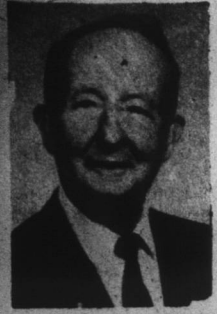


# Heard & Seen "By Buff"



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Mother's Day has already been observed but next Sunday, June 19, the "old man" will have his day. Of course, some fathers, no doubt, will be the recipients of a gift or two, but then he'll likely know about the payment of the gift when he gets a bill at the end of the month.

Elizabeth McRae, living way out at Canoga Park, California, was among those who renewed her subscription to The Herald this week. Her letter, dated June 4, said the temperature at Canoga Park was 100 degrees. She must be used to that sort of weather for she said she was in Edenton just before Christmas last year and that it was so cold she could hardly walk on account of all the clothes she had to wear in order to stay warm. She said she was disappointed because she was unable to get around to visit The Herald gang and other friends. But living in California for so many years, she was taken with pneumonia and Doc Ed Bond told her that she came back home at the wrong time for we were having a spell of unusual cold weather at the time. Anyway, she said she was looking forward to visit Edenton again next spring and hopes Edenton will not change much more for she might think she would be in the wrong town. Well, she'll at least be in for a big surprise if she walks around in the downtown section, for there's a big change already made. The Burton house has been moved to Strawberry Hill, the Charlie Wood home will shortly be moved to the lot adjacent to the Masonic Temple and all other buildings have been torn down in an entire block except the Roberson and Bufflap homes. The latter will be moved to the Macedonia section by Worth Hare, who bought it and the Roberson home is being advertised for sale and if no bids are received by the County Commissioners it will most likely go the way of the Allsbrook, Parker, Kramer, Bond homes and the Hoke Motor Corporation. Then too, Mrs. McRae said her sister, Helen Tynch White, has had open heart surgery and because she has a lot of time on her hands, she would be very happy to hear from Edenton friends. Anyone who would like to write her may secure her address by calling her mother, Mrs. Melvin Ingraham whose phone number is 221-8129.

Whenever a party is held the purpose is to have some fun and a good time. Well, such a little party was held Tuesday night when Mrs. Elizabeth Gregg and her daughter, June, entertained a few friends at their home at Athol as sort of a going-away party for Rev. and Mrs. Ed Earnhardt. And

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committee" hammering out a biennial budget for state government in Tar Heelia.

A telephone call reached the pretty member of his family — and ours — for he was still in session. After visiting some few minutes it was decided to have lunch at the Hilton Inn before the buffet closed. The lunch was leisurely, thinking Rep. Jay Huskins would appear on the scene at any moment.

He didn't and it is a good thing we didn't wait. The "super sub" didn't adjourn until 7 o'clock. But we had touched all our bases in the Piedmont.

Some of what we expected to find out from Friend Jay is contained in his "Report From Raleigh" which appeared in Monday's edition of the Statesville Record & Landmark. It follows:

It was a \$168,000 aid-for-the-blind item that consumed the last available dollar and brought the \$2.222-billion state budget for 1977-78 into balance at 7 P.M. Sunday in Raleigh.

And a little sleight-of-hand was used to balance the \$2.3-billion budget for 1978-79.

When the 13-member "super subcommittee" which had been assigned the task of balancing the budget had succeeded in squeezing excess appropriations into available funds for the first year of the biennium, the second year remained overspent by \$6.3-million.

So, rather than begin the laborious task all over again, a motion was made that the budget office be authorized to trim each item enough to eliminate the \$6.3-million. And that was the course of action that was adopted.

When the highway budget is taken into consideration, the total becomes much larger. All told, \$432.8-million was appropriated to roads for fiscal 1977-78 and \$444.7-million for 1978-79. That brings the grand total to \$2.655-billion for 1977-78 and \$2.745-billion for 1978-79, or \$5.4-billion for the biennium.

