

George C. Hoskins

If there was ever a person to meander along the Public Parade who walked softly but carried a big stick it was George C. Hoskins. Pec Hoskins died March 30, his last years spent in pain about which he didn't complain.

When we came to meander along the Public Parade 19 years ago, Pec Hoskins worked in a teller's cage at Peoples Bank & Trust Company, just across the street. He "moonlighted" as county treasurer.

He was a gentle man; a man who didn't have a lot to say, but like E. F. Hutton, when he spoke people listened. He always had a kind word for those he met while it is understood that he had some special words for the fish he couldn't get on his hook.

As county treasurer, at a time before the county manager system, Pec Hoskins kept Chowan County out of financial trouble. He kept a straight, current set of books and each day Winks Bond knew exactly how much money the county had to spend.

Times changed. The county saw the need for a different system and when the time came Pec Hoskins, as he was expected to do, was the first to come forth and admit that the county treasurer's position was a duplication and no longer needed. We wrote something about the subject in this column, and the very next morning Pec called to agree.

After he retired as assistant cashier of People's Bank & Trust Company, Pec kept a desk at the bank where he continued to tally up the county funds. When he retired as county treasurer he had put in 44 years of service to the county.

He was just as devoted to his wife, Sadie, who is no slacker herself when it comes to public service. Likewise, he was a loyal member of Edenton Lions Club and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Pec Hoskins paid his dues along the Public Parade in many, many ways. What troubles those of us who are closely aware of public affairs, his kind are getting fewer and fewer. His suffering now over, he has gone on to a richly deserved Heavenly reward.

Almost Converted

All of North Carolina has a right to be proud of the Wolfpack—that basketball team which defeated Houston Monday night to bring home the NCAA crown for the second straight year. (Last year the Tar Heels from the main campus at



Chapel Hill were victors.)

But nothing can be taken away from N. C. State's basketball team and the coach who inspired them to 10 straight victories to end a season Wolfpackers will be talking about for decades.

For the past several years, as was pointed out in this column recently, we have been closely associated with N. C. State University through the Agricultural Extension Service. I was elected chairman of the first State Advisory Council, primarily because I could write; like I was elected executive director of the Edenton Housing Authority a number of years ago because I could type. (Sounds somewhat like the military, doesn't it?)

Anyway, at the time I was named to the State Advisory Council there was a discrimination lawsuit filed against the Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Carlton Blalock, then director, therefore had to have a token woman and a token Negro. I was his token Tar

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Schedule Speed Up On Albemarle Sound Bridge Requested By Governor Jim Hunt

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has ordered the speeding up of the construction schedule for a new bridge across the Albemarle Sound. The order comes at the request of Governor Jim Hunt.

Governor Hunt in his request, directed that two outside engineering companies be hired to design two versions of the bridge different from the design being proposed by the Department of Transportation. The outside engineers were called in after two steel companies argued that a steel bridge might prove to be more cost-effective than the traditional concrete-piling spans designed by the Department of Transportation.

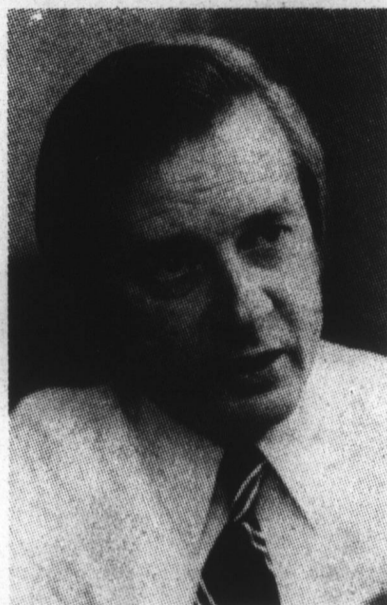
The three designs to be considered for the replacement bridge will include a structural steel highway bridge, a segmental concrete bridge and a monolithic concrete bridge; which is different from a segmented bridge in that each part is made elsewhere and barged to the site because of the larger size of the pieces. The Department of Transportation along with the Federal Highway Administration will determine the most feasible design for the new Albemarle Sound Bridge.

The Department of Transportation specifications for the new bridge will call for an 18,000 foot-long roadway with a width of 32 feet. The center span will be fixed, instead of a draw span. The center span will be 65 feet high and will

allow a channel clearance of 124 feet. It is also expected to be built approximately 250 feet east of the existing bridge's location.

The proposed bridge will be replacing the existing 46 year old bridge which is 3.44 miles long and the longest in the state. The bridge is also one of the most dangerous bridges in the state. It is narrow and many of its 2,700 piles are cracked or damaged because of rotting and the ice flows of past winters. A Florida based engineering firm is reported to have given the bridge a safety rating of four out of a possible 100 rating.

