



## Really Undercover

U.S. Atty. Sam Currin is catching a lot of heat from his colleagues in the law as well as politicians on the Democratic side of the isle. And the criticism may be one and the same.

Mr. Currin, an appointee of Sen. Jesse Helms, has made violation of the law a crime in Tar Heelia. In order to create an awareness of crime in Eastern North Carolina, the federal prosecutor sends out regular news releases about indictments and conducts press conferences.

His friends at the bar, as well as those being indicted are unhappy. They feel he is going too far. We disagree. If some innocent people are getting hurt, one must first consider the source before drawing judgement. In other cases it may be that those who have laid down with dogs are getting up with fleas.

The undercover investigations and sting operations in Columbus County, known as Colcor, have raised again the controversy of whether such operations are legitimate functions of law enforcement or amount to a kind of entrapment that should be allowed.

It's the same philosophical question that arose after the Abscam operation.

We would agree that there's a fine line dividing proper law enforcement from legal harassment. But we think that one important test of whether such operations are worthwhile is to ask yourself this question: do you really wish these investigations had never happened? Do you really wish that those caught accepting bribes and engaging in other criminal activity had got away with it, were still in office, helping run our state or our nation?

If not, if you think such people belong in jail instead of in the Legislature or in Congress, then you must conclude that such investigations do benefit the public and should be continued.

## Moving Out

Sec. of Commerce D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth meandered along the Public Parade recently to address the 10-county Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. While he hit hard on improved commerce in Northeastern North Carolina, he pretty well covered the waterfront of topics.

In fact, he sounded like a sure fire candidate for Governor in 1984. While it is too early to formally announce his candidacy, the good secretary is keeping his trial balloon up a mighty long time.

Sec. Faircloth, a native of Sampson County, is a seasoned politician. Better yet, he is a successful businessman. He has been associated with every Democratic since the late Gov. Kerr Scott. And he is as moderate as anyone in the current Hunt Administration.

One might say, Lauch Faircloth has friends on both sides. This will keep a feller going down the middle about as quick as anything.

Sec. Faircloth's apparent ambition is drawing attention all across Tar Heelia. One of the more widely reproduced editorials throughout the state is one which first appeared in the Goldsboro News-Argus. It's worth repeating along the public Parade.

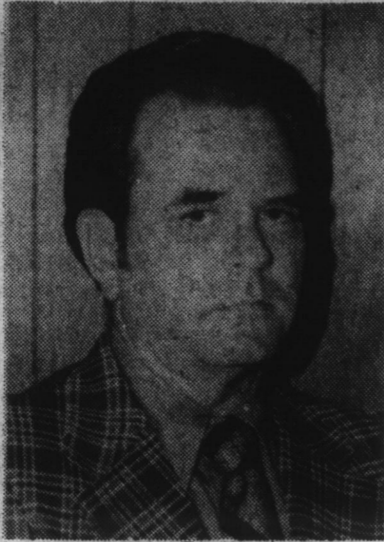
N.C. Secretary of Commerce D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth, sporting a new pair of "eyeglasses" and an endless repertoire of homespun stories and comments, says he might be interested in running for governor.

Although he is, as AP writer Bill Welch noted, the Hunt administration's "standup comic," Faircloth is probably one of the shrewdest politicians and businessmen to come on the public scene in this state in the past quarter of a century.

He has managed over the years to pick his candidates well and to end up in positions not only of important public service but of great personal influence.

Many politicians speak of the financial sacrifices of public service. Lauch Faircloth, who has large land holdings, a big farm and livestock operation, feed mills, a construction company, banking interests, a car dealership and commercial development projects, never has engaged in such a

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E. N. "Pete" Manning

## Manning Elected To Trustees Board

E. N. (Pete) Manning was signally honored this week when he was elected by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to serve a four year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the "Biblical Recorder".

Manning was notified of the nomination earlier in the year by E. T. Vinson, chairman of Committee on Nominations, Baptist State Convention, and elected at the annual Baptist State Convention this week.

Others nominated/elected were James Cammack, Snyder Memorial Church, New South River Association, Minister; Richard Davis, Parkview Church, Yates Association, Minister; George Thomas, Greenway Church, Three Forks Association, retired; and Woodrow Neal, Chalybeate, Little River Association, Minister.

The first issue of the "Biblical Recorder" was published on January 17, 1833, in Edenton under the editorship of Thomas Meredith, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church. It is only fitting that one of "our own" be a trustee, it was stated.

## Chaffin Presides Over District Court

Chowan County District Court was in session on November 16 with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding and the Honorable Kenneth Patterson prosecuting.

Kelly Springfield White was charged with two counts of driving

without a license and driving under the influence. He was committed for six months and has appealed.

George Ernest Stanley was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$100 and cost of court.

Larry Lee Bond was found guilty of driving with license revoked. He was committed for 9 months.

Edessa Rascoe Holley was found guilty of making an unsafe move. She was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$10, cost of court and must reimburse the state for her court appointed attorney.

George Willie Gilliam was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$100, cost of court, loses his license and must attend drug/alcohol school.

Donald Roy McLawhorn was found guilty of disobeying a stop sign. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Tracey Lynn Holland was found

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man whose first question to the students is what type of music they like--almost all say rock. He counters by saying that he likes rock also and listens to it along with country and other types of music. He also likes to roller skate and do most of the things other people do. In this manner he is a veritable pied piper and everyone enjoys where he and his music takes them.

Another reason that classical

Members of the local chapter of the N.C. Symphony Society are really excited about the symphony's return to Edenton this year. They have good reasons for their excitement too. They were honored in the Symphony's News Letter this past year for setting a standard by which funds are obtained to pay for the Symphony's visit. A feat that few other cities or towns seem to be able to accomplish.

