camden, \$4,423.04; Currituck, \$9,230.13; Dare, \$22,029.11; Gates, \$6,944.94; Pasquotank, \$63,021.69; Perquimans, \$13,953.25; Tyrrell, \$4,641.36; and Washington, \$24,564.29.



GIFT TO CUPOLA HOUSE—Mrs. Frances Inglis, president of the Edenton Historical Commission, received a check Tuesday for \$20,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Trent Ragland of Raleigh. The letter telling of the contribution is displayed by Mrs. Inglis, above. The funds were requested to be earmarked for care and maintenance of the Cupola House Gardens. Mrs. Inglis explained that the Cupola House is part of Historic Edenton, Inc., and the money will be turned over to that organization. Mrs. Ragland is the former Anna Wood, daughter of the late Mrs. Leila B. Wood, who was active in the restoration of the formal gardens. The contribution is intended as a memorial to her and her work. Mrs. Ragland is also a member of the Edenton Historical Commission.

Two Schools Evaluated

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sticks by which schools measure the standards of education which they offer to its students. Voluntarily sought by the individual schools, accreditation by the Southern Association is not mandatory by the state, but represents a measure of excellence over and above the minimum standards set by the state.

A voluntary effort on the part of the school staff, accreditation by the Southern Association requires a self-study using high standards and criteria, designed by the accrediting agency. Both schools being reviewed completed in-depth, self-study books on all facets of education in these schools. Taking about a year to

Lose Teachers

Loss of federal funding for the ESAA Basic and Pilot programs and the ESEA Title III program may result in the loss of 18 teachers in the Edenton-Chowan Schools, Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, reports.

He notified those teachers last week that he would recommend to the board of education that their contracts not be renewed for the coming year. Those were one-year contracts, and the possibility of non-renewal was known at the time the positions were filled.

Word of whether the competitively awarded ESAA Basic and Pilot programs will be funded again is not expected until between April 15 and August 15, Dr. Dunn stated. The Emergency School Aid Act provided funds for the math and reading labs, their staff, and five guidance counselors. A total of 16 people are employed with those funds.

Another program related to cultural arts, ESEA Title III, has run its full three-year eligibility and cannot be refunded here. There were two teachers employed under that program.

Those programs are of a special nature not provided for in the regular state teacher allotment. Funds for those programs must come from either federal or local sources. Dr. Dunn said that with federal funding there is always an element of uncertainty and that the local budget could not handle funding those positions.

Early notification was given the teachers in accordance with teacher tenure law which requires they be told within 45 days of school closing.

complete, these self-studies included the schools' philosophies, their educational objectives for students, strengths and weaknesses in all areas of curriculum, facilities, and community, and gave plans for improvement. Dr. Sanderson commended both applying schools and the school system for first, "being willing to put forth the strenuous effort necessary for completing a self-study" and second "for constantly trying to improve and extend their services to children by focusing on their interests and needs, and by maintaining quality staff, materials, and facilities."

Having had previous access to the Walker and Swain self-studies, the evaluation teams spent an entire day in each school, observing teaching methods, physical plants, talking to students and other school personnel to see that programs were being carried out as described.

A report of their findings and suggestions will be submitted to the State SACS agency, which has no accrediting authority, and then to the Regional Office in December. The Regional Agency has the final authority of accrediting a school for the Southern Association, and will notify Superintendent John Dunn of its decision at this time.

Dr. Madeline Tripp, North Carolina's representative to the SACS Regional Agency, was in Chowan County for the evaluation. Although not a member of an evaluation team, she explained their function as one of "constructive criticism, with all suggestions being made to help you (the schools) improve your educational environment."

Though association visitation members did not commit themselves as to their findings, Ralph Cole and Jim Kinion, principals at Swain and Walker Schools, respectively, had "very good feelings about the committees reactions to the efforts on the part of their schools."

New Members

Eighteen new members have joined the Edenton Chamber of Commerce for 1977, according to a report from J. H. Conger, Jr., membership chairman, to the board of directors.

Also, it was reported that the chamber is less than \$400 from its budget of \$21,000.

Community Calendar

Thursday, March 24:

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

4:00 P.M. — Historic Edenton, Barker House.

7:30 P.M. — Jaycee's, Jaycee Building.

7:30 P.M. — Revival, Edenton Baptist Church.

Friday, March 25:

7:30 P.M. — Revival, Edenton Baptist Church.

Saturday, March 26:

1:30 P.M. — 4-H Horse Club, Robert Harrells Home

7:30 P.M. — BINGO, Jaycee Building.

Sunday, March 27:

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

Monday, March 28:

7:30 P.M. — Lions Club, Edenton Restaurant.

Convention

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Sandwiched in between the speech-making and election of new officers Sunday were workshops and seminars designed to broaden the realization of the leaders of the influence and responsibility they have in their local schools.

Pat Bond married a tremendous presentation by the Cultural Arts Department of John A. Holmes High School which was the forerunner of the performance by the band.

Supt. John Dunn of Edenton-Chowan Schools told the group assembled in John A. Holmes High School Auditorium that the administration is "well aware of the importance of an active student council.

Three foreign exchange students introduced themselves before Miss Bounds talked to the audience on "a personal note" about enthusiasm, determination, necessity, challenge, anticipation, satisfaction and change.

She emphasized that "everything depends on YOU in success. She said as leaders they must project an outreach hand, smile and determination to get others involved. She also called on the students to be creative.

"Leadership is yours only as long as you have earned it," she concluded.

Hollowell followed at the banquet by speaking about attitude, excitement and commitment.

"You are leaders today and you have quite a responsibility—now," he told his audience. "You are our greatest resources and we want to develop it to the greatest potential," he continued.

The Jaycee president urged the students to have a "deep, genuine concern for other people and not always to be so concerned with yourself."

He called on them to think about "positive things for a change", saying "excitement and enthusiasm, coupled with a positive

attitude can carry you a long way."

Mrs. Joe Mitchener of Goldsboro, whose husband is a native Edentonian, responded to the welcome at the banquet by saying that "investment in youth is the greatest dividend possible."

"The Dynamics" provided music for the dance which followed in the Walker Gymnasium.

Mrs. Clara Boswell, executive secretary of the association, was lauded for her volunteer work and presented a report during the closing general session Sunday morning.

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million.

Lamb was quick to point out that the projects in North Carolina have, by an overwhelming majority, been completed ahead of schedule. "The latest any project has come in beyond schedule is two weeks," he said with pride.

The executive said the positive changes realized by the company will "contribute handsomely to a better quality of life for us all."

The chairmen of county boards of commissioners in Washington and Martin counties joined with Lamb and Weyerhaeuser in cutting the ribbon—made from an actual piece of paper which was produced on NC-5.

Bad News

The news from the Utilities Department of the Town of Edenton goes from bad to worse, according to W.B. Gardner, town administrator.

Gardner alerts electric customers of the town that notification has been received from VEPCO that the fossil fuel charge for the next billing (April 1) will be much greater than last month. The extra charge will amount to \$13.75 per one thousand kilowatts of electricity.



AT BANQUET — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hollowell of Edenton are pictured with Rich Pereira at Saturday night's Eastern District Student Council meeting at Walker Cafeteria. Hollowell, state president of the Jaycees, was keynote speaker.



CHANGE IN COMMAND — Miss Gail Felton of Chowan High School was installed Sunday as president of the Eastern District of N.C. Student Council Association. Passing the gavel is Rich Pereira of Havelock, past president.