Right of way acquisition for the proposed bridge is expected to be completed this year. The Department of Transportation has



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authorized the \$485,000 needed to acquire the right of way.

Construction on the new bridge is expected to follow in 1984 - with the first construction contract to be let in the spring of that year.

Preliminary engineering for the new bridge is expected to cost 1.4-million dollars. The actual structure of the bridge is expected to run 25-million dollars with another 150-thousand dollars added on for the construction of the roadway.

The funding for the proposed bridge will be coming from North Carolina's share of the federal 5 cent per gallon gas tax that became effective last Thursday.

The accelerated construction schedule is dependent upon the General Assembly finding 75-million dollars in matching funds for the Federal monies.

Governor Hunt in announcing the new schedule said "I am pleased that the Board of Transportation was able to move up the schedule for this important bridge. This will be a tremendous boom to industry in the area. Particularly those with bulk shipping needs like the logging industry."

"The new bridge will be able to carry the full legal weight load," he concluded.

Chowan County District Court

Chowan County District Court was in session on April 5 with the Honorable Grafton G. Beamon presiding as judge over the criminal calendar.

Judy Warden Duncan was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. She was fined \$15 and had to pay cost of court.

William Lee Whi' was found guilty of driving with license revoked. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$200 and cost of court. He has appealed.

Thomas Alvin Fleming was found guilty with license revoked. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$200, cost of court, and he must surrender his license. He has appealed.

Vernon Lee Rome was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He had to pay cost of court.

Howard Gilbert Holley was found guilty of non support of wife. He was sentenced to 120 days with three years suspended, must pay cost of court and starting on April 8 must pay wife \$30 per week on each Friday.

Carl S. Williams was found guilty of passing a worthless check. He had to pay cost of court.

Edenton Yacht Club Elects First Woman Commodore In The State

The Edenton Yacht Club elected the state's first woman commodore and presented \$600 to the Friends of Elizabeth II at the club's recent annual meeting, held at Soundview Restaurant near Creswell.

Commodore Beverly Smith is the first woman to commodore a yacht club in North Carolina and may be the first woman commodore on the East Coast. She and her husband Fritz live in Rocky Mount and are active in the upcoming 400th anniversary of the Roanoke Voyages as well as spending as much time on the water as possible.

Mrs. Smith serves on the steering committee for the July 13, 1984 commemorative activities, an advisory committee established to serve America's 400th Anniversary Committee. Her main responsibility has been to help plan events which will take place on the water during the kick-off commemorative weekend.

Other club officers elected are Bill Weir of Wilson, vice-commodore, cruising; Allen Humphrey of Edenton, vice-commodore, racing; Jim Ricks of Edenton, vice-commodore, power and Reid Cottrell of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer.

David Latham, site manager for

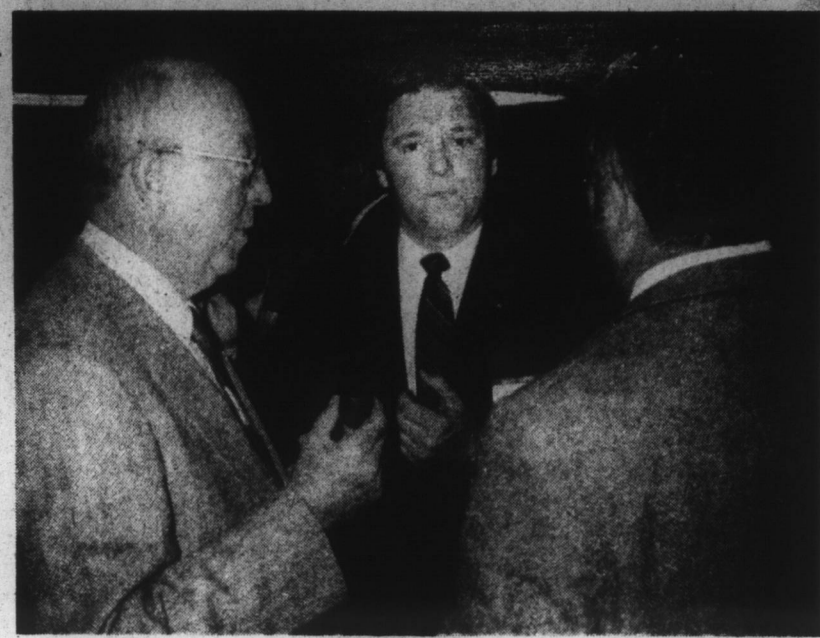
the Elizabeth II State Historic Site and Horace Whitfield, Elizabeth II captain, presented a slide program on the ship's construction and accepted the \$600 donation, \$100 of which will be used to purchase a corporate membership in the Friends of Elizabeth II for the club.

