

Driver Gets Stiff Lecture

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plants. Along this line, Vepco has set up a Department of Economic Development and Energy Service to supplement state and local government efforts to recruit new industry.

Sec. of Commerce D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth, Vepco Chairman T. Justin Moore, Jr., and President William W. Berry see the efforts as being a new era of private and public economic cooperation.

Jerry L. Causey, a North Carolinian, will head the new Vepco department. He will direct the company's efforts to provide energy consulting services to existing and prospective industries, large and small, in Vepco's 22-county service area in North Carolina.

This joint venture is a step in the right direction. However, it has been a long time coming; therefore, it may prove to be an exercise in futility.

Stinking Pets

Looking for a pet? How about a skunk?

The N. C. Department of Agriculture advises that you be particularly careful with the stinking pets. Skunks offered for sale as pets could be infected with rabies and should not be purchased, according to Dr. T. F. Zweigart, state veterinarian.

Dr. Zweigart, says the most serious threat comes from skunks imported from the Midwest and particularly Minnesota. That state investigated 282 positive cases of rabies in animals in 1980, and 75 per cent of these involved skunks.

The NCDA's warning added that there is no approved rabies vaccine for non-domestic animals.

All skunks don't have four legs. There is no "vaccine" for them either.

Bucking The System

This is a computer age. Whether or not we like it, a person's identity is rapidly being reduced to a number. Modern technology is changing the lifestyle; ready or not it's here.

There is a newspaper reporter - or ex-reporter - up in Winston-Salem who bucked the system and won. The second time around he lost, as he should have in the first place.

Paul Slater is being painted by the media as a hero because he quit his job with The Sentinel rather than accept a new video display terminal. The VDT is rapidly replacing typewriters in the newsroom. It is a computer which speeds up the processing of news. (It hasn't been introduced along the Public Parade.)

First he refused an IBM Selectric typewriter. He got his Royal manual back. The editor called his bluff with the VDT and now Mr. Slater is seeking a job where he retains his sensitivity and diversity.

The Sentinel is enjoying all the free publicity. The Slater story has been featured on nationwide TV (which the prime subject doesn't like, either) and the wire services are even providing pictures to go with their reports.

In our book, it not only is silly, it's ridiculous!

A 21-year-old man who "just hadn't bothered" to get his driver's license got a stern lecture and a suspended sentence Tuesday in Chowan County District Court.

Jerry Bryant Lee, 307 East Queen Street, was charged with no operator's license and hit and run following an early morning accident May 3 near his home. Patrolman S. B. Terry of Edenton Police Department lodged the charges after John Aman, 306 East Queen Street, reported that his 1980 pickup truck had been struck during the night.

"Violation of the law is not a game," Judge John Chaffin told Lee.

"It was very bad judgment," the defendant said prior to Judge Chaffin's sentence. Lee was given seven months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and ordered to pay \$201.20 in damages within 90 days.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Frank Parrish prosecuted the docket and the following other action was taken:

Curtis Holley, uttering and forgery, first appearance. Probable cause set for July 21.

Dan Junior Bemby, assault with a deadly weapon, first appearance. Probable cause set for July 21.

Richard Brady, obtaining money in advance, dismissed.

Beatrice Williams, speeding, \$35 fine and costs.

James Bennett Smith, speeding, called and failed.

Martha Ann Dunbar, dispose of mortgaged property, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and make restitution.

Edward Louis Cofield, larceny, seven months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Philip Ray Lane, communicate threats, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Simeon W. Griffith, unsafe movement, \$25 fine and costs.

Dewey Lee, non-support of children, six months, suspended upon payment of costs and make regular support payments.

Wilbert Ray Privott, non-support of illegitimate child, six months, suspended upon payment of costs and make regular support payments. Probable cause was set for July 14 in a false pretense case.

Jimmy Ray Turner, fishing without a license, \$10 fine and costs.

William Herman Hardy, improper equipment, dismissed.

Robert Curtis Hollowell, speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

Betty Dixon Pruden, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

James H. Hyman, fishing violation, \$25, and costs.

Thomas I. Jones, two counts of worthless checks, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and make restitution. Probable cause hearing was set for July 14 in the case where he is charged with forgery and uttering.

The ways of mankind demonstrate very clearly that it does not take much hokum to elate the vanity of most people.

The lack of morals among the youngsters, if it exists, is a reflection of a great lack of morals among their elders.

CAT Scores Improved

A four-year comparative study of students tested through the State's Annual Test Program shows much improvement in test scores of Edenton-Chowan's students. During his presentation to the School Board last Thursday night, Director of Instruction James Pressley, shared with members his enthusiasm over the steady growth since 1977 in test scores of third, sixth and ninth graders tested each spring.

The California Achievement Test, administered to all grades annually, is a norm-referenced test which measures students skills in the areas of reading, language and math. Summary results for the school system are returned in the form of individual student grade level scores, which are shared with parents and in national percentile rankings for the system.

In the past four years, Edenton's third graders tested have risen from the 39 percentile nationally in the total battery of tests to a 64 percentile national ranking - a gain of 25 percentile. The sixth graders' national percentile ranking has risen from the 43rd percentile to a 62 percentile-a gain of 19 percentile in the total CAT Battery. Ninth grade scores for the total CAT Battery of tests have risen from 32 percentile to a national ranking of 55 percentile - a 23 percentile growth.

