

# Heard & Seen

"By Buff"



This life is full of surprises and one of 'em came to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swindell on February 22. It so happened that on that date Mr. and Mrs. Swindell celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and among the congratulations and best wishes was an attractive wedding anniversary card from the President of the United States. The card was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter and to be sure it will be one of the valuable keepsakes of this splendid couple. And even after so many years Mrs. Swindell is the faithful organist of the Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star.

And speaking about the Eastern Star, they held an election of officer Monday night and initiated three candidates, so that it was necessarily a very lengthy meeting and no doubt it must have been near the midnight hour before some of 'em reached their homes. Anyway the following officers were elected: Worthy matron, Louise Goodwin; worthy patron, Bill Goodwin; associate matron, Virginia Karaska; associate patron, Leonard Karaska; conductress, Louise Dilday; associate conductress, Marina Crummey; treasurer, C.W. Overman; secretary, Ruth Overman. Mrs. Goodwin has announced the following appointments to serve with her during the new year: Chaplain, Tom Dilday; marshal, Glenna Tynch; organist, Caroline Swindell; Adah, Kathleen Skiles; Ruth, Janie Midgett; Esther, Margaret Bunting; Martha, Ruth Comer; Electa, Ethel Haskett; warder, Legion Britton; sentinel, Willie Water and pages, Debra Nixon, Pauline Oglesby, Cora White and Minnie Gilliam. And, oh yes, despite the long meeting, there was a lot of "eats" in the dining room after the chapter meeting.

The clock on the court house is about in the same category as the coal miners' situation—it just will not work so that four o'clock has been registered now for a long time. However, Glenn Perry, who doctors the old clock, said that some time back it was struck by lightning, so that a new part has to be made for it. Those who can make this new part are few and far between, so that it's not telling how long it will take to get it made. But here's hoping the coal miners will go back to work before the clock starts to work again.

Some kind of a peanut meeting was held at the Municipal Building Monday night and the interest in it is reflected in the fact that parking places on lower Broad Street were at a premium. In fact the Red Men could hardly find a place to park their cars for the weekly meeting. In fact a fellow hardly knows which way to drive in downtown lately. For a spell East Queen Street was blocked off while putting drain pipes across the street. Then the Street Department gang cut off traffic on East Water Street while digging trenches to put wires underground. But then progress is all right but, darn it all, it sometimes give a fellow a pain in the neck.

## Watermark

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organization operates in the mountain section of the state, enabling native craftsmen to

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## As Crisis Nears

By now almost everyone along the Public Parade is well aware of development regarding a strike by coal miners of this country. Drastic steps have been taken by President Carter since the UMW members rejected a union approved three-year pact.

News coming out of the area where mines are located isn't good. Open defiance to any government intervention is being expressed and what will happen next is anybody's guess.

North Carolina is more fortunate of many of the midwestern states where there is a greater dependence on coal as a source of energy. The Tar Heel State is also fortunate that the Energy Division of the N.C. Department of Commerce, along with Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has come up with an Emergency Energy Plan.

The plan is extensive but it can only be as good as the citizens want to make it. And they should accept it seriously since this is a serious situation.

There are many conservation measures which can be taken and the state has outlined them. Many of them will cause some inconvenience as well as trouble, but none of them will do violence to our way of doing things.

The plan cannot work unless those in the homes, business and industry adhere to the plan as outlined. To do less would show disrespect for emergency plans to the same degree as the coal miners have shown in more than three months of this strike.

## New Phase

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improvements. Bob Snapp, county planner, reported that he had taken a position with a pilot management program in Roper and Creswell, but would work with the county in any way possible. He said the county could apply for a \$7,200 state grant for planning which could be applied to the county manager's position. This was approved.

The county is looking for a new location for the N.C. Driver's License Department. Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company had said they want the building on Water Street by April 1. Elmore and Jethro are attempting to secure a location in the downtown area.

Chairman N.J. George said the county is seeking prices for liability insurance.

In discussing the recreation report, the chairman commended the department for doing a good job, especially in the area of getting programs started for adult women.

A Community Alternative Task Force was appointed. The members include: Mrs. Hazel Elliott, Dr. Bernie Atkinson, Clara Boswell, chairman; Sheriff Toppin, Robert Hendrix, Capt. Harvey Williams, Mrs. Mary Horton, Mrs. Lola Bass, Wayland Spivey and the county manager.