The committee, made up of house and senate appropriations committee chairmen, plus the chairman of the senate ways and means committee and the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker pro tem of the house, had been in almost continuous session since its appointment Friday. It met until around midnight on Friday, then worked from 9 A.M. until 7 P.M. on Saturday and from 10:30 A.M. until 7 P.M. on Sunday.

When trying to put a \$5.4-billion budget together, progress is never in a straight line forward. Since these matters must be handled in public, there is always a lot of backing and filling.

Any time there is a motion to delete an item of any size from the proposed budget, one of the railbirds lining the wall will make for a telephone and within five minutes, someone from that member's district will be on the telephone telling him how important to his district that item is.

Thus, there is a lot of backing and filling. A five-minute break will generate two hours of talk in which much that has already been agreed upon may be undone. Word will come from the governor's office or from some departmental secretary that this change or that needs to be made; and each time the committee reconvenes, members will be handed a new list of "options."

But, somehow, the process works — not always as it should, of course. But it works, and finally a "package" is put together.

Such a package was wrapped up by the committee at 7 P.M. Sunday. Staff members worked through the night getting it together for presentation to the joint appropriations committee at 4 P.M. today.

If custom is followed, dissent

while it was a very pleasant affair, there was a trace of sorrow, for Wednesday they were scheduled to pack up the whole kit and caboodle and move to Jacksonville, N.C. It smacked something like the "last supper," only that Friend Earnhardt was not betrayed, but he was leaving his flock as did the One at the Biblical last supper.



**LITTLE THEATER OFFICERS** — New officers of Edenton Little Theater were elected June 2 during a meeting at the Municipal Building. Front row, left to right, are: Snooky Bond, vice president; John Becker, president and Yvonne Chilcoat, secretary. Top row: Frank Edmunds, treasurer; Norma Dirom, publicity chairman; Sandra Boyce, Bruce McGraw and Joe Conger, Jr., trustees. The Little Theater plans to conduct a membership drive in the near future.

## Teacher Positions Reduced

The cessation of two federally funded programs for Edenton-Chowan Schools will reduce the number of allotted teaching positions from 157 this year to 144½ for 1977-78. This announcement was made to school board members at their June 9 meeting.

The Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) Pilot and Basic projects approved for the past three years will not be refunded. Overall, 46 teacher, aide, secretarial, guidance, auxiliary and supportive personnel were included in the two projects. Some of these positions were absorbed in other program areas.

Due to an increase of state allotted teaching positions, the services of a music and art teacher, previously included in an expiring ESEA Title III project, will be continued for students benefit.

In a report on the results of the May 25 and May 30 open board meetings at D.F. Walker and Chowan high school for the purpose of discussing the proposed new high school, Chairman Eugene Jordan stated that at the Chowan meeting representation

members of the joint committee, who have seen their fondest dreams disappear over the weekend, will have their day for the record and then the package will be sent to the floor with a favorable report. And, once on the floor, it is rarely ever broken open for revision.

### Working Together

On the front page of last week's edition were photographs of a multi-fatality accident which happened early on a Saturday morning. The scene was a road bordering Chowan and Perquimans counties.

Those who subscribe to our favorite daily newspaper of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina recognized them as the same photos which appeared in that newspaper's Sunday edition of June 5. Why?

In some areas of Tar Heelia and the nation the answer would be so easy. But we in the Albemarle are working together in friendly competition, where sharing is a rule rather than an exception.

The newspaper we mention has a circulation of about one-half that of the five weekly or semi-weekly newspapers circulated in the Albemarle. The overlap, i. e., the competition for readers, is not nearly as great as one might expect.

At the same time we shared the photographs with another newspaper — one which we don't consider a competitor — we had on loan an employee who was filling the gap while the newspaper was in distress. The Herald crew "doubled up" to aid a friend in need. We feel that if the situation were reversed the response would be equal.

The Herald is fortunate to have staff, which can "switch off" to other shops and to other situations in a time of need. We are all in the Albemarle together and if we don't work together there is little need to try to swim — we'll sink before we get our second wind.

and discussion was good. The main impressions that "came through loud and clear is that they (the county population) are ready to see a new school, but as far out of town (Edenton) as feasible," according to Jordan.

