

Reverend Drane

Well, we lost another "back fence" neighbor Monday. Rev. Fred Drane was called to his higher reward, after a 91-year sojourn on earth.

The Chowan Herald office backs up to the Drane residence. We often conversed over the fence with Mr. Drane. The other senior citizen to share his wisdom with us was the late W. J. Berryman, who was a neighbor on West Gale Street. The two men had similarities.

Mr. Drane and Mr. Berryman were Biblical scholars. While Mr. Drane was schooled at General Theological Seminary in New York City Mr. Berryman was self taught.

Another trait they shared was humility and the love of family, especially children. Then another trait was a talent for doing things with their hands.

Mr. Drane had an 11-year tenure in Alaska shortly after obtaining his degree from General, and carved out an enviable reputation of service to mankind. He was archdeacon of the Yukon five of those years.

When he settled in at St. Paul's Church in Monroe in 1929, where he stayed until 1958, he became a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Among his charges was a young man named Jesse Helms. Now the senior U. S. Senator from North Carolina, Mr. Helms has said that other than his parents, Mr. Drane made the greatest impact on his life. Each and every time we have talked with Sen. Helms he has inquired about Mr. Drane.

The last time we conversed with Mr. Drane he had a complaint. He had just done considerable work on the fence which separates our office on Cheapside from his property. He almost apologetically asked that we ask truck drivers who move in the narrow alley to be a little more careful. This is an example of the man.

The Episcopal ministry was a dedication and commitment which Mr. Drane carried to his death. When he returned to Edenton from Monroe he served churches in Woodville and Roxobel. Upon his retirement nine years ago he continued his calling through association with Coalition 16, a project which provides ministers to small parishes in Northeastern North Carolina.

Mr. Drane was the son of a Chowan County minister. It was natural for him to follow in his father's footsteps and he did it in such a way as to bring credit to not only his parents but to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Although the "back fence" discussions had just about played out in recent years, we continue to draw on the past in looking to the future. This is the positive mode which flowered through the body of one of the finest senior citizens ever to meander along the Public Parade.

Note From Neil

In this column on December 10 we focused on the N. C. Department of National Resources and Community Development. It included a tribute to Dr. Neil S. Grigg, assistant secretary, who is returning to Colorado State University.

Recent mail brought a note of appreciation from Dr. Grigg for "the positive reference" to his work. He then wrote the following:

"As I forecast what is in store for the Chowan river, there are three things that are clear to me.

"First, the river's complexities must be understood so that we can continue to make progress. We must avoid just studying the river and not taking action, but it is clear that unless we have scientific evidence we will not be able to properly regulate the dischargers who are causing the problems on the river.

"The second point is that the problems we face are not unique to the Chowan River itself; they extend to Albemarle Sound and to the lower portion of the Roanoke River. The Chowan was unlucky in that it sustained the first serious algal blooms, but the problems are

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Warren J. Twiddy

Commissioner To Face Opposition

A race has developed for two of the Chowan County Commissioner seats.

Incumbent C. A. Phillips, the present Chairman of the Commissioners, will be opposed by Warren J. Twiddy of Yeopim township. Incumbent George Jones will also face opposition. Joseph B. Hollowell, Jr., has filed against him. J. D. Peele, the Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners, has also filed for re-election.

Sheriff Troy Toppin, Chowan County's sheriff since 1969, has filed for re-election. Lena M. Leary has also filed for re-election as Clerk of Court.

In the School Board vacancies, Billy Ray Nixon of the Second Township has filed.

Warren J. Twiddy, President of Twiddy Insurance and Real Estate, Co., is a past President of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, also serving as District Vice President and National Director. He was honored as one of the ten Outstanding National Directors and holds a lifetime membership in Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Twiddy is also a past President of the Edenton P.T.A., and was previously involved in Edenton's Lion Club and Rotary Club. Other honors include past Master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, past District Education Director for the First Masonic District, member of Scottish Rites Bodies of New Bern, Sudan Shrine of New Bern, Board member of the Widow's Fund, and being awarded KCCB Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1981. Twiddy is also an active member of Edenton Baptist Church, and is presently serving on the Board of Ushers and Building and Grounds Committee.

He and his wife, Alice Pritchard Twiddy, reside at Country Club Drive in Edenton.

Whichard To Manage New Brokerage Firm

Carolina Securities Corp. of Raleigh, N. C. has recently opened a brokerage office at 114 E. King St. in Edenton. The office will be under the management of W. A. (Bill) Whichard, who has been with the firm since 1970 and has recently been promoted to Assistant Vice-President.

Carolina Securities, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has its headquarters in Raleigh and operates 15 brokerage offices throughout the state. The firm is also a member of SIPC (Securities Investor Protection Corp.)

The new office has access to all of the securities markets and affords a variety of service to include analysis and advice, market quotations, and trading in all types of securities. Carolina Securities also deals in money market funds, tax shelters, individuals retirement accounts, single premium deferred annuity insurance and real estate investments.

Through this new office Carolina Securities will provide more convenient and efficient investment services to the residents

State Approves \$60,000 Grant For Commission

Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank came to Edenton this week bearing a gift. It was in the form of a \$60,000 check from the State of North Carolina for Edenton Historical Commission.

The General Assembly last year approved a \$60,000 grant to the Department of Archives and History for the purchase of the Ziegler property at the corner of Broad and Gale streets. This was considered an exceptional grant since the General Assembly had such a tight budget, according to Rep. James.

Although he was chief sponsor of the legislation, he shared the victory with Rep. Charles Evans of Dare County and Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston in Bertie County and Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Pasquotank.

The property will be maintained by the Department of Archives and History, according to W. B. Gardner, chairman of the Edenton

Historical Commission. The commission will operate the facility as a visitor center as well as the point of entry for tourists while the building will house state site personnel, the office of North-eastern Historic Places; and the executive for Albemarle Tours.