Dr. Pressley noted that for the first time there was only one area in which Edenton-Chowan's students tested at the 3rd, 6th, or 9th grade level fell below the 50th national percentile, that being in the ninth grade in the area of vocabulary with a 49 percentile national ranking. Even here, there has been growth over the past four years from 28 percentile to a 49 percentile national ranking.

Personnel matters approved by the board included resignation acceptances from Glenn Ainsley, distributive education teacher at John A. Holmes High and William Mitchell, 7th grade Language Arts

Swimming Class To Be Taught

As a service to citizens, the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a class in beginning swimming during July.

The two weeks of instruction for children will be held at the Coach House Inn pool on North Broad Street from 9 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. daily July 13 through 24.

The instructor will be Mrs. Elizabeth Zarbock, a certified instructor in basic swimming.

Registration will be on a first come - first served basis. You may pick up a registration form at the office of Gary Anderson, chairman of the local chapter, at the Atlantic Credit Corporation, 207 South Broad Street. Calling 482-4461 for other locations. A parent or guardian must sign the registration form as guarantee that the registrant will be at the pool promptly at 9 A.M. and will be picked up at 9:45 A.M. or 9:50 A.M. Regular attendance is a privilege.

Children should be able to stand in the shallow end of the pool with the head out of water. To do this, they must be at least 36 inches tall. Since the class is group instructed, registrants must be ready for the third or higher grade.

Each registrant should be ready to enter the water upon arrival. He/she should be wearing swimming suit or trunks and shoes (to keep the feet clean), bring a large dry towel, and have hair controlled so it can not get into the eyes.

There are no shower or lavatory facilities for public use, so have your body (including feet) clean when you arrive. There are no chairs for spectators and no facilities for babies or tots. Parents will be invited to attend on testing days.

The American Red Cross thanks F. C. Patel for allowing the use of the pool at Coach House Inn for this class.

The American Red Cross does not charge or receive fees for instruction. There is no cost to the swimmer for this class. Mrs. Zarbock is a volunteer instructor.

teacher at Chowan Junior High School.

The employment of Lt. Com. James H. Ryan was approved as recommended to serve as the NJROTC instructor in the Naval Science program to begin at Holmes in the fall.

Affirmative action by the board will initiate the offering of a Student Dental Accident Program for Chowan County's students at a \$5 rate next year. Participating students filing claims will deal directly with the insurance company, rather than through the schools as is done with the regular school accident insurance. Youthguard, Inc., was again approved as the agent for school

Sacrifices Of Declaration Signers Are Recalled

(Editor's Note: The following article came to The Chowan Herald by way of Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce. The author is from Gulport, Fla., and titled her article: "Penalty For Honor.")

By Marion Evans

When we see the words, "Declaration of Independence" and view the names of the signers, do we ever wonder what the 56 men went on to accomplish?

According to an old leaflet, recently brought to light again, everyone of the signers had serious hardships and many of them had ghastly results.

What kind of men were they? Christian, educated men who signed and pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. It is said that 24 were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, but they signed the "Declaration of Independence", knowing full well, the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships, swept from the seas, by the British Navy. He was compelled to sell his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags. Thomas McKean so hounded by the British, was forced to move his family many times. He served in Congress without pay while his family kept in hiding. His possessions were stolen and he died in poverty.

The properties of Rutledge, Middleton, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Heyward, Gwinnett and Ellery were looted and taken over by the soldiers.

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured til they died.

Nine men fought and died in the Revolutionary War. At the battle of Yorktown, British General Cornwallis took over Nelson's home. Nelson urged Washington to open fire. The house was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis' home and properties were destroyed, his wife sent to jail where she soon died.

John Hart, driven from his home, after his 13 children fled, spent more than a year hiding in caves and forests; upon returning found his wife had died and his fields and grist mills had been ruined. He died soon after. Norris and Livingston had similar fates.

Several were captured and their homes ransacked and burned.

All of the signers were educated and many of them were wealthy. They were soft spoken gentlemen who valued liberty more than their security. They gave everything for Independence.

One wonders why some of the history books of today are filled with many words not worth mentioning, let alone remembering.

Had there been more informative articles and stories, concerning history in action, years ago, what a pleasure those lessons would have been.

The signers of the Declaration paid penalty for honor.

Will America today keep that honor?

Unemployment Rate Declines

There is good news and bad news coming from the Employment Security Commission office on North Broad Street.

The good news is that unemployment continues to decline.

The bad news is that some employees at the local office will join the ranks of the unemployed at the end of August.

Mrs. Alice Bond, manager of the local office, said her staff of 12 will be cut in half. The major cut in positions is the CETA program.

"No one seems to know at the present time what is going to happen to CETA," she said. "But I have, been told to prepare to cut six staff positions by the end of August."

Mrs. Bond said the August deadline has been set in order for employees to be paid for vacation time prior to the October 1 beginning of the new federal fiscal year.

While there will be some offices closed completely, there is no indication that the one in Edenton is on the list. "The offices are being looked at at the cost, plus productivity," Mrs. Bond said.

Unemployment in May at 4.4 per cent was slightly below the April figure of 4.7 per cent but substantially more than the figures for the same period in 1980. The 1980 figures were 5.3 per cent for May.

However, local unemployment continues to be below the state average of 5.8 per cent, the first time the rate has fallen below 6 per cent since April, 1980. There is speculation that the rate will increase in June because of students moving into the job market.

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