Asa C. Griffin was appointed to the Cape Colony Haven Advisory Board; Mrs. Fannie A. Parker to the ARPDC Advisory Council on Aging; and it was recommended that the Chowan Arts Council and Mrs. Louise Darby be designated to receive funds from the N.C. Arts Council.

market their products nationally.

Such is the intent of Watermark. Mrs. Eure stated that eight to 10 wholesale marketing shows are held each year in larger cities across the United States. She said Watermark will also market various crafts products through a wholesale catalog operation.

Initially Watermark is expected to be involved in the production and marketing of popular items such as dolls, brooms, baskets, conserved goods, and quilted products. Some craftsmen will be cross trained to produce several items according to demand. Craftsmen will be paid on a monthly basis.

## Legion Birthday

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about which little is known.

The post's youth program will get a boost this summer through sponsorship of American Legion Baseball in the Albemarle Area. It is an ambitious undertaking but one we feel will be successful.

The local post has had many members who have been recognized for election to district and division offices. It is evidence that participation at home is recognized outside our boundaries.

As we salute the American Legion during March, it would be a super time for the culprits who took two American Flags from the front of the post home to come to their senses and return them. It is a disgrace which some fun-seeker will carry with him as long as he lives.

But for all of us, it is the time to pause and reflect on what an important role the organization plays in our community. The good works are too numerous to list here, but each of us, in our own way will recall one or more of them and will want to pass it on. American Legion has achieved its position on high esteem through its programs of service to communities, the state and nation.

March 12-18 has, therefore, been designated as American Legion Week in Edenton and Chowan County with citizens, business, houses and organizations being asked to commend the good works of the organization.

The American Legion was founded March 15-17, 1919, at a meeting in Paris, France, attended by representatives of the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I. The organization has since opened its ranks to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. From its modest beginning in 1919, the Legion has grown into an organization of 2.7-million war veterans belonging to nearly 16,000 Posts located throughout the U.S. and in many parts of the free world.

As part of its preparation for the 59th anniversary observance, Post No. 40, is putting the final touches on its 1978 membership campaign, Commander Stokes explained. He reminded all eligible veterans in Chowan County that American Legion growth and accomplishment can be attributed to a simple phrase that is this year's theme - "We Dare To Care".

"Membership in the American Legion gives the veteran an opportunity to respond and become involved with the needs of the community, the state, and the nation through the Legion's many and varied service programs," he declared. Membership workers of Post No. 40 have been conducting an intensive program of personal contact to invite eligible veterans to become a part of the post's local programs.

## Patrolmen Are Promoted

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Affairs in Raleigh. F-Sgt. R.W. Rawls, who former was stationed in Edenton, was moved from Salisbury to Research and Planning at state headquarters.

Sec. Carlton made it clear that the realignment of personnel will not reduce the number of troopers patrolling the highways. "While the 41 troopers being promoted to line sergeant will now take on certain supervisory responsibilities, they will, under specific directions from Col. (John) Jenkins, actively patrol the highways," he added.

He went on to say recent realignment of personnel prepares the patrol in North Carolina to regain "its rightful place as one of the leading law enforcement and traffic safety enforcement organizations in the U.S."

The officers were sworn in Monday afternoon in Scott Pavilion at the N.C. State Fairgrounds and reported to their new duty stations Tuesday morning.

## Easter Holiday Make-Up Time For Students

School days missed due to snow will be made up over the Easter holiday and the Edenton-Chowan Schools will foot the purchase price of diplomas for graduating seniors. Those were among decisions made Monday night by the board of education.

While the schools will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, students will attend March 24, 28 and 29. Board members opted to take those days rather than extend the closing of school into mid-week. As it stands students will be released on June 2, a Friday.

Reversing previous policy, the board elected unanimously to purchase diplomas for seniors. A sum of \$1,200 will be transferred from a central office salary account not being used.

Board members registered surprise at learning seniors had

previously been required to purchase their own diplomas. They felt graduating seniors should be awarded diplomas at no charge, in recognition for their achievements.

Chowan County spends more per pupil than the state average, the board learned from statistics released by the State Board of Education. Average state per pupil expenditure is \$1,209.65, or \$200.70 less than Chowan County's expenditure of \$1,410.35.