Gardner said George Alma Byrum, immediate past chairman of the commission, and other commission representatives worked on the project with the legislators. "There were a number of people very helpful in making this grant possible," he added.

"We (the legislators) were happy to work for this appropriation," Rep. James said. "This should get the project over the hump for the commission since the state will maintain the facility."

Gardner said no decision has been made regarding plans for the Barker House which now serves as a Visitor Center-Museum.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECEIVES \$60,000 GRANT — Edenton Historical Commission recently received a \$60,000 grant from the State of North Carolina for the purchase of the Ziegler house. Rep. Vernon James, left, presents the check for \$60,000 to Bill Gardner, chairman of the Historical Commission

Performance Is Set For January 28

Residents of Chowan County and surrounding areas will have the privilege next week to having their lives enriched through a live performance of the high quality



James Ogle

that only a major symphony can provide.

James Ogle, veteran associate conductor with the North Carolina Symphony, will serve as principal conductor for a thirty-seven member chamber group of the full orchestra in concert at 8 P.M. January 28 in Edenton's Ernest A. Swain Elementary School auditorium.

Ogle's impressive credentials include winning in 1974 the symphony's first young conductor's competition, in addition to being a winner in the Malko

Office To Assist Local Taxpayers

Don Alred, local revenue officer for the N. C. Department of Revenue, advises that personnel to assist in filing State Income and Intangibles Tax returns will be available on Tuesdays of each week through April 15.

The office is located at Room 201, Bank of North Carolina Building, Edenton and assistance is available on this day between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Alred requests that taxpayers bring the pre-addressed forms which were mailed to them from Raleigh. Taxpayers filing their own returns should mail those which indicate a refund to the N. C. Department of Revenue, Post Office Box R, Raleigh, North Carolina 27634; other completed returns should be mailed to the N. C. Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 35000, Raleigh, N.C. 27640.

Schedule Changed

The organizational meeting for a community-wide sailing club originally scheduled for Jan. 21 has been rescheduled for Feb. 4 at 7:30 P. M. at John A. Holmes High School.

of this community and the surrounding area. The new business phone number for the local office is 482-2478.



NEW BROKERAGE OFFICE OPENS — Jerry Hendee, right, the Executive Vice-President of the Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce, looks on as W. A. (Bill) Whichard, left, works at one of the machines in Carolina Securities Corp. new office. The office, headed by Whichard, is located at 114 E. King St.

Rev. Fred Drane Taken In Death

Rev. Frederick Blount Drane, 101 Colonial Square, died Monday in Chowan Hospital. He was 91 and a retired Episcopal minister.

A native of Chowan County, he was born August 1, 1891, son of the late Rev. Robert Brent Drane and Maria Skinner Drane. He was married to Mrs. Rebecca Wood Drane, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters: Mrs. David Warren of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Ross Inglis of Edenton; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Drane was active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving as a scoutmaster. He is a past member of Edenton Rotary Club.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1912 and went on to earn his advanced degree in 1915 from General Theological Seminary in New York. He was a missionary to Alaska from 1915 to 1926 and was archdeacon of the Yukon between 1921 and 1926. He returned to the United States and became rector of St. Paul's Church in Monroe until 1958. From then until 1973 he was rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Woodville and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Roxobel. Since he retired he has worked with Coalition 16.

Funeral services were held at 12-noon Wednesday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. Raymond Story and Venerable Webster Simons. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Williford - Barham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Rev. Frederick Blount Drane

International Conducting Competition held in Copenhagen Denmark that same year. He has appeared with the International Festival of Young Artists Orchestra in Switzerland and won the statewide James Bland Memorial Scholarship in Virginia. Because of his widely acclaimed talent and skill, Ogle has served, invitationally, as a guest conductor of a music festival held each summer in California's High Sierra Mountains, as assistant conductor for the University of Michigan Orchestra and its Arts Choral, and guest conductor for the Winston-Salem Symphony's summer season. This past summer he was conductor-in-residence at Appalachian State University's Cannon Music Camp. Stimulating musical selections, chosen by North Carolina's

Fountain Presides Over Court Docket

Chowan County Superior Court met last week with George Fountain the presiding judge. The following cases were heard.

Timothy Lewis Phelps, charged with 69 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, was found guilty and ordered to pay cost of court.

Carroll Allen Jones, charged with a DUI, had his case remanded to District Court where he received 60 days suspended for three years on unsupervised probation, \$175 fine and cost of court, and ordered to surrender his operator's license.

Kenneth Eugene Johnson, charged with DUI and unsafe movement, was found guilty and received 30 days in Chowan County Jail.

Joseph Scott Harrell, Jr., charged with DUI, had his case

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Residents Urged To List Taxes

January is a month with two noticable facets in it. Cold weather and tax listing. Neither is very appealing, but both are sure to come.

According to Dallas Jethro, the Tax Supervisor for Chowan County, approximately 50 per cent of the residents in the county have listed their taxes.

For those who haven't yet listed, all townships can list their taxes at the Tax Office in Edenton, with the exception of the third township.

The residents of the third township can list taxes at Byrum's Service Center on Thursdays, Jan. 21 and 28, or at Blanchard's Grocery (L. C. Briggs's) on Saturdays Jan. 23 and 30.

Those in the Second township can list at the tax office on Wed-

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Repairs Are Delayed

NOTICE-Repairs on the Coin-jock Bridge have been delayed, due to last week's bad weather conditions. One-way traffic will be allowed through today and tomorrow, with heavy trucks experiencing delays up to 2 hours, and beginning Jan. 25-29, the bridge will be closed to all road and water traffic from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M.