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 memories of which will never fade.

In 1966 my father returned from the service and we moved from Edenton to Manassas, Va. In 1970 we moved to our current home in Arlington, Va. My friendship with Luke, despite our separation and my absence from Edenton, was never in doubt - it was always understood.

When my family returned to Edenton for a visit, it never took the two of us more than thirty seconds to get reacquainted, and once we did, all the old times were again new times. After a family visit concluded, Luke and I would correspond by letter writing or by recording our voices on cassette tapes and sending them back and forth. Growing older only seemed to solidify our friendship.

On numerous occasions Luke returned my visits to Edenton. Before he was 16 and could drive, he flew up to Arlington. One weekend he took the bus up for a visit. After he turned 16 and could make the five-hour drive, he would ride up and spend a week or so with me and my family.

Once in the D.C. area Luke and I would go to RFK Stadium for Redskins games, the Capital Center for concerts, and to Georgetown for more good times. We rode the subway into D.C. to the cultural sites. Needless to say, Luke and I developed mutual friends both in Arlington and Edenton.

During the summer months in North Carolina, Luke and I would have a great time skiing, boating and swimming at his parent's place on the river. In addition, we spent many a day at Nags Head, always having a superb time. Luke and I shared countless good times in many different places throughout our teenage years.

Last spring Luke came up to visit me in Lynchburg, Va. where I am currently in school. He brought with him several phenomenal photographs of rock artists which he had taken at various performances. Luke developed these live action concert shots himself. I cherish these photographs today! Luke's skill and technique with the art of photography had been blossoming for a number of years, and now, by all professional standards, was firmly established.

Over the years, my grandmother would never stop telling me what a handsome, well-mannered young man Luke was. My mother echoed the same opinion. My grandfather, the late Allen Boyd Harless, Sr., would always refer to Luke as a "gentleman."

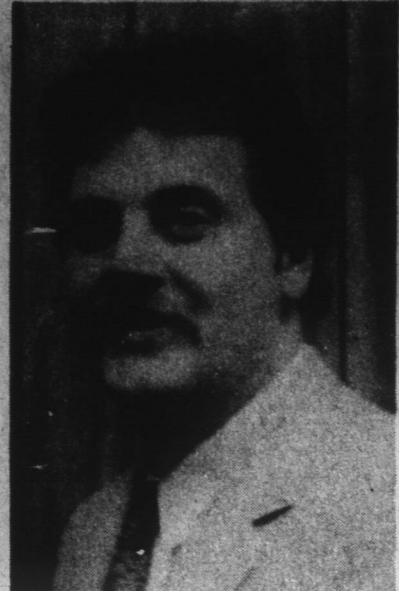
Words cannot express my deep sense of loss nor my long-term grief and disbelief over his passing away. I can never return to Edenton without thinking of anything other than vivid recollections and memories of our long-lasting friendship. I can only take consolation in the fact that thanks to Luke's rescue effort in a burning home, we have the rest of his family here today.

I will never again have a friend like Luther Franklin Amburn, III, and I wish to remember him on his 21 birthday, November 10, and always.

Fraser Jones

CHOWAN RIVER

Give me the river of my home land
 With that brownish water and
 yellow sand



C. M. Fleetwood

Mr. Fleetwood Gets Promotion

C. Martin Fleetwood has been promoted to branch manager of Albemarle Production Credit Association's Edenton Office, according to Thomas J. Long, Jr., president of the association.

Fleetwood is a native of Perquimans County, and a graduate of Perquimans County High School. Fleetwood attended Mars Hill College, majoring in history. He is a member of Bethel Baptist Church and a volunteer fireman with the Bethel Fire Department.

Albemarle Production Credit Association is a farmer owned credit co-operative serving the short and intermediate term credit needs of the agricultural community in the Albemarle Area. The Edenton branch office serves more than 150 farmer members in Chowan and Gates counties, with approximately \$5.5-million in loans outstanding.

Review Team To Meet With Board

The Edenton - Chowan Board of Education met on Nov. 2 in a regular session.

A report was given on the "Good Things" in the Edenton - Chowan school system since reorganization. The report said that discipline problems aren't as prevalent as in the past, due to a new in-school suspension system. It also cited the willingness of community volunteers to support the school programs. And two on-going programs were mentioned, the Special Olympics, which was initiated and taken over this year by the Optimist Club, and the

All those cypress trees and small deep creeks
 With those little wonders for me to seek.

