

Public Parade

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things, get the job done as rapidly as possible since there was much more remaining to be done.

In an August 12, 1976, statement of his candidacy for county commissioner he said: "I will make no promises to anyone except, should the people place this trust in me, I will serve this county to the best of my ability." He did!

And in one of his latest public statements, he reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to what he considered right. "Lester won't," was the description of his reaction to public pressure.

Back in 1976 he carried every precinct - the two town boxes by big majorities - in his first bid for public office. The fact that he was nominated without opposition for a second term illustrates the high esteem in which he was held.

Lester Copeland was a pioneer in the turkey industry along the Public Parade. In good times and bad, he never was heard to publicly complain; he worked himself out of tight spots; he ultimately worked himself to death.

Another example of Lester Copeland's strength of character is his embracement of refugees. There were criticisms which he took in stride. He wasn't after "cheap labor" but responded to an opportunity to get families to the United States and give them a new start - most of the time an entirely new experience. They affectionately referred to him as "Papa", something he drew on when the going got tough.

Lester Copeland was a lot of things. He was a thought-provoking public servant; a dedicated husband, father and grandfather; a community leader who subscribed to the theory that you got out of something in direct proportion to what you put into it; a citizen whose interests and concerns didn't stop at the county line; a Christian gentleman who lived life to the fullest.

One thing Lester Copeland wasn't. He wasn't a phony!

No one will replace Lester Copeland along the Public Parade. During his lifetime he contributed so much that it will be difficult to find someone to merely fill the vacancy.

Lester Copeland knew where he was going. He knew you didn't have to be listed in Who's Who to know what's what. He is where he ultimately wanted to go. And if there's a public forum or a turkey farm in the Kingdom, you will find Lester Copeland at a place of prominence.

Less Dust

The N.C. General Assembly allocated \$24,400 for secondary road construction during fiscal 1980-81. Chowan County's share was \$46,570, only the fourth smallest amount in the state.

New Hanover County receives \$27,239; Dare, \$34,379; and Hoke, \$46,017. On the surface this seems like only a pittance, and it is in one sense, but the formula is based on unpaved mileage as of January 1.

What the allocation means along the Public Parade is that there is less dust from highway traffic than in 96 other Tar Heel counties. Chowan has 37.05 miles of unpaved state system roads, compared to 145.46 paved miles.

New Hanover has 21.67 unpaved

miles and 276.89 miles; Hoke has 36.61 unpaved miles and 326.52 paved; and Dare has 27.35 unpaved miles with 49.84 paved.

The State Board of Transportation also carved up \$10-million in bond allocated funds. Chowan received \$16,762; Dare, \$13,618; New Hanover, \$11,035; and Hoke, \$18,446.

There are a lot of areas addressed via state and federal funds in which counties with Northeastern North Carolina are dealt a bad hand. This is not the case with regards to allocations for secondary roads. We have been enjoying less dust and now must be content with fewer funds.

Northeastern North Carolina has been fortunate to have good men in the proper places where roads are concerned. J. Gilliam Wood paved almost everything but Hayes Plantation when he was highway commissioner in the Sanford Administration. Joe Nowell of neighboring Perquimans, the land of beautiful women, compiled an equal record in Bob Scott's tenure.

Marc Basnight of Dare County has proven in the first Hunt Term that it doesn't have to be good just for the Outer Banks to be worthwhile. During this time we have seen the U.S. 17 bypass of Edenton completed; West Hicks Street extended to the rear of Chowan Hospital, and later on to connect Virginia Road; and Coke Avenue extended to East Church Street.

Plans are well along for replacing the Albemarle Sound Bridge and when the knife was applied to statewide projects because of cuts in funding, the U.S. 17 project from Elizabeth City to the Virginia line was spared.

There are those always anxious to turn to the west and praise Gov. Jim Hunt and Sec. Tom Bradshaw. They should also be just as anxious to recognize that the real gut work was done right here along the Public Parade; often times by members of the "establishment" who are often accused unfairly of wanting to exploit their birthright - be it native or adopted.

So long as there are in our numbers those who had rather lose now and then with their friends, and what is right, than win with those of questionable motives, the good life will get better along the Public Parade if we are patient. And that ain't dust being blown.

Worth Repeating

The following essay was printed in a recent issue of Carolina Country, the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives' magazine. It was reprinted in the Electricities report to the members.

