

Being promoted to editor emeritus of The Herald, whatever that means, has resulted that I am on the job setting type six hours a day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and most of those hours means pecking on the keys of an Intertype machine. This column for many years has been written on Wednesday morning so that being absent on that day the column has not appeared for a few weeks. This week, however, there was not very much type required from the typesetting machine, so that on Tuesday enough time was on hand to scribble a few lines. That the column has been read and apparently enjoyed by a large number of readers is reflected in the fact that several letters have been received asking why the column was missing and quite a few people have also asked why it has stopped. So that when time permits while on duty 18 hours a week maybe enough space will be available in the paper to print something.

Of course, Tuesday was election day when, on the local scene there were five candidates for two county commissioners and three candidates for membership on the Board of Education. And election day is in the same category as athletic events. There must be some winners and some must be losers. At any event the voters have spoken so that some of the candidates are happy over the outcome and, of course, there are those, no doubt, who are disappointed. But that's the way of politics. So be it. And then those who were not interested enough to go to the polls to cast their ballot have no reason to bellyache about who has been elected.

Henry Bunting, up Arrowhead Beach way, was in the office the other day and while chatting with him he asked if I wanted to take a chance on a razor. "No," I said, "I have several razors." But looking me straight in the eyes, I think what Henry want to say was: "Why in the dickens don't you use one of 'em, for you need a shave."

John Mitchener has been bothered with a nagging cold for some time now. While in the office one day this week he said the cold bothered him very much, but what also caused some regret was that he has been taking them same pills that he carries to sell.

Local Red Men were honored, Monday night when Wainwright Land of Wilson, Great Sachem of Red Men in North Carolina, visited Chowan Tribe, together with David Wilson of Elizabeth City, Great Junior Sagamore. It has been quite a while since a Great Sachem visited Chowan Tribe, so that some of the local officers were sort of fidgety as to go about greeting and introducing the big injun. However, Friend Land said he didn't expect a lot of formality for he was just "one of the boys," which caused the affected officers to such a degree that they felt at ease.

In the neighborhood of 30 members of the Methodist Men's Club and their wives journeyed over to the Soundside Restaurant Wednesday night to observe ladies' night. It was a very enjoyable program which everybody apparently enjoyed. The biggest trouble however, was that parking over there is about like finding a parking place at a football game. And the same problem has been developed for local Masons since a lot at Johnson's bridge has been roped off and Cliff Shoaf has fenced in his property across from the Masonic Temple.

Wanna see a beautiful sight? Just drive around Edenton and look at the beautiful dogwood trees, azaleas and other flowers and trees now in their glory.

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County water system, it would be a first for Eastern Tar Heelia. The area is closely aligned, with basically the same goals—pluses and minuses. In other words, it is a natural area to educators—just like Merchants Mill Pond is to ecologists and environmentalists.

A Tri-County Career Education Center would also compliment the Albemarle Center which the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, along with the Alliance For Progress, is rapidly moving toward.

This area has more to gain through cooperation than through independence. Interdependence is the name of the game, and so long as it does not do violence to the culture, economics, and live-style of an area, then the advantages are what makes things happen.

People meandering along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina should applaud the boards of education for taking off their blinders. Like water and garbage; law enforcement and planning, problems don't stop at man-made boundaries, be they county or municipal. Cooperation is the password and without it life will be more difficult for everyone.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks is something called "credit" and-or "visibility". The first should be left to the accounting profession and the second should be erased from the vocabulary. Then, when put in proper perspective, the citizenry can move ahead at an unhindered pace.

Nicknames

Our's is "Bud". That is what we like the majority to call us. Yet there are those who would add a letter and interchange them to comply with their own expressions.

"Johnny" is what they call the coordinator of Distributive Education out at John A. Holmes High School. "Money"—Melvin Lane, and "Muskrat"—Pam Griffin won the top honors at a recent banquet.

But the whole show was a success, thrilling several hundred people who feasted on country ham and chicken, with a desert of entertainment ranked second to none.

"Grand Ole Armory" was the theme. When Teresa Harrell sang, "You, Light Up My Life" one could remember when he had paid a higher fee and received much less, in song and in feeling.

But you can't measure achievement in dollars and cents, as Johnny's merchandise majors might lecture. It is a longer suit, one of an assessment of values rather than world trade. If you teach a kid this, then you will have gone the second mile, no matter what nickname or handle you put on him.

Water Safety

Boating accidents took the lives of 1,312 persons in 1977, the second lowest fatality count during the last 10 years, according to the latest U.S. Coast Guard statistics.

During the past year there were 6,815 reported boating accidents involving 8,554 vessels. In addition to the fatalities, 1,779 persons were injured and \$11.5-million worth of property damage resulted from these accidents.

