

Report Missing

Regular readers of The Chowan Herald have possibly noticed that the weekly column of Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District is missing. Rep. Jones has been hospitalized recently but is expected to return to his duties on Capitol Hill next week.

The popular congressman along the Public Parade was hospitalized because of a real bad cold. While there he underwent corrective prostrate surgery.

Rep. Jones serves in the Congress as chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. We are glad to hear of satisfactory recovery.

Conference Report

Well, we went up to Washington, D. C., last Sunday to attend the first annual meeting of the National Extension Advisory Council. The conference was held at the National 4-H Center and concluded Monday afternoon with a speech by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block.

While it is 250 miles from the Public Parade to Capitol Hill, there really isn't much difference when the association is with the kind of people who represent 38 states on NEAC. They come from California to Maine but there is an almost uncanny feeling of unity in purpose when all the leadership talent is confined to one room.

In recent years we have been fortunate to be associated with great people in such organizations as the Albemarle Area Development Association, the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, etc. A new path was forged as chairman of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Advisory Council which allowed me to represent Tar Heelia at the national level. There, the office of secretary came down—mainly because of an ability to type.

The fact that Sec. Block came out to the 4-H Center to speak to NEAC is a tribute to what we are all about. The fact that he was invited and introduced by John Lewis of California also is evidence of the broad scope of the council.

Sec. Block complimented the delegates on the foresight to gain a stronger voice for cooperative extension at the national level. "And if you were anticipating the emphasis by this administration on strong federal-state-county relationships, you were right on target," he said. "To my way of thinking, no two programs within the entire scope of USDA responsibilities better illustrate what this administration is about than research and extension."

Later he said if you translate the words "research and extension" into language of the Reagan Administration you get "productivity and partnership." While he couldn't deal with specifics in the Reagan Budget which was released Tuesday, Sec. Block said he had won a round with Dave Stockman at the Office of Management & Budget. It has since been learned that the USDA budget for research and extension is \$13-million greater than had been previously recommended.

Earlier, Molly Frantz, a budget examiner with OMB, had told the delegates there needed to be additional emphasis on evaluation. In our role as a state leader, we have stressed the importance of the Extension "PIE"—planning, implementation and evaluation. Laymen make the best evaluators and Miss Frantz agrees.

Monday morning we were among eight people representing NEAC on a visit to the White House. Jack Burgess, a new assistant to President Reagan in the area of public policy, greeted the group on his first day on the job. His background is in ACTION and the Peace Corps so there wasn't a lot of time wasted in

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Vow To 'Gut' CAMA Stirs Debate

A vow to "gut" the Coastal Area Management Act touched off a mini-debate Friday night at a meeting of members of the General Assembly and locally elected officials. The statements of Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Pasquotank, drew sharp rebuttal from Reps. Vernon James of Pasquotank, Charles Evans of Dare and T. Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford.

Rep. Evans and Haste are members of the Coastal Resources Commission which is charged with implementation of the 1974 act involving 20 coastal counties.

Sen. Daniels admitted that he does not have the clout to get CAMA repealed but said he has a "sharp Wanchese knife working" on the act. Daniels gave an overview of amendments he proposes. "There has got to be

some way of making things more equal," he said.

One of the amendments would require compensation for property owners who are denied use because of regulations. Rep. James said he didn't support CAMA in 1974 but said "it has done some good." He said the original draft had a provision to pay property owners and it was defeated. He predicted the same would happen this year.

Haste, a Town Commissioner in Hertford, challenged Daniels at the meeting of the 10-county Association of Counties & Towns. "It is unfair to appeal to a group like this to get support to gut CAMA," the angered Haste said. "We think we are trying to administer it (the act) as equally as possible."

Haste said before pushing a bill to try to "gut" CAMA, Daniels should come to the commission and "give us an opportunity" to make changes in areas causing dissatisfaction.

Daniels rebutted by admitting that the commission had done a good job. "However," he continued, "you have failed to listen to the people." He continued: "You are going past fair play ... and telling people in 20 counties they can't use their land."

Daniels was critical of \$200,000

in state funds going into the program to match \$2-million in federal funds. (The Reagan Administration has moved to abolish federal funds for the program).