The Elizabeth II, a representative 16th century Elizabethan sailing vessel is now being built in Maneo for the state of North Carolina as part of the 400th commemoration. The Friends of Elizabeth II was organized by Whitfield as a support group for the ship and will operate a sales shop in the ship's visitor center as well as supply crew members. The group also hopes to carry on the boat building tradition begun by Elizabeth II and use the Manteo boat building site for construction of other historic, smaller craft after Elizabeth II is completed.

The ship will be dedicated and opened to the public for boarding on July 13, 1984; visitors interested in watching her being built can visit the construction site in Manteo.

Assistance For Filing Tax Return Available

Mr. Don Alred, local revenue officer for the North Carolina Department of Revenue, advises that personnel to assist in filing State income and intangibles tax returns will be available on Tuesday of each week through April 15, 1983. The office is located at Room 201 of the NCB Bank Building, Edenton, N.C. and assistance is available on this day between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Mr. 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 North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box R, Raleigh, North Carolina 27634; other completed returns should be mailed to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 25000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27640.



GETTING SERIOUS—George Alma Byrum, left, former Mayor of Edenton and political leader in Northeastern North Carolina, is shown here with Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten at a gathering Tuesday, March 29th in Elizabeth City. Byrum was on the executive committee in 1972 which nominated Edmisten as the Democratic candidate.

Eight Area Leaders Appointed To The Board Of N.C. Tomorrow

ELIZABETH CITY—Eight area leaders have been named as at-large directors to the board of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, according to Joe M. Parker, NNCT chairman.

They are Alice Ballance of Windsor, Issac A. Battle of Gatesville, John S. Bone of Manteo, James Wood Boone of Jackson, Dellerva W. Collins of Manteo, A.C. Hudson of Edenton, Lueta Sellers of Edenton, and Rev. Morris Shearin of Garysburg.

Hudson is a retired union organizer who is serving as president of the Chowan Credit Union and president of the Edenton-Chowan Civic League. He has served as a member of the Chowan County Planning Board and as a

member of the North Carolina Democratic Black Caucus. He is also active in church and other civic activities.

A Florida native, Sellers, has been a resident of Chowan County for the last ten years. She is a certified reality therapist in private counseling and consulting practice. She is serving as Chowan County Democratic Party chair and a member of the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee. She has been active in women's organization and a wide-range of civic activities.

The eight appointees have been assigned to serve on the committees of NNCT and have all taken office. They will attend their first full board of directors meeting April 21 at the annual meetings to be held in Elizabeth City. "We feel honored to have eight individuals with such a broad range of interests and such a dynamic background," Parker said. The NNCT Board of Directors consists of 60 people of which 35 are at-large positions.

Transportation Dept. Changes Schedule

RALEIGH—For the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT), daylight savings time also means saving time, money and energy as well.

That's because the department's Division of Highways will implement a summer work schedule for its field personnel beginning Saturday.

Secretary of Transportation W. R. (Bill) Robertson, Jr., explained, "We have implemented a four-day, 40-hour work week for field personnel on a statewide basis for a number of years. Our studies show a considerable savings to the department and the taxpayer."

This year by implementing the summer schedule, the transportation department expects to eliminate approximately 1.4 hours of travel time per employee each week from headquarters to job site. This will create an additional 231,000 productive manhours worth \$1.5-million in improved service value. Also, an estimated 290,000 gallon of fuel will be saved in the process.

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Basketball Team Members Named

The Daily Advance has announced its 1982-83 All-Albemarle Area Girls' basketball team. Two of the five girls selected for this honor, Monique Ward and Wanda Liverman, are from Edenton. The others are Currituck's Susan Maxwell, Shirley Banks and Manteo's Wilhelmina McCleave.

The Daily Advance in making the announcement stated, "They're fast, tough and smart. They're the leaders of their teams."

Monique Ward, a 6 foot one inch center, was said to be a tower of power for the Lady Aces this year. Coach Fred White said "Her greatest asset is her size . . . She doesn't get pushed around."

Ms. Ward led the Lady Aces to their third place finish in the 3-A Northeastern Conference with a 10.8 point average and 11.2 rebounds per game.

Talking about Ms. Ward's future, Coach White said "Offensively, we're looking to increase her range. . . If she turned it loose, there's no telling what she could do."