Bringing the Symphony the first year was not an easy task though. They had to face many doubting Thomases who were constantly telling the Society that it could not be done and that only around 25 people would ever show up at the performance. They persevered though and raised the necessary monies.

The Symphony's appearance in Edenton last year was largely due to the efforts of Mary Rhea Gardner, who while working with the Edenton-Chowan School System, instigated the processes needed to bring the Symphony to Edenton.

The School System, from the day Mrs. Gardner instigated the coming of the Symphony, has been actively involved with the Symphony Society because it offers a chance to allow the children to hear and experience classical music. The students find that they enjoy the music also. As one eighth grade student put it, after complaining all week about not wanting to hear classical music, "Hey, you know what...it was alright!"

Tim Ogal, conductor for the Symphony, is one of the reasons that its "alright". He is a very personable

music is "alright" is that along with Mendelssohn, Bach, etc. the Symphony plays classical music that people know. They played the "1812" overture or as it is better known "The Lone Ranger Theme" last year and this year they are going to play selections from "My Fair Lady."

This year is going to be a special year for the students of the Edenton-Chowan Schools; two concerts will be played for them. The first will be for the students in grammar school. The second will be for high school students, who have not, because of rotation, listened to classical music in a school setting.

To pay for the symphony's visit and their extra concert at the schools, members of the local Symphony Society have been collecting

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SYMPHONY CONTRIBUTION—John Dunn, Superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan Schools presents a check of \$1000 to E. L. Hollowell, Gift Drive Chairman for the Symphony Society, to help bring the Symphony to Edenton for students to enjoy. Looking on is Mary Rhea Gardner, President of the local chapter of the Symphony Society.

## Report Says Town Finances Are In "Good Shape"

The Edenton Town Council met on Tuesday, November 16 in a special called session to discuss its yearly audit of the Town's financial status.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Harrell who turned the meeting over to Ed Johnson and Phyllis Johnson.

Ed Johnson stated that the "Town is in as good a shape as any town I've ever seen."

He attributed the excellent condition of the town's finances to the sound management practices of the town administrator.

Mr. Johnson cited that revenue for the General Fund was \$43,000 less than anticipated. Expenses were also less than anticipated, however, and the Town was in the

black to the tune of \$194,000. There were to be some expenses taken out of this figure but even then the Town would have the standard fund balance of three months expenses.

The Utility Fund also showed an increase into the black with the Electric Utility off-setting losses in the Sewage and Water Utility.

Mr. Johnson closed by restating that the Town was in excellent financial shape.

The Council moved that the audit be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Two other items of business were taken care of at the meeting.

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## Chowan Represented At Convention

by Walt Noneman

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was represented at the 1982 NCSBA Convention by: Dr. & Mrs. John Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Neal Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Nixon, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Fry, Mr. & Mrs.

Walter Noneman, Mr. James Taylor, Mr. Jerald Perry, Mr. John Mitchener, Ms. Sandra Phillips, Ms. Mary Ann Bunch, Mr. Roosevelt White and Ms. Florence Thatch. Over 500 local school board members met Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11-13 at the Holiday Inn on Woodlawn Road in Charlotte.

The theme of the Convention was "Your Public Schools: committed to Excellence." Convention participants were able to choose from various clinics and workshops covering such topics as how to provide adequate employee insurance at a minimal cost, the effects of current reduction in force (RIF) policies on public education in N.C., a constructive alternative to merit pay, introduction to the Governor's Schools of Excellence and many others.

The legislative priorities for the 1983 session of the N.C. General Assembly were chosen by the delegates. Among the priorities are school facility needs, allocation of funds to local boards on a different basis to compensate for declining enrollment, opposition to tuition tax credits, support for proposed changes in the N.C. Tenure Law, increases in salaries for school employees.

The NCSBA, founded in 1937 offers inservice, information, resources, legislative, research and training services to members of the school boards across North Carolina. The NCSBA is an active participant in the National School Boards Association. NCSBA currently has about 950 members representing 145 local boards of education in the state.

## Local Fires Do Minor Damage

Chief Perry of the Edenton Fire Department has reported that over the last two weeks there have been a total of five fires.

The first fire took place on November 8 at 3:42 P.M. It was a combine fire in the Macedonia sector of Chowan County. The owner of the combine was Walter Small and approximately \$500 worth of damage was done to it.

The second fire was a cook stove fire at the apartment of Junius Bunch, who lives at 126 Walker Street on November 13 around 3:38 P.M.. Damage was confined to the top of the stove.

The third fire was located at Rowsom Funeral Home, 104 North Oakum Street. The fire was confined to the heating system with no damage to the building itself. The heating system repairs are estimated at \$200.

The fourth and fifth fires were both chimney fires and did no damage. The fourth being located on West Queen at the home of Lola Bass and the fifth being at the home of Clever White located at 308 East Church Street.



PLANS ARE FINALIZED—shown above are Wes Chesson, Chairman of the 1983 Farm City Banquet; Edenton Mayor, Roy Harrell; Chowan County Board of Commissioners Chairman Al Phillips and Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive, Jerry Hendee as they complete plans for Farm-City Banquet. This year's event, which marks the beginning of National Farm-City Week, will be held Monday evening, November 22, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. in the Jaycees Building. Farm-City Week spotlights the interdependence between the farmer and those of us who live in the town or city. You can't have one without the other. Both are truly partners in progress. This year's speaker, Mr. Paul Parks, State Director of the Farmer's Home Administration will tell us how these two parts of our society are vital to our economic prosperity. (For more information on Farm-City Week please check the supplement to the Chowan Herald this week.)