The general feeling throughout all public meetings this year has been that people seem to agree with the board's decision to continue planning toward re-organization and construction of a new high school. To this end, a Site Committee was appointed with instructions to do preliminary work and report their findings at the July meeting.

Educational specifications from the Teachers' Committee have been turned over to Albemarle Associates, the firm employed to seek funding for the new school, to use in planning project proposals.

Other business included the approval of personnel resignations, new employees, requests for leave, and budget transfers.

Dr. J.H. Horton, board vice chairman, was recognized for the recent honor of receiving a Doctorate of Civil Laws from St. Augustine College.

It was reported that the new maintenance building behind D.F. Walker School is finished externally, and that maintenance crews would complete the inside during the summer months.

The board adopted a State Resolution to devise ways and means of carefully screening and selecting school bus drivers, with consideration of requiring at least six months driving experience for 16 year olds before employing as regular or substitute drivers, which is what the Edenton-Chowan unit already practices.

Since the first Monday in July is on the 4th, the next regular school board meeting will be held on July 5 at 8 P.M.

## Local Democratic

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delegates and alternates to the county convention were chosen. The delegates include:

Mrs. Edward G. Bond, W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., Edward G. Bond, Gahl P. Stevens, Frances T. Hollowell, Mrs. W.J.P. Earnhardt, Sr., John A. Mitchener, III, and Clinton Walker.

John Beasley, William Reeves, Tom H. Shepard, Edward G. Bond, Jr., Mrs. James Kinion, Joe Thorud, Lena Leary, and W.H. Hollowell, Jr.

Alternates Are: Judith H. Earnhardt, Lloyd Griffin, Alton Elmore, Edith Walker, L.F. Amburn, Jr., W.B. Gardner, W.P. Jones, W.W. Byrum, Jr., and James Bond.

Hattie Bonner, Pete Manning, Betty Manning, Lois Jordan, Judy Baker, Scott Harrell and George Jordan.

## At Conference

There was a rare quietness in and around the Chowan County Courthouse Tuesday. District Court had been suspended.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, said judges were attending a conference in Asheville this week. The calendar for next week is expected to be lengthy.

## Report On Public Housing

An 11-point report on the first year of operation of a Section 8 housing program being operated by Economic Improvement Council, Inc., in Region "R" has been released by Gilbert H. Johnson, director of the program.

"We consider our regional Public Housing Agency to be very successful as evidenced by year end statistics," Johnson stated. The report showed:

79 per cent of the families assisted by Section 8 are very low-income and the balance are low-income.

Our total allocation of 195 units for "Region R" was under contract by June 1, which is more remarkable when you consider we began two months late, ended up one month prior to initial contract year end of July 1 and only have a staff of four full-time employees.

The tenant (client) minority breakdown was 99 white (51 per cent) and 96 black (49 per cent). Elderly, disabled, handicapped tenants comprised 52 per cent of all units contracted which represents 22 per cent above required HUD guidelines.

Efficient management of first year monies qualified our program for 14 additional units without any additional cost to taxpayer.

Our average monthly shelter payment was only \$58.28 which probably is one of the lowest in the entire nation.

The average monthly contract rent paid to landlords was \$75.44, which is a very important key to making this program function so efficiently.

The bedroom distribution experienced was: One bedroom - 69, two bedrooms - 80, three bedrooms - 37, and four bedrooms - nine.

We are very proud of the fact that 24 landlords spent from \$150 to \$5,200 per unit of their own money in rehabilitating existing units. 37 tenants were relocated into standard housing and five tenants were relocated into rehabilitated units.

Of the 195 units placed under contract, 142 or 73 per cent had women as head of household. Only six contracts (3.1 per cent) were cancelled and replaced during our first year.

The agency is headquartered in the Tower Building at Edenton Municipal Airport. Fentress Morris is EIC executive director and Robert Moore is board chairman.