The state agency is teaching a boating safety course to Seventh Graders. It is a relief to know that every student in that age group along the Public Parade have

Heirloom Discoveries Net \$2,210

By Anne Schenck

Almost 500 people brought their treasures to the Armory Saturday for appraisal by experts from Sotheby Parke Bernet. Thanks to this tremendous participation, \$2,210 will be donated to the Cupola House as profit from the Saturday affair.

On Friday night, over 300 guests gathered at Wessington House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, for a party, one free appraisal, and an auction for such items as an hour flight over the Town of Edenton, a day on a sailboat, an 18th Century dinner, and a bird feeder, complete with 25 pounds of bird seed! Profits from this event bring the total contribution to the Cupola House to approximately \$3,500.

It was certainly a memorable weekend for everyone involved. Among the heirlooms discovered by Edentonians were a 17th Century Flemish master painting, valued at \$600; a Hudson River Valley landscape, worth \$8,000; and a 19th Century matchbox made of California gold, and valued at \$150.

Of course, there were a number of disappointments. One family discovered that their most prized painting, believed to be by an 18th century portrait painter was, in fact, a copy made at a much later date.

The Cupola House Association wishes to thank everyone who helped in planning and everyone who participated in this significant fund-raising effort.

completed the course this year and over the past four years more than 250,000 students state-wide have been certified.

In addition, the local auxiliary sponsors courses in water safety from time to time. Between the two there is bound to be an impact made on individuals they reach and this ultimately trickles down the line to affect the statistics.

With all the water we have access to this type training is beneficial to all who swim or ride. The chances are that if a person takes the commission course he will become safety conscious and if he needs a refresher course at a later date the auxiliary is standing by to assist.

To Better Inform

"Government works best when its citizens are informed as to what the elected officials are doing," Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green wrote in a memorandum to the Tar Heel news media.

He went on to remind us of our responsibility to pass along information to our subscribers and agreed to provide the information in a manner which makes it almost effortless to obtain.

The lieutenant governor has had a telephone answering and recording machine installed in his office. Pre-recorded messages on news actualities, schedule information, legislative wrap-ups (when the General Assembly is in session), and public service information will be available.

The larger newspapers, through their correspondents and the wire services, already have ready access to the information coming from the Legislative Building. Lt. Gov. Green, we believe, had us small fry in mind since we reach more people weekly than a lot of folks would care to admit.

And as Andy Griffin would say, "We appreciate it".



DECLARE HOSPITAL WEEK—Mayor Roy L. Harrell signs a proclamation declaring May 7-13 as Hospital Week in Edenton as N.J. George, chairman, awaits his turn to sign on behalf of Chowan County commissioners. At left is Smiley Weatherford, hospital director.

Hospital Annex Dedication Set

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The \$350,000 construction project was financed with \$200,000 in state funds which came through North Carolina's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program, which provides services and money to assist hospitals in their continuing education activities.

The medical records department, physician quarters, and new emergency entrance were financed with \$115,000 in hospital funds and a \$35,000 appropriation from The Duke Endowment. Equipment was provided with \$6,000 in AHEC funds and \$3,000 in hospital funds.

The hospital's new addition is decorated in bright shades of green and yellow with green carpeting throughout. Its main classroom will seat 60, and can be used for large conferences in which health care personnel from throughout the region could participate.

The classroom is set up so that it may be divided into two smaller rooms if need be. Next to this main room is a small kitchenette to make breaks from all day conferences more convenient.

A "media room" is also provided in the education center and is set up for individual study with a wide range of audio-visual equipment. Two study cubicles will provide privacy for personal study, and two study tables offer

additional space. The media room's two tape players can be used in this area, as can written materials on various health care topics which will be stored in the room. A video cassette player will also be available in this room, and personnel may view audio-visual tapes on the player, much as if they were watching their own private TV show. The tapes are loaned by EAHEC, with new tapes coming in every two weeks.

Other equipment available for use include a slide projector, 16 mm. film projector, film strip projector, wall charts of the human anatomy and models to teach procedures such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) — emergency techniques for heart attack victims.

The hospital's medical records department also has quarters in the newly-constructed addition. With more space, the department is now able to use a new filing system which makes it easier to get to patients' records when they are needed.

Also part of the construction project is a new emergency room entrance, which fronts onto expanded parking space for the emergency room. This expanded parking area can also be used by emergency helicopters when patients need to be transported by air to larger medical centers such as those in Durham, Chapel Hill, and Norfolk.

Commissioners Sanction Streets

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Commissioner Lester T. Copeland asked John Guard, spokesman for the Allendale project if he would feel that he had been treated fairly if he had been living on a dirt road on the priority list and suddenly saw subdivision streets push them back?

Chairman George said he didn't think it was a fair question. "That is a question for the commissioners to decide," he added.