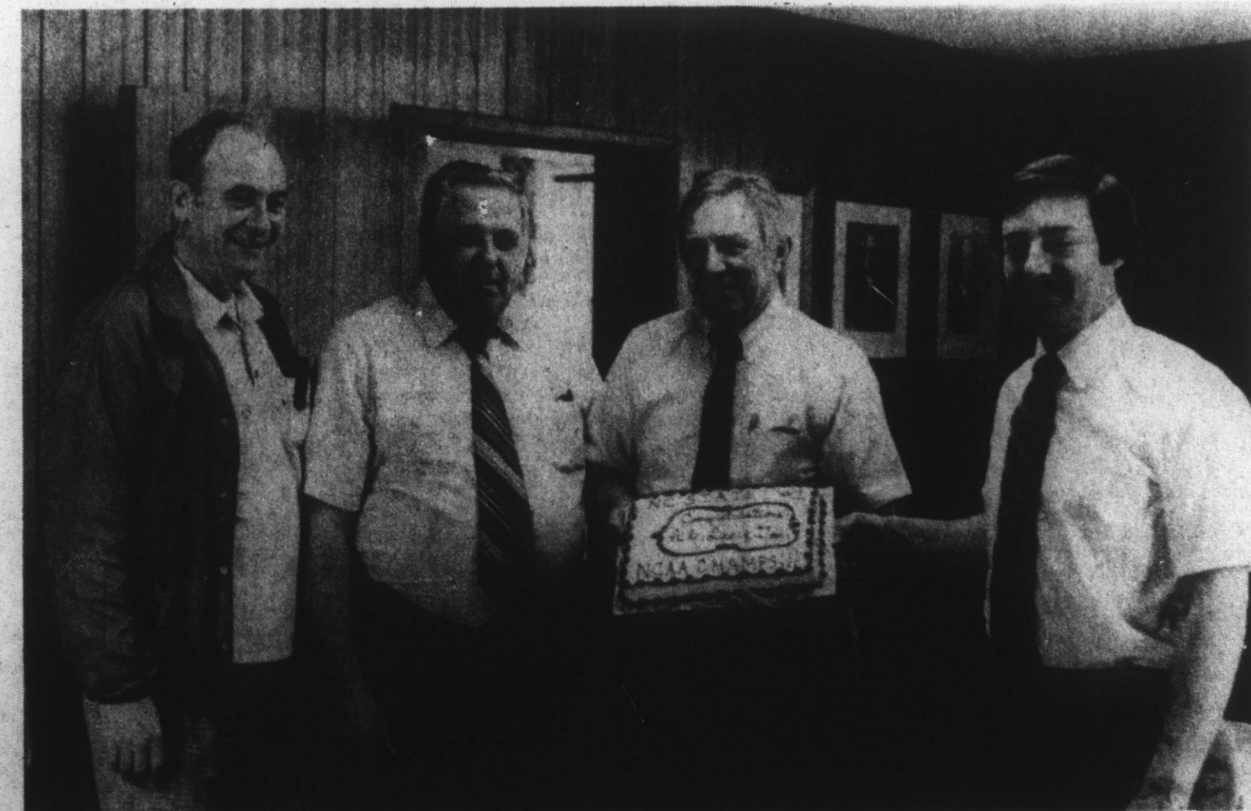
In Wanda Liverman's case, speed is her greatest asset. The 5 foot 11 inch junior forward averaged 5.2 points per game and was second on the team in rebounding with an average of 7.4 rebounds per game.

According to Coach White, "For a girl her size, she has excellent speed. She can do a lot of things because of it. She's probably the hardest worker on the team."

Ms. Liverman has a 25-inch vertical jump which Coach White says is pretty good for a girl. He added that she started with an 18 inch jump which she improved on because they had started her on a strength program.

In conclusion Coach White added "I'm really looking forward to Wanda Liverman's senior year. She's going to impress a lot of people."

In addition to the two girls on the All-Albemarle Area Girls' first team, Edenton had one girl on the second team, Stephanie Elliott. She is five foot seven inches and is the only freshman to place on either the first or second team.



ALUMNI OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONS CELEBRATE—Pete Thompson, agri-business consultant for Peoples Bank, Leo Katkaveck, captain of the 1947 and the 1948 basketball teams, Al Phillips, captain of the 1946 and 1947 football team and chairman of the Wolf Pack Club plus Tom Phillips, NCSU Alumni Chairman are shown here holding a cake congratulating them for their alma mater's success in obtaining its national championship. The cake was baked by Linda Overton at the request of secretaries at the Cotton Mill.