There a lone fisherman in his small boat
 So full of fish, that he hardly can float
 With birds of the forest and birds of the sea
 The lapping of small waves, oh come back to me.

A lonely sunset, and sounds of a beginning night
 Could make ones soul just about right
 From green summers and gray winters
 Where life is where life centers.

On the banks and along the shores
 God wouldn't of left out anything more

Oh, Chowan River of my youth
 You'll never know all of your use.

By Paul Britton

Harrell Defends

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Friday.

The Commissioners agreed that the Sound Bridge must be either replaced or repaired sufficiently, because bridges are just as important to Chowan County as roads.

The audit contract for the fiscal year 1982 was awarded to Timberlake and Sykes.

A report was then given by the chairman of the Chowan County 2000 committee, Pete Thompson. In further business, the ABC Board and Commissioners decided to jointly investigate a possible expansion.

Jimmy Wright, the Wildlife Commissioner of this area, discussed the programs being planned by the Wildlife Commission and solicited the County Commissioners input.

Amendments were made to the existing Dog Control Ordinance of 1973, providing the Animal Control Officer with the authority to control any animal problem in Chowan County.

There were complaints about the acoustical problem in the courtroom dome causing and echo and the Commissioners authorized the work to be done to correct the problem.

DOT had posted "No Fishing From Bridge" signs without a proper ordinance from the Commissioners, and when presented the ordinance, it wasn't authorized.

The Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow organization is 16 counties on northeastern N. C. attempting to establish an organization to address the total development needs of this area. County Manager Cliff Copeland was appointed to represent Chowan County.

In the final item of business, all requests for relief of taxes were approved.

N. C. Symphony.

A food service audit, showing the decreased expenditures of the school system due to better buying methods, was given by Etta M. Hathaway. It was also mentioned that the State Review Team is coming at the end of November until Dec. 3 to meet with the Board and offer recommendations.

A reminder was given of the NCSBA Fall Conference that will take place in Wilmington from Nov. 12-14.

The 1980-81 Audit was given by J. P. Timberlake and showed the financial condition of the schools to be steadily improving. He advised the Board to build up fund balances to take care of emergencies which might arise, and to take care of cutbacks which might come in the future.

Gil Burroughs then presented a petition to the Board requesting and questioning the \$150 cut the teachers had received in their supplement. A lively discussion ensued, with the Board giving reasons for the cut, and the teachers questioning the reasons. No action was taken.

Lela Maxine Brown was approved by the Board as the new Director of Instruction at the Central Office. She has received a BS in Primary Education, a MA in Exceptional Children, and a certification in Supervision, Administration from East Carolina University.

Also approved was Geraldine Hill to teach Title I-Math at White Oak, Catherine Billups as the Learning Disability teacher at Chowan Jr. High, Ricky Wayne Trueblood as a plumber in the Maintenance Shop, and Randy Leary as a substitute teacher.

A budget amendment and resolution on Pupil Transportation and EIC - Pupil Liability Ins., given by Pauline Travis, was approved.

Transfers of student assignments and the new adult bus drivers were all approved, and a decision was made to make Jim Kinion the Associate Superintendent in the school system.

Theft Reported

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The clothes were recovered later, but the jewelry is still missing. There is a suspect in the case.

Investigating officers were Capt. C. H. Williams and Patrolman D. W. Jethro.

Addresses Conservation Council

Sec. Joseph W. Grimsley of the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development delivered his first environmental address Saturday at the fall meeting of the Conservation Council of North Carolina at the Betsy-Jeff Penn Center near Reidsville.

In prepared remarks, Grimsley delivered his assessment of the North Carolina environment and its prospects. Grimsley said, "North Carolina's environment is in good shape. We are fortunate. Our air, water and land, along with our people, provide the basis for our wealth."

"Where we have invested dollars and effort in environmental protection we have gotten results. We are making real progress. For example, our towns and industries have done an outstanding job in wastewater treatment. However, increases in population and industrial activity will demand our special attention if we are to keep North Carolina the kind of place we all want to live."

"Water is the key environmental issue in North Carolina's future. The vitality of our communities and industries depends upon having enough clean water for our needs."