No one seems to know where it appeared originally, but it was written by Nadine Stair at age 85. It's worth rereading along the Public Parade.

If I had my life to live over again, I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax. I would limber up, I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously.

I would take my chances. I would take more trips. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones. You see, I'm one of those people who live seriously and sanely hour after hour, day after day.

Oh, I've had my moments. And if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact I'd try to

Applications Being Taken For Three School System Posts

The deadline for receiving applications for three Staff Development Coordinator positions in Edenton-Chowan Schools has been set for July 23. These three positions will be filled at Chowan Junior High School, D.F. Walker School and John A. Holmes High School. Interested and qualified persons should apply to James Pressley, Director of Instruction, at the system's administrative office in The County Office Building, or telephone 482-

4436 for an application interview appointment.

Extensive staff development, administrative and teacher training is a major thrust of the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) Basis project which recently was granted federal funding in Edenton-Chowan Schools. Persons employed as Staff Development Coordinators will provide daily supervision in the three target schools and develop programs to help teachers, administrators and students deal with disadvantageous attitudes and self-concepts resulting from

desegregation processes in the schools.

To meet job requirements for the coordinator positions, applicants must have a Masters Degree in at least one curriculum area or in Administration-Supervision. Applicants must be eligible to hold a N.C. Certification in Administration-Supervision.

It is preferred that applicants have had experience, or able to demonstrate knowledge, in the areas of classroom visitation and supervision, curriculum and instruction, and planning and conducting inservice training programs. Assisting principals in

curriculum development, orienting teachers to the availability of materials and resources on the central and regional office staff level, and having had experience in leading instructional staff are also desired qualifications.

Grant Awarded

Rep. Walter B. Jones today announced the Congressional Services Administration of an administrative and local initiative grant of \$164,730 to the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., of Edenton.

Stalls Completes

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Also, the school board approved establishment of the Tri-County Fund For The Development of Advanced Academic and Vocational Education. It will be through this fund that future money will flow. It is established for charitable and educational purposes.

Dr. Dunn reported that for the first time in many years budgeted reserves had to be used to balance the school's budget on June 30. He said this cash flow problem was predicted by J.P. Timberlake, auditor.

"This shows the need for unincumbered balances at all times," Dr. Dunn said.

The board also approved a health insurance plan for students, teachers and administrators and were presented a breakdown of professional staff allotment for 1980-81. There are 163 slots scattered among the six schools, 90% of which are state paid and six and one-half locally paid. The remainder come through federal programs.

Eugene Jordan presided at the meeting where John A. Mitchener, III, asked about plans to spend \$500,000 in state bond money. He was told a long-range plan is being developed and a decision will be made at a later date.

Mr. Copeland, 54

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dertakings. Mr. Copeland was a native of Chowan County. He was born September 20, 1925, son of the late Alonza H. and Julia Taylor Copeland. He was married to Mrs. Cecil Nixon Copeland, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons: Lester Ray Copeland of Tyner; and Paul Gene Copeland and H. Alan Copeland, both of Belvidere; a sister, Mrs. Irene Spivey of Tyner; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday in Ballards Bridge Baptist Church with Rev. George Cooke officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Williford-Barham Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were: George Jordan, Gordon Boyce, Ralph Peele, R.C. Ward, Carroll Perry, Sr. and Alton Elmore.

Assets Increase

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1979. Loans increased from \$21.9-million to \$24.4-million.

Time deposits increased by nearly \$6-million and demand deposits were up just less than \$1-million. Savings decreased by \$1.2-million. The bank maintains a \$2-million surplus.

Lee said Tarheel Bank is "absolutely delighted with the reception of the business community and the community at large" in Edenton and Chowan County. "We hope we are being a good neighbor," he added.

The Edenton branch opened October 18, 1979 with Mac Self as vice president and city executive. It became the fifth branch of the Gatesville-based financial organization which was founded in 1904. Other branches are in Lewiston, Murfreesboro, Winton and Ahsokie.

John H. Woollard is chairman of the Edenton board. Other board members are: Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Murray Tynch and T.B.H. Wood.

Woollard is a member of the general board of directors, headed by J.K. Wyatt of Gatesville.