Toward the end of the 55-minute session, Commissioner Copeland moved to adopt the county manager form of government. Commissioner Alton G. Elmore seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

At an earlier session the board voted 3-2 to "seek" a county manager and last week employed Henry Dick. Copeland said Monday's action would correct the language regarding establishment of the office.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reported that the county would lose nearly \$3-million in property valuation because of exemptions for the elderly. This has increased from \$1.6-million last year, yet he expressed the opinion that the

valuation would exceed \$123-million.

Phillips questioned the logic of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development in assigning Keith Painter to Chowan and Perquimans counties and the Town of Ahoskie.

Painter to expressed his surprise at being so spread out but said he was confident it would work.

He said the Town of Edenton has an experience planner in Jud Little, community development director, and he has already established a good working relationship with him.

Copeland was appointed to the board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission to replace David Bateman, a former commissioner, and Dr. J.H. Horton was reappointed.

Copeland made a motion, which was passed, to instruct the planner and county attorney to update and rephrase subdivision regulations to the point that they can be enforced.

The board also passed a motion to insure that full protection be given volunteers and all county employees.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has approved the following "end of school activities" for the current year. They include:

Date	School	Event	Time	Place
May 10	Walker	Gymnastic Program	10:00 A.M.	Gymnasium
			1:30 P.M.	Gymnasium
17	Holmes	Awards Day	9:00 A.M.	Gymnasium
23	Holmes	Athletic Banquet	7:00 P.M.	Jaycee Building
24	Chowan	Athletic Banquet	7:30 P.M.	Cafeteria
25	Chowan	Awards Day	9:00 A.M.	Auditorium
26	Walker	Kindergarten Graduation	10:00 A.M.	Gymnasium
30	Walker	Awards Day	9:45 A.M.	Gymnasium
June 1	White Oak	Kindergarten Graduation	10:00 A.M.	Auditorium
May 31				
June 1	2	Chowan, Holmes		
	4	Walker		
	4	Holmes	Baccalaureate	7:30 P.M. Edenton Baptist
	4	Chowan	Baccalaureate	8:00 P.M. Auditorium
	5	Holmes	Graduation	7:00 P.M. Hicks Field
	5	Chowan	Graduation	8:00 P.M. Auditorium

District Court

Contrasting recent lengthy sessions of Chowan County District Court was a 30-minute session Tuesday where two cases were heard. Four other cases were dismissed and a warrant was ordered for a defendant who failed to appear.

Judge John T. Chaffin presided as Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Overton prosecuted the docket.

John Robert Lewis, Jr., charged with driving while his license was revoked, was given 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. He gave notice of appeal.

Thomas Ray Slade was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to seven months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. He too gave notice of appeal.

Gregory Alan Buckingham, charged with obtaining an operator's license illegally, was called and failed.

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20-county region which provides blood for 60 hospitals in Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

Also, special recognition was given local people who had donated 10 gallons of blood or more.

Alton Clark was presented the Keyman II of the Year Award; Blake Harmon the Rookie of the Year Award; and Asbell was named Jaycee of the Year. Harmon was also cited as Director of the Year and project awards went to Asbell, Jimmy Patterson and Smith.

Jerry Severson was presented the Faith In God Award and a lifetime membership was presented to Joe Hollowell, past state president.

In addition to Smith, officers installed were: Delmo Cahoon, first vice president; Tommy Forehand, second vice president; Terry Williams, secretary; Blake Harmon, treasurer; Eddie Bunch, corresponding secretary; and Lewis Evans, state director. Small becomes chairman of the board. Directors are: Asbell, Severson, Mike Brown, David Twiddy, Lee Small, Jr., and Allah Mills.

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make-up courses or move ahead in enrichment areas.

The migrant program, coordinated by Mrs. Loretta Guard, provides transportation, therefore, it will be available to other students at a minimum cost. Also, it was pointed out that free breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to the student or the system.

The summer school program will be supported by tuition, however, a driver's education course is funded by the state and enrollment is limited. Specific information will be sent to parents throughout the system.

Jordan noted that the program is open to students from outside the county but they must supply their own transportation.

The request by a parent of a Bertie County student to enter the Alternative School program was denied. It was felt that the 50 slots funded could be fully utilized by students from within the local system.

At this point, Pressley said the state is interested in validation of innovative programs in specific areas. He said the alternative School will be reviewed by a representative of the state and the board can then decide on the validation question.

Upon motion of Emily G. Amburn, the board approved the Art Museum Education Program but earlier denied the request of Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company to sell income insurance to teachers through the school organization.

Upon recommendation of staff, the board accepted the resignations of Susan Jordan and Donald Cartwright social studies teacher at John A. Holmes High School and the employment of Peggy A. Vaughan, director of community education in the central office, and Diane Coston, cafeteria manager for D.F. Walker Junior High School.

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