

Dewey W. Wells

Wells Bidding For Judgeship

Dewey W. Wells of Elizabeth City is making a bid for a federal judgeship in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Wells, an attorney who resides in Camden, admits he has not been nominated for the post but he has been "identified" by newspaper articles.

Wells, 51, a Republican and president of the N. C. State Bar Association, served as a Superior Court judge during the administration of former Gov. James Holshouser.

The attorney has a distinguished experience in legal and community affairs. He is a member of the N. C. Wildlife Commission and an outstanding volunteer with the Tidewater Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The U. S. District judgeship is for 44 counties in Eastern North Carolina. It is the seat Sen. Robert Morgan sought for Charles Winberry and Jerold Arnold. Winberry was not confirmed by a Senate committee and Arnold's nomination died in the 96th Congress after Ronald Reagan was elected President.

"I am only declaring my availability for the job," he told a newspaper reporter last week. "I'm not banking on it."

Two other Republicans with statewide reputations are seeking two posts on the federal bench in Eastern North Carolina. They are I. Beverly Lake, Jr., GOP candidate for Governor in November; and Superior Court Judge Donald L. Smith. Both are from Raleigh.

Church Displays Christmas Scene

Center Hill United Methodist Church lawn is a picture card scene at this time of the year. The Nativity scene is depicted by life size figures of Joseph, Mary, and the Baby Jesus with the three Wise Men there to offer gifts for the new born King.

In the far off distance there are shepherds watching the flock of sheep.

This Nativity scene is set up each year by Emmett P. Jones who tries to create the old but still new story of the birth of Jesus many years ago in Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve when the evening star is brightest, Mrs. Margaret Smithson and her class of young adults will light the way to the Manger with llinaries which burn all night.

Members of the church invite the public to ride to Center Hill and see this old but familiar scene.

AADA

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west; and Mrs. Pat Smith of
Tyrrell County, secretary
treasurer.

In brief remarks, Brown said he is excited about the future of AADA and Northeastern North Carolina. He said that by working together much can be accomplished in the future.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, who headed AADA for more than two terms, pointed out that while area improvement associations in other sections of North Carolina are falling apart, this group is getting stronger. The speaker credited this to the abundance of leaders in this area.

He said leaders in the Albemarle Area have something to say, know how to say it and more importantly, live out their messages. In conclusion, he noted that the greatest leaders are those who are unselfish with their time and talents and who influence others by their good deeds.

"Everyone wants to be a winner and if we can draw on past experiences, it is evidence that the future is bright for the Albemarle Area because the people have mastered one thing of utmost importance, that of being able to disagree without being disagreeable," he said.

Wheeler recognized officers and committee chairmen who served AADA in the past year. "This has been a most rewarding experience for me," he added.

Earnhardt

Continued From Page 1 better serve our county," she said. She can be reached by calling 482-2546.

Mrs. Earnhardt said the continuing education classes will get underway for the winter quarter in January. Curriculum credit courses will be scheduled during the spring quarter which begins in March.

At the present time, she said, plans are being made to offer credit courses in art history, business finance, chldren's selfesteem, and intermediate tennis.

Named To Board

RALEIGH — The Bank of North Carolina, N.A., has named Hayes Carter and David C. Kelly, to serve on the Hobbsville Local Board, it was announced today by BNC President Sam P. Douglas, Jr.

Carter is a prominent member of the community, having served as Gates County Clerk of Superior Court and on the Gatesville Fire Department. He is a licensed funeral director, and a member of the Gatesville Masonic Lodge. He and his wife, Mildred, are active members of the Gatesville Baptist Church.

Kelly is President of DAS, Inc., a trucking company, and Senior Vice President of Coastal Farm Equipment, Inc. Active in the Hobbsville community, he and his wife, Anne, have three children, Sandra, Eddie, and Angelia. They are members of the Somme Avenue Christian Church.

President Douglas stated, "We are extremely pleased to have Messrs. Carter and Kelly join us. Hobbsville's City Executive, Allan Asbell, and his staff will certainly benefit from the guidance of such strong and capable board members."

Other members of the Hobbsville board are: C. H. Carter, T. Erie Haste, Jr., L. W. Hathaway, R. O. Hobbs, and G. W. Ward.

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State Foresters Assisting During Smoke Problem

The N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is making Forest Resources Division personnel available as temporary extra support for local government officials in four eastern North Carolina counties during the current period of poor visibility due to heavy smoke.

Forest Service personnel will provide communications assistance to officials in Chowan, Pasquotank, Hyde and Currituck counties. They will help monitor roads and advise county officials of places where visibility is poor.