Local Optimist Club Seeking Eleven Additional Members

The proposed Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club has increased its rolls to 24 members but needs 11 more to charter by Monday night, said Bruce Creekmore, local club spokesman. A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday night in the conference room of Edenton Police Department at 7:30 o'clock. Interested men are urged to attend the question and answer session.

Creekmore said the club has a list of about 40 eligible men who are not members of any civic organization. Current members of the proposed organization are actively soliciting new blood.

Robert Stark, field representative of the Wilson Evening Optimist Club, will be in Edenton next Monday night to confirm the Edenton-Chowan unit's 35 memberships. Failure to meet the required membership could delay chartering until next year and could result in the loss of valuable momentum, Creekmore warned. Hanging in the balance will be various youth and community

Boll Weevil

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weevils. The screen wire is formed into an open-ended cone, stapled to hold its shape, and firmly attached to the cup with paper clips. A circular opening is then cut in the bottom of a 2-inch square clear-plastic box, which is fused onto the cone with a soldering iron.

Finally the cigarette filter is baited with a synthetic pheromone, a powerful sex attractant, and the filter is placed inside the box.

When the baited trap is placed in a cotton field, weevils smell the pheromone and fly to the trap, entering it at the bottom. They then work their way up the cup, through the cone and into the box - a plastic prison from which there is no escape.

The weevil soon dies in the trap. Dead weevils are removed and fresh bait is inserted when the traps are serviced at 10-day to two-week intervals.

By using the traps boll weevil scouts can monitor weevil populations and determine when levels are high enough to warrant using pesticides for added control.

The boll weevil traps have attracted attention in this, the third and final year of the trial eradication program, because more traps are being used than have been used during the past two years in the program.

"This year, within the eradication zone a total of 16,498 traps are in use, that's more than one trap per acre," Singletary explained, "the total number of traps for the whole state is approximately 50,000."

"It's really hard to drive very far down the road in eastern North Carolina without seeing one," Singletary said.

"We feel that trapping is the only accurate way we can verify boll weevil movement and find out for sure if we have successfully eradicated the cotton pest," Singletary said.

"Following the results of this last year of the program, evaluation will be completed comparing boll weevil eradication, a program of optimum pest management and current grower insect control practices. Recommendations will then be formulated for a future program of action against the boll weevil and submitted to the U.S. Congress.

have nothing else, just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.

I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had it to do again, I would travel lighter than I live.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

Noted And Passed

The closing of two super markets in recent weeks along the Public Parade have fueled rumors about additional business failures. The most prevalent one deals with S&R on West Queen Street, across from a locally owned restaurant.

McKay Phtisic, owner of the building occupied by the super market, and S&R officials say there is absolutely no truth to street talk about the firm moving from Edenton. The firm has some 18 months to run on the current lease and an option for an additional five years.

Here again is an example of a liability associated with living in a "small, clean and beautiful town"; everyone knows(?) more about your business than you do.

Dear "Very Interested":

You anonymous note regarding the name for Edenton's newest waterfront park has been well received. Your suggestion of "Ye Olde Park on Queen Anne's Creek" is well taken.

The decision has already been made. It is "Queen Anne Park"; quite more interesting than "Colonial Park" which was chosen for another area.

Anyway, anyone with as much logic as demonstrated in your note must surely not have to hide behind anonymity.

Bud

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District recently received an unusual piece of correspondence. It was from a former staff member of a political opponent who is having difficulty obtaining payment for her services.

The young lady from Creswell wrote that she had even taken her problem to the U.S. Department of Labor. There she found out because no "product" was connected with her employment, nor correspondence crossed state lines, no federal jurisdiction exists.

Furthermore, she claims some unusual things happened at Chowan County Courthouse when she sought to start a small claims proceedings.

Rep. Jones, the humanitarian that he is, expressed deep regret over the plight of the unpaid campaign staffer. Not, however, to the extent of enclosing a check with his reply.

A recent subscription renewal carried a note as well as a check. It was from the George Harrisons of Port Angeles, Wash. Mrs. Harrison is a native of the Public Parade.

It would have been fun to have visited them on our trip to the West Coast in May. We arrived in the beautiful Washington town late on Saturday evening, found the post office closed but a nice motel open. We cleared out early Sunday after learning of problems created by Mt. Saint Helens, some 200 miles southeast.

The Harrisons were surprised to learn that The Chowan Herald had a correspondent in the area. So were we!

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