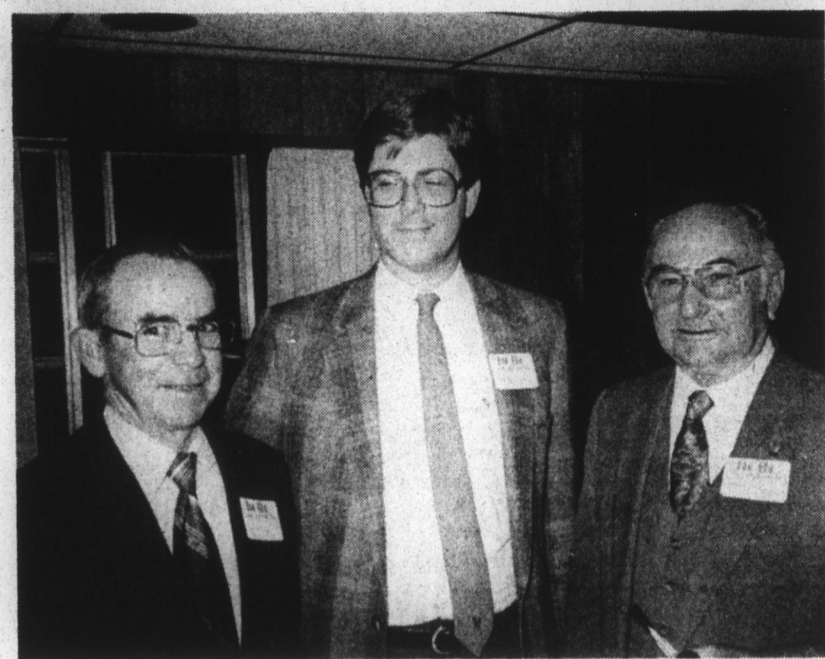
Rep. Evans admitted there are some things that need to be looked at. He took Daniels to task on the statement about not listening to the people. "We feel very close to local government and local citizens," Evans said, pointing out that the 48-member Coastal Resources Advisory Council has strong local representation. "Our voice has had a moderating force," he added.

Evans said he felt the various groups should "sit down and talk about it" before pushing ahead with legislation.

Riley S. Monds, Jr., of Hertford, a member of the CRAC executive committee and associated with the group since 1974, told Daniels he was "being too hard on CAMA". He added: "You must have some lots down there (in an Area of Environmental Concern) somewhere." Daniels denied that his action was prompted by personal ownership.

Sen. Daniels filed two bills Tuesday to amend the Coastal Area Management Act. Senate Bill 232, signed by each member of the Senate from the CAMA

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COMMISSIONER AND LEGISLATORS — J. D. Peele, left, Chowan County commissioner, is shown with Reps. Charles Evans, center, and Vernon James at a meeting of Albemarle Association of Counties & Towns.

Waterfront Development Grant Is Rejected By Town Council

A \$191,000 federal grant was rejected Monday night by Town Council because it required a local match greater than anticipated project costs. The grant was for waterfront development.

W. H. Hollowell, Jr., Finance Committee chairman, said work on the Conger property would be

Names Submitted Board Vacancy

The Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee has submitted three names to the State Board of Elections for filling two slots on the local board. In action Friday night, the committee approved the re-appointment of E. N. (Pete) Manning and Mrs. Novella Wilson. Manning serves as chairman of the local elections board.

Felix P. Chambers of Center Hill was chosen as an alternate.

N. J. George, party chairman, reports that some 50 people attended the meeting and approved two resolutions and heard from Mrs. Janice H. Faulkner, executive secretary of the state party.

The resolutions dealt with highway maintenance and filling elected county vacancies.

In the first resolution, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green were encouraged to exercise "prompt and responsible leadership in securing revenues sufficient to maintain all roads, bridges, ferries and airports in a proper state of repair" and also for members of the General Assembly to do likewise.

The committee endorsed House Bill 169 regarding the filling of partisan vacancies. The bill would require county commissioners to appoint to vacancies people recommended by the party in office at the time.

Chowan County commissioners have opposed the bill and the county has been deleted from HB 169. The committee's resolution, however, argues that "using party nominees to fill vacancies will promote accountability within political parties and will stimulate grass roots participation in political parties."

between \$80,000 and \$100,000 if it is accomplished in phases and as money becomes available. The local match of the federal grant would have been \$191,000.

The discussion prompted W. B. Gardner, town administrator, to point out that the grant might not exist anyway because of federal budget cuts.

Hollowell also noted that softball fields were being constructed without grant funds and at a less cost to the town. Mike Johnson, recreation director, said the fields would be ready for play at the beginning of the season. The department will be able to schedule 30 games per week.

In other action, the council approved a resolution asking the State Department of Transportation to plan and build two access roads on U. S. 17 by-pass. They would be at Paradise Road

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Special Olympics Fund Raiser Set

There will be a square dance-country band concert Saturday from 7 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. at Ernest A. Swain Auditorium. This evening of country music and dancing is sponsored by the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club, with proceeds going toward the First Annual Special Olympics for retarded children of Chowan County, and other youth-oriented projects.