The action follows a visit by a team of state officials who toured the area and met with local officials and citizens Tuesday of last week. Dr. E. Walton Jones, deputy secretary, led the fact-finding trip.

Sections of Eastern North Carolina are plagued by heavy smoke created by the burning of debris from land-clearing activities. The department has received complaints of dangerous driving conditions, adverse effects on health and interruption of daily activities.

Jones and his team met with local officials, legislators and civic leaders in Elizabeth City, discussed the problem with officials of companies doing the burning at a meeting in Washington, and held a public meeting in Swan Quarter.

"Our people gained valuable insight into the problem from the people affected by the smoke and from the people doing the burning," Jones said. "It was a



Oscar White

Chamber Elects White To Office

Oscar White, president of Edenton Tractor & Equipment Company, and five new directors will soon assume positions with Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

White will move into the presidency behind Wallace Evans, another local merchant. Evans will remain on the Board of Directors as an ex-officio member.

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce recently, in mail balloting, electing the following new directors to serve throughout 1981-82:

Dick Dixon of Montgomery Ward; Mac Self of Tarheel Bank & Trust Company; Marvin Shaw of Fisher Nut; Leonard Small, Jr., of Virginia Fork Produce; and Bill Smith of W. E. Smith's Store.

Evans has expressed appreciation to directors who rotate off the board. They include: Charles Creighton, a past president; Warren Hibbard, Wes Chesson, Jim Darnell, Terry Jones and Bud Perry.

Jerry Hendee, executive vice president, points out that the organization had an active team during the past year.

Listed among their many accomplishments was another Governor's Community of Excellence Award, decisive steps toward the clean-up of the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound as our own Water Resources Committee became the nucleus for the Chowan River Task Force; progress through work with Operation Overcharge toward fairer electric utility cost.

Also a study assessing the need for additional motel and restaurant facilities; a survey to help set forth area requirements as seen from a cross section of the business community and cooperative efforts with local citizens and Carolina Telephone such that no format change is to take place in the new directory.

productive exchange of ideas and information."

One of the chief concerns expressed by the citizens of the area was lack of communication about road conditions. Many expressed fears for children who ride school buses and personal anxiety about driving on local roads and highways. The smoke has been blamed for a number of accidents, and school buses have had to pull off the roads at times due to poor visibility.

Jones said his department is offering the services of Forest Service personnel temporarily until local communications programs can be set up. "This is one way we felt we could provide help immediately," he said. "I hope we can help prevent any more accidents."

For the long run, Jones said the department is developing a burning permit system that will help prevent forest fires, which is the purpose of current burning permit regulations, and help reduce air pollution, which is the purpose of air quality regulations.

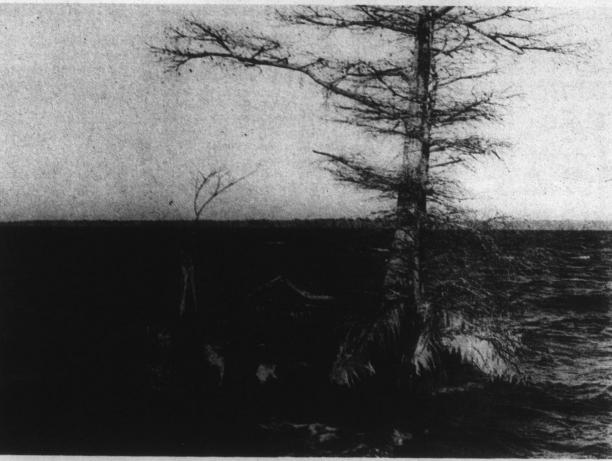
"We are attempting to develop a permit system that will be efficient and effective and at the same time be responsive to the needs of the people who live and work in the area," Jones said. "We want the landowners to obtain one permit that will protect against both forest fires and air pollution."

NRCD officials are attempting to determine whether such a system can be implemented under existing authority or whether new legislation will be required. Land-clearing is vital to the area's large farm operation, which are considered a vital part of the local economy, and a key element in developing the permit system is determining appropriate practices for managing the burning of scrub timber, other vegetation and rich peat soil cleared from the land. Peat burns slowly and generates significant amounts of smoke.

During Tuesday's meeting in Washington, many of the large-farm representatives indicated they planned to consider more effective fire management practices for their windrow burning.

NRCD and the farm operators

NRCD and the farm operators are also exploring ways to make use of the cleared wood as an energy source.



WINTER IS HERE! — There is no forecast for snow at Christmas in Northeastern North Carolina, but crisp and somewhat wet weather is expected. A cold front moved through the area over the weekend and the temperatures dropped into the low teens. Luke Amburn of The Chowan Herald staff found this interesting picture of an old cypress tree in the Chowan River at Eden House.