Local schools are receiving a larger than average share of federal funds while receiving less than the state's average of state and locally allotted funds.

The state per pupil expenditure averages for current expense comes to 13.2 per cent from federal sources, 66.4 per cent from state sources, and 20.4 per cent

from local sources. In Chowan County, percentages break down to 25.0, federal, 58.6, state, and 16.4, local.

Repairs to a section of roof at D.F. Walker School will be done by school maintenance men, according to drawings rendered by a Virginia Beach structural engineering firm. The Division of School Planning, State Department of Public Instruction, will provide working drawings for repairs on a boiler that was the root source of the roof problem. School officials learned last month that escaping steam had weakened steel supports in a section of roof at Walker School resulting in a sag from an accumulation of rain water. Maintenance men have already shored up the ceiling until final repairs can be made.

## CAMA Program Protects Fragile Lands

For most coastal water areas and a small portion of the land (less than 3 per cent) there is a new regulatory program in operation this week.

Developed over more than three years under the N.C. Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), the CAMA permit requires most development activities in designated coastal fragile areas to meet certain construction standards. These standards protect coastal fragile areas from irreversible damage and protect coastal citizens from losses resulting from such natural hazards as beach erosion and storms.

Although the CAMA permit is new from the standpoint of construction standards, its start-up last week was done to mesh as much as possible with existing permitting procedures which met CAMA's standards.

For example, persons applying for the CAMA permit for major construction activities will not be faced with a new form to fill out. They will receive, instead, the same application form used under the state dredge and fill law, because CAMA's standards have been designed to mesh with the dredge and fill standards in areas subject to both permits.

Persons applying for minor development permit activities can contact local permit officials in 45 coastal locations. These officials were newly trained to assist persons wanting information about the CAMA permit, by the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD), which is responsible for administering the CAMA permit program.

The local CAMA permit officials are also available to provide citizens with information on other state, federal, and local permits needed for coastal development.

Persons applying for major development permit activities can contact the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development offices in Raleigh, (919-733-2293), Washington, (919-964-6481), Morehead City, (919-726-7021), or Wilmington, (919-276-3394).

Also, the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission are continuing to look at the state permitting process.

Ken Stewart, director of the NRCD Coastal Management Program, asked that coastal citizens bear with the State as the CAMA permitting program gets underway.

"It's a new program designed by coastal citizens with the goal of protecting the important coastal resources and ultimately achieving a new day in local-state federal cooperation. As in any new program however, the process will take time to smooth out."

"The state is taking steps to coordinate the CAMA permit with other state programs to avoid duplication and inefficiency. We hope now to do as much as possible in providing assistance to the local level to assure coordination of their permit application processes. The result should be a responsive permit process that can provide more places to obtain information and assistance on all permit needs."

"As in all aspects of the N.C.

Coastal Management Program, such as the land use planning process, the initiation of the CAMA permit is another step to designing a coordinated system to manage North Carolina's coastal natural resources."

CAMA's major development permit will be needed if the development requires another state permit, contains a land or water area in excess of 20 acres, contains a structure in excess of 60,000 square feet, or involves drilling or excavating for natural resources. Minor development permits will be issued by local coastal governments for all other development activities in designated areas of environmental concern.

## Jewelry Jottings

— by —  
R. W. DAVIS

Some modern pearl divers use SCUBA gear to stay underwater for a long time. However, there are native divers who stay in the mollusk beds for minutes at a time without special equipment.

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Course	Begins	Ends	Day(s)	Time	Location
Art	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Arts and Crafts	March 15	May 24	Wednesday	1-4 P. M.	Arrowhead Beach
Bookkeeping	March 14	May 25	Tues. and Thurs.	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Home Appliance Repair	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Needlepoint	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	9-12 noon	Court Square Antiques
Needlepoint	March 16	May 25	Thursday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Sewing I	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Sewing II	March 16	May 25	Thursday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Upholstery	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Cake Decorating	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School
Decorative Painting	March 14	May 23	Tuesday	7-10 P. M.	Holmes High School

REGISTRATION: During the first two weeks of the beginning of the class period on the dates and of the locations listed above. The fee for each course is \$5.00, except Driver's Education, which is \$17.50. Adult Basic Education courses are free. Persons 65 years of age or older may also enroll free. Please bring your Social Security number to enroll.

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