To kick off the day's activities, a pop bottle rodeo is planned, with the cooperation of WBXB and WCDJ Radio. From 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday, Optimist Club members will be standing by the phones of either radio station to accept your donations of returnable pop bottles. Members will be available to pick up your pop bottles throughout Chowan County. Also, a booth will be available at the turn around on Broad Street for those who wish to clean out the bottles from their cars.

Later that same evening, entertainment will be provided by

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IN UNISON — Willis Privott, center, Edenton Town Councilman, and State Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, left, and Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., seem to be on the same wave length. They were attending the Albemarle Association of Counties & Towns last Friday night at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County.

Extension Chairman Named

Henry C. Riddick, a 35-year old Pasquotank County native, will assume the post Chowan County Extension Chairman effective April 1. He was hired Monday by the Chowan County commissioners based on a recommendation from Mrs. Josephine Patterson, Agricultural Extension Service district supervisor.

Riddick will be coming here from Beaufort County where he has served as extension agent for the past four years. Previously he was employed as an agent of the Pitt County Extension Service.

Riddick received his BS and Master's degrees from N. C. State University. He is a field crops and livestock specialist.

County manager Cliff Copeland commented that Riddick is enthusiastic about moving to Chowan County and has turned down offers for chairmanships in other counties because of a desire to locate here.

Patterson is married and the father of two children.

Action is expected to be taken in April on proposals for a county water rate increase. Copeland reported it would be the first rate increase since 1977.

According to figures presented to the commissioners, Chowan County's fee on 10,000 gallons is \$15.40 as compared to an average rate of \$18.86 in surrounding counties.

Copeland pointed out that since 1977, the cost of chemicals has risen 70 per cent; gas, 150 per cent, and electricity, 180 per cent. In 1977, the county budgeted \$10,000 for electricity. He said this year's budget figure will be \$30,000.

A primary source of revenue is the \$225 tap-on fee for a 3/4-in. tap. Copeland reported that for fiscal year 1981 about \$18,000 in revenue will come from that source. The county is anticipating a substantial drop in the number of taps in upcoming years.

Additionally, cut backs in federal aid will make the county more dependent on internal sources rather than FmHA and the Clean Water Act, he commented.

Residential consumers using 10,000 gallons and less per month will see minor adjustment in their rates, while heavy users in excess of that figure can expect the largest increases.

The commissioners took final action approving a franchise to Albemarle Cable TV, a division of Compass Corp. of Erie, PA Areas to be served initially by the cable television service will be Cape Colony and the Country Club subdivision as well as residents along N. C. 32 North from six to seven miles outside of the Edenton city limits.

The county commissioners



SECRETARY SPEAKS — U. S. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block, center, addressed the National Extension Advisory Council at the 4-H Center in Washington, D. C., Monday. Shown with him after the speech are Dr. T. C. Blalock, left, director of Agricultural Extension in North Carolina, and L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, secretary of NEAC. (See Public Parade).

ERA Topic Of Meeting

"The Law And The Woman" is the topic for a special meeting March 19 at Edenton Municipal Building. The event, to begin at 7:30 P. M., is being sponsored by the Chowan County Democratic Women.

Mrs. Winnie Wood of Camden and Frank Sellers of Edenton have been scheduled to speak on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment. Mrs. Emily G. Amburn said efforts are being made to interest an attorney in speaking on the subject.

Mrs. Amburn, president of Democratic Women, said members of the group are especially encouraged to attend, and furthermore, the discussion will be open to the general public.

Mrs. Wood is the wife of former State Sen. George Wood. She is presently serving as an elder of the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth City and is employed by the Religious Committee for the Equal Rights Amendment — "People of Faith for ERA" — as the eastern field organizer.

She also serves as a director of the N. C. Museum of History Association and the Albemarle Childbirth and Parenting Association. She is on the College of The Albemarle Foundation and the Camden County 4-H Club Foundation.

Mrs. Wood teaches Parent-Child Communication Skills in the adult education program at COA.

Sellers, who resides on Bella Vista Drive in Montpelier Acres, is plant manager of the Avoca Division of R. J. Technical Company in Merry Hill.

He has served on various committees of the Ernest A. Swain Parent Teachers Association and is currently vice chairman of the Democratic committee of Yeopim Precinct.



Mrs. Winnie Wood

Shop In Edenton Every Friday Night 'til 9 o'clock