## Plan Adopted

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Court Street, said by the town not purchasing the property there is an "opportunity we are fast letting slip through our hands." Later he said: "I am surprised you are sitting back and letting it happen...we have only one waterfront."

Councilman Allen Hornthal told Johnson that while there is a lot of concern it has been completely out of the council's hands. "Your only recourse is court action to block this," he added.

Mayor Roy Harrell said it is his understanding that the property is not for sale, adding that the town has made unsuccessful attempts to purchase the tract.

Johnson then asked if the town could not go to court to protect the waterfront.

In a later comment, Mayor Harrell said he was extremely interested in the outcome of the proposed development. "I feel there are some more hurdles for the developers to overcome," he said.

Statements made about the manner in which the Zoning Board of Adjustments handled the request for a special use permit brought quick response from W. B. Gardner, town administrator. "I don't want anyone to leave the impression they did anything illegally intentionally," he said.

Mrs. Raymond Carr made a plea for the town to buy the property. "You'll never have this chance again," she said. "This is a very sacred trust."

In other business, council renewed the lease for the Barker House property to Historic Edenton; awarded insurance bids; approved the change of parking patterns on East Queen Street; and decided to work with Chowan County and the Edenton Chamber of Commerce for a ceremony at the time the by-pass is opened.

In addition to Johnson, PHA personnel includes: Walter L. Noneman, Jr., office manager - counselor; Robert Mullen, counselor; and Mrs. Tonia Fleetwood, secretary.

## Symposium Plans Are Underway

The Edenton Historical Commission and Historic Edenton, Inc., have started planning the biennial Edenton Symposium which is tentatively scheduled for April 6 and 7, 1978.

A brief meeting of the past and present chairmen of the symposium, the chairman of the commission and the site manager of Historic Edenton was held June 9 at the Barker House. This meeting was the beginning of the joint effort between the commission, Historic Edenton, Inc., the N.C. Department of Archives and History, the various historic house associations and the people of Edenton and Chowan County to put on the fourth Edenton Symposium.

The 1978 symposium's theme will be "The Port of Roanoke." It is the hope of the committee to have speakers and other events that will use the theme as a backdrop for talks on such subjects as furniture, historic fabrics and the lives of the many of historic figures who lived in Edenton in the 18th Century.

The committee for the symposium consist of Mrs. Clifford Bair of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Terry Boyle and Mrs. Frank Edmunds, Jr. of Edenton, Mrs. T.B.H. Wood is chairman.

## Mother Of Three Remains In Jail

A Negro mother of three remains in Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City in lieu of \$5,000 bond after being arrested on five charges of false pretense involving money received from the Chowan County Department of Social Services.

LaVerne M. Basnight, Route 3, Edenton, was arrested by Sheriff Troy Toppin shortly after noon June 8. The warrants had been ordered by Asst. Dist. Atty. Keith Teague following an investigation by Sheriff Toppin, the county Department of Social Service and Virginia Authorities.

The woman allegedly received \$200 per month from Chowan County in child care funds, plus \$322 in food stamps, while receiving \$264 per month from the City of Chesapeake. The time alleged is November, 1976, through March, 1977.

She was jailed in lieu of \$10,000 bond at first. However, at her first appearance in court Friday in Pasquotank District Court, Judge Grafton Beaman reduced the bond to \$5,000, but she had not made bond Tuesday afternoon. A probable cause hearing has been set for Tuesday in Chowan County District Court.

Sheriff Toppin said he has had no indication what action Virginia authorities plan to take in the case.

## Help Offered

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on Water Street is handling information and referrals for senior citizens, according to the Area Agency on Aging. The telephone number is 482-4112.

Personnel at the library can supply information concerning health care, transportation, housing, employment Social Security, recreation, alcoholism and other areas of human services needs.

## Training Course Now In Progress

An Ambulance Training Attendant's Course will be conducted for rescue squad and other interested personnel beginning June 14 at Chowan Hospital, Unit B Classroom. This course will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock through July 19.

For further information please call Chowan County Civil Preparedness Agency, 482-3111