"The Coastal Area Management Act has been a successful tool for protecting our productive and delicate estuaries and coastline. As pressures for development continue on the coast so will the need for wise management of those resources."

"Our clean environment originally came to us as a gift. We have worked to maintain it. We have more work ahead of us if we are to pass on to our children the rich and beautiful land in that original gift," Grimsley added.

On related topics the Secretary of the State's major environmental department offered these views:

AIR QUALITY - "North Carolina's air is clean. There are a few isolated problems around major population centers and manufacturing facilities. We are watching these carefully."

BEACH ACCESS - "The program enacted and funded by the General Assembly will provide \$1-million for acquiring beach access sites. The Coastal Resources Commission is formulating standards for selecting these sites and NRCD will handle

Unemployment Rate Still Down

The unemployment rate in September, compared with the previous month, decreased in Chowan County but the rate is expected to inch up in the coming months. The recent lay off at Atlantic Forest Products, Inc., on Base Road at Edenton Municipal Airport will affect unemployment.

On Thursday of last week, AFP laid off 36 workers. Robert Prezzano, a company official said the sagging home-building business was responsible for the layoffs.

"Our business is directly tied to the housing industry," Prezzano AFP general manager, said.

The company eliminated the manufacture of western red cedar siding from its product lines. The company makes siding, fencing, paneling and mulch. The layoffs reduced the work force to 171 people. The company official said the recent layoffs are considered permanent but workers with the least seniority were affected.

In the last six months housing starts have dropped to half the usual number and lumber mills all over Northeastern North Carolina have been cutting back.

Mrs. Alice Bond, manager of the Edenton Office of Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, said the September unemployment in Chowan County was 4.7 per cent among a labor force of 5,060. Statewide the unemployment rate for the month was 5.4 per cent, down from August's 5.7 per cent. The national unadjusted rate for the month was 7.3 per cent, slightly above the 7.2 per cent in August.

Edenton Shut Out

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Aces 20 on a TD pass.

Later in the same quarter, Edenton gave up a costly fumble that Tarboro recovered at the Aces seven yard line, and once again Tarboro scored on a pass, this time on fourth and goal.

"We had an exceptionally hard time running the ball," said Tom Bass, the assistant coach for Edenton. "We've had a lot of trouble with injuries, but I'm not going to make excuses. You have to play with who you've got."

Turnovers played a major role in the game, with both Edenton turnovers leading to Tarboro scores.

The Aces passing game gained over 100 yards, but their rushing game was effectively stopped, with fullback Tony Creecy gaining only 25 yards on the night.

Reorganizing

It was announced last week that Edenton Construction Co., Inc. has reorganized, largely due to several retirements which have occurred recently.

Donnie Faircloth has resigned to follow other pursuits, and Clarence Bass has retired after 35 years with the company and its predecessors. Both Faircloth and Bass will work for the company when they are required and as they are able to. Bill Sawyer retired last week after 30 years with the company, but he will be returning next year on a part-time basis. Other key personnel including Mike Faircloth, Kermit Layton and John Parrish remain with the company.

Edenton Construction Co., Inc., has reorganized primarily, but not solely, as a project management concern. They will continue to undertake work as before, except that subcontracting will be done to a greater degree. This implements a trend which the construction industry has followed for many years. Restoration work and the more unusual projects will remain a large part of its work load.

In the reorganization of the company, Ross Inglis, remains president, Mike Faircloth becomes vice president, and Inez Norris remains secretary-treasurer. These company officers are now the sole stockholders.

Edenton Construction Co., Inc. was incorporated in 1958 as an outgrowth of a partnership of the same name which operated for many years before. Norris joined the company in 1951, Inglis in 1958 and Faircloth in 1968.

Executive Committee To Meet

The Democratic Party Executive Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. in the Old Courthouse. The meeting will adjourn no later than 9 P. M.

Important topics of concern to be discussed and decisions to be made include the following:

Further action for county reapportionment, county commissioners to be elected by townships in which they reside, appointments to Boards and commissions.

First District Fundraiser (significant progress has been made and new information is now available for reconsideration of participation)

Fundraising within Chowan County (Christmas Party Fundraiser?)

In addition, we will continue to discuss additional goals for Chowan County, said Lueta Sellers, chairman.

Looking forward to seeing you November 10.

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